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US sending special operators to Syria

In policy switch, small group of American troops deploying to country to train local forces

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WASHINGTON — A small group of U.S. special operations forces will be sent into northern Syria to work with local rebels in the fight against the Islamic State group, the White House announced Friday.

President Barack Obama authorized fewer than 50 U.S. troops to deploy to the war-torn country to work openly with ground forces in Syria, said Josh Earnest, spokesman for the White House.

“Our strategy in Syria hasn’t changed,” he said. “The core of our military strategy inside of Syria is to build up the capacity of local forces to take the fight to (the Islamic State) on the ground in their own country.”

The announcement marks the first time U.S. troops have been based in Syria as well as an escalation in U.S. efforts against the Islamic State, which controls a large part of the country’s northern region. The United States has been conducting airstrikes on militant targets. Earlier this month, the U.S. abandoned a train-and-equip program in Syria after its efforts produced only a handful of combat-ready rebels.

Earnest on Friday emphasized special operators in Syria would be there to advise and assist local ground units, likely including Kurdish forces, which have found more success than many other groups in the region battling the Islamic State, and a group of moderate rebels known as Syrian Arab fighters.

He said some efforts by the United States to combat the Islamic State, such as the scrapped train-and-equip program, have not been successful. This has led the Obama administration to search for other ways to de-

What US forces could contribute to the fight

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Fewer than 50 Special Operations force advisers are to deploy to northern Syria to “help coordinate local ground forces” in their fight against the Islamic State group, according to senior administration officials Friday.

The small number of troops, though seemingly innocuous, indicates a significant escalation in the United States’ ongoing effort to defeat the Islamic State group as it effectively dismisses the White House’s notion of “no boots on the ground.” Additionally, the troop involvement in northern Syria is a tacit acknowledgment that the current advise-and-assist mission requires significant changes to be effective.

It’s unknown what special operations forces unit will be embedded in northern Syria. In the past, the U.S. Army’s 5th Special Forces Group had led the now-defunct Pentagon-backed Syrian train-and-equip program, making it is possible that their potential knowledge of key players on the ground and battlefield dynamics would make them a prime candidate for the mission.

In addition to U.S. special operations forces, administration officials announced the movement of F-15 strike fighters and A-10 ground attack aircraft to Incirlik Air Base in Turkey. While unclear what exactly those aircraft will be doing, it doesn’t take a huge stretch of the

imagination to see A-10s supporting U.S. Special Operation Forces on the ground.

The A-10’s ability to take a punishing amount of ground fire and to move low and slow over the battlefield makes it the premier platform for supporting ground assets.

The U.S. troops will undoubtedly bring other assets to the fight including secure communications, JTACS, as well as advanced medical training. Communication equipment when used properly, is more lethal than any amount of rockets and small-arms that the advisers might bring to the fight.

Though indigenous forces have been supported by U.S. airstrikes in the past, the presence of American JTACs would make for faster, more accurate targeting and would cut out a large amount of the lag time that has been a hallmark of coalition airstrikes in Iraq and Syria in the past.

Yet even though U.S. forces will undoubtedly help those fighting on the ground in northern Syria, there are lingering questions about what type of assets will be at the small group’s disposal. The unit will require a dedicated supply chain as well as a quick-reaction force/dedicated combat search rescue element in the event that they are put in a situation they cannot fight their way out of.

feat the militant group, which has taken control of large portions of Iraq and Syria.

Obama also authorized additional measures to increase pressure on the Islamic State group, a senior administration official said Friday. The official spoke on condition of anonymity because she was not authorized to discuss it publicly.

Those steps include working with the Iraqi government to establish a special operations task force to target Islamic State leaders directly, to enhance United States assistance to Jordan and Lebanon in their Is-

lamic State fight, and to deploy additional air assets into the region. A-10 Thunderbolt II attack planes and F-16 Fighting Falcons are being moved to Incirlik Air Base in southern Turkey, joining a group of 12 A-10s that were sent to the base last week.

But the White House has maintained the U.S. role in Iraq and Syria, under Operation Inherent Resolve, is not a combat mission, which has been questioned in that past week since Army Master Sgt. Joshua L. Wheeler was killed during a U.S.-Kurdish peshmerga raid of an Islamic

State prison in northern Iraq.

