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## US announces new sanctions on Iran

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WASHINGTON — U.S. officials on Monday announced a series of sanctions against Iran, including its missile programs, in an attempt to force the nation to renegotiate a new deal that would ban it from attaining nuclear weapons.

“Our actions today are a warning that should be heard worldwide. No matter who you are, if you violate the U.N. arms embargo on Iran, you risk sanctions,” U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo said during a news conference at the State Department.

Sanctions also will be imposed against other people and organizations providing Iran financial and logistical support that allows the country to purchase and export weapons, said the senior U.S. officials, including Defense Secretary Mark Esper.

The announcement comes days after U.N. sanctions on Iran were put back in place for violating terms of the 2015 nuclear deal.

President Donald Trump also signed an executive order Monday to enforce the U.N. arms embargo and hold those who go against the sanctions accountable, Pompeo said. The transfer of arms and military equipment to and from Iran is “a continuing threat to regional and international se-

curity,” the order states.

U.S. troops stationed in the region are ready to respond to Iranian aggression, Esper said, and the Defense Department is doing what is necessary to protect forces in the region without going into specifics. Esper said he has spoken with Gen. Mark Milley, the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, within the past 24 hours, and Milley has also spoken to commanders in the region.

There have been attacks on U.S. troops in the region by Iran this year, including the ballistic missile attack in January on American service members in Iraq that injured more than 100.

“We feel very confident with regard to our readiness and preparedness to deal with anything that might happen in the region. Again, the important thing is that Iran complies with international rules and norms and expectations we have set forth for them and become a normal country,” Esper said.

The additional sanctions have been imposed on the Iranian ministry of defense and armed forces logistics, as well as the disputed president of Venezuela, Nicolas Maduro, for working with Iranian officials for two years to flout the U.N. arms embargo, Pompeo said.

The United States will keep the sanctions until Iran agrees to a “real deal,” he

said

The 2015 Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action, otherwise known as the Iran Deal, was an agreement between the United States, Iran and several European countries to lift economic sanctions on Iran if it stopped much of its nuclear program and allowed inspectors into the country, according to the Council on Foreign Relations, a think tank.

In May 2018, Trump withdrew from the deal and reimposed U.S. nuclear sanctions, saying at the time that the deal was poorly negotiated and could not meet the steps necessary to halt the nuclear program. Iran then began to slowly exceed the limits agreed to for enriched uranium and heavy water, The Washington Post reported, and last month, the United States notified the U.N. Security Council that Iran was in violation of the agreement, starting the 30-day process to “snapback” the previous U.N. sanctions, though the U.S. was no longer part of the deal.

The rollback of U.N. sanctions on Iran happened Saturday night, according to a State Department statement. It also said “a range of additional measures” would be established to strengthen the implementation of the sanctions and “hold violators accountable.”

## Chinese video depicts simulated attack on island

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A promotional video the Chinese air force released on Saturday appears to depict a simulated strike on a Pacific island some media outlets identified as Guam.

In the two-minute clip posted to the force’s Weibo social media account, inspirational music plays as a Chinese H-6K long-range bomber soars over rural China to the Pacific Ocean. With the pilot’s press of a button, a missile speeds

toward what appears to be a military base on an unnamed island, which erupts in flames in an explosion. The South China Morning Post wrote that the island in the simulation “has more than a passing resemblance to the U.S. facility on the island of Guam.” Reuters said the runway layout of the targeted base appeared “to be the main U.S. air force base on Guam.”

The H-6K bomber has a combat radius of nearly 2,200 miles, placing Guam within its range, according to the Center for Se-

curity and International Studies’ Asia Maritime Initiative.

Eagle-eyed internet sleuths, however, noted on social media that the simulation appears to be cut from several Hollywood films. The clip of the missile speeding toward an island matches an opening scene in “Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen.” The ensuing explosion matches that from the ending of the 1996 Nicolas Cage movie, “The Rock.”

The island featured in “Transformers” is supposed to be Diego Garcia, which is home

to a U.S. Navy base. The explosion in “The Rock” is set on Alcatraz Island in San Francisco Bay.

The Chinese air force video did not indicate which island it intended to depict.

The head of U.S. Indo-Pacific Command, Adm. Phil Davidson, on Thursday advocated for an Aegis Ashore missile defense system on Guam to protect “billions of dollars in defense capability” there from an increasingly aggressive China.

## Pioneering Marine vet turns 107

By **IMMANUEL JOHNSON**  
*Stars and Stripes*

Dorothy Cole, the oldest living Marine, proudly wore the service's Eagle, Globe and Anchor as she celebrated her 107th birthday.

Cole was born on Sept. 19, 1913, in Warren, Pa. A service video showed her wearing her Marine Corps League attire from Detachment 1175 in Concord, N.C.

Cole enlisted in the Marines immediately after the Dec. 7, 1941, Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor.

"Everyone was out doing something, the women helping the Red Cross or even in churches they were knitting things," said Cole in the video released Sunday. "So, I decided that I wanted to do something and I would go into the Marine Corps."

At the beginning of the U.S. involvement in World War II, the Marine Corps was reluctant to accept large numbers of women, according to the National WWII Museum's website. This changed with the establishment of the Marine Corps Women's Reserve and by the end of the war more than 18,000 women had joined up.

