

DOD: North Korea sent troops to Russia

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WASHINGTON — Roughly 10,000 North Korea soldiers are now training in eastern Russia and the number of troops could increase, a Pentagon spokeswoman said Monday.

“We are increasingly concerned that Russia intends to use these soldiers in combat or to support combat operations against Ukrainian forces in Russia’s Kursk Oblast, near the border with Ukraine,” Sabrina Singh, the deputy Pentagon press secretary, told reporters. “Should [North Korean] soldiers be used on the battlefield, this would mark a further escalation, and highlights [Russian] President [Vladimir] Putin’s increasing desperation.”

NATO Secretary-General Mark Rutte said Monday that North Korean troops have been sent to Russia and North Korean military units have been deployed to the Kursk region. Russia launched an invasion of Ukraine in 2022.

His remarks came after a high-level South Korean delegation including top intelligence and military officials as well as senior diplomats briefed the alliance’s 32 national ambassadors at NATO headquarters in Brussels.

Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin last Wednesday was the first U.S. official to confirm publicly that North Korea sent troops to Russia.

“If they’re co-belligerents — if their intention is to participate in this war on Russia’s behalf — that is a very, very serious issue,” Austin said. “It will have impacts, not only in Europe. It will also impact things in the Indo-Pacific as well.”

Austin will meet Wednesday at the Pentagon with South Korean Defense Minister Kim Yong-hyun.

Secretary of State Antony Blinken and Austin on Thursday will co-host Republic of Korea Minister of Foreign Affairs Cho Tae-yul and Kim.

Singh said Austin and Kim will discuss the deployment of

North Korean soldiers in Ukraine. There will be no limitations on the use of U.S.-provided weapons on those forces, Singh said.

“If we see DPRK troops moving in towards the front lines, they are co-belligerents in the war,” Singh said, using the acronym for the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea, or North Korea. “This is a calculation that North Korea has to make.”

Russia’s Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov shrugged off Rutte’s comments and noted that Pyongyang and Moscow signed a joint security pact last June.

He stopped short of confirming North Korean soldiers were in Russia.

Lavrov claimed that Western military instructors already have been covertly deployed to Ukraine to help its military use long-range weapons provided by the West.

“Western military personnel long have been working in Ukraine,” Lavrov said after a meeting with the Kuwaiti for-

eign minister in Moscow.

In Moscow, the Defense Ministry announced Monday that Russian troops have captured the Donetsk village of Tsukuryne — the latest settlement to succumb to the slow-moving Russian onslaught.

Additionally, Russian forces thwarted an attempt at another cross-border incursion by Ukraine into southwestern Russia, a local official reported Sunday, months after Kyiv staged a bold assault on its nuclear-armed enemy that Moscow is still struggling to halt.

An “armed group” sought Sunday to breach the border between Ukraine and Russia’s Bryansk region, its governor, Aleksandr Bogomaz, said but the attack was beaten back. Bogomaz did not clarify whether Ukrainian soldiers carried out the alleged attack, but claimed on Sunday evening that the situation was “stable and under control” by the Russian military.

There was no immediate acknowledgment or response from Ukrainian officials.

Israel holds militants in Gaza hospital, pounds Tyre

Associated Press

Israel’s military said it detained 100 suspected Hamas militants in a raid on a hospital in northern Gaza over the weekend, while its warplanes on Monday sent plumes of smoke rising over the southern Lebanese city of Tyre.

Israeli forces raided Kamal Adwan Hospital in Beit Lahiya on Friday, detaining 44 male staff, according to the World Health Organization. Palestinian medical officials said the

hospital, which was treating some 200 patients, was heavily damaged in the raid.

An Israeli military official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said there was heavy fighting around Kamal Adwan Hospital, though not inside it, and weapons were found inside the facility.

The official said medical staff were detained and searched because some of the militants had disguised themselves as medics. The official said the military

had helped international organizations relocate 88 patients and medical staff to other hospitals in the weeks leading up to the raid, and that during the raid itself, troops had brought 30,000 liters of fuel and medical supplies from international organizations to help keep the facility running.

Israel has raided hospitals in Gaza over the course of the yearlong war, saying Hamas and other militants use them for military purposes. Palestinian

medical officials deny those allegations and accuse the military of endangering civilians.

The Israeli military has called on Palestinians to evacuate northern Gaza, where it has been waging a large offensive for more than three weeks.

Meanwhile, successive Israeli airstrikes pummeled Tyre following an evacuation warning from the Israeli military for parts of the city, Lebanon’s state-run National News Agency reported.

US presidential campaign hits last stretch

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Uncertainty reigns entering the final full week of the 2024 campaign with Democrat Kamala Harris and Republican Donald Trump locked in a fiercely competitive presidential contest.

What happens in the coming days will be pivotal in deciding the winner.

For example, wars in the Middle East could prompt a last-minute shift in focus.

Though U.S. presidential elections are rarely shaped by foreign affairs, the wars in the Middle East are escalating at the very moment that millions of voters are preparing to cast ballots.

It's still unclear how Iran would respond to Israel's unusually public airstrikes across Iran on Friday. The answer could determine whether the region spirals further toward all-out war or holds steady at an already devastating and destabilizing level of violence.

Iran's response could also determine the extent to which the Middle East conflict shapes the U.S. election.

