

Hat trick puts Ovechkin 13 away from Gretzky’s record

WASHINGTON (AP) — Alex Ovechkin fired a perfect wrist shot past Calvin Pickard for his first goal of the game, scored from his office on the power play for his second and sailed a shot into an empty net from his own zone to complete the hat trick.

“I have pretty good chances to score more,” Ovechkin said, “but I’ll take three.”

Scoring three goals in the Washington Capitals’ 7-3 rout of the Edmonton Oilers on Sunday put Ovechkin 13 away from breaking Wayne Gretzky’s NHL career record of 894 that long seemed unapproachable. Even after missing 16 games earlier this season because of a broken leg, the 39-year-old is on pace to pass Gretzky this spring.

“He amazes me night in, night out,” Capitals goaltender Charlie Lindgren said. “He truly is the best.”

Linemate Dylan Strome, who has assisted on 16 of Ovechkin’s 29 goals this season, acknowledged “it’s going to be tough still” to set the record in March or April. Asked if scoring 13 in Washington’s final 25 games was doable, Ovechkin said he’s taking it “game by game.”

If there are more games like the one against the Oilers, it’s a matter of when, not if, Ovechkin reaches 895 and beyond.

“I’ve never seen a guy so hungry,” longtime teammate Tom Wilson said. “Some guys score and they (think), ‘OK, I had a good night.’ He comes back to the bench, he’s ask-



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Capitals left wing Alex Ovechkin skates among hats thrown onto the ice after he scored an empty-net goal for a hat trick during the third period of Sunday’s game against Edmonton.

ing if he can go out again like right away. It’s pretty fun, and it’s been an amazing journey watching him do what he can do.”

Watching from the other side, grizzled veteran Corey Perry lamented the Oilers letting Ovechkin get open enough to do damage.

“You give the best goal scorer in the world that kind of time, he’s going to put it in the back of the net,” Perry said.

After scoring 10 minutes apart in the second period, Ovechkin almost beat Pickard a third time in the third but was denied. He got eight shots

on Edmonton’s goaltender and had four more attempts.

It took an empty net for the hats to fly from the juiced-up crowd of 18,573 fans who chanted “Ovi! Ovi!” throughout. Ovechkin conceded he was a little surprised Oilers coach Kris Knoblauch pulled Pick-

► Knights

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As the final period got underway on Saturday, it looked like more of the same was in store as FHS’ 35-27 lead after three frames vanished in a hurry as Kaitlyn Crabb buried a three-pointer and Breanne Den- dis followed with an offensive re- bound and putback to trim the lead to 35-32.

Jadyn Blum ended the mini run with a driving layup with a free throw attached after getting fouled on the play to restore a six-point advantage for FHS. But, Conneaut would not be deterred as Crabb connected on a jumper and Court- ney Perrye added a layup and free

throw of her own to get within one, before Lainie Harrington drilled a three-pointer for the team’s first lead of the game at 40-38.

In the recent past, that shot would have spelled doom for the Knights, but Katie Boal answered with a driving layup to the hoop to knot the score. Dendis hit another jumper to put the Eagles back up again at 42-40, but it was their last lead of the game as the Knights took over down the stretch with several big plays

Hailey Hanna put the Knights in front for good as she worked her way inside to haul down an offensi- ve rebound and stuck it back up to knot the score at 42-all before she knocked down a three-pointer for a 45-42 edge. Boal followed with another driving layup for a five-point lead.

“If you looked at Hailey’s stats for the season, you’d see that proba- bly 75 percent of her made shots are three-pointers, so for her to go inside and get that offensive rebound and put it back up is huge, because that is not necessarily what she does all the time,” Justice said. “And then for her to drill that three-pointer, that’s just some of those little things that we’d been lacking against Conneaut.”

The Knights then turned it up on defense, allowing only one made field goal the rest of the way on a jumper from Lilly Detelich, while Mazy Shingledecker and Boal came up with several key defensive re- bounds. The game turned into a free-throw contest down the stretch with Boal making 2-of-2 and Shin- gledecker adding one while Perrye added two for the Eagles to set the

final score.

