

# STARS HALT FLYERS' WINNING STREAK AT 10

**TORONTO:** Adam Cracknell scored the tiebreaking goal early in the third period to lead the Dallas Stars to a 3-1 victory over Philadelphia on Saturday, ending the Flyers' 10-game winning streak. Radek Faksa and Jordie Benn also scored for the Stars and Antti Niemi stopped 31 shots, including three during a Flyers power play in the closing minutes. Cracknell broke a 1-1 tie at 2:27 of the third. Flyers goalie Steve Mason stopped a shot by John Klingberg, but the puck rebounded to Cracknell's feet and he put it on his stick and sent a wrist shot into the net. Benn, whose penalty gave Philadelphia its only power play with 2:58 left, scored into an empty net with 18 seconds to go. Tyler Leier scored his first NHL goal in the first period for the Flyers while Mason finished with 25 saves.

## MAPLE LEAFS 2, PENGUINS 1, OT

Jake Gardiner scored 2 minutes into overtime as Toronto beat Pittsburgh to end a three-game losing streak. Gardiner was set up by Mitch Marner, whose shot just shuffled past defenseman Derrick Pouliot in front. Nikita Zaitsev also scored for Toronto, which had dropped four straight at home. The young Maple Leafs outshot the defending Stanley Cup champions 49-34 and got 33 saves from Frederik Andersen. Evgeni Malkin scored for the Penguins, and Marc-Andre Fleury and Matt Murray combined to make 47 saves. Fleury was forced to leave briefly in the first period after being cut on his neck by a skate, requiring five stitches.

## CANADIENS 2, CAPITALS 1

Carey Price bounced back from getting pulled the night before, making 20 saves as Montreal snapped Washington's six-game winning streak. Price returned to his usual, elite form while Artturi Lehkonen and Jeff Petry scored for Montreal. The 2014-15 Vezina Trophy-winning goaltender beat last season's winner, Braden Holtby of the Capitals, who stopped 23 of the 25 shots he faced. A day after glaring at Michel Therrien after Montreal's coach yanked him for allowing four goals on 18 shots in a lackluster home loss to San Jose, Price made big stops on T.J. Oshie, Marcus Johansson and former teammate Lars Eller. Nicklas Backstrom scored a 5-on-3 power-play goal for the Capitals.

## RANGERS 2, PREDATORS 1, SO

Rookie Jimmy Vesey and Mats Zuccarello each scored in the shootout as New York beat Nashville and the NHL's best road team added yet another win to its record. Vesey came out first to heavy boos from Nashville fans upset he chose to go to free agency rather than sign with the franchise that drafted him in 2012 and he beat Juuse Saros. Then Zuccarello scored to end the game. Rick Nash scored in regulation as the Rangers improved to 11-5-0 away from New York in finishing off a two-game road swing with a second straight victory. Henrik Lundqvist made 31 saves, including stopping Ryan Johansen to start the shootout. Craig Smith's shot went wide for Nashville in the second frame. Mike Fisher scored for Nashville, which has lost two straight and four of the last five.

## BLACKHAWKS 6, BLUES 4

Vinnie Hinostroza scored a late tiebreaking goal and Patrick Kane broke out of a 10-game goal-scoring drought to help

Chicago beat St. Louis. Dennis Rasmussen, Brian Campbell, Niklas Hjalmarsson and Artemi Panarin also scored for the Blackhawks, who have won have four straight. Scott Darling made 23 saves to improve to 9-2-2. Patrik Berglund scored twice for the Blues while Alex Pietrangolo and Kyle Brodziak also scored once each. Hjalmarsson started the comeback by scoring in the first minute of third period to tie the score at 4-4. Hinostroza converted with 4:25 left for his first game-winning goal of the season. Panarin added an empty netter.

## RED WINGS 6, DUCKS 4

Tomas Tatar got his first career hat trick to help Detroit break out of a slump with a win over Anaheim. Tatar got his third goal early in the third period, putting the puck on both sides of his stick before flipping it over John Gibson. Rickard Rakell scored his second goal of the game less than two minutes later, pulling Anaheim within a goal. The Red Wings restored their two-goal lead midway through the third when Frans Nielsen scored off a rebound in front of the net. Petr Mrazek helped Detroit keep the lead, finishing with 21 saves. Anaheim's Jonathan Bernier stopped 17 shots through two periods before being replaced by Gibson.

