

Ovechkin returns, scores in OT as Capitals beat Bruins

Flames hand Canadiens first regulation loss of season

MONTREAL, Jan 31, (AP) — Jacob Markstrom made 37 saves for his second shutout of the season, Johnny Gaudreau and Mikael Backlund scored, and the Calgary Flames handed the Montreal Canadiens their first regulation loss of the season, 2-0.

The Flames improved to 3-3-1, snapping a three-game losing streak that included a 4-2 loss to the Canadiens on Thursday night. Montreal dropped to 5-1-2.

Gaudreau opened the scoring on a power play at 3:34 of first period with his fifth of the season. Backlund scored into an empty net with 34 seconds left.

Jake Allen made 31 saves for the Canadiens.

Capitals 4, Bruins 3

In Washington, Alex Ovechkin scored in overtime in his return, Vitek Vanecek made 40 saves in his sixth consecutive start, and Washington beat Boston.

Ovechkin beat Tuukka Rask clean off the rush 28 seconds into OT in his first game since Jan. 19. The Capitals captain missed the past four games because of COVID-19 protocols.

Nicklas Backstrom had a goal and an assist, Trevor van Riemsdyk scored his first since joining the Capitals and Richard Panik added one on the power play. Washington blew a three-goal lead by allowing goals to Nick Ritchie, Brad Marchand and then Charlie McAvoy with 57.3 seconds left in regulation.

Former Bruins captain Zdeno Chara played almost 21 minutes in his first game against his old team, which didn't see him as a full-time player at age 43.

Oilers 4, Maple Leafs 3, OT

In Edmonton, Alberta, Connor McDavid scored his second goal of the night 42 seconds into overtime to lift

ICE HOCKEY

Edmonton past Toronto.

McDavid redirected a pass from Leon Draisaitl off the rush for his seventh goal of the season. McDavid also had an assist.

Dominik Kahun and Josh Archibald also scored, and Mikko Koskinen stopped 26 shots for Edmonton. Auston Matthews, William Nylander and Zach Hyman scored for Toronto.

Lightning 4, Predators 3

In Tampa, Florida, Tyler Johnson, Cal Foote, Victor Hedman and Steven Stamkos scored in the second period in Tampa Bay's victory over Nashville.

Brayden Point had two assists to help Tampa Bay end a five-period goal drought with the big second. Andrei Vasilevskiy made 23 saves.

Nashville lost in regulation to Tampa Bay for the first time since Dec. 29, 2013, a span of 13 games.

Ryan Ellis, Viktor Arvidsson and Mathieu Olivier had power-play goals for the Predators. Pekke Rinne made 29 saves, losing to the Lightning in regulation for the first time in his career.

Penguins 5, Rangers 4, OT

In New York, Sidney Crosby scored at 2:27 of overtime and Pittsburgh's ice beat the New York Rangers 5-4 on Saturday night to stop a two-game skid.

Jason Zucker, Brandon Tanev, Kasperi Kapanen and Jake Guentzel also scored for Pittsburgh, and Casey DeSmith made 30 saves. Guentzel tied it 4-4 midway through the third period.

Brendan Lemieux, Kevin Rooney, Chris Kreider and Artemi Panarin scored for New York. Alexander Georgiev made 33 saves.

Flyers 3, Islanders 2, OT

In Philadelphia, Scott Laughton scored in overtime and Jake Voracek and Kevin Hayes also in Philadelphia's victory over New York.

Jordan Eberle and Scott Mayfield scored for the Islanders.

The Flyers and Islanders played for the first time since New York won Game 7 of their second-round playoff series last season. The Islanders dominated this one in regulation and outshot the Flyers 27-14.

Blues 6, Ducks 1

In Anaheim, California, Jordan Kyrou scored two of St. Louis' three goals in the opening 2:06, and the Blues cruised past Anaheim.



