

Sports

# Pettersson's shootout goal leads Canucks past Flames

## Atkinson's two goals tie it, win it for Blue Jackets

**VANCOUVER:** Jacob Markstrom stopped 44 shots through overtime and all three attempts in the shootout as the host Vancouver Canucks claimed a 4-3 shootout win over the Calgary Flames on Saturday night. Rookie Elias Pettersson scored the lone goal in the shootout as the Canucks snapped a three-game losing skid. Pettersson also collected two assists, giving him eight points in four games against the Flames this season and 50 overall on the season. The last three first-year players to collect 50 points or more through the first 45 games of their career are Alex Ovechkin, Evgeni Malkin and Sidney Crosby. Vancouver's Bo Horvat opened the scoring just 44 seconds into what turned into a see-saw affair. Shortly after the face-off, Chris Tanev sent the puck to Horvat alone at the side of the net, and Horvat quickly tallied his 19th goal of the season.

### FLYERS 6, DUCKS 2

Sean Couturier collected one goal and two assists to lead the attack as surging Philadelphia rode a four-goal first period en route to a thrashing of visiting Anaheim. Carter Hart made 30 saves for the Flyers, who are on a 9-0-1 run. Couturier has netted four goals and nine points in a six-game point streak. Phil Varone started the party by opening the scoring 2:44 into the affair. With the Flyers up 3-0, the Ducks made a game of it with a pair of power-play goals, the first by Adam Henrique 51 seconds into the second period and the second by Nick Ritchie 4:57 into the third period, but Nolan Patrick's goal with 7:45 left quashed any comeback hopes.

### MAPLE LEAFS 4, CANADIENS 3 (OT)

John Tavares scored at 2:17 of overtime as visiting Toronto defeated Montreal. Tavares scored his 33rd goal of the season on a backhand shot from the slot after a pass from Mitch Marner. It was the 12th career overtime goal for Tavares, who also had an assist in the game. Andreas Johansson, Nikita Zaitsev and William Nylander also scored goals for the Maple Leafs. Morgan Rielly added two assists. Andrew Shaw had a goal and assist, Tomas Tatar and Brendan Gallagher each scored a goal, and Max Domi added two assists for the Canadiens.

### BRUINS 5, KINGS 4 (OT)

Patrice Bergeron scored a power-play goal 2:34 into overtime as host Boston skated to victory over Los Angeles, as Boston made Los Angeles pay for Ilya Kovalchuk's tripping penalty in overtime. Bergeron wired a shot from the right circle that sailed inside the far post. The goal was the 20th of the season for the four-time Selke Trophy recipient, marking the 10th time he's reached

that scoring plateau. Brad Marchand, Danton Heinen and defenseman Charlie McAvoy each collected a goal and an assist for the Bruins. Kings captain Anze Kopitar scored his team-leading 17th goal, and Alex Iafallo added a power-play tally for the Kings.

### PANTHERS 5, CAPITALS 4 (OT)

Mike Hoffman scored a power-play goal 1:31 into overtime and gave goalie Roberto Luongo a victory in his 1,000th career start as Florida defeated host Washington. Keith Yandle (one goal, one assist) made a cross-ice pass to Hoffman on the right side, and he had an open net for the extra-man goal. Luongo finished with 26 saves and reached two milestones. He also tied Patrick Roy for second place on the all-time list for games played by a goalie (1,029). Luongo needs one more win to tie Ed Belfour (484) for third place all-time in that category.

### LIGHTNING 5, PENGUINS 4

Third-period goals by Tyler Johnson and J.T. Miller lifted Tampa Bay over visiting Pittsburgh as the Lightning picked up their 40th win—the sixth straight season with 40-plus victories for the franchise. Johnson scored at 4:54 and Miller at 14:03, each from the left circle. Lightning goaltender Andrei Vasilevskiy stopped 28 Penguins shots. Anthony Cirelli had a goal and an assist, Yanni Gourde and Erik Cernak also scored, and Alex Killorn had two assists for Tampa Bay, which avoided its first three-game losing streak of the season.

### BLUE JACKETS 4, GOLDEN KNIGHTS 3

Cam Atkinson scored two goals in the third period, including the game-winner with 2:39 remaining, and Artemi Panarin had a goal and two assists to lead Columbus over Vegas in Las Vegas. They were the 30th and 31st goals of the season for Atkinson, who hit the 30-goal mark for the second time in the last three seasons. Josh Anderson tied his career-high with his 19th goal for the Blue Jackets, who extended their winning streak to three games by sweeping their western road trip, which also included victories at Colorado (6-3) and Arizona (4-2).

### ISLANDERS 4, AVALANCHE 3 (OT)

Ryan Pulock scored 2:23 into overtime, and New York rallied to beat Colorado in Brooklyn, N.Y. Pulock finished with two goals. Jordan Eberle had a goal and an assist, and Josh Bailey also scored. Robin Lehner had 25 saves for New York, and Pulock got the winner when Casey Cizikas fed him at the right circle and he beat Semyon Varlamov for his fifth goal of the season. Carl Soderberg had a goal



**VANCOUVER:** Erik Gudbranson #44 of the Vancouver Canucks checks Matthew Tkachuk #19 of the Calgary Flames off the puck in NHL action on Saturday at Rogers Arena in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada. — AFP

and two assists, Erik Johnson and J.T. Compher also scored and Varlamov stopped 37 shots for Colorado. The Avalanche have lost six straight, the last two in overtime, and are 1-10 in games decided after regulation.

