MLB

Japanese pitcher-hitter Shohei Ohtani chooses the Angels

By GREG BEACHAM
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ANAHEIM, Calif. — Shohei Ohtani has decided he's on the side of the Angels.

The Japanese two-way star announced Friday he will sign with the Los Angeles Angels, ending the sweepstakes surrounding his move to the majors in a surprising destination.

Ohtani turned down interest from every other big-league club to join two-time MVP Mike Trout and slugger Albert Pujols with the Angels, who are coming off their second consecutive losing season and haven't won a playoff game since 2009.

But the Angels' combination of a promising core and a beautiful West Coast location clearly appealed to the 23-year-old Ohtani, who has confounded baseball experts at almost every step of his move to North America as one of the most coveted free agents in years.

Ohtani's agent, Nez Balelo, issued a statement Friday announcing the decision. Balelo said the 2016 Japanese MVP "felt a true bond with the Angels. He sees this as the best environment to develop and reach the next level and attain his career goals."

Shohei Otani file

- **22 years old**
- **Fifth-year pro in Japan Pacific League**
- **Career pitching stats:** 42-15, 2.52 ERA, 624 K in 543 innings.
- **Career hitting stats:** .286 average, 48 HR, 166 RBI, 296 hits in 1035 at-bats

After his unusual courtship, Ohtani will attempt to chart an even more unique career path as the majors' first regular two-way player in several decades. Ohtani already has drawn numerous comparisons to Babe Ruth, who excelled as a hitter and a pitcher early in his Hall of Fame career.

Ohtani is expected to be both a starting pitcher and a left-handed designated hitter for the Angels, who intend to give him ample playing time in both roles.

Many baseball observers have long assumed Ohtani would choose a higher-profile franchise such as the Yankees or Dodgers, who would have both welcomed him into their rotation and lineup. He received serious attention from Seattle and Texas, who both could have given him more money than the Angels.

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Japanese star Shohei Ohtani is bringing his arm and bat to the Los Angeles Angels, pairing him with two-time MVP Mike Trout. Ohtani's agent put out a statement Friday, Dec. 8, 2017, saying the prized two-way player had decided to sign with the Angels, a surprise winner over Seattle, Texas and several other teams.

Ohtani listened to final pitches from several teams in Los Angeles earlier this week before making his choice. The Angels play about 28 miles from downtown LA in laid-back Orange County, where most of the Angels live in coastal Newport Beach and enjoy a comfortable, warm-weather lifestyle with ample big-market media attention, but without the withering scrutiny of other top destinations.

But Angels general manager Billy Eppler is very serious about winning, and he has spent several years scouting Ohtani, ever since his previous job with the Yankees.

"We are honored Shohei Ohtani has decided to join the Angels organization," the franchise said in a brief statement. "We felt a unique connectivity with him throughout the process and are excited he will become an Angel. This is a special time for Angels fans."

Ohtani will be formally introduced at a news conference later in the month.

Ohtani has ample opportunity to fulfill his biggest ambitions with the Angels, who are in need of a top starting pitcher. They should also be able to fit him into their lineup when he isn't pitching: Pujols has largely been a designated hitter for the past two seasons, but the three-time NL MVP is expected to be healthy enough to play first base more frequently in 2018.

Ohtani was coveted by every team because of his exceptional pitching talent and powerful bat, but also because he represents an extraordinary bargain due to baseball's rules around international players.

The Angels will have to pay the $20 million posting fee to Ohtani's previous club, the Nippon Ham Fighters, but Ohtani will not be paid a huge salary for the next three seasons. Ohtani will sign a minor league contract and can receive up to $2,315,000 in international bonus money from the Angels.

Ohtani likely could have received a deal worth more than $100 million if he had waited two years to move stateside, but Ohtani wasn't interested in delaying his progress for money.

Ohtani is likely to have an immediate spot in the front of the rotation for the Angels, who have endured brutal injuries to their starting pitchers for two seasons.

Los Angeles' ostensible ace is Garrett Richards, but he has been limited to 62 1/3 innings over the past two seasons due to major injuries. The rotation also currently includes Matt Shoemaker, Andrew Heaney and Tyler Skaggs, who have all dealt with major injury setbacks recently.

Ohtani was 3-2 with a 3.20 ERA this year, but was slowed by thigh and ankle injuries. He hit .332 in 65 games with eight homers and 31 RBIs.