The issue has been especially difficult for Harris to navigate as she simultaneously vows to support Israel and offers empathy for those tens of thousands of Palestinians killed by Israel's response to Hamas' Oct. 7, 2023, attacks. The Democratic vice president continues to face intense pressure from her party's progressive base, which has been extremely critical of Israel.

Trump has been unapologetically supportive of Israel, although some Arab American leaders — especially in swing-state Michigan — have been unusually supportive of the Republican former president, who famously banned travel from many Muslim countries

during his first term.

Even in a best-case scenario, the next president will inherit one of the most volatile foreign policy challenges in decades.

■ **Will Harris' closing message harness Democrats' anxiety?**

It would be an understatement to describe Democrats as anxious as Election Day looms. But there was a deliberate effort by Harris' senior team over the weekend to project optimism to help temper the fear.

Harris senior adviser Jenn O'Malley Dillon predicted victory on MSNBC on Sunday: "We are confident we're going to win this thing," she said. "We're seeing extraordinary enthusiasm. This is going to be a close race, and our campaign is exactly where we want to be."

Harris will try to alleviate Democratic anxiety further on Tuesday when she delivers her "closing argument" at the Ellipse, the same spot near the White House where Trump spoke on Jan. 6, 2021, shortly before his supporters attacked the Capitol.

Harris is expected to focus her remarks on the danger Trump poses to U.S. democracy. She has called her Republican rival "a fascist" in recent days. And she's been joined by an unlikely ally, Trump's former chief of staff John Kelly, who has also described Trump as a fascist recently.

But she's expected to hit broader themes as well, encouraging voters to look behind her at the White House and imagine who will be sitting at the Resolute Desk at a moment of great consequence. She's aiming to drive home the stakes of the Nov. 5 election for undecided voters — especially moderate Republicans who may be uncomfortable with

Trump's divisive leadership and extreme rhetoric. And while Harris' team is betting that there is a significant number of moderates who can still be persuaded, progressive Democrats are worried she's not focused enough on economic issues in the campaign's closing days.

Democratic anxiety, we have learned, may be a fact of life.

■ **Can Trump stay on message?**

Even before the week began, Trump's campaign risked being knocked off course by controversy. A rally at New York City's Madison Square Garden late Sunday that was meant to serve as a closing message was instead overshadowed by racist insults, including a comedian who called Puerto Rico a "floating island of garbage."

And with eight days to go until Election Day, history suggests Trump is virtually guaranteed to say or do something else controversial in the final stretch. The only question is whether it will break through.

If there's one thing we know, it's that Trump cannot help himself. He's been using authoritarian-style rhetoric in recent days to suggest that his Democratic opponents, whom he calls "the enemy within," are more dangerous to the nation than the threat posed by Russia and China.

Democrats will be combing through every Trump interview and public appearance for something similar to exploit. There are also multiple ongoing criminal investigations into Trump, who has already been convicted of 34 felony charges, that could reveal new information.

Yet Democrats are the first to admit that voter opinions of Trump are so hardened that it would take something truly

stunning to change the course of the election.

There is precedent for a final-week stunner, however. Remember that it was Oct. 28, 2016, when former FBI Director James Comey sent a letter to Congress indicating federal investigators learned of new emails pertinent to the investigation into Hillary Clinton's use of a private email server.

■ **Where will they go?**

The candidates' evolving travel schedules will tell us much about the battlegrounds that will matter most on Election Day.

Here's what we know for sure: Harris and Trump are aggressively competing in just seven swing states that will ultimately decide the election. They are the three so-called "Blue Wall" states — Michigan, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin — in addition to Arizona, Georgia, Nevada and North Carolina.

For a political perspective, however, not every one of the seven is created equal.

Harris spent Sunday in Pennsylvania, which may be the election's biggest prize. She is next scheduled to go to Michigan. And after Tuesday's closing argument in Washington, she plans to visit North Carolina, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin on Wednesday alone. She heads to Nevada and Arizona on Thursday.

What do we know about Trump's schedule? He's planning to host at least one rally every day this week: Monday in Georgia, Tuesday in Pennsylvania, Wednesday in Wisconsin, Thursday in Nevada, Friday in Wisconsin again and Saturday in Virginia.

But as a reminder, these schedules are likely to change based on the campaigns' intelligence on the ground.

Trump warmup acts set stage for uproar

The Washington Post

NEW YORK — Opening speakers at Donald Trump's rally at Madison Square Garden, billed as a marquee event to showcase his broad-based support in the home stretch of his presidential campaign, lobbed sexist, racist and otherwise demeaning insults at a variety of targets.

One speaker used a metaphor that cast Democratic presidential nominee Kamala Harris as a prostitute, while Tony Hinchcliffe, host of the "Kill Tony" comedy podcast, called the U.S. territory of Puerto Rico a "floating island of garbage."

Pennsylvania, perhaps the most critical swing state, is home to one of the largest populations of Puerto Ricans in the country.

At an earlier point in his speech, Hinchcliffe said that "believe it or not, people, I welcome migrants to the United States of America with open arms. And by open arms, I mean like this." He

waved his hands in a "stop" motion, then added that Latinos "love making babies" and made a crude sex joke about them.

Grant Cardone, a businessman, said Harris and "her pimp handlers will destroy our country." David Rem, a childhood friend of Trump, called Harris "the Devil" and "the Antichrist."

