

Fighting rages near main Gaza hospital

Associated Press

KHAN YOUNIS, Gaza Strip — Health officials and people trapped inside Gaza's largest hospital rejected Israel's claims that it was helping babies and others evacuate Sunday, saying fighting continued just outside the facility where incubators lay idle with no electricity and critical supplies were running out.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has rejected urgent international calls for a cease-fire unless it includes the release of all the nearly 240 hostages captured by Hamas in the Oct. 7 rampage that triggered the war.

A day after Netanyahu said Israel was bringing its "full force" with the aim of ending Hamas' 16-year rule in Gaza, residents reported heavy airstrikes and shelling, including around Shifa Hospital. Israel, without providing evidence, has accused Hamas of concealing a command post inside and under the compound, allega-

tions denied by Hamas and hospital staff.

"They are outside, not far from the gates," said Ahmed al-Boursh, a resident sheltering at the facility.

The hospital's last generator ran out of fuel Saturday, leading to the deaths of three premature babies and four other patients, according to the Health Ministry. It said another 36 babies are at risk of dying without electricity.

Israel's military asserted it placed 634 pints of fuel near Shifa overnight and coordinated the delivery with hospital officials. But the delivery location was not clear from the military's video, and there was no immediate response from the Health Ministry and others including the Red Cross.

Health Ministry Undersecretary Munir al-Boursh said Israeli snipers have deployed around Shifa, firing at any movement inside the compound. He said airstrikes had destroyed several homes next

to the hospital, killing three people, including a doctor.

"There are wounded in the house, and we can't reach them," he told Al Jazeera television. "We can't stick our heads out of the window."

Speaking to CNN, Netanyahu asserted that "100 or so" people had been evacuated from Shifa and that Israel had created safe corridors.

But the Health Ministry has denied claims of evacuees and safe corridors, and people sheltering in the hospital said they were afraid to go outside.

The military said troops would assist in moving babies Sunday, and that it was in contact with Shifa staff.

But Medical Aid for Palestinians, a U.K.-based charity that has supported the hospital's neonatal intensive care unit for years, questioned the military's assertion.

"The transfer of critically ill neonates is a complex and technical process," CEO Melanie Ward said in a statement. "With

ambulances unable to reach the hospital ... and no hospital with capacity to receive them, there is no indication of how this can be done safely."

The only safe option is for Israel to stop its assault and allow fuel to reach the hospital, she said.

The Health Ministry said there are still 1,500 patients at Shifa, along with 1,500 medical personnel and between 15,000 and 20,000 people seeking shelter.

The Palestinian Red Crescent rescue service said another Gaza City hospital, the Red Crescent-run Al-Quds, is "no longer operational" because it has run out of fuel. Gaza's sole power plant was forced to shut down a month ago, and Israel has barred any fuel imports, saying Hamas would use them for military purposes.

Nebal Farsakh, a Red Crescent spokesperson, said 6,000 people, including displaced families, patients, and staff, remained trapped in the hospital.

At least 5 US service members killed in aircraft crash

By JOHN VANDIVER
Stars and Stripes

STUTTGART, Germany — Five U.S. service members were killed when their aircraft went down during a training mission in the Eastern Mediterranean Sea, the U.S. military said Sunday.

The mishap occurred during a routine air refueling operation on Friday evening, U.S. European Command said in a statement. Search and rescue efforts began immediately after the incident and involved U.S. aircraft and ships operating in the area, EUCOM said.

EUCOM said it was withholding the names of the troops until 24 hours after next of kin notifications have been completed.

"Our thoughts and prayers are with the families of the fallen," EUCOM said. "An investigation into the crash is underway."

In an earlier statement on Saturday, EUCOM emphasized that the mishap happened during training and that there wasn't an indication of hostile activity.

The incident comes during a time of high tension in the Eastern Mediterranean, where the Pentagon has moved substantial forces in the aftermath of Israel's war with Hamas. Just last week, two Navy aircraft carriers, involving some 11,000 U.S. personnel, launched aircraft and practiced missile defense during a three-day exercise in the area.

EUCOM did not identify the type of plane

involved in the crash, but the KC-135 Stratotanker is the military's main air refueling aircraft.

It wasn't clear whether the air refueling exercise was related to carrier group activities in the region.

In addition to Navy warships, the U.S. has also moved an array of ground defenses into the Middle East in an effort to defend U.S. forces in the region and deter a wider war.

The hostilities in Gaza have had indirect repercussions for U.S. forces elsewhere.

Since mid-October, militant groups aligned with Iran have repeatedly targeted U.S. bases in Iraq and Syria, resulting in more than 50 American troops being injured, according to the Pentagon.

Navy plane flies over South China Sea faceoff

Associated Press

ABOARD THE BRP CABRA — As a U.S. Navy surveillance plane flew in circles, keeping a close watch, dozens of Chinese coast guard and accompanying ships chased and encircled Philippine vessels in the latest confrontation in one of the most dangerous flashpoints in the South China Sea.

At the height of Friday's four-hour faceoff in the high seas, a Chinese coast guard ship blasted a water cannon toward a Philippine motorboat delivering food and other supplies to Filipino forces on a marooned, rusting warship that serves as the country's fragile territorial outpost at Second Thomas Shoal.