“It was always in the fourth quar- ter where we let Conneaut win those 50/50 balls, get those tough rebounds and do the little things necessary to win, so there was a little bit of a deja vu moment there,” Justice said about Conneaut taking the lead in the fourth quarter. “We were starting to fade a little and starting to scramble, but there are ebbs and flows in playoff games, and we did a good job of staying focused. There was an expectation that we would fold, and we just didn’t do that today. We stay focused, we stayed mentally tough, we battled back, stuck to the game plan and did what we needed to do to get it done.”

Franklin jumped out to a 13-4 lead after one quarter with Boal doing most of the damage with

ard for an extra attacker while trail- ing by three, but it turned out to be good for the Capitals when Ovech- kin scored from 139 feet out.

“They got an elite team with elite offensive players and 17,000 people in the stands were hoping they pull the goalie,” Strome said. “We’ll take it. Obviously he’ll take it, and it was a lucky, fortunate bounce. But I guess when you have 882 goals, you get those bounces.”

Ovechkin tied Jaromir Jagr’s re- cord with 135 game-winning goals, and the 32nd hat trick of his 20-year NHL career moved him into a tie for fifth on that list with Hall of Famer Phil Esposito. His next will be No. 30, reaching that mark for an 18th season.

“You cannot write a story and a book of what he’s doing right now at 39,” Capitals coach Spencer Car- bery said. “The goals he’s scoring, he could’ve had six.”

Lindgren counts himself fortu- nate not to have to face Ovechkin, and playing with him the past two- plus seasons has kept him from be- ing one of the 181 goaltenders the Russian superstar has scored on. He felt for Pickard getting beaten on shots that are incredibly difficult to stop and from the other end of the rink has an appreciation for Ovech- kin lighting up the league and chas- ing history.

“It’s just insane, honestly,” Lind- gren said. “He just scores in so many different ways. Best hockey player in the world.”

10 points. The Eagles cut the lead down to 18-15 by halftime with an 11-5 edge in the second period as the Knights turned the ball over eight times.

However, the Knights regained their footing in the third, building their lead up to as much as 10 points twice, with Boal netting 12 more points and Blum five, before a jump- er from Perrye cut the lead down to eight, setting up the dramatic fourth quarter.

Boal put together another mon- ster game with 30 points, 11 re- bounds and eight blocks. Hanna and Blum followed with eight points apiece while Sydney Stevens buried a three-pointer and Shingledeck- er came up with five big rebounds while filling in for Halle Curry, who left with an injury.

THE DAILY SCOREBOARD

NHL GLANCE

Saturday's Games

Minnesota 4, Detroit 3, OT
Philadelphia 6, Edmonton 3
Washington 8, Pittsburgh 3
Buffalo 8, N.Y. Rangers 2
Nashville 2, Colorado 1
Seattle 2, Florida 1
Dallas 4, New Jersey 2
Columbus 5, Chicago 1
Anaheim 3, Boston 2, OT
Winnipeg 4, St. Louis 3, SO
Toronto 6, Carolina 3
Montreal 5, Ottawa 2
Los Angeles 5, Utah 3
Vegas 3, Vancouver 1

Sunday's Games

Washington 7, Edmonton 3
N.Y. Rangers 5, Pittsburgh 3
St. Louis 3, Colorado 1
Tampa Bay 4, Seattle 1
New Jersey 5, Nashville 0
Detroit 5, Anaheim 4, OT
Toronto at Chicago, late
Dallas at N.Y. Islanders, late
San Jose at Calgary, late
Vancouver at Utah, late

Monday's Games

San Jose at Winnipeg, 7:30 p.m.
Vegas at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.

Tuesday's Games

Anaheim at Buffalo, 7 p.m.
Calgary at Washington, 7 p.m.
Carolina at Montreal, 7 p.m.
Dallas at Columbus, 7 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Toronto at Boston, 7 p.m.
Edmonton at Tampa Bay, 7:30 p.m.
N.Y. Rangers at N.Y. Islanders, 7:30 p.m.
Detroit at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Florida at Nashville, 8 p.m.
Seattle at St. Louis, 8 p.m.
Chicago at Utah, 9 p.m.

