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## US general: Afghans requested airstrike

BY COREY DICKSTEIN

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WASHINGTON — Afghan forces requested the airstrike in Kunduz on Saturday that killed 22 at a hospital, Army Gen. John Campbell said Monday, reversing initial reports that U.S. special operations forces were under attack.

Campbell, speaking at a Pentagon news briefing, said the airstrike was intended to aid Afghan security forces battling Taliban fighters, who have entrenched themselves in the northern Afghanistan city since Sept. 28.

"We have now learned that on Oct. 3, Afghan forces advised that they were taking fire from enemy positions and asked for air support from U.S. forces," said Campbell, who is in charge of American and NATO forces in Afghanistan. "An airstrike was then called to eliminate the Taliban threat, and several civilians were accidentally struck."

Defense Secretary Ash Carter said Sunday he would hold personnel accountable if an investigation showed U.S. culpability in the airstrike at the hospital.

"This is a tragic loss of life," said Carter, who is traveling in Europe for five days to work on what a senior defense official described as a "southern strategy" for NATO. "Your hearts can only go out to innocent people caught up in this kind of violence."

But he said the situation was "confused and complicated," and the investigation could take some time. "But we will get the facts, and we will be full and transparent about sharing them," Carter said.

Initial reports said the airstrike was intended to protect U.S. special operations forces under attack. However, the U.S. military-led investigation has determined that was not the case, Campbell said.

Citing that investigation, which is in its early stages,

Campbell declined to provide specifics about what led to the strike on the medical facility by a U.S. AC-130, a four-engine turboprop plane designed to attack targets on the ground.

The U.S. under most circumstances does not target sensitive sites such as hospitals, mosques and schools. Campbell did not say who authorized the strike or whether the hospital was considered a restricted zone.

The general said he expected a preliminary report in the coming days from the investigating officer, Army Brig. Gen. Richard Kim, who is on-site in Kunduz. That should provide "a very detailed explanation of what we know (and) what we don't know."

Campbell also said NATO and the Afghan government would conduct their own investigations.

Doctors Without Borders, the aid agency known by its French initials MSF that ran the hospital, has repeatedly called for the investigation to be completed by an independent third

party.

In a statement Monday after Campbell's news conference, Christopher Stokes, the organization's general director, criticized the U.S. for changing its characterization of the bombing and said it was "attempting to pass responsibility to the Afghanistan government."

"The reality is the U.S. dropped those bombs," Stokes said in the statement. "The U.S. hit a huge hospital full of wounded patients and MSF staff. The U.S. military remains responsible for the targets it hits, even though it is part of a coalition. There can be no justification for this horrible attack. With such constant discrepancies in the U.S. and Afghan accounts of what happened, the need for a full transparent independent investigation is ever more critical."

Stokes had called the incident a "war crime" and said the Doctors Without Borders staff reported fighting inside the hospital.

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## Navy joins SEACAT anti-piracy exercise in SE Asia

BY ERIK SLAVIN

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The bureau's figures also show 100 global piracy incidents reported since May 28, along with an increase over the last year in hostage-taking.

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## 12 years later, Iraq's Green Zone reopened

Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Iraq's Prime Minister Haidar al-Abadi declared the heavily fortified Green Zone in central Baghdad open to all of his citizens for the first time in 12 years Sunday amid efforts to cut spending and to appease citizens who have been protesting for basic public services.

Al-Abadi referred to the opening of the Green Zone as part of the "measures promised to our citizens, and this opening that we are witnessing points to continued plans to reform — actions which we will not back down from," a statement from his office said.

It also noted that al-Abadi was the first to pass through the newly opened Green Zone — or the International Zone, as it is officially known.

The 4-square-mile compound on the west bank of the Tigris River was declared off-limits to the public in the wake of the 2003 U.S.-led occupation.

The complex, with its high concrete walls lined with barbed wire and heavily guarded checkpoints, is home to several palaces once belonging to former Iraqi President Saddam Hussein.