Initially, the response from women wishing to enlist was so overwhelming that the service could not provide them with adequate uniforms during training. Many of them like Cole, who was stationed at Marine Corps Base Quantico, Va., served in administrative roles. Cole was part of a program the service called "female integration" into some fields to allow more men to serve in combat roles in the Pacific.

The first woman to join the Marine Corps was Opha Mae Johnson, who joined during World War I in 1918, according to the World War One Centennial Commission. Currently, about 8.4% of the 185,000-strong Corps are women.

# In-person learning is back at more DODEA schools in Japan

By **DAVE ORNAUER**  
*Stars and Stripes*

**CAMP FOSTER, Okinawa** — The superintendent for Department of Defense Education Activity schools on Okinawa watched as a line of students moved along a hallway from the library to a classroom for second period Monday at Kubasaki High School.

Jimmy Journey smiled. Just having them in school for the first time in six months was a monumental step, he said.

"It's nice to see the kids again," said Journey, who was on hand as schools on Okinawa reopened their classrooms following months of remote learning due to the pandemic.

Not since late March had students been inside the 13 Pacific South schools. They expressed relief and happiness that in-person sessions were back.

"I missed my friends. I missed the structure" of classroom learning, said Kubasaki senior Lily Leopold.

U.S. bases on Okinawa moved three weeks ago from a substantial risk of the coronavirus spreading to a moderate risk — or from Health Protection Condition-Charlie to condition Bravo — permitting schools to reopen under DODEA guidelines.

Most DODEA schools in Japan opened on the first official day of school, Aug. 24.

Schools also reopened at Camp Zama near Tokyo on Monday, three weeks after U.S. Army Garrison Japan transitioned to condition Bravo. Schools at Yokosuka Naval Base, which moved to Bravo two weeks ago, will open Sept. 28.

In South Korea, U.S. bases remain in condition Charlie;

thus, remote learning continues for Pacific West schools "for the foreseeable future," DODEA-Pacific chief of staff Todd Schlitz told Stars and Stripes on Sept. 16.

At Kubasaki, signs of change, brought about by health guidelines and coronavirus concerns, could be seen everywhere. Students and teachers wore masks: on buses, moving in hallways and in classrooms. In the cafeteria, each table had plastic dividers with a Dragon — the school's mascot — on them.

For the most part, students said classroom instruction was better than remote learning.

"It's hard to have an effective lecture online," said Kubasaki senior Bailey Chavez. "It's easier to stay engaged here."

"I hope we stay in Bravo, but you can never be sure," Chavez said. "We could go back to remote learning tomorrow."

## NATO looks to grow its political influence

By **JOHN VANDIVER**  
*Stars and Stripes*

**STUTTGART, Germany** — China's growing military and economic clout means NATO must forge ties with partners beyond Europe to expand its influence, the alliance's top official said Monday.

"Using NATO more politically is valuable to send a clear and unified political message. Because together NATO allies represent half the world's economic and military might ... what we say matters," Secretary-General Jens Stoltenberg said at the start of a virtual security conference hosted by the Center for European Policy Analysis think tank.

Stoltenberg laid out the priorities for his NATO 2030 initiative, which aims to shape the alliance to confront future

threats. NATO will need to be "clear-eyed" about China, which has the world's second-largest military budget and is willing to use its economic heft to intimidate other countries, Stoltenberg said.

"The rise of China is fundamentally shifting the global balance of power," he said. "China does not hesitate to use its economic and diplomatic weight to intimidate trading partners and private companies."

To deal with the range of security problems, NATO will need to seek closer ties with "like-minded partners" in other regions "to remain competitive in a more competitive world," Stoltenberg added.

Stoltenberg's comments come as the coronavirus pandemic has caused economic downturns in many member

nations, potentially putting at risk NATO's efforts to boost defense spending.

As NATO seeks to expand its influence, it also wants to follow through on a push to get allies to boost defense spending to previously agreed-to levels. All members are supposed to dedicate 2% of gross domestic product to military matters by 2024, Stoltenberg said.

He warned the uptick in defense spending that has occurred over the past five years "has to stand."

"We know that prioritization on defense spending in the middle of a health crisis is not easy, but the military threats that existed before the pandemic have not diminished," Stoltenberg said. "To the contrary — some actors are exploiting this crisis to undermine NATO and advance their own interest."

# S. Korea limits cemetery access for holiday

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SEOUL, South Korea — South Korea will restrict access to cemeteries to curb the spread of the coronavirus during a major upcoming holiday in which people traditionally honor ancestors, officials said Monday.

The Korea Disease Control and Prevention Agency reported 70 new confirmed cases, including 55 that were locally transmitted and 15 that were imported, raising the total to 23,045 since the pandemic took hold in the country in January. Monday was the second day the nation's daily toll fell below 100 new cases since the latest outbreak began on Aug. 14.

That was a sharp decline from weeks of triple-digit daily figures that peaked at 441 in late August after a new outbreak began in Seoul and surrounding areas. The death toll rose by two to 385, according to the KDCA.

Three American troops and three other people affiliated with U.S. Forces Korea also tested positive after flying to the pen-

insula from the United States, the military said Monday.

USFK has insisted cases within its ranks don't threaten the general population because they are contained within a strict testing and two-week quarantine system that begins as soon as the plane lands.

While health authorities welcomed the overall decline in numbers, they expressed concern about continued cluster infections and fears of a new outbreak in connection with Chuseok, a holiday similar to Thanksgiving that begins on Sept. 30.