China has steadfastly stood by its claim to virtually the entire strategic waterway, clashing with its smaller neighbors and drawing in the United States, Manila's treaty ally and China's main rival in the Asia-Pacific region. Washington and its allies have deployed navy ships and fighter aircraft to promote freedom of navigation and overflight, build up deterrence and reassure allies like the Philippines.

There are fears that the recurring confrontations at Second Thomas Shoal, which lies within the U.N.-sanctioned Philippine exclusive economic zone but is claimed by China and surrounded by its flotilla, could ignite an

armed conflict pitting the U.S. against China. Philippine officials said Saturday they would never take any step that could ignite a larger conflict but would not be deterred in defending the country's sovereign rights in the South China Sea.

Despite the Chinese blockades and coercive maneuvers, the Philippine contingent managed to deliver supplies to the handful of Filipino marines aboard the BRP Sierra Madre and left without incident.

Two Associated Press journalists and several other members of the media who were invited on board three Philippine coast guard ships securing two supply boats witnessed the

dangerous cat-and-mouse maneuvers in rough waves. It's part of a shame campaign Philippine officials said they would press on to expose China's growing aggression in one of the world's most important trade routes.

At least 38 Chinese ships were spotted in Second Thomas Shoal's vicinity on Friday, including a Chinese navy fast assault craft and a hospital ship, the Philippine coast guard said.

One of the Philippine coast guard ships, the BRP Cabra, was surrounded five times by the Chinese coast guard and other ships, but managed each time to move away until it was hemmed in near the shoal.

Navy probing 3rd possible suicide this year at Kitsap

BY GARY WARNER

Stars and Stripes

The Navy is investigating the death of a sailor whose body was found in his residence near Naval Base Kitsap, Wash., service officials said last week.

The death, which happened Oct. 22, has been ruled a suicide by the Kitsap County Medical Examiner's Office. If confirmed by the Navy, the sailor would be the third suicide at the base this year.

The Defense Department reported last month that suicide rates rose 3% between 2021 and 2022, the latest statistics available.

The death of the sailor was confirmed in a statement from the USS Nimitz, an aircraft carrier on which the deceased sailor served as an aviation boatswain's mate airman.

The carrier's homeport is Naval Base Kitsap. It's currently at sea on a training exercise.

Two other sailors from Kitsap who died this year were suicides,

according to law enforcement officials. The status of the Navy investigations of the previous cases were not available last week.

In April, a petty officer with Submarine Development Squadron 5 was found dead off the base in Silverdale, a town near the submarine base area at Kitsap. The Kitsap County Sheriff's Office determined the death was a suicide.

In January, a sailor assigned to the aircraft carrier USS Theodore Roosevelt was found dead in the enlisted quarters at the naval station. The Kitsap County Medical Examiner's Office determined suicide as the cause of death.

Two other USS Theodore Roosevelt crew members were previously reported as suicides during the ship's 18-month refurbishing at the Puget Sound Naval Shipyard at Kitsap. The 37-year-old Nimitz-class carrier returned in March to its homeport of Naval Air Station North Island in San Diego.

Senator's bills address deportation for veterans

BY MATTHEW ADAMS

Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON — Sen. Tammy Duckworth, D-Ill., reintroduced a package of bills on Thursday that would address the deportation of immigrants who served in the U.S. military and ensure they have access to resources at the Department of Veterans Affairs.

"The reality is far too many men and women have been deported by the very same nation they risked their lives to defend," she said. "Our deported immigrant veterans fought for this country, and it is past time we fight for them, too."

The Healthcare Opportunities for Patriots in Exile, or HOPE, Act would give the secretary of Department of Homeland Security discretion to allow nonviolent, deported immigrant veterans to return temporarily to the United States for treatment at a VA facility on a case-by-case basis. Immigrants

who served are like other veterans who can struggle with mental health, including post-traumatic stress disorder. Noncitizens can face deportation if convicted of even minor criminal offenses, effectively cutting off access to needed treatment through the VA.

The Veterans Visa and Protection Act aims to streamline the citizenship process, create a path for those who are deported to return home and allow them to adjust their status to lawful permanent resident during the removal process.

The third bill is the Immigrant Veterans Eligibility Tracking System, or I-VETS, Act. This legislation directs the secretary of Homeland Security to identify and track immigrants who are serving in the U.S. armed forces or who have served, which could protect them from deportation and help facilitate the citizenship process as well.

Bugles and bells mark Armistice Day

Associated Press

YPRES, Belgium — With somber bugles and bells from Australia to western Europe's battlefields of World War I, people around the globe on Saturday remembered the slaughter and losses just over a century ago that was supposed to be "the war to end all wars."

Yet the rumble of tanks and the screeching of incoming fire from Ukraine to Gaza pierced the solemnity of the occasion and the notion that humankind could somehow circumvent violence to settle its worst differences.

"This time last year, our thoughts were focused on Ukraine. Today, our minds are full with the terrible images emerging from Israel and Gaza. These are just two of the more than 100 armed conflicts in the world today," said Benoit Mottrie, the head of the Last Post Association in western Belgium's Ypres, where some of the fiercest and deadliest World War I battles were fought.

