

Flames down Ducks, extend hot streak

Blue Jackets get Duchene, shutout Senators 3-0

CALGARY, Alberta, Feb 23, (RTRS): Andrew Mangiapane scored the game-winning goal late in the third period, and T.J. Brodie collected a goal and an assist as the host Calgary Flames won their fourth consecutive game, defeating the Anaheim Ducks 2-1 on Friday night.

Goalie Mike Smith made 25 saves for the Flames, who strengthened their hold on the top spot in the Western Conference.

Mangiapane broke the tie with 3:29 remaining in regulation. He tried to make a pass on a two-on-one rush only to see it blocked, but the puck came back to the speedy rookie, and he promptly buried a short-side offering for his third goal of the season, all in his past seven

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games.

Brodie and Anaheim's Derek Grant scored in the second period. Ducks goalie Ryan Miller made 26 saves.

Jets 6, Golden Knights 3

In Las Vegas, Patrik Laine scored twice to snap a 15-game goalless drought as Winnipeg won in Las Vegas.

Nikolaj Ehlers, Kyle Connor, Adam Lowry and Andrew Copp also scored for the Jets, who snapped a three-game losing streak and reclaimed the lead in the NHL's Central Division, moving a point ahead of the Nashville Predators. Winnipeg goaltender Connor Hellebuyck made 29 saves.

Pierre-Edouard Bellemare, Shea Theodore and Jonathan Marchessault scored for the Golden Knights, who are 3-9-1 in their past 13 games and have won just once in their past eight home games (1-6-1). Goalie Marc-Andre Fleury stopped 23 of 28 shots.

Blue Jackets 3, Senators 0

In Ottawa, Ontario, Sergei Bobrovsky made 22 saves to record his fourth shutout of the season as Columbus skated to a win over host Ottawa, hours after acquiring pending unrestricted free agent forward Matt Duchene from its opponent.

Josh Anderson scored his seventh goal in 11 games for the Blue Jackets. Cam Atkinson



Columbus Blue Jackets' Matt Duchene's (95) shot is blocked by Ottawa Senators' Maxime Lajoie (58) during first-period NHL hockey game action in Ottawa, Ontario on Feb 22. (AP)

netted his team-leading 33rd tally and Oliver Bjorkstrand also scored to help Columbus snap a two-game skid. Duchene had three shots on goal against his former team.

Ottawa rookie forward Brady Tkachuk fell on Bobrovsky late in the second period to raise tensions between the teams. The two-time Vezina Trophy recipient barely was tested the rest of the way en route to his 28th career shutout.

Avalanche 5, Blackhawks 3

In Chicago, J.T. Compher had two goals

and an assist, including a tiebreaking goal on a breakaway with 5:22 remaining in the third period as Colorado held on for a win at Chicago.

Carl Soderberg also scored twice for the Avalanche, who won their third consecutive game. Gabriel Landeskog added a goal and an assist for Colorado.

The loss spoiled a historic night for Blackhawks forward Patrick Kane, who tallied at least one point for the 20th game in a row. Kane owns the two longest point streaks by a

US-born player in NHL history, including his 26-game streak during the 2015-16 season.

Wild 3, Red Wings 2

In Detroit, Devan Dubnyk made 26 saves to lift Minnesota to a win at Detroit, the first time since Jan 23 that the Wild followed up a win with another victory. Minnesota had lost nine of its previous 11 games, going 2-6-3 in that span.

Luke Kunin had a goal and an assist for the Wild, who also got tallies from Jordan Greenway and Eric Staal.

NHL Results/Standings

WASHINGTON, Feb 23, (RTRS): Results and standings from the NHL games on Friday.

Columbus	3	Ottawa	0
Colorado	5	Chicago	3
Minnesota	3	Detroit	2
Calgary	2	Anaheim	1
Winnipeg	6	Las Vegas	3

Eastern Conference						
Atlantic Division						
W	L	OTL	GF	GA	Pts	
Tampa Bay	47	11	4	244	163	98
Boston	36	17	8	184	157	80
Toronto	36	20	4	210	170	76
Montreal	33	21	7	184	177	73
Buffalo	28	24	8	171	187	64
Florida	26	25	8	184	203	60
Detroit	23	30	9	174	207	55
Ottawa	22	34	5	186	226	49