### 'Unprecedented' flooding hits SC, prompts rescues

COLUMBIA, S.C. — Days of torrential rains kept much of South Carolina and its capital gripped by flood waters Monday as emergency responders promised renewed door-to-door searches for anyone still trapped after a weekend deluge and hundreds of rescues.

At least eight weather-related deaths in two states have been blamed on the vast rainstorm.

From The Associated Press

## Neller: Women in combat not new

The Washington Post

Newly installed Marine Commandant Gen. Robert Neller made some pointed comments regarding women in combat last week following a public back-and-forth between the Marine Corps and the secretary of the Navy over whether the Marines would allow women into previously closed ground-combat roles.

"This has nothing to do about women in combat," Neller said on Thursday to a theater full of Marines at Marine Base Quantico in Virginia. "I buried three women in Iraq in 2006, and they died alongside 311 men."

"To me, it's personally insulting to talk about women in combat. Women have been in combat," he added.

Neller was dismissing the idea that including women in combat was anything new, and he pointed out that the debate was about women being directly assigned to positions in ground combat units such as the infantry.

The Marine Corps is perhaps on the verge of being the only military service that has

asked for an exemption. While it has not publicly stated that it will seek to keep ground combat positions closed to women, then-Commandant Joseph Dunford in September asked Navy Secretary Ray Mabus for an exemption to the 2013 mandate that all jobs in the military be made open to women by the coming new year, according to Marine officials.

According to the officials, Dunford requested that Marine infantry and reconnaissance units remain closed to women.

"General Dunford, when he was still commandant, made his recommendation on this issue to the secretary of the Navy," Neller said. "And right now, it is the policy of the Marine Corps that we're not going to talk about what that recommendation was because we're going to let the secretary of defense make his decision."

Neller's silence on that stance comes after a somewhat public clash between the Marine Corps and Mabus. In September, the Marine Corps released a four-page summary of a nine-

month experiment, known as the Ground Combat Integrated Task Force. The summary indicated that women were more prone to injury and performed poorly at a majority of infantry-focused tasks compared with their male counterparts.

Upon release of the summary, Mabus pushed back on the experiment, almost discounting it entirely by saying that the women tested should have had a "higher bar to cross" to get into the study and that the Marines carrying out the experiment had a predisposed mind-set from the start.

While a number of enlisted Marines criticized Mabus' remarks, and Rep. Duncan Hunter, R-Calif., even called for Mabus' resignation, Neller on Thursday lauded the efforts of those who participated in the experiment. "The Marines who were a part of the GCITF did a great a job. ... They worked their tails off," Neller said. "The people that made it to the end deserve our gratitude for their discipline and strength and fortitude to make it to the end."

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# Aces up for wild-card games

Associated Press

Dallas Keuchel started the All-Star game, won 20 times and twice dominated the New York Yankees.

Now, the Houston Astros need him to pitch the game of his life — while starting on three days' rest for the first time in his career.

All of the Major League Baseball playoff matchups were set Sunday on a final day of the regular season mostly devoid of drama. The Texas Rangers helped lock in the pairings by routing the Los Angeles Angels to win the AL West.

The real intrigue begins Tuesday night at Yankee Stadium. That's when the postseason opens with Keuchel and the Astros taking on New York ace Masahiro Tanaka (12-7, 3.51 ERA) in the AL wild-card game.

On Wednesday night, 22-game winner Jake Arrieta and the Chicago Cubs — still trying for their first World Series championship since 1908 — visit 19-game winner Gerrit Cole and the Pittsburgh Pirates in the NL wild-card matchup.

"We're going to the 'Burgh," first-year manager Joe Maddon said after the Cubs beat Milwaukee 3-1 for their eighth straight win.

Arrieta went 3-1 with an 0.75 ERA in five

starts against the Pirates this year. Cole was 2-1 with a 2.13 ERA in four tries vs. the Cubs.

