

## UK probes hack targeting US base data

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*Stars and Stripes*

British defense officials are investigating whether hackers stole hundreds of sensitive military documents containing details of eight bases in the country, including two used by the U.S. military, and posted them on the dark web.

The U.K. defense ministry confirmed the probe to Stars and Stripes on Monday in a statement, which provided no further comment.

The files contained information on RAF Lakenheath and RAF Mildenhall, the two largest bases used by the U.S. military in the U.K. and home to thousands of American personnel and their families, according to a report over the weekend by British newspaper the Mail on Sunday.

U.S. Air Force representatives at Lakenheath and Mildenhall did not immediately re-

spond to a request for comment.

The Russian group Lynx is thought to be responsible for the hack, the Mail on Sunday reported. The disclosure comes as Western intelligence agencies warn of increasing Russian cybercrime and espionage activity targeting NATO infrastructure.

British and U.S. officials have repeatedly accused Russia-linked hackers of probing allied defense contractors and attempting to disrupt logistics and communications networks that support Kyiv.

Some of the stolen files related to construction work at Lakenheath by the company Kier, the paper said.

Kier, as part of a joint venture, was contracted in 2018 to deliver major infrastructure upgrades at the base related to U.S. F-35 operations, the government said at the time.

RAF Lakenheath is home to U.S. Air Force F-35 squadrons,

while nearby RAF Mildenhall hosts aerial refueling and special operations units.

RAF Portreath, a radar station that forms part of NATO's air defense network, and RAF Predannack, home to the U.K.'s National Drone Hub, were also targeted, along with RAF St. Mawgan, HMS Raleigh, HMS Drake and RNAS Culdrose, according to the report.

Other documents compromised in the breach reportedly included visitor records at other bases, contractor and personnel contact details and internal security guidance that could be exploited in phishing attacks, the Mail on Sunday reported.

Names, cellphone numbers, vehicle registrations and email addresses were also said to have been posted to the dark web, a hidden part of the internet accessible only through specialized software, according to the newspaper.

Intruders accessed the files

by hacking a maintenance and construction company employed by the ministry, allowing them to bypass the British military's cyberdefenses, the report added.

A spokesperson for Dodd Group told the BBC that it had experienced a ransomware incident in which an unauthorized third party gained temporary access to part of its internal systems.

Dodd is a British engineering and property services company whose work includes the defense sector.

The reported hacking follows a series of high-profile data breaches at U.K.'s defense ministry, underscoring ongoing challenges in securing military contractors' networks.

In August, it was revealed that thousands of Afghans fleeing their country for Britain had their personal data exposed after a ministry subcontractor suffered a breach.

## Iraq: Small US contingent will stay due to ISIS threat

*Associated Press*

BAGHDAD — Iraq's prime minister said Monday that a small contingent of U.S. military advisers will remain in the country for now to coordinate with U.S. forces in Syria combating Islamic State militants.

Washington and Baghdad agreed last year to wind down an American-led coalition fighting ISIS in Iraq by this September, with U.S. forces departing some bases where they have been stationed.

Iraqi Prime Minister Mohammed Shia al-Sudani told a small group of journalists in Baghdad that U.S. military ad-

visers and support personnel are now stationed at the Ain al-Asad air base in Western Iraq, a base adjacent to the Baghdad airport, and the al-Harir air base in northern Iraq.

Al-Sudani noted the agreement originally stipulated a full pullout of U.S. forces from Ain al-Asad by September, but "developments in Syria" since then "required maintaining a small unit" of between 250 and 350 advisers and security personnel.

He said they would work "to support counter-ISIS surveillance and coordination with the al-Tanf base" in Syria.

He added "other U.S. sites are

witnessing gradual reductions in personnel and operations."

After the fall of former Syrian President Bashar Assad in a rebel offensive in December, fears arose in Iraq of an ISIS resurgence taking advantage of the ensuing security vacuum as well as of weapons abandoned by the former Syrian army.

Al-Sudani maintained that the extremist group, which seized wide swathes of territory in Iraq and Syria a decade ago "no longer poses a significant threat inside Iraq."

Iraq has sought to balance Iraq's relations with the United States and Tehran and to avoid

being pulled into regional conflicts, a policy that the prime minister said he will continue.

"We put Iraq first, and we do not wish to act as a proxy for anyone," he said. "Iraq will not be a battlefield for conflicts."

At the same time, al-Sudani urged the U.S. to return to negotiations with Iran, describing the Trump administration's "maximum pressure" approach to curtail Iranian influence as "counterproductive."

"Iran is an important and influential country that must be treated with respect and through direct dialogue," he said.

# Sailors, Marines conduct live-fire display

*The San Diego Union-Tribune*

In a shock-and-awe attack, the Navy and Marines launched an hourlong amphibious assault landing at Camp Pendleton, Calif., on Saturday in a brawny celebration of the service.

With nine warships taking position off the coast, helicopters advanced toward Camp Pendleton, service members parachuted in and stormed ashore.

Explosions shook Red Beach — which is close to Interstate 5 — as the huge live-fire demonstration that's being staged to celebrate the 250th anniversary of the Navy and Marines got underway around 1 p.m. Later, M777 howitzers on Red Beach fired 155 mm shells inland, aimed at the Whiskey Impact Area in a remote part of the base.