“These forces do not have a combat mission,” Earnest said Friday of the special operators in Iraq and others who will soon deploy to Syria. “This is a dangerous place on the globe. They are at risk, and there is no denying that. ... Nobody is more keenly aware of that than the commander in chief.”

Raids will likely be a part of the U.S. strategy moving forward, Defense Secretary Ash Carter said this week. He conceded such operations are combat actions, though the mission remains to train and advise.

Plane catches fire at airport in Fla.

Associated Press

DANIA BEACH, Fla. — A jet plane's engine caught fire as it prepared for takeoff from Florida and more than 100 passengers had to evacuate using emergency slides. One person was seriously injured, officials said.

Dozens of passengers could be seen in video footage Thursday gliding down the slides of the Dynamic Airways flight, which was bound for Caracas, Venezuela. Some ran from the plane into the terminal at Fort Lauderdale/Hollywood International Airport as fire crews rushed to put the fire out.

Andres Gallegos said he was one of the first passengers to use the chutes to evacuate.

"I heard a loud bang. I turned around, saw the lights, saw the flames, and I ran to the front of the aircraft," said Gallegos, who

said it took about 30 seconds for the plane doors to open. "It was pretty nerve-wracking, knowing that the door wasn't opening and that something was on fire."

Other passengers reported chaos as people screamed, cried and ran through the plane. Several people said the flight crew remained calm and acted quickly.

"In that moment, the only thing going through my mind is trying to get off the plane," passenger Daniela Magro said.

A total of 21 people were injured, most of whom were treated at a hospital and were released, said Broward Sheriff Fire Rescue spokesman Mike Jachles. A male passenger who fell and hit his head while running on the tarmac was seriously injured and was still hospitalized late Thursday, Jachles said.

Newspapers: Iran holding another Iranian-American

NEW YORK — A Dubai-based businessman has become the fourth Iranian-American to be arrested by Iran's security forces and imprisoned in Tehran, as the Islamic Republic begins implementing a nuclear deal struck with world powers, several U.S. newspapers reported Thursday.

The detention of Siamak Namazi, believed to be in his

early 40s, comes as an Internet freedom group said a Washington-based Lebanese citizen recently disappeared while on a trip to Tehran. Iranian officials and state media have yet to comment on either case, though there's speculation that some in Iran want to negotiate a prisoner swap with the U.S. for others held in the Islamic Republic, like detained Washington Post reporter Jason Rezaian.

From The Associated Press

Army promises probe of blimp incident

The Baltimore Sun

BALTIMORE — Members of Congress pressed for more information about how a giant surveillance balloon broke free of its moorings at Aberdeen Proving Ground, as troops resorted to shotgun blasts Thursday to deflate the grounded aircraft.

The unmanned aerostat escaped from the Army installation about noon Wednesday and drifted 160 miles north before returning to earth near Moreland Township, Pa., some four hours later.

The 243-foot JLENS balloon, one of two that have hovered over the Baltimore area this year, traveled at an average speed of 40 mph while trailing 6,700 feet of cable. Authorities scrambled two F-16 fighter jets from a base near Atlantic City, N.J., and warned onlookers away.

No injuries were reported, but the aircraft snapped power lines in Pennsylvania, cutting power to thousands of customers.

Rep. C.A. "Dutch" Ruppersberger, whose district includes Aberdeen Proving Ground — and who in 2013 promoted the Pentagon's plan to bring the JLENS over-the-horizon radar system to Maryland for a three-year exercise — said Thursday he had asked the military for a full report on the incident.

"I want to find out what happened, who's accountable and how we're going to fix it," he

said.

Officials had few answers Thursday. The Army pledged a thorough investigation; a second balloon was hauled down Wednesday and was grounded indefinitely.

Sen. Barbara A. Mikulski, D-Md., asked commanders to review whether the exercise should continue.

"The Army must investigate the danger this incident posed to communities and determine what action needs to be taken to ensure this never happens again," Mikulski wrote in a letter to Army Secretary John McHugh. "Determine whether operational testing for JLENS should continue."

Reps. Jason Chaffetz and Elijah Cummings, the Republican chairman and the top Democrat, respectively, on the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, sent letters to the secretaries of defense and transportation demanding information about JLENS contracts and reliability studies and a briefing by the end of next week.