Metropolitan Division						
W	L	OTL	GF	GA	Pts	
NY Islanders	35	18	7	174	146	77
Washington	34	20	7	205	193	75
Columbus	34	23	3	191	180	71
Pittsburgh	32	22	7	210	191	71
Carolina	32	23	6	178	170	70
Philadelphia	28	26	7	179	206	63
NY Rangers	26	26	8	173	199	60
New Jersey	24	29	8	180	208	56

Western Conference						
Central Division						
W	L	OTL	GF	GA	Pts	
Winnipeg	37	20	4	209	181	78
Nashville	36	22	5	193	164	77
St Louis	32	23	5	179	169	69
Dallas	30	25	5	153	156	65
Minnesota	29	27	6	171	183	64
Colorado	26	24	11	201	196	63
Chicago	26	27	9	208	232	61

Pacific Division						
W	L	OTL	GF	GA	Pts	
Calgary	38	16	7	223	179	83
San Jose	36	17	8	223	190	80
Las Vegas	32	26	5	185	181	69
Arizona	28	28	5	160	176	61
Vancouver	26	27	9	172	191	60
Anaheim	24	28	9	138	189	57
Edmonton	25	29	6	169	201	56
Los Angeles	23	31	6	144	184	52

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

Tyler Bertuzzi and Anthony Mantha had goals for the Red Wings, with Dylan Larkin assisting on both plays. Patrik Laine scored twice to snap a 15-game goalless drought as the Winnipeg Jets defeated the Vegas Golden Knights 6-3 Friday night in Las Vegas.

Bowyer denied a slot on front row

Almirola leads Ford sweep in Cup qualifier at Atlanta

HAMPTON, Georgia, Feb 23, (AP): Aric Almirola gave the new Mustang its first pole of the NASCAR season in Ford sweep of NASCAR Cup qualifying at Atlanta Motor Speedway.

Almirola turned a lap at 181.472 mph Friday to take the top qualifying spot and deny Stewart-Haas

Racing teammate Clint

Bowyer a slot on the front

row. Bowyer was fastest in the lone practice session of the day but slipped to third, behind

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Racing driver Ricky Stenhouse Jr.

"It's cool to be the first guy to put the Ford Mustang on the pole," Almirola said. "It's like my first one in seven years, too."

The pole is the second of Almirola's career, but first since 2012 at Charlotte Motor Speedway in the Coca-Cola 600.

Ford was the heavy favorite to win last week's Daytona 500 but was locked out of even a podium finish as Toyotas took all three of the spots. Denny Hamlin won the Daytona 500, and led two of his Joe Gibbs Racing teammates across the finish line for the sweep, and was the highest-qualifying Toyota driver at Atlanta in fourth.

Daniel Suarez, another SHR driver, qualified fifth in a strong day for that camp. Only Kevin Harvick, the defending race winner, struggled but his issue was a steering problem that hampered his team all afternoon. He qualified 18th.

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Kuwait int'l drag race concludes

KUWAIT CITY, Feb 23, (KUNA): Kuwait international drag race championship, organized by Basel Salem Al Sabah Motor Racing Club at Kuwait Motor Town, concluded on Friday.

Ali Hajji of Bahrain won the Pro Mod category, while Bassel Abbas of Kuwait won the Index 4.0 category and was followed by Salem Al-Tamimi and Sulaiman Al-Fadhel.

The Index 4.5 race was sealed by Ahmad Al-Juhail of Kuwait, while Pro Super Street was won by Bahrain's Hussain Mohammad.

Mohammad Al-Mutairi, of Kuwait, won the Super Street race. Ali Al-Jood of Bahrain won the Street race.

Saudi Arabia's Mohammad Al-Shaqaq won the six-cylinder Out Low category.

Ali Mamdooh won the Index 8.0 race and Sulaiman Al-Uraier won the Index 9.0 clash.

Mohammad Bu Rashed won the Pro Bike race, and Mishari Al-Turki won the Super Street Bike, while Moussa Al-Baloushi won the Street Bike event.

season to slow the cars, bunch them together and create a more competitive on-track product, but because it is untested, Sunday is a mystery for most of the field.

"Today has been a complete waste of time for us. The car won't steer. It won't turn to the right. We can't figure out what is wrong with the steering to make it go straight," Harvick said. "We haven't really made any laps that you can actually turn the car. We were kind of just hoping for the best there and it didn't fix any of it."