The attack drew loud cheers among 15,000 Marines, Navy sailors, veterans and dignitaries who watched things unfold on a video screen not far away from

a makeshift stadium alongside Vice President JD Vance and Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth. A narrator gave a play-by-play over a loudspeaker.

Vance, a Marine veteran who joined local Navy SEALs for a workout Saturday morning had a poignant moment addressing Camp Pendleton, saying, "From these mountains and this water, Marines have deployed to every major fight in the last century. From island hopping across the Pacific to Helmand Province and beyond."

"Standing here, you can feel the weight of that history, the generations upon generations, upon Americans who cut their teeth at this base, boarding ships and carrying the American flag. But that's exactly what Marines do," Vance said.

The show ended an hour later with a huge, low-level fly-by of all the main types of aircraft represented in the event.

"It's clear to me why Presi-

dent Trump says all the time we are the strongest, most powerful, most prepared military on the planet," Hegseth told the gathered Marines in remarks that followed the demonstration. "Because you are that strength, that power."

The celebration comes amid controversy. Gov. Gavin Newsom, after consulting with traffic safety experts at the California Highway Patrol, temporarily closed a large section of Interstate 5 that runs through Camp Pendleton because of the live artillery fired inland, across the freeway, during the drill.

Motorists were earlier prevented from getting on the northbound freeway from on-ramps throughout Oceanside.

After the event, The Associated Press reported that shrapnel from an exploding artillery shell fell hit and damaged a California Highway Patrol vehicle during the exercises, state authorities said Sunday. No one

was injured.

The assault, involving 8,500 sailors and Marines, represents one of the main roles of the Marines, founded as an amphibious force.

It includes the amphibious vessels USS Boxer, USS Makin Island and USS Pearl Harbor, as well as a broad cross-section of military might, from F-35 fighter jets to V22 Osprey transport planes.

At one point during the demonstration, four Marine F-18s buzzed the stadium to "oohs" and "ahhs" from the crowd, followed by Marines coming ashore in amphibious combat vehicles. Marine-laden hovercraft threw up dirt and water spray as they came in next, and fighter jets bolted off the deck of the carrier USS Theodore Roosevelt.

The demonstration was filmed by the White House for a primetime television special to be aired on Nov. 9.

## Zelenskyy says meeting with Trump was 'positive'

*Associated Press*

KYIV, Ukraine — Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy says his reportedly tense meeting with U.S. President Donald Trump last week was "positive" — even though he did not secure the Tomahawk missiles for Ukraine — and emphasized what he said is continued American interest in economic deals with Kyiv.

Zelenskyy said Trump reneged on the possibility of sending the long-range missiles to Ukraine, which would have been a major boost for Kyiv, following his phone call with Russian President Vladimir Putin hours before the Ukrainian leader and American president were to meet on Friday.

"In my opinion, he does not

want an escalation with the Russians until he meets with them," Zelenskyy told reporters on Sunday.

His comments were embarrassed until Monday morning.

Ukraine is hoping to purchase 25 Patriot air defense systems from American firms using frozen Russian assets and assistance from partners, but Zelenskyy said procuring all of these would require time because of long production queues. He said he spoke to Trump about help procuring these quicker, potentially from European partners.

According to Zelenskyy, Trump said during their meeting that Putin's maximalist demand — that Ukraine cede the entirety of Ukraine's eastern

Donetsk and Luhansk regions — was unchanged.

On Sunday, Trump said Sunday that the Donbas region of Ukraine should be "cut up," leaving most of it in Russian hands, to end a war that has dragged on for nearly four years.

"Let it be cut the way it is," he told reporters aboard Air Force One. "... They can negotiate something later on down the line." But for now, both sides of the conflict should "stop at the battle line — go home, stop fighting, stop killing people."

Zelenskyy was diplomatic about his meeting with Trump despite reports that he faced pressure to accept Putin's demands — a tactic he has kept up since the disastrous Oval Office

spat on Feb. 28 when the Ukrainian president was scolded on live television for not being grateful for continued American support.

Zelenskyy said that because Trump ultimately supported a freeze along the current front line his overall message "is positive" for Ukraine.

He said Trump was looking to end the war and hopes his meeting in the coming weeks with Putin in Hungary — which does not support Ukraine — will pave the way for a peace deal after their first summit in Alaska in August failed to reach such an outcome.

So far, Zelenskyy said he has not been invited to attend but would consider it if the format for talks were fair to Kyiv.

# Court considers if pot smokers can own guns

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court said on Monday that it will consider whether people who regularly smoke marijuana can legally own guns, the latest firearm case to come before the court since its 2022 decision expanding gun rights.

President Donald Trump's administration asked the justices to revive a case against a Texas man charged with a felony because he allegedly had a gun in his home and acknowledged being a regular pot user. The Justice Department appealed after a lower court largely struck down a law that bars people who use any illegal drugs from having guns.

Arguments probably will take place early in 2026.

The Republican administration favors Second Amendment rights, but government attorneys argued that this ban is a justifiable restriction.

