

Novak scores in OT to lift Penguins past Bruins, 5-4

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Tommy Novak scored 17 seconds into overtime to complete a wild comeback in the Pittsburgh Penguins' 5-4 victory over the Boston Bruins on Sunday.

Anthony Mantha scored two third-period goals to help Pittsburgh — playing without franchise cornerstones Sidney Crosby and Evgeni Malkin — snap a three-game losing streak. Second in the Metropolitan Division, Pittsburgh has points in 16 of its last 19 games.

Crosby is out a minimum of four weeks because of a lower-body injury and Malkin served the second of a five-game suspension for slashing Buffalo's Rasmus Dahlin in the head.

Egor Chinakhov added a power-play goal, Connor Dewar also scored and Arturs Silovs stopped 22 shots. Chinakhov has 14 goals this season and 11 goals in 25 games with Pittsburgh.

Pavel Zacha had his second career hat trick, and David Pastrnak also scored for Boston. The Bruins have lost five of their last eight. They have a three-point lead for the final wild-card spot in the East.

Joonas Korpisalo made 34 saves for the Bruins.

Pittsburgh had its second three-goal comeback this season. The last time the Penguins had a three-goal comeback without Crosby and Malkin was February 10, 2001, against New Jersey.



Pittsburgh's Tommy Novak (18) is surrounded by teammates after scoring the game-winning overtime goal against Boston on Sunday at PPG Paints Arena.

Mantha became the first Pittsburgh player to score multiple game-tying goals in a third period since Alex Kovalev on March 23, 2002, against Philadelphia.

Pittsburgh trailed 3-1 in the third

period, but Dewar and Mantha scored 33 seconds apart to tie it.

Zacha completed his hat trick at 8:34 of the third period, but Mantha tied it again for Pittsburgh with 8:42 to go when he tapped in a rebound

from the left post.

Flyers 4, Penguins 3

PITTSBURGH — Trevor Zegras scored the only goal of the shootout to help the Philadelphia Flyers de-

feat the Pittsburgh Penguins 4-3 on Saturday night.

Owen Tippett, Alex Bump and Denver Barkey scored for the Flyers, and Dan Vladar stopped 20 shots.

Tommy Novak, Rickard Rakell and Erik Karlsson scored for the Penguins, and Stuart Skinner stopped 12 shots a day after Pittsburgh's Evgeni Malkin was suspended for five games. The Penguins were also without captain Sidney Crosby, who is out for a minimum of four weeks because of a lower-body injury.

Tippett scored his 20th goal of the season less than a minute after Novak opened the scoring for the Penguins. It marked Tippett's fourth consecutive season with at least 20 goals.

Bump scored in his NHL debut to tie the game at 2. With his family in the stands, he scored short side after a no-look pass from Nikita Grebenkin just over a minute after Rakell put the Penguins ahead 2-1 early in the second period.

Karlsson scored a minute later, and Barkley scored midway through the second to even the score at 3.

Vladar got called for interference 2:51 into overtime, and the Flyers killed off the late penalty.

Up next

Bruins: Host Los Angeles on Tuesday night.

Penguins: Begin a five-game trip at Carolina on Tuesday night.

Blaney ends Reddick's streak with victory at Phoenix

AVONDALE, Ariz. (AP) — Ryan Blaney completed a Team Penske sweep at Phoenix Raceway by winning the Cup Series race Sunday — a victory that denied Tyler Reddick a fourth consecutive win to start the NASCAR season.

Blaney was the race favorite after winning last November in the season-finale on the mile oval but he had to overcome at least three tire problems that cost him track position. He chased down Ty Gibbs — the 49th car he passed Sunday — to take the lead with 10 laps remaining and seal his 18th career victory.

"Just perseverance," Blaney said. "We had a couple mistakes that we learned from, got better, had to come from the back a couple times. It's cool to win, especially after a day like that. Can't say enough about the (team) for keeping their head down and doing what they do."

As he celebrated on the frontstretch, his parked Ford began to roll away and Blaney had to chase after it to ensure it was in park.