Pittsburgh topped Cincinnati 4-0, ensuring it will host the Cubs.

"We love playing at home," Pirates manager Clint Hurdle said after his team finished 53-28 at PNC Park.

"Our guys love pitching at home," Hurdle continued. "There's opportunity for it to be a really good ballgame. I know our fans will show up and it will be loud and it will be proud."

First-year Astros manager A.J. Hinch felt the same way about his players, especially after the team averaged 104 losses in the previous four seasons.

Following a 5-3 defeat in Arizona, he took a puff from a victory cigar and, standing in puddles of beer and champagne, praised his players for what they'd accomplished.

To go even farther, Houston is counting on Keuchel being able to compensate for short rest. The lefty won both of his starts against the Yankees this year, throwing 16 scoreless innings while striking out 21.

The Astros-Yankees winner will play at Kansas City in the best-of-five Division Series on Thursday. The same day, Texas visits AL East champion Toronto.

The NL Division Series begins Friday

with the New York Mets at the Los Angeles Dodgers and the Cubs-Pirates winner at St. Louis.

At Dodger Stadium, LA will have Clayton Kershaw and Zack Greinke rested and ready. Along with Arrieta, they're the top candidates for the NL Cy Young Award.

Kershaw (16-7, 2.13 ERA) tuned up Sunday by fanning seven against San Diego, giving him 301 strikeouts. The three-time Cy Young winner became the first pitcher in the majors to reach 300 since 2002, when Arizona teammates Randy Johnson and Curt Schilling did it.

"It's definitely a cool thing," Kershaw said. "Obviously not the most important thing in the world. If my pitch count got there and I didn't have 300, I would have come out. Being fresh for the playoffs is more important than 300 strikeouts."

Kershaw is trying to overcome a 1-5 career postseason record with a 5.12 ERA.

Greinke posted a majors-best 1.66 while going 19-3 and striking out 200.

DeGrom and the Mets' bullpen took a no-hit bid into the seventh inning Sunday, and the NL East champions wrapped up the regular season with a 1-0 win over Washington.

"I just think it's a great way to finish," manager Terry Collins said. "I think we're ready."

# Nationals fire manager Matt Williams, staff

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Manager Matt Williams was fired by the Washington Nationals on Monday after a season in which the team went from World Series favorite to failing to make the playoffs.

The club announced the move a day after finishing the regular season barely above .500 at 83-79, second to the New York Mets in the NL East.

Williams is gone after only two seasons in his first job as a skipper in the majors. Last year, he was voted NL Manager of the Year after the Nationals finished with the best record in the league. In February, the Nationals exercised his 2016 contract option.

But he presided over a 2015 season filled with defeats, discord and the embarrassing spectacle of a dugout dustup between NL MVP front-runner Bryce Harper and teammate Jonathan Papelbon during a game the day after the team was eliminated from playoff contention.

Williams said he had no idea of the extent of the skirmish until much later in the day. Even though he was, of course, in the dugout at the time, Williams said he hadn't been aware of exactly what happened — including that Papelbon grabbed Harper by the throat. None of his players or coaches told him about it right away, and he said he hadn't asked to know more.

The Nationals also said Monday they will not renew the contracts of the seven members of Williams' staff: bench coach Randy Knorr, pitching coach Steve McCatty, hitting coach Rick Schu, third base coach Bobby Henley, first base coach Tony Tarasco, bullpen coach Matt LeCroy, and defensive coordinator Mark Weidemaier.

General manager Mike Rizzo said before Sunday's season finale against the Mets that the Nationals were "not going to let people twist in the wind" — and, true to his word, the house-cleaning began quickly.

Before the season began, no one was shy about predicting big things for Washington — not even the Nationals themselves, from Harper's "Where's my ring?" line in reference to the free-agent signing of pitcher Max Scherzer to Williams' clubhouse posting: "The road to the World Series begins today."