Former Fox News host Tucker Carlson mocked the attention to Harris' racial identity: "She's just so impressive as the first Samoan Malaysian, low-IQ, former California prosecutor ever to be elected president," Carlson said. (Harris' father is from Jamaica, and her mother was from India.)

Harris adviser David Plouffe predicted the comments would damage Trump politically. Republican incumbents in tight congressional races were conspicuously absent from the lengthy pre-program, as Democrats hope that tying them to Trump will alienate swing voters.

"Usually pre-game speeches

matter little. Pretty remarkable Trump's MSG warm up acts are all creating controversy and content that will hurt him. Cluster," he wrote on social media.

Rep. María Elvira Salazar, a Republican congresswoman from Florida, denounced Hinchcliffe's comments as "racist" and said on social media that she was "disgusted."

"This rhetoric does not reflect GOP values," wrote Salazar, who spent part of her childhood in Puerto Rico.

Harris supporters took note that Bad Bunny, the Puerto Rican pop star, shared a Harris video on Sunday detailing her plans for the territory.

The rally reflected Trump's control of the GOP base, his fixation on his home state of New York, his efforts to project swaggering confidence in a tight race, and his campaign's bet that flashy events in Democrat-dominated areas will grab national attention that will help him win

more votes in more competitive states.

Rather than focus only on swing states with nine days until the election, Trump is going all out at a Manhattan venue that calls itself "The World's Most Famous Arena." He recently held an event in Coachella, Calif., and also plans to rally in Democratic-leaning Virginia on Saturday.

Trump regularly predicts victory in states that analysts do not consider competitive.

During his speech, Trump hit his standard talking points and lobbed his own familiar insults.

He called the United States an "occupied country," said Election Day will be "liberation day" and repeated false claims about the federal government's hurricane response in North Carolina.

The former president announced that he would support a tax credit for family caregivers "who take care of a parent or a loved one," his latest of several targeted tax break plans.

Harris rallies Philadelphia voters ahead of Ellipse speech

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Kamala Harris said Sunday that "no one can sit on the sidelines" in this year's presidential election, capping a day of campaigning across the largest city in the crucial battleground state of Pennsylvania.

"We are focused on the future and we are focused on the needs of the American people," Harris said, "as opposed to Donald Trump, who spends full time looking in the mirror focused on himself."

Speaking at a city recreation center, the Democratic vice president singled out young voters, praising them for being "rightly impatient for change," and told the audience that "there is too much at stake" in the campaign.

"We must not wake up the day after the election and have any regret about what we could have

done in these next nine days," Harris said.

Energizing voters in Philadelphia, a traditional Democratic stronghold, is crucial for Harris' chances of beating Republican nominee Trump. If turnout falls short here, she'll struggle to overcome Trump's advantages in Pennsylvania's rural areas.

"Philadelphia is a very important part of our path to victory," Harris told reporters. "It's the reason I have been spending time here. But I'm feeling very optimistic about the enthusiasm."

Kenny Payne, 62, said Harris is going to win and "it won't be close." The Democratic voter said he plays golf with a group of Republicans who say they won't vote for Trump again.

"I think we'll all be in bed by midnight," he said outside the recreation center where Harris

spoke.

Patrick Boe, 46, said he was confident about the city's enthusiasm for Harris, but he acknowledged that his view may be skewed.

"I'm in a bubble here," Boe said.

The Democratic coalition relies on voters of color, and Harris' itinerary on Sunday reflected that focus. She began the day with the Black congregation at the Church of Christian Compassion, where she said the United States is "determined to turn the page on hatred and division."

Harris drew on the story of the Apostle Paul, who overcame difficulties to spread the word of Jesus.

"In hard times when we may grow weary in doing good, we must remember the power that works within us, the divine power that transformed Paul's life,

guided him through shipwreck and sustained him through trials," Harris said.

Her next stop was Philly Cuts, a barbershop in West Philadelphia. Pennsylvania state Rep. Jordan Harris moderated a conversation with Harris and Black men about improving racial representation in education.

"We don't pay teachers enough," said Harris, who would be the second Black president and the first female president if elected. "Student loan debt is an issue."

Harris will be in the nation's capital on Tuesday to deliver what her campaign calls her "closing argument" in a speech from the Ellipse, a grassy space near the White House. It's the same place where Trump spoke on Jan. 6, 2021, when the Republican called on his supporters to march on the Capitol.

'Interagency operation' launched at jail where Diddy is being held

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Investigators from various federal agencies launched an "interagency operation" on Monday at the troubled lockup in New York City where Sean "Diddy" Combs is being held.

The investigators from the Bureau of Prisons, the Justice Department's inspector general's office and other law enforcement agencies had descended on the Metropolitan Detention Center in Brooklyn on Monday, the Bureau of Prisons said in a statement to The Associated Press.

The law enforcement operation is "designed to achieve our shared goal of maintaining a safe environment for both our employees and the incarcerated individuals housed at MDC Brooklyn," the agency said. Prison officials declined to provide specific details about the operation Monday morning.

But the move comes as the jail

has faced increasing scrutiny over horrific conditions, rampant violence and multiple deaths and amid a push by the Justice Department and Bureau of Prisons to fix problems at the jail and hold perpetrators accountable.

