

## EFG Bank maintain lead for third consecutive stage

## All female team challenging for lead at EFG Sailing Arabia – The Tour

MUSCAT, Oman, Feb 4: With just two stages remaining of the 14-day EFG Sailing Arabia – The Tour in Oman, the all-female team DB Schenker is increasing the pressure on the top of the leaderboard.

After three stages and covering more than 1,000km of the pristine and scenic Omani coastline, team EFG Bank remains the one to beat in the 2020 edition.

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tion of EFG Sailing Arabia – The Tour and leads for a third consecutive stage. But the fight for silver is heating up, with DB Schenker quickly closing in on Groupe Atlantic.

There are only six points separating the second placed Groupe Atlantic from DB Schenker in the overall standings, following a strong showing from the all-female team in the third of the five stages that make up the tour.

Stage 3 of EFG Sailing Arabia – The Tour was held in Masirah Island, a wildlife haven off the east coast of Oman that is growing in popularity with windsurfers worldwide for its flat



Photos during the Stage 3 of EFG Sailing Arabia – The Tour

aqua water and consistent breeze. While Groupe Atlantic remains second in the overall standings, DB Schenker claimed the silver spot for the Masirah Stage. Ibtisam al Salmi, who is one of two Omani sailors in Team DB Schenker, said: "I feel that we are getting better and better every

time we get out on the water. "We finished day three in Masirah really strongly with a first, two seconds and a third in the five stadium races held and at times we were just seconds off EFG Bank. "The forecast for Stage 4 in Sur is for quite strong winds and that will



DB Schenker is now not far behind us in the overall standings so we have to try and sail better as a team and keep pushing to keep ahead of DB Schenker and try to hunt down EFG Bank."

Race Director Gilles Chiorri said: "The competition is getting very exciting with just two stages in Sur and

Muscat remaining.

"We held five stadium races on day three in Masirah and we had three different winners so it shows how competitive it is. We can see that EFG Bank has a strong lead on the rest of the fleet but we can also see that Groupe Atlantic, who is still second on the overall leaderboard, is facing a strong challenge from DB Schenker and its all-female crew.

"I've really been impressed by Audrey Ogereau, the DB Schenker Skipper. She started only a year ago but she is now very smooth in everything she's doing on the water. During one start, she crossed the line in first and did everything perfectly so it's clear how confident she is and it's having a very big impact on her team.

Stage 4 of the 2020 EFG Sailing Arabia – The Tour will be held in Sur, a port city on Oman's eastern tip that is famous for its Green Turtle nesting grounds and reserves. The two days of racing will begin on Wednesday 5 February, with the teams to then head further north to Muscat for the title decider on 7-8 February.

## No. 1 Baylor beats Kansas State, extends win streak to 19 games

Azubuike, Dotson lead No. 3 Kansas to 69-58 win over Texas

MANHATTAN, Kansas, Feb 4, (AP): Jared Butler scored 20 points and No. 1 Baylor extended its school-record winning streak to 19 games, beating Kansas State 73-67.

MaCio Teague added 15 points and Davion Mitchell scored 13 for the Bears (20-1, 9-0 Big 12), who are off to the best start in league play by any Big 12 team since 2011.

Xavier Sneed tied a career high with 23 points, Cartier Diarra scored 11 and

Makol Mawien had 10 for the Wildcats (9-13, 2-7), who lost to Baylor for the first time since 2017.

## Kansas 69, Texas 58

In Lawrence, Kansas, Udoka Azubuike scored 17 points and Kansas beat Texas. Devon Dotson added 16 points and Marcus Garrett scored 11 for the Jayhawks (19-3, 8-1 Big 12), who have won seven straight, including four since an ugly brawl in the closing seconds of a win over rival Kansas State.

Matt Coleman III scored 20 points to lead the Longhorns (14-8, 4-5), who stayed within a possession of the lead for much of the game.

A lob from Marcus Garrett to Azubuike fueled an 8-0 run for Kansas midway through the second half, building a 52-42 lead for the Jayhawks.

## Florida St 65, N. Carolina 59

In Tallahassee, Florida, Patrick Williams had 14 points and nine rebounds, Trent Forrest also scored 14 and No. 8 Florida State beat North Carolina 65-59.

RaiQuan Gray had 10 second-half points as the Seminoles (19-3, 9-3 Atlantic Coast Conference) moved within a win of their best-ever start in league play. Florida State opened 10-2 in ACC play in 2011-12.

Florida State has won 19 straight home games – 11 this season and the last eight in 2018-19.

Cole Anthony started in his second game back from knee surgery for UNC (10-12, 3-8). The freshman guard

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scored 16 points on 5-of-23 shooting and added seven rebounds.