## WILD 4, COYOTES 1

Darcy Kuemper stopped 27 shots in his first start in nearly three weeks as Minnesota beat Arizona for its seventh straight win. Ryan Suter and Troy Graovac both ended goal-scoring droughts of at least 13 games while Chris Stewart and Eric Stall also scored for the Wild. Minnesota has won seven in a row for the first time since March 2013. Brendan Perlini ended Kuemper's shutout bid with less than two minutes remaining and Mike Smith made 26 saves for the Coyotes, facing several close shots and at least a couple that hit off the posts.

## HURRICANES 2, SABRES 1, SO

Lee Stempniak and Sebastian Aho scored on Carolina's first two shootout attempts to lift the Hurricanes over Buffalo. Cam Ward made 23 saves and stopped two shots in the shootout for Carolina, while Joakim Nordstrom had a first-period goal for the Hurricanes. Evander Kane tied the game for Buffalo late in the third. Anders Nilsson stopped 21 shots for Buffalo.

## SENATORS 3, DEVILS 1

Derick Brassard scored the go-ahead goal early in the second period and Mike Condon stopped 29 shots as Ottawa beat New Jersey to snap a season-high three-game losing streak. Bobby Ryan scored in the first period and Zack Smith added an empty-netter for the Senators. John Moore scored and Keith Kinkaid finished with 28 saves for the Devils, who have lost five straight.

## OILERS 3, LIGHTNING 2, SO

Connor McDavid scored the decisive goal in the shootout as Edmonton beat Tampa Bay. Milan Lucic and Leon Draisaitl scored in regulation for the Oilers while Jonathan Drouin and Tyler Johnson had goals for the Lightning. Tampa Bay has lost two in a row and five of six. Cam Talbot made 31 saves for the Oilers and then turned away Brian Boyle in the third round of the shootout to end it. Tampa Bay's Ben Bishop stopped 30 shots. — AP

## NHL results/standings

Edmonton 3, Tampa Bay 2 (SO); Chicago 6, St. Louis 4; NY Rangers 2, Nashville 1 (SO); Toronto 2, Pittsburgh 1 (OT); Ottawa 3, New Jersey 1; Detroit 6, Anaheim 4; Montreal 2, Washington 1; Carolina 2, Buffalo 1 (SO); Dallas 3, Philadelphia 1; Minnesota 4, Arizona 1.

Eastern Conference						
Central Division						
	W	L	OTL	GF	GA	PTS
Chicago	21	8	4	94	79	46
Minnesota	18	8	4	89	60	40
St. Louis	17	11	4	91	93	38
Dallas	13	14	6	84	101	32
Nashville	13	12	5	87	88	31
Winnipeg	14	16	3	86	99	31
Colorado	11	17	1	64	93	23
Pacific Division						
San Jose	19	11	1	79	68	39
Anaheim	16	11	5	91	90	37
Edmonton	16	12	5	97	90	37
Los Angeles	16	12	2	79	77	34
Calgary	16	15	2	85	96	34
Vancouver	13	16	2	77	96	28
Arizona	11	15	5	70	97	27
Eastern Conference Atlantic Division						
Montreal	20	7	4	96	69	44

Ottawa	17	11	3	76	83	37
Boston	16	13	3	77	79	35
Tampa Bay	15	14	3	91	91	33
Florida	14	13	5	77	87	33
Detroit	14	14	4	78	89	32
Toronto	12	11	7	85	91	31
Buffalo	12	11	7	66	79	31
Metropolitan Division						
Pittsburgh	20	7	5	109	90	45
NY Rangers	22	10	1	110	73	45
Columbus	19	5	4	94	58	42
Washington	19	8	3	81	66	41
Philadelphia	19	11	3	106	100	41
Carolina	13	11	7	82	87	33
New Jersey	12	12	6	72	90	30
NY Islanders	11	13	6	79	93	28

Note: Overtime losses (OTL) are worth one point in the standings and are not included in the loss column (L)



**TORONTO:** James van Riemsdyk #25 of the Toronto Maple Leafs skates with the puck against the Pittsburgh Penguins during an NHL game at the Air Canada Centre yesterday in Toronto, Ontario, Canada. The Maple Leafs defeated the Penguins 2-1 in overtime. — AFP



**BRISBANE:** Pakistan's batsman Asad Shafiq (R) plays a shot as Australia's wicketkeeper Mathew Wade (L) looks on during the fourth day of the day-night cricket Test match between Australia and Pakistan in Brisbane yesterday. — AFP

# FIGHTING PAKISTAN RESIST AUSTRALIA'S VICTORY DRIVE

**BRISBANE:** Asad Shafiq scored a thrilling century as Pakistan put up a spirited resistance to Australia yesterday, frustrating the hosts' attempts to wrap up the first Test with a day to spare. Shafiq dashed for three runs off a cut shot in the final over of the fourth day to reach his 10th Test century off 140 balls in the day-night match at the Gabba.

