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Kansas beats George Mason

Top-ranked Baylor hands No. 8 Iowa State first loss

AMES, Iowa, Jan. 2, (AP): James Akinjo scored 16 points, LJ Cryer had 10 of his 13 in the second half, and top-ranked Baylor beat No. 8 Iowa State 77-72 for the Cyclones' first loss.

Baylor (13-0, 1-0 Big 12) never trailed in only the fourth Division I matchup of 12-0 teams in 40 years and the first game between top-10 teams at Hilton Coliseum since 2014.

The defending national champion Bears extended their win streak to 19 games and are among three remaining unbeaten teams. Southern California and Colorado State are the others.

Tristan Enaruna scored a career-high 23 points for the Cyclones (12-1, 0-1), who were off to the second-best start in program history under first-year coach T.J. Otzelberger after winning two games last season.

Kansas 76, George Mason 67

In Lawrence, Kansas, Jalen Coleman-Lands came off the bench to hit five 3-pointers and score 20 points, reserve Mitch Lightfoot added 14 points, and Kansas held off George Mason.

The game was put together earlier this week when Kansas had its Big 12 opener against TCU postponed due to a COVID-19 outbreak. George Ma-

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son was willing to play anywhere after it had four straight games canceled or postponed.

The Patriots were up for the challenge. Kansas led 66-61 with 3 minutes left when Christian Braun rattled in a 3-pointer to extend the lead. George Mason came up empty on its next two possessions, and Ochai Agbaji converted a three-point play with 1:48 to go to put the game out of reach.

Braun finished with 14 points and Agbaji had 11 for the Jayhawks (11-1), who never led by more than 12.

D'Shawn Schwartz had 15 points and 12 rebounds, and Davonte Gaines also scored 15 for George Mason (7-6).

Villanova 73, Seton Hall 67

In Newark, N.J., Justin Moore hit a go-ahead jumper with 1:36 to play and Villanova beat short-handed but gutsy Seton Hall.

Collin Gillespie scored 21 points, Brandon Slater added 17 and Moore had 13 for the Wildcats (9-4, 2-1 Big East). Jermaine Samuels added 11 points and 11 rebounds for Villanova, which dominated the boards 42-28 with Seton Hall missing two key big men because of COVID-19.

Backup guard Bryce Aiken had 22 points to lead Seton Hall, which has lost the last two games playing with only eight players because of COVID-19 issues. Jared Rhoden added 13 points and Jamir Harris had 12, all on 3-pointers, for Pirates (9-3, 0-2).

Texas 74, West Virginia 59

In Austin, Texas, Marcus Carr scored a season-best 20 points and Texas defeated short-handed West Virginia in the Big 12 opener for both teams, snapping the Mountaineers'



Providence's Nate Watson (0) battles DePaul's Javan Johnson (1) for a rebound during the first half of an NCAA college basketball game, on Jan. 1, in Chicago. (AP)



Iowa State guard Tyrese Hunter (11) passes under the basket as Baylor forward Jonathan Tchamwa Tchatchoua (23) defends during the first half of an NCAA college basketball game, on Jan. 1, in Ames. (AP)

eight-game winning streak.

West Virginia (11-2) played without starting guard and leading scorer Taz Sherman along with reserves Gabe Osabuohien and Kobe Johnson. All three are in COVID-19 protocols.

Texas (11-2) led by 28 with 13 minutes remaining, but West Virginia used improved shooting and dogged defense to make the game more competitive.

Courtney Ramey scored 15 points for Texas, and Andrew Jones added 14.

Jalen Bridges led West Virginia with 18 points, and Malik Curry scored 14.

Providence 70, DePaul 53

In Chicago, Aljami Durham scored 17 points and Providence beat DePaul.

The Friars (13-1, 3-0 Big East), off to their best start since the 2015-16 team won 14 of its first 15, grabbed a 25-point halftime lead on the way to their eighth straight win.

Justin Minaya and Jared Bynum each scored 12 points. Minaya grabbed a season-high 11 rebounds, and Bynum had seven assists.

Javon Freeman-Liberty led DePaul (9-3, 0-2) with 22 points.

NHL Results/Standings

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2, (AP): Results and standings from the NHL games on Saturday.