Calgary Flames' Andrew Mangiapane (88) moves in on Montreal Canadiens goaltender Jake Allen during first-period NHL hockey game action in Montreal, on Jan. 30, 2021. (AP)

Townsend, Gonzaga women start fast, sink Saint Mary's

MORAGA, Calif., Jan 31, (AP) — Jill Townsend scored 18 of her 20 points in the first half, Jenn Wirth had 14 points and 14 rebounds and No. 18 Gonzaga won its 14th straight game, rolling over Saint Mary's 79-52.

Cierra Walker added 11 points for the Bulldogs (15-2, 10-0 West Coast Conference) and Kayleigh Truong had a career-high nine assists.

Madeline Hollar led the Gaels (5-12, 3-8) with 15 points.

Gonzaga beat Saint Mary's 69-36 in Spokane on Jan. 2.

West Virginia 79, TCU 70

In Fort Worth, Texas, Kysre Gon-

NHL Results/Standings

WASHINGTON Jan 31, (AP) — Results and standings from the NHL games on Saturday.

Team	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Buffalo	4	0	0	8	35	19
Philadelphia	3	0	0	6	21	13
Pittsburgh	5	0	0	10	25	17
Washington	4	0	0	8	25	17
Florida	3	0	0	6	22	13
Carolina	4	0	0	8	25	17
Tampa Bay	4	0	0	8	25	17
Calgary	2	0	0	4	18	10
Edmonton	4	0	0	8	25	17
Colorado	4	0	0	8	25	17
Minnesota	5	0	0	10	25	17
St. Louis	6	0	0	12	33	22
Vancouver	4	0	0	8	25	17
San Jose	4	0	0	8	25	17
Winnipeg	4	0	0	8	25	17

East Division

Team	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Washington	9	6	0	3	15	35	29
Philadelphia	9	6	2	1	13	31	28
Boston	8	5	1	2	12	25	17
Pittsburgh	9	5	3	1	11	29	34
Buffalo	9	4	3	2	10	27	27
New Jersey	8	3	3	2	8	25	17
NY Islanders	8	3	4	1	7	16	20
NY Rangers	8	2	4	2	6	22	25

Central Division

Team	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Columbus	9	4	2	3	11	23	25
Florida	5	4	0	1	9	19	14
Tampa Bay	6	4	1	1	9	19	14
Dallas	5	4	1	0	8	20	10
Carolina	5	4	1	0	8	14	7
Nashville	8	4	4	0	8	20	24
Chicago	9	2	4	3	7	23	30
Detroit	9	2	5	2	6	18	32

West Division

Team	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Colorado	9	6	3	0	12	33	19
Vegas	7	5	1	1	11	23	17
St. Louis	8	5	2	1	11	28	28
Minnesota	9	5	4	0	10	25	25
Los Angeles	8	3	3	2	8	25	26
Anaheim	9	3	4	2	8	15	23
Arizona	8	3	4	1	7	20	22
San Jose	8	3	5	0	6	22	31

North Division

Team	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Toronto	10	7	2	1	15	33	29
Montreal	8	5	1	2	12	33	22
Vancouver	11	6	5	0	12	40	37
Winnipeg	8	5	3	0	10	29	25
Edmonton	10	4	6	0	8	30	36
Calgary	7	3	3	1	7	20	17
Ottawa	8	1	6	1	3	17	36

Note: Two points for a win one point for overtime loss. The top four teams in each division will qualify for play-offs under this season's temporary realignment.

Zach Sanford also scored during the three fastest goals to open a game in Blues history. The flurry also was the fifth-fastest three goals to begin a game in NHL history, and the fastest since December 1987.

Sabres 4, Devils 3, SO

In Buffalo, N.Y., Jack Eichel scored in a shootout, Linus Ullmark made 31 saves and Buffalo beat New Jersey in the opener of a two-game set.

Victor Olofsson, Tobias Rieder and Eric Staal also scored to help the Sabres improve to 3-0-2 in their past five games. Taylor Hall had two assists.