Jeong Eun-kyeong, the KDCA's director-general, appealed to South Koreans to stay home this year instead of fanning out across the nation to visit family for elaborate feasts.

"A massive migration of people will surely cause another wave of the pandemic," she said during a regular briefing. "If people reduce their travels, we will be able to curb the spread of the virus."

The Ministry of Patriots and Veterans Affairs also announced that 11 national cemeteries will be closed to most visitors during the Sept. 30 to Oct. 4 holiday period, although previously scheduled funerals

will be held.

The ministry urged people to honor their ancestors with online memorials via cemetery websites instead of personal visits.

The U.S. military, meanwhile, continued to see cases arriving from the United States despite a new Army rule that soldiers must test negative on a coronavirus test before boarding international flights.

Two service members arrived at Osan Air Base on U.S. government-chartered flights on Sept. 4 and Sept. 7, USFK said in a press release.

Another service member, a Defense Department civilian employee and two dependents arrived at Incheon International Airport on commercial flights on Sept. 13, Sept. 15 and Sept. 17, it added.

Four of them tested positive on the initial test required before entering quarantine, while the other two received positive results in the mandatory exit test, USFK said.

In all, the command has reported 193 cases, most of them troops who traveled to the divided peninsula for new assignments or returning from trips abroad.

## CDC: Post on airborne transmission is wrong

*The Washington Post*

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention on Monday reversed course on a recent policy change Monday, removing a days-old statement on airborne transmission of the coronavirus.

On Friday, the agency had posted guidelines suggesting the virus can transmit over a distance larger than six feet and that indoor ventilation is key to protection against its spread. This is a point that many independent experts have also been advancing, and it had appeared that the agency had come around to their point of view.

But Monday morning, those guidelines were removed because "that does not reflect our current state of knowledge," a top CDC official said.

For months, scientists and public health experts have

warned of mounting evidence that the coronavirus is airborne, transmitted through tiny droplets called aerosols that linger in the air much longer than the larger globs that come from coughing or sneezing.

On Friday the CDC appeared to agree. The agency changed its official guidance to note that aerosols are "thought to be the main way the virus spreads" and to warn that badly ventilated indoor spaces are particularly dangerous.

The CDC shifted its guidelines on Friday, but the change was not widely noticed until a CNN report on Sunday. Where the agency previously warned that the virus mostly spreads through large drops encountered at close range, it now cites "small particles, such as those in aerosols," as the most common vector.

## NY judge says USPS must promptly process ballots

*Associated Press*

NEW YORK — The U.S. Postal Service must live up to its responsibilities to timely process election mail by treating it as a priority, a New York judge ordered Monday, adding that the agency's workers should be permitted to make extra deliveries and work overtime near the November presidential election.

The written decision by U.S. District Judge Victor Marrero came after several individuals, including candidates for public office, sued. They said President Donald Trump, the postal service and its new postmaster general were endangering election mail.

Marrero gave both sides until noon Friday to settle the case in a manner consistent with his findings.

If they fail, Marrero said he'll impose an order that en-

sures postal workers can make late and extra trips as well as work overtime in late October and early November.

"The right to vote is too vital a value in our democracy to be left in a state of suspense in the minds of voters weeks before a presidential election, raising doubts as to whether their votes will ultimately be counted," Marrero said. He ruled after conducting a hearing on Wednesday.

Last week, U.S. District Judge Stanley Bastian in Yakima, Wash., said he was issuing a nationwide preliminary injunction sought by 14 states that sued the Trump administration and the U.S. Postal Service, challenging the agency's so-called "leave behind" policy.

The policy let trucks leave postal facilities on time regardless of whether there was more mail to load.

# NYC students back at school, not classrooms

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Monday's expected return to New York City schools wasn't the return anyone planned for. For most, it wasn't a return at all.

Only pre-kindergarten and some special education students were scheduled to end a six-month absence from school buildings after a last-minute decision to postpone, for the second time, plans to be among the first big districts to resume in-person instruction after the coronavirus forced students and staff home.

Schoolchildren in kindergarten through 12th grade were still scheduled to start the new school year Monday, but fully remotely, the same way students in Los Angeles, Chicago, Houston and many of New York's other urban districts have.

Mayor Bill de Blasio announced the new timeline Thursday alongside leaders of the city's teachers union, who had sounded alarms that schools could not open safely.

## Massachusetts

BOSTON — Housing advocates are pressing state lawmakers in Massachusetts to take action on a bill they said would extend protections for tenants facing eviction due to the coronavirus pandemic.

The initial pause on evictions and foreclosures in Massachusetts took effect in April and was initially scheduled to expire Aug. 18, but was extended until Oct. 17.

Landlords have sued the state, calling the eviction ban unconstitutional, arguing that it restricts their free speech and their ability to acquire compensation for unlawful land taking. A federal judge has indicated he would let the ban stand.

The bill being pushed by housing advocates would ensure tenants cannot be evicted because of missed rent if the nonpayment was due to COVID-19, giving them time to get rental arrearage and other assistance in place.

## Virginia

NELLYSFORD — A ski resort in Virginia has announced that it expects to reopen for the winter season with precautions in place amid the coronavirus pandemic.

Wintergreen Resort in Nellysford plans to open Dec. 11 with social distancing, capacity limits and a mandatory mask mandate in place, according to a letter recently released by General Manager Rod Kessler.

