

# Vegas defeats Seattle, spoils Kraken's league debut game

Jarry makes 26 saves, Penguins beat Lightning 6-2 in opener

**LAS VEGAS, Oct 13, (AP):** The Vegas Golden Knights earned a victory in their first game in franchise history four years ago. They denied the Seattle Kraken the same accomplishment.

Max Pacioretty scored twice as the Golden Knights spoiled Seattle's debut with

Chandler Stephenson and Jonathan Marchessault also scored for Vegas, while Robin Lehner made 25 saves.

After four years of cheering for Marc-Andre Fleury as the face of the franchise, an announced crowd of 18,431 gave Lehner and roar of approval during pregame introductions, and a raucous ovation after the final horn.

## ICE HOCKEY

A big win that nearly eluded the Golden Knights, as they held off a rally from the NHL's latest addition in what turned out to be a scrappy effort from the Kraken, who erased a 3-0 deficit and tied the game before Stephenson's controversial game-winning goal midway through the third period pushed the Knights ahead for good.

Geekie, who scored one of the goals, said his team was nervous early on.

Vegas captain Mark Stone, who had three assists, sent a pass to the crease where it appeared Stephenson may have kicked the puck past Seattle goaltender Philipp Grubauer. After an official review, the goal was held up.

Ryan Donato scored Seattle's first goal in franchise history, while Jared McCann and Geekie added goals. Grubauer

## Penguins 6, Lightning 2

In Tampa, Fla., Tristan Jarry had 26 saves, Danton Heinen and Brian



Seattle Kraken goaltender Philipp Grubauer (31) blocks the puck in front of Vegas Golden Knights right wing Reilly Smith (19) during the second period of an NHL hockey game on Oct. 12, in Las Vegas. (AP)

Boyle scored early second-period goals, and short-handed Pittsburgh beat two-time reigning Stanley Cup champion Tampa Bay.

Dominik Simon, Teddy Blueger, Bryan Rust and Evan Rodrigues also scored, and Kris Letang had two assists for the Penguins, who played without injured stars Sidney Crosby and Evgeni Malkin. The final three Pittsburgh goals were into an empty net.

Tampa Bay got goals from Anthony Cirelli and Andrew Killorn, and Andrei Vasilevskiy stopped 29 shots.

NHL commissioner Gary Bettman was in attendance as Tampa Bay unveiled its 2020-21 Stanley Cup banner during a pregame ceremony. The Lightning have won two consecutive titles following pandemic-impacted and abbreviated regular seasons.



Tampa Bay Lightning defenseman Ryan McDonagh (27) keeps the puck from Pittsburgh Penguins center Danton Heinen (43) during the first period of an NHL hockey game on Oct 12, in Tampa, Fla. (AP)

## Thakur replaces Patel in India's T20 WCup squad

**NEW DELHI, Oct 13, (AP):** Fast bowler Shardul Thakur has replaced all-rounder Axar Patel in India's 15-member squad for the Twenty20 World Cup. Patel, who bowls left-arm spin, will be now among the three stand-by players with Shreyas Iyer and Deepak Chahar.

Despite Patel's exclusion, India still has four spinners in its squad - Ravindra Jadeja, Ravichandran Ashwin, Rahul Chahar and Varun Chakravarty.

Thakur, who could also come in handy as a lower order batsman, has picked up 18 wickets in the Indian Premier for this year's finalist Chennai Super Kings. Jasprit Bumrah, Bhuvneshwar Kumar and Mohammed Shami are the other fast bowlers.

India is in Group 2 of the Super 12 stage with archrival Pakistan, New Zealand and Afghanistan. Two more teams will join the group after the qualifiers end in Oman on Oct 22. India will open its campaign against Pakistan on Oct 24 at Dubai.

## NHL Results/Standings

WASHINGTON, Oct 13, (AP): Results and standings from the NHL games on Tuesday.

Pittsburgh				Tampa Bay				Vegas				Seattle									
Eastern Conference Atlantic Division				Western Conference Central Division				Pacific Division				Metropolitan Division									
GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
Tampa Bay	1	0	1	0	0	2	Nashville	0	0	0	0	0	0	Pittsburgh	1	1	0	0	2	4	3
Detroit	0	0	0	0	0	0	Colorado	0	0	0	0	0	0	NY Islanders	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ottawa	0	0	0	0	0	0	Winnipeg	0	0	0	0	0	0	Washington	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Florida	0	0	0	0	0	0	St Louis	0	0	0	0	0	0	Carolina	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Buffalo	0	0	0	0	0	0	Dallas	0	0	0	0	0	0	Columbus	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Boston	0	0	0	0	0	0	Arizona	0	0	0	0	0	0	New Jersey	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Montreal	0	0	0	0	0	0	Minnesota	0	0	0	0	0	0	Philadelphia	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Toronto	0	0	0	0	0	0	Chicago	0	0	0	0	0	0								

Note: Two points for a win one point for overtime loss. Top three teams in each division and two wild cards per conference advance to playoffs.

## Olympic champion Shim cut from Korean team amid tripping probe

**SEOUL, South Korea, Oct. 13, (AP):** Two-time Olympic champion Shim Suk-hee has been cut from South Korea's short track speedskating team after a reported text message exchange that suggested she may have intentionally tripped a teammate during the 2018 Winter Games.