But those numbers don't indicate the incredible potential seen in Ohtani, whose fastball has been clocked above 100 mph. While he has occasionally struggled with control, Ohtani is widely thought to be a surefire big-league pitching prospect.

Pro Football

Jaguars refuse to view incoming Seahawks as statement game

By MARK LONG
Associated Press

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — The Jacksonville Jaguars haven't played a home game with this much at stake in nearly a decade.

An outside shot at clinching a postseason berth. A perennial playoff contender and recent Super Bowl champion in town. A chance to prove they belong among the NFL's elite.

Some might even call Sunday's matchup against the Seattle Seahawks (8-4) a "statement game." Not the Jaguars (8-4).

Jacksonville refuses to acknowledge what a victory against the 2014 Super Bowl champions would mean, even if everyone else does.

"Y'all hype up who y'all want to hype up," said Jaguars cornerback Jalen Ramsey, chiding the media . "Y'all don't hype up who y'all don't. We were sorry last year, but we're not this year. We ain't talking about last year."

Maybe not. But for a team that lost 74 of 96 games over the previous six seasons and hasn't been this close to the playoffs in December since 2010, putting itself in this position is a huge turnaround and should be part of the discussion.

NFL

Seattle Seahawks (8-4) — **Jacksonville Jaguars (8-4)**

- **Sunday, 1:25 p.m. (TV: FOX)**
- **at Everbank Stadium**

"You all have to stop doing that," Ramsey said. "The media, y'all do that too much. Y'all been hyping people up; y'all hype teams. Stop doing that. Y'all got to stop doing that. It's a new year. It's a new league — everything.

"There are new big dogs around the NFL. Stop doing that. Stop hyping people up."

If the Jaguars are one of the "new big dogs," then facing Seattle late in the season should be the measuring stick. After all, the Seahawks are an NFL-best 20-5 in regular-season games in December and January.

But the Jaguars aren't willing to go there.

"I don't know if you can quite say it's a statement game," Jaguars safety Tashaun Gipson said. "I think that we've proved that, if not the best, one of the best. It's just going out there and collectively doing what we know and what we can do.

"A statement game? We don't want to put that type of pressure on this game. We know it's a big-time game and has a lot of implications. They're trying to get their ninth win and set themselves up. We're trying to do the same thing."

Unlike Seattle, Jacksonville can clinch a playoff berth this week. Both are currently projected as the No. 5 seed in their respective conferences.

The Jaguars need a victory, combined with losses by Buffalo, Miami, the New York Jets and the Los Angeles Chargers to reach the postseason for the first time since 2007. They also need Oakland-Kansas City to not end in a tie.

Seattle hasn't even mentioned the postseason this week, surely because they've been there five consecutive seasons and 11 times in the previous 14 years.

One thing that has been a topic on both coasts: Jacksonville copied Seattle's defensive scheme that carried it to consecutive Super Bowls, and the comparisons are an obvious story line. The Jaguars lead the NFL in scoring defense, total defense, passing defense and sacks.

Are the units comparable?

"Nah, there is only one Seattle Seahawks," Seattle linebacker Bobby Wagner said.

Here are some other things to know about the Seahawks and Jaguars:

ESCAPE ARTIST: Jaguars defensive end Calais Campbell will be facing Seahawks quarterback Russell Wilson for the 11th time. Campbell is 4-5-1 in the previous 10 meetings and knows all too well what Wilson can do.

"I call him Houdini because he can just create out of nowhere," Campbell said. "It's like magical. You think you've got him and then he just does something crazy, breaks free and throws a touchdown. We have our hands full."

GROUND ATTACK: The Seahawks flashed some semblance of a viable run game against Philadelphia. It took a mix of scrambles by Russell Wilson and a few flashy runs from Mike Davis for the Seahawks to rush for 101 yards against the NFL's top rush defense.

Davis' 64 yards rushing were the most by a Seattle running back since Chris Carson had 93 yards in Week 2 vs. San Francisco.

TOUCHDOWN ROLL: Jimmy Graham continues to be on a touchdown roll. The Seattle tight end is tied with Antonio Brown and DeAndre Hopkins for the NFL lead with nine TD receptions. He's caught TDs in four straight games, and all nine of his scoring grabs have come in the past eight games.

IN THE ZONE: Blake Bortles has been at his best in the red zone this season. Jacksonville's fourth-year quarterback has completed 22 of 41 passes for 140 yards, with 12 touchdowns and no interceptions inside the 20-yard line.