## Idaho 67, Sacramento St 53

In Sacramento, California, Trevon Allen scored 27 points and Idaho snapped a six-game losing streak by beating Sacramento State, 67-53.

Allen matched a career high with eight rebounds and collected three steals to spark Idaho (6-15, 2-8 Big Sky). Marquell Fraser contributed 10 points and grabbed a half-dozen rebounds.

## Alabama St 79, Texas Southern 55

In Montgomery, Alabama, Leon Daniels recorded 13 points and seven rebounds as Alabama State easily beat Texas Southern 79-55.

Tobi Ewuosho added 13 points and eight rebounds for the Hornets, who held the Tigers to 29.8 percent shooting, the lowest mark of the season for an Alabama State opponent.

## Prairie View 69, Alabama A&amp;M 54

In Normal, Alabama, Gerard Andrus had 20 points as Prairie View topped Alabama A&M 69-54.

Darius Williams had 12 points for Prairie View (11-11, 7-2 Southwestern Athletic Conference). Devonte Patterson added 12 points.

The Bulldogs' 29.3 field goal percentage represented the worst mark by a Prairie View opponent this season.



Baylor forward Freddie Gillespie (33) rebounds against Kansas State forwards Joe Petrakis (35) and Xavier Sneed (right) during the first half of an NCAA college basketball game in Manhattan, Kansas, on Feb 3. (AP)



Kuwait's women futsal teams, Al-Arabi Club and Al-Qadisiya.

## Kuwait to hold 'first' women futsal derby

KUWAIT CITY, Feb 4: Kuwait's women futsal will witness the first women derby in the history of Kuwaiti soccer when Al-Arabi Club will slug it out with Al-Qadisiya at exactly 2:00 pm inside the Al-Fatma Club Hall in Khaldiya on Saturday, Feb 8. Both teams will meet again on, Feb 15.

According to a press release, this match is a historical event in Kuwait's women soccer since the time the Women Committee started its activities in mid-2018. It is a sign of the committee's concerted efforts to support

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the development of the sport, and provide necessary opportunities to women players to improve their standards.

Al-Arabi Club Manager Khalid Al-Qabandi disclosed that the club is well prepared to meet their counterparts from Al-Qadisiya.

He affirmed that the club will not handle the game with levity, especially since they are playing a league whereby each club must struggle to pick the maximum three points or at least share a point.

Al-Qadisiya Club Manager Khalid Al-Dhafiri said his club will perform well in the current league season especially since professional players will play for both clubs.

He revealed that he has been observing improvements in women football in Kuwait since the time the committee started its activities, adding that the women game will step up to the level of their men counterparts within the next five years.



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## BU beats BC in 20T, to face Northeastern in Beanpot final

BOSTON, Feb 4, (AP): The biggest goal of Wilmer Skoog's career won't count in the official NCAA statistics. Sure didn't dampen the moment.

Skoog scored 7:20 into the second overtime and Boston University rallied past No. 4 Boston College 5-4 in the nightcap at Beanpot opening round.

The Terriers (10-8-7) will face two-time defending Beanpot champion Northeastern, which beat Harvard 3-1 earlier in the night, in the final at TD Garden next Monday. BU will be looking for its 31st Beanpot, most in the tourney's 68-year history.

Due to NCAA rules that were implemented for this year's tourney, BU and BC started overtime with a five-minute period after the Terriers came back from 3-1 down in the third period. The game will be officially recorded as a tie for both teams, and no stats from the ensuing 20-minute, sudden-death overtime will count.

Hardly an issue for Skoog, a freshman from Sweden who only had two career goals prior to this. He smacked in the second rebound against goalie Spencer Knight, then got smothered by teammates after punching BU's ticket to the final.

"That was just an awesome feeling," Skoog said. "It's the biggest game I've ever played. I was just super happy."

BC seemed to have the game in hand before BU's three-goal rally in the third. Robert Mastroianni cut in alone and slipped a shot past Knight to push the Terriers ahead 4-3 with 1:42 left in regulation.

David Cotton's second of the game – a tough-angle wrist shot from the right circle with Knight pulled for an extra skater – tied it with 57.9 seconds left.

"It's going to be hard for our guys," BC coach Jerry York said. "A lot of guys pointed to this and came back to school,



Northeastern defenseman Ryan Shea (center), is congratulated by teammates Northeastern forward Zach Solow (28) and Matt Filipe (17) after his goal against Harvard during the NCAA hockey Beanpot Tournament in Boston, on Feb 3. (AP)

to have a successful year and win a Beanpot. Like I just told them, there's other trophies. We've got to learn from this one."