The Korea Skating Union on Wednesday said it's preparing to launch an investigation and had barred the 24-year-old Shim from competing in the International Skating Union short track World Cup series beginning next week.

The Seoul-based Dispatch online news outlet last week revealed what it described as text messages exchanged between Shim and her coach during the last Winter Olympics in Pyeongchang, South Korea.

In the messages, Shim reportedly insulted teammates Choi Min-jeong and Kim A-lang and discussed making Choi a "female Steven Bradbury."

Bradbury likely refers to an Australian short track skater who won the 1,000-meter final in the 2002 Winter Olympics after every other skater in the final fell over. But what exactly Shim and her coach meant in the messages wasn't clear - Bradbury won the gold medal.

After the messages were exchanged, Shim and Choi did take each other out amid a desperate late charge in the

1,000-meter race. Shim was later disqualified and Choi ranked fourth.

Shim on Monday issued a statement via her agency apologizing to Choi, Kim and all others who must have been disappointed and hurt by "my immature attitude, words and behaviors." She still argued in the statement she didn't deliberately trip Choi, according to local media.

Shim's agency on Wednesday couldn't immediately share the statement with The Associated Press.

Choi's agency said in a statement Wednesday it has asked the skating association and the Korean Olympic committee to delve into the case. The All That Sports agency said Choi is "anxious due to fears" about training or attending future competitions together with Shim.

Choi and Shim are both prominent South Korean short trackers. Shim won Olympic gold medals in the 3,000-meter relay in 2014 and 2018. Choi won gold medals in the 3,000-meter relay and the 1,500-meter race at Pyeongchang.

Shim made headlines after the 2018 Olympics when she she accused another former coach of rape.

Amid a growing #MeToo movement in South Korea, Shim's case encouraged other female athletes to speak up about the alleged abuse they suffered from their coaches.

The former coach was sentenced to more than 10 years in prison.



Shim

## SPEED SKATING

## Let's Play Kuwait Badminton Tournament 2021



Title Winners Arshad and Sri Hari Receiving Cash Award and Trophies from Afsal Mohammed (Managing Partner Fawaz United Aluminum) and Captain Anwar Sanad (Mr Kuwait (wawan classic champion), Mr India Runner up and Mr Euro Asia).

Oct 1st, Let's Play Kuwait Badminton club held its 2nd Shuttle badminton Tournament a huge success.

The individual events of the tournament in 4 categories being at the ISA indoor badminton court in South Surah, Kuwait for One full Day. Around 250 peoples captivated the entire event.

The challenging elimination round happened during the morning, and Quarter finals, semifinals and Mega finals happened on afternoon.

### Winners in Category wise ,

• **Professional Category, Winners:** Arshad and Shreehari, Runners up: Aneef and Jerosh

• **Advance Category, Winners:** Farhan and Hari, Runners up: Ebin and Prakash

• **Intermediate Category, Winners:** Saleeh and Reni, Runners up: Sanu and Binal

• **Lower Intermediate Category, Winners:** Jomon and Riju, Runners up: Shine and Biju

Soon after the trilling matches, awarding ceremony and distribution of cash prizes and trophies took place for the Professional winners by Afsal Mohammed and Captain Anwar Sanad , for Advance winners by Nabeel (Unilever) ,Shabad(Unilever) and Aslam(AI Muzaini).

Over all matches umpired by Pramod , Majeesh ,Rajeev and Reni., And matches controlled by Sadiq, Asheer ,Jsmail naji and Nabeel.

## Toyota celebrates sixth win in WRC season at Rally Finland



The GAZOO Racing (GR) World Rally Team (WRT) recently achieved Toyota's sixth win during the 2021 FIA World Rally Championship (WRC) at Rally Finland, thanks to an outstanding performance from Elfyn Evans and his co-driver Scott Martin in the No. 33 Toyota Yaris WRC. The duo is now the only crew who can challenge teammates Sébastien Ogier and Julien Ingrassia in the battle for the championship with two rounds remaining, meaning a Toyota driver is now guaranteed to win the title for the third year in a row. The team has also taken a step closer to clinching the manufacturers' championship for Toyota.

In the first Rally Finland to be held for over two years, the team faced tough competition on the high-speed gravel roads. Evans, in the No. 33 Toyota Yaris WRC, was GR's best-placed driver at the end of the opening day in third overall, having produced a strong performance despite running second on the road. On the second day, he surged into the lead with four stage wins out of four and

**Toyota leads the FIA WRC Manufacturers' Championship by 61 points with just two races remaining**

**Shining accomplishment marks Toyota Yaris WRC's 25th WRC victory since its debut in 2017**



took an advantage of 9.1 seconds into the third and final day where he sealed the win in style with the fastest time in the rally-ending Power Stage, claiming the maximum five bonus points.

The result means that the Toyota Yaris WRC - built in the rally's home city of Jyväskylä - maintains its unbeaten record on its home roads since its debut in 2017. It is the vehicle's 25th WRC victory in total and the 200th WRC podium for Toyota, becoming only the third manufacturer to reach the achievement. With his second win of the season, Evans has reduced the gap with championship leader Ogier to 24 points. In the manufacturers' championship, Toyota's lead has increased to 61 points.

Rally de España, set to be held in Salou in the south of Barcelona from 14-17 October, will be the penultimate round of the season. The event is returning to the calendar after a year away and will be held on fast and smooth asphalt roads, after several years as a mixed-surface challenge.