Team	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Florida	5	Montreal		2		
Carolina	4	Columbus		4		
Boston	7	Buffalo (OT)		3		
NY Islanders	3	Edmonton (OT)		2		
Nashville	6	Chicago		1		
Toronto	6	Ottawa		0		
St. Louis	6	Minnesota		4		
Vancouver	5	Seattle		2		
Los Angeles	6	Philadelphia		3		

Eastern Conference

Atlantic Division

GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
Tampa Bay	33	21	7	5	47	109	97
Florida	32	21	7	4	46	122	95
Toronto	31	21	8	2	44	104	76
Detroit	32	15	14	3	33	89	107
Boston	27	15	10	2	32	75	72
Buffalo	33	10	17	6	26	89	116
Ottawa	29	9	18	2	20	79	107
Montreal	34	7	23	4	18	73	123

Metropolitan Division

GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
Carolina	31	23	7	1	47	106	66
Washington	33	20	6	7	47	116	85
NY Rangers	32	20	8	4	44	93	84
Pittsburgh	30	17	8	5	39	91	76
Philadelphia	32	13	13	6	32	85	106
Columbus	30	15	14	1	31	99	105
New Jersey	32	12	15	5	29	92	113
NY Islanders	28	10	12	6	26	64	80

Western Conference

Central Division

GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
St. Louis	33	19	9	5	43	116	91
Nashville	33	20	11	2	42	101	89
Minnesota	31	19	10	2	40	116	98
Colorado	27	17	8	2	36	115	91
Winnipeg	30	14	11	5	33	90	87
Dallas	29	15	12	2	32	82	85
Chicago	31	11	16	4	26	73	103
Arizona	30	6	21	3	15	63	117

Pacific Division

GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
Vegas	34	22	12	0	44	123	102
Anaheim	34	17	10	7	41	105	94
Calgary	29	16	7	6	38	93	66
Edmonton	32	18	12	2	38	110	103
Los Angeles	33	16	12	5	37	91	89
San Jose	32	17	14	1	35	89	94
Vancouver	34	16	15	3	35	89	95
Seattle	33	10	19	4	24	92	122

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.

Baffert goes 1-2 with Ky Derby prospects

Newgrange wins \$100,000 Sham Stakes

ARCADIA, Calif., Jan. 2, (AP): Newgrange won the \$100,000 Sham Stakes by 2 3/4 lengths ahead of stablemate Rockefeller at Santa Anita, giving trainer Bob Baffert two Kentucky Derby prospects.

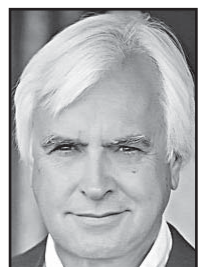
Baffert earned his third straight win in the Grade 3 Sham for 3-year-olds and his eighth overall.

John Velazquez aboard Newgrange and Flavien Prat on Rockefeller hustled their mounts from the starting gate. Both settled into

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a steady rhythm, with Newgrange maintaining a one-length lead past the three-furlong pole.

Newgrange was in command turning for home and finished a mile in 1:38.32. Sent off as a 5-2 third choice, he paid \$7.40, \$3.40 and \$2.40. Rockefeller, the 3-2 favorite in the field of five, returned \$2.60 and \$2.20.



Baffert

Doug O'Neill and co-owned by Colorado Avalanche defenseman Erik Johnson, finished fourth. Degree of Risk was fifth.

Blues hold off Wild in coldest outdoor game in NHL history

Dobson scores in OT to lift Islanders past Oilers 3-2

MINNEAPOLIS, Jan. 2, (AP): Jordan Kyrrou had two goals and two assists in a five-goal second period for St. Louis, and the Blues cruised through the coldest outdoor game in NHL history to beat the Minnesota Wild 6-4 in the Winter Classic.

The official faceoff temperature was minus-5.7 degrees, the first of 33 outdoor games the league has played with a temperature below zero.

David Perron got the Blues on the board in the first period. Vladimir Tarasenko, Ivan Barbashev and Torey Krug joined Kyrrou by scoring in the second, and Robert Thomas pitched in with two assists. Jordan Binnington made 29 saves for the Blues. They are 11-1-2 in their last 14 games against the rival Wild.

Kirill Kaprizov had a goal and two assists and Ryan Hartman had a goal and an assist for the Wild. They trailed 6-2 at the second intermission and benched goalie Cam Talbot after 22 saves in two periods in favor of Kaapo Kahkonen.

Rem Pitlick and Kevin Fiala also scored for the Wild, who pulled to 6-4 on Fiala's 6-on-5 goal with 5:38 remaining after Kahkonen was pulled for the extra skater.

Islanders 3, Oilers 2, OT

In New York, Noah Dobson scored 3:52 into overtime to lift New York past slumping Edmonton.

Anders Lee and Anthony Beauvillier also scored for the Islanders. They got their first win beyond regulation this season after losing the first six.

