

# Carolina, Florida & Blues extend season-opening winning streaks

Flames topple Rangers for 3rd straight win

**RALEIGH, North Carolina, Oct 26, (AP):** Frederik Andersen made 24 saves against his former team and the unbeaten Carolina Hurricanes matched the best five-game start in franchise history by defeating the struggling Toronto Maple Leafs 4-1.

Sebastian Aho, Steven Lentz and Nino Niederreiter scored second-period goals for the Hurricanes. Andrei Svechnikov added an empty-netter and Jaccob Slavin had two assists.

Carolina also was 5-0-0 in 2019-20.

Jack Campbell stopped 31 shots for Toronto, which is 0-3-1 in its past four games and has managed just one goal in three of them. Auston Matthews opened the scoring for the Maple Leafs with his first goal of the season. His wrap-around came 3:25 in.

## Panthers 5, Coyotes 3

In Sunrise, Fla., Frank Vatrano and Joe Thornton scored for the first time this season, and Florida stretched its season-opening win streak to six games in beating Arizona.

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Anthony Duclair, Jonathan Huberdeau and Aaron Ekblad also scored goals for the Panthers. Spencer Knight made 18 saves. Brandon Montour had two assists.

Liam O'Brien and Phil Kessel scored late goals for the Coyotes (0-5-1). Clayton Keller also scored a goal. Carter Hutton made 10 saves before leaving the game after the first period with a lower-body injury. Karel Vejmelka started the second period and stopped 26 shots.

Florida's 6-0-0 record extends the best start in franchise history and is the first 6-0-0 start in the NHL since Montreal in 2015-16.

The Arizona loss marks the second time in the franchise's 42 seasons that they don't have a win after six games (were 0-5-1 to start 2017-18 season).

## Blues 3, Kings 0

In St. Louis, Vladimir Tarasenko scored two goals and Ville Husso stopped 34 shots in earning his second career shutout as St. Louis blanked Los Angeles and extended its season-opening win streak to five games.

The Blues are off to a 5-0 start for the first time in franchise history. The Kings haven't won since their season opener.

The Blues added an empty-net goal by David Perron with about a minute left. Husso made his first start of the season and improved to 2-1 against Kings.

Kings goalie Jonathan Quick had 32 saves in falling to 12-16-3 lifetime against St. Louis.

## Flames 5, Rangers 1

In New York, Andrew Mangiapane scored twice and Calgary beat New York for its third straight win.

Blake Coleman and Mikael



Toronto Maple Leafs' Alexander Kerfoot (15) has his shot blocked by Carolina Hurricanes goaltender Frederik Andersen (31) during the third period of an NHL hockey game in Raleigh, N.C., on Oct. 25. (AP)

Backlund each had a goal and an assist, and Christopher Tanev also scored for Calgary. Johnny Gaudreau got his seventh assist of the season, and Jacob Markstrom stopped 28 shots.

Dryden Hunt scored for the Rangers, who had won four straight - all on the road. Igor Shesterkin, making his fifth start, finished with 32 saves.

## Blue Jackets 4, Stars 1

In Columbus, Ohio, Gregory Hofmann scored his first NHL goal and added an assist, leading Columbus past Dallas for its second win in three games.

Oliver Bjorkstrand added a goal and his 100th career assist, and Zach Werenski had a goal and an assist. Alexandre Texier scored into an empty net. Elvis Merzlikins stopped 31 shots and is unbeaten in four starts this season.

Tyler Seguin scored for the Stars. Braden Holtby made 22 saves.

## Sabres 5, Lightning 1

In Buffalo, N.Y., Victor Olofsson scored two goals and Craig Anderson made 35 saves in Buffalo's win over Tampa Bay.

Drake Cagggiola, Vinnie Hinostroza and Robert Hagg also scored for the Sabres in their first win against the Lightning in eight meetings. Tage Thompson had two assists.

The Sabres improved to 4-1-0 at home.

Alex Killorn had a goal for the Lightning, who opened a back-to-back trip with their first road loss of the season. Brian Elliott stopped 20 shots in his Tampa Bay debut.

## Capitals 7, Senatots 5

In Ottawa, Ontario, T.J. Oshie picked up his fifth career hat trick in Washington's win over Ottawa.

Alex Ovechkin extended his point streak to six games with his sixth and seventh goals of the season for Washington. Nick Jensen and John Carlson also

## NHL Results/Standings

WASHINGTON, Oct 26, (AP): Results and standings from the NHL games on Monday.

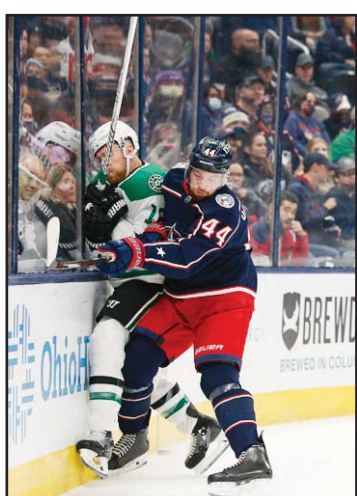
Team	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Columbus	4	0	0	8	12	27
Buffalo	6	4	1	9	19	11
Detroit	6	3	2	7	20	21
Boston	4	3	1	0	6	14
Tampa Bay	6	2	3	1	5	16
Toronto	7	2	4	1	5	13
Ottawa	6	2	4	0	4	15
Montreal	6	1	5	0	2	10