During a ceremony with Prime Minister Alexander De Croo and dozens of dignitaries, Mottrie expressed the sense of powerlessness that so many feel that the lessons of the past cannot automatically be translated into peace today.

"It would be naive to think that our presence here in Ypres will have any direct impact on any of the 100 conflicts. The emotions of those involved are too raw for us to understand, and for them to see the light of what we regard as reason," Mottrie said.

Generally the most peaceful of occasions, the ceremony in London was held under strict police and security surveillance for fears that a massive pro-Palestinian protest could run out of hand and clash with the remembrance ceremonies.

"Remembrance weekend is sacred for us all and should be a moment of unity, of our shared British values and of solemn reflection," said British Prime Minister Rishi Sunak.

Biden: America's vets are 'steel spine of this nation'

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Joe Biden said America's veterans are "the steel spine of this nation" as he marked Veterans Day during a visit to Arlington National Cemetery.

In remarks at the Memorial Amphitheater, the commander in chief recounted famous battles fought by U.S. troops and said those deployments of soldiers are "linked in a chain of honor that stretches back to our founding days. Each one bound by a sacred oath to support and defend. Not a place, not a person, not a president, but an idea, to defend an idea unlike any other in human history. That idea is the United States of America."

Nov. 11, once known as Armistice Day, is the anniversary of the armistice that ended World War I in 1918. Biden said that was "unlike any war the world had ever seen before."

The ceremony was personal for Biden and first lady Jill Biden.

Biden's son Beau enlisted in 2003 in the Delaware Army National Guard and deployed to Iraq in 2008 for a year as a mem-

ber of the 261st Theater Tactical Signal Brigade. A captain, he earned the Legion of Merit and Bronze Star. Beau Biden later served two terms as the state's attorney general. He died in 2015 of brain cancer.

"We miss him," the president told the crowd, recounting how he pinned the bars on his son on the day he joined the National Guard.

"We come together today to once again honor the generations of Americans who stood on the front lines of freedom. To once again bear witness to the great deeds of a noble few who risked everything, everything, to give us a better future," he said, paying tribute to "those who have always, always kept the light of shining bright across the world."

Biden said that as commander in chief, "I have no higher honor. As the father of a son who served, I have no greater privilege."

He said that "our veterans are the steel spine of this nation and their families, like so many of you, are the courageous heart."

Air Force's 1st T-7A Red Hawk arrives for testing

BY DOUG G. WARE

Stars and Stripes

Edwards Air Force Base in California has received its first T-7A Red Hawk, an advanced training jet that will begin final testing and eventually replace the older planes that have helped mold American pilots for more than 60 years, the service said Thursday.

The first Red Hawk arrived at the base, located about 60 miles north of Los Angeles, after a 1,400-mile, cross-country flight that included stops in Oklahoma, New Mexico and Arizona.

In development since at least 2016, the T-7A is a collaboration by Boeing and Saab that has

built-in flexibility to evolve in the future as technologies, missions and training needs change.

The plane will eventually replace the T-38 Talon, a training aircraft with 1950s technology that's been training American pilots since 1961.

"This arrival marks an exciting transition into the next phase of developmental flight," said Air Force Maj. Jonathan Aronoff, a test pilot. "The T-7A gives immense capability updates that will allow the Air Force to train the next generation of combat aviators. Success of first delivery is truly a testament to the joint USAF-industry

team we have in place."

The Air Force has been plagued by several T-38 crashes in recent years. A year ago, an in-flight emergency forced one pilot to eject from a T-38 over Columbus Air Force Base, Miss., and two aviators were killed in 2019 — an instructor and a student — when their aircraft crashed on landing at an Oklahoma base.

There were also several T-38 crashes in 2017 and 2018, including one that killed a pilot at Laughlin Air Force Base in Texas.

"The T-7A is a brand-new, state-of-the-art pilot training system created specifically for

the Air Force, with the purpose of training future fighter and bomber pilots," the Air Force said. "The aircraft is the first digitally designed tactical aircraft, finessed using model-based systems engineering and 3D design tools."

Boeing calls the T-7A Red Hawk a "low-risk, leading-edge, live, virtual and constructive fifth-generation aircrew training system that delivers a multi-generational leap in capability to revolutionize and reinvigorate fighter pilot training." The jet can carry two pilots and is powered by a single General Electric F404 turbofan afterburning engine.

Two-step is now GOP's shutdown move

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — House Speaker Mike Johnson unveiled his proposal on Saturday to avoid a partial government shutdown by extending government funding for some agencies and programs until Jan. 19 and continuing funding for others until Feb. 2.

The approach is unusual for a stopgap spending bill. Usually, lawmakers extend funding until a certain date for all programs. Johnson decided to go with the combination approach, addressing concerns from GOP lawmakers seeking to avoid being presented with a massive spending bill just before the holidays.

“This two-step continuing resolution is a necessary bill to place House Republicans in the best position to fight for conservative victories,” Johnson said in a statement after speaking with GOP lawmakers in an afternoon conference call. “The bill will stop the absurd holiday-season omnibus tradition of massive, loaded up spending bills intro-

duced right before the Christmas recess.”

The bill excludes funding requested by President Joe Biden for Israel, Ukraine and the U.S. border with Mexico. Johnson said separating Biden’s request for an emergency supplemental bill from the temporary, stopgap measure “places our conference in the best position to fight for fiscal responsibility, oversight over Ukraine aid, and meaningful policy changes at our Southern border.”