The resort will enforce its capacity limit by restricting the number of daily lift tickets sold, and by prioritizing resort members and season pass holders, officials said.

Chair lifts will also be managed to accommodate social distancing, and staff will monitor the number of people entering buildings such as lodges and restaurants, the letter stated.

## Maine

In the last month, Maine has issued 14 citations to businesses for not complying with guidelines to prevent the spread of the coronavirus, up from just two in previous months.

The increased enforcement comes after a wedding ceremony and reception in the Millinocket area in early August that is linked to outbreaks in at least two other locations in Maine, with more than 170 people contracting the virus and eight deaths since.

The Portland Press Herald reported that 14 businesses, mostly restaurants, were given "imminent health hazard" citations since Aug. 20. Two of those establishments had been previously cited since the start of the coronavirus pandemic.

## Vermont

The Rutland Housing Authority is working to get permits for two projects that will provide about 20 units of transitional and affordable housing using federal coronavirus relief funding, but officials say the deadline is tight.

One project called Woodstock Transitional Housing will

provide housing for people currently in hotel rooms paid for by the state. The other — Pine Street Apartments — will be longer-term affordable housing and will accept people from hotel rooms or the Woodstock project, Kevin Loso, executive director of the Rutland Housing Authority, told the Rutland Herald.

The two projects will cost about \$4.2 million, he said.

There are currently 150 individuals and families in Rutland County living in hotels, with their stays paid for by the state, Loso said.

## Connecticut

Rep. Jahana Hayes of Connecticut announced on Twitter on Sunday that she has tested positive for COVID-19 and will quarantine for 14 days.

"After going to 2 urgent care centers yesterday, I finally got an appointment at a 3rd site and was tested this morning," the first-term Democrat said. Hayes said she has no COVID-19 symptoms "except for breathing issues which are being monitored."

Hayes sought testing after one of her staff members tested positive for the coronavirus Saturday.

## Nebraska

OMAHA — More than 40% of the deaths linked to the coronavirus in Nebraska have been at nursing homes, but the overall rate of deaths in the state's nursing homes has remained relatively low compared with national figures.

A total of 185 deaths linked to the virus have been confirmed at nursing homes in the state, which is reporting 442 deaths overall. The Omaha World-Herald reported Sunday that a federal database shows that 31 of the more than 200 nursing homes in the state have reported deaths linked to the virus.

Most of the deadly outbreaks in nursing homes had not been previously disclosed because state officials have refused to name the facilities to protect residents' privacy.

## West Virginia

MORGANTOWN — West Virginia University is spending nearly \$4 million on extra buses for public transportation between campuses this semester after its Personal Rapid Transit system was shut down due to concerns about the spread of the coronavirus.

Ted Svehlik, WVU's associate vice president of auxiliary and business services, said up to 2,400 people each day ride the buses between WVU's Health Sciences, Evansdale and downtown Morgantown campuses. The buses are being provided by two local transit services, The Dominion Post reported.

WVU's in-person classes in Morgantown were halted earlier this month. Nearly all undergraduate courses were moved online temporarily after a recent uptick in virus cases.

## Iowa

DES MOINES — Students in Iowa's largest school system are facing the possibility that this most unusual school year could stretch into next summer, and the district could be hit with crippling bills because of a dispute with the governor over the safety of returning to classrooms during the pandemic.

Des Moines school officials have repeatedly refused to abide by Republican Gov. Kim Reynolds' order requiring the state's 327 school districts to hold at least half their classes in-person rather than online. For Des Moines, it's a question of trying to keep its more than 33,000 students and 5,000 staffers from contracting the disease. But after the school board last week again voted to violate Reynolds' order, the governor called the action "unacceptable" and began the process for punishing the district.

Reynolds has dismissed Des Moines' officials' concerns, noting that nearly all other Iowa districts have reopened their classrooms despite some virus outbreaks and the occasional need to quarantine students, saying, "Where there's a will, there's a way."

# AMERICAN ROUNDUP

## Aquarium to temporarily house turtle hatchlings

**IL** CHICAGO — More than 20 endangered Blanding's turtle hatchlings have a new temporary home at the Shedd Aquarium in Chicago.

The 24 hatchlings are part of a partnership between the aquarium and the Forest Preserve District of DuPage County.

The forest preserve district's head-start program aims to safely raise and release young turtles to boost native populations.

The hatchlings will remain at the aquarium until they are large enough to be released in a DuPage County forest preserve.

## Paramedic admits to tampering with narcotics

**MO** JOPLIN — A Missouri emergency medical technician pleaded guilty to stealing painkillers from an ambulance and diluting the drugs with water and saline to cover his tracks.

The Joplin Globe reported that James Poole, 37, of Webb City, faces up to 10 years in prison after pleading guilty.

The U.S. attorney's office in Springfield said in a news release that the investigation began earlier this year after paramedics with Mercy Hospital Carthage noticed puncture marks on a fentanyl vial and then drew fentanyl from a vial that didn't contain enough fluid for a full dose.

The investigation widened when Mercy Hospital Springfield contacted the Federal Drug Administration's Office of Criminal Investigations regarding 26 fentanyl vials and 43 hydromorphone vials on which signs of tampering had been discovered.

## Performer shot during museum reenactment

**KS** WICHITA — A performer was wounded during a reenactment at a Kansas history museum in a shooting that police said appears to be accidental.

