

Denmark beat Czech Republic in thrilling OT win

Terry scores winner as US edge Russia in world juniors

TORONTO, Dec. 30, (AP) — Colin White and Troy Terry scored second-period goals and Tyler Parsons made 25 saves to help the United States beat Russia 3-2 on Thursday in the world junior hockey championship.

The United States and Canada, a 10-2 winner over Latvia on Thursday night, are 3-0-0 in Group B play and have wrapped up quarterfinal spots before their showdown Saturday in the pool finale.

It's a game you grow up watching, that New Year's Eve game. To have it in Canada here, you grow up seeing that, we're not going to be liked that's for sure," said Charlie McAvoy, a Boston University defenseman and Bruins prospect. "We're not expecting much love. It's going to be us against kind of their whole country."

Clayton Keller also scored in the United States' first victory over Russia in the tournament since 2007.

"We showed a lot of heart today and did a great job shutting them down in the third," Keller said. "All lines can score and have skill, but our best is yet to come. We're on the right track."

The Americans opened with a 6-1 victory over Latvia on Monday and beat Slovakia 5-2 on Wednesday.

Kirill Urakov and Kirill Kaprizov scored for Russia, and Ilya Samsonov made 34 saves.

White gave the US a 2-1 lead on a power play at 4:03 of the second, putting the rebound of Charlie McAvoy's point shot into the open net.

Terry made it 3-1 with 8:19 left in the second.

White plays for Boston College, Terry for Denver, Parsons for London in the Ontario Hockey League, and Keller for Boston University. All four have been drafted by NHL teams, White by Ottawa in the first round in 2015, Terry by Anaheim in the fifth round in 2015, Parsons by Calgary in the second round this year, and Keller by Arizona in the first round this year.

"We're really starting to come together," Terry said. "We know what kind of a team we are, and when we



Czech Republic goaltender Daniel Vladar stops Denmark's Jonas Rondbjerg during second period IIHF World Junior Championship hockey action on Dec 29, in Montreal. (AP)

play like we did today, we can be successful."

Kaprizov cut it to 3-2 on a power play with 2:43 left in the second period.

The Americans were awarded a penalty shot with 1:29 left in the third

after Russian defenseman Sergei Zborovski purposely knocked off the net. But Samsonov stopped UConn's Tage Thompson with a poke check.

Keller opened the scoring at 4:14 of the first period, beating Samsonov with

a backhand. Urakov tied it just over seven minutes later with a short-handed goal, batting the puck past Parsons.

Taylor Raddysh scored four goals for Canada, Matt Barzal had two, and Dylan Strome added four assists.

Raddysh joined Brayden Schenn, Mario Lemieux and Simon Gagne as the only Canadian players to score four goals in a game in event history.

"It's pretty cool when you see your name beside those guys that are up there," Raddysh said. "It was a fun night. You've got to enjoy the moment for what it is but not rely on it too much and just focus on the next game."

In Group A in Montreal, Mathias From scored 47 seconds into overtime to give Denmark its first victory over the Czech Republic in tournament history, a 3-2 decision. Also at Bell Centre, Sweden beat Finland 3-1 to improve to 3-0-0 and win the group — and drop the defending champion Finns to 0-3-0.

From beat Daniel Vladar with a high backhand. The Chicago Blackhawks prospect made his first appearance in the tournament after

returning from an ankle injury.

"I knew yesterday that I was going to play," From said. "It was hard to come into the game at first because I didn't play for some time. (My injury) happened on the first day of training camp."

Joachim Blighfeld and Nikolaj Krag each had a goal and an assist for Denmark. After opening with a 6-1 loss to Sweden, Denmark beat Finland 3-2 on Tuesday.

Martin Necas and Filip Hronek scored for the Czech Republic.

"There is nothing much to say," Czech forward Filip Chlapik said. "It wasn't a good game for us."

Buffalo first-round pick Alexander Nylander scored twice in the third for Sweden, breaking a tie at 1:24 and adding an empty-netter with a minute left. He assisted on Lias Andersson's tying goal in the second.

Felix Sandstrom made 28 saves, allowing only Aapeeli Rasanen's first-period goal. Sweden has won 39 consecutive group stage games since an overtime loss to the United States in 2007.