Last month, federal prosecutors charged nine inmates in connection with a spate of attacks from April to August at the Metropolitan Detention Center, the only federal jail in New York City. The allegations made public last month detailed serious safety and security issues at the jail, including charges after two inmates were stabbed to death and another was speared in the spine with a makeshift icepick. A correctional officer was also charged with shooting at a car during an unauthorized high-speed chase.

The criminal charges offered a window into violence and dysfunction that has plagued the jail, which houses about 1,200

people, including Combs and Sam Bankman-Fried, the founder of the collapsed FTX cryptocurrency exchange.

In a statement on Monday, the Bureau of Prisons said its operation in Brooklyn was pre-planned and that there is "no active threat."

The agency said it wouldn't provide additional details about what exactly investigators were doing there on Monday until the operation is complete "in an effort to maintain the safety and security of all personnel inside the facility and the integrity of this operation."

The facility, in an industrial area on the Brooklyn waterfront, has about 1,200 detainees, down from more than 1,600 in January. It's used mainly for post-arrest detention for people awaiting trial in federal courts in Manhattan or Brooklyn. Other inmates are there to serve short sentences following convictions.

Chalamet crashes look-alike contest

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Actor Timothée Chalamet made a surprise appearance at his own look-alike contest in Lower Manhattan on Sunday, an event that drew hundreds of onlookers, a dispersal order from police and at least one arrest.

Flanked by bodyguards, Chalamet briefly posed for photos with his high-cheeked, curly haired doppelgängers, some of whom had dressed as the actor's characters in "Wonka" and the "Dune" movies.

But just as the wannabe-Chalamets began strutting along a red carpet in Washington Square Park, police ordered the large group to disperse, slapping organizers with a \$500 fine for an "unpermitted costume contest."

At least one contestant was taken away in handcuffs, though police did not immediately say why. A spokesperson for the NYPD said charges were pending.

"It started off as a silly joke and now it's turned pandemonium," said Paige Nguyen, a producer for the YouTube personality Anthony Po, who staged the event.

The organizers had posted flyers for the contest — which promised a \$50 prize to the winner — around New York in recent days, spurring social media speculation and thousands of RSVPs to an online invite.

After leaving the park, the group soon found a backup location in a nearby playground, where more than a dozen contestants competed for audience approval from a makeshift stage.

Eventually, a winner was chosen: Miles Mitchell, a 21-year-old Staten Island resident, who dressed in a purple Willy Wonka outfit and tossed candy to the crowd from a briefcase.

Researchers warn that transcription tool invents things nobody ever said

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Tech behemoth OpenAI has touted its artificial intelligence-powered transcription tool Whisper as having near "human level robustness and accuracy."

But Whisper has a major flaw: It is prone to making up chunks of text or even entire sentences, according to interviews with more than a dozen software engineers, developers and academic researchers. Those experts said some of the invented text — known in the industry as hallucinations — can include racial commentary, violent rhetoric and even imagined medical treatments.

Experts said that such fabrications are problematic because Whisper is being used in a slew of industries worldwide to translate and transcribe interviews, generate text in popular consumer technologies and create subtitles for videos.

More concerning, they said, is a rush by medical centers to utilize Whisper-based tools to transcribe patients' consultations with their doctors, despite OpenAI's warnings that the tool should not be used in "high-risk domains."

The full extent of the problem is difficult to discern, but researchers and engineers said they frequently have come

across Whisper's hallucinations in their work. A University of Michigan researcher conducting a study of public meetings, for example, said he found hallucinations in eight out of every 10 audio transcriptions he inspected, before he started trying to improve the model.

A machine learning engineer said he initially discovered hallucinations in about half of the over 100 hours of Whisper transcriptions he analyzed.

A third developer said he found hallucinations in nearly every one of the 26,000 transcripts he created with Whisper.

AMERICAN ROUNDUP

Woman guilty for letting boyfriend die in suitcase

FL ORLANDO — A woman accused of leaving her boyfriend to die after he was zipped into a suitcase in their home was found guilty of second-degree murder by a jury in central Florida.

Four years after Sarah Boone was arrested in the death of Jorge Torres, jurors handed down the verdict against her Friday evening after deliberating for about 90 minutes. Boone had pleaded not guilty.

Boone initially told detectives with the Orange County Sheriff's Office that she and Torres had been playing hide-and-seek on Feb. 23, 2020, in their Winter Park, Fla., residence when they thought it would be funny for Torres to get into the suitcase. They had been drinking and she decided to go to sleep, thinking her boyfriend could get out on his own, she told detectives, according to an arrest report.

When she woke up the next morning, she didn't find Torres but then remembered he was in the suitcase. She unzipped the suitcase and found him unresponsive, the arrest report said.

Detectives charged Boone with murder after they found videos on her cellphone showing Torres yelling from inside the suitcase that he couldn't breathe and repeatedly calling out Boone's name, according to the arrest report.

Sit-in protesters have arrest records cleared

SC COLUMBIA — Simon Bouie told his mother and grandmother he wasn't going to get in trouble

back in 1960. Then the Black Benedict College student sat at a whites-only lunch counter in South Carolina and got himself arrested.

Finally on Friday, that arrest and the records of six of his friends were erased as a judge signed an order during a ceremony in a Columbia courthouse just a few blocks from where he sat at that segregated table some 64 years before.