"This event raises questions about the value and reliability of JLENS," the congressmen wrote. They noted that the system, which is supposed to detect incoming cruise missiles and other threats to the National Capital Region, failed to spot a gyrocopter in April as it approached and landed on the West Lawn of the Capitol.

Immigrants held at US border think families can stay

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Hundreds of immigrant families caught illegally crossing the Mexican border told U.S. immigration agents they made the dangerous journey in part because they believed they would be permitted to stay in the United States

and to collect public benefits, according to internal intelligence files from the Homeland Security Department.

The interviews with immigrants by federal agents were intended to help the Obama administration understand what might be driving a puzzling surge in the numbers of border

crossings that started during the summer. The explanations suggest the U.S. government's efforts to discourage illegal crossings may have been unsuccessful. Its efforts have included public service campaigns in Honduras, El Salvador and Guatemala to highlight the dangers and consequences

of making the trek across Mexico to cross illegally into the United States.

Immigrants living in the U.S. illegally generally are not eligible for public benefits, except that children may receive free or reduced-price meals in public schools.

Patriots remain undefeated

Associated Press

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. — Tom Brady started fast, finished strong and looked ordinary for a chunk in between.

The New England Patriots still won easily.

Brady threw for 356 yards and four touchdowns — two to Julian Edelman — and the Patriots beat the Miami Dolphins 36-7 on Thursday night to become the first of the NFL's five unbeaten teams to reach seven wins.

Stephen Gostkowski broke Adam Vinatieri's franchise record for consecutive field goals by connecting from 52 and 36 yards to make it 26 in a row. Rob Gronkowski had 113 yards receiving and a touchdown, and Dion Lewis had 93 yards receiving and one score.

"It's not simple," Brady said. "A lot of guys working really hard to be on the same page."

The loss was the first for Miami (3-4) under interim coach Dan Campbell. The Dolphins scored 82 points in wins over the lowly Titans and Texans in Campbell's first two games after replacing Joe Philbin. But they were completely overmatched against the defending Super Bowl champions.

"You have to play good football in all three phases when you play the New England Patriots. They've always been

that way," Campbell said.

It could be an even bigger loss for the Dolphins because four-time Pro Bowl defensive end Cameron Wake was carted off the field with an Achilles tendon injury. Campbell didn't have an update on the extent of the injury.

The Patriots are 7-0 for the second time in franchise history and first time since going 16-0 in 2007. They've scored at least 28 points in every game and 30 or more in six straight.

A week after setting an NFL record with 25 straight completions, Ryan Tannehill had a rough night against New England. He threw two interceptions and no TDs.

"We just couldn't get going," Tannehill said.

Some things we learned from New England's 19th win in the last 20 games against AFC East opponents:

Dynamic Dion: Lewis returned after missing a game and the 5-foot-8 running back provided a spark. He finished with 112 total yards, including a 17-yard catch on third-and-16 to keep the first drive going. "If you're out there playing, you're expected to make plays," Lewis said.

Shutdown D: While Brady and the offense had a slow start, New England's defense made sure they led the whole way by dominating Tannehill and shutting down Lamar Miller. He ran for just 15 yards on nine carries. "They've been hot.

We knew we had to come out with a lot of energy on a short week and stop them before they got started," said Logan Ryan, who had one of the Patriots' picks.

Mr. Motivation: The Dolphins beat up on teams that are 3-10 combined. They ran into an elite team and were blown out. But the fiery Campbell will make sure they stay upbeat. "Not one bit do I believe that's really who we are, and I told them that I don't want to forget that feeling right there," Campbell said. "Don't forget it. I hope it eats away at them, just like it's eating away at me, and I hope it drives them to not want to have that taste in their mouths ever again."

Money kick: Gostkowski extended his NFL-record consecutive extra points streak to 439 and had a tough kick into the wind to tie Vinatieri. He's still a long way from Mike Vanderjagt's NFL-record 42 straight field goals. "It's just fun to be on a team that wins and scores a lot," he said. "You know you're going to get a bunch of opportunities."

Not Miller time: Miller had a tough night after two outstanding games. He had 175 yards rushing against Houston and 113 vs. Tennessee. "We came in wanting to run the football, expecting to run the football," Tannehill said. "It took us a while to get going once our run game stalled."