SCOREBOARD

Local slate

PREP BOYS BASKETBALL

Saturday
Nixyaawii vs. Jordan Valley (at EOU), 12:30 p.m.
Ione vs. North Clackamas Christian (at Condon), 12:30 p.m.
Mac-Hi vs. Irrigon (at Heppner), 2:30 p.m.
Prarie City at Condon/Wheeler, 3:30 p.m.
Imbler at Heppner, 5:30 p.m.
Pilot Rock at Umatilla, 7 p.m.
Riverside, Stanfield, Arlington, Echo vs. TBD (at Umatilla), TBD
Helix vs. TBD (at Enterprise), TBD

Tuesday
Stanfield at Arlington, 6 p.m.
Lewiston (ID) at Pendleton, 7 p.m.
Cleveland at Hermiston, 7 p.m.
Enterprise at Mac-Hi, 7 p.m.
Riverside at Weston-McEwen, 7 p.m.
Heppner at Irrigon, 7:30 p.m.
Pilot Rock at Nixyaawii, 7:30 p.m.

PREP GIRLS BASKETBALL

Saturday
Nixyaawii vs. Jordan Valley (at EOU), 11 a.m.
Ione vs. North Clackamas Christian (at Condon), 11 a.m.
Mac-Hi vs. Irrigon (at Heppner), 1 p.m.
Prarie City at Condon/Wheeler, 3:30 p.m.
Imbler at Heppner, 4 p.m.
Riverside vs. Faith Bible (at Umatilla), 5 p.m.
Weston-McEwen vs. TBD (at Kennedy), TBD
Helix vs. TBD (at Enterprise), TBD
Umatilla, Pilot Rock, Mac-Hi, Echo vs. TBD (at Umatilla), TBD

Tuesday
Enterprise at Mac-Hi, 5:30 p.m.
Riverside at Weston-McEwen, 6 p.m.
Heppner at Irrigon, 6 p.m.
Pilot Rock at Nixyaawii, 6 p.m.
Hermiston at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.
Lewiston (ID) at Pendleton, 7 p.m.
Baker at Stanfield, 7 p.m.

PREP WRESTLING

Saturday
Irrigon at Culver Invitational, 8 a.m.
Riverside at Leonard Schutte Invite (WA)
Echo at Nyssa Tournament

PREP SWIMMING

Saturday
Pendleton, Hermiston at Baker, Noon

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Saturday
EOU at Linfield, 4 p.m.
BMCC at Blazer Classic (Centralia, WA), TBA

Sunday
BMCC at Blazer Classic (Centralia, WA), TBA

COLLEGE WRESTLING

Saturday
Warner Pacific, Clackamas CC at EOU, 4/6 p.m.