The victory came during a weekend celebration of Team Penske's 60th season of competition and during a "desert doubleheader" that

bundled IndyCar and NASCAR together at Phoenix. David Malukas won the IndyCar pole for Roger Penske and then Josef Newgarden won Saturday's race; Joey Logano won the pole for the Cup race and then Blaney completed the sweep.

"Really proud of everybody at Team Penske," Blaney said. "We swept the weekend, Newgarden winning yesterday, us winning today. Can't wait to see Roger."

The win was the first this season for Ford after Reddick — in a Michael Jordan-owned Toyota for 23XI Racing — set a NASCAR record by winning the first three races of the season.

Christopher Bell finished second in a Toyota for Joe Gibbs Racing, reigning Cup champion Kyle Larson was third in a Chevrolet for Hendrick Motorsports and Gibbs dropped to fourth.

Denny Hamlin, who lost the championship last November at this track, was fifth as JGR drivers took three of the top five positions. Bell dominated the race the same way Hamlin did in November and, just like Hamlin, lost because of the wrong pit strategy.

Hamlin in November took four tires on the final stop and was beat for the championship by Larson, who took two tires. On Sunday, Blaney took two tires while Bell and Hamlin each took four.

"You win some, you lose some," said Bell, who led 176 of the 312 laps. "This one stings, but on the positive side, I'm really proud of our entire team. It's something to build on. It was a day that we needed."

Bubba Wallace was sixth for 23XI, William Byron was seventh for Hendrick, and Reddick was eighth. Toyota drivers took six of the top 10 spots.

"It would have been nice to make it four," Reddick said. "Scored the fourth-most amount of points on the day... solid day. If we're not going to win, these are the kind of days we need to have."

The race was slowed by a record-tying 12 cautions, most caused by a rash of tire failures.

Gibbs responds

Ty Gibbs has chosen not to comment on the federal lawsuit his grandfather's race team filed against its former competition director, even

after court declarations from Chris Gabehart claimed he left Joe Gibbs Racing in part because of the young driver.

Ty Gibbs said ahead of the race Sunday he'd let his performance on track speak for him and then delivered with his second consecutive fourth-place finish.

"Very happy with my team. All the guys, I'm with the right guys. That makes a difference," Gibbs said. "So we're running good because of that. It shows."

Ty Gibbs is in his fourth full Cup season driving for his grandfather. Ty Gibbs was successful in NASCAR's second-level series, where he won 12 races and the 2022 championship by winning the finale at Phoenix. His father, Coy, was found dead in his Phoenix hotel room the morning after the championship.

Ty Gibbs moved to the Cup Series in 2023 and is winless in 127 starts. The 23-year-old finished a career-best 15th in the 2024 Cup standings.

Alfredo out early

Contact between Joey Logano

THE DAILY SCOREBOARD

NHL STANDINGS

EASTERN CONFERENCE										
Team	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA			
Atlantic	64	39	19	6	84	225	193			
Buffalo	62	39	19	4	82	223	172			
Tampa Bay	62	34	18	10	78	222	200			
Montreal	63	35	21	7	77	186	190			
Detroit	63	35	22	6	76	212	200			
Boston	62	31	22	9	71	212	198			
Ottawa	63	31	29	3	65	191	210			
Florida	62	27	26	9	60	202	226			
Toronto	64	27	26	11	65	202	226			

WESTERN CONFERENCE										
Team	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA			
Central	62	43	10	9	95	238	155			
Colorado	63	39	14	10	88	220	173			
Dallas	64	37	16	11	85	215	185			
Minnesota	63	34	25	4	72	201	173			
Nashville	63	28	27	8	64	187	216			
Winnipeg	62	26	26	10	62	178	189			
St. Louis	62	24	29	9	57	162	212			
Chicago	63	23	29	11	57	169	205			

SATURDAY'S GAMES										
Team	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA			
Atlanta	63	29	24	3	73	211	217			
Vegas	62	35	20	14	72	207	201			
Edmonton	63	30	25	8	68	223	216			
Seattle	62	29	24	9	67	177	186			
San Jose	61	30	25	6	66	189	212			
Los Angeles	62	25	23	14	64	163	186			
Calgary	62	25	30	7	57	155	189			
Vancouver	63	19	36	8	46	165	236			

SUNDAY'S GAMES										
Team	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA			
Arizona	63	30	24	9	69	200	192			
San Jose	62	24	29	9	57	162	212			
Chicago	63	23	29	11	57	169	205			
Pacific	62	24	29	9	57	162	212			
Anaheim	63	25	24	3	73	211	217			
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PGA TOUR PAR SCORES

Arnold Palmer Invitational presented by Mastercard Par Scores

At Bay Hill Club Orlando, Fla.

