

## Laughton's first hat trick lifts Flyers past Capitals 7-4

## DeBrincat scores in OT, Blackhawks hand Stars 1st home loss

DALLAS, Feb. 8, (AP) — Alex DeBrincat scored both Chicago goals, including the winner 2:56 into overtime, and the Blackhawks handed the Dallas Stars their first home loss this season, 2-1.

DeBrincat has four goals and two assists in three games since his return after missing four games because of COVID-19 protocols. He initially passed to Patrick Kane, and got it back to poke into the net past rookie goaltender Jake Oettinger. Kane also assisted on DeBrincat's power-play goal in the second period.

Dallas won its first four games, all at home, after the start of its season was delayed because of COVID-19 issues. The Stars have lost four of five games overall since.

Jason Robertson got credited with his first NHL goal for Dallas.

## Flyers 7, Capitals 4

In Washington, Scott Laughton scored his first career hat trick, Sean Couturier had two goals in his first game back following a rib

## Golden Knights 4, Kings 3

In Las Vegas, Chandler Stephenson scored twice, including the winner early in the third period, and Vegas beat Los Angeles.

The Golden Knights improved to 7-1-1 and moved into a first-place tie with St. Louis and Colorado in the West Division.

Reilly Smith and Zach Whitecloud also scored for Vegas. Robin Lehner overcame a wild first period and made 29 saves, including all 11 he faced on four penalty kills.

Anze Kopitar, Adrian Kempe and Jaret Anderson-Dolan scored for Los Angeles, and Calvin Petersen made 29 saves.

## Red Wings 4, Panthers 1

In Sunrise, Florida, Givani Smith had a goal and an assist as Detroit beat Florida for its first win in nine games.

Marc Staal scored for the first time with Detroit, Robby Fabbri and Vladislav Namestnikov added goals and Troy Stecher had two assists. Thomas Greiss stopped 36 shots.

Alex Wennberg scored for the Panthers. Florida (6-1-2) became the last NHL team to lose in regulation.

## Hurricanes 6, Blue Jackets 5

In Columbus, Ohio, six different Carolina players scored, James Reimer had 17 stops and the Hurricanes outdueled Columbus.

Brett Pesce, Vincent Trocheck, Jordan Staal and Dougie Hamilton each recorded a goal and an assist. Brock McGinn and Warren Foegele also scored for the Hurricanes, who won for the sixth time in seven games.

The game was tied four times until Staal's power-play goal put Carolina up 5-4 at 5:33 of the third period, and Hamilton's floater over Joonas Korhonen midway through gave the Hurricanes a two-goal lead. Patrik Laine's second goal, with 57 seconds left in the game, got the Blue Jackets within one again.

Riley Nash, Nick Foligno and Max Domi also had goals for Columbus.



Sacramento Kings guard De'Aaron Fox, (right), shoots as Los Angeles Clippers center Ivica Zubac defends during the second half of an NBA basketball game, on Feb 7, in Los Angeles. (AP)

## Fox, Kings top Clippers for 4th straight victory

Mitchell leads surging Jazz past Pacers 103-95

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 8, (AP) — De'Aaron Fox scored 36 points, Buddy Hield added 22 and the Sacramento Kings beat the Los Angeles Clippers 113-110 for their fourth straight victory.

The Kings are 7-1 since suffering a 19-point drubbing by the Clippers on Jan. 20.

Lou Williams scored 23 points off the bench for the Clippers, who dropped two in a row for the first time this season. Kawhi Leonard had 20 points and 10 rebounds as LA played without injured Paul George. The Clippers' reserves outscored the starters, 57-53.

## BASKETBALL

Neither team led by more than nine points in the back-and-forth affair that featured 11 ties.

Nicolas Batum's potential tying 3-pointer missed in the closing seconds for the Clippers.

## Jazz 103, Pacers 95

In Indianapolis, Donovan Mitchell had 27 points and 11 assists as red-hot Utah beat Indianapolis to improve its NBA-best record.

The Jazz (19-5) have won 15 of 16. Former Pacer Bojan Bogdanovic broke an 83-all tie with a three-point play at the 5:36 mark of the fourth quarter and the visitors never trailed again.

Bogdanovic finished with 18 points. Jordan Clarkson added 17 off the bench. Rudy Gobert had 16 points and 10 rebounds.

Domantas Sabonis scored 20 points for the Pacers, who have lost five of six.

## Suns 100, Celtics 91

In Phoenix, Mikal Bridges scored 19 points, Devin Booker had 18 points and 11 assists and Phoenix held on to beat Boston.

Phoenix improved to 13-9 and has won five of six. Cam Johnson added 17 points off the bench while Deandre Ayton had 16 points and 11 rebounds.

Jayson Tatum led Boston with 23 points and seven assists. Walker added 14 for the Celtics, who stayed fairly close for most of the game despite a rough shooting performance.