PREP SCORES

Friday

BOYS PREP BASKETBALL
Adrian 72, Cove 41
Bend 61, St. Helens 44
Benson 69, North Eugene 68, OT
Blanchet Catholic 62, Regis 45
C.S. Lewis 59, Eddyville 56
Camas Valley 66, Prospect 26
Canby 59, Reynolds 46
Cascade 58, Cottage Grove 53
Central Catholic 67, Tigard 56
Churchill 65, Dallas 40
Corbett 80, Seaside 51
Damascus Christian 63, Dufur 35
David Douglas 78, Wilson 71
Dayton 66, Nyssa 47
Estacada 68, Elmira 57
Forest Grove 53, McMinnville 50
Gervais 58, Sheridan 57
Grant 76, Clackamas 60
Hermiston 76, Chiawana, Wash. 67
Jesuit 74, South Eugene 63
Lake Oswego 76, Windward, Calif. 72
Lincoln 80, Willamette 63
Lowell 53, Central Linn 51
Madison 54, Glencoe 51
Marist 45, La Salle 30
McKay 74, North Salem 49
McNary 72, West Albany 54
Melba, Idaho 44, Vale 34
Milwaukie 65, Crescent Valley 62
Mountain View 55, Hillsboro 34
Newberg 42, Centennial 32
North Bend 67, Newport 47
North Marion 68, Scappoose 62
North Medford 73, Parkrose 58
North Valley 53, Brookings-Harbor 23
Oakland 76, Illinois Valley 44
Oregon Episcopal 88, Yamhill-Carlton 47
Payette, Idaho 68, Ontario 56
R.A. Long, Wash. 60, Astoria 32
Roseburg 51, Corvallis 48
Santiam Christian 66, Creswell 39
Siletz Valley 78, Willamette Valley Christian 35
Silverton 73, Aloha 44
Sisters 57, The Dalles 43
Southridge 68, Sherwood 55
Sprague 70, South Salem 67
Sweet Home 51, Phoenix 32
Thurston 58, Sheldon 52
Trout Lake, Wash. 50, City Christian 35
Tualatin 84, Barlow 70
Walla Walla (WA) 54, Pendleton 37
Warrenton 47, Open Door 34
Willamina 66, Nestucca 43
Cascade Christian 79, La Pine 46
Catlin Gabel 71, Valor Christian 31
Horizon Christian Tualatin 58, De La Salle 49
Pilot Rock 66, Stanfield 37
Riverside 50, Arlington 36
Umatilla 70, Echo 18
Union 64, Faith Bible 55
Condon/Wheeler 68, N. Clackamas Christian 50
Prairie City 78, Ione 44
Crosshill Christian 58, Days Creek 42
Glide 80, Yoncalla 27
Triad School 74, Riddle 38
Crater 58, Liberty 52
Del Norte-Crescent City (CA) 60, Ridgeview 24
South Albany 76, Mazama 71
Douglas 46, South Umpqua 38
Eastern Oregon Invitational
Jordan Valley 64, Joseph 39
North Douglas 62, Mohawk 50
Triangle Lake 52, Elkton 40
Elgin 67, Pine Eagle 23
Enterprise 66, Griswold 12
Ashland 56, Incline, Nev. 38
La Pine JV 76, Gilchrist 55
Irrigon 64, Imbler 14
Kennedy 70, Monroe 57
Salem Academy 57, Weston-McEwen 37
Junction City 54, Colton 41
Pleasant Hill 86, Baker 60
Siuslaw 43, Harrisburg 34
Burns 51, Lost River 43
Lakeview 53, Culver 46
Redmond 75, Madras 66
Klamath 62, Etna, Calif. 36
Mt. Shasta, Calif. 63, Hidden Valley 34
North Lake 37, Mitchell/Spray 23
Paisley 60, Bonanza 56
Oregon City 61, Century 31
Westview 51, Cleveland 42
Chiloquin 66, Powers 44
Pacific 61, South Wasco County 26
Trinity Lutheran 61, Loyalton, Calif. 40
Neah-Kah-Nie 43, Scio 41
Riverdale 54, Chemawa 49
Southwest Christian 44, Jewell 39
St. Paul 70, New Hope Christian 24
Coquille 90, Rogue River 45
Reedsport 60, St. Mary's 57

