

Garza reaches 2,000 points as Iowa tops Michigan State 84-78

No. 2 Baylor stays unbeaten, dispatches No. 6 Texas

AUSTIN, Texas, Feb 3, (AP): Davion Mitchell scored 27 points and No. 2 Baylor used a big run to pull away for an 83-69 victory over sixth-ranked Texas.

Baylor (17-0, 9-0 Big 12) has won every game this season by at least eight points. Texas (11-4, 5-3) was within six points late before Baylor pulled away behind open 3-pointers from Adam Flagler and Mitchell.

Andrew Jones scored a career-high 25 points for the Longhorns, who were back to full strength after going without two starters and coach Shaka Smart in a loss to Oklahoma last week because of COVID-19. Texas also had two games postponed and another canceled.

Baylor has won 10 of its last 11 against Texas. The Bears matched the best start in school history and took a three-game lead in the Big 12 standings.

Iowa 84, Michigan State 78

In Iowa City, Iowa, Luka Garza scored 27 points to reach another milestone and Iowa beat Michigan State.

Garza, the nation's leading scorer, became the second 2,000-point scorer in program history. Garza, who has 2,009 points, is 107 points behind all-time leading scorer Roy Marble.

Jack Nunge finished with 12 points. Joe Toussaint had 10. The Hawkeyes (13-4, 7-3 Big Ten) had 39 bench points.

Aaron Henry led Michigan State (8-7, 2-7) with 24 points. Joshua Langford had 15 points. Joey Hauser scored 10.

Mississippi 52, Tennessee 50

In Oxford, Miss., Devontae Shuler scored 15 points and fueled a second-half rally as Mississippi beat Tennessee, the Rebels' first win over a ranked team in more than two years.

BASKETBALL

Ole Miss (9-8, 4-6 Southeastern Conference) rallied from an 11-point first-half deficit and then withstood a late challenge by the Volunteers (12-4, 8-4) to stop a two-game skid.

Trailing by five points in the final minute, Tennessee cut it to 51-49 on Keon Johnson's 3-pointer with 42 seconds left. Shuler worked the clock down but missed on a drive, and Johnson grabbed an offensive rebound and was fouled.

He missed the first free throw with 3.5 seconds left but made the second to make it 51-50. The Vols quickly fouled Robert Allen, who made 1 of 2 foul shots.

Yves Pons led the Vols with 13 points.

Illinois 75, Indiana 71, OT

In Bloomington, Ill., Trent Frazier scored Illinois' final 10 points in regulation, and the Fighting Illini gave up only one basket in overtime to outlast Indiana.

Frazier finished with 19 points and Kofi Cockburn had 16 points and 10 rebounds for Illinois (12-5, 8-3 Big Ten), which won its third straight overall and snapped a seven-game losing streak on the Hoosiers' home court.

Trayce Jackson-Davis had 19 points and 14 rebounds for the Hoosiers (9-8, 4-6), who have dropped two straight. Race Thompson had 18 points and eight rebounds.

Illinois hadn't won at Assembly Hall since 2010.

W. Virginia 76, Iowa St. 72

In Ames, Iowa, Taz Sherman hit



Texas forward Greg Brown (right), scores over Baylor forward Jonathan Tchamwa Tchatchoua (23) during the second half of an NCAA college basketball game, on Feb 2, in Austin, Texas. (AP)

NHL Results/Standings

WASHINGTON, Feb 3, (AP): Results and standings from the NHL games on Tuesday.

Team	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Dallas	6	0	0	12	22	13
Montreal	5	0	1	11	22	16
Winnipeg	3	0	1	7	11	29
St. Louis	4	0	1	9	11	24
Carolina	4	0	1	8	11	24
Colorado	2	0	1	5	11	24
Anaheim	3	0	2	6	11	24
Edmonton	4	0	2	8	11	24

East Division							
GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
Philadelphia	10	7	2	1	15	35	31
Washington	10	6	1	3	15	38	34
Boston	9	6	1	2	14	30	20
Pittsburgh	10	5	4	1	11	30	37
New Jersey	9	4	3	2	10	23	26
Buffalo	10	4	4	2	10	30	32
NY Islanders	9	3	4	2	8	19	24
NY Rangers	9	3	4	2	8	25	26