But the team fell apart in the second half of the season.

Williams' string of open-to-second-guessing bullpen choices didn't begin in 2015 — they were front-and-center during Washington's NL Division Series loss to the San Francisco Giants last season.

Williams also had to deal with a long list of injuries, including to half of the everyday lineup for long stretches: Jayson Werth, Ryan Zimmerman, Anthony Rendon and Denard Span. The ideal lineup was available for only two games all season.

The departure of Williams and his staff begins an offseason of significant change for a team that won division titles in 2012 and 2014 but could not win a playoff series.

# Hamels lifts Texas to clinch AL West

Associated Press

ARLINGTON, Texas — All of the playoff matchups were locked in Sunday on the final day of the Major League Baseball regular season, as Cole Hamels and the Texas Rangers finally clinched the American League West title.

Hamels pitched a three-hitter and Adrian Beltre hit a go-ahead homer as the Rangers beat the Angels 9-2 Sunday, eliminating Los Angeles from playoff contention.

A year after their 95 losses were the most in the American League, two months after they were still eight games out of first place and three days after ensuring themselves a postseason spot, the Rangers wrapped up their sixth division title.

Texas plays its first AL division series game since 2011 on Thursday at Toronto.

Houston is going to the playoffs for the first time in a decade despite the Astros ending the regular season with a 5-3 loss to the Arizona Diamondbacks.

The Astros led the AL wild-card race by a game heading into Sunday. They shared a few high fives in the dugout in the eighth inning after clinching it when the Angels lost to Texas.

Pittsburgh clinched home field in the National League wild card game, beating the Cincinnati Reds 4-0 behind J.A. Happ's stellar outing and Pedro Alvarez's long homer.

In Los Angeles, Clayton Kershaw struck out seven batters in an abbreviated start to become the first pitcher in 13 years to reach 300 strikeouts, as NL

## Yankees' Sabathia checks into rehab, will miss playoffs

NEW YORK — Yankees pitcher CC Sabathia is checking into an alcohol rehabilitation center and will miss the postseason.

The team issued a statement from the pitcher Monday, a day before New York plays Houston in the AL wild-card game. Sabathia, the 2007 AL Young Award winner, said he took the step to receive the care he needs and become the kind of person "I can be proud of."

"I love baseball and I love my teammates like brothers, and I am also fully aware that I am leaving at a time when we should all be coming together for one last push toward the World Series," he said. "It hurts me deeply to do this now, but I owe it to myself and to my family to get myself right."

Sabathia was 6-10 with a 4.73 ERA this year, slowed by his surgically repaired right knee. After returning from the disabled list and using a tighter brace, the portly 35-year-old left-hander was 2-1 with a 2.17 ERA in five starts.

West champion Los Angeles closed the regular season on a five-game winning streak after a 6-3 win over the San Diego Padres.

Kershaw finished with 301 strikeouts and joined former Arizona teammates Randy Johnson (2000-02) and Curt Schilling (2002) as the only pitchers since 2000 to reach 300 strikeouts in a season. Kershaw became the second to do so in Dodgers history; Sandy Koufax accomplished the feat three times in the mid-1960s.

The Chicago Cubs beat the Milwaukee Brewers 3-1 for their eighth straight win, but will have to play the NL wild card game in Pittsburgh, while Mark Buehrle failed to become the fifth major leaguer to pitch 200 innings or more in 15 consecutive seasons as the AL East champion Blue Jays missed out on home-field advantage throughout the playoffs after losing 12-3 to the Rays.

The New York Yankees stumbled into home-field advantage in the AL wild-card game after a loss by Houston made its 9-4 defeat to the Orioles meaningless.

In other games, Jacob deGrom looked especially sharp in his abbreviated playoff tuneup as the New York Mets blanked the Nationals 1-0, the Philadelphia Phillies avoided a 100-loss season with a 7-2 win over the Miami Marlins, and the Braves won a doubleheader sweep over the St. Louis Cardinals 6-0 and 2-0.