Ilya Sorokin stopped 17 shots to

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help New York improve to 3-0-1 in the last four games overall, and 4-0-1 at home after losing the first seven (0-5-2) at the new UBS Arena.

Maple Leafs 6, Senators 0

In Toronto, Justin Holl and Ilya Mikheyev scored on the same first-period penalty kill for their first goals of the season and Toronto routed Ottawa at fan-less Scotiabank Arena.

The Maple Leafs and Senators returned to action for the first time since the NHL's expanded schedule pause over the holidays.

The game was played without fans after the Ontario government announced Thursday that attendance at indoor events, including arenas, would be capped at 1,000 spectators or 50%, whichever is smaller, because of COVID-19.

Maple Leaf Sports & Entertainment, which also owns the NBA's Toronto Raptors, subsequently said it would operate without sold tickets for games, save for league and team requirements, for the next three weeks.

Bruins 4, Sabres 3, OT

In Boston, Charlie Coyle scored on a wrist shot from the slot 34 seconds into overtime and Boston completed a comeback victory over Buffalo in the Bruins' first game in 16 days.

Playing for the first time since Dec. 16 after six games were postponed due to the NHL's COVID-19 protocols and a league shutdown, the Bruins erased a 3-1 deficit when Nick Foligno and Taylor Hall scored early in the third period. Craig Smith also scored for Boston, and Linus Ullmark stopped 21 shots.

Jeff Skinner and Vinnie Hinostroza both returned from COVID-19 protocols and each had a goal for Buffalo. Alex Tuch added a power-play goal.

Predators 6, Blackhawks 1

In Nashville, Tenn., Tanner Jeannot scored twice, Filip Forsberg and Ryan Johansen each had a goal and assist in



Edmonton Oilers center Leon Draisaitl (29) shoots on New York Islanders goaltender Ilya Sorokin (30) during the first period of an NHL hockey game, on Jan. 1, in Elmont, N.Y. (AP)

Nashville's victory over Chicago.

Nick Cousins and Roman Josi also scored. Mattias Ekholm had three assists and Juuse Saros made 37 saves to help Nashville snapped a two-game losing streak.

Philipp Kurashev scored for Chicago in its first game since Dec. 18.

Hurricanes 7, Blue Jackets 4

In Columbus, Ohio, Brady Skjei and Steven Lorentz each scored twice and Carolina had the last seven goals to beat Columbus.

The Hurricanes scored four times in a 3:57 span of the third to overcome a 4-2 deficit. They had five goals in the period. Ethan Bear scored at 10:50 of the third make it 5-4 and Lorentz made it 6-4 at 11:59 as part of the spurt. Andrei Svechnikov scored into an empty net at 17:30 for the final score.

Nino Niederreiter also scored, and Seth Jarvis and Vincent Trocheck had two assists for the Hurricanes.

Gustav Nyquist in his 600th NHL

game scored shorthanded and had an assist for the Blue Jackets (15-14-1). Alexandre Texier had a goal and an assist and defenseman Zach Werenski and Adam Boqvist also scored.

Panthers 5, Canadiens 2

In Sunrise, Florida, Sam Bennett scored twice, Sergei Bobrovsky made 29 saves and Florida beat Montreal for its third straight victory.

Aleksander Barkov, Frank Vatrano and Mason Marchment also scored and Jonathan Huberdeau had three assists. Jonathan Drouin and Nick Suzuki scored for Montreal.

Canucks 5, Kraken 2

In Seattle, Vasily Podkolzin and Nils Hoglander scored goals in the first period, Tyler Motte and Conor Garland scored in the third and Vancouver beat Seattle.

Vancouver improved to 8-0-1 since Bruce Boudreau took over as coach. Tanner Pearson added an empty-net

goal in the closing minutes. Thatcher Demko finished with 30 saves.

The Kraken lost their fifth straight and eighth in the past nine games. Calle Jarnkrok and Will Borgen scored for Seattle, and Philipp Grubauer made 30 saves.

Kings 6, Flyers 3

In Los Angeles, Viktor Arvidsson had two goals and two assists, Todd McLellan earned his 500th win as an NHL coach and Los Angeles defeated Philadelphia.

McLellan is the 27th coach in league history to reach 500 wins. He is in his third season behind the Kings' bench after previous stops in Edmonton and San Jose.

Trevor Moore had a career-high four points with a goal and three assists. Phillip Danault had a goal and two assists, and Brendan Lemieux and Adrian Kempe added goals for the Kings. Jonathan Quick made 33 saves for his sixth win in his last seven games, and Drew Doughty added two assists.

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