They asked the court to reinstate a case against Ali Dania Hemani. His lawyers got the felony charge tossed out after the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals found that the blanket ban is unconstitutional under the Supreme Court's expanded view of gun rights. The appellate judges found it could still be used against people accused of being high and armed at the same time, though.

Hemani's attorneys argue the

broadly written law puts millions of people at risk of technical violations since at least 20% of Americans have tried pot, according to government health data. About half of states legalized recreational marijuana.

The Justice Department argues the law is valid when used against regular drug users because they pose a serious public safety risk. The government said the FBI found Hemani's gun and cocaine in a search of his home as they probed travel and communications allegedly linked to Iran. The gun charge was the only one filed, however, and his lawyers said the other allegations were irrelevant and were mentioned only to make

him seem more dangerous.

The case marks another flashpoint in the application of the Supreme Court's new test for firearm restrictions. The conservative majority found in 2022 that the Second Amendment generally gives people the right to carry guns in public for self-defense and firearm restrictions must have a grounding in the nation's history.

The landmark 2022 ruling led to a cascade of challenges to firearm laws around the country, though the justices have since upheld a different federal law intended to protect victims of domestic violence by barring guns from people under restraining orders.

# Giving babies peanuts early avoids allergies

Associated Press

A decade after a landmark study proved that feeding peanut products to young babies could prevent development of life-threatening allergies, new research finds the change has made a big difference in the real world.

About 60,000 children have avoided developing peanut allergies after guidance first issued in 2015 upended medical practice by recommending in-

troducing the allergen to infants starting as early as 4 months.

"That's a remarkable thing, right?" said Dr. David Hill, an allergist and researcher at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia and author of a study published Monday in the medical journal *Pediatrics*. Hill and colleagues analyzed electronic health records from dozens of pediatric practices to track diagnoses of food allergies in young children before, during and after the gui-

delines were issued.

"I can actually come to you today and say there are less kids with food allergy today than there would have been if we hadn't implemented this public health effort," he added.

The researchers found that peanut allergies in children ages 0 to 3 declined by more than 27% after guidance for high-risk kids was first issued in 2015 and by more than 40% after recommendations expanded in 2017.

The effort hasn't yet reduced an overall increase in food allergies in the U.S. in recent years. About 8% of children are affected, including more than 2% with a peanut allergy.

Peanut allergy is caused when the body's immune system mistakenly identifies proteins in peanuts as harmful and releases chemicals that trigger allergic symptoms, including hives, respiratory symptoms and anaphylaxis.

# Trump to build large arch near Lincoln Memorial

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump wants to leave his mark on the nation's capital by building a Paris-style arch just west of the Lincoln Memorial.

Trump unveiled the plan at a White House dinner on Wednesday for the wealthy businesspeople who have pledged money toward the \$250 million cost of adding a massive ballroom to the Executive Mansion.

Trump did not put a price tag on the cost of the arch.

Many presidents and first families try to leave their imprint on the White House, and Trump is already doing that with many of the design and construction changes he's made to the property, perhaps most notably by converting the Rose Garden into a stone-covered patio.

But the arch goes far beyond the White House, giving Trump a chance to leave another last-

ing monument in a city known for them.

It would expand on his earlier talk of sprucing up the city by replacing its "tired" grasses, broken signage and street medians.

Trump seems to draw inspiration from the French.

The proposed arch bears a striking resemblance to the Arc de Triomphe in Paris, the famous monument at the end of the Champs-Élysées honoring those who fought for France

during the French Revolution and Napoleonic wars.

A military parade held in Washington earlier this year to mark the Army's 250th birthday was inspired after Trump witnessed a similar event down the famous Parisian boulevard eight years ago as a guest of France's president, Emmanuel Macron.

Harrison Design, a local firm, is working on the project, according to a weekend social media post from Trump.



# Israel resumes ceasefire after attacks, to restart aid

Associated Press

JERUSALEM — Gaza's fragile ceasefire faced its first major test Sunday as Israeli forces launched a wave of deadly strikes, saying Hamas militants had killed two soldiers, and an Israeli security official said the transfer of aid into the territory was halted.

The military later said it resumed enforcing the ceasefire, and the official confirmed that aid deliveries would resume Monday.

A little over a week has passed since the start of the U.S.-proposed ceasefire aimed at ending two years of war. U.S. President Donald Trump said the ceasefire remained in place and "we want to make sure it's going to be very peaceful."

He told reporters aboard Air Force One on Sunday that Hamas has been "quite rambunc-

tious" and "they've been doing some shooting."

He suggested that the violence might be the fault of "rebels" within the organization rather than its leadership.

"It's going to be handled toughly but properly," he said. Trump did not say whether he thought the Israeli strikes were justified, saying "it's under review."

Vice President JD Vance said Sunday that he may visit Israel in the coming days.

"We're trying to figure it out," he told reporters, saying the administration wants to "go and check on how things are going." Regarding the ceasefire, he said that "there's going to be fits and starts."

Health officials said at least 36 Palestinians were killed across Gaza, including children. Israel's military said it struck

dozens of Hamas targets after its troops came under fire.

A senior Egyptian official involved in the ceasefire negotiations said "round-the-clock" contacts were underway to de-escalate the situation.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu directed the military to take "strong action" against any ceasefire violations but didn't threaten to return to war.