Corey Dickerson hit a three-run homer as the Rockies downed the Giants 7-3, the Indians beat the Red Sox 3-1, the Marlins edged the Athletics 3-2 and the Tigers completed a 6-0 shutout of the Chicago White Sox.



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# Dolphins fire coach Philbin

Associated Press

MIAMI — Joe Philbin was fired Monday four games into his fourth season as coach of the Miami Dolphins, and one day after a flop on an international stage that apparently sealed his fate.

Tight ends coach Dan Campbell, who has been with the Dolphins since 2010, was expected to be promoted to interim coach.

The Dolphins (1-3) lost their third game in a row and turned in their fourth consecutive lackluster performance when they were beaten Sunday in London by the archrival New York Jets, 27-14.

Midseason head coaching changes are unusual in the NFL, but few will accuse owner Stephen Ross of impatience. He ignored calls to fire Philbin in December after the Dolphins faded to finish 8-8 for a second successive season.

But doubts only grew this season regarding Philbin's inability to motivate players with his bland demeanor.

"This was a tough decision for me to make, knowing how tirelessly Joe worked in his four years here to make this a winning team," Ross said in a statement. "He

is a man of the highest character and integrity that I developed a close personal relationship with. I am extremely disappointed with how we have started the season, but I feel confident that we can improve quickly with the talent we have on our roster."

The Dolphins have started poorly in every game and have been outscored 37-3 in the first quarter. The offensive line has been a problem throughout Philbin's tenure, and the defense has progressively gotten worse under coordinator Kevin Coyle. They rank last in the AFC in rushing and offensive points per game, and last in the NFL in sacks and run defense.

Philbin, who was hired as a first-time head coach in 2012, went 24-28. He failed to reach the playoffs or even finish above .500.

Philbin, who said after Sunday's loss that he wasn't worried about his job security, issued a statement after being fired.

"I want to thank Steve Ross for allowing me the privilege to serve as the head coach of the Miami Dolphins," Philbin said. "This is a tremendous organization from top to bottom that has a talented

and dedicated staff. I want to especially thank the players, coaches and football staff who have worked so unselfishly and represented the team with dignity and class. I would be remiss if I didn't thank the incredible fan base who has supported me and my family unconditionally since day one.

"It is my hope that the 2015 Miami Dolphins achieve great success both on and off the field."

Philbin's job has been in jeopardy since a rocky 2013 season that included a bullying scandal and a meltdown in the final two games that cost Miami a playoff berth.

The Dolphins have floundered for more than a decade while going through frequent shake-ups at the top. The next coach will be their eighth since 2004, and the second hired by Ross.

The Dolphins are on course to miss the playoffs for the 13th time in the past 14 years, and the seventh season in a row. It has been 23 years since they reached the AFC championship game, 31 years since they played in the Super Bowl and 42 years since they won an NFL title.

# Harvick prevails at Dover

Associated Press

DOVER, Del. — Kevin Harvick stood by his confetti-coated car and used it as a resting spot for a couple of crushed beer cans, when his crew belted out a catchy rallying cry.

"I believe that we will win! I believe that we will win! I believe that we will win!"

Believe it.

Harvick has mastered his Game 7 races, nerves steeled and never rattled from any pressure that should come in a must-win spot.

He delivered one more time and dominated a race he had to win to advance to the second round of NASCAR's playoffs. Mired in 15th in the standings, Harvick went out and led 355 laps Sunday at Dover International Speedway and earned the third automatic berth in the 12-driver Chase for the Sprint Cup championship field.

"Never quit. That's why right here, guys," Harvick said over the radio as he took the checkered flag.

Harvick's title defense lives on.

Jimmie Johnson's bid for a record-tying seventh championship came to a shocking end when a busted part sent the No. 48 Chevrolet to the garage and sent him plummeting in the standings.