Only two of the seven men arrested over two days of protests in Columbia are still alive. On Friday, Bouie and Charles Barr both walked slowly around the Richland County courtroom with canes. The other five men — David Carter, Johnny Clark, Richard Counts, Milton Greene and Talmadge Neal — have since died, so were represented at another table at the front of the courtroom by white roses.

Jail officer accused of planning inmate attacks

NM ALBUQUERQUE — A corrections officer at a New Mexico county jail is accused of orchestrating attacks in the shower on two inmates who suffer from mental illness, according to a police report.

The Bernalillo County Sheriff's Office incident report obtained by the Albuquerque Journal says that security camera footage showed inmates "attacking other inmates while under the supervision" of the officer, Nathan Shpiller.

Johanna Sandoval, the mother of one of the inmates, told the newspaper that her son, 61, is diagnosed with bipolar disorder and requires daily medication. She said the allegations

are "terrible."

Shpiller, an officer at the jail since November 2022, declined to comment. He has not been charged.

Paroled man charged in death of pregnant wife

MN ST. PAUL — A search is underway for a Minnesota man who was recently paroled for murder after he was charged with killing his pregnant wife and linked to another shooting.

Mychel Stowers, 36, is charged with two counts of second-degree murder in the Oct. 19 shooting that killed 35-year-old Damara Alexis Kirkland, who was about two months pregnant.

Officers responding to reports of gunfire found Kirkland's body crumpled on the floor. There were ultrasound photos in the apartment and a letter addressed to Stowers in the mailbox, according to the statement of probable cause filed Thursday.

Stowers had been paroled from prison in March on a second-degree murder charge in the 2008 shooting death of a St. Paul man. He was on work release and living at a halfway house, but he had been granted a pass to visit a woman described in the probable cause statement as his ex-wife on the day of the shooting.

Mutt known as 'Houdini' caught after months

LA NEW ORLEANS — Dubbed on social media as the "Houdini" of New Orleans' Mid-City neighborhood, Scrim — a scruffy, mixed-

breed dog that was on the lam for more than six months after escaping his yard — has finally been caught.

The 13-pound runaway was captured Wednesday night with the use of a tranquilizer dart. New Orleans news outlets reported that he is missing a chunk out of his ear and has various abrasions. X-rays also revealed two projectiles — possibly small bullets or air rifle pellets — were lodged inside his little body.

Veterinarian Dr. Mary Miller told The Times-Picayune/The New Orleans Advocate she couldn't be positive what type of weapon had been used, since she decided to leave the projectiles embedded in the dog's flesh as "they're not going to cause an issue."

Despite his injuries, Miller said, Scrim's condition "wasn't awful."

Detained man dies in fire at police building

AK ANCHORAGE — A man died in a fire at a police department where he was being detained in a southwest Alaska community, authorities said.

Alaska State Troopers said they were notified early Friday of a fire at the Mountain Village Police Department, the Anchorage Daily News reported.

Two men were being detained there at the time by village police officers on what are sometimes referred to as mental health holds, troopers said.

One of the men was evacuated safely, while the other, a 39-year-old, was found dead, troopers said.

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Commanders top Bears on Hail Mary TD

Associated Press

LANDOVER, Md. — Jayden Daniels had a couple of very simple thoughts going through his head with the Washington Commanders needing to make a long-distance throw to beat the Chicago Bears.

“Buy some time and don’t throw the ball out of bounds,” Daniels said.

Daniels scrambled around for nearly 13 seconds and heaved the ball from the Washington 35-yard line with no time on the clock. The pass tipped off the hands of Zach Ertz short of the goal line and into the waiting arms of Noah Brown, who was standing alone in the end zone, for a 52-yard Hail Mary touchdown that gave the Commanders an improbable 18-15 victory Sunday and sent players, coaches and fans into a frenzy.

The rookie quarterback never even saw Brown make the catch.

“I just heard people screaming and our sideline rushing the field. That’s how I knew,” said Daniels, whose status was uncertain until hours before kickoff because of a rib injury. “That’s kind of like a once-in-a-lifetime experience. Not too many people get to experience stuff like that.”

Daniels’ heroics came after the Commanders (6-2) fell behind with 25 seconds left on a TD run by Roschon Johnson after a pass-interference penalty put the ball on the 1-yard line. There were just 19 seconds left after a kickoff return to the 24.

Three completions later, Daniels added his best highlight yet to a season that has made him the favorite to be AP Offensive Rookie of the Year and one of the NFL’s most electric players.

Tigers 52, Titans 14: Jared Goff threw three touchdown passes and David Montgomery was the first of five players to score in the first half for the

Detroit Lions, who romped past the Tennessee Titans 52-14 on Sunday.

The NFC North-leading Lions (6-1) have the conference’s best record after winning five straight games, averaging 40-plus points over the last four.

Eagles 37, Bengals 17: Jalen Hurts rushed for three touchdowns and passed for another TD, helping visiting Philadelphia pound Cincinnati for its third consecutive victory.

Hurts was 16-for-20 passing for 236 yards. He also had 10 carries for 37 yards.

Cardinals 28, Dolphins 27: Kyler Murray drove visiting Arizona into position for a game-winning field goal by Chad Ryland as time expired for the second straight week, and the Cardinals spoiled Tua Tagovailoa’s return from a concussion, beating Miami.

