



Arizona Coyotes goaltender Carter Hutton (40) makes the save on St. Louis Blues left wing Jake Neighbours in the first period of an NHL hockey game on Oct. 18, in Glendale, Arizona. Blues beat Coyotes 7-4. (AP) - See Page 15

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Sri Lanka survive top order collapse to beat Namibia

Scotland close in on Super 12

AL AMERAT, Oman, Oct 19, (AP): Scotland eliminated spirited debutants Papua New Guinea's chances of advancing in the T20 World Cup after a 17-run victory in Oman on Tuesday.

Scotland, which upset Bangladesh in their opening game, was favored to progress from Group B in the first round to the Super 12.

PNG were crushed by 10 wickets in their opening game by co-host Oman and will meet Bangladesh in their last group game on Thursday.

A 92-run partnership between Richie Barrington (70) and wicketkeeper-batsman Matthew Cross (45) formed the cornerstone of Scotland's total of 165-9 despite PNG claiming six wickets for just 15 runs in the last two overs.

PNG came back strongly after losing half of its side within the first six overs for just 35 runs, but was bowled out for 148 with three balls remaining.

Norman Vanua gave PNG an outside chance with a top score of 47 while Kiplin Doriga (18) and Chad

Soper (16) added late runs. Fast bowler Josh Davey picked up 4-18 that included the key wicket of Vanua, who was caught behind in the 18th over.

Earlier, Barrington featured in the beefy third-wicket stand as he struck six fours and three sixes off 49 balls. Cross consumed 36 balls and smashed two fours and two sixes.

PNG did well late in the innings when Charles Amini made two good catches in the deep to dismiss Cross and Barrington. Fast bowler Kabua Morea (4-31) claimed three of his wickets in the last over during which Michael Leask (9) was run out.

Former T20 World Cup champions



Cross

Sri Lanka survived an early batting collapse to beat Namibia by seven wickets in their first group game in Abu Dhabi.

Ireland and Sri Lanka are both favored to advance to the Super 12 stage.

Sri Lanka lost three wickets within the batting powerplay for 26 runs before avoiding further hiccups by reach-

CRICKET

ing 100-3 in 13.3 overs after Namibia were all out for 96 in 19.3 overs.

Offspinner Maheesh Theekshana (3-25) and legspinner Wanindu Hasaranga (2-24) shared the bulk of the Namibia wickets.

Bhanuka Rajapaksa, dropped on 18 at fine leg, went on to score an unbeaten 42 off 27 balls for Sri Lanka alongside Avishka Fernando, who was 30 not out. Both batsmen shared an unbeaten 74-run stand for the 2014 champions.



Scotland's Chris Greaves bowls during the Cricket Twenty20 World Cup first round match between Scotland and Papua New Guinea in Muscat, Oman. (AP)

Titans snap Bills 4-game winning streak



Tennessee Titans running back Derrick Henry (22) scores a touchdown on a 13-yard run against the Buffalo Bills in the second half of an NFL football game in Nashville, Tenn. (AP)

Tennessee stops Allen on 4th down

NASHVILLE, Tenn. Oct 19, (AP): Derrick Henry showed once again how important he is to the Tennessee Titans.

This time, he had help from the Tennessee defense.

Henry scored his third touchdown with 3:05 left, and the Titans stopped Josh Allen on a fourth-down quarterback sneak in the final seconds to beat Buffalo 34-31 on Monday night, snapping the Bills' four-game winning streak.

The AFC East-leading Bills drove to the Titans 3 on their final possession and could have sent the game to overtime with a field goal, but instead went for the win - and didn't execute.

First, Allen was marked shy of the first-down marker on a scramble. On fourth down, the rugged quarterback moved from the shotgun to take the snap under center. Tennessee's defensive line surged forward to meet Allen, whose legs went out from under him before Titans tackle Jeffery Simmons smothered the quarterback.

The Titans (4-2) took over with 12 seconds left to start a much-needed celebration for the battered defending AFC South champs.

"We got some dogs over there," Henry said of Tennessee's defense. "They fight to the end. They showed it right there." Henry came in as the NFL's rushing leader even with most teams in the league having played six games, and he finished with 143 yards, topping 100 for the fifth consecutive game. It's the longest streak in the NFL since DeMarco Murray had eight straight in 2014 for Dallas.

The 2020 AP Offensive Player of the Year also had a 76-yard TD run and a 3-yarder. His long TD - the first of seven lead changes in the game - came with the Titans trailing 6-0 early in the second thanks to the defense holding the Bills to a pair of early field goals.

"We continue to jump on Derrick's back, and he's willing and able to carry us," Titans coach Mike Vrabel said. "And it's just something that you know you have in your back pocket, front pocket. We pull it out and we use it. It just gave us a big shot of life there." Quarterback Ryan Tannehill added another TD run against a Buffalo defense that came in ranked third against the run.

Harold Landry had two of the Titans' three sacks, and Kevin Byard intercepted a pass.

The Bills (4-2) wanted to go for the win instead of playing for OT, and the fourth down caught Buffalo slightly off guard. Bills coach Sean McDermott said officials initially signaled Allen get the first down on his

third-down scramble. McDermott said he talked after the game with referee Clete Blakeman, who told him an official radioed down from the box that Allen had come up short.

"We didn't get it done," McDermott said. Allen, who had converted an NFL-best 24 quarterback sneaks for first downs since 2018, said he didn't have great footing. "I was just trying to find a window to get in there, and quarterback sneaks aren't the funnest play by any means," Allen said.

The Bills extended their NFL record of leading at halftime to 15 straight games. But their defense, which came in allowing a league-best 12.8 points a game, gave up a season high in points.