The Terriers sliced it to 3-2 on David Farrance's goal at 12:36 and tied it on Patrick Harper's power-play score 70 seconds later.

The Eagles (16-7-1) opened a 2-0 lead in the initial 7:19 of the first period on goals by Patrick Giles and Alex Newhook. They made it 3-1 when BU's Vlasic knocked the puck into his own net late in the second.

BU goalie Ashton Abel made two splendid stops just less

than two minutes apart – one on Marc McLaughlin's clean breakaway – but Cotton's spinning, turnaround backhand from the slot was stopped by the netminder but caromed in off Vlasic's stick.

In the opener, Brendan van Riemsdyk scored the tiebreaking goal and Craig Pantano stopped 27 shots for the Huskies (15-7-2), who have never won three straight Beanpot titles.

## ICE HOCKEY

The tourney features the four local Boston-area Division 1 college programs, which are located within a few miles of each other, and is played the first two Monday night's in February.

"It's emotionally draining," NU coach Jim Madigan said. "Guys don't sleep well the night before. ... For all our seniors, this is our last kick at the can, so we want to have a lasting image for them."

Northeastern has six titles, the least of the four schools and far behind BU and BC's 20. Harvard has won 11, its last in 2017.

"I know it's going to be a big thing all week long because we haven't done that," said Madigan, a 1986 Northeastern grad, who did three in a row. "I was fortunate to be on the 1984 and '85 teams that won it back-to-back."

Northeastern, ranked No. 13 in the nation, took a 2-1 lead in the final half-minute of the second period when Grant Jozefek sent a pass from the right corner out front to van Riemsdyk, where he redirected it from the top of the crease past the stick of goalie Mitchell Gibson inside the right post. The goal stood after a lengthy video review to see if the play was onside.

## Miss. State overcomes Georgia

## Oregon 'hands' UConn first campus loss in seven years

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They extended the advantage in the second half to as many as 21 points.

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UConn rallied behind hot 3-point shooting to get within 12 but did not get closer.

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It was the first time the Ducks have beaten the Huskies in four meetings. The teams' initial game was a regional final in the 2017 NCAA Tournament.

UConn coach Geno Auriemma was wearing a No. 8 Kobe Bryant shirt under his sports jacket. Auriemma was friends with Bryant and his daughter Gianna, who was interested in playing at UConn. The Huskies honored the pair, who died in a helicopter crash on Jan. 26, in their exhibition game against the US national team last Monday.

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Miss. State 67, Georgia 53

In Starkville, Miss., freshman Rickea Jackson had a career-high 24 points, and Mississippi State ran past Georgia.

Jackson followed a 22-point effort against Auburn by posting her second consecutive career high. She began 3 for 11 from the field but hit her final five shots. Jessika Carter added 15 points and 11 rebounds in 30 minutes for her eighth double-double this sea-



Connecticut's Crystal Dangerfield shoots over Oregon's Sabrina Ionescu (back left), and Oregon's Ruthy Hebard, (foreground), in the first half of an NCAA college basketball game, on Feb 3, in Storrs, Connecticut. (AP)

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The Bulldogs (20-3, 8-1 Southeastern Conference) shot just 4 of 19 shooting in the first quarter and trailed 15-11 before taking control by outscoring Georgia 23-10 in the second quarter and 22-13 in the third. Que Morrison had 18 points, seven rebounds and five assists for Georgia (12-10, 3-6).

## Maryland 94, Michigan St 53

In College Park, Md, Ashley Owusu had 22 points, six rebounds and eight assists, Taylor Mikesell added 21 points and Maryland beat Michigan State for its seventh consecutive victory.

Maryland jumped out to a 24-14 lead after the first quarter and extended it with a 15-0 run in the second for a 45-20 advantage as Michigan State went five-plus minutes without a point. Maryland opened the third with 20 points in the first five minutes for a 39-point lead.

Kaila Charles had 17 points, Shakira Austin, returning from injury, added 13 for Maryland (18-4, 10-2 Big Ten), which moved into a first-place tie with Iowa and Northwestern atop the standings. Nia Clouden led Michigan State (11-11, 4-7) with 17 points.

## Indiana 66, Purdue 54

In West Lafayette, Ind, Ali Patberg had 17 points, nine rebounds and seven assists, and Indiana beat Purdue for the Barn Burner Trophy.

Indiana keeps the annual trophy for the fourth straight season after winning eight of the last 11 meetings. Jaelynn Penn and Grace Berger each added 15 points for Indiana (18-5, 8-3 Big Ten). The Hoosiers shot 46.4% overall despite going 2 for 10 from 3-point range.

Dominique Oden scored 24 points to lead Purdue (15-8, 6-5), which had a three-game winning streak snapped.