Hurricanes 4, Stars 1

In Raleigh, N.C., Vincent Trocheck scored twice in a three-minute span in the first period and Carolina beat Dallas after Hurricanes starting goaltender Petr Mrazek left the game due to injury in the opening minutes.

James Reimer replaced Mrazek and stopped 10 of 11 shots and handed the Stars their first loss of the season in their fifth game overall and first of a two-game set in Carolina.

Avalanche 5, Wild 1

In St. Paul, Minn., Brandon Saad had a goal and assist to lead a balanced scoring attack in Colorado's victory over Minnesota.

Logan O'Connor, Joonas Donskoi, Mikko Rantanen and J.T. Compher also scored, and Philipp Grubauer made 19 saves for his NHL-best sixth victory. Colorado has won three straight and four of five to take the West Division lead.

Panthers 3, Red Wings 2, OT

In Detroit, Aleksi Heponiemi made the most of his NHL debut, scoring with 2:15 left in overtime to lift Florida past Detroit.

Keith Yandle and Aleksander Barkov also scored, and Sergei Bobrovsky made 25 saves.

Canucks 4, Jets 1

In Winnipeg, Manitoba, Brock Boeser scored two goals, leading Vancouver over Winnipeg.

Rookie Nils Hoglander and Zack MacEwen also scored for the Canucks. Mason Appleton scored for Winnipeg off an assist from Adam Lowry.

Davis scores 27 in return as Lakers survive Celtics



Boston Celtics' Daniel Theis (right), competes against Los Angeles Lakers' Talen Horton-Tucker (5) and Dennis Schroeder (17) for the ball during the first half of an NBA basketball game, on Jan. 30, in Boston. (AP)

Blazers edge Bulls 123-122

BOSTON, Jan 31, (AP) — Anthony Davis had 27 points and 14 rebounds in his return to the lineup and the Los Angeles Lakers hung on to beat the Boston Celtics 96-95 when Daniel Theis missed a follow shot at the buzzer.

LeBron James finished with 21 points, seven rebounds and seven assists in the first meeting of the season between the longtime rivals. Montrezl Harrell added 16 points for the Lakers, who lost in Detroit on Thursday when Davis rested a bruised right quadriceps.

Jayson Tatum finished with 30 points and nine rebounds for the Celtics. Jaylen Brown added 28 points. Boston has lost five out of its last seven.

The Celtics played the final 10:28 without Marcus Smart, who was helped off the court with what the team said was a left calf strain following a collision with Harrell underneath the basket. Harrell tipped in a missed layup and stepped on Smart's foot as he came down.

Trail Blazers 123, Bulls 122

In Chicago, Damian Lillard hit a fadeaway 3-pointer as time expired to lift Portland past Chicago.

Lillard finished with 44 points on eight 3-pointers.

It appeared the Bulls had the game in control after Coby White hit a pair of free throws to give them a 122-117 lead with 11.5 seconds left. Lillard came down and hit a 3-pointer with 8.2 seconds to play.

Following the inbound, the Blazers trapped Zach LaVine in the corner and forced a jump ball with 6.2 seconds left. After the jump, Lillard picked up the loose ball and fired a 3 from near the sideline to win it.

BASKETBALL

Enes Kanter had 22 points and 11 rebounds for Portland.

Hornets 126, Bucks 114

In Charlotte, N.C., LaMelo Ball scored a career-high 27 points and had nine assists and Charlotte handed Milwaukee its second loss in two nights.

Gordon Hayward added 27 points, Malik Monk had 18 and Cody Zeller chipped in with a career-best 15 rebounds.

Giannis Antetokounmpo nearly had a triple-double, finishing with 34 points, 18 rebounds and nine assists for the Bucks. Milwaukee lost at New Orleans on Friday night.

Warriors 118, Pistons 91

In San Francisco, Stephen Curry scored 28 points, making six 3-pointers, and Golden State raced to an early lead and beat Detroit.

Curry shot 11 for 17, including 6 of 8 from deep, and Golden State found a far better offensive groove after shooting just 38% in Thursday's 114-93 loss at Phoenix - including 29% from 3-point range (11 for 38).

