

Harris, Trump make last stand in swing states

Associated Press

WASHINGTON—A presidential campaign that has careened through a felony trial, an incumbent president being pushed off the ticket and multiple assassination attempts comes down to a final push across a handful of states on the eve of Election Day.

Kamala Harris planned to spend all of Monday in Pennsylvania, whose 19 electoral votes offer the largest prize among the states expected to determine the Electoral College outcome. The vice president and Democratic nominee will visit working-class areas including Allentown and end with a late-night Philadelphia rally that includes Lady Gaga and Oprah Winfrey.

Donald Trump kicked off four rallies across three states by addressing a roaring crowd in Raleigh, N.C., where he declared: "With North Carolina, I've always gotten there."

"It's ours to lose," he said.

Trump planned two stops in Pennsylvania with events in Reading and Pittsburgh. The Republican nominee and former

president ends his campaign the way he ended the first two, with a late Monday night event in Grand Rapids, Mich.

About 77 million Americans already have voted early, but Harris and Trump are pushing to turn out many millions more supporters on Tuesday.

Either result on Election Day will yield a historic outcome.

A Trump victory would make him the first incoming president to have been indicted and convicted of a felony, after his hush-money trial in New York. He will gain the power to end other federal investigations pending against him. Trump would also become the second president in history to win non-consecutive White House terms, after Grover Cleveland in the late 19th century.

Harris is vying to become the first woman, first Black woman and first person of South Asian descent to reach the Oval Office, four years after she broke the same barriers in national office by becoming President Joe Biden's second in command.

The vice president ascended to

the top of the ticket after Biden's disastrous performance in a June debate set into motion his withdrawing from the race. That was just one of a series of convulsions that have hit this year's campaign.

Trump survived by millimeters a would-be assassin's bullet at a rally in Butler, Pa. His Secret Service detail foiled a second attempt in September when a gunman had set up a rifle as Trump golfed at one of his courses in Florida.

Harris, 60, has played down the historic nature of her candidacy, which materialized only after the 81-year-old president ended his reelection bid after his June debate against the 78-year-old Trump accentuated questions about Biden's age.

Instead, Harris has pitched herself as a generational change, emphasized her support for abortion rights after the Supreme Court's 2022 decision ending the constitutional right to abortion services, and regularly noted the former president's role in the Jan. 6 attack on the U.S. Capitol.

Assembling a coalition ranging

from progressives like Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez of New York to Republican former Vice President Dick Cheney, Harris has called Trump a threat to democracy and late in the campaign even embraced the critique that Trump is accurately described as a "fascist."

Heading into Monday, Harris has mostly stopped mentioning Trump. She is promising to solve problems and seek consensus, while sounding an almost exclusively optimistic tone reminiscent of her campaign's opening days when she embraced "the politics of joy" and the campaign theme "Freedom."

Trump, renewing his "Make America Great Again" and "America First" slogans, has made his hard-line approach to immigration and withering criticisms of Harris and Biden the anchors of his argument for a second administration. He's hammered Democrats for an inflationary economy, and he's pledged to lead an economic "golden age," end international conflicts and seal the U.S. southern border.

South Korean, US drones team up for live-fire drill

By DAVID CHOI

Stars and Stripes

SEOUL, South Korea — Unmanned aerial vehicles from the United States and South Korea recently teamed up to improve their combat effectiveness via first-of-their-kind live-fire drills, according to the Ministry of National Defense in Seoul.

The training took place Friday, a day after North Korea fired an intercontinental ballistic missile off its eastern coast, although the timing is unrelated, according to email Monday from 7th Air Force spokeswoman

Master Sgt. Rachelle Coleman.

A U.S. Air Force MQ-9 Reaper dropped an inert, 558-pound GBU-38 Joint Direct Attack Munition, or JDAM, using reconnaissance data from a South Korean air force RQ-4B Global Hawk, according to Coleman and a ministry news release three days earlier.

The Air Force includes the dropping of inert, or dummy bombs, in its definition of live fire.

Coleman declined to provide further details about the flight, citing operational security con-

cerns.

The exercise took place on Jikdo Island in the Yellow Sea, approximately 30 miles southwest of Seoul, a South Korean air force spokesman said by phone Monday. South Korean officials customarily speak to the media on condition of anonymity.

The U.S. and South Korean militaries routinely exercise on Jikdo. In June, special operations troops practiced close air support and aerial interdiction with an Air Force AC-130J Ghost rider gunship on the island.

After North Korea launched a

ballistic missile over Japan on Oct. 3, 2022, U.S. F-16 Fighting Falcons and South Korean F-15K Slam Eagles dropped JDAMs on a target on the island the next day.

Friday's live-fire training took place a day after North Korea fired an intercontinental ballistic missile off its eastern coast. The ICBM flew 620 miles at a maximum altitude of 4,776 miles before splashing down in the Sea of Japan, or East Sea, according to North Korea's state-run Korean Central News Agency.

Concerns over reward for N. Korea troops

Associated Press

SEOUL, South Korea — South Korean and the European Union on Monday strongly condemned North Korea's reported dispatch of troops to aid Russia's war against Ukraine and expressed concerns that Russia could reward North Korea with transfers of sensitive technology to enhance its nuclear and missile programs.