Israel's military said militants had fired at troops in areas of Rafah city that are Israeli-controlled according to agreed-upon ceasefire lines.

Hamas, which continued to accuse Israel of multiple ceasefire violations, said communication with its remaining units in Rafah had been cut off for months and "we are not responsible for any incidents occurring in those areas."

# Thieves steal crown jewels from the Louvre

Associated Press

PARIS — In a minutes-long strike Sunday inside the world's most-visited museum, thieves rode a basket lift up the Louvre's facade, forced a window, smashed display cases and fled with priceless Napoleonic jewels, officials said.

The daylight heist about 30 minutes after opening, with visitors already inside, was among the highest-profile museum thefts in living memory and comes as staff complained that crowding and thin staffing are straining security.

The theft unfolded just 270 yards from the Mona Lisa, in what Culture Minister Rachida Dati described as a professional "four-minute operation."

One object, the emerald-set imperial crown of Napoleon II's wife, Empress Eugénie, containing more than 1,300 diamonds, was later found outside the museum, French authorities said. It was reportedly recovered broken.

A lift — which officials say the thieves brought and which was later removed — stood against the Seine-facing façade, their entry route and, observers said, a revealing weakness: that such machinery could be brought to a palace-museum unchecked.

Around 9:30 a.m., several intruders forced a window, cut panes with a disc cutter and went straight for the glass display cases, officials said. Interior Minister Laurent Nunez said the crew entered from outside using a basket lift via the river-front facade to reach the hall with the 23-item royal collection. The thieves smashed two display cases and fled on motorbikes, Nunez said. Alarms brought Louvre agents to the room, forcing the intruders to bolt.

# UK faces pressure to strip Prince Andrew of titles amid controversy over Epstein link

Associated Press

LONDON — He won't call himself a duke anymore, but that is not enough for many of Prince Andrew's critics.

Buckingham Palace and the British government were under pressure Monday to formally strip Prince Andrew of his princely title and sumptuous home after new revelations about his relationship with convicted sex offender Jeffrey Epstein.

After discussions with his elder brother King Charles III, Andrew agreed on Friday to stop using titles including Duke of York. It was the latest effort to insulate the monarchy from years of tawdry headlines about Andrew's business deals and inappropriate behavior.

But he still technically holds the title of duke, bestowed by his late mother. And as the son of a monarch, he remains a prince.

Andrew's statement relinquishing some of his royal titles came after emails emerged showing he had remained in contact with Epstein longer than he previously admitted, and days before publication of a posthumous memoir by Epstein accuser Virginia Roberts Giuffre, who alleged she had sex with Andrew when she was 17.

Giuffre's brother, Sky Roberts, urged the king to go further and "remove the title of prince," too.

Andrew, 65, has long denied Giuffre's claims but stepped down from royal duties after a

disastrous November 2019 BBC interview in which he attempted to rebut her allegations.

Many viewers saw an entitled prince who failed to show empathy for Epstein's victims and offered unbelievable explanations for his friendship with the late sex offender.

Andrew paid millions to settle a lawsuit filed by Giuffre in 2022. While he didn't admit wrongdoing, he acknowledged Giuffre's suffering as a victim of sex trafficking.

Some also want Andrew evicted from Royal Lodge, the mansion near Windsor Castle where he lives alongside his ex-wife Sarah Ferguson, who will no longer be known as the Duchess of York.

## AMERICAN ROUNDUP

**Bolton pleads not guilty in data-sharing case**

**MD** GREENBELT — John Bolton pleaded not guilty Friday to charges accusing the former Trump national security adviser turned critic of emailing classified information to family members and keeping top secret documents at his Maryland home.

Bolton was ordered released from custody after making his appearance before a judge in the third Justice Department case brought in recent weeks against an adversary of President Donald Trump.

The case accusing Bolton of putting the country's national security at risk is unfolding against the backdrop of growing concerns that the Trump administration is using the law enforcement powers of the Justice Department to pursue his political foes. Bolton has signaled he will argue he is being targeted because of his criticism of the president, describing the charges as part of a Trump "effort to intimidate his opponents."

Bolton is accused of sharing with his wife and daughter more than 1,000 pages of notes that included sensitive information he had gleaned from meetings with other U.S. government officials and foreign leaders or from intelligence briefings.

**Third-floor balcony collapses, 10 in hospital**

**OH** CINCINNATI — A balcony on the third floor of a building near the University of Cincinnati collapsed Friday evening, sending 10 people to the hospital, including one

person in critical condition, according to officials.

Five of the people had serious injuries, while four had minor injuries, Cincinnati Police Department Capt. Stephen Bower said during a news conference. He described the building as a place where a lot of students live.

"They had a big exam today and they were celebrating," he said.

Officials are investigating the collapse, Frank McKinley, Cincinnati fire chief said.

It was not immediately clear the number of people on the balcony when it collapsed.

**Jury backs bystanders hurt in shooting by cop**

**CO** DENVER — A jury has awarded \$19.7 million to six bystanders who were wounded as a Denver police officer opened fire at an armed man as bars let out at closing time, attorneys for the plaintiffs said Friday.

The award for damages is the result of a lawsuit against Denver Police Department in connection with the 2022 shooting.