Wednesday's Games

Winnipeg at Ottawa, 7:30 p.m.
New Jersey at Colorado, 9:30 p.m.
Vancouver at Los Angeles, 10 p.m.

PENGUINS SUMMARIES

Sunday's Game

N.Y. Rangers	1	1	3	—	5
Pittsburgh	1	0	2	—	3
First Period—1, Pittsburgh, Malkin 10 (Glass, Hein- en), 12:53. 2, N.Y. Rangers, Cuyile 15 (K.Miller, Smith), 19:12 (pp). Penalties—Rempe, NYR (Interference), 14:24; Letang, PIT (Tripping), 17:41.					
Second Period—3, N.Y. Rangers, J.Miller 12 (Panarin, Fox), 17:00. Penalties—Vaakanainen, NYR (Holding), 4:45; Cuyile, NYR (Interference), 12:26.					
Third Period—4, Pittsburgh, Shea 1 (Malkin, Karlsson), 0:57. 5, Pittsburgh, Shea 2 (Hayes, Crosby), 3:31. 6, N.Y. Rangers, Vesey 4 (Lindgren, Trocheck), 4:21. 7, N.Y. Rangers, Fox 5 (Zibanejad, Smith), 11:26. 8, N.Y. Rangers, J.Miller 13 (Vesey), 19:53 (en). Penalties—None.					
Shots on Goal—N.Y. Rangers 5-4-7—16. Pittsburgh 12-18-6—36.					
Power-play opportunities—N.Y. Rangers 1 of 1; Pittsburgh 0 of 3.					
Goalies—N.Y. Rangers, Shesterkin 19-20-2 (36 shots-33 saves). Pittsburgh, Blomqvist 3-9-0 (15-11). A—17,186 (18,387). T—2:23.					
Referees—Dan O'Rourke, Graham Skilliter. Linesmen—Travis Gawryletz, CJ Murray.					

Saturday's Game

Washington 8, Pittsburgh 3					
Washington	1	5	2	—	8
Pittsburgh	1	1	1	—	3
First Period—1, Washington, Frank 4 (Mangiapan- e, Sandin), 5:13. 2, Pittsburgh, Letang 8 (Malkin, Toma- sino), 18:21 (pp). Penalties—Desharnais, PIT (Rough- ing), 6:50; Dubois, WSH (Roughing), 6:50; Eller, WSH (Hooking), 14:36; Chychrun, WSH (Holding), 17:04.					
Second Period—3, Washington, Fehervary 2 (Rad- dysh, Duhaime), 1:10. 4, Pittsburgh, Crosby 18 (Ra- kell, Karlsson), 6:36. 5, Washington, Chychrun 15 (Dubois, McMichael), 10:38. 6, Washington, Chychrun 16 (Dubois, van Riemsdyk), 14:17. 7, Washing- ton, Protas 23 (Carlson, Sandin), 14:25. 8, Washington, Wilson 25 (Roy, Fehervary), 18:05. Penalties—None.					
Third Period—9, Washington, Strome 17 (Dubois, Raddysh), 13:11 (pp). 10, Pittsburgh, Heinen 7 (To- masino, Hayes), 14:22. 11, Washington, Duhaime 7 (Roy), 17:19. Penalties—Desharnais, PIT (Holding), 2:26; Letang, PIT (High Sticking), 2:59; Malkin, PIT (Holding), 12:16.					
Shots on Goal—Washington 5-13-13—31. Pittsburgh 9-11-13—33.					
Power-play opportunities—Washington 1 of 4; Pitts- burgh 1 of 2.					
Goalies—Washington, Thompson 25-2-5 (33 shots-30 saves). Pittsburgh, Blomqvist 3-8-0 (17-14). A—18,207 (18,387). T—2:30.					
Referees—Eric Furlatt, Dan O'Rourke. Linesmen—Travis Gawryletz, CJ Murray.					