Central Division							
GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
Carolina	7	6	1	0	12	22	13
Florida	6	5	0	1	11	22	16
Dallas	7	5	1	1	11	29	17
Tampa Bay	7	5	1	1	11	24	16
Columbus	11	4	4	3	11	27	34
Chicago	11	3	4	4	10	29	35
Nashville	9	4	5	0	8	22	29
Detroit	10	2	6	2	6	20	35

West Division							
GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
St. Louis	10	7	2	1	15	36	32
Colorado	11	7	3	1	15	38	24
Minnesota	11	6	5	0	12	30	30
Vegas	7	5	1	1	11	23	17
Anaheim	11	4	5	2	10	19	28
Los Angeles	9	3	4	2	8	26	29
Arizona	9	3	5	1	7	23	26
San Jose	8	3	5	0	6	22	31

North Division							
GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
Montreal	10	7	1	2	16	44	27
Toronto	10	7	2	1	15	33	29
Winnipeg	10	6	3	1	13	35	31
Edmonton	12	6	6	0	12	42	43
Vancouver	13	6	7	0	12	45	48
Calgary	9	4	4	1	9	26	23
Ottawa	10	1	8	1	3	24	48

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



Columbus Blue Jackets' Max Domi, (right), shoots on Dallas Stars' Jake Oettinger, (left), as Roope Hintz defends during the second period of an NHL hockey game, on Feb 2, in Columbus, Ohio. (AP)

PavelSKI tallies twice as Stars beat Blue Jackets

Backes, Deslauriers send Ducks past Kings 3-1 in Freeway Faceoff

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Feb 3, (AP): Joe PavelSKI had two goals and an assist, rookie Jake Oettinger made 23 saves and the Dallas Stars beat the Columbus Blue Jackets 6-3.

PavelSKI, a 15-year NHL veteran, was in the right place at the right time to tip in a pair of long shots by John Klingberg, and then delivered the pass that set up Jamie Benn's second-period goal as the Stars snapped a two-game skid.

PavelSKI has a team-leading seven goals and 13 points for the Stars, who improved to 5-1-1 after being forced to delay the start of the season due to a COVID-19 outbreak.

ICE HOCKEY

Denis Gurianov, Radek Faksa and Alexander Radulov also scored for Dallas. Benn picked up two assists.

Ducks 3, Kings 1

In Los Angeles, Danton Heinen and David Backes scored, and the Ducks snapped a three-game losing streak with a victory over the Kings in the first Freeway Faceoff of the season.

John Gibson made 20 saves and Nicolas Deslauriers had an empty-net goal for the Ducks, who got only their fourth victory of the season in the 152nd edition of this Southern California rivalry.

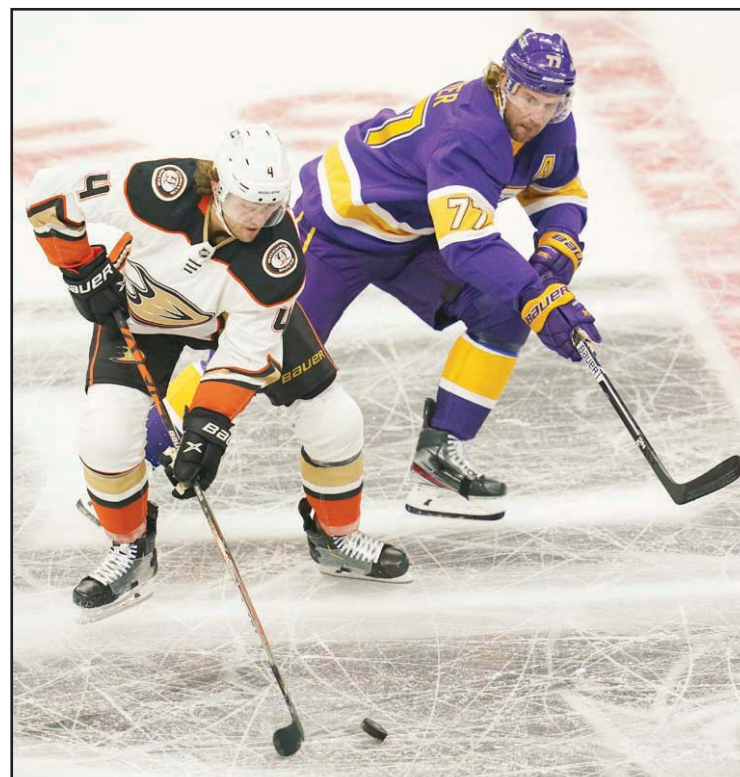
Arthur Kaliyev scored a goal in the 19-year-old's NHL debut for the Kings, who have lost two straight. Cal Petersen stopped 40 shots in a strong performance for Los Angeles.