Police officer Brandon Ramos previously pleaded guilty in the shooting to a misdemeanor assault charge that makes him ineligible to serve as a police officer and included a probation sentence.

Ramos was working in a gun violence prevention team in Denver's Lower Downtown neighborhood when he and two other officers, who were not charged, shot at Jordan Waddy after he pulled a gun from his pocket.

A grand jury in those proceedings found that Ramos was

not in danger because Waddy did not turn and face him, and Ramos disregarded the risk posed to the crowd of people behind Waddy.

**United airplane clips tail of another aircraft**

**IL** CHICAGO — A United Airlines plane heading for its gate clipped the tail of another United aircraft at Chicago's O'Hare Airport, authorities said.

No one was hurt in Friday's incident and the 113 passengers on Flight 2652 from Jackson Hole, Wyo., were able to leave the plane normally after a delay, United officials said in a statement.

The second plane had its horizontal stabilizer struck and was not moving when the planes hit, officials said.

Bill Marcus, a passenger on the flight from Wyoming, said he didn't even realize anything happened until the pilot said there would be a delay to document something and passengers on the plane saw a number of people gather around the right wing.

**FAA allows Boeing to up 737 Max production**

**WA** SEATTLE — The Federal Aviation Administration said Friday it will allow Boeing to produce more 737 Max airplanes by increasing the monthly limit that it imposed after a door plug blew off an Alaska Airlines jet that the company built.

Boeing can now produce 42 Max jets per month, up from 38, after safety inspectors conducted extensive reviews of the

aerospace company's manufacturing lines to ensure an increase in production can be done safely, the FAA said.

The agency had set a cap on production shortly after the terrifying January 2024 incident involving the Alaska Airlines 737 Max jet. In practice, though, the production rate fell well below the ceiling last year as the company contended with investigations and a machinists' strike that idled factories for almost eight weeks. But Boeing said over the summer that it had reached the monthly cap in the second quarter and would eventually seek the FAA's permission to start producing more of the planes.

**Suit: Plastic-bag makers lied about recycling**

**CA** SACRAMENTO — California ramped up its efforts to curb plastic pollution Friday — suing three plastic-bag makers, alleging the companies falsely claimed their products were recyclable.

State Attorney General Rob Bonta, a Democrat, said companies Novolex Holdings, Intoplast Group and Mettler Packaging violated a state law passed in 2014 that banned plastic bags at grocery store checkouts that weren't recyclable.

Under the law, shoppers could pay 10 cents for thicker plastic bags that needed to be reusable and recyclable. But the makers of the bags labeled them as recyclable even though they were not — recycling facilities cannot process them and they end up dumped in landfills, incinerated, or in the state's waterways, Bonta said.

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# Guerrero, Blue Jays force ALCS Game 7

Associated Press

TORONTO — Vladimir Guerrero Jr. hit his sixth home run this postseason, rookie Trey Yesavage struck out seven in 5½ innings and the Toronto Blue Jays pushed the American League Championship Series to the limit by beating the sloppy Seattle Mariners 6-2 on Sunday night.

The AL pennant was decided Monday night in Toronto, the second Game 7 in Blue Jays history. Toronto lost to Kansas City in the 1985 ALCS.

For one famous baseball family, it will also be a first. Guerrero's father, Hall of Fame outfielder Vladimir Guerrero, never played in a postseason Game 7 during his 16-year career.

"My dad was telling me, Game 7 is give it all you have," the Toronto slugger said.

Seattle, the only big league team without a pennant, played a Game 7 for the first time. The winner faces the NL champion Los Angeles Dodgers in the World Series beginning Friday.

Addison Barger homered and drove in three early runs for the Blue Jays, who turned three double plays behind Yesavage — two of them to escape bases-loaded jams.

That made Toronto the first team to induce consecutive bases-loaded, inning-ending

double plays in a postseason game, and only the fourth team to turn two in a single postseason game.

"I knew my defense had my back," Yesavage said.

The Blue Jays also took advantage of Seattle's season-high three errors. By comparison, Toronto has made four errors in 10 playoff games.

"Balls just kind of in and out of the glove there that put a couple extra guys on base," Mariners manager Dan Wilson said. "Unfortunately, it led to a couple runs."

Guerrero's sixth career postseason homer — all this year — tied him with José Bautista and Joe Carter for the most in Blue Jays history.

Bautista threw out the ceremonial first pitch before the game.

Toronto had lost its previous four games when facing postseason elimination. That streak stretched to Game 5 of the 2016 ALCS against Cleveland and included wild-card round losses to Tampa Bay in 2020, Seattle in 2022 and Minnesota in 2023.

Guerrero's leadoff homer in the fifth made it 5-0 and chased Mariners starter Logan Gilbert. The right-hander allowed four earned runs and seven hits in four-plus innings.

"I thought he had a good fast-

ball, especially early," Wilson said. "His split was good at times. This is a tough lineup and they did what they had to do to get the ball in play."

Yesavage took a shutout into the sixth. He was charged with two runs and six hits, five of them singles.

Five of his strikeouts came on his split-finger fastball, as did both double-play grounders with the bases loaded.

Three of Yesavage's six major league starts have come in the playoffs. He's won twice this postseason after winning one of three outings during the regular season.