Hardline conservatives, usually loath to support temporary spending measures of any sort, had indicated they would give Johnson some leeway to pass legislation, known as a continuing resolution, or CR, to give Congress more time to negotiate a long-term agreement. But some were critical following the conference call.

“My opposition to the clean CR just announced by the Speaker to the @HouseGOP cannot be overstated,” Rep. Chip Roy, R-Texas, tweeted on X. “Funding Pelosi level

spending & policies for 75 days — for future ‘promises.’”

The White House, meanwhile, panned the plan as “unserious,” unworkable and a threat to national security and domestic programs.

“This proposal is just a recipe for more Republican chaos and more shutdowns — full stop,” said press secretary Karine Jean-Pierre, pointing to opposition from members of both parties.

The federal government is operating under funding levels approved last year by a Democratic-led House and Senate. Facing a government shutdown when the fiscal year ended Sept. 30, Congress passed a 47-day continuing resolution, but the fallout was severe.

Kevin McCarthy was booted from the speakership days later, and the House was effectively paralyzed for most of the month while Republicans tried to elect a replacement.

Biden’s movable wall criticized by all sides of issue

Associated Press

McALLEN, Texas — The Biden administration’s plan to build new barriers along the U.S.-Mexico border in South Texas calls for a “movable” design that frustrates both environmentalists and advocates of stronger border enforcement.

The plans for the nearly 20 miles of new barrier in Starr County were made public in September when the federal government sought public input. The following month, the administration waived 26 feder-

al laws protecting the environment and certain species to speed up the construction process.

“The United States Border Patrol did not ask for this downgraded border wall,” Rodney Scott, a former U.S. Border Patrol chief, said.

Construction is moving forward despite President Joe Biden’s campaign promise not to build more wall and amid an increase in migrants coming to the nation’s southern border from across Latin America and

other parts of the world to seek asylum. Illegal crossings topped 2 million for the second year in a row for the government’s budget year that ended Sept. 30. People such as Scott who want more border security believe the barriers won’t be strong enough to stop people from crossing illegally. Environmentalists, meanwhile, say the design poses a greater risk to animal habitat than former President Donald Trump’s border wall.

Biden has defended the ad-

ministration’s decision by saying he had to use the Trump-era funding for it. The law requires the funding for the new barriers to be used as approved and for the construction to be completed in 2023.

Most barriers on the border were erected in the last 20 years under Trump and former President George W. Bush. Those sections of border wall include Normandy-style fencing that resembles big X’s and bollard-style fencing made of upright steel posts.

Ukrainian military officer linked to pipeline attack

The Washington Post

A senior Ukrainian military officer with deep ties to the country’s intelligence services played a central role in the bombing of the Nord Stream natural gas pipeline last year, according to officials in Ukraine and elsewhere in Europe, as well as other people knowledgeable about the details of

the covert operation.

The officer’s role provides the most direct evidence to date tying Ukraine’s military and security leadership to a controversial act of sabotage that has spawned multiple criminal investigations and that U.S. and Western officials have called a dangerous attack on Europe’s energy infrastructure.

Roman Chervinsky, a decorated 48-year-old colonel who served in Ukraine’s Special Operations Forces, was the “coordinator” of the Nord Stream operation, people familiar with his role said, managing logistics and support for a six-person team that rented a sailboat under false identities and used deep-sea diving equipment to

place explosive charges on the gas pipelines.

On Sept. 26, 2022, three explosions caused massive leaks on the Nord Stream 1 and 2 pipelines, which run from Russia to Germany under the Baltic Sea.

The attack left only one of the four gas links in the network intact as winter approached.

AMERICAN ROUNDUP

Old fashioned officially come with brandy in state

WI MADISON — In Wisconsin, the old fashioned cocktail comes with brandy, not bourbon.

Now, state lawmakers are making it somewhat official. A bipartisan resolution declaring the brandy old fashioned as the official Wisconsin state cocktail won approval last week in the state Assembly.

It's a resolution, not a bill, so even if passed by the Senate the brandy old fashioned won't make it onto the list of other official state symbols that include milk as the official beverage, kringles as the official pastry and corn as the official grain. Getting that level of recognition, enshrined in the state's "Blue Book," requires introduction of a bill, a public hearing and then the signature of the governor.

Only two states have gone that far: both Alabama and Virginia have whiskey as their official state spirit.

Insanity defense doesn't work in wedding shooting

NH CONCORD — A jury last week rejected an insanity defense for a man convicted of shooting and wounding a bishop and assaulting the bride and groom at a church wedding ceremony in New Hampshire.

Dale Holloway, 41, who acted as his own attorney, had pleaded not guilty to the charges stemming from the October 2019 shootings. He said he was mentally unstable at the time.

"I've been insane before this even happened," Holloway told the jury.

The shootings happened

nearly two weeks after Holloway's stepfather, a pastor at the church, was killed by the son of the groom. The son was later sentenced to prison. A separate celebration of life ceremony for the pastor had been planned at the church for later that day.