Purse: \$20 million

Yardage: 7,466; Par: 72

Final Round

(x-won on final playoff hole)

Player	Score	Par
x-Akshay Bhatia, \$4,000,000	70-66-68-69	-273-15
Daniel Berger, \$2,200,000	63-68-72-70	-273-15
Ludvig Aberg, \$1,200,000	66-71-72-67	-276-12
Cameron Young, \$1,200,000	67-73-67-69	-276-12
Collin Morikawa, \$840,000	66-71-70-70	-277-11
Russell Henley, \$702,000	70-69-71-68	-278-10
Min Woo Lee, \$702,000	69-71-68-70	-278-10
Sahithi Theegala, \$702,000	70-67-75-66	-278-10
Rickie Fowler, \$578,000	69-69-72-70	-280-8
Harry Hall, \$578,000	73-69-68-70	-280-8
Adam Scott, \$493,000	68-73-71-70	-282-6
Jordan Spieth, \$493,000	72-71-68-71	-282-6
Billy Horschel, \$373,200	69-74-72-68	-283-5
Viktor Hovland, \$373,200	72-72-67-72	-283-5
Woo Kim, \$373,200	71-71-71-70	-283-5
Maverick McNealy, \$373,200	70-74-69-70	-283-5
Sepp Straka, \$373,200	72-69-66-76	-283-5

PENGUINS SUMMARIES

Pittsburgh 5, Boston 4

Team	1	2	1	0	4
Boston	1	2	1	0	4
Pittsburgh	0	1	3	1	5

First Period—1, Boston, Zach 17 (McAvoy, Geekie); 9:27 (pp). Penalties—Chinakhov, PIT (Tripping), 7:38.

Second Period—2, Boston, Zacha 18 (Arvidsson, Aspirot), 8:47; 3, Boston, Pastrnak 23; 12:23; 4, Pittsburgh, Chinakhov 14 (Karlsson, Rakell), 14:44 (pp). Penalties—Eysymont, BOS (Roughing), 6:10; Letang, PIT (Roughing), 6:10; Aspirot, BOS (Tripping), 13:44; H.Lindholm, BOS (Slashing), 14:06; Solovoyov, PIT (Tripping), 19:56.

Third Period—5, Pittsburgh, Dewar 14 (Shea), 6:02; 6, Pittsburgh, Mantha 22 (Novak, Solovoyov), 6:35; 7, Boston, Zacha 19 (Arvidsson, Aspirot), 8:34; 8, Pittsburgh, Mantha 23 (Karlsson, Wotshoop), 11:18. Penalties—Wotshoop, PIT (High Sticking), 13:28.

Overtime—9, Pittsburgh, Novak 14, 0:17. Penalties—None.

Shots on Goal—Boston 9-8-9-0—26. Pittsburgh 9-15-14-1—39.

Power-play opportunities—Boston 1 of 3; Pittsburgh 1 of 2.

Goalsies—Boston, Korpisalo 11-9-3 (39 shots-34 saves). Pittsburgh, Silovs 14-8-8 (26-22). A—18,029 (18,387), T—2:39.

Referees—Peter MacDougall, Francois St. Laurent. Linesmen—Tyson Baker, Kilian McNamara.