Murray led two scoring drives in the fourth quarter to rally the Cardinals from a nine-point deficit. The first concluded with a 2-yard touchdown run by James Conner that got Arizona (4-4) within 27-25. The second was a methodical 13-play, 71-yard march that ended with Ryland’s 34-yard kick.

Packers 30, Jaguars 27: Backup Malik Willis completed a 51-yard pass to Jayden Reed that set up Brandon McManus’ second winning kick in as many weeks, a 24-yarder that lifted visiting Green Bay to a victory at Jacksonville.

Willis rallied the Packers (6-2) to their fourth consecutive win, this one with Jordan Love watching from the sideline with a left groin injury. Willis completed 4 of 5 passes for 56 yards, with a touchdown and the biggest completion of the day.

Patriots 25, Jets 22: Rhamondre Stevenson plunged into the end zone with 22 seconds left and host New England recovered after first-round draft pick Drake Maye left with a concussion early to beat Aaron

Rodgers and New York.

Starter-turned-backup Jacoby Brissett replaced the quarterback who replaced him and led the Patriots (2-6) on two fourth-quarter scoring drives to snap a six-game losing streak and send the Jets (2-6) to their fifth loss in a row.

Browns 29, Ravens 24: Jameis Winston threw a 38-yard touchdown pass — his third of the game — to Cedric Tillman with 59 seconds left as host Cleveland stunned Lamar Jackson and Baltimore to snap a five-game losing streak.

Making his first start in two years and replacing injured starter Deshaun Watson, Winston helped the Browns (2-6) take down their AFC North rival.

Falcons 31, Buccaneers 26: Kirk Cousins threw for 276 yards and four touchdowns to help visiting Atlanta take sole possession of first place of the NFC South with a victory over Tampa Bay.

Kyle Pitts scored on receptions of 36 and 49 yards and Cousins also tossed TD passes of 30 yards to Darnell Mooney and 7 yards to Bijan Robinson to give the Falcons (5-3) a two-game sweep of the season series between the division rivals.

Bills 31, Seahawks 10: Josh Allen threw two touchdown passes and surging Buffalo turned his first interception of the season into an afterthought, pummeling host Seattle.

James Cook rushed for 117 yards and two touchdowns for the AFC East-leading Bills (6-2), who were in control throughout and won their third straight.

Chiefs 27, Raiders 20: Patrick Mahomes passed for 262 yards and two touchdowns and two-time defending champion Kansas City remained undefeated with a victory over reel-in Las Vegas.

Mahomes became the fastest quarterback in NFL history to

reach 30,000 yards, doing it in his 103rd game. Matthew Stafford had hit that mark at 109 games.

49ers 30, Cowboys 24: Brock Purdy threw a touchdown pass and ran for another score to send host San Francisco into their bye week on a high note with a victory over Dallas.

Purdy led three straight touchdown drives to turn a 10-6 halftime deficit into a 27-10 lead, but San Francisco had to hold on late after Dak Prescott threw two TD passes to Cee-Dee Lamb to cut the deficit to six.

Texans 23, Colts 20: C.J. Stroud threw for 285 yards and a touchdown and Joe Mixon ran for 102 yards with a score to help host Houston to a win over Indianapolis.

Stroud bounced back after he had a career-worst 86 yards passing in a loss to the Packers last week to allow the Texans (6-2) to extend their lead atop the AFC South.

Chargers 26, Saints 8: Ladd McConkey had two touchdown catches, including a 60-yard score in the third quarter, and became the first Chargers rookie receiver in 11 years to have a 100-yard receiving game as host Los Angeles defeated New Orleans.

Justin Herbert had 328 total yards (279 passing, 48 rushing) and two touchdown throws to help the Chargers (4-3) bounce back from a last-second loss last Monday night at Arizona.

Broncos 28, Panthers 14: Bo Nix threw three touchdown passes and ran for another and host Denver’s defense throttled Bryce Young in the Broncos’ win over injury-riddled Carolina.

In the best game yet of his rookie season, the Broncos quarterback threw for 284 yards. He found Nate Adkins from 3 yards and Adam Trautman from 19 yards in the second quarter as the Broncos (5-3) built a 21-7 halftime lead.

Reddick wins berth in NASCAR finale

Associated Press

HOMESTEAD, Fla. — Michael Jordan won a championship in Phoenix in 1993. Tyler Reddick ensured that his car owner will have a chance to win another title there this year.

Reddick went high and overtook Ryan Blaney on the final turn to win at Homestead-Miami on Sunday to secure a spot in NASCAR's winner-take-all finale in Arizona in two weeks. Reddick led 98 of the 267 laps, the last of them the one that mattered most.

"The little kid drove his ass off," said Jordan, whose 1993 title — the third of six NBA titles with the Chicago Bulls — came in Phoenix against the Suns. "I'm proud of him. ... He just let go and he just went for it. I'm glad. I'm glad. We needed it."

The win added yet another twist to championship week. A hearing in the lawsuit that Jordan is part of against NASCAR over revenue sharing is scheduled for Nov. 4, six days before

Reddick will try to win him a title in the desert.