The jury in Nashua had already found Holloway guilty on Tuesday of one of two attempted murder charges and several assault charges. After deliberating for about an hour Thursday, the foreperson answered "no" when asked if the panel had found clear and convincing evidence that he was insane at the time the crimes were committed.

Ex-sheriff charged with corruption, theft

IN JEFFERSONVILLE — A former Indiana sheriff has been charged with counts including corruption, theft and ghost employment for allegedly having his employees perform personal chores on his property, state police said.

Former Clark County Sheriff Jamey Noel, 52, is charged with five counts of theft, four counts each of ghost employment and official misconduct, and single counts of corrupt business influence and obstruction of justice, police said last week.

Noel was arrested Wednesday and was released after posting bond Thursday.

Current Clark County Sheriff Scottie Maples, who had been a deputy chief under Noel for several years, said he discovered a secret recording device in the sheriff's offices and found that Noel ordered several employees to work on his rental property, private business buildings, a pole barn, cars and

a home while being paid to work at the sheriff's office, a probable cause affidavit said.

Parks, schools shut after fire at blimp hangar

CA TUSTIN — Parks and schools were closed Thursday in a Southern California city after officials found asbestos in the charred debris of a historic World War II-era blimp hangar.

The city of Tustin closed at least nine parks and urged residents to limit outdoor activities to reduce their exposure to ash after asbestos was detected in preliminary samples of ash and debris. Both Orange County and the city also declared local states of emergency over concerns that asbestos and other chemicals could have polluted the air and ground.

The county announcement said testing of air and ash samples found indications of asbestos and heavy metals including lead, arsenic and nickel. The city's emergency declaration said the possibility of airborne asbestos posed "conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property" that only local, state and federal efforts can mitigate.

Schools were closed Thursday to ensure student safety in the Tustin Unified School District.

Man charged after firing 2 shots in NYC subway

NY NEW YORK — A man who pulled out a pistol and fired it on a New York City subway platform in an apparent attempt to stop someone from stealing a woman's purse was charged with criminal possession of a weapon and menac-

ing.

No one was struck by the gunshots Tuesday inside the station, located a few blocks north of Times Square.

Authorities said John Rote, 43, intervened when a man who had been asking riders for money near the turnstiles at around 9 p.m. tried to grab a 40-year-old woman's purse.

According to prosecutors, he pulled a gun from his bag and fired at least one shot on the platform, before fleeing the scene and disposing of his firearm.

Former prosecutor convicted in perjury case

MD GREENBELT — A former top prosecutor for the city of Baltimore was convicted last week of charges that she lied about the finances of a side business to improperly access retirement funds during the COVID-19 pandemic, using the money to buy two Florida homes.

A federal jury convicted former Baltimore state's attorney Marilyn Mosby of two counts of perjury after a trial that started Monday. Mosby served two terms as state's attorney for Baltimore. A federal grand jury indicted her on perjury charges before a Democratic primary challenger defeated her last year.

Mosby gained a national profile for prosecuting Baltimore police officers after Freddie Gray, a Black man, died in police custody in 2015, which was Mosby's first year in office. His death led to riots and protests in the city.

None of the officers were convicted.

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Michigan tops Penn State after Harbaugh's ban

Associated Press

STATE COLLEGE, Pa. — Before the game, Blake Corum warmed up wearing a ski hat that summed up Michigan's attitude right now: "Michigan vs. Everybody."

After the second-ranked Wolverines were done pummeling No. 9 Penn State, Corum wore a bloodied bridge of his nose and the satisfaction of knowing that everybody is still winless against Michigan this season.

With coach Jim Harbaugh banned by the Big Ten Conference, Corum, J.J. McCarthy and the Wolverines played unfazed by a scandal that has hounded the program for weeks — and their toughest opponent yet — grinding past the Nittany Lions 24-15 on Saturday.

"We're one. It made us stronger," said Corum, who carried 26 times. "Obviously, we wanted Coach Harbaugh to be here, but we did it for him today. We've been going through a lot lately, but it's only brought us closer together."

Corum ran for 145 yards and two touchdowns, McCarthy

made a few key plays with his arm and legs and the Wolverines (10-0, 7-0, No. 3 CFP) improved to 3-0 since it was revealed the program was under NCAA investigation for a sign-stealing scheme.

The timeline of the accusations cover the last three seasons of Michigan's surge to the top of the Big Ten and two straight College Football Playoff appearances.

Coincidence? Plenty of fans think not.

"People can say whatever they want," fifth-year offensive lineman Trevor Keegan said. "We know what's true. We know what's in this locker room. We trust each other. We're brothers, we're in this thing together. That's the way it's going to be."

The struggles in big games continued for coach James Franklin and Penn State (8-2, 5-3, No. 10 CFP), which scored a combined 27 points in losses to Big Ten East rivals Ohio State and Michigan this season.

"We've lost to the No. 1 and the No. 3 team in the country, that's not good enough," Franklin said. "We have to find ways to win those games."

In a game Harbaugh no doubt loved from afar, on what turned into a chilly and gray day in Happy Valley, the Wolverines ran the ball on 32 straight plays that counted, starting with the final two of the first half and ending with a couple of kneeldowns.

"As we got in the game, obviously the running game became a priority and I think our guys up front really asserted themselves to be dominant and those backs ran super hard," said offensive coordinator and line coach Sherrone Moore, who took over as acting head coach with Harbaugh out.