North Korea's troop deployment, which was confirmed by the U.S. and NATO, threatens to expand the almost 3-year-long war and is causing security jitters in South Korea and elsewhere about what Russia could give North Korea in return.

After a meeting in Seoul,

South Korean Foreign Minister Cho Tae-yul and EU foreign policy chief Josep Borrell issued a joint statement condemning in the "strongest possible terms" North Korea's deployment and voicing worries about Russia's possible provision of materials and technology to North Korea in support of its military objectives.

"We are also deeply concerned about the possibility for any transfer of nuclear- or ballistic missile-related technology to the DPRK, which would jeopardize the international non-proliferation efforts and threaten peace and stability on the Korean Peninsula and across the globe," the statement

said. DPRK stands for the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, North Korea's official name.

Cho and Borrell called North Korea's deployment a "flagrant" violation of multiple U.N. Security Council resolutions and called on North Korea and Russia to immediately withdraw the troops from Russia.

In Moscow, Russian President Vladimir Putin on Monday met North Korean Foreign Minister Choe Son Hui, who has been on an official visit to Russia since late last week.

State television showed them greeting each other, but details of the meeting were not available.

Earlier Monday, Borrell met South Korean Defense Minister Kim Yong Hyun and they agreed to work together with the international community to try to obstruct Russian-North Korean security cooperation, according to the South Korean Defense Ministry.

North Korea and Russia haven't explicitly confirmed the North Korean deployment. But they've both argued that their military cooperation conforms with international laws.

The U.S. government said that about 8,000 North Korean soldiers were in Russia near Ukraine's border and preparing to join Russia's fight against Ukraine in the coming days.

Japan launches defense satellite to aid security

Associated Press

TOKYO — Japan launched a defense satellite aimed at speedier communication and military operations on a new flagship H3 rocket on Monday and successfully placed it into orbit, as the country seeks to build up its military capability amid growing tension in the region.

The H3 No. 4 rocket lifted off from the Tanegashima Space Center on a southwestern Japanese island. Everything went as planned and the satellite was successfully put into a targeted orbit, the Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency, or JAXA, announced.

The rocket was carrying a Defense Ministry satellite, Kirameki No. 3, which uses X-band communication for information and data sharing, as well as military operations and command.

X-band satellite is less affected by weather conditions and is capable of supporting stable

communication.

Kirameki No. 3 follows two earlier X-band satellites already in operation to meet Japan's growing communication demands and enhance its satellite operations.

Maj. Gen. Yasuhiro Kato, the Joint Staff Systems Department chief, told an online joint news conference from Tanegashima that the triple X-band communication satellite system would enable high-speed, large-capacity data transmission and communication across Japan's Ground, Maritime and Air Self Defense Forces, as well as with units deployed overseas on peacekeeping missions or exercises.

"It will further contribute to Japan's national security and the operational capacity of the Self Defense Forces," Kato said.

The launch was the third consecutive successful flight of the H3 system after the shocking failed debut flight last year.

Navy extends service life of 3 cruisers into 2029

BY CAITLYN BURCHETT
Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON — The Navy is extending the service life of three guided-missile cruisers that would have been retired in 2026, keeping the Ticonderoga-class ships in the fleet for another three years.

The service has been phasing out the Cold War-era Ticonderoga class, retiring four cruisers in 2024 with plans to retire the remaining nine by 2027.

But the USS Gettysburg, USS Chosin and USS Cape St. George will now operate through 2029, the Navy said Monday.

Ticonderoga cruisers were intended to have a service life of 30 years but were pushed to 35 years to allow more time for the Navy to replace the more than one dozen warships before taking them out of the water. The Gettysburg, Chosin and Cape St. George, which

were commissioned in 1991, will now see 38 years of service before retirement.

"As a former cruiser sailor, I know the incredible value these highly capable warships bring to the fleet, and I am proud of their many decades of service," Navy Secretary Carlos Del Toro said.

The cruisers are armed with vertical launch missiles, Tomahawk missiles, and six MK-46 torpedoes.

Some have been outfitted with ballistic missile defense capabilities. The cruisers are designed for anti-air, undersea and surface warfare, according to the Navy.

The announcement came five days after the Navy extended the service life of 12 aging destroyers that would have begun to retire in 2028 as the sea service balances the need to keep ships at sea with the time that it takes for new ships to join the fleet.

'Watch list' targets federal employees to fire

The Washington Post

An organization funded by the conservative Heritage Foundation has compiled an online "watch list" of federal employees it claims cannot be trusted to secure the U.S. border and should be fired, a sign that supporters of Donald Trump's immigration policies are preparing to help him neutralize the administrative state they believe tried to thwart his first presidency.

The "DHS Bureaucrat Watch List"—a website unveiled in the final weeks of a presidential campaign in which immigration is a key issue—names 51 federal

policy experts and high-ranking leaders, the majority of whom are career civil servants at the Department of Homeland Security and other agencies. The group identified them largely using public social media comments, prior work experience and campaign finance records.

Among the employees' actions cited by the group are posts celebrating the legalization of same-sex marriage or lauding the contributions and successes of undocumented immigrants, as well as donations as little as \$10 to Democratic candidates. One employee union likened the effort to unearth the private

views of public employees to Sen. Joseph McCarthy's 1950s-era campaign to purge federal workers he accused of being communists.