Reddick loves the Homestead track, and his favorite part of the place is turns 3 and 4 — the last two turns. He might like them even more now, since that was the stretch of track that got him a title shot in a thrilling finish.

"Took a risk and it paid off," Reddick said. "I don't know what else really to say. ... When the moment's right, you can do some pretty crazy stuff over there."

Reddick's move at the end was the 33rd lead change of the day, a Homestead record. Blaney was second and Denny Hamlin — a part-owner of Reddick's car — was third. Playoff drivers took the top six spots, with Christopher Bell fourth, Chase Elliott fifth and William Byron sixth.

Reddick — the regular season champion and the driver who started from the pole on Sunday, a week after he went upside

down in Las Vegas — and Joey Logano are now assured two of the four spots in NASCAR's final four at Phoenix.

"He has an abundance of talent," Dave Rogers, the performance director for 23XI Racing, said about Reddick. "He's determined to win. He puts the work in."

Reddick was third behind Blaney and Hamlin going into the final lap. He went low and got around Hamlin, and the three cars settled into a straight line along the wall before Reddick stayed high to scoot past Blaney.

"We're going to do what it took to win this race," Reddick said, moments before Jordan wrapped his arms around him and not long before teammate Bubba Wallace — fists high in the air like a fighter celebrating a title — came over to offer his congratulations as well. "We're fighting for a championship."

Reddick became Homestead's ninth different winner in

the last nine years, joining Jimmie Johnson in 2016, Martin Truex Jr. in 2017, Logano in 2018, Kyle Busch in 2019, Hamlin in 2020, Byron in 2021, Kyle Larson in 2022 and Bell last year.

Logano was the only one of the eight playoff drivers who came to Homestead assured of a berth in the season finale. He spent much of the day in the middle of the pack.

The other seven playoff drivers all jostled toward the front for the majority of the 267 laps. Hamlin led with two laps to go, Larson with one lap left and then Reddick at the end.

"Had a great shot to win and I didn't have a very good last lap," said Blaney, who was also second at Homestead last year.

Bell and Byron have the inside track to grab the last two spots in the winner-take-all final four, though any of the six drivers who haven't clinched a berth yet can by simply winning at Martinsville next week.

US women's soccer team comes back to beat Iceland

Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Lynn Williams and Lindsey Horan scored minutes apart in the second half and the United States women's soccer team rallied to beat Iceland 3-1 on Sunday.

Forward Emma Sears made her debut for the United States as a second-half substitute and scored in stoppage time. She also had an assist, becoming the first player with a goal and an assist in her first national team game.

"We don't want to lose, we don't like losing. The U.S. mentality is we're going to bring it, we're going to claw, we're going to fight, we're going to come back," Williams said. "So, yes, we were down, but I believe in us, we all believe in ourselves and that's what it takes to win."

The United States also defeat-

ed Iceland 3-1 on Thursday in Austin, Texas, in the first of the three matches on home soil. The Americans play Argentina on Wednesday in Louisville, Ky.

The matches are the first for the United States since the team won the gold medal at the Paris Olympics this past summer.

Karolína Lea Vilhjalmsdottir scored on a corner kick to give Iceland the lead in the 31st minute. U.S. goalkeeper Casey Murphy leaped to get her fingertips on the ball, but it got past her and bounced into the goal after hitting the far post.

It was the first time the United States had trailed in 12 games under coach Emma Hayes.

The Americans had a good chance in the 62nd minute but Iceland goalkeeper Cecilia Ran Runarsdottir dove to push away

Horan's free kick. But Williams broke through in the 72nd minute to tie the game before Horan's goal 3:45 later.

"It's honestly hard to find the words right now," Sears said about her goal to cap the scoring. "This feels super surreal to not only be surrounded by such amazing people but also players that I've looked up to for so many years. I'm super honored to have been invited to this camp and to learn and grow in this environment."

The U.S. recognized defender Kelley O'Hara with a halftime ceremony. O'Hara announced earlier this year that she was retiring. Her final professional season with Gotham FC in the National Women's Soccer League this year was cut short by injury.

The team also honored Mallory Swanson before the game for her 100th appearance for the United States. Her husband, Chicago Cubs shortstop Dansby Swanson, was on hand for the ceremony.

Swanson's 100th game was the gold-medal match against Brazil at the Olympics. Swanson scored the lone goal in the 1-0 victory.

Among those missing from the U.S. squad for the three matches was Trinity Rodman, who was recovering from a back injury, and Crystal Dunn, who was absent for a personal commitment.

The U.S. will close out the year with a pair of matches in Europe. They play England at Wembley on Nov. 30 before facing the Netherlands in the Hague on Dec. 3.

Maxey scores 45 in 76ers' OT victory

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Tyrese Maxey scored 10 of Philadelphia's 13 overtime points Sunday and finished with a season-high 45 as the 76ers beat the Indiana Pacers 118-114 for their first win of the season.

Maxey dominated the second half, scoring 14 of Philadelphia's last 18 points in the third quarter and rallying the 76ers from a 102-97 deficit in the final minute of regulation.

Caleb Martin added 17 points and 12 rebounds for Philadelphia, while Eric Gordon finished with 15 points in the return to his home state. Andre Drummond scored nine points and grabbed 17 rebounds.