PRO GOLF PAR SCORES

Mexico Open at VidantaWorld Par Scores

Sunday

At The Norman Course at Vidanta Vallarta

Vallarta, Mexico

Purse: \$7 million

Yardage: 7,436 Par: 71

Final Round

(x-won on second playoff hole)

x-Brian Campbell, \$1,260,000	65-65-64-70—264-20
Aldrich Potgieter, \$763,000	65-61-67-71—264-20
Isiah Salinda, \$483,000	65-67-68-65—265-19
Ben Griffin, \$315,000	67-65-67-67—266-18
Aaron Rai, \$315,000	67-64-68-67—266-18
Joel Dahmen, \$245,000	68-69-65-65—267-17
Stephan Jaeger, \$245,000	66-64-66-71—267-17
Nicolai Hojgaard, \$218,750	69-66-66-67—268-16
Akshay Bhatia, \$204,750	66-66-70-67—269-15
Ryo Hisatsune, \$176,750	66-68-68-68—270-14
Alex Smallley, \$176,750	69-65-64-72—270-14
Alejandro Tosti, \$176,750	65-69-66-70—270-14
Michael Kim, \$137,083	68-68-67-68—271-13
Henrik Norlander, \$137,083	67-71-67-66—271-13
Danny Walker, \$137,083	68-71-67-65—271-13
Justin Hastings, \$0	69-67-65-70—271-13
Steven Fisk, \$99,750	69-64-69-70—272-12
Ryan Gerard, \$99,750	66-67-71-68—272-12
Joe Highsmith, \$99,750	68-68-68-68—272-12
Chan Kim, \$99,750	68-71-67-66—272-12
John Pak, \$99,750	68-67-68-69—272-12
Kevin Roy, \$99,750	68-66-68-70—272-12
Greyson Sigg, \$99,750	70-65-69-68—272-12
Jose Luis Ballester, \$0	69-69-69-65—272-12
Lanto Griffin, \$59,350	70-65-72-66—273-11
Dave Knapp, \$59,350	67-72-68-66—273-11
Ben Kohles, \$59,350	70-68-70-65—273-11
Max McGreevy, \$59,350	74-65-68-66—273-11
Jeremy Paul, \$59,360	64-70-71-68—273-11
Patrick Rodgers, \$59,350	67-68-66-72—273-11
Kris Ventura, \$59,350	64-71-71-67—273-11
Quade Cummins, \$46,900	69-68-68-69—274-10
Takumi Kanaya, \$46,900	66-69-72-67—274-10
Aaron Baddeley, \$35,159	67-69-68-71—275-9
Jacob Bridgeman, \$35,159	71-68-68-68—275-9
Rafael Campos, \$35,159	69-67-71-68—275-9
Harry Hall, \$35,159	64-72-67-72—275-9
Rasmus Hojgaard, \$35,159	69-67-70-69—275-9
Niklas Moller, \$35,159	70-67-70-68—275-9
Chandler Phillips, \$35,159	68-71-67-69—275-9
Chad Ramey, \$35,159	66-69-68-72—275-9
Sami Valimäki, \$35,159	67-71-70-67—275-9
Blades Brown, \$35,159	68-69-67-71—275-9

MLB SPRING TRAINING GLANCE

Saturday's Games

Minnesota 3, Atlanta 1
Boston 6, Tampa Bay 4
Washington 6, Houston (ss) 3
Pittsburgh 10, Baltimore 5
Detroit 7, Phila. 6
Toronto 6, N.Y. Yankees 4
N.Y. Mets 6, Houston (ss) 2
Miami 7, St. Louis 6
San Francisco 6, Texas 1
Chicago Cubs 7, Chicago White Sox 3
Cincinnati (ss) 6, Cleveland 3
Kansas City 11, L.A. Dodgers 10
San Diego 10, Athletics 3
L.A. Angels 11, Seattle 10
Colorado 9, Arizona 3
Milwaukee 6, Cincinnati (ss) 7