Jonathan Marchessault #81 of the Florida Panthers takes a shot on Al Montoya #35 of the Montreal Canadiens during a game at BB&T Center on Dec 29, in Sunrise, Florida. (AFP)

Jackets top Jets 5-3 to extend win streak to 14

Wild hold off Isles for its 12th straight victory

WINNIPEG, Manitoba, Dec. 30, (AP) — Alexander Wennberg had two goals and Brandon Saad also scored, helping the Columbus Blue Jackets beat the Winnipeg Jets 5-3 on Thursday night to extend their franchise-record winning streak to 14 games.

Columbus has tied for the fourth longest winning streak ever in the NHL and is closing in on the record 17 set by Pittsburgh in the 1992-93. The Jackets next play at Minnesota on Saturday night, and the Wild have won 12 straight, setting up the first meeting between clubs with such long streaks.

Nick Foligno and Lukas Sedlak also scored for Columbus, and Foligno and Zach Werenski each had a pair of assists.

Sergei Bobrovsky made 31 saves for his 23rd win of the season.

Shawn Matthias, Bryan Little and Mathieu Perreault scored for Winnipeg, and Michael Hutchinson turned aside 30 shots.

Wild 6, Islanders 4

In St. Paul, Minn., Erik Haula scored midway through the third period to help Minnesota hold off New York for its 12th victory in a row.

Marco Scandella, Chris Stewart, Jared Spurgeon, Jordan Schroeder and Mikael Granlund also scored for Minnesota, which had a franchise-record three goals in 80 seconds in the second period.

The Wild's Devan Dubnyk allowed more than three goals for the first time this season but made 23 saves to win his 10th straight start.

Rangers 6, Coyotes 3

In Glendale, Ariz., Matt Puempel got two of his three power-play goals late in the third period to help New York avert a collapse and beat Arizona.

Puempel scored 2:24 into the game for a 1-0 edge and New York built a 3-1 lead over the next 20 minutes. Arizona rallied to tie it on Tobias Rieder's goal 7:32 into the third, but then Puempel made it 4-3 with a power-play score with 5:20 remaining.

After a goal by J.T. Miller with 26.7 seconds left made it 5-3, Puempel completed his hat trick with 16.7 seconds to go by redirecting a pass from Brandon Pirri.

Devils 2, Capitals 1, SO

In Washington, Keith Kinkaid made 43 saves and stopped two attempts in the shootout, helping New Jersey beat Washington.

New Jersey's backup goaltender was the best player on the ice for the entire game and cracked only on a short-hand-

ed goal by Daniel Winnik. Jacob Josefson returned from a five-game absence caused by a concussion to score the shootout winner.

PA Parenteau scored in the second period as the Devils snapped a seven-game skid against the Capitals. New Jersey beat Washington for the first time since Nov. 14, 2014.

Oilers 3, Kings 1

In Edmonton, Alberta, Eric Gryba broke a tie at 6:58 of the third period and Jordan Eberle had two assists in Edmonton's victory over Los Angeles.

Patrick Maroon and Ryan Nugent-

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Hopkins also scored for the Oilers. They are 4-0-1 in their last five and 19-12-6 overall.

Cam Talbot made 28 saves, allowing only Nick Shore's goal. The Kings have dropped three straight to fall to 17-15-4.

Blackhawks 3, Predators 2

In Nashville, Tenn., Patrick Kane had a goal and an assist to lead Chicago over Nashville.

Artem Anisimov and Jonathan Toews also scored and Corey Crawford made 36 saves to help Chicago snap a three-game losing streak, the Blackhawks' longest skid of the season.

Filip Forsberg and Mike Fisher scored for Nashville, and Ryan Johansen had two assists. The Predators have lost three straight.

Canadiens 3, Panthers 2, OT

In Sunrise, Fla., Phillip Danault scored 39 seconds into overtime after Brendan Gallagher tied it late in the third period,



Kevin Hayes #13 of the New York Rangers attempts to control the puck ahead of Lawson Crouse #67 of the Arizona Coyotes during the second period of the NHL game at Gila River Arena on Dec 29, in Glendale, Arizona. (AFP)

leading Montreal over Florida.

Gallagher ended a 13-game goal drought with 2:37 remaining when his shot from the right circle went over James Reimer's glove, and then Danault came in on a breakaway and beat Reimer for his seventh goal of the season.

Max Pacioretty also scored for Montreal, and Al Montoya made 31 saves.

Ducks 3, Flames 1

In Calgary, Alberta, Jakob Silfverberg scored in the final four minutes and Boston beat Buffalo.

On a 2-on-1 with Andrew Coglian, Silfverberg hung onto the puck and whipped a 40-foot wrist shot over Chad Johnson's shoulder. Silfverberg has scored in three straight games.