The shooting was reported near the Old Cowtown Museum at an event in which reenactors were supposed to use blank rounds, The Wichita Eagle reported. Police Officer Kevin Wheeler said in a news release that the 24-year-old victim was taken to a hospital with serious but non-life-threatening injuries to his upper body.

"This is definitely a unique situation — one that is a first for me," Lt. Chris Marceau told media at the museum. "When officers arrived it was kind of a little bit chaotic because of the large amount of people that were involved in the reenactment."

## Man accused of murder found posing as brother

**NM** ALBUQUERQUE — A double-homicide suspect in New Mexico was posing as his brother when he was arrested at a Border Patrol checkpoint, police said.

State court records allege that Dakota "Outlaw" Briscoe was driving his brother's 2004 van and using his brother's driver's license when he drove to a border patrol inspection checkpoint.

The 34-year-old's scheme might have worked had his brother, Austin Epps, not had a warrant for his own arrest. Epps had a warrant for failing to appear in court in 2019 on a drug charge.

Briscoe was then arrested. It was discovered two days later that Briscoe was posing as Epps. Briscoe is accused of

killing two men in Albuquerque, torching their bodies inside a vehicle and carjacking a woman at gunpoint to escape.

## Pilot project to help find cellphones in jail

**OK** OKLAHOMA CITY — Some Oklahoma state prison inmates will be required to wear ankle monitors as part of a pilot project intended to stop the illegal use of cellphones in prisons, according to the state Department of Corrections.

The 60-day project will begin in October at the Lexington Assessment and Reception Center where male inmates are processed into the state prison system.

The inmates will be required to wear ankle monitors that detect cellphone signals inside the prison and alert staff members.

Prison officials have said inmates use cellphones to run drug operations outside the prisons and to coordinate violent attacks.

## City goes electric, gives detectives new Tesla

**MI** HOLLAND — A police department in western Michigan will be solving crimes with a Tesla.

Detectives at the Holland Department of Public Safety will be driving a \$49,000 Tesla Model 3 after the city compared it to the Nissan Leaf and the Chevrolet Bolt, which both cost much less.

The cost of the Tesla includes a long-lasting battery pack, enabling the car to travel about 300 miles on a full charge, the Holland Sentinel reported.

The car will mostly be used to drive to crime scenes or conduct interviews, city finance director Tim Vagle said.

## Official: Toilet mocking mail-in voting is a crime

**MI** MASON — A Michigan resident's apparent joke showing disdain for voting by mail is no laughing matter for one local elections official.

The resident put a toilet on their lawn with a sign that says, "Place mail-in ballots here."

Barb Byrum, the Democratic clerk of Ingham County, filed a complaint with police over the display, saying it could mislead people who aren't familiar with the voting system.

"It is a felony to take illegal possession of an absentee ballot," Byrum said.

"Elections in this country are to be taken seriously and there are many people who are voting by mail for the first time this election," she said.

## Man survives alligator attack, gets 65 stitches

**FL** PORT ST. LUCIE — Mark Johnson, 61, has lived his entire life around alligators. That's why he was so surprised when one tried to grab him and drag him into a canal behind his Port St. Lucie home.

Johnson managed to get the gator to let go of his leg by digging both of his index fingers into the hungry reptile's eye sockets. Even then, he felt lucky to get away alive.

"I've always thought I had a greater chance of encountering a rattlesnake on my morning walks than I did of being grabbed by an alligator," said Johnson, a marine artist and Florida native.

He received 12 puncture wounds and about 60 stitches in his leg plus another five in the index finger on his left hand, where he cut it on the gator's eye socket.

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## MLB roundup

# Padres beat M's to reach playoffs

Associated Press

SAN DIEGO — The San Diego Padres are returning to the playoffs for the first time in 14 years after beating the Seattle Mariners 7-4 Sunday with a three-run rally in the 11th inning that included a go-ahead double by newcomer Mitch Moreland.

The clincher came in the finale of a series that was moved from Seattle because of poor air quality due to wildfires.

After closer Trevor Rosenthal (1-0), another newcomer, struck out Phillip Ervin for the final out, the Padres had a brief but joyous celebration in the infield.

**Red Sox 10, Yankees 2:** Tanner Houck took a no-hitter into the sixth inning of his second major league start and Michael Chavis had a huge day at the plate as host Boston halted two long streaks with a victory over New York.

**Orioles 2, Rays 1:** John Means struck out a career-high 12 and host Baltimore stalled Tampa Bay's push toward the AL East title. Means (2-3) allowed three hits and a run in 5.2 innings.

**Braves 7, Mets 0:** Kyle Wright allowed one hit in 6.1 innings in the best start of his big league career, pitching into the seventh inning to lead Atlanta to a win at New York.

**Giants 14, Athletics 2:** Brandon Crawford hit a grand slam, Chadwick Tromp and Darin Ruf added two-run homers, and visiting San Francisco prevented Oakland from clinching the AL West title at home.

**Twins 4, Cubs 0:** Max Kepler homered and Jose Berrios threw six sharp innings to out-duel Yu Darvish as Minnesota won at Chicago. Kepler had three hits for the Twins, who took two of three from the NL

Central leaders. The Twins trail the first-place White Sox by two games in the AL Central.

