

Braves edge Dodgers, lead NLCS 2-0

Rosario shines

ATLANTA, Oct 18, (AP): More late-night magic has the Atlanta Braves just two wins away from the World Series.

Eddie Rosario delivered Atlanta's second straight walk-off hit in the ninth inning, giving the Braves a 5-4 victory over the Los Angeles Dodgers and a commanding 2-0 lead in the NL Championship Series.

Rosario's fourth hit of the game was a two-out single off shortstop Corey Seager's glove after the Braves twice rallied from two-run deficits.

"These guys have always been like that," Atlanta manager Brian Snitker said. "They're never out."

Rosario delivered a 105 mph scorcher up the middle on the first pitch after closer Kenley Jansen relieved. Seager tried for a backhand snag, but the ball skidded off his glove into center field.

There was no chance to get Dansby Swanson, who raced around from second with the winning run, dropping



Atlanta Braves' Eddie Rosario hits a game winning RBI single during the ninth inning against the Los Angeles Dodgers in Game 2 of baseball's National League Championship Series, on Oct. 17, in Atlanta. (AP)

BASEBALL

his helmet as he crossed the plate - a virtual repeat of Game 1 when Austin Riley came through with a winning hit in the ninth for a 3-2 victory.

The series resumes in Los Angeles, where Game 3 in the best-of-seven series is set for Tuesday night.

"We all have that dream, that desire to get to the World Series," Rosario said. "That's just what we're going for."

The Braves are halfway to their first World Series appearance since 1999, but they can't celebrate just yet.

A year ago, Atlanta held leads of 2-0 and 3-1 over the Dodgers in the NLCS, only to lose the last three games of a series played in Arlington, Texas, because the pandemic. Los Angeles went on to beat Tampa Bay in the World Series, while the Braves stewed for another shot.

They rallied in the eighth off Julio Urias, who pitched three hitless innings to finish Game 7 against the Braves last October.

Seventy-three of 87 teams taking 2-0 leads in best-of-seven baseball postseason series have gone on to win.

"We were up on them 2-0 last year, so it's like one of those things where you can't stop now, you got to continue to apply the pressure and come out every day and get after it," Riley said.

Blaney, Hamlin and Busch above cutline

Larson claims 1st spot in champ'ship 4

FORT WORTH, Texas, Oct. 18, (AP): Kyle Larson claimed the first of four championship-contending spots in NASCAR's season finale with a dominating victory at Texas to start the round of eight in the playoffs.

Larson led 256 of 334 laps at the 1 1/2-mile track and got his eighth win this season, staying in front through seven restarts in the final stage. Three of those restarts came after incidents involving other playoff contenders in the closing laps.

CAR RACING

This was the first chance for anyone to guarantee a shot at racing for the Cup title in Phoenix on Nov. 7.

Already with a significant points lead, and coming off a win on the road course at Charlotte Motor Speedway a week earlier to close out the second elimination round, Larson left no doubt about the No. 5 Hendrick Motorsports Chevrolet being part of the championship four.

There were two laps remaining on the final restart, and Larson was able

to stay out in front of teammate William Byron.

The seven remaining playoff contenders leave Texas with two more chances to get into the championship four, with Kansas and Martinsville left before the finale. Texas had always been the eighth of the final 10 races, and the middle race of the third and final elimination round, before this



Kyle Larson (5) celebrates after winning a NASCAR Cup Series auto race at Texas Motor Speedway, on Oct. 17, in Fort Worth, Texas. (AP)

season.

Ryan Blaney, Denny Hamlin and Kyle Busch are above the cutline going to Kansas, where Busch won earlier this year. Defending Cup champion Chase Elliott is fifth, ahead of Brad Keselowski, Martin Truex Jr. and Joey Logano.

Three restarts in the final 34 laps came because of incidents involving Logano, Hamlin and Truex Jr.

Hamlin was on the outside of a three-wide situation with 20 laps remaining when Blaney made contact with the No. 11 Toyota. The tire rub eventually blew, and sent Hamlin into a spin, though he was able to get to pit road and stay on the lead lap. Hamlin had more contact later that damaged his splitter.