Bruins 4, Sabres 2

In Buffalo, N.Y., Ryan Spooner scored twice in the final four minutes and Boston beat Buffalo.

Patrice Bergeron and David Krejci also scored in the opening game of a home-and-home series. Krejci also had an assist, and Tuukka Rask made 31 saves to help the Bruins snap a two-game losing streak.

Spooner broke a tie with 3:53 remaining. He took a cross-ice pass from Krejci and beat Robin Lehner with a straightaway slap shot. Spooner scored again into an empty net in the final minute.

Stars 4, Avalanche 2

In Dallas, Tyler Seguin had two goals and an assist and Dallas beat lowly Colorado for its first three-game winning streak of the season.

Seguin's 12th goal of the season, a one-timer from the middle of the left circle on a pass from captain Jamie Benn, put the Stars up 2-0 in the first period. He added his 13th into an empty net in the closing seconds.

Seguin and Benn assisted on Jamie Oleskiak's wrist from the right circle for a 3-1 lead early in the second period, right after Benn had a shot ricochet off the crossbar.

Red Wings 3, Senators 2, OT

In Ottawa, Ontario, Anthony Mantha scored at 1:07 of overtime after Bobby Ryan's turnover to give Detroit a victory over Ottawa.

The Senators retired Daniel Alfredsson's No. 11 before the game. The 20,011 fans, making it the first sellout of the season, kept the celebration going as they cheered for their former captain and also a former Red Wing at the 11:11 mark of every period.

Maple Leafs 3, Lightning 2, OT

In Tampa, Fla., Nazem Kadri scored on a power play 3:37 into overtime to give Toronto a victory over Tampa Bay.

With Valtteri Filppula serving a penalty for goalie interference, Kadri beat Andrei Vasilevskiy from in-close.

Auston Matthews and Tyler Bozak also scored, and Antoine Bibeau stopped 25 shots in his second career NHL game and first victory.

Toulon battle Racing 92 for 4th spot

Parisse to lead Stade out of doldrums

PARIS, Dec. 30, (AFP) — Sergio Parisse has been a stalwart for Stade Francais, an ever-present since his arrival in Paris in 2005.

But the Italy captain, an inspirational No. 8, finds his Stade team flourishing this season, 11th in the Top 14, with a new coach in Greg Cooper in place of Gonzalo Quesada and the announced departure of several senior players at season's end.

It is certainly a time of flux for the club based in the shadow of the Parc des Princes at their state-of-the-art Stade Jean-Bouin, with the likes of Rabah Slimani, Hugo Bonneval and Raphael Lakafia all heading off for pastures new next year.

"I ask myself questions," Parisse told L'Equipe newspaper when asked whether he was worried for the future of the club.

"It's why I asked to meet (owner) Thomas Savare and his father Jean-Pierre to better understand the club's project and get some replies."

Parisse has always been known as a fierce competitor, notably when winning 121 caps for an Italian national side that has for long times struggled.

"I'm 33 years of age, I've extended my contract until 2020, I could say to

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myself 'I'll finish my career quietly'. But it's not my philosophy. I'm not mediocre, but a competitor. I want to win.

"I want to know what the club's real ambitions are for the coming years."

Parisse added that he hoped to end his career at Stade — "No one loves this club more than me", but insisted that there had to be a core of senior players to lead the squad.

"The squad's been shuffled but it hasn't exploded, that's the most important thing," the Argentinian-born player told L'Equipe.

Parisse admitted that the club's next three games, starting with a home match against Brive on Saturday, and followed by Toulouse and Grenoble, would be the "turning point of the season".

Ex-All Black Cooper, capped seven times by New Zealand and who arrived at Stade at the season's start as backs coach before being named in the head job for next season, said he was not "panicked" by the loss of senior players from his squad.

Top 14 leaders Clermont, who thumped Stade Francais 46-10 last time out, travel Saturday to Toulouse, who this week signed All Black prop Charlie Faumuina for the start of the next European season.

But Clermont will be without four big names, France internationals Camille Lopez, Damien Chouly, Scott Spedding and Noa Nakaitaci all handed an extra week's holiday. Prop Aaron Jarvis, winger David Strettle and flanker Julien Bardey are also all out, injured.

Second-placed Montpellier are away at Pau while La Rochelle, in third, entertain Grenoble on Sunday.

The final game of the weekend pitches Toulon against Racing 92 in a battle for fourth spot.



