



St. Louis Blues right wing Vladimir Tarasenko (right), passes in front of Los Angeles Kings defenseman Mikey Anderson (44) during the second period of an NHL hockey game, March 6, in Los Angeles. (AP)

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## Islanders cruise to 4th straight win

Canucks sweep Maple Leafs as Ducks end bad run

**UNIONDALE, N.Y., March 7, (AP):** Mathew Barzal and Scott Mayfield each had a goal and an assist and the New York Islanders beat the Buffalo Sabres 5-2 on Saturday for their fourth straight victory.

Semyon Varlamov made 20 saves as the Islanders improved to 9-0-2 at Nassau Coliseum this season and 14-6-4 overall. Cal Clutterbuck, Brock Nelson and Anders Lee also scored.

New York beat Buffalo for the fifth straight time this season, outscoring the Islanders 19-7 in those five meetings. The teams meet again Sunday for their third game in four days in the same venue.

Sam Reinhart and Jacob Bryson scored for the Sabres, who dropped their sixth straight. Bryson put Buffalo in front when he scored his first career goal 33 seconds into his sixth game, but the Islanders responded with four goals in the second.

### ICE HOCKEY

#### Canucks 4, Maple Leafs 2

In Vancouver, British Columbia, Bo Horvat and J.T. Miller scored in a 42-second span in the third period and Vancouver beat NHL-leading Toronto to sweep the two-game series.

Horvat tied it on a power play at 8:49, and Miller gave the Canucks the lead at 9:31. Nils Hoglander completed the scoring with 3:07 left.

Brock Boeser had a goal and two assists, and Thatcher Demko made 37 saves to help Vancouver improve to 11-15-2.

John Tavares and Jimmy Vesey scored for Toronto. The Maple Leafs dropped to 18-6-2 after losing two straight in regulation for the first time this season.

#### Ducks 5, Avalanche 4, OT

In Denver, Ryan Getzlaf scored on a power play 1:59 into overtime and Anaheim snapped a nine-game winless streak.

Troy Terry had two goals, Rickard Rakell had a goal and two assists and Kevin Shattenkirk added a goal and an assist to help the Ducks win for the first time since Feb. 11.

Ryan Miller made 29 saves for his 389th career win, tying him with Dominik Hasek for 14th place in NHL history.

Rantanen had two goals, and Brandon Saad and Logan O'Connor scored for the Avalanche. Center Nathan MacKinnon missed his second straight game following a hit to the head at San Jose on Wednesday night.

#### Penguins 4, Flyers 3

In Pittsburgh, Jared McCann pounced on a rebound and knocked it past Bryan Elliott with less than 10 minutes to go to lead the Penguins past the Flyers.

The Penguins took two of three from the Flyers during Philadelphia's extended stay in Pittsburgh, with McCann providing the difference in the finale when Brandon Tanev's shot smacked off Elliott's pad and ended up on McCann's stick. McCann fired it into the net, then went skates over skull after tripping over Elliott immediately after scoring his fifth of the season.

Zach Aston-Reese, Bryan Rust and Evgeni Malkin also scored for Pittsburgh. Tristan Jarry finished with 19 saves as the Penguins pulled back into a tie with the Flyers in the cramped East Division.

Travis Konecny, Kevin Hayes and Shayne Gostisbehere scored for the Flyers.

#### Panthers 6, Predators 2

In Nashville, Tennessee, Noel Acciari scored three goals for his third career hat trick, and Florida got its second straight victory.

Acciari, who began the day with no points in 14 games this season, scored twice in a three-goal second period as the Panthers took the lead for good. He finished off the hat trick with an unassisted goal with 3:02 left.

Aaron Ekblad and Frank Vatrano each had a goal and an assist as the Panthers improved to 8-1-1 on the road this season. Jonathan Huberdeau also scored, and Sergei Bobrovsky made 28 saves.

Eeli Tolvanen and Viktor Arvidsson scored for Nashville, which lost its third straight and dropped to 1-9 combined against the Central Division's top three teams. Filip Forsberg had two assists, including the 200th of his career.

#### Rangers 6, Devils 3

In Newark, New Jersey, Ryan



San Jose Sharks defenseman Erik Karlsson (right), skates in front of Vegas Golden Knights right wing Reilly Smith (19) during the second period of an NHL hockey game in San Jose, Calif., March 6. (AP)

Guptill smashes quickfire 71 runs

## NZ beat Australia, win T20 series

WELLINGTON, New Zealand, March 7, (AP): Ish Sodhi led a concerted attack by New Zealand's spin bowlers before Martin Guptill smashed a quickfire 71 runs to set up a seven-wicket win over Australia in the fifth Twenty20 international on Sunday and a 3-2 win in the five-match series.

Leg spinner Sodhi came into the match as the leading wicket-taker in the series with 10 at an average of 18 and improved to 13 at 11.8, taking 3-24 as Australia were held 142-8 after choosing to bat on winning the toss.