**Marlins 2-0, Nationals 1-15:** Kurt Suzuki homered and doubled to bounce back from a game-ending strikeout in the opener, and visiting Washington routed playoff-contending Miami to split a doubleheader.

**Reds 7, White Sox 3:** Mike Moustakas hit a two-run single as host Cincinnati scored five times in the fourth inning on just one hit.

**Cardinals 2, Pirates 1:** Yadier Molina hit a two-run homer and Jack Flaherty struck out 11 as St. Louis kept its hold on a postseason spot with a win at Pittsburgh.

**Rockies 6, Dodgers 3:** Antonio Senzatela pitched efficiently into the seventh inning as host Colorado avoided a sweep and delayed Los Angeles from clinching its eighth straight NL West title.

**Indians 7, Tigers 4:** Carlos Carrasco allowed one hit in seven scoreless innings, and Jose Ramirez homered twice to lift Cleveland to a win at Detroit.

**Brewers 5, Royals 3:** Daniel Vogelbach hit two homers and drove in all five runs as host Milwaukee swept the three-game series with Kansas City.

**Rangers 7, Angels 2:** Kyle Cody earned his first major league win as Texas hit a season-high five home runs for a road win.

**Blue Jays 6, Phillies 3:** Teoscar Hernandez hit a two-run homer and Taijuan Walker tossed six sharp innings to help Toronto snap a six-game losing streak with a win at Philadelphia.

**Astros 3, Diamondbacks 2:** George Springer homered twice, including an inside-the-park shot, to lead host Houston over Arizona.

## Chiefs survive Herbert's debut with OT field goal

Associated Press

INGLEWOOD, Calif. — Harrison Butker wasn't nervous about his third attempt to kick a game-winning field goal in overtime for the Kansas City Chiefs. After a false start and a Los Angeles Chargers timeout, Butker was determined to end it.

Butker connected from 58 yards with 1:55 remaining in overtime to give the Chiefs a 23-20 victory on Sunday. The defending Super Bowl champions survived a superlative NFL debut by Chargers rookie Justin Herbert, who threw for 311 yards, becoming the ninth player since the merger to top 300 in his first game.

Butker's game-winner was his third field goal of the day and his second from 58 yards, which tied a Kansas City record for distance. He is the

second kicker in NFL history to make a pair from 58 in the same game.

In overtime, Butker sent the ball through the uprights from 53 yards, but the Chiefs were called for a false start. Then Los Angeles called timeout, giving him a rehearsal kick from 58 before the one that counted.

"To have two practice kicks is only going to help you," Butker said. "I got a little bit more angry with every kick because I was trying to finish it off. I felt more confident on the last one. I slowed down my leg swing and hit a better ball."

Kansas City (2-0) has won 11 straight dating back to last season, including playoffs. Four of its last five wins have been rallies from double-digit deficits.

The Chiefs — who beat the Chargers for the 12th time in the last 13 meetings — didn't lead until Butker's game-winner.

## Furious rally by Newton, Pats comes up just short

Associated Press

SEATTLE — Down 12 with less than 5 minutes remaining, Cam Newton nearly pulled off the most unlikely of comebacks in his first road start with New England.

Instead, it was the Patriots that came up 1-yard short this time around against the Seattle Seahawks.

"The play was there, the play had been there all game," Newton said. "Moving forward we just have to scheme up things and if we're put in that position again hopefully we can have a better outcome."

Newton was stopped short of the goal line on the final play of the game as Seattle held on for a 35-30 win over New England on Sunday night.

It was the conclusion to a wild game where Newton and the Seahawks' Russell Wilson took the spotlight and each shined. Wilson tied his career-high

with five touchdown passes. Newton nearly led the Patriots back from a 35-23 deficit in the closing minutes.

His second rushing touchdown of the game pulled New England within 35-30. After Seattle was forced to punt, Newton led the Patriots 80 yards in the closing seconds. They reached the 1 on a pass to N'Keal Harry with 3 seconds left and called timeout. On the final play, Newton tried to run power to the left, but was upended by the Seahawks' L.J. Collier.

"In that type of situation, it's humbling to have the respect of a team to have the ball in my hands. I just have to deliver," Newton said. "I saw a clip of it, I could have made it right just by bouncing, just thinking too much. Or even just diving over the top. Playing a fast defense like that, as soon as you guess, you're wrong."

# Cowboys erase 20-point deficit, stun Falcons

Associated Press

ARLINGTON, Texas — One gamble after another failed for coach Mike McCarthy in his home debut with the Dallas Cowboys.

A successful onside kick made them all moot.

Greg Zuerlein kicked a 46-yard field goal as time expired, and the Cowboys overcame four fumbles and a 20-point deficit in the first quarter to beat the Atlanta Falcons 40-39 on Sunday.

The Falcons were still up 15 in the fourth quarter before Dak Prescott became the first quarterback in NFL history to

pass for more than 400 yards and rush for three touchdowns in the same game, the third TD getting Dallas (1-1) within two.

Zuerlein did not use a tee for his slow-rolling onside attempt, a rare tactic. But even more curious was Atlanta's players surrounding the ball when they could have recovered it. As soon as it crossed the 10-yard mark, C.J. Goodwin pounced — and later emerged from the big pile with the ball and 1:48 on the clock.