McCarthy bounded off the field after doing a couple of postgame interviews, pumping his fists and flexing while being cheered by the Michigan fans in the stands.

The 27th of the 32 straight runs was Corum's 30-yard touchdown to seal it with 4:15 left.

McCarthy's lone throw during the streak drew a Penn State pass interference flag. He finished 7 for 8 for 60 yards for the game — officially 0 for 0 in the second half.

It was a matter-of-fact victory

for the best scoring defense in the country on a day that began anything but normal.

The Wolverines left their hotel just outside of State College without their head coach Saturday morning, but did not know for sure he would not be with them until after they arrived at Beaver Stadium. About 90 minutes before kickoff, the school confirmed that a judge had not made a ruling on its request for a temporary restraining order against the Big Ten and Commissioner Tony Petitti.

Petitti and the conference handed down what amounted to a three-game suspension of Harbaugh on Friday as punishment for Michigan for an in-person scouting and sign-stealing operation the Big Ten determined violated its sportsmanship policy.

Moore led the Wolverines onto the field to start the game and was in tears during a postgame interview.

"Did this for you. For this university, the president, our AD. We got the best players, best university, best alumni in the country. Love you guys," Moore said.

Penix, defense stellar as Washington reaches 10-0

Associated Press

SEATTLE — For all the attention quarterback Michael Penix Jr. has deservedly received this season, it was the oft-maligned defense for No. 5 Washington that showed up for the final 30 minutes on Saturday and left the Huskies sitting at 10-0 for only the second time in school history.

Penix threw for two touchdowns and ran for another, and Washington pitched a shutout in the second half to rally for a 35-28 win over No. 13 Utah.

The Huskies (10-0, 7-0 Pac-12, No. 5 CFP) extended the second-longest active win streak in the nation to 17 games and stayed in the middle of the College Football Playoff conversation. The only other time Washington reached the 10-0 mark came in 1991, when the Huskies claimed a share of the national title with Miami.

"It's all the work we've put in. We're right where we saw ourselves at. We just have to

continue to keep working," Penix said. "We've got two more in the regular season to try and finish off with two more wins, go 12-0, and it's right there in front of us."

Penix wasn't at his best on a blustery day on the shore of Lake Washington. But he made enough big plays in the pass game and allowed Washington's defense to make key adjustments at halftime after being unable to slow down the Utes in the first half.

Washington saw Utah score touchdowns on four straight possessions at one point in the first half. In the second half, Utah had six possessions and crossed midfield once.

"We know we we didn't come out and play our best brand of football in the first half. But that's how it should be every game. We should come out and play like we did in the second half every game," Washington cornerback Jabbar Muhammad said.

Penix hit Rome Odunze on both of his touchdown throws, and ran for a 2-yard TD

in the first quarter. Penix was 24 of 42 passing for 332 yards. Odunze had three catches for 111 yards and Dillon Johnson rushed for 104 yards a week after running for 256 yards against Southern California.

"We knew coming into this game that it was going to be the most physical team was going to win this game, and we were the most physical team," Johnson said.

Washington took a 33-28 lead on Penix's 33-yard touchdown pass to Odunze in the third quarter and appeared on the verge of extending the lead only to see linebacker Alphonzo Tuputala return an interception 76 yards before dropping the ball at the 1-yard line on his way into the end zone. Washington ended up getting a safety on the next play and had a 35-28 lead after three quarters.

"It's a great lesson to learn from," Washington coach Kalen DeBoer said. "Fortunately, we win the football game so we can learn from that."

Taylor's early TD run enough for Colts

Associated Press

FRANKFURT, Germany — Jonathan Taylor ran for a first-quarter touchdown and Mac Jones threw a crucial interception in the fourth quarter and the Indianapolis Colts held on for a 10-6 win over New England Patriots in Germany on Sunday.

The NFL's 50th regular-season game outside the United States, and last of this season, was dominated by defense and Taylor's first-quarter touchdown was the only one of the game.

Colts coach Shane Steichen praised his team's "phenomenal" defense to limit the Patriots to two field goals.

"Our defense stepped up. We moved the ball offensively, but we didn't finish our drives like we normally do, but it was good to get the win," he said.

Jones was sacked five times in the first half and was replaced with backup Bailey Zappe late in the fourth quarter.

Trailing 10-6 late in the fourth quarter, Jones drove the Patriots inside the red zone but was intercepted by Julian Blackmon on a pass intended for tight end Mike Gesicki at the 1-yard line.

Colts quarterback Gardner Minshew threw a 28-yard pass to Josh Downs for a first down that forced the Patriots to start using their timeouts. Minshew was 18 for 28 for

194 yards and Taylor had 69 yards on 23 carries. Michael Pittman had eight receptions for 84 yards.

After eventually forcing the Colts to punt, Zappe replaced Jones with 1:52 remaining in the game. After converting on a fourth down, Zappe attempted a fake spike, but threw into triple coverage and was picked off by Rodney Thomas to seal the game.

Jones was 15 for 20 for 170 yards and his league-leading 10th interception. Zappe, who replaced Jones for the third time this season, was 3 for 7 for 25 yards on the final drive. Rhamondre Stevenson had 20 carries for 88 yards and Ezekiel Elliott added 13 carries for 54 yards.