New Zealand surpassed that total with 27 balls to spare, steered by Guptill and Devon Conway who put on 106 for the first wicket in 11.5 overs.

Sodhi was supported during Australia's innings by left-arter Mitchell Santner who took the new ball and bowled his four overs at a cost of only 21 runs. Having noted the influence of spin in the previous match in the series, New Zealand also used part-time spinners Mark Chapman, who took 1-9 from two overs, and Glen Phillips whose two overs cost 21 runs.

The spinners shared 12 of New Zealand's 20 overs, more than in any of the Black Caps' previous T20 internationals. That followed Australia's record in the fourth match when Aston Agar, Adam Zampa and Glenn Maxwell bowled 11 overs.

### CRICKET

The drop-in pitch at Sky Stadium hosted the last three matches of the series in the space of six days. Australia made 208-4 in the third match, winning by 64 runs, but in the fourth on a pitch which had slowed considerably and favored spin it defended a total of just 156-6, winning by 50 runs.

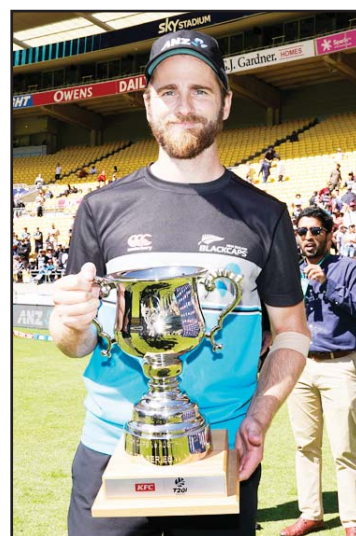
Until Sunday, each match in the series had been won by the team batting first. New Zealand won the first two by 53 runs and four runs but hadn't previously been able to put together a substantial innings when chasing in Wellington.

It needed a stronger foundation from its openers: Guptill and Tim Seifert put on only 20 in the third match and 21 in the fourth as Australia fought back to level the series.

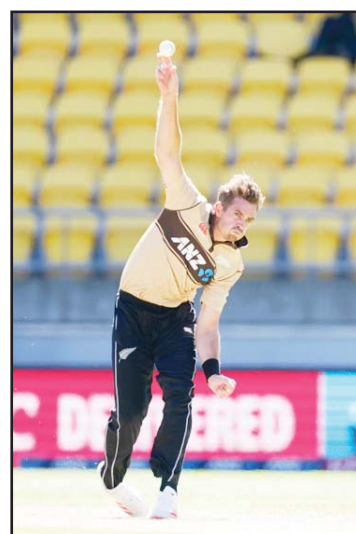
Kempe scored off a pass from Gabriel Vilardi to cap a 3-on-1 rush and help the Kings end a four-game losing streak.

Matt Luff scored and Jonathan Quick made 22 saves for the Kings, who had not overcome a three-goal deficit to win since Dec. 18, 2014.

David Perron, Nathan Walker and Ryan O'Reilly scored for the Blues, whose four-game winning streak ended.



New Zealand's captain Kane Williamson holds the series trophy after defeating Australia in their 5th T20 cricket international match at Wellington Regional Stadium in Wellington, New Zealand, March 7. (AP)



New Zealand's Tim Southee bowls to Australia during their 5th T20 cricket international match at Wellington Regional Stadium in Wellington, New Zealand, March 7. (AP)

Conway was promoted to open with Guptill on Sunday the new opening pair immediately struck gold, reaching their century partnership in the 12th over.

Guptill posted his 17th T20 from

33 balls and moved to second place behind Virat Kohli on the list to top run-scorers in T20 internationals.

The partnership finally was broken by Riley Meredith in the 12th over when Conway was caught in the deep for 36. There was a flicker of hope for Australia when New Zealand captain Kane Williamson fell lbw to Meredith first ball.

Guptill was out in the 15th over, having made 71 from 46 balls with seven boundaries and four sixes, and having set the foundation on which New Zealand's win depended.

Phillips finished the job, hitting 34 from 15 balls with five fours and two sixes including a six for the winning runs in the 16th over off Adam Zampa.

"The other night we took a backward step and today we wanted to not back down from the fight and we showed that with a good opening stand," Guptill said. "Today Devon (Conway) was brilliant out there."

"I wouldn't say I went after them from ball one. But it was just good to spend a bit more time out there and create a partnership with Devon. He got off to a good start, I caught up and pushed on and the best part about it was we got the win."

While Australia couldn't contain Guptill, New Zealand managed to mostly neutralize Australia's big hitters.

Australia also tried a new opening combination, promoting Josh Philippe to join Aaron Finch but the move was unsuccessful and Philippe was out for 2 in the second over, trapped lbw by Trent Boult who took 2-26.

Finch made 69 in the third match and carried his bat for 79 in the fourth. But he was out for 36 Sunday, falling to Sodhi. The Australian captain had been dropped by Tim Southee off Sodhi in a potentially costly miss but fell only two balls later to a catch by Mitchell Santner.