Truex, the Joe Gibbs Racing teammate of Hamlin, was later done after contact with Daniel Suarez that sent him hard into the wall.

Logano, who was already eighth in points, was the first of the playoff drivers out at Texas, when his engine blew with 34 laps to go.

"Now we know what we have to do the next two weeks ... we've got to find a way to win," Logano said.

Tierney scores twice as Senators hold off Stars

OTTAWA, Ontario, Oct 18, (AP): Chris Tierney scored on two second-period power plays and Filip Gustavsson made 32 saves in the Ottawa Senators' 3-2 victory over the Dallas Stars.

"I'm just trying to do whatever I can to help the team win," Tierney said. "A couple good bounces. But that's what they say, is if you go to the net you're going to get bounces, so it's good."

The Senators improved to 2-1-0, rebounding from a 3-1 loss at Toronto on Saturday night in the second game of an opening home-and-home series with the Maple Leafs. Ottawa has started well after opening 1-8-1 last season.



Tierney

"I still have nightmares about how long it took us to get our second win," Senators coach D.J. Smith said. "To get two wins in three games is good for us, especially going into a three-day break here."

ICE HOCKEY

Nick Paul also scored for Ottawa and Connor Brown had three assists to reach 100 for his career. Gustavsson played his first regular-season NHL game since May 12. "We play these young, fast teams and those are the ones you need to be careful of because they go all out," Dallas forward Tyler Seguin said. "They're all fighting for jobs. They're fresh in the league with excitement so you know they're going to be coming and they did (Sunday) and they did a good job."

Michael Raffl and Joe Pavelski scored for Dallas. Anton Khudobin made 24 saves. He lost to Ottawa for the first time in his career after opening 8-0-2 against the Senators.

"I think we deserve better than a loss," Dallas coach Rick Bowness said. "We deserved a point and didn't get it, but a couple of guys that we need to get going, got going. We've got some guys trying to find their game, guys frustrated with their game

NHL Standings

WASHINGTON, Oct 18, (AP): Standings from the NHL games on Sunday.

Eastern Conference							
Atlantic Division							
GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
Florida	2	2	0	0	4	10	5
Buffalo	2	2	0	0	4	7	2
Toronto	3	2	1	0	4	7	5
Ottawa	3	2	1	0	4	11	13
Tampa Bay	3	2	1	0	4	11	13
Detroit	2	1	0	1	3	9	8
Boston	1	1	0	0	2	3	1
Montreal	3	0	3	0	0	3	10
Metropolitan Division							
GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
Pittsburgh	3	2	0	1	5	15	9
Carolina	2	2	0	0	4	9	5
Columbus	2	2	0	0	4	10	3
Washington	2	1	0	1	3	6	3
NY Rangers	3	1	1	1	3	6	9
New Jersey	1	1	0	0	2	4	3
Philadelphia	1	0	0	1	1	4	5
NY Islanders	2	0	2	0	0	4	11
Western Conference							
Central Division							
GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
Minnesota	2	2	0	0	4	5	3
St. Louis	1	1	0	0	2	5	3
Colorado	2	1	1	0	2	7	7
Dallas	3	1	2	0	2	6	8
Arizona	2	0	1	1	1	3	10
Chicago	3	0	2	1	1	7	13
Nashville	2	0	2	0	0	5	7
Winnipeg	2	0	2	0	0	4	8
Pacific Division							
GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
Edmonton	2	2	0	0	4	8	4
Seattle	3	1	1	1	3	8	9
Vancouver	3	1	1	0	3	8	10
San Jose	1	1	0	0	2	4	3
Los Angeles	2	1	1	0	2	8	5
Anaheim	2	1	1	0	2	5	3
Vegas	2	1	1	0	2	6	9
Calgary	1	0	1	0	0	2	5

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.