The site's founder, a former Republican congressional staffer named Tom Jones, told *The Washington Post* that he and his staff are seeking to add more names to the list and have sent emails to more than 500 federal employees asking for their help identifying colleagues who they believe are not committed to keeping undocumented immigrants out of the country.

Jones said his goal was to expose people whom he deemed

had "long-standing and deep biases" on immigration policy. In addition to tracking social media posts and political donations, Jones said he is probing for indications of past advocacy on immigration issues as well as other clues about employees' views, such as sharing of gender pronouns and support for diversity, equity and inclusion programs.

Jones said he hasn't coordinated with Trump's campaign or transition teams, but hopes any incoming administration would take notice of his work and use it to identify employees to terminate.

Florida set to vote on marijuana, abortion

Associated Press

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — Florida's election will test whether the state maintains its new reputation as a Republican stronghold, or whether Democrats make some gains by tapping into the support for abortion and marijuana ballot questions and the new energy Vice President Kamala Harris brings to the race.

Gone are the days when Florida was looked at as the biggest prize among swing states. After former President Barack Obama won Florida twice, former President Donald Trump carried the state by a whisker in 2016 and then by a much larger share in 2020. In 2022, Republicans took all five statewide seats on the ballot by landslide margins.

Still, there is a lot of buzz over constitutional amendments that could protect abortion rights and legalize recreational marijuana, with both sides of each issue pumping millions of dollars into advertising. Democrats support the ballot measures and hope they boost turnout to give

them at least a chance stopping Trump's third straight Florida victory and keeping U.S. Sen. Rick Scott from winning a second term.

The only statewide office on the ballot is Scott's Senate seat. Scott is being challenged by former Democratic U.S. Rep. Debbie Murcarse-Powell in a race that's been overshadowed by the presidential election and the abortion and marijuana ballot questions.

Even if Trump and Scott are victorious in Florida, Democratic Party Chairwoman Nikki Fried said the election will be a huge success if the amendments pass and the party flips enough legislative seats to take away the Republicans' supermajority.

"Look where we were in November 2022. We had the largest loss that Florida Democrats have ever experienced," Fried said. "Nobody anticipated that we would even have this conversation today, that the polls are showing that we are tight, that there was even a possibility that Florida would be in play. Every-body counted us out."

Jury sees video of vet's NY subway chokehold

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Jurors saw video Monday of Daniel Penny gripping a man around the neck on a subway train as another passenger beseeched the Marine veteran to let go.

The video, shot by a high school student from just outside the train, offered the anonymous jury its first direct view of the chokehold at the heart of the manslaughter trial surrounding Jordan Neely's 2023 death.

While a freelance journalist's video of the encounter was widely seen in the days afterward, it's unclear whether the student's video has ever been made public before.

Prosecutors have said Penny, 25, recklessly killed Neely, 30, who was homeless and mentally ill. He had frightened passengers on the train with angry statements that some riders found threatening.

Penny has pleaded not guilty. His lawyers say he was defending himself and his fellow passengers.

Neely, 30, known to some subway riders for doing Michael Jackson impersonations, had

mental health and drug problems. His family has said his life unraveled after his mother was murdered when he was a teenager and he testified at the trial that led to her boyfriend's conviction.

He crossed paths with Penny — an architecture student who'd served four years in the Marines — on a subway train May 1, 2023.

Neely made high schooler Ivette Rosario so nervous that she thought she'd pass out, she testified Monday. She'd seen outbursts on subways before, "but not like that," she said.

"Because of the tone, I got pretty frightened, and I got scared of what was said," said Rosario, 19. She told jurors she looked downward, hoping the train would get to a station before anything else happened. Then she heard the sound of someone falling, looked up and saw Neely on the floor, with Penny's arm around his neck.

She got out when the train stopped, but kept watching from the platform. She would soon place one of the first 911 calls. But first, her shaking hand pressed record on her phone.

Barcelona rains disrupt commuter trains

Associated Press

BARCELONA, Spain — The recurrent storms in eastern Spain that led to massive flooding last week and killed at least 217 people, mostly near Valencia, dumped rain on Barcelona on Monday, prompting authorities to suspend commuter rail service.

Spanish Transport Minister Óscar Puente said he was suspending all commuter trains in northeast Catalonia, a region with 8 million people, on request from civil protection officials.

Mobile phones in Barcelona screeched with an alert for “extreme and continued rainfall” on the southern outskirts of the city. The alert urged people to avoid any normally dry gorges or canals.

Puente said that the rains had

forced air traffic controllers to change the course of 15 flights operating at Barcelona’s airport, located on the southern flank of the city.

Several highways have been closed due to flooding.

Classes were canceled in Tarragona, a city in southern Catalonia about halfway between Barcelona and Valencia, after a red alert for rains was issued.

Meanwhile, in Valencia, the search continued for bodies inside houses and thousands of wrecked cars strewn in the streets, on highways, and in canals that channeled last week’s floods into populated areas.

Spain’s Interior Minister Fernando Grande-Marlaska said that authorities can still not give a reliable estimate of the missing. Spanish national tele-

vision RTVE, however, has broadcast pleas for help by several desperate people whose loved ones are unaccounted for.

In the Aldaia municipality, some 50 soldiers, police and firefighters, some wearing wet-suits, searched in a huge shopping center’s underground parking lot for possible victims. They used a small boat and spotlights to move around in the huge structure with vehicles submerged in at least a meter of murky water.