The tourists, who have lost their last nine Tests in Australia, refused to buckle despite the loss of key batsmen Younis Khan, Azhar Ali and skipper Misbah-ul-Haq.

At the close on a storm-hit day, with Shafiq leading the way, Pakistan had just two wickets left and were 382 for eight—the highest fourth innings in a Test at the Gabba.

They trail the home side by 107 heading into today's final day. "Asad Shafiq was struggling and he came back with a bang," Azhar said. "We really enjoyed his innings and the way he batted, it was a really special knock, and also special how Mohammad Amir and Wahab Riaz batted as well. "It will help to grow more confidence, going through the series."

Steve Smith gave Shafiq a life on 72, dropping a clear two-handed chance at second slip off Mitchell Starc's bowling when three regulation overs were left in the day. Play was extended by an extra half-hour to try to secure a result but the tourists held firm.

Shafiq took the game to Australia and led the resistance with a belligerent knock including 10 fours and a six, spiced with some lively running between wickets.

Mohammad Amir, in the first year of his return to international cricket following a five-year ban for spot-fixing, hit his highest Test score in a stubborn 92-run seventh-wicket partnership with Shafiq.

Amir's previous best was 39 not out against England at The Oval in August, but he fell late in the session for 48 off 63 balls with five fours.

The Australian bowlers endured a long grind, with a three-hour final session ending only at 10:09 pm, after a fierce storm lashed the ground just before tea. The bowlers, who decimated Pakistan by taking seven wickets for 24 in the first innings, were frustrated by a lack of assistance from the pink ball under lights in the second. "It probably didn't go to plan. No doubt we wanted to finish off the game today. Hats off to Pakistan, they batted particularly well," said Australia bowling coach David Saker.

"We're still in a very good strong position. I'd prefer to be in our position than theirs. We've got to come back and get two quick wickets tomorrow."

Australia are defending an unbeaten run of 27 Tests at the Gabba. Their last defeat here was in 1988 to the West Indies.

The hosts went into the final night session needing five wickets for victory and removed the first-innings top-scorer Sarfraz Ahmed for 24. Starc scattered his stumps with an inswinger in the 88th over, his third wicket, and Jackson Bird had Amir caught behind in the 107th over. But number nine Wahab Riaz hit a blazing 30 off 56 balls with two fours and two sixes.

Younis Khan had earlier also kept the bowlers at bay but was out to a rash shot 30 minutes before the dinner break. The 112-Test campaigner fell to an ill-judged reverse sweep off spinner Nathan Lyon, the ball ballooning off the back of his bat for Smith to take an easy catch. Starc persisted with a short-pitched plan after a 90-minute storm delay at tea. It finally paid off when Azhar Ali tried to flick a rising ball down to fine leg, only to edge to Matthew Wade.

Azhar faced 179 balls for his 71 and put on 91 for the third wicket with Younis. Younis, out for a first-ball duck in the first innings, took 20 balls to get off the mark with a streaky shot through the slips cordon to the boundary. — AFP

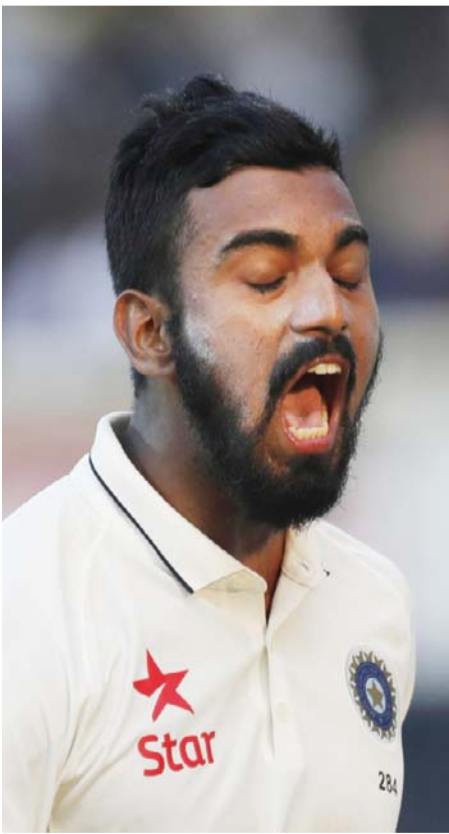
## SCOREBOARD

**BRISBANE, Australia:** Scoreboard at the close on the fourth day of the day-night first Test between Australia and Pakistan at the Gabba on yesterday.