The Patriots dropped to 2-8 on the season, matching the worst since Bill Belichick's first year as coach in 2000, and the Colts improved to 5-5. The Patriots have not won a game outside of the AFC East this season.

The Patriots have failed to score a touchdown in at least three games in their first 10 games of a season for the first time since 1995.

"Obviously it was a disappointing game. Similar theme that we've had to other games this year," Belichick said.

Chad Ryland's 37-yard field goal gave the Patriots an early lead, Taylor rushed for a 1-yard touchdown on fourth down after twice

gaining first downs on third-and-1 earlier in the drive.

Matt Gay missed a 57-yard field-goal attempt for the Colts at the end of the second quarter to leave the score 7-3 at the half.

Ryland, who missed a 35-yard attempt early in the third quarter, had a 24-yarder early in the fourth quarter to reduce the Colts' lead to 7-6.

Gay then added 51-yard field goal restored the Colts' four-point lead on a drive that was aided by Isaiah McKenzie's 42-yard kickoff return.

The Patriots are rivaling Kansas City for the title of the most popular team in Germany, which is widely viewed as the NFL's most promising international market.

Patriots support in Germany grew in the 2010s during the team's Super Bowl titles and the appeal of German offensive lineman Sebastian Vollmer, but the defending Super Bowl champion Chiefs have caught up fast.

The Colts won an international game for the first time, moving to 1-1, and the Patriots lost a regular-season game outside the U.S. for the first time after winning their previous three.

It was the second regular-season NFL game at Deutsche Bank Park in Frankfurt after the Chiefs beat the Dolphins 21-14 last week.

Krieger, Gotham claim NWSL title; Rapinoe injured

Associated Press

SAN DIEGO — Either Megan Rapinoe of the OL Reign or Ali Krieger of Gotham FC was going to walk off the pitch and into retirement with the National Women's Soccer League trophy.

Krieger got the trophy. Rapinoe got a heartbreaking end to her brilliant career as she limped off the field for the last time with an apparent torn right Achilles tendon suffered in the first few minutes.

World Cup winner Esther González scored the go-ahead goal on a header in first-half stoppage time and Gotham FC survived a wild final minute to beat OL Reign 2-1 on Saturday night in a NWSL championship match where Rapinoe hobbled

off the pitch for good.

"You don't always get to have the perfect ending," said Rapinoe, who was in good spirits afterward and wearing a walking boot on her right foot. "I've had so many perfect endings, even just thinking back to 2019, that was the most perfect whole script you could ever write personally and as a team, just what it meant. On balance, I don't think anything that negative about it."

At the 2019 World Cup, Rapinoe scored six goals, including a penalty in the final against the Netherlands. Her victory pose at the championship game became one of the most memorable images of the dominant U.S. run.

Rapinoe announced before

this summer's Women's World Cup that she was stepping away from the game.

Krieger was also on that 2019 team as well as the U.S. World Cup team that won the title in 2015.

"I don't think I could dream of a better ending for myself," Krieger said. "I just want to ride off into the sunset and enjoy this with my family and friends and kids, most importantly, and my teammates. This is the perfect ending for me."

Following a VAR review in stoppage time, Gotham goalie Mandy Haught was issued a red card for denial of an obvious goal-scoring opportunity and sent off, giving the Reign a chance to tie it. With defender Nealy Martin taking over in goal

— and having to put on the goalie jersey and gloves — the Reign's Rose Lavelle took a free kick just outside the box but it bounced off a Gotham player along the wall. Gotham was able to run out the clock and marked its first NWSL title with a wild celebration near midfield.

The non-contact injury to Rapinoe took some of the wind out of the crowd at San Diego State's Snapdragon Stadium.

Rapinoe broke toward Maitane Lopez of Gotham, who was dribbling outside the penalty area, and suddenly went down in the third minute. After staying on the ground for a few minutes, Rapinoe needed help from two trainers for the long walk along one end line and then down the sideline to the Reign's bench.

Kochetkov, Hurricanes shut out Lightning

Associated Press

TAMPA, Fla. — Sebastian Aho and Brent Burns each had a goal and an assist, Pyotr Kochetkov stopped 23 shots for his fifth career shutout and the Carolina Hurricanes beat the Tampa Bay Lightning 4-0 on Saturday night.

Teuvo Teravainen and Stefan Noesen also scored as Carolina won for the sixth time in eight games. The Hurricanes rebounded after a 5-2 loss at Florida the previous night.

“We played the way we wanted to,” said defenseman Brady Skjei, who assisted on Burns’ goal. “Last night wasn’t the way we wanted to end it — we wanted to end this road trip on a high note. Everyone bought in and we played a really solid 60 minutes.”

Jonas Johansson, who shut out the Hurricanes in their first meeting, made 28 saves for the Lightning.

Tampa Bay played without forward Nikita Kucherov, who entered the game second in the NHL with 23 points, because of illness. His absence showed, as Tampa Bay struggled to generate offense for long stretches.

“He’s one of the best, if not the

best, especially on the power play,” defenseman Victor Hedman said. “We weren’t prepared for that coming in. It was kind of a last-second thing. Guys stepped up and did their best, but we couldn’t get it done. Can’t replace a guy like (Kucherov).”