Sunday's Games

Pittsburgh 5, Minnesota 1
Tampa Bay 4, Atlanta 2
Detroit 4, N.Y. Yankees 0
Baltimore 7, Phila. 3
Houston 11, St. Louis 6
Toronto 8, Boston 7
Washington 11, N.Y. Mets (ss) 6
Miami 1, N.Y. Mets (ss) 1
Athletics 4, Colorado (ss) 0
Kansas City 4, Chicago White Sox 3
Chicago Cubs 6, Texas 5
Cleveland 14, L.A. Angels 2
San Francisco 5, Cincinnati 2
L.A. Dodgers 8, San Diego 3
Seattle 11, Arizona 5
Colorado (ss) 6, Milwaukee 1

Monday's Games

Baltimore vs Atlanta at Sarasota, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
Boston vs N.Y. Yankees at Fort Myers, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
Detroit vs Toronto at Lakeland, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
Houston vs Miami at West Palm Beach, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay vs Minnesota at Port Charlotte, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
Phila. vs Pittsburgh at Clearwater, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
St. Louis vs N.Y. Mets at Jupiter, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox vs Texas at Phoenix, 3:05 p.m.
Kansas City vs Athletics at Surprise, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
Cincinnati vs L.A. Dodgers at Goodyear, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
San Francisco (ss) vs Colorado at Scottsdale, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
Arizona vs Cleveland at Scottsdale, Ariz., 3:10 p.m.
L.A. Angels vs San Francisco (ss) at Tempe, Ariz., 3:10 p.m.
Milwaukee vs Seattle at Phoenix, 3:10 p.m.
San Diego vs Chicago Cubs at Peoria, Ariz., 3:10 p.m.

PIRATES BOXSCORES

Sunday's Game

Pittsburgh 5, Minnesota 1

Minnesota	ab	r	h	bi	ab	r	h	bi
Julien 2b	3	0	1	0	Frazier 2b	2	0	0
Prato 2b	0	0	0	0	OT.Johnson 2b	2	0	1
Lee ss	3	0	0	0	OReynolds rf	2	0	0
Fitzgerald ss 1	0	0	0	0	OB.Johnson rf	2	0	2
Jeffers c	2	0	0	0	OHayes 3b	2	0	1
Cartaya c	2	0	0	0	OBranigan 3b	2	0	0
Miranda 1b	2	0	1	0	OSuwinski lf	1	0	0
Sabato 1b	2	0	0	0	OGorski lf	2	0	0
Martin cf	2	1	1	0	OTriolo lf	2	0	0
Cerda ph	1	0	0	0	ONunez lf	2	1	1
Ford dh	2	0	0	0	OKiner-Falefa ss	2	0	0
Keaschall ph-dh	0	0	0	0	OCheng ss	1	1	0
Morales lf	2	0	0	0	OD.Stewart dh	2	0	0
Rosario lf	1	0	0	0	OAfonzo ph-dh	2	0	0
Keirsey rf	1	0	1	0	IBae cf	2	1	1
McCusker rf	0	0	0	0	OGiffin cf	1	1	1
Alvarez 3b	2	0	0	0	ODelacy c	2	0	1
Céspedes 3b	1	0	0	0	OGutierrez c	1	1	1
Totals	27	1	4	1	Totals	32	5	9
Minnesota	000	010	000	—	1			
Pittsburgh	000	010	40x	—	5			
E—Gutierrez (1), DP—Minnesota 0, Pittsburgh 2.								
L.OB—Minnesota 4, Pittsburgh 5. 2B—Bae (1). SB—								
Keaschall (1).								
IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO			
Festa	2	1	0	0	0			
Funderburk	1	0	0	0	0			
Castellano	1	0	0	0	3			
McCaughan BS,0-1	2	3	1	1	0			
Adams L,0-1	1	5	4	4	1			
Pasqualotto	1	0	0	0	1			
Pittsburgh								
Keller	2	3	0	0	0			
Ferguson	2	0	0	0	1			
Chandler	1	1	1	1	1			
Santana	1	0	0	0	0			
Mayza W,1-0	1	0	0	0	0			
Borucki	1	0	0	0	3			
Strzelecki	1	0	0	0	1			
WP—Chandler.								
Umpires—Home, Ben May; First, Jeremie Rehak;								
Second, Junior Valentine; Third, Charlie Ramos.								
T—2:14. A—5,433 (8,500).								