No. 5 TCU rolls over W. Virginia

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Owner wants to keep Raiders in Oakland

Associated Press

OAKLAND, Calif. — Raiders owner Mark Davis made a surprise appearance at an NFL-sponsored town hall meeting Thursday night and said he is still committed to keeping his team in Oakland.

Nearly 400 people filed into the downtown Paramount Theater for the scheduled three-hour event designed to give fans a chance to voice their opinions about the Raiders' potential move to Los Angeles.

Mayor Libby Schaaf and Eric Grubman, the NFL's point man on Los Angeles, also attended the meeting along with two other representatives from the league.

Davis received a standing ovation when he was introduced to the crowd. The owner initially said he wouldn't take questions, but grabbed the microphone early to address questions about his desire to keep the team in Oakland.

Specifically, fans questioned Davis' desire to remain in Northern California while at the same time working on a joint deal with the San Diego Chargers to build a \$1.7 billion stadium in Carson.

"We need help from the community as well to get something that our fans in Oakland can be proud of," Davis said. "We don't have that right now and we want it. It can be done in Oakland."

This was the third of three town hall meetings held in cities where teams are seeking new stadiums. The NFL met with fans in St. Louis on Tuesday and in San Diego on Wednesday.

Unlike the meeting in San Diego when

a representative from the Chargers was greeted by thunderous boos, the crowd was civil yet enthusiastic as fans — some of them wearing face paint and others in decorative outfits — filed to a pair of podiums to speak.

A few hecklers yelled out but were quickly quieted as Davis spoke after sitting with team president Marc Badain and listening to the comments for nearly 30 minutes.

One man in a wheelchair spoke calmly and passionately then brought the crowd to its feet again when he said, "Why can't we find the financing to keep them in the Bay Area?"

Davis, who has publicly stated his primary goal is to keep the team where it is, said the team has exhausted attempts to do just that.

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The Raiders and Chargers have been taking preliminary steps in anticipation of getting approval to move to Los Angeles. They announced plans for a joint stadium in Carson in February in response to the stated desire of St. Louis Rams owner Stan Kroenke to build a new stadium in Inglewood.

The Raiders have already set up offices

in Los Angeles and are looking for additional space should they receive permission by the rest of the NFL owners to move to Southern California for a second time. Davis' father, Hall of Famer Al Davis, moved the Raiders to Los Angeles following the 1981 season before moving them back to Oakland in 1995.

"We didn't come here to offer a solution," Grubman told the crowd. "We came here to listen to you. If this were a waste of time, we wouldn't be here."

A decision which team, or which two, will be permitted to move to Los Angeles could come as early as next year.

Fans in Oakland hope it doesn't come to that and are optimistic a deal can still be done to keep the Raiders where they are.

"We're not that far off here in Oakland," said Gary Dowell of nearby San Leandro. "We're one or two pieces away from making everything fall into place. We also want the NFL to realize that you've done this before. You tried to take them to L.A. and make it work, and it didn't."

Other fans said they're empathetic to the Raiders desire to seek a new stadium. Their current stadium, the Oakland Coliseum, was built in 1966 and has been plagued by numerous plumbing and other problems over the past decade.

The Raiders are also the only NFL team currently sharing a field with a baseball team. The Oakland Athletics also play at the Coliseum.

"That whole, 'It's not viable in Oakland' makes no sense," said Justaval Mendoza, who lives in Santa Rosa about an hour north of the Coliseum.



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Boykin bolsters Heisman résumé

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Boykin completed 32 of 47 passes and ran 11 times for 84 yards with that acrobatic score to push his career total to 12,041 total yards. That broke the previous TCU record of 11,925 held by Andy Dalton, the Cincinnati Bengals quarterback who led TCU to an undefeated season and Rose Bowl victory in 2010.

Said Doctson, whose 11 catches for 183 yards and two touchdowns made him only the second FBS player in 20 seasons with six consecutive games of 100 yards receiving and at least two TD catches, "He's just playing like a Heisman quarterback."

All of the Mountaineers' losses have come in consecutive games against the Big 12's four ranked teams. They previously lost to No. 14 Oklahoma, No. 12 Oklahoma State and No. 2 Baylor — all teams TCU will face in November.