Rookie receiver CeeDee Lamb's 24-yard catch got the Cowboys in field goal position, and they ran down the clock before "Greg the Leg" touched off

a wild celebration for the players and the socially distanced 21,708 fans who booed Dallas off the field with Atlanta up 29-10 at halftime. The crowd was 27% of AT&T Stadium's 80,000-seat capacity.

"I don't know if I've been in many games like this thing," Prescott said. "But to be able to get the win, and in front of those fans that were there, stayed the whole game, they didn't give up on us. That was a huge difference."

Instead of lamenting just his second 0-2 start — his only one was his first season in Green Bay in 2006 — McCarthy celebrated his debut on the Dallas

sideline of the venue that hosted his Super Bowl win with the Packers a decade ago.

The Falcons couldn't avoid their first 0-2 start in six seasons under coach Dan Quinn in a performance reminiscent of their blown 28-3 lead in a Super Bowl loss to New England in Houston to finish the 2016 season.

In the past nine seasons, Atlanta now has two of the three instances in which a team lost after leading by at least 15 points with less than eight minutes remaining in the fourth quarter.

## Week 2 takes heavy injury toll around NFL

Associated Press

As careful as the NFL has been about preventing an outbreak of the coronavirus within the league, one thing it can't control is a rash of major on-field injuries. And that's what it got Sunday.

Injuries often are the great equalizer in a collision sport like football. It's particularly upending when they come in bunches at the same position. Or when it comes in bunches everywhere on the roster.

San Francisco, which also saw quarterback Jimmy Garoppolo sidelined for the second half with a right ankle problem, might have been hit the hardest — and didn't have All-Pro tight end George Kittle or standout cornerback Richard Sherman to begin with. Two starters on the defensive line damaged their knees: Nick Bosa, the 2019 Defensive Rookie of the Year, and Solomon Thomas. Neither situation looks good.

Top running back Raheem Mostert, who opened the game with an 80-yard touchdown run, hurt his knee, too, and his backup Tevin Coleman, left the win at the Jets. With San Francisco scheduled back at the Meadowlands next Sunday against the Giants, coach Kyle Shanahan could be in scramble mode.

"You have a little mixed emotions when you lose some guys like that," said 49ers coach Kyle Shanahan, who questioned the quality of the turf at MetLife Stadium. "When you do lose some good guys like we like we did, that'll probably be for a while, we need guys to get better."

Among the guys who won't be getting

better anytime soon after a brutal day is Giants star running back Saquon Barkley, who will likely miss the rest of the season with a major injury to his right knee.

The 2018 Offensive Rookie of the Year went down hard on the Chicago sideline after trying to fend off Bears safety Eddie Jackson on a 6-yard carry early in the second quarter. The Giants (0-2) said an MRI on Monday confirmed Barkley tore the anterior cruciate ligament in his knee and will undergo surgery in the near future. "Obviously, you know, Saquon is one of the best running backs in this league, so nobody's going to be able to do what he does, what he's done," said his backup, veteran Dion Lewis. "We gotta do what we can do, be ourselves, and do whatever the coaches ask us to do and work hard every day."

All-Pro running back Christian McCaffrey, perhaps the most versatile offensive player in the league, departed Carolina's loss to the Buccaneers with a right ankle injury.

"It's tough when you don't have your best players on the field," quarterback Teddy Bridgewater said.

Also missing — deep breath — for portions of games were wideouts Davante Adams of the Packers (hamstring); the Colts' Parris Campbell (carted off with a leg injury); the Giants' Sterling Shepard (toe); and the Broncos' Courtland Sutton (knee).

More: quarterbacks Tyrod Taylor, who didn't start the Chargers' game against Kansas City after sustaining a chest injury before kickoff; and the Broncos' Drew

Lock (shoulder).

Another deep breath:

■ The Jets also were depleted against the Niners. Already without RB Le'Veon Bell and WR Jamison Crowder, they saw receivers Breshad Perriman (ankle) and Chris Hogan (ribs), cornerbacks Quincy Wilson (concussion) and Arthur Maulet (groin), and center Connor McGovern fail to make the finish.

■ The Chiefs lost defensive end Frank Clark (illness) and cornerback Antonio Hamilton (groin).

■ Indianapolis lost top running back Marlon Mack to an Achilles tendon injury last week, and safety Malik Hooker left against Minnesota with a similar issue. The Colts also played without cornerback Rock Ya-Sin, who was sent to the hospital with a pregame stomach ailment.

Minnesota was minus running back Mike Boone (concussion) and linebacker Anthony Barr (shoulder) at the end of the game.

■ Up front, Washington guard Brandon Scherff left early in Arizona with a knee injury. The Rams' Joe Noteboom (calf), the Eagles' Isaac Seumalo (knee), Packers center Corey Linsley (hand) and Jaguars center Brandon Linder (knee) also went down.

NFL teams are accustomed to losing players; sometimes the race to the Lombardi Trophy is more for the survivors rather than the most talented clubs. The additional problem in 2020 is, well, it's 2020.

# DeChambeau powers to US Open title

Associated Press

MAMARONECK, N.Y. — What was supposed to be a typical U.S. Open produced a most unconventional champion.

Bryson DeChambeau was not the least bit concerned by the narrow fairways or the ankle-deep rough that shape Winged Foot into historically the toughest of all U.S. Opens. With his extra 40 pounds of muscle and mass, he wanted to pound it into submission with his driver, even if his errant shots were buried in deep grass.

