

Senators snap skid with overtime win over Ducks

Avalanche can't douse hot Flames

ANAHEIM: In a battle of teams looking to get back on track, Colin White scored 1:34 into overtime as the visiting Ottawa Senators ended their eight-game losing streak Wednesday with a 2-1 victory over the Anaheim Ducks. Senators right winger Mark Stone attacked the Ducks goal and slipped a pass back to White for the game-winner. It was the 11th goal of the season for White. Down 1-0 less than nine minutes into the game, the Senators had few scoring chances until they started to make an offensive push in the third period.

Ottawa finally tied the score 1-1 at 9:23 of the third period. Bobby Ryan cleaned up a loose puck out in front of the Ducks' goal and slid a shot past goaltender John Gibson. It was the eighth of the season for Ryan. Former Senator Jakob Silfverberg scored the lone goal for the Ducks, who saw their losing streak extend to a franchise-worst nine games (0-6-3). The Ducks have not won since Dec. 17, when they picked up a 4-2 victory at Pittsburgh. Their past five consecutive defeats have all come at home.

Despite the loss, Gibson continued to do the heavy lifting for his team, making 28 saves. He entered as one of the top goalies in the NHL with a .923 save percentage. Silfverberg's 11th goal of the season came just 8:52 into the first period. Defenseman Brandon Montour carried the puck into the Senators' zone and broke down the defense before he passed back to Silfverberg at the top of the right circle. Silfverberg's blast beat Senators goaltender Anders

Nilsson to the glove side. Ducks center Ryan Getzlaf saw his career-worst streak without a point reach eight games. He has nine goals and 20 assists this season.

Nilsson was playing in his third game for the Senators and making his second start. The 28-year-old Swede, who was acquired from the Vancouver Canucks on Jan. 2, made 32 saves in his first victory with his new team. The Senators were without center Matt Duchene, who remained in Ottawa for the birth of his first child and is not expected to play in any of the team's three games in California this week. Duchene ranks second on the Senators with 18 goals and 42 points.

PREDATORS 4, BLACKHAWKS 3 (OT)

Filip Forsberg scored twice, including the game-winner one minute into overtime, leading Nashville to a victory at Chicago. Pekka Rinne stopped 28 shots, Viktor Arvidsson scored his fifth goal in six games, and Colton Sissons also had a goal for the Predators, who improved to 3-0-1 on their season-high, six-game road trip. Artem Anisimov forced overtime for the Blackhawks with 2:21 left in regulation, scoring from the slot on a pass from Patrick Kane. Alex DeBrincat and Jonathan Toews had Chicago's other goals.

FLAMES 5, AVALANCHE 3

David Rittich provided a sensational 32-save performance, five different Calgary players



ANAHEIM: Ryan Getzlaf #15, Brandon Montour #26 and John Gibson #36 of the Anaheim Ducks are unable to stop a goal scored by Colin White #36 as Mark Stone #61 of the Ottawa Senators reacts during the overtime period of a game at Honda Center on Wednesday in Anaheim, California. — AFP

found the net, and Mark Giordano netted three assists as the host Flames defeated Colorado. Johnny Gaudreau collected two assists to give him 15 points in a six-game point streak for the

Flames, who are atop the Western Conference thanks to a three-game winning streak and a 6-1-1 roll. Colorado has just one victory in its last nine games (1-6-2). — Reuters

South Africa name new cap van der Dussen in ODI squad

JOHANNESBURG: Batsman Rassie van der Dussen is a new cap in South Africa's 14-man squad named yesterday for the first two one-day internationals against Pakistan, starting on January 19. Van der Dussen, 29, has featured for the South African Twenty20 international team and was the leading scorer in the recent Mzansi Super League T20 tournament.

Five one-day internationals against Pakistan and five more against Sri Lanka are South Africa's final one-day engagements before the Cricket World Cup in England and Wales that starts on May 30.

Coach Ottis Gibson indicated earlier in the season that he would like the Pakistan and Sri Lanka matches to be effectively a warm-up for the World Cup squad but selection convener Linda Zondi said on Thursday there was still a degree of experimentation. "We need to look at all the options available to us as we get closer to selecting our final squad for the World Cup," said Zondi. He said Van der



Rassie van der Dussen

Dussen and fast bowler Dane Paterson, recalled to the one-day squad for the first time since 2017, were two players who have been "knocking strongly on the door in all formats".

Zondi said other players could get opportunities in the last three matches against Pakistan. Batsman JP Duminy and fast bowler Lungi Ngidi were not considered because of injury.

South African squad: Faf du Plessis (captain), Hashim Amla, Quinton de Kock (wkt), Reeza Hendricks, Imran Tahir, Heinrich Klaasen (wkt), David Miller, Dane Paterson, Andile Phehlukwayo, Dwaine Pretorius, Kagiso Rabada, Tabraiz Shamsi, Dale Steyn, Rassie van der Dussen. — AFP

Sick Mitch Marsh out of India ODI

SYDNEY: Australia yesterday drafted Perth Scorchers batsman Ashton Turner as cover for Mitchell Marsh who was ruled out of the first one-day international against India in Sydney with a gastro bug.

All-rounder Marsh has spent two days in hospital with his availability for the other two games in the series-in Adelaide and Melbourne-under a cloud. "We'll see how

he goes, but he certainly won't (play) this first game and we will wait and see how he recovers," said coach Justin Langer ahead of the opening clash on Saturday.

It is another blow for Marsh who on Wednesday was axed from the Test squad to play Sri Lanka, along with his brother Shaun. Turner, who plays state cricket with Western Australia and for the Scorchers in Twenty20, has scored 43 not out, 47 and 60 not out in his past three Big Bash League matches.

Revised squad: Aaron Finch (capt), Usman Khawaja, Shaun Marsh, Peter Handscomb, Glenn Maxwell, Ashton Turner, Marcus Stoinis, Mitch Marsh, Alex Carey, Jhye Richardson, Billy Stanlake, Jason Behrendorff, Peter Siddle, Nathan Lyon, Adam Zampa. — AFP



Mitchell Marsh