

SPORTS

Hurricanes cool off Flames with 4-0 victory

Isles extend home streak to 6

CALGARY, Alberta, Dec 15, (AP) — James Reimer made 32 stops and Warren Foegele scored twice and the Carolina Hurricanes ended Calgary's seven-game winning streak with a 4-0 victory over the Flames.

It's the second shutout of the season for Reimer, who has won five of his past six starts and improved to 7-5-0 on the season.

The 31-year-old was at his best in the first and third periods. He kept the game scoreless in the opening 20 minutes, despite Calgary holding a 12-4 edge in shots. When the Flames pressed in the third period, fueled by four power plays in the final 11 minutes, he once again stood tall.

Brock McGinn and Dougie Hamilton also scored for Carolina, which has points in five straight (4-0-1). The Hurricanes' five-game road trip will continue Tuesday in Winnipeg.

Calgary lost for the first time since Geoff Ward took over from Bill Peters behind the bench. The 57-year-old had won his first six games after being named interim head coach on Nov. 29.

Islanders 3, Sabres 2, OT
In Uniondale, New York, Anthony Beauvillier scored in overtime to lift the Islanders over Buffalo, extending New York's home winning streak to six games.

Beauvillier scored on a breakaway at 3:04 against Sabres goalie Linus Ullmark for his 10th goal of the season. He finished off a sequence in overtime in which he accidentally got tangled up with Ullmark in the crease, then was tripped in the Sabres zone before he corralled the puck for the winning play.

The Islanders improved to 13-2-1 overall between Nassau Coliseum and Brooklyn's Barclays Center this season while the Sabres had their three-game winning streak snapped.

Semyon Varmolov made 33 saves

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for the victory.

Devils 2, Coyotes 1

In Glendale, Arizona, Kyle Palmieri scored the tiebreaking goal in the third period, and New Jersey held on to snap a seven-game losing streak.

Jesper Boqvist also scored, and Michael McLeod and Miles Wood each had two assists to help the Devils get their first win this month. Mackenzie Blackwood stopped 31 shots.

Alex Goligoski scored for Arizona, which has lost five of its last seven home games but remains in sole possession of first place in the Pacific Division. Vinnie Hinostroza picked up his fourth assist in two games, and Darcy Kuemper finished with 31 saves.

Ducks 4, Rangers 3, SO

In Anaheim, California, Jakob Silfverberg and Ondrej Kase scored in the shootout after Hampus Lindholm tied the game on the power play with 1:46 remaining in the third period and Anaheim rallied for a win over New York.

Silfverberg also had a power-play goal for the Ducks. Erik Gudbranson also scored, and John Gibson stopped three shots in the shootout after making 29 saves through overtime.

Senators 4, Blue Jackets 3, OT

In Ottawa, Ontario, Anthony Duclair had a hat trick, including a power-play goal at 1:56 of overtime, and Ottawa topped Columbus.

Duclair has 18 goals on the season, including eight in his past five games. Connor Brown also scored for the Senators. Anders Nilsson stopped 38 shots.

Wild 4, Flyers 1

In St. Paul, Minnesota, Eric Staal scored twice and Minnesota kept up its winning ways at home.

Zach Parise also scored and Carson Soucy added an empty-netter to help the Wild improve to 9-0-3 in the past 12 games at Xcel Energy Center. Only Boston (17) and the New York Islanders (13) have longer home point streaks this season.

Bruins 4, Panthers 2

In Sunrise, Florida, David Pastrnak scored twice to help Boston snap a five-game winless streak.

David Krejci and Jake DeBrusk each had a goal and an assist for the Bruins, and Torey Krug had two assists. Jaroslav Halak stopped 31 shots.

Keith Yandle and Mark Pysyk scored for the Panthers, who lost their

NHL Results/Standings

WASHINGTON, Dec 15, (AP) — Results and standings from the NHL games on Saturday.