Saturday's Game

Pittsburgh 10, Baltimore 5

Pittsburgh	ab	r	h	bi	ab	r	h	bi
Gonzales 2b	2	0	0	0	Henderson ss	2	0	0
Solak rf	3	0	2	1	Vázquez ss	3	0	0
Palacios lf	3	0	0	0	Mullins cf	1	0	0
B.Johnson lf	1	0	0	0	Bradfield pr-cf	3	0	0
Davis c	2	1	1	0	Westburg 3b	2	0	1
Nunez lf	2	0	0	0	Moe 3b	3	0	0
York dh	1	1	0	0	O'Hearn dh	2	0	0
T.Johnson ph-dh	2	0	0	0	Faubian ph-dh	1	1	0
Stewart rf	3	1	2	3	Montcastle lf	1	1	1
Cheng 2b	2	1	1	0	E.Rivera pr-lb	2	2	2
Hall 1b	2	0	0	0	Sánchez c	1	0	1
Rodriguez ph-c	1	3	1	0	Handley pr-c	1	0	0
Cook cf	2	0	0	0	Ardoen c	0	0	0
Williams ph-ss	3	1	2	0	Holliday 2b	2	1	0
Peguero ss	2	0	0	0	Macbin 2b	2	0	0
Gorski ph-cf	3	2	2	6	Laureano rf	2	0	1
Valdez 3b	2	0	1	0	Beavers pr-rf	2	0	1
Brannigan ph-3b	3	0	0	0	Carlson lf	1	0	1
Totals	39	10	12	10	Totals	33	5	7
Pittsburgh	201	002	014	—	10			
Baltimore	020	100	020	—	5			
E—Peguero (1), LOB—Pittsburgh 9, Baltimore 7.								
2B—Davis (1), Stewart (1), Rodriguez (1), Solak (1).								
Cheng (1), HR—Stewart (1), Gorski 2 (2), E.Rivera (1).								
SB—Solak (1), SF—Carlson (1).								
IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO			
Mlodzinski	2	4	2	2	0			
Burrows H,1	1	0	0	0	1			
Nicolas BS,0-1	1	0	0	0	2			
Rainey W,1-0	1	0	0	0	1			
Fulmer H,1	1	0	0	0	0			
Shugart H,1	1	2	0	0	0			
Woods H,1	1	1	2	2	2			
Ramos	1	0	0	0	0			

Pittsburgh					
Mlodzinski	2	4	2	2	0
Burrows H,1	1	0	0	0	1
Nicolas BS,0-1	1	0	0	0	2
Rainey W,1-0	1	0	0	0	1
Fulmer H,1	1	0	0	0	0
Shugart H,1	1	2	0	0	0
Woods H,1	1	1	2	2	2
Ramos	1	0	0	0	0
Baltimore					
Suárez	1 2/3	3	2	2	0
Y.Rivera	1/3	0	0	0	0
Akin	1	1	1	0	0
Baker	1	0	0	0	0
Strowd	1	0	0	0	2
Martin L,0-1	1	3	2	2	0
Armbruster	1	0	0	0	1
Van Loon	2/3	2	1	1	2
Ogando	1/3	0	0	0	1
Heid	1	3	4	4	1
WP—Mlodzinski, Suárez.					
Umpires—Home, Junior Valentine; First, Chad Fair-					
child; Second, Will Little; Third, Jansen Visconti.					
T—2:50. A—7,628 (8,500).					

D-10 BASKETBALL PLAYOFFS

DISTRICT 10 BASKETBALL PLAYOFFS

BOYS

CLASS 2A

First round

Tuesday, Feb. 18
at Sharon H.S.

Sharpville 56, Union City 42
at Mercyhurst University
72, Wilmington 36

Greenville 56, Cambridge Springs 49
at Meadville H.S.
Cochran 69, Maplewood 39

Quarterfinals
Friday, Feb. 21
at Meadville H.S.

Rocky Grove 60, Sharpsville 39
Lakeview 66, Cochranton 48
at Hagerty Center

Eisenhower 61, Sagertown 47
Mercyhurst Prep 75, Greenville 31