Police spokesman Ricardo Gutiérrez told reporters that so far some 50 vehicles had been found and no bodies had been discovered there.

The Bonaire shopping mall’s 1,800 underground parking spaces quickly filled with water and mud on Tuesday and Wednesday when the southern

outskirts of Valencia were hit by a tsunami-like flooding. The team is using four pumps to remove the water.

Citizens, volunteers and thousands of soldiers and police officers pressed on with their gargantuan clean-up effort to clear out mud and debris.

Many people feel abandoned by authorities, their anger erupting on Sunday when a crowd tossed mud at Spain’s royal couple, the prime minister and regional leaders as they made their first visit to Paiporta, where over 60 people died and the survivors have lost their homes and still don’t have drinking water.

Spain is used to autumn storms that can lead to flooding, but the latest ones have produced the deadliest flooding in living memory for Spaniards.

Overcrowded bus skids into gorge in northern India

Associated Press

LUCKNOW, India — A poorly maintained and overcrowded bus veered off the road and plunged into a deep gorge in northern India on Monday, killing at least 36 people and injuring several others, officials said.

The accident occurred in Almora district in the mountainous state of Uttarakhand. The bus was carrying around 60 people, and more than 20 have been injured, said Deepak Rawat, a senior state government

official.

Authorities said earlier they believed there were 42 passengers, which was how many people the bus could accommodate.

Teams of rescue and relief workers were deployed to the site and officials feared the death toll may rise further, especially as seven passengers in hospital were in critical condition.

Television footage showed parts of the bus mangled and destroyed as it lay overturned on a

rocky slope, close to a stream. Rescuers were seen working to pull out passengers and carrying bodies on stretchers.

The state’s chief minister Pushkar Singh Dhami earlier said rescue teams were working to quickly evacuate the injured passengers to nearby hospitals and that authorities have been instructed to airlift those seriously hurt.

The state government has opened an investigation into the accident, said Vineet Pal, another

official in the state.

He added that preliminary information suggested that the dilapidated bus skidded before tumbling down a 200-foot-deep gorge.

A number of passengers managed to escape or were thrown out by the impact, and then alerted authorities about the accident.

Two transport officials have been suspended for approving a bus that was in poor condition, Pal said.

Trial over beheading of teacher underway in France

Associated Press

PARIS — The trial of eight people in Paris on terrorism charges started on Monday over the beheading of teacher Samuel Paty, who was killed by an Islamic extremist after showing caricatures of Islam’s prophet to his middle school students for a lesson on freedom of expression.

Paty’s shocking death left an imprint on France, and several schools are now named after him. Paty was killed outside his school near Paris on Oct. 16, 2020, by an 18-year-old Russian of Chechen origin, who was shot to death by police.

Those on trial include friends of assailant Abdoullakh Anzorov

who allegedly helped purchase weapons for the attack, as well as people who are accused of spreading false information online about the teacher and his class.

The proceedings started Monday in the presence of members of Paty’s family, including his two sisters.

The trial was held under high security, with many police officers patrolling and making checks.

Five of the accused, who are currently imprisoned, were seated in a wide glass box. Three others, placed under judicial supervision, sat on the defendants’ benches outside the box.

AMERICAN ROUNDUP

Man accused of attacking sleeping flight passenger

VA ALEXANDRIA — A man faces a felony assault charge after an unprovoked attack on a fellow passenger who was sleeping during a recent cross-country flight, according to authorities.

An FBI agent said Everett Chad Nelson punched the other man repeatedly in the face and head, leaving the man bleeding, before another passenger pulled him off the victim.

The attack on a United Airlines flight from San Francisco to Dulles International Airport in northern Virginia lasted about a minute.

According to an FBI affidavit, Nelson left his seat in the rear of the plane and used a lavatory near the front before attacking the other man, who suffered bruises around his eyes and a gash on the nose.

Makeshift goldfish pond was reborn in tree bed

NY NEW YORK — An urban pond where goldfish used to swim beneath a leaky New York City fire hydrant has been replaced by a new makeshift aquarium, days after the city unceremoniously paved over the old one due to safety concerns.

Industrious Brooklynites have taken waterproof liner, bath tiles, concrete blocks and gravel and fashioned a new urban pond in a tree bed next to the now repaired hydrant.

Roughly 40 goldfish were darting around the new environs, which feature fake, brightly colored plants, stones and other aquarium decorations.

Devang Shah, one of the local

residents that helps manage the pond, said volunteers soon hope to outfit the aquarium with a solar-powered filtration system to replace the current battery-powered one.

They also need to acquire a heating system before winter sets in and have visions of setting up a livestream so their admirers worldwide can tune in, he said.

Shark bites surfer, completely severing leg

HI WAILUKU — A shark bit a Maui surfer and severed his leg, authorities said.

The man, 61, was surfing off Waiehu Beach Park when a shark bit him. Police officers who arrived to the scene first tried to control the bleeding with tourniquets. His leg was “completely severed just below the knee,” Maui County said in a news release.

The man was alert while being treated on shore and then taken to Maui Memorial Medical Center in critical condition.

The incident prompted officials to close the beach park. Officials warned people to stay out of the water in the area.

Maui fire and ocean safety officials were patrolling the waters using rescue watercraft and a drone. State officials provided shark warning signs and helped with cordoning off the area.