West Virginia's Wendell Smallwood rushed for 113 yards. Quarterback Skyler Howard, who went to high school about 15 miles from the TCU campus, completed 16 of 39 passes for 160 yards with a touchdown, an interception and several drops.

Oregon 61, Arizona State 55 (3OT): Bralon Addison got his foot down just in time, barely missing the back line of the end zone. Arrion Springs timed his move just right, snagging an interception in the same end zone.

Two big plays on a night filled with them might have saved visiting Oregon's season.

Addison scored on a 20-yard pass in the third overtime on a play upheld by review and Springs intercepted Mike Bercovici's pass in the end zone, lifting Oregon to a wild 61-55 victory over Arizona State on Thursday night.

Two teams clinging to hopes in their respective divisions, the Sun Devils (4-4, 2-3 Pac-12) and Ducks (5-3, 3-2) traded explosive plays in a game that featured 1,243 total yards and 177 plays.

It came down to a pair of plays in the third overtime.

Addison appeared to touch the back line on his TD catch, but one view of the play was blocked by a camera and the officials upheld the original call upon review.

After Oregon failed on the mandatory two-point conversion, Springs sealed it with an interception, sending the Ducks racing onto the field.

North Carolina 26, No. 23 Pittsburgh 19: Marquise Williams threw two long TD passes as the Tar Heels beat the host Panthers in a matchup of Atlantic Coast Conference upstarts.

The Tar Heels (7-1, 4-0) play host to No. 22 Duke on Nov. 7 with a chance to put a vice grip on the Coastal Division and the program's first trip to the conference title game.

Clippers rout Mavs

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — If not for an infamous summertime change of heart, DeAndre Jordan would have been wearing Mavericks blue at Staples Center on Thursday night instead of Clippers white.

Jordan is grateful he stayed true to his original colors, and his teammates helped him secure a big win over his spurned suitors.

Blake Griffin had 26 points and 10 rebounds, and Jamal Crawford added 15 points in the Clippers' 104-88 victory over Dallas on Thursday night in Los Angeles' home opener.

Jordan had six points, 15 rebounds and four blocked shots in his first game against the Mavericks since his summer misadventures in Dallas. Jordan tentatively agreed to join the Mavs as a free agent before the Clippers' top brass and players descended on his Houston home and persuaded him to return to Los Angeles, infuriating owner Mark Cuban and Dallas fans.

"It's definitely an emotional game," said Jordan, who declined to address the Dallas debacle directly. "The emotions were high obviously because it was our home opener. We wanted to give the fans what they missed."

The Mavs know what they missed with Jordan. From the opening minutes, it was clear that the clubs' offseason conflict over Jordan only amped up the feelings in this lively Western Conference rivalry.

Cuban disparaged the Clippers in pre-game remarks, saying that "you can change the owner, you can change the players, but the Clippers are still the franchise that they've been for the last 30 years."

Trash talk was abundant on the court and from both benches. The teams combined for four technical fouls and a series of hard personal fouls, including a heavy foul from Nowitzki that left Jordan flexing and yelling instead of fighting.

"We didn't look at it that way, but obviously there's got to be something there from all the (offseason) stuff," Clippers coach Doc Rivers said.

Hawks 112, Knicks 103: These looked like the Atlanta Hawks of last season, not last game.

Jeff Teague scored 23 points, Al Horford added 21 and the Hawks beat the New York Knicks 112-101 on Thursday night for their first victory of the season.

Playing more like the team that won 60 games last season and had the best record in the Eastern Conference than the one that was beaten badly at home in its opener, the Hawks shot 51 percent from the field.

"Just trying to get back to ourselves, back to our habits," forward Paul Millsap said.

Kyle Korver had 15 points and Millsap added 11 points and 11 rebounds for Atlanta, which jumped to a 30-20 lead after 12 minutes.

"We played better tonight," coach Mike Budenholzer said. "I think the first group set a tone for us in the first quarter."

Carmelo Anthony scored 25 points and was 10-for-27 from the field in his second straight poor shooting game to open the season. Robin Lopez finished with 18 points.

Grizzlies 112, Pacers 103: Marc Gasol scored 20 points and Mike Conley added 13 points and 10 assists for visiting Memphis.

The Grizzlies (1-1) had seven players score in double figures and closed it out by outscoring Indiana 18-7 over the final 3:49.