Team	W	L	OT	Pts
NY Islanders	3	1	0	6
Ottawa	4	0	0	8
Anaheim	4	0	0	8
Carolina	4	0	0	8
Dallas	4	0	0	8
Toronto	4	0	0	8
Minnesota	4	0	0	8
Pittsburgh	5	0	0	10
Detroit	2	0	0	4
Washington	5	1	0	10
Boston	4	1	0	8
St. Louis	4	1	0	8
New Jersey	2	1	0	4
San Jose	4	1	0	8

Eastern Conference

Atlantic Division				
GP	W	L	OT	Pts
Boston	34	21	7	48
Buffalo	34	16	11	39
Montreal	33	15	12	36
Toronto	34	16	14	36
Tampa Bay	31	16	12	35
Florida	32	15	12	35
Ottawa	33	14	17	30
Detroit	34	9	22	21

Metropolitan Division				
GP	W	L	OT	Pts
Washington	34	24	5	53
NY Islanders	31	22	7	46
Carolina	33	20	11	42
Pittsburgh	33	19	10	42
Philadelphia	32	17	10	39
NY Rangers	32	16	12	36
Columbus	32	12	14	30
New Jersey	32	10	17	25

Western Conference

Central Division				
GP	W	L	OT	Pts
St. Louis	34	20	8	46
Colorado	32	21	8	45
Dallas	34	19	11	42
Winnipeg	32	19	11	40
Minnesota	33	16	12	37
Nashville	31	14	12	33
Chicago	33	12	15	30

Pacific Division				
GP	W	L	OT	Pts
Arizona	35	19	12	42
Edmonton	35	18	13	40
Calgary	35	18	13	40
Vegas	35	17	13	39
Vancouver	33	16	13	36
San Jose	35	16	17	34
Anaheim	33	14	15	32
Los Angeles	34	13	18	29

Note: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss. Top three teams in each division and two wild cards per conference advance to playoffs.

third straight. Sergei Bobrovsky made 38 saves, including 21 in the first period.

Stars 4, Predators 1

In Nashville, Tennessee, Anton Khudobin stopped 37 shots and Dallas won for the fourth time in five games.

Blake Comeau, Roope Hintz, Jamie Oleksiak and Andrew Cogliano each scored in the second period after the Stars fell behind. Alexander Radulov had two assists.

Austin Watson scored for Nashville and Pekka Rinne finished with 18 saves. The Predators have lost two straight.

Penguins 5, Kings 4, SO

In Pittsburgh, Bryan Rust scored twice in regulation and got the lone goal in the shootout to lift Pittsburgh.

Rust faked a shot on the forehand and flipped a blocker-side backhander past Kings goaltender Jonathan Quick for the deciding goal. The Kings had a chance to continue the shootout, but the puck rolled off Adrian Kempe's stick, giving the Penguins their fifth win in six games.

Capitals 5, Lightning 2

In Tampa, Florida, Lars Eller and Garnet Hathaway scored 44 seconds apart early in the third period as NHL-leading Washington beat Tampa Bay.

Ellers scored from the left circle at 1:58 and Hathaway made it 3-1 from in-close.

Nicklas Backstrom, T.J. Oshie and Tom Wilson had the other Washington goals, and rookie goalie Ilya Samsonov stopped 26 shots.

Maple Leafs 4, Oilers 1

In Edmonton, Alberta, Frederik Andersen stopped 36 shots to help Toronto beat Edmonton.

Alexander Kerfoot had a goal and an assist and Ilya Mikheyev, Frederik Gauthier and Mitch Marner also scored as the Maple Leafs won for the third time in four games.

Red Wings 2, Canadiens 1

In Montreal, Mike Green scored a power-play goal in the third period, Jonathan Bernier made 42 saves, and Detroit held off Montreal.

Tyler Bertuzzi also scored for the Red Wings, who have won two games in a row since dropping 12 straight. Green also added an assist and his goal was the game-winner when Tomas Tatar scored in the game's final minute for the Canadiens.

Montreal outshot Detroit 43-20 but had its three-game win streak snapped. Carey Price made 18 saves in defeat.

Blues 4, Blackhawks 3

In St. Louis, Justin Faulk capped a



Photos taken from the tournament.

Europeans advance in World Men's Junior Water Polo Championships

European teams have continued splendid performance at the FINA World Men's Junior Water Polo Championships currently held in Kuwait.

In the third day of the championship held at the new Sheikh Nasser Al-Mohammad water sports complex at Al-Nasr Sport Club, in Group A, Croatia whitewashed China 24-5 and Serbia shot down South Africa 26-6.

In Group B, Hungary earned its first win, beat-

ing Egypt 19-7 with five goals from Marton Magyar. Spain earned a third victory with a classy 19-8 victory over Russia after being 10-2 at half-time.

In Group C, Italy started the day with a 16-4 win over Iran for a second two-pointer. The United States of America and Montenegro provided the match of the tournament, which USA won 11-9, never being equalled or headed in what was a high-tempo match.