Utah Jazz guard Donovan Mitchell (45) makes a pass in front of Indiana Pacers forward Doug McDermott (20) during the first half of an NBA basketball game in Indianapolis, on Feb 7. (AP)

## Heat 109, Knicks 103

In New York, Bam Adebayo had 24 points and 11 rebounds, Jimmy Butler had a big second half and just missed a triple-double and Miami beat New York in the opener of a home-and-home series.

Butler finished with 17 points, 10 rebounds and nine assists. He shot just 3 for 11 from the field but scored 12 points after halftime.

Kendrick Nunn and Tyler Herro each added 16 points for the Heat, who won their second straight after dropping seven of eight.

Julius Randle had 26 points, 13 rebounds and seven assists, but the Knicks had their two-game win streak snapped. Reggie Bullock made seven 3-pointers and scored 21 points.

## Hornets 119, Wizards 97

In Charlotte, N.C., Terry Rozier had 26 points with five 3-pointers, Gordon Hayward added 25 points and Charlotte beat Washington.

LaMelo Ball followed up a career-best 34-point effort against the Utah Jazz with another strong game, finishing with 19 points, seven rebounds and five assists as the Hornets handed the Wizards their seventh loss in nine games.

## NBA Results/Standings

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8, (AP) — Results and standings from the NBA games on Sunday.

Utah	103	Indiana	95
Miami	109	New York	103
Charlotte	119	Washington	97
Phoenix	100	Boston	91
Sacramento	113	LA Clippers	110

Eastern Conference				
Atlantic Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	17	7	.708	-
Brooklyn	14	11	.560	3-1/2
Boston	12	10	.545	4
New York	11	14	.440	6-1/2
Toronto	10	13	.435	6-1/2

Southeast Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	11	12	.478	-
Charlotte	11	13	.458	-1/2
Miami	9	14	.391	2
Orlando	9	15	.375	2-1/2
Washington	5	15	.250	4-1/2

Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee	15	8	.652	-
Indiana	12	12	.500	3-1/2
Cleveland	10	14	.417	5-1/2
Chicago	9	13	.409	5-1/2
Detroit	5	18	.217	10

Western Conference				
Southwest Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	13	10	.565	-
Houston	11	11	.500	1-1/2
Memphis	9	9	.500	1-1/2
New Orleans	10	12	.455	2-1/2
Dallas	10	14	.417	3-1/2

Northwest Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Utah	19	10	.792	-
Denver	12	10	.545	6
Portland	12	10	.545	6
Oklahoma City	10	12	.455	8
Minnesota	6	17	.261	12-1/2

Pacific Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
LA Lakers	18	6	.750	-
LA Clippers	17	8	.680	1-1/2
Phoenix	13	9	.591	4
Golden State	12	11	.522	5-1/2
Sacramento	12	11	.522	5-1/2

Bradley Beal, the NBA's leading scorer coming in at 33.3 points per game, led Washington with 31 points on 11-for-22 shooting. Russell Westbrook had 12 points, 11 rebounds and nine assists, falling short of his sixth triple-double of the season.

## NHL Results/Standings

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8, (AP) — Results and standings from the NHL games on Sunday.

Philadelphia	7	Washington	4	Chicago	2	Dallas	1
Vegas	4	Los Angeles	3	Carolina	6	Columbus	5
Detroit	4	Florida	3				

East Division							
	P	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Boston	11	8	1	2	18	36	24
Philadelphia	13	8	3	2	18	46	41
Pittsburgh	12	6	3	3	15	44	45
Washington	11	5	5	1	11	33	41
New Jersey	9	4	3	2	10	23	26
NY Islanders	10	4	4	2	10	23	27
NY Rangers	10	4	4	2	10	29	28
Buffalo	10	4	4	2	10	30	32

West Division							
	P	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Vegas	9	7	1	1	15	32	22
Colorado	11	7	3	1	15	38	24
St.Louis	12	7	4	1	15	40	39
Anaheim	13	5	5	3	13	25	34
Minnesota	11	6	5	0	12	30	30
Arizona	11	5	5	1	11	30	30
San Jose	10	4	5	1	9	28	37
Los Angeles	11	3	6	2	8	31	38

North Division							
	P	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Toronto	12	9	2	1	19	45	33
Montreal	12	8	2	2	18	48	31
Winnipeg	11	7	3	1	15	39	42
Edmonton	13	6	7	0	12	46	49
Vancouver	15	6	9	0	12	49	60
Calgary	11	5	5	1	11	33	31
Ottawa	12	2	9	1	5	28	52

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.

IFZA Gold Cup 2021 to take place from February 14th to March 5th

## Habtoor Al Habtoor welcomes CAFU as sponsor of Dubai Wolves

DUBAI, UAE, Feb. 8: Habtoor Al Habtoor - Patron of the Dubai Wolves Polo Team - announced that CAFU is the team sponsor of Dubai Wolves in the IFZA Silver Cup 2021 (January 22nd to February 5th), and the IFZA Gold Cup 2021 scheduled to take place from February 14th to March 5th. Habtoor Al Habtoor is the son of Polo Patron and Emirati Businessman Mohammad K. Al Habtoor, Vice-Chairman & CEO of Al Habtoor Group.