State executes inmate despite appeals for mercy

SC COLUMBIA — South Carolina put Richard Moore to death by lethal injection Friday for the 1999 fatal shooting of a convenience store clerk, despite a broad appeal for mercy by par-

ties that included three jurors and the judge from his trial, a former prison director, pastors and members of his family.

Moore, 59, was pronounced dead at 6:24 p.m.

Moore was convicted of killing James Mahoney, the Spartanburg clerk, in September 1999 and sentenced to death two years later.

Moore went into the store unarmed, took a gun from the victim when it was pointed at him and fatally shot him in the chest as the victim shot him with a second gun in the arm.

Moore’s lawyers asked Republican Gov. Henry McMaster to reduce his sentence to life in prison without parole because of his spotless prison record and willingness to be a mentor to other inmates. But McMaster refused to grant clemency.

Man with rescued squirrel says pet was euthanized

NY NEW YORK — A man who took in an orphaned squirrel and made it a social media star vowed that New York state’s decision to seize and euthanize the animal “won’t go unheard.”

“We will make a stance on how this government and New York state utilizes their resources,” Mark Longo said.

He declined to specify his possible next steps but said officials would hear from him soon about what happened to Peanut the squirrel and Fred, a rescued raccoon that was also confiscated and put down.

The state Department of Environmental Conservation took the animals from Longo’s home and animal sanctuary in rural Pine City, near the Pennsylvania border. The agency said it

had gotten complaints that wildlife was being kept illegally and potentially unsafely.

Prisoners make plea for air conditioning in lawsuit

FL TALLAHASSEE — It was the hottest September in more than a century in parts of South Florida, and Dwayne Wilson could hear his 81-year-old fellow inmate gasping for breath and crying out for help at the Dade Correctional Institution, 45 miles southwest of Miami.

Early on the morning of Sept. 24, the wheelchair-bound inmate, identified in the lawsuit as J.B., was heard once again begging for help, according to the lawsuit. A prisoner wheeled him to the infirmary, where within 15 minutes medical staff ordered him to return to his cell, according to legal filings.

Soon after, J.B. was found unresponsive, his mouth gaping open, the lawsuit said.

Attorneys said that on the day the 81-year-old died, the exhaust fans in his dorm weren’t working and the heat index had climbed to 104 degrees Fahrenheit. Living in the prison’s un-airconditioned cells could feel like “being locked in a sardine can with no air to breathe,” an inmate identified in the lawsuit as G.M. said, and the heat had taken a toll.

The lawsuit filed last week by the prison reform advocacy group Florida Justice Institute said that heat at the facility has contributed to the deaths of four people there and that prison officials have failed to take “meaningful action” to mitigate the risk posed to the elderly and disabled inmates in their care.

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Jackson, Ravens dismantle Broncos

Associated Press

BALTIMORE — It takes more than a couple of missed practices to slow down Lamar Jackson.

And the much-anticipated matchup between Baltimore's offense and Denver's defense? That was no contest.

Jackson threw for 280 yards and three touchdowns to finish with a perfect passer rating, Derrick Henry surpassed a few more rushing milestones, and the Ravens scored on seven consecutive possessions on their way to a 41-10 victory over the Broncos on Sunday.

Jackson missed practice Wednesday and Thursday. He and coach John Harbaugh described it as rest, although the team listed him with back and knee issues. He looked plenty ready on game day.

"I knew what the assignment was," Jackson said. "I definitely studied those guys."

Zay Flowers had five catches for 127 yards and two touchdowns, and Henry rushed for 106 yards and two TDs.

Rookie quarterback Bo Nix caught a touchdown pass on a trick play for Denver, but the Broncos (5-4) looked outclassed at the beginning of a tough two-game stretch on their schedule. They visit Kansas City next weekend.

Commanders 27, Giants 22: Sensational rookie Jayden Daniels threw two touchdown passes to Terry McLaurin, and visiting Washington beat bumbling New York for their best start to a season in almost 30 years.

Daniels hit McLaurin on scoring passes of 1 and 18 yards in the first half, and Austin Ekeler scored on a 1-yard run as the Commanders completed a season sweep of the NFC East rival Giants (2-7). Washington is 7-2 for the first time since 1996.

Dante Fowler had a big strip-sack early to set up the opening touchdown. The Giants have lost four straight.

Lions 24, Packers 14: Kerby

Joseph scored on a 27-yard interception return and Detroit converted two fourth downs into touchdowns as they continued one of the best starts in franchise history by beating Green Bay.

The NFC North-leading Lions are 7-1 for the first time since 1956. They withstood the second-quarter ejection of safety Brian Banks and won at Lambeau Field for a third straight year, thriving on a rainy and windy day.

Detroit took the lead for good on the first play of the second quarter when Jared Goff hit Amon-Ra St. Brown for a 3-yard touchdown on fourth-and-goal.

Falcons 27, Cowboys 21: Kirk Cousins threw three touchdown passes and host Atlanta maintained their hold on first place in the NFC South with a victory over struggling Dallas, which took its third straight setback and lost quarterback Dak Prescott to a hamstring injury.

Cousins completed 19 of 24 passes for 222 yards, including 13 in a row at one point for the Falcons (6-3). He had scoring plays of 9 yards to Drake London, 36 yards to Darnell Mooney and 11 yards to Ray-Ray McCloud.