Pacers All-Star Tyrese Haliburton rebounded from a scoreless Friday night in New York with 22 points, including a circus 3-pointer with 3.5 seconds left to force overtime. But he missed two free throws late in overtime which would have tied the score at 116.

Pascal Siakam added 17

points for Indiana, which lost its fourth home opener in 17 seasons.

Nets 115, Bucks 102: Cam Thomas scored 32 points, Dennis Schroder added 29 and Brooklyn won its home opener over Milwaukee to give coach Jordi Fernandez his first victory.

The Nets pulled away in the fourth quarter after opening with two road losses in their first season under Fernandez, a native of Badalona, Spain.

Thomas scored 11 in the final period to surpass the 30 points he had averaged in the first two games.

Giannis Antetokounmpo had 22 points and 12 rebounds for the Bucks, who have dropped two straight after winning their opener. Damian Lillard scored 21 points and Bobby Portis Jr. had 16 points and 10 boards.

Blazers 125, Pelicans 103: Jerami Grant scored 28 points to lead host Portland to a victory over New Orleans for its first win of the season.

Anfernee Simons pitched in 27 points and six assists as the Blazers bounced back from a 105-103 loss to the Pelicans on Friday. Deandre Ayton finished with a double-double of 17 points and 12 rebounds.

CJ McCollum had 27 points to lead the Pelicans in the second of a two-game set against his former team.

After New Orleans opened the game with an 8-0 run, Portland stormed back and took a 59-47 lead into halftime. The Blazers extended the lead to as many as 24 in the second half.

Thunder 128, Hawks 104: Shai Gilgeous-Alexander had 35 points, 11 rebounds and nine assists, and host Oklahoma City beat Atlanta in a matchup of teams that had won their first two games.

Chet Holmgren had 25 points, nine rebounds and six blocks and Jalen Williams added 20 points and nine rebounds for the Thunder.

Oklahoma City outscored Atlanta 39-18 in the fourth quarter.

The Thunder made 14 of 23 field goals in the final period while Atlanta made 6 of 20.

Trae Young had 24 points and eight assists for the Hawks. He only attempted 14 shots while being harassed by Oklahoma City's guards. He had at least 30 points and 10 assists in each of his first two games.

Clippers 112, Warriors 104: Stephen Curry left midway through the fourth quarter with a left ankle injury as Ivica Zubac and Los Angeles spoiled Golden State's home opener.

Zubac had 23 points and 18 rebounds.

Andrew Wiggins scored 29 points and Curry added 18 with six assists, but left for good at the 7:55 mark. He tweaked his ankle late in the third and then briefly tried to return with 8:08 left in the game before sitting down for good.

James Harden contributed 23 points, making all nine of his free throws for the Clippers who are still without star forward Kawhi Leonard.

Draisaitl scores in OT to lift Oilers over Red Wings

Associated Press

DETROIT — Leon Draisaitl scored his second goal of the game 18 seconds into overtime and the Edmonton Oilers beat the Detroit Red Wings 3-2 on Sunday night.

Evan Bouchard also scored and Calvin Pickard stopped 25 shots to help the Oilers win their second straight. Connor McDavid and defenseman Mattias Ekholm each had two assists.

Andrew Copp had a goal and an assist. J.T. Compher also scored for the Red Wings, and Patrick Kane had two assists. Cam Talbot finished with 30 saves.

The Oilers beat the Red Wings for the fifth time in six games (5-0-1).

Devils 6, Ducks 2: Stefan

Noesen scored twice in the second period, Jacob Markstrom made 24 saves and host New Jersey downed Anaheim.

Jack Hughes, Paul Cotter, Nico Hischier and Erik Haula also scored for the Devils, who scored four goals in the second period.

Hughes tied the contest at 11:15 into the second after Anaheim's Brock McGinn scored in the first period. Noesen put New Jersey (6-4-2) ahead 2-1 at 4:42 of the middle period and scored again on a power play with 2:37 left in the period.

Cotter made it 4-1 with 1:11 left in the second.

Hischier scored his team-leading ninth goal of the season 1:50 into the third to make it 5-1. Haula scored the Devils' sixth

goal with under a minute left in the game at even strength.

Ryan Strome scored the Ducks' second goal in the third period, and James Reimer made 28 saves for Anaheim (3-4-1).

Canadiens 4, Flyers 3: Nick Suzuki and Brendan Gallagher each had a goal and an assist and visiting Montreal defeated Philadelphia.

Suzuki extended his point streak to seven games. He scored in the first period and assisted Cole Caufield on a power-play goal late in the second period. Montreal won consecutive games for the first time this season.

Aleksei Kolosov made 20 saves in his NHL debut for Philadelphia, which lost for the seventh time in eight games.

Travis Sanheim had a pair of goals for Philadelphia.

Avalanche 5, Senators 4: Logan O'Connor and Ross Colton scored 1:32 apart in a high-scoring third period, and host Colorado beat Ottawa for its fifth straight win.

Nikolai Kovalenko scored his first NHL goal for Colorado, which had to survive a furious rally from Ottawa.

The Senators trailed 2-0 when Brady Tkachuk and Nick Cousins scored 2:08 apart midway through the third. O'Connor and Colton answered to restore the two-goal lead but Claude Giroux answered at 16:48.

Ottawa pulled Anton Forsberg for an extra skater and Nathan MacKinnon scored into an empty net at 18:45.