Kelly Oubre Jr. added 18 points. Jerami Grant led Detroit with 18 points.

Heat 105, Kings 104

In Miami, Jimmy Butler scored a season-high 30 points after missing 10 games because of the NBA's virus-related protocols, including the go-ahead layup with 42.1 seconds left, and the Heat beat Sacramento to end a five-game losing streak.

NBA Results/Standings

WASHINGTON, Jan 31, (AP) — Results and standings from the NBA games on Saturday.

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
Portland	123	0	.700	-
Houston	126	0	.619	1-1/2
Miami	105	0	.556	3
Charlotte	126	0	.556	3
LA Lakers	96	0	.500	5
Memphis	129	0	.500	5
Phoenix	111	0	.479	6-1/2
Golden State	118	0	.479	6-1/2

Eastern Conference

Atlantic Division

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	14	6	.700	-
Brooklyn	13	8	.619	1-1/2
Boston	10	8	.556	3
New York	9	11	.455	5
Toronto	7	12	.368	6-1/2

Southeast Division

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	10	9	.526	-
Charlotte	9	11	.450	1-1/2
Orlando	8	12	.400	2-1/2
Miami	7	12	.368	3
Washington	3	12	.200	5

Central Division

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee	11	8	.579	-
Indiana	11	8	.579	-
Cleveland	9	10	.474	2
Chicago	7	11	.389	3-1/2
Detroit	5	15	.250	6-1/2

Western Conference

Southwest Division

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
Memphis	8	8	.500	-
San Antonio	11	9	.551	-
Houston	9	9	.500	1
Dallas	8	12	.400	3
New Orleans	7	11	.389	3

Northwest Division

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
Utah	15	4	.789	-
Denver	11	8	.579	-
Portland	10	8	.556	4-1/2
Oklahoma City	8	10	.444	6-1/2
Minnesota	4	14	.222	10-1/2

Pacific Division

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
LA Clippers	15	5	.750	-
LA Lakers	15	6	.714	-1/2
Phoenix	10	8	.556	4
Golden State	11	9	.550	4
Sacramento	8	11	.421	6-1/2

Sacramento had a last-ditch chance, but Richaun Holmes' jumper was well short.

Bam Adebayo had 18 points and 13 rebounds for Miami. De'Aaron Fox scored 30 points for Sacramento.

Suns 111, Mavericks 105

In Dallas, Chris Paul had 27 points and 12 assists and Phoenix rallied to beat Dallas.

Deandre Ayton had 18 points and 17 rebounds for the Suns, who trailed by 15 in the second half. Mikal Bridges and Jae Crowder each scored 14 points.

Dallas wasted a terrific performance by Luka Doncic, who scored 18 of his 29 points in the third quarter, including eight straight in a 12-0 run after the teams were tied at halftime. The Mavericks dropped their fifth consecutive game.

The Suns played their fourth straight game without All-Star guard Devin Booker. He's sidelined by a strained left hamstring.

Rockets 126, Pelicans 112

In New Orleans, Christian Wood scored 27 points and Houston beat New Orleans to run its winning streak to five.

Victor Oladipo scored 20 points and John Wall added 15 for Houston.

Zion Williamson had 26 points for the Pelicans.

Grizzlies 129, Spurs 112

In San Antonio, Ja Morant had 19 points and 11 assists and Memphis beat San Antonio for its sixth straight victory.

De'Anthony Melton had 20 points, and former Spurs forward Kyle Anderson finished with 16. Reserves Gorgui Dieng and Desmond Bane added 15 points apiece.

Gonzaga routs Pepperdine 97-75

Baylor tops Auburn in Big 12/SEC Challenge

WACO, Texas, Jan 31, (AP) — Davion Mitchell had 13 points and seven assists against his former team, Matthew Mayer soared for a couple of highlight dunks and No. 2 Baylor remained undefeated with an 84-72 victory over Auburn in the Big 12/SEC Challenge.