Canadiens 3, Bruins 2 (OT): Kaiden Guhle scored 2:13 into overtime to lift host Montreal past Boston.

Nick Suzuki and Brendan Gallagher also had goals for Montreal, which beat Boston for the first time since the 2019-2020 season. Sam Montembeault had 26 saves.

Blues 8, Avalanche 2: Brayden Schenn and Pavel Buchnevich each scored three goals and visiting St. Louis cruised past Colorado.

Alexey Toropchenko and Torey Krug also scored for the Blues, and Jordan Binnington stopped 36 shots as St. Louis evened a loss to Colorado earlier this month.

Capitals 4, Islanders 1: Alex Ovechkin scored twice and Hunter Shepard got his second career NHL victory as visiting Washington won for the third time in four games.

Nic Dowd and Aliaksei Protas

also scored for the Capitals, and the 28-year-old Shepard finished with 36 saves in his second NHL start.

Stars 3, Jets 2: Wyatt Johnston had a goal and an assist as visiting Dallas beat Winnipeg.

Thomas Harley and Matt Duchene also scored for the Stars, and Scott Wedgewood made 31 saves.

Red Wings 5, Blue Jackets 4: Alex DeBrincat and Daniel Sprong scored a little more than two minutes apart late in the second period and host Detroit handed Columbus its fourth straight loss.

Robby Fabbri, Lucas Raymond and Jake Walman also scored for the Red Wings. Ville Husso made 17 saves.

Penguins 4, Sabres 0: Erik Karlsson had two goals, Evgeni Malkin also scored and Tristan Jarry stopped 35 shots for his third shutout of the season to lead host Pittsburgh.

Both of Karlsson’s goals came in the third period — on the power play early and a late empty netter — to extend a five-game point streak. Malkin scored his eighth goal of the season and added an assist. Drew O’Connor scored his first and

Sidney Crosby extended an eight-game point streak for the Penguins, who have won four straight.

Flyers 4, Kings 2: Morgan Frost scored twice, Cal Petersen made 35 saves and visiting Philadelphia beat Los Angeles.

Owen Tippett and Cam Atkinson each had a goal, Sean Walker had two assists, and the Flyers completed a successful two-game swing through Southern California one night after beating Anaheim.

Senators 4, Flames 1: Drake Batherson had a goal and an assist as host Ottawa beat Calgary to snap a five-game home losing streak.

Maple Leafs 5, Canucks 2: Noah Gregor had a goal and an assist, William Nylander scored to extend his franchise-record season-opening point streak to 15 games and host Toronto beat Vancouver.

Coyotes 7, Predators 5: Michael Carcone scored twice to rally visiting Arizona past Nashville.

Oilers 4, Kraken 1: Zach Hyman scored three goals in the first period and visiting Edmonton snapped a four-game losing streak.

Banchero, Wagner brothers power Magic to win over Bucks

Associated Press

ORLANDO, Fla. — Paolo Banchero had 26 points and 12 rebounds, Orlando’s Wagner brothers combined for 43 points and the Magic dealt the Milwaukee Bucks their second straight loss, 112-97 on Saturday night.

Milwaukee’s Giannis Antetokounmpo had 35 points, 10 rebounds and seven assists, two nights after a 54-point effort in Thursday’s loss at Indiana.

The Bucks played a second game without Damian Lillard, who has a sore left calf.

Franz Wagner scored 24 for the Magic and Mo Wagner came off the bench with 19 points and four rebounds. Jalen Suggs hit four of eight 3-point shots and added 20 points.

The loss broke Milwaukee’s 14-game win streak against the Magic and marked the Bucks’ first loss in Orlando since March 14, 2018.

Celtics 117, Raptors 94: Jaylen Brown scored 29 points, Jayson Tatum had 27 and host Boston cruised past Toronto.

Kristaps Porzingis added 21 points and seven rebounds in 28 minutes for the Celtics, who won their second straight after a 14-point victory over Brooklyn in their first NBA In-Season Tournament game on Friday night.

Pascal Siakam led the Raptors with 17 points and seven rebounds. Dennis Schroder had 14 points and Jakob Poeltl had 12.

Cavaliers 118, Warriors 110: Donovan Mitchell got the best of Golden State and Draymond Green, finishing with 21 points, seven rebounds, five assists and a pair of steals for visiting Cleveland in a game in which Green was ejected.

Stephen Curry scored 30 points to lead the Warriors, who lost fiery forward Green at the 6:23 mark of the third quarter with eight

points, five rebounds and four assists.

Green pushed Mitchell with his shoulder and sent him out of bounds as Cleveland’s Caris LeVert drove for a layup. Then, as Green brought the ball across midcourt moments later, Mitchell chased him down and instigated a heated interaction — and Mitchell was called for a personal foul.

Heat 117, Hawks 109: Bam Adebayo had 26 points and 17 rebounds and rookie Jaime Jaquez Jr. added a career-high 20 points as short-handed Miami beat host Atlanta for its fourth straight win.

Miami was playing its first game since leading scorer Tyler Herro sprained his right ankle in Wednesday night’s 108-102 win at Memphis. Herro is expected to miss at least two weeks. Another top scorer, Jimmy Butler, missed the game against Atlanta for personal reasons.