Allen finished with 353 yards and three TDs. His third was a 1-yarder to Tommy Sweeney in the final minute of the third quarter, and Allen caught a pass from tight end Dawson Knox for the 2-point conversion and a 31-24 lead. Buffalo didn't score again.

With his 29-yard TD pass to a wide-open Cole Beasley just before halftime, Allen passed Aaron Rogers with 108 combined TDs in his 49th start. Rogers had 107 TDs for what had been the most by a quarterback in his first 50 starts since the NFL merger.

Henry now has 11 TDs of 50 yards or longer, tying former Titans running back Chris Johnson for fourth-most in NFL history. Only Adrian Peterson (16), Barry Sanders (15) and Jim Brown (12) have more. This TD came on the one-year anniversary of a 94-yard scoring run by Henry.

The Titans dipped back into history for a play that beat the Bills in an AFC wild-card game in January 2000 known as the Music City Miracle.



Simmons

FOOTBALL

Infantino wants suspended Brazil-Argentina match played out

FIFA, Qatar team up with WHO for WC health promotion

GENEVA, Oct 19, (AP): FIFA and Qatari organizers of next year's World Cup teamed up with the World Health Organization to use soccer's marquee event for promoting public health.

"Events like the World Cup and the Olympic Games are perfect partners for promoting health and solidarity," WHO director general Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus said.

When FIFA picked Qatar in 2010 to host the World Cup, the expected health risk was exposing 32 teams of players, thousands of workers and hundreds of thousands of fans to 40-plus Celsius (100-plus Fahrenheit) heat in June and July.

at the launch broadcast from Geneva.

Vaccine mandates for visiting fans to enter stadiums was the official Qatari policy four months ago. Officials have since moved to a more flexible approach, which is expected to be tested one year ahead of the World Cup when Qatar hosts the 16-nation Arab Cup on Nov. 30.

WHO officials praised Qatar and

FIFA for their financial and practical contributions.

Qatar was a "top 10 voluntary donor" last year, WHO regional director Ahmed Al-Mandhari said.

FIFA made a \$10 million donation to WHO last year, and FIFA president Gianni Infantino said in a video message the state of Qatar was committed to "the safest World Cup ever." The "Healthy 2022

World Cup" aims to create a legacy for future major sporting events, including the 2026 tournament to be hosted by the United States, Canada and Mexico.

The launch included signing Ivory Coast great Didier Drogba as a WHO goodwill ambassador to promote a healthier lifestyle.

"May we unite to be better prepared," Drogba said, "and respond to future pandemics more collaboratively as we seek to tell the WHO narrative to global audiences in languages and platforms that are accessible to all."

Meanwhile, Infantino believes the suspended World Cup qualifier between Brazil and Argentina should be decided on the pitch.

The Sept. 5 match in Sao Paulo was suspended after seven minutes due to alleged breaches of COVID-19 protocols.

"It is always good to decide matches on the pitch and not off the pitch."

Infantino said in a news conference in Buenos Aires. "It isn't always possible, we have rules. Let's see what FIFA's disciplinary bodies decide." The match was interrupted when an agent from Brazil's health agency, Anvisa, and a policeman walked on to the pitch to remove four England-based Argentina players who the agency said should be in quarantine. At the time, Brazil imposed mandatory quarantine on foreigners coming from England.

SOCCER

Though that issue was solved by moving the games to cooler November temperatures, the coronavirus pandemic is moving into a third year and closer to key tournament preparations.

"The tournament is likely to be the first global mass gathering of this scale since the spread of the pandemic," Hassan al-Thawadi, the head of the Qatari World Cup organizing committee, said at WHO headquarters.

No details were given of practical planning to protect the World Cup from COVID-19, and no questions were tak-



FC Bayern Munich's goalkeeper Manuel Neuer jumps for a ball during a training session in Munich, Germany. Bayern will face Portuguese team Benfica in Lisbon for a Champions League group E soccer match on Wednesday. (AP)

NFL Standings

WASHINGTON, Oct 19, (AP): NFL standings after Monday's game.

American Conference						National Conference							
East			West			East			West				
W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA		
Buffalo	4	2	0	.667	203	98	Dallas	5	1	0	.833	205	146
New England	2	4	0	.333	125	127	Philadelphia	2	4	0	.333	137	152
NY Jets	1	4	0	.200	67	121	Washington	2	4	0	.333	136	186
Miami	1	5	0	.167	99	177	NY Giants	1	5	0	.167	114	177
South			North			South			North				
Tennessee	4	2	0	.667	166	161	Tampa Bay	5	1	0	.833	195	144
Indianapolis	2	4	0	.333	139	131	New Orleans	3	2	0	.600	127	91
Houston	1	5	0	.167	92	172	Carolina	3	3	0	.500	143	121
Jacksonville	1	5	0	.167	116	172	Atlanta	2	3	0	.400	105	148
West			North			West			North				
Baltimore	5	1	0	.833	170	123	Green Bay	5	1	0	.833	144	136
Cincinnati	4	2	0	.667	148	111	Chicago	3	3	0	.500	98	124
Cleveland	3	3	0	.500	156	151	Minnesota	3	3	0	.500	147	137
Pittsburgh	3	3	0	.500	117	132	Detroit	0	6	0	.000	109	172
West			North			West			North				
LA Chargers	4	2	0	.667	148	150	Arizona	6	0	0	1.000	194	109
Las Vegas	4	2	0	.667	147	144	LA Rams	5	1	0	.833	179	127
Denver	3	3	0	.500	126	110	San Francisco	2	3	0	.400	117	119
Kansas City	3	3	0	.500	185	176	Seattle	2	4	0	.333	140	149