That's how he plays the game. And for skeptics who said that wouldn't work in a U.S. Open at Winged Foot, just look at that shiny silver trophy he kissed, and the record score he posted Sunday in a six-shot victory.

This victory was as much about validating his out-of-the-box approach to the royal and ancient game.

"One hundred percent, no doubt," DeChambeau said. "For me, it's about the journey of can I execute every shot more repeatable than everybody else. I was able to do that this week. That's why I won by

six."

Part of this course's fame is the "Massacre of Winged Foot" in 1974 when the winning score was 7-over par.

This was a massacre, all right.

DeChambeau rolled in a 7-foot par putt and thrust those powerful arms in the air when he capped off a 3-under 67 on a course that didn't allow another round under par. Two shots behind Matthew Wolff at the start of a chilly September afternoon, he caught him in four holes, passed him in five and pulled away along the back nine. From the fairway. From the rough. It didn't matter.

"I don't really know what to say because that's just the complete opposite of what you think a U.S. Open champion does," Rory McIlroy said. "Look, he's found a way to do it. Whether that's good or bad for the game, I don't know, but it's just not the way I saw this golf course being played or this tournament being played."

Call him a mad scientist in a tam o'shanter cap. Any description now starts with U.S. Open champion.

Wolff, trying to become the first player since Francis Ouimet in 1913 to win the U.S. Open in his debut, closed with a 75. He made a 10-foot eagle putt on the par-5 ninth to stay within one shot. That was his only hole under par. Wolff finished at even-par 280, a score that would have won four of the previous five U.S. Opens at Winged Foot.

"You can't take Bryson out because obviously he won, but shooting even par for four rounds at Winged Foot is pretty exceptional," Wolff said.

That describes DeChambeau this week. It was a breathtaking performance, four rounds at par or better, the first player to manage that at Winged Foot.

His victory really began last October, when he closed out his 2019 season in Las Vegas and said with a mischievous grin, "I'm going to come back next year and look like a different person." He added 40 pounds through intense workout and a diet of 6,000 calories a day.

The COVID-19 pandemic shut down golf for three months and it also gave DeChambeau more time to execute his plan.

## Davis' three lifts Lakers to 2-0 lead over Nuggets

Associated Press

LAKE BUENA VISTA, Fla. — Anthony Davis has never been this deep in the playoffs, never had the chance to take such an important shot.

It's nothing new for the Los Angeles Lakers, though.

So when Davis' three-pointer swished through the net as time expired to give Los Angeles a 105-103 victory over the Denver Nuggets on Sunday night and a 2-0 lead in the Western Conference finals, coach Frank Vogel thought of a Laker who had done it before.

"That's a shot Kobe Bryant would hit," Vogel said. "To me, AD coming off, just flying to the wing like that, catch-and-shoot with the biggest game on the line of our season, nothing but net, it's a Mamba shot."

Los Angeles was wearing its Black Mamba jerseys. They were co-designed by Bryant, their Hall of Fame guard who died Jan. 26 in a helicopter crash. Davis said wearing the

jerseys that mean so much to the team made his winner feel even better.

"In the jersey we wore tonight, it just makes it even more special," he said.

Davis finished with 31 points. He scored his team's last 10 points and had 22 in the second half to help the Lakers avoid becoming the latest victim of a Denver comeback.

"Special moment for a special player. Happy to be a part of it," said LeBron James, who had 26 points and 11 rebounds.

The Nuggets had trailed by as many as 16, but Nikola Jokic scored 11 straight Denver points down the stretch, including a basket that made it 103-102 with 20 seconds to play.

Alex Caruso then missed a three-pointer and Jamal Murray blocked Danny Green's shot out of bounds with 2.1 seconds to play. Rajon Rondo inbounded under the basket and found Davis curling toward the sideline, and the All-Star forward swished it to put Los Angeles

halfway to the NBA Finals.

Jokic said there was miscommunication on the final play, when it appeared center Mason Plumlee let Davis drift free believing there was going to be a switch. Jokic raced out to him, but too late.

"Great players make great shots and he did it, so he's a really good player," Jokic said.

Jokic had 30 points and nine assists, and Murray scored 25 points.

Game 3 is Tuesday night.

James carried the Lakers early, with 20 points in the first half. But they went more in the second half to Davis, who had 37 in an easy Game 1 victory.

This one was much tighter and appeared it would be another huge rally by the Nuggets, who were down 16, 19 and 12 in the final three games against the Clippers, when they erased a 3-1 deficit.

They had climbed all the way out this hole when Murray scored for an 87-86 lead with 7:26 to play. But Green

and Rondo hit three-pointers and, after a basket by PJ Dozier, Kentavious Caldwell-Pope made another three to make it 95-89.

It was 100-92 after another three by Davis before Jokic answered with nine straight, tipping in a miss by Murray to give Denver a 101-100 edge with 31 seconds to play. Davis put the Lakers back on top with a basket in the lane, but Jokic backed him down on the other end to put the Nuggets back on top with 20 seconds remaining.

James started 5-for-6 while the rest of the Lakers missed their first 12 shots before Green's layup 7½ minutes in gave them a 14-12 lead.

The lead was five midway through the second quarter before Los Angeles had an 11-0 run that featured a steal and dunk and a three-pointer by Caruso that pushed it to 52-36 with about 4 minutes remaining in the half. Denver trimmed it to 60-50 at the break.