The Cowboys (3-5) tried to rally behind Cooper Rush after Prescott was ruled out, having completed 18 of 24 for 133 yards and a touchdown.

Chargers 27, Browns 10: Justin Herbert passed for 250 yards and two touchdowns — all in the first half — to lead visiting Los Angeles to a victory over Cleveland, which couldn't get anything going with Jameis Winston.

Herbert connected on a 66-yard TD pass to Quentin Johnston and a 27-yarder to Joshua Palmer as the Chargers (5-3) built a big halftime lead and rolled to their fifth straight win over Cleveland.

Bengals 41, Raiders 24: Joe Burrow tied a career high with five touchdown passes, Chase

Brown rushed for a career-high 120 yards and host Cincinnati got its first home win after routing Las Vegas.

Burrow was 27-for-39 for 251 yards. He threw touchdown passes to Brown, Andrei Iosivas, Drew Sample and the last two to Mike Gesicki. But he also had an interception that was returned by Jack Jones for a TD early in the fourth quarter.

Eagles 28, Jaguars 23: Saquon Barkley made a dazzling backward hurdle during a stellar performance and Nakobe Dean had a game-saving interception to help host Philadelphia to its fourth straight win over Jacksonville.

Barkley had 27 carries for 159 yards and a touchdown. He also had three receptions for 40 yards and a TD.

The Eagles (6-2) held on after coach Nick Sirianni wasted chances to put easy points on the board. The Eagles went 0-for-2 on fourth down and were 0-for-3 on 2-point conversions.

Vikings 21, Colts 13: Sam Darnold overcame four sacks and three turnovers by throwing three second-half touchdown passes, and host Minnesota's defense made Indianapolis quarterback Joe Flacco's return to the starting role a rough one.

Justin Jefferson had 137 receiving yards, Jordan Addison made a one-handed diving grab in the back corner of the end zone to get Minnesota on the board after a sloppy and scoreless first half, and Jalen Nailor had the tiebreaking touchdown reception to help the Vikings (6-2) stop a two-game skid.

Panthers 23, Saints 22: Chuba Hubbard scored on a 16-yard run with 2:18 left and host Carolina snapped a five-game losing streak, beating New Orleans.

Bryce Young completed 16 of 26 passes for 171 yards a touchdown. Coach Dave Canales would not say after the game if Young would start next Sunday against the New York Giants in

Munich.

Titans 20, Patriots 17 (OT): Nick Folk kicked a 25-yard field goal with 2:32 left in overtime and Tennessee beat New England for its first victory at home this season.

The Patriots (2-7) had a final chance after Drake Maye forced overtime with a 5-yard TD pass to Rhamondre Stevenson. But Amani Hooker's second interception of the game clinched the victory with 2:07 left.

Cardinals 29, Bears 9: Emari Demercado ran 53 yards for a touchdown just before halftime, James Conner added 107 yards on the ground and surging host Arizona put together a dominant victory over Chicago.

Chicago rookie quarterback Caleb Williams was sacked six times.

Rams 26, Seahawks 20 (OT): Demarcus Robinson made a one-handed, 39-yard touchdown reception in overtime, and visiting Los Angeles stunned Seattle.

With the Rams needing only a field goal after stuffing the Seahawks on fourth down on the first possession of OT, Matthew Stafford went for the win by throwing a deep ball to Robinson, who was well covered by cornerback Riq Woolen. With his one free hand, Robinson grabbed the ball in the end zone and secured it as he fell to the turf.

Bills 30, Dolphins 27: Tyler Bass kicked a career-best 61-yard field goal with 5 seconds left, Josh Allen threw three second-half touchdown passes in a back-and-forth duel with Miami's Tua Tagovailoa, and host Buffalo continued their domination of the Dolphins with a victory.

The teams traded leads four times in a thrilling second half that included seven consecutive scoring drives — four by AFC East-leading Buffalo (7-2) and three by division rival Miami (2-6).

Blaney gets shot at back-to-back NASCAR titles

Associated Press

Ryan Blaney celebrated his victory at Martinsville Speedway, a win that launched NASCAR's defending champion into the title-deciding season finale.

Meanwhile, Christopher Bell and William Byron waited awkwardly alongside their parked cars for a ruling from NASCAR on who would be the fourth and final driver in the winner-take-all decider at Phoenix Raceway.

The issue was whether Bell had smashed into a wall on the final lap and rode along it for momentum to give him the final pass he needed to move past Byron for the last spot in the championship. The move was quite similar to one used two years ago at Martinsville by Ross Chastain — it was dubbed the "Hail Melon" — and subsequently banned the ensuing off-season.

Blaney was headed back to the championship finale for the right to defend his title against Team Penske teammate Joey Logano and Tyler Reddick of 23XI Racing. The fourth finalist just waited for what seemed like an eternity for a NASCAR ruling.

Bell riding the wall was ultimately deemed illegal and Byron saved Hendrick Motor-

sports from a humiliating third round of the playoffs. Three Hendrick drivers were vying for the four spots in the finale and only Byron qualified — and only because Bell was deemed to have committed a safety violation.

"We had the situation with Ross here, we went to Phoenix, there was a lot of dialogue with the drivers that that's not a move (they) want to have to make," said Elton Sawyer, NASCAR's senior vice president of competition. "In the offseason, meeting with the industry, meeting with our drivers, to a man, that was not a move they wanted to make."

