

NFL Roundup

Jaguars to sign QB Foles

Sweat, Banogu break records at showcase

NEW YORK, March 4, (RTRS): Mississippi State's Montez Sweat ran a blazing 4.41-second 40-yard dash Sunday to set a modern record (since 2003) for defensive linemen at the NFL Scouting Combine.

The previous mark was 4.44 seconds, shared by North Carolina State's Manny Lawson (2006) and Isaac Hilton from Hampton (2004), per NFL Research.

Sweat ranked among the SEC leaders in sacks and tackles for loss in each of his two seasons with the Bulldogs, tallying a combined 22.5 sacks and 30.0 TFL in 2017-18. At 6-foot-6 and 260 pounds, Sweat's time was faster than all but one of 23 running backs tested.

Sweat wasn't the only prospect who broke a record in Indianapolis on Sunday.

TCU's Ben Banogu set a new event record for defensive linemen in the broad jump with a leap of 11 feet, 2 inches. Banogu ranked second in the Big 12 with 18.0 TFL in 2018, adding 57 tackles and 8.5 sacks for the Horned Frogs.

Clemson defensive tackle Dexter Lawrence injured his left hamstring running the 40-yard dash at the combine, ESPN reported.

After clocking a time of 5.05 seconds in his first 40 attempt, the 6-foot-4, 342-pound prospect suffered the injury on his second try and did not complete the workout. NFL Network ranks Lawrence as the No. 31 player available in the 2019 NFL Draft.

On Saturday, he led all defensive linemen invited to the showcase with 36 repetitions of 225 pounds in the bench press. Clemson's pro day is scheduled for March 14.

Alabama defensive lineman Quinnen Williams ran the 40-yard dash in 4.83 seconds in Indianapolis, the fourth-fastest time by any 300-pound player at the NFL Scouting Combine since 2003.

The 6-foot-3, 303-pound prospect's time trailed only Jay Howard (4.82 in 2012), Luis Castillo (4.80 in 2005) and Tank Johnson (4.69 in 2004) among 300-pounders, per NFL.com.

Williams, a potential top-5 draft pick, tallied 8.0 sacks and 19.5 tackles for loss in 15 games last season at Alabama.



Iowa tight end Noah Fant runs a drill at the NFL football scouting combine in Indianapolis on March 2. (AP)

The Crimson Tide standout ran faster than Ohio State quarterback Dwayne Haskins (5.04 seconds) this weekend.

The Dallas Cowboys and defensive end DeMarcus Lawrence are running out of time to work out a long-term deal and are "not close" as a March 5 deadline looms, according to the Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

If the Cowboys do not reach agreement by Tuesday, the deadline for franchise tags, they may be forced to use that option to keep him — albeit at a hefty price tag.

The Cowboys tagged Lawrence last season and he made \$17.1 million. This year, under the franchise tag, he would earn \$20.5 million. The following year under the tag would be worth nearly \$30 million.

New England Patriots defensive end Trey Flowers underwent a recent shoulder surgery that sources characterized as a "cleanup" procedure, ESPN reported.

Set to become an unrestricted free agent later this month, the 25-year-old pass rusher led the Super Bowl LIII champions in sacks for the third straight season with a career-high 7.5 in 2018.

Draft Analyst reported last week that the Miami Dolphins are the front-runners to sign Flowers. Miami hired former Patriots defensive play-caller Brian Flores as their head coach last month.

The Jacksonville Jaguars "absolutely expect" to sign quarterback Nick Foles when NFL free agency opens on March 13, Les Bowen of Philly.com reported.

No other teams have reportedly emerged as serious suitors since the Philadelphia Eagles announced they would not use the franchise tag on the former Super Bowl MVP. Foles, 30, was 6-2 in the regular season and 4-1 in the playoffs over the last two years as a replacement for injured starter Carson Wentz.

Jacksonville expects to move on from starter Blake Bortles, the No. 3 overall pick in 2014. The Jaguars fell to 5-11 in 2018 after reaching the AFC Championship game a year earlier. New Jacksonville offensive coordinator John DeFilippo was Foles' quarterbacks coach during the Eagles' run to the Super Bowl LII title.

Capitals 'maintain' good run as Rangers suffer 4th straight loss



New York Islanders' Ross Johnston (32) and Washington Capitals' Dmitry Orlov (9) reach for the puck during the third period of an NHL hockey game on March 1 in Uniondale, NY. The Capitals won 3-1. (AP)

Sharks close in on Calgary

NEW YORK, March 4, (AP): Alex Ovechkin scored in the fourth round of a shootout without putting the puck in the net, and the Washington Capitals extended their win streak to four games with a 3-2 victory over the New York Rangers on Sunday.