Philadelphia 4, Pittsburgh 3

Team	1	2	0	1	4
Philadelphia	1	2	0	1	4
Pittsburgh	1	2	0	0	3

Philadelphia won shootout 1-0

First Period—1, Pittsburgh, Novak 13 (Brazear, Koivunen), 3:50 (pp). 2, Philadelphia, Tippett 20 (Zegras, York), 5:54. Penalties—Ristolainen, PHI (Holding), 1:31; Glendening, PHI (High Sticking), 9:12; Brazear, PIT (Tripping), 13:44; Philadelphia bench, served by Michkov (Roughing), 18:40; Drysdale, PHI (Fighting), 18:40; A.Hayes, PIT (Fighting), 18:40.

Second Period—3, Pittsburgh, Rakell 12 (Chinakhov, Rust), 3:38; 4, Philadelphia, Bump 1 (Grebekin), 4:46; 5, Pittsburgh, Karlsson 6 (Chinakhov, Rakell), 5:45; 6, Philadelphia, Barkey 3 (Michkov, Cates), 10:03. Penalties—Letang, PIT (Slashing), 13:02.

Third Period—None. Penalties—Dvorak, PHI (Slashing), 3:54; Grundstrom, PHI (High Sticking), 13:19.

Overtime—None. Penalties—Philadelphia bench, served by Zegras (Interference), 2:51.

Shootout—Philadelphia 1 (Michkov NG, Zegras G), Pittsburgh 0 (Mantha NG, Rakell NG, Chinakhov NG).

Shots on Goal—Philadelphia 2-8-4-1—15. Pittsburgh 8-7-4-4—23.

Power-play opportunities—Philadelphia 1 of 2; Pittsburgh 1 of 6.

Goalsies—Philadelphia, Vladar 20-10-6 (23 shots-20 saves). Pittsburgh, Skinner 19-13-7 (15-12). A—18,342 (18,387), T—2:52.

NASCAR CUP SERIES

Straight Talk Wireless 500 Results

Sunday

At Phoenix Raceway Avondale, Ariz.

Lap length: 1.00 miles

(Start position in parentheses)

- (5) Ryan Blaney, Ford, 312 laps, 65 points.
- (12) Christopher Bell, Toyota, 312, 54.
- (2) Kyle Larson, Chevrolet, 312, 36.
- (14) Ty Gibbs, Toyota, 312, 36.
- (11) Denny Hamlin, Toyota, 312, 47.
- (28) Bubba Wallace, Toyota, 312, 37.
- (9) William Byron, Chevrolet, 312, 32.
- (8) Tyler Reddick, Toyota, 312, 39.
- (16) Michael McDowell, Chevrolet, 312, 28.
- (32) Erik Jones, Toyota, 312, 27.
- (18) Shane Van Gisbergen, Chevrolet, 312, 26.
- (30) Todd Gilliland, Ford, 312, 26.
- (13) Ryan Preece, Ford, 312, 24.
- (17) Chris Buescher, Ford, 312, 30.
- (37) Brad Keselowski, Ford, 312, 22.
- (25) Austin Dillon, Chevrolet, 312, 21.
- (29) Kyle Busch, Chevrolet, 312, 20.
- (22) Riley Herbst, Toyota, 312, 19.
- (23) AJ Allmendinger, Chevrolet, 312, 18.
- (7) Carson Hocevar, Chevrolet, 312, 21.
- (27) Austin Hill, Chevrolet, 312, 0.
- (21) Ricky Stenhouse Jr., Chevrolet, 312, 15.
- (26) Chase Elliott, Chevrolet, 312, 14.
- (34) Cody Ware, Chevrolet, 312, 13.
- (15) John H. Nemechek, Toyota, 312, 12.
- (33) Ty Dillon, Chevrolet, 311, 11.
- (27) Zane Smith, Ford, accident, 294, 10.
- (6) Ross Chastain, Chevrolet, 286, 10.
- (19) Connor Zilisch, Chevrolet, suspension, 281, 8.
- (4) Daniel Suarez, Chevrolet, accident, 254, 11.
- (1) Joey Logano, Ford, accident, 253, 23.
- (10) Josh Berry, Ford, accident, 253, 5.
- (31) Anthony Alfredo, Chevrolet, accident, 217, 0.
- (3) Austin Cindric, Ford, accident, 216, 13.
- (36) Cole Custer, Chevrolet, garage, 159, 2.
- (35) Noah Gragson, Ford, accident, 155, 1.
- (20) Chase Briscoe, Toyota, accident, 131, 1.