Bell argued he didn't have a choice as he hit the wall trying to avoid fellow Toyota driver Bubba Wallace, who claimed he had a tire going down. Bell rode a portion of it for momentum, and it got him the pass he needed to tie Byron in points for the final spot next week at Phoenix Raceway.

"I understand that the rule is made to prevent people from riding the wall, but my move was completely different from what Ross did," said Bell, who was denied a third consecutive trip to the championship race.

"I slid into the wall and kept

my foot into it. I guess that is a losing move," Bell continued. "I didn't intentionally floor it and go into the fence — I slipped into the wall and that's all she wrote."

Said Byron: "He rode the wall and there's a clear rule against riding the wall. So in my eyes, that's what counts. If it happened in the past, it was fair game. But now the rule is against it."

Blaney, meanwhile, passed Hendrick driver Chase Elliott with 15 laps to go to win at the Virginia track for a second consecutive year. His victory last year propelled him to his first Cup title.

The title goes to the highest-finishing driver next Sunday between Blaney, Byron, Logano and Reddick.

"To have another shot at the championship is really special," Blaney said. "Try to go back-to-back next week. I've got nothing left. Oh my God, I'm tired."

Blaney lost an automatic berth into the finale last week when Reddick passed him in the final turn at Homestead-Miami Speedway. The victory gives team owner Roger Penske two chances to win a third title this year: Penske teams won the sports car championships in

both IMSA and on Saturday at the World Endurance Championship.

Blaney's win was the 100th for Team Penske since it partnered with Ford. Logano won the title in 2022, Blaney won in 2023 and now Penske has a shot at three consecutive Cup titles.

"A lot of momentum. It's nice to have two Penske cars in," Blaney said. "It's nice to join (Logano) and have a decent shot to bring Roger another title, a third title in a row, so these guys are the best at what they do and it's been so much fun to get to run with them and share wins and championships."

"It's super strong right now in our organization and hopefully it carries over."

Elliott finished second at Martinsville, Kyle Larson finished third, and Penske driver Austin Cindric was fourth but not eligible for a championship berth.

Denny Hamlin drove from last to fifth but was eliminated from the playoffs and Byron was sixth and given the final spot in the championship field when Bell's pass was ruled illegal. Bell finished 22nd after an early spin in the race. He had a large enough point cushion that left him tied with Byron for the final spot in the championship field.

Gold Glove winners announced as Chapman wins 5th

Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — San Francisco third baseman Matt Chapman won his fifth Gold Glove, and Kansas City shortstop Bobby Witt Jr. was among 14 first-time winners of baseball's most famous fielding honor.

Cleveland second baseman Andrés Giménez and left fielder Steven Kwan won for the third consecutive year along with Arizona first baseman Christian Walker and Chicago Cubs left fielder Ian Happ, Rawlings announced Sunday.

Rockies center fielder Brenton Doyle won for the second straight season.

It was Chapman's first Gold Glove in the NL. He won three with Oakland and one playing for Toronto.

St. Louis slugger Nolan Arenado, a 10-time Gold Glove winner, and Colorado's Ryan McMahon were also finalists at third.

"A lot of really good defensive third basemen are stacked in the National League," Chapman said in a video call. "I was able to come over here and win it, so I thought that was pretty cool and to get one in the American League and the National League now means a lot."

Six teams had two Gold Gloves winners each, with the Guardians joined by Colorado, Kansas City, Milwaukee, San Francisco and Seattle.

AL first-time winners in addition to Witt include Royals pitcher Seth Lugo, Mariners catcher Cal Raleigh, Minnesota first base-

man Carlos Santana, Houston third baseman Alex Bregman, Toronto center fielder Daulton Varsho, Boston right fielder Willyer Abreu and Mariners utilityman Dylan Moore.

NL first-time winners included Atlanta pitcher Chris Sale, Giants catcher Patrick Bailey, Milwaukee second baseman Brice Turang and right fielder Sal Frelick, Colorado shortstop Ezequiel Tovar and Pittsburgh utilityman Jared Triolo.

Frelick and Turang are the first Brewers to win a Gold Glove since Lorenzo Cain in 2019. They are the second set of Brewers teammates to win Gold Gloves in the same season, joining Cecil Cooper and Sixto Lezcano in 1979.

Hurricanes top Caps, win 6th straight

Associated Press

RALEIGH, N.C. — Dmitry Orlov had two goals to lead the Carolina Hurricanes to a 4-2 win over the Washington Capitals on Sunday.

It's the sixth straight win for the Hurricanes, who also got one goal and two assists from Martin Necas. Andrei Svechnikov added an empty-net goal.

Alex Ovechkin and Brandon Duhaime scored for the Capitals, who had their three-game winning streak snapped.

Necas and Orlov, who spent the first 10-plus seasons of his NHL career with Washington, both scored early in the second period to turn the game in the Hurricanes' favor.

Rangers 6, Islanders 2: Artemi Panarin scored twice, Mika Zibanejad had three assists and Igor Shesterkin made 35 saves, and the Rangers defeated the Islanders.

Chris Kreider, Vincent Trocheck and Adam Edstrom also scored for the Rangers, who won again on home ice after Friday's 2-1 victory over Ottawa.

Edstrom scored his first goal at 5:18 of the third, followed by Pa-

narin's second of the game and team-leading ninth goal into an empty net at 16:37.