George Hill scored 20 points for the Pacers while Paul George and C.J. Miles had 18 each. The Pacers are off to their first 0-2 start in six years.

Memphis has won four straight over the Pacers. The Grizzlies shot 50 percent from the field, were a solid 7-for-16 on three-pointers and scored 39 points in the final 12 minutes.

Oilers score 4 straight, rally past Canadiens

Associated Press

EDMONTON, Alberta — Leon Draisaitl's second goal with 1:02 left broke a tie and the Edmonton Oilers scored four straight goals in a 4-3 victory over the league-leading Montreal Canadiens on Thursday night.

Draisaitl was called up earlier in the day from Bakersfield of the AHL and missed the morning skate. He played in 37 NHL games last season.

Brandon Davidson and Benoit Pouliot also scored, and the Oilers erased a 3-0 first-period deficit to end a three-game skid.

Brendan Gallagher, Torrey Mitchell and Alex Galchenyuk scored for Montreal. The Canadiens have lost two straight after starting the season with nine consecutive victories.

Edmonton completed the comeback when Ryan Nugent-Hopkins fed it out front to Draisaitl for his second goal of the contest.

Hurricanes 3, Islanders 2 (OT): Ron Hainsey scored at 2:21 of overtime to lift visiting Carolina over New York.

Brock McGinn and Chris Terry scored in regulation to help Carolina win its second straight to cap a 4-3-0 road trip. Eddie Lack stopped 17 shots.

Hainsey took a pass from Jordan Staal and slid the puck past Islanders goalie Thomas Greiss near the midpoint of the extra period for his second of the season.

Terry had tied the score with 5:04 left in the third, finishing off a slick passing play with Eric and Jordan Staal. The goal was Terry's second of the season.

Penguins 4, Sabres 3: Evgeni Malkin scored his fourth of the season on the power play, Jeff Zatkoff made 50 saves in his season debut and host Pittsburgh beat Buffalo.

Pascal Dupuis, Patric Hornqvist and Ben Lovejoy all scored their first goal of the season and Malkin added an assist for Pittsburgh.

The Penguins earned their third straight victory, sixth win in seven games and seventh straight over Buffalo. Malkin has four goals and nine points in his last seven games.

Sidney Crosby had two assists, his first points in three games. Crosby is off to the worst start of his career and went without a point in eight of the team's first nine games.

Devils 4, Flyers 1: Travis Zajac scored twice and Kyle Palmieri had a goal and two assists to lead visiting New Jersey over Philadelphia.

Andy Greene scored an empty-net goal with 6.7 seconds left for the Devils, who won their fourth straight on the road. Luke Schenn scored for Philadelphia.

Palmieri put the Devils in front at 1:28 into the third period when he blocked Evgeny Medvedev's shot attempt at the blue line, raced past Medvedev and fired a wrist shot from the left circle over goalie Steve Mason's left shoulder that made it

2-1.

Avalanche 2, Lightning 1: Alex Tanguay and Nathan MacKinnon each had a goal and an assist, Semyon Varlamov made 34 saves and visiting Colorado beat Tampa Bay to end a four-game losing streak.

Varlamov won his 108th game with the Avalanche and moved past Dan Bouchard into second place on the franchise wins list. Jarome Iginla had two assists to move past Phil Housley (1,232) into sole possession of 38th place with 1,233 points in his career.

Tampa Bay, coming off a 1-1-2 road trip, got a goal from Alex Killorn

Stars 4, Canucks 3 (OT): Jamie Benn scored midway through overtime and host Dallas rallied to beat Vancouver.

Patrick Sharp twice tied the game with goals for Dallas. The Stars have won two in a row by overcoming multiple-goal deficits.

Jets 3, Blackhawks 1: Michael Hutchinson stopped 45 shots and Andrew Ladd scored on the power play to lead host Winnipeg over Chicago.

Bryan Little set up a pair of goals for the Jets, who stopped the Blackhawks' four-game winning streak.

Blues 2, Ducks 1: Colton Parayko broke a tie midway through the third period to lift host St. Louis over Anaheim.

Vladimir Tarasenko also scored and Jake Allen stopped 22 shots to help the Blues win for the sixth time in the past eight games (6-1-1)