<b>Australia first innings 429</b> (S. Smith 130, P. Handscomb 105; W. Riaz 4-89, M. Amir 4-97)	S. Ahmed b Starc	24
<b>Pakistan first innings 142</b> (S. Ahmed 59 not out, J. Hazlewood 3-22, J. Bird 3-23, M. Starc 3-63)	M. Amir c Wade b Bird	48
<b>Australia second innings 202</b> for 5 declared (U. Khawaja 74, S. Smith 63, Rahat Ali 2-40)	W. Riaz c Smith b Bird	30
<b>Pakistan second innings</b> (70 for 2 overnight)	Y. Shah not out	4
S. Aslam c Renshaw b Starc	Extras (lb4, w2)	6
A. Ali c Wade b Starc	Total (8 wickets, 123 overs)	382
B. Azam c Smith b Lyon	To bat: R. Ali	
Y. Khan c Smith b Lyon	Fall of wickets: 1-31 (Aslam), 2-54 (Azam), 3-145 (Azhar), 4-165 (Misbah), 5-173 (Younis), 6-220 (Ahmed), 7-312 (Amir), 8-378 (Wahab)	
M. ul-Haq c Wade b Bird	Bowling: Starc 30-8-97-3 (1w), Hazlewood 35-11-78-0, Bird 29-6-94-3 (1w), Lyon 26-3-100-2, Maddinson 3-0-9-0.	
A. Shafiq not out		100

# RAHUL OUT ON 199, INDIA REACHES 391-4 VS ENGLAND

**CHENNAI:** Lokesh Rahul was dismissed one run short of his double century yesterday as the series took a familiar turn with India comfortably reaching 391-4 at stumps on day three of the fifth test to trail England by 86 runs. Rahul hit a career-best 199 before lobbing a simple catch shortly before the close of play to Jos Buttler at point off Adil Rashid.



**CHENNAI:** India's Lokesh Rahul, gestures as he leaves ground after being dismissed by England's Adil Rashid for 199 runs. — AP

all, Rahul faced 311 balls, hitting 16 fours and three sixes. It was his fourth test century and would have been his maiden double ton.

Karun Nair was unbeaten on 71 in India's first innings, while Murali Vijay was 17 not out.

England was all out for 477 in its first innings. In the afternoon session, England had claimed the prize wicket of Virat Kohli for 15 but then stumbled against Rahul and Nair, who took their fourth-wicket partnership to 161 runs, adding another 116 runs in the final session. Both batsmen looked at ease, scoring just under four per over. England took the second new ball in the 85th over and almost immediately England captain Alastair Cook dropped Nair - on 34 not out - at slip off Jake Ball.

India crossed the 300-mark in the 86th over. Nair then reached his maiden test half-century off 98 balls. Rahul, meanwhile, went past his previous best of 158 against West Indies in Jamaica in August this year.

He went on to the highest test score for an Indian opener against England in India, when he overtook Budhi Kunderan's 192, also scored in Chennai in 1964.

Rahul became only the second Indian batsman after Mohammad Azharuddin to be dismissed on 199 runs, who recorded this unwanted feat against Sri Lanka at Kanpur in 1986. Injured opener Vijay then came out to bat, and survived a DRS appeal for lbw instantly. Nair too had survived a similar shout earlier on. They took India to stumps without further loss. India had reached 256-3 at tea after England dismissed Kohli, who was caught at extra cover off Stuart Broad.

After resuming overnight on 60-0, India went to lunch at 173-1 after Rahul and Parthiv Patel (71) shared an opening partnership of 152. It was the highest first-wicket stand for India at home against England. The previous best was 135 runs by Sunil Gavaskar and Farokh Engineer in Mumbai in 1973. India has a winning 3-0 lead in the five-test series. — AP

## SCOREBOARD

**CHENNAI, India:** Scoreboard at stumps on day three of the fifth test between India and England at the MA Chidambaram Stadium.

<b>England 1st Innings: 477</b>	Overs:	108.
<b>India 1st Innings (Overnight: 60-0)</b>	Still to bat: Ravichandran Ashwin, Ravindra Jadeja, Amit Mishra, Umesh Yadav, Ishant Sharma.	
Lokesh Rahul c Buttler b Rashid	199	
Parthiv Patel c Buttler b Ali	71	
Cheteshwar Pujara c Cook b Stokes	16	
Virat Kohli c Jennings b Broad	15	
Karun Nair not out	71	
Murali Vijay not out	17	
Extras: (2lb)	2	
TOTAL: (for 4 wickets)	391	Series: India leads 3-0.