NASCAR had the drama it craved Sunday when it revamped its playoff format last season. Dale Earnhardt Jr. earned the final transfer spot over Jamie McMurray on a tiebreaker. Earnhardt finished third and McMurray was fourth on Sunday.

Paul Menard and Clint Bowyer also were eliminated as the Chase field was sliced from 16 to 12. Four more drivers will be eliminated in the next three-race segment that starts next week at Charlotte Motor Speedway.

Joe Gibbs Racing drivers Denny Hamlin and Matt Kenseth had already earned berths in the next round with wins in the first two Chase races. Carl Edwards also advanced along with Joey Logano, Ryan Newman, Kurt Busch, Brad Keselowski, Martin Truex Jr., Jeff Gordon and Kyle Busch.

Harvick hadn't won since going back-to-back in the third and fourth races of the season and had been 0-for-29 at Dover. An easy title favorite, he finished 42nd in the Chase opener at Chicagoland and 21st at New Hampshire.

Harvick was eighth out of eight teams and had to win last season at Phoenix International Raceway to advance into the championship finale. He won, then won it all the next week when his second straight checkered flag gave him the highest finish among four championship drivers to earn the crown.

Harvick would love to win another championship not just for himself, but for friend and team owner Tony Stewart. Stewart announced recently he will retire from Sprint Cup racing after next season.

One more big moment eluded Johnson. He entered fifth in the standings and, with 10 career wins at Dover, seemed a lock to advance. His No. 48 Chevrolet was forced off the track for 36 laps with a torn rear axle seal and his title shot was gone. He's 14th in the standings.

"It's tough having a very inexpensive axle seal be the culprit and take your championship hopes away," he said.

Johnson won championships in 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010 and 2013, putting him one shy of matching Richard Petty and Dale Earnhardt for most on the career list.

# Brees' 400th TD pass lifts Saints

Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — Drew Brees hit C.J. Spiller with a short pass that the running back turned into an 80-yard touchdown — the 400th of the Saints quarterback's career — on the second play of overtime, and New Orleans won for the first time this season, 26-20 over the Dallas Cowboys.

Brees, who missed New Orleans' previous game because of a bruised rotator cuff in his right (throwing) shoulder, completed 32 of 39 throws for 279 yards in his return. Mark Ingram gained 126 yards from scrimmage, and Khiry Robinson had a 1-yard touchdown run for New Orleans (1-3).

Joseph Randle scored the lone TD for Dallas (2-2) on a 1-yard run in the first half. The winning score enlivened a Superdome crowd stunned by Saints kicker Zach Hocker's 30-yard miss in the final seconds of regulation.

**Falcons 48, Texans 21:** Devonta Freeman scored three touchdowns and host Atlanta remained unbeaten, romping to a victory over hapless Houston.

Freeman, who took over as the starting running back after rookie Tevin Coleman sustained a rib injury in Week 2, has scored six TDs in the last two games. The Falcons improved to 4-0 for only the fourth time in club history.

**Bengals 36, Chiefs 21:** Andy Dalton added to his streak of impressive games and big plays, throwing a 55-yard touchdown pass on the run, and host Cincinnati stayed unbeaten.

The Bengals (4-0) matched the third-best start in franchise history, two wins shy of the club record.

**Panthers 37, Buccaneers 23:** Cam Newton threw for two touchdowns and Josh Norman returned one of visiting Carolina's four interceptions of Jameis Winston for his second TD of the season.

A week after making a game-saving interception in the end zone against New Orleans, Norman scored on a 46-yard run back and later returned a another pick 34 yards to set up a second TD.

**Packers 17, 49ers 3:** Aaron Rodgers passed for 224 yards and a touchdown, ran 17 yards to set up a key second-half score, and visiting Green Bay is off to its

first 4-0 start in four years.