Louis Varland got four outs and Jeff Hoffman struck out four over two hitless innings to end it.

Seattle used two walks and a single to load the bases against Yesavage in the third but was denied when slugger Cal Raleigh grounded into a 3-6-1 double play started by Guerrero and completed by Yesavage covering first base. Raleigh's first-pitch grounder came off his bat at 101 mph.

Raleigh finished 0 for 4 with three strikeouts.

The Mariners came up empty again after another bases-loaded opportunity in the fourth when J.P. Crawford grounded into a 4-6-3 double play.

Seattle broke through and chased Yesavage in the sixth. Josh Naylor's solo shot was his third home run of the playoffs. Yesavage exited after Randy Arozarena's base hit, and Eugenio Suárez greeted Varland with a bloop RBI single.

The Blue Jays took advantage of fielding errors by Rodríguez in center field and Suárez at third base to score twice in the second, when Barger and Isiah Kiner-Falefa had RBI singles.

George Springer started at designated hitter for Toronto and went 0 for 4 with a walk. Springer exited in the seventh inning of Friday's Game 5 loss to the Mariners after he was hit on the right kneecap by a 95.6 mph pitch from Bryan Woo.

Guerrero was hit by a pitch from Seattle reliever Matt Brash in the seventh.

Guerrero moved to second on Alejandro Kirk's single and was advancing on a wild pitch when he scored on Raleigh's throwing error.

The Blue Jays were expected to start RHP Shane Bieber on Monday night. Bieber allowed two runs and four hits over six innings in Game 3, a 13-4 win for Toronto. He struck out eight and walked one as he bounced back from a poor outing against the New York Yankees in the Division Series.

## Florida fires coach Napier after error-filled win and odd calls

Associated Press

GAINESVILLE, Fla. — Florida fired coach Billy Napier on Sunday, dumping him a day after an error-filled win against Mississippi State that included more head-scratching calls and offensive lulls like those that marked much of his four-year run with the Gators.

Athletic director Scott Stricklin made the move following a 23-21 victory that looked like it was going to be gut-wrenching loss until defensive tackle Michai Boireau picked off a pass

with 21 seconds remaining and the Bulldogs near field-goal range.

The game-sealing takeaway energized the Swamp, but the home crowd quickly turned on Napier and booed him as he sprinted off the field. Stricklin had seen enough and pulled the plug on a run that most of the Florida faithful thought lasted longer than it should have.

"While his influence was positive, it ultimately did not translate into the level of success we expect on the field," Stricklin

said in a lengthy statement.

Napier went 22-23 in four seasons with the Gators, including 12-16 in SEC play. He was 5-17 against ranked opponents, including 0-14 away from home, and declined to give up his play-calling role despite calls to do so.

Equally damning: his 3-12 mark against rivals Florida State, Georgia, LSU, Miami and Tennessee includes the fewest wins by a Florida coach in such games since the late 1930s.

Receivers coach Billy Gon-

zales is the interim head coach for the Gators' remaining five games, beginning against the rival Bulldogs (6-1, 4-1 Southeastern Conference) on Nov. 1 in Jacksonville. Florida (3-4, 2-2) has an off week to regroup.

Mississippi coach Lane Kiffin is expected to top the Gators' search, although Stricklin passed on him when he hired Napier from Louisiana-Lafayette in November 2021. Louisville's Jeff Brohm, and Missouri's Eli Drinkwitz could also be targets.



# Broncos' last-second FG stuns Giants

Associated Press

DENVER — Once the bumbling, bumbling Denver Broncos finally got going, they couldn't be stopped.

Shut out for three quarters, the Broncos rallied with 33 points in the fourth in one of the most stunning turnarounds in NFL history.

Wil Lutz kicked a 39-yard field goal as time expired, lifting Denver to a thrilling 33-32 win Sunday over the stunned New York Giants, who watched the Broncos score on their last five drives.

"I lost hope, I ain't gonna lie. I lost hope," star cornerback Patrick Surtain said.

"It was one of them games where we felt like we didn't execute. Going to film room, there's a lot of corrections. But one thing we didn't lose was composure," Surtain added. "We fought to the end. In this league, no matter how much you're down, there's always a will, and there's always a way."

At least now there is.

Denver's 33 fourth-quarter points were the most in NFL history by any team that was shut out for the first three quarters, and quarterback Bo Nix became the first player ever to run for two scores and throw for two touchdowns in a fourth quarter.

The Broncos' improbable comeback snapped a streak in which NFL teams had won 1,602 consecutive games when leading by 18 points in the final 6 minutes of a game.

"I don't even know how we scored 33 points in a quarter," Nix admitted. "That's kind of insane."

"You win a game like that, it's the best thing ever."

The Giants were in disbelief after losing leads of 19-0 and 26-8.

"This is going to haunt us for a long time," said New York tight end Daniel Bellinger.

"Tough loss," Giants coach Brian Daboll said. "Put their heart and soul into it. Not a lot of talking that needs to be done when you lose a game like that.

Everybody gave everything they had."

When Denver (5-2) trailed 26-8 with 6:38 remaining in the game and was facing fourth-and-3, its win probability was less than 1%, according to Next Gen Stats.