### SHARKS 5, OILERS 2

Kevin Labanc recorded his first career hat trick to lift visiting San Jose over Edmonton as Joe Thornton set up Labanc's first and third goals to tie Hall of Famer Gordie Howe for ninth place on the NHL's all-time assists list with 1,049. The 39-year-old Thornton was playing in his 1,540th game, tying Shane Doan and Hall of Famer Johnny Bucyk for 15th place in NHL history. Evander Kane scored his eighth goal in eight contests to reach the 400-point plateau for his career, before adding an assist on Labanc's power-play tally in the second period.

### SENATORS 5, JETS 2

Mark Stone scored twice and Anders Nilsson made 44 saves as Ottawa earned a win over visiting Winnipeg as Stone's 25th goal of the season put him just one behind his

single-season career high. After allowing 53 shots in a 5-2 loss to the Montreal Canadiens on Thursday, the Jets came out flat for the second consecutive game. Multiple turnovers in the opening minutes gave the Senators the early advantage, including a Rudolf Balcers takeaway that set up Stone's first goal. Matt Duchene marked his 700th NHL game with both an assist and a goal, getting the final touch on a scramble in front of Winnipeg's net 12:39 into the second period.

### SABRES 3, RED WINGS 1

Buffalo's Casey Mittelstadt and Kyle Okposo scored on power plays in a decisive three-goal second period as the Sabres downed visiting Detroit. Conor Sheary also scored a goal for the Sabres, who improved to 5-1-0 in afternoon games this season. Buffalo is 7-2-1 against Detroit since the start of the 2016-17 campaign. Dylan Larkin scored for the Red Wings, who dropped their second straight and have lost both meetings against Buffalo this season. Thomas Vanek and Andreas Athanasiou each registered assists. — Reuters



## Amir's 8th International Shooting Grand Prix begins

By Abdellatif Sharaa

**KUWAIT:** HH the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah 8th International Shooting Grand Prix opened on Saturday evening. Representative of HH the Amir, Sheikh Faisal Al-Humoud Al-Malik Al-Sabah, said after the opening ceremony he was proud to represent HH the Amir in this event which has 420 shooters representing 42 countries participating.

He said the patronage of HH the Amir of this tournament reflects the keenness and interest of the political leadership in youth in various fields. He said the large international participation shows how important and precious this tournament is.

Director General of Public Authority for Sports Dr Humoud Fulaiteh said Kuwait Shooting Sport Club

Organization of this tournament comes as a continuation of its outstanding performance be it in housing the largest sports events or achieving good results in various places.

Fulaiteh urged local federations and clubs to care for improving the technical level of national teams in order to make more achievements.

Meanwhile, President of Arab and Kuwait Shooting Federations Eng Duaij Al-Otaibi lauded the Amiri patronage of this championship for making it one of the important championship in Asia.

The official competitions began yesterday with the competition of 10m air rifle for men and women, 50m men pistol and 10m air pistol that in addition to official training for men and women's trap.

President of Egyptian and African Shooting

Federation and First Deputy of Arab Shooting Federation President Maj Gen Hazim Hosni lauded the opening ceremony, adding that all expect surprises by Kuwait Shooting Federation. He said Kuwait has the best ranges at world level.

Italian shooter Ferrari Petroni lauded the shooting complex, adding that his participation won due to its reputation. He said that he recently won third place in World Cup, and this pushes him to win a medal in the Grand Prix. Kazakhstan shooter Emilia said she has lots of information about Kuwait shooting in general and the Grand Prix in particular, as Kazakhstan is keen on participating in the Grand Prix, which includes many world shooters. She said the timing of the tournament is ideal and provides a good opportunity to get ready for the season.

## Vonn in bronze as Stuhec defends world downhill

**ARE:** US ski star Lindsey Vonn brought her illustrious career to a close with a hard-fought bronze at Sunday's world downhill which was won by defending champion Ilka Stuhec of Slovenia. Vonn, the most successful women skier of all time with a record 20 World Cup titles to her name and 82 victories on the circuit, clocked 1min 02.23sec, briefly leading before slipping behind Stuhec and Swiss silver medalist Corinne Suter in the Swedish resort of Are.

"It was so fun, I was literally the most nervous I've ever been in my entire life," Vonn told Eurosport. "I wanted to come down and be in the lead for one last time and to hear the crowd roar and to not crash."

"I'm always full tilt and always on the limit. I was worried that I'd charge too hard and not make it down for my last race - that's my worst nightmare." While all the build-up had been about Vonn, Stuhec became the first skier to successfully defend the women's downhill world title since Swiss Maria Walliser (1987, 1989), with only three others having previously won twice in a row.

"It's been high, it's been low, now I'm here again," said Stuhec. "There are a lot of girls who are skiing super great and every race is super tight and everyone has a lot of chances. 'I knew I could ski fast, I just needed to get confidence and stop putting too much pressure on myself, just ski and enjoy.'"

Vonn herself joined Kjetil Andre Aamodt (seven separate years), Marc Girardelli (six), and Aksel Lund Svindal (nine) as the only skiers to have collected a medal at six World Ski Championships. At 34 years and 115 days old, she also became the oldest world medalist, performing in front of an onlooking Ingemar Stenmark, the Swedish skiing legend whose record of 86 World Cup victories Vonn will not now break. For her final downhill, the American donned a blue and grey helmet and white catsuit, with blue and yellow lines around her sleeves, lower leg and midriff in what she said was both a nod to host country Sweden and to honour nemesis Stenmark. Racing with bib number three, Vonn, who admitted this season that her "body is broken beyond repair" and faces a knee reconstruction in the near future, had laid out her mindset in an Instagram post just before the race.—AFP



**ARE:** Third placed US' Lindsey Vonn (R) poses with former Swedish ski champion Ingemar Stenmark during the flowers ceremony after the Women's Downhill event of the 2019 FIS Alpine Ski World Championships at the National Arena in Are, Sweden yesterday. — AFP