In this Nov 19, 2016 file photo, Italy's Sergio Parisse (second left), escapes with the ball during the rugby union Test match between Italy and South Africa at the Arno Franchi Stadium in Florence. (AFP)

'Tough streets'

S. African township crew set for yacht race to Rio

CAPE TOWN, Dec. 30, (AFP) — Young, determined and from parts of Cape Town known for gangs rather than yacht clubs, seven sailors will leave their hometown Sunday on an epic ocean race to Brazil.

The crew of the 43-foot Gryphon boat are competing in the Cape2Rio race — a 5,600-km (3,500-mile) adventure across the South Atlantic to Rio de Janeiro.

A total of 28 yachts will take part in the race, which mixes professional sailors with enthusiastic amateurs on a testing continent-to-continent passage.

The Gryphon team was put together by the Hout Bay Youth Sailing Development Trust — located just outside Cape Town — as part of its work with disadvantaged youngsters.

"The sailing training is to keep some of the kids off the street," Theo Yon, Gryphon's skipper, told AFP.

"We have kids from the disadvantaged communities and then some kids who have money, so it's a mix."

"We plan to train the guys up and get them on the high level of sailing (so they can) compare themselves with everyone else."

Yon, 27, who is from Hangberg, a tough district next to Hout Bay, rose up through the training system him-

self and now helps bring on other youngsters.

"I'm very proud of the guys of what we have achieved so far... I think we have a really good team together and we can do it," he said.

For months, the crew have been training off the Cape Town coast for the race, which could take about 20 days of relentless work, little sleep and constant danger.

The Gryphon crew recently competed well in a race to Mossel Bay, east along the South African coast, boosting team confidence.

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"We came first in our class and we competed against the top sailors of South Africa," said crew member Le-Roy Rudolf, 29, from the notorious Cape Flats area.

Among those on board the yacht — which is sponsored by Ullman Sails — will be Theo's 17-year-old brother Lorenzo Yon, also from Hangberg.

"I love sailing because it's a competitive sport and I love the water and the adrenaline of going fast and keeping the boat up there (in the race)," he said.

Cole Davids, 16, who is not in the race crew, said the Hout Bay sailing trust offered an alternative to life in some of Cape Town's most violent and poverty-stricken areas.

"It keeps me from the bad things that happen on the streets — the drugging, the killing, the stabbing," he said.

NHL Results/Standings

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30, (RTRS) — Results and standings from the NHL games on Thursday.

Anaheim	3	Calgary	1
Edmonton	3	Los Angeles	1
NY Rangers	6	Arizona	3
Dallas	4	Colorado	2
Chicago	3	Nashville	2
		New Jersey	

Western Conference

Central Division						
W	L	OTL	GF	GA	Pts	
Chicago	23	10	5	106	91	51
Minnesota	23	8	4	111	72	50
St. Louis	19	12	5	104	106	43
Dallas	16	14	7	96	110	39
Winnipeg	17	18	3	101	111	37
Nashville	15	14	6	98	100	36
Colorado	12	22	1	72	116	25

Pacific Division

W	L	OTL	GF	GA	Pts	
San Jose	22	12	1	90	77	45
Edmonton	19	12	6	108	98	44
Anaheim	18	12	7	101	103	43
Calgary	19	17	2	101	109	40
Los Angeles	17	15	4	89	89	38
Vancouver	15	18	3	88	110	33
Arizona	11	20	5	80	117	27

Note: Overtime losses (OTL) are worth one point in the standings and are not included in the loss column (L).

Minnesota	6	NY Islanders	4
Columbus	5	Winnipeg	3
Detroit	3	Ottawa (OT)	2
Toronto	3	Tampa Bay (OT)	2
Montreal	2	Florida (OT)	2
Boston	4	Buffalo	2
Washington	2	Washington (SO)	1

Eastern Conference

Atlantic Division					
W	L	OTL	GF	GA	Pts
22	9	5	110	82	49
20	12	4	93	96	44
19	15	4	92	93	42
18	15	4	106	104	40
16	12	7	103	99	39
15	14	8	89	103	38
16	16	4	89	102	36
13	14	8	77	98	34

Metropolitan Division

W	L	OTL	GF	GA	Pts
25	5	4	119	71	54
24	8	5	129	104	53
25	12	1	129	95	51
20	9	4	91	75	45
20	13	4	113	114	44
15	12	7	90	93	37
14	15	7	84	108	35