The Broncos, though, scored on a 7-yard Nix scamper, R.J. Harvey's 2-yard catch after Justin Strnad's interception, an 18-yard keeper by Nix and Lutz's game-winner after Jaxson Dart seemingly broke Denver's hearts with a 1-yard TD with 37 seconds left that gave New York a 32-30 lead.

Jude McAtamney missed his second extra point of the afternoon, however, and after Tyler Badie returned the kickoff 19 yards to the 23, Nix found Marvin Mims for 29 yards and Courtland Sutton for 22.

With no timeouts remaining, the Broncos raced to the line of scrimmage at the Giants 21 and Nix spiked the ball with 2 seconds left.

The snap was high but Lutz

nailed the field goal to secure Denver's fourth consecutive win overall and NFL-best eighth straight at home.

"I was proud we fought to get back in it," Broncos coach Sean Payton said. "It's like we had to find a way to clean up our mess."

Denver took a 30-26 lead on Nix's 18-yard scamper with 1:51 left. But New York (2-5) appeared to dodge the defeat when Broncos cornerback Riley Moss was whistled for pass interference on an incompletion to Beaux Collins near the goal line. Payton ran out onto the field to argue the call and was flagged for unsportsmanlike conduct. That put the ball at the 1 and Dart took it from there.

"That was silly," Payton said of his penalty. "I just wanted them to hear me. Can't do that."

The Broncos' 33-point quarter was the second-highest in NFL history, behind only a 34-point performance by Detroit in a 37-27 win over Chicago on Sept. 30, 2007.

## Briscoe's win in OT gives Gibbs 2 spots in Phoenix

Associated Press

TALLADEGA, Ala. — Joe Gibbs Racing was facing an internal mutiny just a month ago when two of its championship-eligible drivers didn't feel the team owner's grandson was helping his teammates try to win the Cup title.

Ty Gibbs, grandson of team owner Joe Gibbs, raced both Christopher Bell and Denny Hamlin hard early in the playoff race at New Hampshire.

Gibbs wasn't eligible for the championship, Hamlin grew frustrated at being held up by his teammate, so he wrecked Gibbs out of his way.

It led to organizational discussions as to what Joe Gibbs expected out of his four drivers the remainder of the playoffs.

The payoff came Sunday when Ty Gibbs pushed Chase Briscoe in overtime to the win at Talladega Superspeedway to give JGR two spots in NASCAR's championship race.

Briscoe is in the winner-take-all finale alongside teammate Hamlin as Toyota claimed the first two of the four berths with one race remaining to set the championship field.

"Ty Gibbs, just incredible teammate there. I mean, I honestly would not have won that race without Ty," Briscoe said. "This is an amazing team effort. I can't believe I won a superspeedway race. I haven't done it at any level."

Team owner Gibbs, a three-time Super Bowl winning coach and NASCAR Hall of Fame

team owner, praised his grandson for getting Briscoe into victory lane. He also explained the intricacies of fielding four separate teams under one banner.

"It's such a competitive world. I'm kind of used to it in football. You get it," Joe Gibbs said. "But over here, we got four teams, and the challenge is always trying to get them to work together. If you think about it, each driver has got their own career. They got their own sponsor and it just becomes extremely competitive."

"So sometimes you wind up with issues like that. It's part of part of sports. Guys are, you know, very competitive and want to make it happen. And so at different times, you may have issues that you got to deal with."

Briscoe, who raced to his first career superspeedway victory, is in his first season driving for Gibbs.

He landed there as Martin Truex Jr.'s replacement when Truex retired and Stewart-Haas Racing shuttered at the end of last year.

He's now going to race for the Cup title for the first time.

"Ty was the whole reason I won the race, he was extremely committed to me," Briscoe said. "When I made a move, Ty went with me. He was just really selfless in the fact of he's going for his first career win and could have easily tried to make a move or done something different. But he just pushed me to the win and just an incredible team effort."

# Cowboys, Lamb cruise past Commanders

Associated Press

ARLINGTON, Texas — Dak Prescott threw for three touchdowns, starting with a long one to CeeDee Lamb, DaRon Bland returned an interception 68 yards for a score after Jayden Daniels left with a hamstring injury and the Dallas Cowboys beat the Washington Commanders 44-22 on Sunday.

Prescott finished 21 of 30 for 264 yards with two TD passes to Jake Ferguson, who became the first tight end in NFL history with at least 50 catches and six receiving touchdowns in the first seven games of a season.

On the first play of a first-quarter possession, Lamb ran a deep cross and was waving for the ball when Prescott threw it his way. Lamb broke free just as he caught the ball, with George Pickens closing in from the left, and they celebrated together the rest of the way — and after the score.

Lamb had 110 yards on five catches after a high ankle sprain kept him out of the previous three games, when Pickens sparkled without his new sidekick, then had just as much of an impact with them sharing the spotlight again.

Pickens' 44-yard catch keyed a 35-second touchdown drive for a 27-15 lead in the final minute of the first half after Daniels had scored on a 1-yard run with 45 seconds to go before the break.

Javonte Williams ran for 116 yards and a touchdown for Dallas (3-3-1).