Ovechkin was skating to his right when Rangers goalie Alexander Georgiev threw his stick at the puck, knocking it away from the star winger. Ovechkin was credited with the goal after a review.

Carl Hagelin and Andre Burakovsky scored in the first period for Washington. Braden Holtby made 22 saves.

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Pavel Buchnevich and Ryan Strome scored for New York. The Rangers lost their fourth in a row, including all three on their homestand.

Georgiev made 37 saves, including 20 in the second period. He stopped Ovechkin on a breakaway in overtime.

Flyers 4, Islanders 1

In Uniondale, N.Y., Brian Elliott stopped 29 shots and Philadelphia knocked New York out of first place in the Metropolitan Division.

Travis Konecny, Travis Sanheim, Scott Laughton and Sean Couturier scored for Philadelphia. The Flyers are 4-0-1 in their last five games and moved within five points of the final wild card in the Eastern Conference.

Elliott lost his shutout bid when Adam Pelech scored with 4:45 left. He got his ninth win of the season and third in his last four starts.

Sharks 5, Blackhawks 2

In San Jose, Calif., Joe Thornton set up Marcus Sorensen for a tie-breaking goal early in the third period and Melker Karlsson tacked on two insurance goals that sent San Jose past Chicago.

Tomas Hertl and Timo Meier also scored to help the Sharks end an eight-game stretch of alternating

PSL cricket games moved from Lahore to Karachi

ISLAMABAD, March 4, (AP): The Pakistan Cricket Board moved three PSL matches from Lahore to Karachi on Sunday after political and military tension between India and Pakistan.

PCB chairman Ehsan Mani says the decision was made "following the delayed opening of the Lahore airspace for commercial flights which has created substantial operational and logistical challenges."

Last Tuesday, Indian aircraft crossed into Pakistan and carried out what India called a pre-emptive strike against militants blamed for a Feb 14 suicide bombing in Indian-controlled Kashmir that killed 40 Indian troops. Pakistan retaliated, shooting down a fighter jet Wednesday and detaining its pilot, who was returned to India on Friday.

"Due to the recent and prevailing uncertainty, we felt it critical to make a decisive decision at this juncture," Mani said in a statement. "Ensuring all

the matches are played in Pakistan falls in line with our vision to take all eight matches of the PSL to the people of Pakistan."

Lahore was due to host three matches from March 9-12 but these will now take place in Karachi, along with five other PSL games.

Tournament matches are also held in the United Arab Emirates. The Pakistan leg of the PSL will now start two days earlier on March 9 with the final still scheduled for Karachi on March 17.

"This has been a difficult and tough decision, which has been taken following discussion and consultation with all the franchisees and service providers," Mani said.

PSL is an annual Pakistan domestic league competed between six franchises named after major cities — Lahore, Karachi, Quetta, Islamabad, Peshawar, Islamabad and Multan.

wins and losses. San Jose moved within three points of Calgary for first place in the Pacific Division. The Flames have a game in hand.

Martin Jones made 28 saves for the Sharks. Chicago's Patrick Kane failed to record a point in back-to-back games for just the second time this season, also doing it Nov 21-23.

Dylan Strome and Erik Gustafsson scored for the Blackhawks, who trail Western Conference wild-card leaders Dallas and Minnesota by eight points. Cam Ward made 29 saves.

Golden Knights 3, Canucks 0

In Las Vegas, Marc-Andre Fleury stopped 19 shots and earned his second straight 3-0 shutout.

Fleury moved within one victory of tying Jacques Plante for eighth on the NHL's all-time wins list.

Max Pacioretty, Ryan Carpenter and Reilly Smith scored for the Golden Knights, who won their fourth straight.

Vancouver Jacob Markstrom stopped 45 shots.

Ducks 2, Avalanche 1

In Anaheim, Calif., Jakob Silfverberg had a goal and an assist and Anaheim snapped a five-game losing streak.

Silfverberg, who signed a \$26.5 million, five-year extension Saturday, leads the team in goals with 17 and became the ninth player to score 100 goals with Anaheim.

Cam Fowler also scored and John Gibson made 25 saves for his first victory since Jan 19.

Derick Brassard scored for Colo-

rado and Philipp Grubauer stopped 21 shots. The Avalanche have dropped three of four after winning four straight.

Senators 3, Panthers 2

In Sunrise, Fla., Rudolfs Balcers scored the tie-breaking goal in the second period and Ottawa snapped a seven-game losing streak.

Brian Gibbons and Zack Smith also scored for the Senators. Anders Nilsson stopped 30 shots.

Troy Brouwer and Aleksander Barkov scored for the Panthers, and Roberto Luongo made 30 saves. Florida has lost four straight.