One year and one day after the last matchup between these struggling rivals, they picked up right where they left off with a fight between Kurtis MacDermid and Deslauriers off the opening faceoff.

Avalanche 2, Wild 1

In Denver, Philipp Grubauer stopped 27 shots to lead the short-handed Avalanche to a win over the Wild.

Logan O'Connor and Valeri Nichushkin scored, and Cale Ma-



Los Angeles Kings center Jeff Carter (77) defends against Anaheim Ducks defenseman Cam Fowler (4) during the second period of an NHL hockey game, on Feb 2, in Los Angeles. (AP)

kar had an assist for the Avalanche, who have earned five of a possible six points in the third of four straight games against the Wild.

Kirill Kaprizov scored and Cam Talbot had 29 saves for Minnesota.

Colorado leading scorer and first-line center Nathan MacKinnon is out with a lower-body injury that will keep him sidelined week-to-week, the team said earlier Tuesday. MacKinnon was hurt Sunday against the Wild and it adds to an already long list of players who have been injured.

Canadiens 5, Canucks 3

In Montreal, Tyler Toffoli and Josh Anderson each scored twice, and the Canadiens celebrated captain Shea Weber's 1,000th game with a win over the Canucks.

The Canadiens swept a two-game set with Vancouver and moved a point ahead of idle Toronto into first place

in the North Division. Eight of Toffoli's nine goals this season have come against the Canucks.

Toffoli added an assist on Jeff Petry's empty-net goal.

Montreal forward Nick Suzuki had two assists. Weber had an assist on Toffoli's second goal, giving the 35-year-old defenseman seven points (two goals, five assists) in 10 games this season.

Jets 3, Flames 2

In Winnipeg, Manitoba, Nikolaj Ehlers' first-period goal was the eventual game-winner and the Jets held on for a win over the Flames in the second game of a three-game set.

Trevor Lewis and Derek Forbort also scored for Winnipeg, which lost to Calgary in a shootout a night earlier.

Matthew Tkachuk scored twice for Calgary.

Both clubs played their backup goalies. Winnipeg's Laurent Brossoit

stopped 29 of 31 shots for his second win of the season. Calgary's David Rittich turned away 25 of 28 shots.

Hurricanes 4, Blackhawks 3

In Chicago, Andrei Svechnikov scored in regulation and again in the shootout, and the Hurricanes beat the Blackhawks.

Warren Foegele had a goal and an assist in his return to the lineup, helping Carolina win for the sixth time in its first seven games. Vincent Trocheck also scored, and captain Jordan Staal had two assists.

Svechnikov had the only successful attempt in the shootout, closing out the victory after James Reimer turned away Alex DeBrincat, Patrick Kane and Dylan Strome for Chicago.

Kane, Strome and Phillip Kurashev scored in regulation for the Blackhawks, and Kevin Lankinen made 38 saves. DeBrincat and Dominik Kubalik each had two assists.

Blues 4, Coyotes 3

In St. Louis, Ryan O'Reilly and Vince Dunn scored to lead the Blues to a win over the Coyotes.

Jordan Binnington made 30 saves and St. Louis earned its fourth straight win.

Justin Faulk and Mike Hoffman also scored for the Blues, who outshot Arizona 31-22 after being outshot 11-1 in the first 11 minutes of the game.

Darcy Kuemper made 28 saves for Arizona, which has not won consecutive games this season.

Christian Dvorak had two goals and Nick Schmaltz added a score for the Coyotes.

Oilers 4, Senators 2

In Edmonton, Alberta, Jesse Puljujarvi scored two goals and the Oilers beat the Senators to complete a sweep of the teams' two-game set.

It was the first time in more than two years that Puljujarvi scored in the NHL.

Darnell Nurse and Leon Draisaitl also scored for Edmonton. Connor McDavid and Tyson Barrie each had a pair of assists.

Cedric Paquette scored in the second period and rookie Tim Stutzle added a late goal for the struggling Senators, who dipped to 1-8-1.