Richard Rodgers caught a 9-yard touchdown pass on the game's opening drive before Rodgers got his team going in the second half after a slow beginning to snap a four-game losing streak to San Francisco, which included a pair of playoff defeats.

**Broncos 23, Vikings 20:** Brandon McManus kicked a 39-yard field goal with 1:51 left and host Denver had seven sacks.

Von Miller smothered the loose ball after T.J. Ward's sack-strip of Teddy Bridgewater in the closing seconds, sealing the win for the unbeaten Broncos (4-0), who got a 72-yard touchdown run from Ronnie Hillman.

Peyton Manning has led his teams to a 4-0 start seven times, most in NFL history by a long shot. Next up at four is Fran Tarkenton. Manning also joined Brett Favre as the only QBs to win 100 home starts in the NFL.

**Rams 24, Cardinals 22:** Todd Gurley rushed for all but 2 of 146 yards in the second half and visiting St. Louis held on to hand Arizona its first loss of the season.

Gurley, the Rams' first-round draft pick, saw his most extensive action as a pro and his 52-yard run set up the winning touchdown.

Nick Foles threw for three touchdowns, two after Arizona turnovers, and St. Louis' defense held the Cardinals (3-1) to field goals on four of five trips inside the red zone.

**Chargers 30, Browns 27:** Rookie Josh Lambo got his first game-winning kick in the NFL. Given a second chance due to a penalty, Lambo kicked a 34-yard field goal as time expired, lifting host San Diego past Cleveland, snapping a two-game losing streak.

Lambo was wide right on a 39-yard attempt with :02 left, but Cleveland's Tramon Williams was whistled for offside. Lambo then hit his third field goal of the game.

The Browns (1-3) had tied it at 27 on Josh McCown's 1-yard pass to Gary Barnidge with 2:09 to play and a two-point conversion pass to Taylor Gabriel. That score was set up when the Browns won a challenge of McCown's 19-yard pass to Barnidge that originally was ruled incomplete.

**Redskins 23, Eagles 20:** Kirk Cousins threw a 4-yard touchdown pass to Pierre Garcon with 26 seconds left for host Washington.

Starting at their own 10 with a little more than six minutes remaining, the Redskins (2-2) drove 90 yards on 15 plays to take the lead for good in a back-and-forth game.

Cousins finished 31-for-46 for 290 yards and no turnovers. Sam Bradford threw three second-half touchdown passes for the Eagles (1-3), but their new kicker, Caleb Sturgis, missed an extra-point attempt and a 33-yard field-goal try.

**Bears 22, Raiders 20:** Jay Cutler threw for two touchdowns and redeemed himself following an interception by helping set up a 49-yard field goal by Robbie Gould with 2 seconds left for host Chicago.

The Raiders (2-2) grabbed the lead on a field goal by Sebastian Janikowski with just over two minutes remaining that was set up by an interception by Charles Woodson deep in Oakland territory.

Cutler then led Chicago (1-3) from its 20 to the Oakland 32 before Gould nailed the winner.

**Giants 24, Bills 10:** Rashad Jennings broke three tackles to score on a 51-yard touchdown catch midway through the fourth quarter for visiting New York.

Eli Manning went 20 of 35 for 212 yards and three touchdowns for the Giants (2-2). New York's defense did the rest with Prince Amukamara stripping receiver Robert Woods of the ball to force a fumble with 3:41 left.

**Colts 16, Jaguars 13 (OT):** Adam Vinatieri kicked a 27-yard field goal with 4:36 left in overtime to give host Indianapolis an NFL record-tying 15th consecutive win over a division opponent.

Matt Hasselbeck made his first start since November 2012 in place of the injured Andrew Luck.

The Jaguars (1-3) lined up twice for field goals with 6 seconds left in regulation, but Jason Myers' first attempt from 53 yards sailed wide right — just after the Colts had called timeout. Myers' second chance also went wide right. Then in overtime, his 48-yard attempt went wide left.