Jets 7, Lightning 4: Dylan Samberg scored the go-ahead goal midway through the third period to help host Winnipeg to a win over Tampa Bay.

Nikolaj Ehlers and Cole Perfetti added empty-net goals for the Jets, who lead the NHL with 22 points this season.

Ehlers became the highest-scoring Danish player in NHL history with 474 points.

Bruins 2, Kraken 0: Jeremy Swayman had 23 saves and his first shutout of the season, and host Boston beat Seattle.

Justin Brazeau scored a tip-in 3:23 into the game off a pass from Nikita Zadorov, and Charlie Coyle scored less than seven minutes later, beating Kraken goaltender Joey Daccord for an uncontested shot in the crease.

Charlie McAvoy got the secondary assist on Brazeau's goal, while Brad Marchand and Elias Lindholm assisted Coyle. Daccord had 31 saves in the loss.

Wild 2, Maple Leafs 1 (OT): Matt Boldy scored on a breakaway 2:14 into overtime to lift host

Minnesota to a win over Toronto.

Boldy and Marco Rossi worked a 2-on-0 breakaway after defenseman Jared Spurgeon chased down a loose puck in the neutral zone. He fired down the ice to Rossi, who tapped it ahead to Boldy. The Wild forward made a move on Toronto goalie Anthony Stolarz to bury the game winner.

Filip Gustavsson made 27 saves in the win for Minnesota. Stolarz stopped 31 shots.

Oilers 4, Flames 2: Leon Draisaitl had a goal and two assists for visiting Edmonton in a win over Calgary.

Zach Hyman, Jeff Skinner and Mattias Janmark, with an empty-netter, scored for the Oilers (6-5-1), who have won four of their last five. Edmonton goaltender Stuart Skinner stopped 29 shots in the win.

Draisaitl lifted a backhand over Dan Vladar's glove just 20 seconds after the opening faceoff. Skinner made it 2-0 for the visitors at 8:12 on a second effort. Calgary's Anthony Mantha redirected a Tyson Barrie shot past Skinner at 4:33 into the second period, and Yegor Sharangovich

tied it at 2 for the Flames (6-5-1) 4:28 into the third with a shot through traffic.

Hyman scored on the second of three Edmonton power-play chances in the third period with a backhand over Vladar with 9:50 left in the game, and Janmark scored the empty-netter with a few ticks remaining.

Blackhawks 4, Ducks 2: Connor Bedard had three assists, Teuvo Teravainen got his first goal in 10 games and Chicago picked up its second straight win in Southern California, defeating Anaheim.

Isaak Phillips, Ryan Donato and Seth Jones also scored for the Blackhawks, who have won three of four. Taylor Hall also had two assists and Arvid Soderblom stopped 37 shots for his first win of the season.

Brock McGinn and Mason McTavish had the goals for Anaheim, which is 1-3-1 in its last five. Lukas Dostal made 25 saves. It was the 11th career multi-assist game for the 19-year-old Bedard, tied with Bobby Hull for the second most by a Blackhawks teenager. Patrick Kane has the most with 13.

Six Pistons score in double figures in win over Nets

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Cade Cunningham scored 19 points to lead the Detroit Pistons to a 106-92 win over the Brooklyn Nets on Sunday.

Cunningham was one of six players in double figures for Detroit. Tobias Harris and Malik Beasley scored 18 points each, Jaden Ivey finished with 15, Tim Hardaway Jr. added 14 and Jalen Duren had 13 for the Pistons.

Duren also grabbed 17 rebounds, and Detroit has won two of its last three games.

Despite a 26-point performance from Cameron Johnson, the Nets fell to 3-4. Cam Tho-

mas, Brooklyn's leading scorer, scored 17 points and only had six in the fourth quarter after entering the game as the NBA's leader in fourth-quarter scoring.

Leading by six points entering the fourth quarter, the Pistons held the Nets to 15 points in the fourth quarter to earn their second win of the season.

Hawks 126, Pelicans 111: Jalen Johnson scored 29 points and visiting Atlanta snapped a four-game skid with a victory over short-handed New Orleans.

Pelicans star forward Zion Williamson was scratched from the lineup with right hamstring

tightness shortly before the game, leaving Brandon Ingram as the club's only usual starter in uniform.

Ingram scored 32, but it wasn't enough to overcome a Hawks squad with six players with at least 11 points.

Trae Young scored 23, while former Pelican Dyson Daniels, back from a two-game injury absence, added 16 for Atlanta. Larry Nance Jr. scored 14.

Mavericks 108, Magic 85: Luka Doncic had 32 points and nine rebounds and seven assists, Daniel Gafford scored a season-high 18 points, and host Dallas beat Orlando.

The defending Western Con-

ference champions outscored the Magic 30-9 in the first 9:30 of the second quarter en route to a 65-40 halftime lead. Dallas' largest lead was 33 points.

Orlando played its second game without Paolo Banchero, the No. 1 overall pick in the 2022 draft and 2023 Rookie of the Year, who suffered a torn right oblique last Wednesday.

Another Magic starter, Wendell Carter Jr., was limited to nine first-half minutes, six points and a rebound because of a strain of his left plantar fascia.

Franz Wagner led the Magic with 13 points, and Orlando scored well below its average of 111.7 points per game.