In Group D, Australia came back from 7-4 down early in the final quarter to beat trans-Tasman rival New Zealand 8-7 with Hugh Anstey netting three for the victor. Greece made sure of its third victory with a 13-2 margin over Brazil where it kept the South Americans scoreless in the first, second and fourth periods.

A total of 20 countries are participating in the championship which kicked off on Dec 12 and will last till Dec 20. (KUNA)



Fans cheer their team during the FINA World Men's Junior Water Polo Championships.



Vihova rallies to win WC parallel slalom

Pinturault wins World Cup slalom



First classified France's Alexis Pinturault celebrates on the podium at the end of an alpine ski, men's World Cup slalom in Val d'Isere, France, on Dec 15. (AP)

VAL D'ISERE, France, Dec 15, (AP) — Alexis Pinturault won his first World Cup slalom in almost six years by a big margin Sunday, after American prospect Luke Winters could not sustain an unexpected challenge.

Pinturault extended his first-run lead to finish 1.44 seconds ahead of Olympic champion Andre Myhrer. Stefano Gross was third, a further 0.03 back.

On seeing his time in the finish area, Pinturault celebrated by throwing both of his ski poles high into the air.

The race was made more dramatic by Luke Winters of the United States, who soared wearing start bib No. 40 to be second-fastest in the opening run.

An aggressive second run saw the 22-year-old Winters make errors that dropped him to 19th place and out of contention for a first American podium in men's slalom since March 2011.

Pinturault's first slalom win since January 2014 positions him as a strong contender to follow the now-retired

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Marcel Hirscher's eight-year run as overall champion.

His 25th career World Cup race win was just a third in slalom. The first was also at Val d'Isere, eight years ago.

The Frenchman now leads the overall standings from Henrik Kristoffersen, who lost his victory chance when almost skiing out in the first run. Kristoffersen had the fastest second run by more than a second to rise from 27th to fourth, 0.01 off the podium.

In St. Moritz, Switzerland, Petra Vlhova took advantage of Mikaela Shiffrin taking the day off to win a World Cup parallel slalom event on Sunday.

Vlhova rallied from a slower start in the final to edge ahead of Anna Swenn Larsson by just 0.02 seconds at the line.

They had filled the podium places behind Shiffrin in a traditional slalom two weeks ago at Killington, Vermont.

The Slovakian racer's 10th career World Cup win was the first in a season where she shapes as the biggest rival to Shiffrin winning a fourth straight overall World Cup title.

Canadians become 1st females to race World Cup doubles luge

WHISTLER, British Columbia, Dec 15, (AP) — Caitlin Nash and Natalie Corless made luge history Saturday, becoming the first female team to compete in a World Cup doubles race.

The 16-year-olds from Whistler combined to finish 22nd in a field of 23 sleds, though that seemed largely irrelevant. There have been four-woman teams in what is typically called four-man bobsledding, but luge has never seen a pairing like this until now.

"It's crazy," Nash said after the race. "I don't think it's sunk in yet."

The German sled of Toni Eggert and Sascha Benecken won the race in 1 minute, 16.644 seconds. Germany's Tobias Wendt and Tobias Arlt finished second and the Russian team of Vsevolod Kashkin and Konstantin Korshunov placed third for their first medal of the season.

The US team of Chris Mazdzer and Jayson Terdiman placed 11th.

But the story was the Canadian teens,

who qualified for the World Cup event on Thursday. They were nearly a half-second behind any other finisher and almost 2.7 seconds back of Eggert and Benecken. But they'll forever be able to say that they were winning the race at one point — a technicality because they were the first ones down the hill at the Whistler Sliding Center, but accurate nonetheless.

"Pretty crazy," Corless said. "We proved that women can do this. We showed that today."

The only sled they beat was the Italian team of Ivan Nagler and Fabian Malleier, who crashed in the second heat.

There are women's singles and men's singles races on the World Cup luge circuit, but there is no rule saying doubles teams must be composed of two men. There have been more female doubles racers at the junior level in recent years, and it was generally considered to be just a matter of time before it happened at the World Cup level.



New York Islanders defenseman Scott Mayfield (24), holds down Buffalo Sabres left wing Evan Rodrigues (71) in the second period of an NHL hockey game, on Dec 14, in Uniondale, N.Y. (AP)