Jets 5, Blue Jackets 2

In Columbus, Ohio, Blake Wheeler scored three of his four goals in the third period and Connor Hellebuyck had 40 saves as Winnipeg won its second straight.

Wheeler's goal with 2:13 left off Patrik Laine's feed sealed the game, and he added an empty-netter with 34 seconds left. Sami Niku also tallied for the Jets, who stayed in first place in the Central Division despite being outshot by Columbus 42-26.

Nick Foligno and Seth Jones scored for the Blue Jackets, who lost their second straight and stayed below the wild-card line in the Eastern Division. Sergei Bobrovsky had 21 saves.

Predators 3, Wild 2, SO

In St Paul, Minn., Ryan Johansen scored in the fourth round of the shootout as Nashville stopped Minnesota's winning streak at five games.

Filip Forsberg and Nick Bonino scored for the Predators, who are 5-6-1 in their last 12 games. Backup goalie Juuse Saros won for the first time in four starts.

Eric Fehr and Jason Zucker scored late in the second period less than 3 minutes apart for the Wild, who still moved into a tie with Dallas for the first wild-card spot in the Western Conference with 71 points. The Stars have played one fewer game.

Detroit Red Wings great and Hall of Famer Ted Lindsay was died at 93.

His death was confirmed Monday by son-in-law Lew LaPaugh, president of the Ted Lindsay Foundation, which raises money for autism research. Lindsay died Monday at his home in Michigan.

Lindsay was a nine-time All-Star and one of the game's best left wingers. He provided muscle and meanness for the Red Wings' "Production Line" of the 1950s. He also worked with other NHL players to organize the original Players' Association.

The Hockey Hall of Fame waived its three-year waiting period when it inducted Lindsay in 1966. Nine years earlier, he had been elected president of the players' union. Lindsay is also credited with starting the tradition in which the championship team skates around the ice with the Stanley Cup.

Winnipeg Jets winger Adam Lowry has been suspended two games for high-sticking Filip Forsberg of the Nashville Predators in Friday's game, the NHL has announced.

Lowry will not be paid during the suspension, losing \$31,362 in salary. He received a minor penalty for the third-period infraction at the time of the offense. The Jets won the game 5-3.

Lowry, who turns 26 later this month, is in his fifth season with the Jets, who took him in the third round in 2011. He has eight goals and nine assists in 62 games this season. In 2016-17, he posted career highs of 15 goals and 14 assists while playing in all 82 games. The Jets are on the road for their next two games, facing the Columbus Blue Jackets on Sunday and the Tampa Bay Lightning on Tuesday.

NHL Results/Standings

WASHINGTON, March 4, (RTRS): Results and standings from the NHL games on Sunday.

Washington	3	NY Rangers (SO)	2	Ottawa	3	Florida	2
Philadelphia	4	NY Islanders	1	Winnipeg	5	Columbus	2
Las Vegas	3	Vancouver	0	Nashville	3	Minnesota (SO)	2
Anaheim	2	Colorado	1	San Jose	5	Chicago	2

Western Conference						Eastern Conference						
Central Division						Atlantic Division						
W	L	OTL	GF	GA	Pts	W	L	OTL	GF	GA	Pts	
Winnipeg	39	22	4	222	193	82	Tampa Bay	50	12	4	258	174
Nashville	38	25	5	202	180	81	Boston	39	17	9	194	161
St. Louis	34	25	6	187	181	74	Toronto	40	21	4	233	186
Dallas	33	27	5	166	170	71	Montreal	35	24	7	201	193
Minnesota	32	27	7	182	191	71	Buffalo	30	27	8	187	207
Colorado	28	26	12	216	208	68	Florida	28	26	11	207	224
Chicago	27	30	9	220	250	63	Detroit	23	33	9	179	223
							Ottawa	23	38	5	195	246

Pacific Division						Metropolitan Division						
W	L	OTL	GF	GA	Pts	W	L	OTL	GF	GA	Pts	
Calgary	41	17	7	232	186	89	Washington	38	21	7	226	208
San Jose	39	19	8	238	206	86	NY Islanders	37	21	7	187	157
Las Vegas	36	26	5	201	187	77	Carolina	36	23	6	196	176
Arizona	32	28	5	178	183	69	Pittsburgh	34	22	9	226	202
Edmonton	28	30	7	183	213	63	Columbus	36	26	3	203	197
Vancouver	27	30	9	180	206	63	Philadelphia	32	26	8	201	219
Anaheim	25	32	9	144	203	59	NY Rangers	27	27	11	190	218
Los Angeles	24	33	8	158	207	56	New Jersey	25	33	8	188	223

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



San Jose Sharks center Melker Karlsson (68) celebrates with teammates after scoring a goal against the Chicago Blackhawks during the third period of an NHL hockey game in San Jose, Calif. on March 3. (AP)