Eastern Conference							Western Conference						
Atlantic Division							Central Division						
GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Florida	6	6	0	0	12	27	St. Louis	5	5	0	0	10	25
Buffalo	6	4	1	1	9	19	Minnesota	5	4	1	0	8	17
Detroit	6	3	2	1	7	20	Dallas	6	3	3	0	6	12
Boston	4	3	1	0	6	14	Winnipeg	5	2	2	1	5	20
Tampa Bay	6	2	3	1	5	16	Colorado	5	2	3	0	4	15
Toronto	7	2	4	1	5	13	Nashville	6	2	4	0	4	17
Ottawa	6	2	4	0	4	15	Chicago	6	0	5	1	1	12
Montreal	6	1	5	0	2	10	Arizona	6	0	5	1	1	30

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.

scored. Ilya Samsonov made 32 saves.

Drake Batherson led the way for



Dallas Stars' Joe Pavelski, left, and Columbus Blue Jackets' Vladislav Gavrikov fight for the puck during the first period of an NHL hockey game on Oct. 25, in Columbus, Ohio. (AP)

Ottawa with his first career hat trick. Chris Tierney and Josh Norris also scored.

Anton Forsberg started in goal for Ottawa, but was pulled after allowing four goals on 16 shots. Filip Gustavsson came in late in the first period and allowed three goals on 15 shots.

The game marked the Capitals' first road game against a Canadian team since Feb. 27, 2020.

## Celta win, keep Getafe winless

MADRID, Oct 26, (AP): Santi Mina scored twice and Iago Aspas added another as Celta Vigo defeated last-place Getafe 3-0 to keep its opponent winless in the Spanish league.

Mina found the net in the 55th and 73rd minutes and Aspas scored in the 58th as the visitors ended a run of two straight losses.

Getafe played a man down from the 63rd after defender Djen Dako-

## Desbiens stops 18 shots

## Fillier scores 2, Canada beat US again in women's hockey

HARTFORD, Conn., Oct. 26, (AP): Amanda Kessel isn't panicking after the United States women's hockey team opened its pre-Olympic series with two straight losses to rival Canada.

"This is the best that I think our team has felt," said Kessel, who scored the tying goal as the Americans rallied from a 2-0 deficit before losing 3-2. "We have a really good thing going on inside of our locker room. I'm really confident in our group and I really think that things are coming together inside of our locker room and it is going to show."

A good place to start would be figuring out how to contain Canada's Sarah Fillier.

In a heated rivalry dating to the U.S. beating Canada for gold in the 1998 Nagano Winter Games, a newcomer is making her presence felt.

The 21-year-old Fillier, who is delaying her junior season at Princeton, was unaccounted for in scoring a pair of backdoor tap-ins, including the game-winner with 3:58 remaining. Fillier, who also scored in the series-opening 3-1 win at Allentown, Pennsylvania, has six goals and nine points in nine games with the national team since making her debut at the world championships in August.

"She just has a niche for the net, and getting around the net, and finding those spots where she can be successful," linemate Natalie Spooner said. "I mean, she's a natural goal-scorer. ... She's able to find those soft spots and get pucks in."

The nine-game series between the teams resumes at Kingston, Ontario, on Nov. 21.

Victoria Bach also scored and Renee Desbiens stopped 18 shots. The Canadians won gold over the Americans at the world championships and have won four straight against the U.S. - their best run since a five-game streak from Dec. 3, 2017 to Feb. 15, 2018.

Cayla Barnes had a goal and an assist and Nicole Hensley stopped 17

shots for the U.S.

An intense and sometimes chippy game was decided on an undisciplined high-sticking call against U.S. veteran defender Megan Keller, who cross-checked a Canadian player during a scrum near the benches.

Brienne Jenner set up the goal by driving into the right circle and feeding a wide-open Fillier, who swept in the puck at the left post. It was a mirror image of Fillier's first two goals of the series, with both coming on tap-ins.

"She's a talented, fast forward that you have to be aware of," U.S. defender Barnes said. "But we don't play her any differently than we play anyone else."



Desbiens

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Though he had not seen a replay, U.S. coach Joel Johnson downplayed Keller's penalty.

"I'm not worried about Megan Keller. She's one of the best players in the world," Johnson said. "I trust our players and you know, there's times people take poor penalties. I'm not worried about if it was a good or bad penalty."

The Americans, who gave up two goals on Canada's first two shots on net on Monday, have yet to enjoy a lead in the two games.

"I think it shows a lot about who we are and who we are trying to be," Johnson said. "Obviously, we don't want a slow start like that but the way we responded is important and we have to find that in the beginning of every game."

The world's top women's hockey powers are preparing for the Beijing Winter Games in February, with the Americans attempting to defend their 2018 gold medal. Five of their past eight meetings have been decided by one goal.

Three-time U.S. Olympian Kacey Bellamy was honored during a pre-game ceremony in which USA Hockey officials presented her a No. 22 jersey. Bellamy retired in May 2020. ... The U.S. has a hole in its schedule after a COVID-19 lockdown forced Russia to pull out of a three-game series in Belfast, Northern Ireland, starting on Nov. 9. "It's the world we're living in today."



United States' Kendall Coyne Schofield is pressured by Canada's Natalie Spooner, top, during the first period of a women's hockey game in a pre-Olympic Games series on Oct. 25, in Hartford, Conn. (AP)

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