GIRLS PREP BASKETBALL
Adrian 28, Cove 23
Aloha 60, Reynolds 29
Baker 54, Homedale, Idaho 30
Beaverton 92, Gresham 25
Blanchet Catholic 68, Regis 22
Brookings-Harbor 44, North Valley 30
Camas Valley 40, Prospect 3
Canby 50, West Salem 39
Cascade 55, Cottage Grove 42
Central 53, Astoria 38
Central Linn 51, Lowell 28
Century 38, Thurston 30
Chiawana (WA) 58, Hermiston 45
Clackamas 55, Tigard 44
Corbett 46, Seaside 38
Corvallis 47, Roseburg 37
Creswell 41, Santiam Christian 37
David Douglas 45, Jefferson PDX 41
Dufur 45, Damascus Christian 31
East Linn Christian 44, Oakridge 37
Elmira 56, Estacada 31
Forest Grove 43, McMinnville 40
Glencoe 53, The Dalles 23
Grant 58, Newberg 32
Hidden Valley 84, Ashland 16
Hillsboro 48, Mountain View 45
Hood River 52, Redmond 43, OT
Jesuit 51, Central Catholic 42
La Salle 65, Marist 56
Lake Oswego 54, Cleveland 42
Lakeridge 71, Roosevelt 51
Lebanon 71, Wilson 62
Madison 51, Putnam 47
McKenzie 43, Alsea 39
McNary 51, West Albany 45
N. Clackamas Christian 31, Condon/Wheeler 29
North Marion 67, Scappoose 33
North Salem 51, McKay 39
Oakland 55, Illinois Valley 31
Sandy 51, Gladstone 43
Sheridan 41, Gervais 36
Sherwood 47, Franklin 42
Siletz Valley 46, Willamette Valley Christian 34
South Salem 37, Sprague 30
South Umpqua 35, Douglas 27
Spanish Springs, Nev. 45, Grants Pass 34
St. Helens 35, Bend 32
Sunset 46, Centennial 41
Walla Walla, Wash. 87, Pendleton 35
West Linn 74, Westview 65
Willamina 30, Nestucca 24
Wilsonville 82, Barlow 28
Yamhill-Carlton 55, Sisters 23
Catlin Gabel 53, Westside Christian 33
Columbia Christian 44, St. Stephens Academy 12
Faith Bible 50, Umatilla 20
Pilot Rock 54, McLoughlin JV 18
Union 42, Echo 34
Prairie City 57, Ione 34
Country Christian 43, Hosanna Christian 38
Days Creek 43, Crosshill Christian 30
Glide 52, Yoncalla 20
Triad School 65, Riddle 31
Crater 51, Ridgeview 32
Henley 61, South Albany 35
Joseph 50, Jordan Valley 44
Nixyaawii 63, Crane 39
Elkton 54, Triangle Lake 20
North Douglas 57, Mohawk 17
Enterprise 62, Griswold 38
Gilchrist 52, La Pine JV 25
Klamath Union JV 34, Central Christian 20
Heppner 53, McLoughlin 24
Irrigon 67, Imbler 40
Southridge 63, Maryknoll, Hawaii 39
Kennedy 49, Monroe 40
King's Way Christian 51, Weston-McEwen 39
Harrisburg 51, Siuslaw 28
Junction City 55, Colton 30
Lakeview 49, Culver 27
South Medford 58, St. Mary's Academy 50
Klamath 53, Mt. Shasta, Calif. 33
North Lake 52, Mitchell/Spray 27
Paisley 56, La Pine JV 17
Chiloquin 66, Powers 15
South Wasco County 55, Pacific 31
Crook County 39, Waldport 35
Philomath 66, Eagle Point 39
Dunsmuir, Calif. 44, Canyonville Christian 32
Riverdale 53, Chemawa 49, OT
Scio 25, Neah-Kah-Nie 14
St. Paul 52, New Hope Christian 7
Riverside 41, Stanfield 14
Southwest Christian 33, Jewell 31
Coquille 73, Rogue River 24

Soccer

MLS CUP
Saturday: Seattle at Toronto, 1 p.m. (ESPN)

Basketball

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	22	5	.815	—
Toronto	16	7	.696	4
Philadelphia	13	11	.542	7½
New York	12	12	.500	8½
Brooklyn	10	14	.417	10½

Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	14	11	.560	—
Miami	11	13	.458	2½
Orlando	11	16	.407	4
Charlotte	9	15	.375	4½
Atlanta	5	19	.208	8½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	18	8	.692	—
Milwaukee	14	10	.583	3
Indiana	15	11	.577	3
Detroit	14	11	.560	3½
Chicago	4	20	.167	13

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	19	4	.826	—
San Antonio	18	8	.692	2½
New Orleans	13	13	.500	7½
Memphis	8	17	.320	12
Dallas	7	19	.269	13½

Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	15	11	.577	—
Denver	14	11	.560	½
Portland	13	11	.542	1
Utah	13	13	.500	2
Oklahoma City	11	13	.458	3

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Golden State	21	6	.778	—
L.A. Lakers	9	15	.375	10½
L.A. Clippers	8	15	.348	11
Phoenix	9	18	.333	12
Sacramento	8	17	.320	12

Friday's Games
Chicago 119, Charlotte 111, OT
Denver 103, Orlando 89
Golden State 102, Detroit 98
Indiana 106, Cleveland 102
Milwaukee 109, Dallas 102
Sacramento 116, New Orleans 109, OT
Toronto 116, Memphis 107
San Antonio 105, Boston 102

Saturday's Games
Washington at L.A. Clippers, 12:30 p.m.
Miami vs. Brooklyn at Mexico City, 3 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Charlotte, 4 p.m.
Orlando at Atlanta, 4:30 p.m.
New York at Chicago, 5 p.m.
Philadelphia at Cleveland, 5 p.m.
Utah at Milwaukee, 5:30 p.m.
Oklahoma City at Memphis, 6 p.m.
San Antonio at Phoenix, 6 p.m.
Houston at Portland, 7 p.m.