## POLO

CAFU is a Dubai-born start-up and technology-enabled car service designed entirely around the consumer's needs, transforming the way a car is run and operated. Launched in 2018, and recognised as 'App of the Year' at Entrepreneur Middle East's Enterprise Agility Awards 2019, CAFU uses technology and innovation to drive simplicity by delivering pure convenience to customers through services that range from refuelling to car wash and maintenance - anytime and anywhere they are needed.

Habtoor Al Habtoor thanks his new sponsor, saying "I am grateful for the confidence that CAFU has placed in my team by way of this sponsorship



Habtoor M. Al Habtoor, Team Patron, Dubai Wolves (right), with Antonio Al Asmar, General Manager, CAFU.

during the region's two most important polo tournaments. This synergy further reinforces the strength of the Dubai Wolves team for this season, there is no doubt in my mind that the lineup that we have chosen for the team has never been more on point in history, all we see over yonder is glory."

"As a Dubai-born and pioneering company, we at CAFU are delighted to lend our support not just to a sport that's close to the hearts of our inspiring leadership, but also to Dubai

Wolves who are an exemplary team. We wish Mr. Habtoor Al Habtoor and the rest of the Dubai Wolves team the best, and look forward to an exciting tournament", said Antonio Al Asmar, General Manager, CAFU.

The 'Dubai Wolves by CAFU' features young athletes making their mark in the sport of polo:

- Habtoor Al Habtoor - Handicap: 1
- Kian Hall - Handicap: 3
- Tommy Beresford - Handicap: 6
- Alejandro Muzzio - Handicap: 8

Some of the world's best and home-

grown polo players have confirmed their participation in the Dubai Polo Gold Cup (DPGC) Series' major tournaments. Al Habtoor commented: "The fact that all teams carry a handicap of 17 to 18 goals adds a new dimension to the DPGC Series, and a recognition of it being on a par with high-level tournaments in the world."

The DPGC Series is held under the patronage of HH Sheikh Maktoum bin Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Deputy Ruler of Dubai. Eight teams are participating at the IFZA Silver Cup and IFZA Gold Cup tournaments at Al Habtoor Polo Resort & Club.

The eight participating teams are:

- Abu Dhabi Polo Team (Patron: Faris Al Yahbouni)
- Bangash Polo Team (Patron: HaiderBangash)
- IFZA Polo Team (Patron: Rashid Al Habtoor)
- Dubai Wolves by Cafu (Patron: Habtoor Mohammad Al Habtoor)
- Ghantoot Polo Team (Patron: HH Sheikh Falah Bin Zayed Al Nahyan)
- Habtoor Polo Team (Patron: Mohammed Al Habtoor)
- UAE Polo Team (Patron: HH Sheikh Maitha Bint Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum)
- Zedan Polo Team (Patron: Saudi businessman Amr Zedan)

Samuels, Villanova bounce back

## Franklin's late bucket pushes Indiana past No. 8 Iowa 67-65

BLOOMINGTON, Indiana, Feb. 8, (AP) — Armaan Franklin made a 15-footer with 1.8 seconds left, giving Indiana a 67-65 victory and a season sweep of No. 8 Iowa.

Franklin finished with four points as the Hoosiers (10-8, 5-6 Big Ten) ended a two-game losing streak. Their only wins since Jan. 10 both came against the Hawkeyes. Trayce Jackson-Davis scored 17 points and Race Thompson had 15 for Indiana.

Luka Garza scored 16 of his 18 points for Iowa in the second half, including 12 straight during the closing minutes. Iowa (13-6, 7-5) had one last gasp, but the long in-bound pass hit the backboard and bounced toward midcourt, where Jordan Bohannon tried a one-handed heave that also bounced off the backboard.

The Hawkeyes have lost two in a row and four of their last five.

Villanova 84, Georgetown 74

In Villanova, Pa., Jermaine Samuels scored a career-high 32 points to lead Villanova past Georgetown.

Jeremiah Robinson-Earl added 14 points and Collin Gillespie

had 12 for the Wildcats (12-2, 7-1 Big East), who rebounded from Wednesday's loss at St. John's.

Jahvon Blair scored 18 points and Qudus Wahab had 17 for Georgetown (5-9, 3-6).

## Valparaiso 74, Drake 57

In Valparaiso, Ind., Ben Krikke scored 15 points and Valparaiso handed Drake its first loss of the season.

The defeat by Drake (18-1, 9-1 Missouri Valley Conferences) left No. 1 Gonzaga and No. 2 Baylor as the only remaining major college teams without a loss.

## BASKETBALL

A day after Valparaiso (7-12, 4-6) squandered a double-digit lead in the second half and lost to Drake 80-77, the Crusaders pulled away for just their second victory over a ranked opponent since beating Mississippi in the 1998 NCAA tournament.

Roman Penn scored 17 of his 19 points in the second half for the Bulldogs.