Race Statistics

Average Speed of Race Winner: 88.225 mph.

Time of Race: 3 hours, 32 minutes, 12 seconds.

Margin of Victory: .399 seconds.

Caution Flags: 12 for 86 laps.

Lead Changes: 23 among 8 drivers.

Lap Leaders: J.Logano 0-46; R.Blaney 47-64; J.Logano 65; C.Bell 66-96; J.Logano 97; C.Bell 98-108; J.Logano 109-124; C.Bell 125-133; J.Logano 134-138; C.Bell 139-162; J.Logano 163; R.Preece 164-167; D.Hamlin 168-172; C.Bell 173-190; J.Logano 191; C.Bell 192-211; J.Logano 212; J.Berry 213-225; C.Bell 226-247; J.Logano 248; C.Bell 249-289; W.Byron 290; T.Gibbs 291-302; R.Blaney 303-312

Leaders Summary (Driver, Times Led, Laps Led): C.Bell, 8 times for 176 laps; J.Logano, 9 times for 74 laps; R.Blaney, 2 times for 28 laps; J.Berry, 1 time for 13 laps; T.Gibbs, 1 time for 12 laps; D.Hamlin, 1 time for 5 laps; R.Preece, 1 time for 4 laps; W.Byron, 1 time for 1 lap.

Wins: T.Reddick, 3; R.Blaney, 1.

Top 16 in Points: 1. T.Reddick, 225; 2. R.Blaney, 165; 3. B.Wallace, 153; 4. C.Elliott, 128; 5. S.Van Gisbergen, 116; 6. C.Bell, 113; 7. J.Logano, 113; 8. M.McDowell, 111; 9. C.Buescher, 111; 10. K.Larson, 109; 11. W.Byron, 108; 12. D.Hamlin, 107; 13. A.Allmendinger, 104; 14. C.Hocevar, 103; 15. T.Gibbs, 101; 16. B.Keselowski, 100.

NASCAR Driver Rating Formula

A maximum of 150 points can be attained in a race. The formula combines the following categories: Wins, Finishes, Top-15 Finishes, Average Running Position While on Lead Lap, Average Speed Under Green, Fastest Lap, Led Most Laps, Lead-Lap Finish.

THIS DATE IN SPORTS

March 9

1943 — Eddie Dancker banks in a desperation 25-foot hook shot from the corner to give Sheboygan a 30-29 win over Fort Wayne and the National Basketball League crown. The defeat of the Pistons is regarded as one of the biggest upsets in pro basketball history.

1948 — NHL President Clarence Campbell expels Billy Taylor of the New York Rangers and Don Gallagher of the Boston Bruins because of gambling associations.

1958 — George Yardley of the Detroit Pistons becomes the first NBA player to score 2,000 points in a season. Yardley averages 27.8 points in the 72-game season.

1968 — Houston's Elvin Hayes scores 49 points and pulls down 27 rebounds in a 94-76 win over Loyola of Chicago in the first round of the NCAA Tournament.

1977 — Anthony Roberts of Oral Roberts sets an NIT record with 65 points in a 90-89 loss to Oregon in the first round.

BASKETBALL BOXSCORES

VARSITY BOYS CRANBERRY (52)

Bl. Marchinke 2 0-1-4, Findlay 3 0-2-7, Baker 5 0-0-11, Morrow 0 0-0-0, Sanchez 5 3-4-13, Zerbe 3 1-4-7, Melat 3 0-0-6, McCloskey 1 2-2-4, Melat 0 0-0-0, Carlson 0 0-0-0, Mason 0 0-0-0, Miller 0 0-0-0, Br. Marchinke 0 0-0-0, Schweickert 0 0-0-0, Shumaker 0 0-0-0. Totals: 22 6-13-42.

ALIQUIPPA (87)

Ingram 8 1-1-18, Reddic 4 0-0-9, Harvey 5 0-0-10, Longmire 2 0-0-4, Goode 8 3-3-20, Woods 1