On the first possession of the second half for Washington (3-4), Daniels, who has already missed two games with a knee injury this season, injured his right hamstring while losing a fumble on Shemar James' sack. The AP NFL Offensive Rookie of the Year grabbed behind his leg after getting dragged down by the rookie linebacker as the ball came out.

**Eagles 28, Vikings 22:** Jalen Hurts gave his lagging offense a jolt by throwing for 326 yards

and three touchdowns, Jalyx Hunt returned an interception for a score, and visiting Philadelphia rebounded from back-to-back losses by hanging on to beat Minnesota.

Facing third-and-9 from their 44 with 1:45 left and the Vikings (3-3) still holding two timeouts, Hurts dropped back and dropped a 45-yard rainbow into A.J. Brown's arms to seal it after he beat former teammate Isaiah Rodgers with a slick double move up the sideline. Rodgers, in his first season with the Vikings, also got beat on Smith's touchdown.

**Panthers 13, Jets 6:** Bryce Young threw a touchdown pass before leaving with an ankle injury, Jaycee Horn had two interceptions of Tyrod Taylor after New York benched Justin Fields and visiting Carolina beat the winless Jets in a snoozefest for its third straight victory.

It marked the first time since Young was drafted with the No. 1 overall pick in 2023 that the Panthers (4-3) have a three-game winning streak with him as their starting quarterback — but he was unable to finish this one.

And now the concern is if Young will be out for any extended time.

Young went to the locker room late in the third quarter, appearing to walk with a slight limp. Carolina announced his return was questionable before ruling him out.

**Chiefs 31, Raiders 0:** Patrick Mahomes threw for 286 yards and three touchdowns in less than three quarters of work, Rashee Rice caught two of the TD passes in his return from a six-game suspension and host Kansas City beat Las Vegas.

Rice finished with seven catches for 42 yards in his first game since Week 4 last season, when he tore his ACL in a collision with Mahomes. He made it back from the injury in time to participate in the offseason and training camp but was then suspended before the start of the

season for his role in a high-speed car crash on a Dallas highway in March 2024.

It was the fourth and most lopsided shutout by the Chiefs in their 133-game history against the Raiders.

**Patriots 31, Titans 13:** Drake Maye threw for 222 yards and two touchdowns and visiting New England beat Tennessee in coach Mike Vrabel's first game against the franchise that fired him in January 2024.

The Patriots (5-2) won their fourth straight to keep them atop the AFC East and spoil Mike McCoy's debut as the Titans' interim head coach.

Fans chanted "Vrabel, Vrabel" as the clock ticked down.

**Bears 26, Saints 14:** Dennis Allen's defense dominated his former team, and host Chicago beat New Orleans for its fourth straight win.

Allen, the Bears' defensive coordinator, had to like what he saw in his first game against the Saints since they fired him as head coach midway through last season after 2½ years. Chicago forced four turnovers and sacked Spencer Rattler four times.

New Orleans (1-6) continued its worst start since opening 1-7 in 1999 under then-coach Mike Ditka, the Hall of Famer and Super Bowl-winning coach with the Bears.

**Colts 38, Chargers 24:** Daniel Jones threw for 288 yards and two scores, Jonathan Taylor had his third three-touchdown game of the season and visiting Indianapolis beat Los Angeles for its NFL-leading sixth win.

The Colts (6-1) also snapped a five-game skid in LA after losing to the Rams at SoFi Stadium last month. They hadn't beaten the Chargers, Rams or now-Las Vegas Raiders in L.A. since 1986. Overall, Indy hadn't beat the Chargers since Sept. 25, 2016, in Indianapolis.

Off to their best start since 2009, the AFC South-leading Colts led 23-3 at halftime while

holding the Chargers to 10 rushing yards on six carries. Indianapolis scored 2½ minutes into the game on Taylor's 23-yard TD run and never looked back.

**49ers 20, Falcons 10:** Christian McCaffrey had his first 100-yard rushing game since 2023 and short-handed San Francisco finally delivered a strong ground game to beat visiting Atlanta.

The usually run-focused 49ers (5-2) had struggled to generate much on the ground all season before getting back to their old style against the Falcons (3-3) with help from the return of tight end George Kittle.

San Francisco delivered two key plays in the fourth quarter to preserve the lead. Atlanta was driving down 13-10 and had a third and 1 at the Niners 35. But San Francisco stopped Bijan Robinson for no gain and then Chase Lucas broke up a pass from Michael Penix Jr. to Drake London on fourth down to end the threat.

**Browns 31, Dolphins 6:** Quinshon Judkins scored three touchdowns and host Cleveland snapped a three-game losing streak with a victory over Miami.

Judkins, the 36th overall pick in April's draft, had 84 yards rushing on 25 carries. He is the first Browns running back with three rushing scores in a game since Nick Chubb in 2022.

**Packers 27, Cardinals 23:** Josh Jacobs ran for a go-ahead, 1-yard touchdown with 1:50 remaining, Micah Parsons had a career-high three sacks and visiting Green Bay rallied from an early 10-point deficit to beat Arizona.

The Packers (4-1-1) fought through a sluggish first half to win their first road game of the season. Green Bay had its share of adversity this weekend — the team's travel was reportedly delayed roughly five hours Saturday because of mechanical issues with their airplane in Wisconsin.