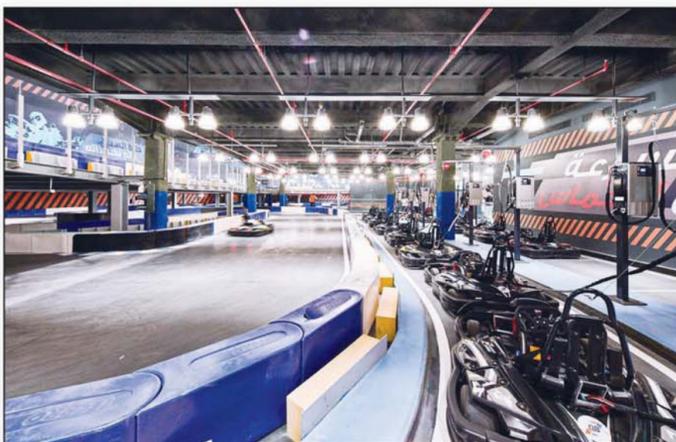
and we're going to have to play our way through it."

Tierney gave Ottawa a 2-1 lead when Shane Pinto's shot deflected off his chest at 9:20 of the second. With a minute remaining in the period, Tierney took a pass from Zach Sanford and pushed the puck toward the net to beat Khudobin.

Pavelski scored for Dallas with 5:43 left in the third.

Raffl opened the scoring at 4:34 of the first on Dallas' first shot. Fifty seconds later, Paul tucked a backhand under the crossbar to tie it.

Al Kout Mall Opens the Largest Indoor Multi-Storey Go-Kart Track in the Middle East



Khaled Al-Marzooq



Tamdeen Group, Kuwait's leading mixed-use property developer, announced Q8 Karting, the largest indoor multi-storey go-karting track in the Middle East. Tamdeen has been a pioneer in driving the family entertainment sector forward by fulfilling the aspirations of young generations with innovative and thrilling challenges.

Open at Al Kout Mall now, Q8 Karting simulates professional racing experience, and designed to be suitable for different age groups. Visitors are guaranteed a unique professional racing experience by providing them with helmets, suits, and all necessary safety instructions for a safe and thrilling racing experience.

Q8 Karting, with its various modern facilities, covers 5,380 sqm. The largest indoor multi-storey racing track in the

Q8 Karting track simulates the most famous professional racing tracks in the world

Middle East includes two tracks; one for adults, and one for junior racers, with the tracks designed to be merged on special grand events.

The adult track, for ages starting from 13, is designed to hold 16 karts, whereas the juniors track, for children between 7 and 12, can accommodate 5 karts.

SodiKart, the world leader in the karting industry, provided Q8 Karting track with two models; SODI LRX for juniors and SODI RSX for adults. The two models provide excellent safety features that meet the highest international safety standards. They also offer visitors a wide variety of

options such as seat and steering wheel adjustment and electric racing pedals that can ensure the highest levels of comfort. The steering wheels have been designed to resemble the ones used in Formula 1 to offer racers an exceptional experience. The karts are also equipped with the latest industry technologies, including environmentally friendly lithium batteries.

Q8 Karting is one of the "Sodi World Series" venues for international karting races, offering visitors the opportunity to join Sodi's list of professional racers, based

The longest racing track of its kind in the Middle East



on their performances and points gained in each race.

In addition to the main racetrack, Q8 Karting includes a cafe to grab a quick bite or refreshing drink.

Khaled Issam Al Marzooq, Business Development Manager at Tamdeen Group, said: "October 2021 is an exceptional time in Kuwait with the anticipated opening of a remarkable tourist and leisure destination in Al Kout Mall. The revolutionary leisure attraction offers thrill seekers an exceptional experience full of fascinating challenges. Q8 Karting is well-designed to meet all drivers needs."

Al Kout Mall, after the completion of the expansion phase in April 2018, became one of the most attractive destinations for

Khaled Al Marzooq: 'Q8 Karting track offers an extraordinary entertaining experience'

tourists and shoppers who are looking for a unique experience from Kuwait and beyond. The Mall homes many remarkable outlets for shopping enthusiasts, and a selection of international restaurants which cater to every taste. The Mall also includes Cinescape, the leading cinema in Kuwait that screens most recent films using cutting edge technology, in addition to Infinity Sea which is considered the latest interactive family entertainment center in Kuwait. The opening of Q8 Karting promotes the Mall's position as one of the most attractive entertainment destinations for all.