Mikko Koskinen had 23 saves for the Edmonton. Ottawa's Marcus Hogberg stopped 21 of 25 shots.

Osaka advances in Gippsland Trophy

Serena keeps rolling in tuneup for Australian Open

MELBOURNE, Feb 3, (AP): It's a rare thing for Serena Williams to play a tournament the week leading into one of the tennis Grand Slams.

Now that she's at Melbourne Park, she's making the most of the Yarra Valley Classic to prepare for next week's Australian Open.

The 23-time major champion beat Tsvetana Pironkova 6-1, 6-4 on Wednesday to advance to the quarterfinals. She's still on track for a semifinal match against top-ranked Ash Barty.

Williams had a tough win over Pironkova in last year's U.S. Open quarterfinals, and then withdrew from their scheduled second-round match at the French Open because of an Achilles injury.

That injury kept Williams out of competitive tennis until last week. She played her opening matches in Australia in a long-sleeve top.

But it was warmer Wednesday, and Williams came out hot. She won the first set in 28 minutes and made Pironkova struggle for almost every point. The Bul-

garian rallied in the second set and saved three match points before Williams finished it off with a powerful service return forcing an error.

Williams was later asked when was the last time she played a warmup tournament so close to a major.

The U.S. Open, last year, was her short answer. Then she elaborated.

TENNIS

Williams won her last major title at the 2017 Australian Open, when she was pregnant with her daughter, Olympia. She's still chasing Margaret Court's all-time record of 24 Grand Slam singles titles.

Barty looked like the top-ranked player in the first set, then struggled for a while in a 6-0, 4-6, 6-3 win over No. 52-ranked Marie Bouzkova.

Barty will play Shelby Rogers in the quarterfinals.

On the bottom half of the draw, defending Australian Open champion



United States' Serena Williams makes a backhand return to Bulgaria's Tsvetana Pironkova during a tuneup event ahead of the Australian Open tennis championships in Melbourne, Australia, on Feb 3. (AP)

Sofia Kenin fended off Jessica Pegula 5-7, 7-5, 6-2 in a spirited comeback. Kenin was a set and trailed 4-1 before

making her revival.

Italy and Russia were the first teams to reach the ATP Cup semifinals.

Fabio Fognini beat Benoit Paire 6-1, 7-6 (2) before Matteo Berrettini defeated Gael Monfils 6-4, 6-2 to clinch Italy's win over France. Italy now has two wins from two starts in Group C.

Daniil Medvedev secured Russia's win over Japan when he beat Kei Nishikori 6-2, 6-4. Russia is on top of Group D with wins over Argentina and Japan.

In Wednesday's other matches, Germany opened with a win over Canada, with Jan-Lennard Struff downing Milos Raonic 7-6 (4), 7-6 (2) and Alexander Zverev holding off Denis Shapovalov 6-7 (5), 6-3, 7-6 (4).

U.S. Open champion Naomi Osaka advanced in the Gippsland Trophy, but needed three sets after a slow start.

Osaka had a first-round bye and dropped only four games en route to her second-round win, so a 3-6, 6-3, 6-1 win over No. 371-ranked Katie Boulter was a change of pace.

Townsend scores 18 points

No. 19 Gonzaga women beat BYU for 15th straight victory

SPOKANE, Washington, Feb 3, (AP): Jill Townsend scored 18 points, Kayleigh Truong added 11 and No. 19 Gonzaga held off BYU for a 63-56 victory for its 15th straight win.

BASKETBALL

The Bulldogs (16-2, 11-0 West Coast Conference) entered the fourth quarter with a 10-point lead before BYU tied it at 54 on Shaylee Gonzales' 3-pointer with 1:54 remaining. Cierra Walker answered with consecutive 3s between a BYU turnover to help Gonzaga pull away.

Walker finished with nine points on three 3-pointers. Townsend was 6-of-13 shooting and made a made

pair of 3s. Truong, who had 17 assists in the last two games including a career-high nine against Saint Mary's on Saturday, had one of the Bulldogs' nine assists.

Paisley Johnson Harding scored 17 points to lead BYU (9-3, 5-2). Gonzales had 12 points.

Gonzaga outscored the Cougars 20-9 in the second quarter and led 34-22 at halftime.

BYU hosts Pepperdine on Thursday. Gonzaga plays at home against San Francisco on Feb. 11.



Townsend