Hard-hitting Glenn Maxwell was probably the wicket New Zealand most wanted and he fell to the new-comer Chapman for 1 in the 11th over when Australia was 77-3.

Matthew Wade made a brisk 44 before being dismissed by Boult and Marcus Stoinis fell to Sodhi for 26. Australia then couldn't muster a late charge to enlarge it's total.

65th career shutout.

Devan Dubnyk stopped 28 shots as the Sharks lost for the fifth time in the first six games of a seven-game home-stand - their longest of the season.

#### Oilers 3, Flames 2

In Edmonton, Alberta, Connor McDavid scored the tiebreaking goal with 3:45 left and added two assists to lead the Oilers. The star forward was held without a point in his previous

### NHL Results/Standings

WASHINGTON, March 7, (AP): NHL results and standings on Saturday.

NY Islanders	5	Buffalo	2
NY Rangers	6	New Jersey	3
Pittsburgh	4	Philadelphia	3
Florida	6	Nashville	2
Montreal	7	Winnipeg	1
Arizona	5	Minnesota	2
Vancouver	4	Toronto	2
Dallas	5	Columbus	0
Anaheim	5	Colorado OT	4
Los Angeles	4	St. Louis OT	3
Edmonton	3	Calgary	2
Vegas	4	San Jose	0

East Division							
	P	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
NY Islanders	24	14	6	4	32	68	54
Washington	23	13	6	4	30	76	75
Boston	21	13	5	3	29	65	53
Philadelphia	21	12	6	3	27	70	66
Pittsburgh	23	13	9	1	27	72	74
NY Rangers	22	10	9	3	23	65	58
New Jersey	20	7	11	2	16	50	66
Buffalo	22	6	13	3	15	50	70

Central Division							
	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Tampa Bay	22	16	4	2	34	77	45
Florida	23	15	4	4	34	78	66
Carolina	23	16	6	1	33	81	62
Chicago	25	13	7	5	31	79	74
Columbus	26	10	11	5	25	69	85
Nashville	24	10	14	0	20	57	79
Dallas	19	7	8	4	18	53	50
Detroit	26	7	16	3	17	54	87

West Division							
	P	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Vegas	21	16	4	1	33	70	45
St. Louis	25	14	8	3	31	81	79
Colorado	22	13	7	2	28	68	55
Minnesota	22	13	8	1	27	68	60
Los Angeles	23	10	8	5	25	68	65
Arizona	24	11	10	3	25	65	73
Anaheim	25	7	12	6	20	55	76
San Jose	22	8	11	3	19	63	86

North Division							
	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Toronto	26	18	6	2	38	90	63
Winnipeg	24	15	8	1	31	79	69
Edmonton	26	15	11	0	30	83	80
Montreal	25	11	6	8	28	78	66
Calgary	25	11	12	2	24	68	76
Vancouver	28	11	15	2	24	81	93
Ottawa	26	8	17	1	17	70	102

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.

### Lewandowski stars, Bayern win Klassiker

BERLIN, March 7, (AP): Robert Lewandowski scored a hat trick as Bayern Munich came from behind to stay top of the Bundesliga with a 4-2 win over Borussia Dortmund in their "Klassiker".

Lewandowski completed his hat trick in the last minute, just after Leon Goretzka put Bayern ahead for the first time. Erling Haaland had fired the visitors into an early two-goal lead.

"We had a bit of luck in the end but it was deserved, because we were the dominant team," Bayern coach Hansi Flick said.

### SOCCER

The win kept Bayern two points clear of Leipzig, which increased the pressure on the defending champions earlier with a 3-0 win at Freiburg. It was Leipzig's sixth straight league victory. Ten rounds remain after this weekend.

It was the sixth consecutive league game in which Dortmund conceded at least four goals in Munich, a bitter blow for Edin Terzic's team after frustrating Bayern for the first 88 minutes.

Dortmund complained that Leroy Sané fouled Emre Can in moving him off the ball in the buildup to Goretzka's goal, but referee Marco Fritz allowed play to continue.

"If it was a Bayern player it would have been a foul. That's just the way it is," Dortmund captain Marco Reus claimed.

The visitors made a furious start. Haaland scored in the second minute with the help of a deflection from Bayern defender Jerome Boateng, seven minutes before Thorgan Hazard set Haaland up for a tap in.

But Lewandowski pulled one back in the 26th and equalized from the penalty spot before the interval after Mahmoud Dahoud fouled Kingsley Coman in the area.

Haaland hurt his right ankle after a foul from Boateng and had to go off in the 60th. Boateng was carried off 10 minutes later after injuring himself making a clearance.

three games, all losses to the Toronto Maple Leafs.

Jesse Puljujarvi and Kailer Yamamoto also scored for the Oilers.

Johnny Gaudreau and Noah Hanifin had the goals for the Flames. Gaudreau converted on the power play, and Hanifin got his first of the season.

Mike Smith made 34 saves in the win. Jacob Markstrom stopped 30 shots for Calgary.