Kyle Larson was the highest Chevrolet driver at seventh.

It was a rough qualifying session for Team Penske, which advance Brad Keselowski to the second round of qualifying but saw Joey Logano and Ryan Blaney eliminated in the first round.

Keselowski was fastest from Fords other flagship team with a 19th-place qualifying effort.

"We just weren't fast enough," Keselowski said. "I think it is definitely different but I don't think this whole rules change was made for qualifying, I think it was made for the race. We will have to get to the race and see what it looks like there and let the smart people that know everything figure it out from there."



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ter what rules they throw at us," Almirola said. "You give 400 really talented employees a challenge with a new race car, with a Ford Mustang, and a new rules package from NASCAR and they just go to work. They put their head down and go to work and figure out how to make everything work to make the cars go fast."

Kevin Harvick, the defending race winner, was the only SHR driver not to advance to the final round of qualifying. He struggled with a steering problem all afternoon and qualified 18th, unsure of what to expect of a competition package that will be introduced in Sunday's race. NASCAR has overhauled the rules package this



FBC - 1PM Challenge Higher C Champions



FBC - 1PM Challenge Higher C Runners-up



FBC - Fun Game Winners



FBC - Adults/kids bonding time

FBC 107th regular tourney enters second week eliminations

By Michelle Fe Santiago
Arab Times Staff

The Filipino Badminton Committee in Kuwait (FBC) 107th Regular Tournament entered its second week as games went off to a running start with several thrilling matches. The elimination games continued to heat up on Friday at the Kuwait Disabled Sports Club in Hawally with veteran and amateur badminton players participating in the event

Week 2 of the FBC 107th Regular Tourna-

ment saw more intense clashes in the courts and players continued to battle it out with the top teams from each category as they took big steps closer to the coveted title and advancing into the knockout stage next Friday.

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Meanwhile, congratulations to all the FBC-1PM Badminton Challenge Winners:
Level A/B (Mix):
Champions: Noel Sarabillo & Edrick Estrera

Runners-up: Roman Malaban & Norman de Gracia

Level C - Higher (Mix):
Champions: Jerrald Roset & Imee Alvarez

Runners-up: Mishary & Eunich Santos
FBC is inviting all badminton enthusiasts to register in its regular tournaments from 8 am to 1 pm and adults/kids badminton coaching/tutorial and court rental from 2 pm to 5 pm.

For inquiries please contact FBC Hotline 65606820 (Viber/WhatsApp) or go personally to the Kuwait Disabled Sports Club in Hawally.

Shanghai esports team end Overwatch skid

BURBANK, California, Feb 23, (AP): A Shanghai esports team has finally secured a victory after losing its first 42 matches, a skid that carried into the Overwatch League's second season.

The Shanghai Dragons went 0-40 as an inaugural "Overwatch" franchise in 2018 and lost their first two matches this season before beating the Boston Uprising on Friday night. Players high-fived on stage after clinching the win, and fans at the 500-seat Blizzard Arena broke out a loud "Let's go Dragons!" chant.

Shanghai ditched its primarily Chinese roster after a dismal first season and replaced those players mostly with South Koreans. The league's only female player, Kim "Geguri" Se-Yeon, is one of three players remaining from the inaugural roster.

Among the players that helped Shanghai beat the

Bautista wins World Superbikes opener

PHILIP ISLAND, Australia, Feb 23, (AP): Alvaro Bautista has become the first rookie to win a World Superbikes Championship race in 12 years after dominating the first leg of the season-opening round at Phillip Island.

The Spanish Ducati rider led from start to finish in

Uprising was Noh "Gamsu" Young-Jin, who was traded from Boston to the Dragons earlier this month.

"Overwatch" is a 6-on-6 first-person shooter, and the Overwatch League is the first city-based professional

the 22-lap race on Saturday to win by 14.983 seconds over reigning world champion and pole-sitter Jonathan Rea, who was riding a Kawasaki.

Italian Marco Melandri (Yamaha) was third, 16.934 seconds behind Bautista. Two more races will be held Sunday at Phillip Island.

esport, including franchises in Asia, North America and Europe. The league plans to bring its franchises to their home cities in future seasons, but all matches are currently being played in Southern California.