NCAA Men's Basketball

Top 25

Friday's Games
No. 16 Arizona State 82, St. John's 70
Oklahoma 85, No. 25 UCLA 83

Saturday's Games
No. 1 Duke at Boston College, 9 a.m. (ESPN)
Monmouth at No. 8 Kentucky, 9 a.m. (ESPNU)
Lipscomb at No. 24 Tennessee, 11:15 a.m.
VCU at No. 19 Seton Hall, 12 p.m.
No. 6 Wichita State at Oklahoma State, 1 p.m. (ESPN2)
PV A&M at No. 7 Texas A&M, 1:30 p.m.
Colorado at No. 13 Xavier, 2 p.m. (FS1)
Souther Utah at No. 3 Michigan State, 3 p.m.
No. 5 Florida at No. 17 Cincinnati, 3 p.m. (ESPN2)
No. 14 Minnesota at Arkansas, 3:45 p.m.
No. 9 Notre Dame at Delaware, 4 p.m. (CBSSN)
Randall at No. 23 Baylor, 4 p.m.
No. 18 West Virginia at Pitt, 5 p.m. (ESPN2)

Pac-12

Friday's Games
Oregon 95, Colorado State 65
Arizona State 82, St. John's 70
Oklahoma 85, USC 83

Saturday's Games
UCLA at Michigan, 9 a.m. (CBS)
Colorado at No. 13 Xavier, 2 p.m. (FS1)
Cal at San Diego State, 2 p.m. (CBSSN)
Utah State at Utah, 4:30 p.m. (Pac-12 Networks)
Washington State at UTEP, 6 p.m.
Alabama at Arizona, 7 p.m. (ESPN2)
AR-Pine Bluff at Oregon State, 7 p.m. (Pac-12 Networks)

NCAA Women's Basketball

Top 25

Friday's Games
No. 15 Maryland 80, George Washington 54
Florida Gulf Coast 70, No. 20 Kentucky 64
No. 1 UConn 103, DePaul 69
No. 17 Missouri 70, Saint Louis 58
Oklahoma State 87, No. 7 UCLA 72
Saturday's Games
No. 3 Notre Dame at Penn, 10 a.m.
Cent Arkansas at No. 21 Texas A&M, 11 a.m.
No. 16 USF at Oklahoma, 12 p.m.
Southern Utah at No. 9 Oregon, 2 p.m.
Mid Tennessee at No. 4 Louisville, 4 p.m.

Pac-12

Saturday's Games
Utah at BYU, 1 p.m.
Southern Utah at No. 9 Oregon, 2 p.m.

Hockey

NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Tampa Bay	28	20	6	2	42	106	71
Toronto	29	18	10	1	37	101	85
Boston	26	13	9	4	30	75	74
Montreal	30	13	13	4	30	83	93
Detroit	28	11	12	5	27	79	91
Florida	28	11	13	4	26	85	97
Ottawa	27	9	11	7	25	77	93
Buffalo	29	7	17	5	19	62	99

Metropolitan Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Columbus	29	18	10	1	37	85	73
Washington	30	18	11	1	37	94	88
New Jersey	28	16	8	4	36	87	86
N.Y. Islanders	28	16	9	3	35	104	96
Pittsburgh	30	16	11	3	35	90	98
N.Y. Rangers	28	15	11	2	32	93	85
Philadelphia	29	11	11	7	29	83	86
Carolina	27	11	10	6	28	76	85

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
St. Louis	29	19	8	2	40	95	75
Nashville	29	18	7	4	40	95	84
Winnipeg	29	17	8	4	38	99	82
Dallas	29	16	12	1	33	86	84
Minnesota	28	14	11	3	31	83	84
Chicago	29	13	11	5	31	87	81
Colorado	27	12	13	2	26	83	91

Pacific Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Los Angeles	30	19	8	3	41	94	66
Vegas	28	18	9	1	37	98	88
San Jose	27	15	10	2	32	71	65
Calgary	29	15	12	2	32	84	92
Vancouver	29	14	11	4	32	79	81
Anaheim	30	12	11	7	31	80	89
Edmonton	28	11	15	2	24	80	96
Arizona	31	7	19	5	19	74	110

NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss.

Friday's Games
Washington 4, N.Y. Rangers 2
Columbus 5, New Jersey 3
Vegas 4, Nashville 3, SO
Chicago 3, Buffalo 2, OT
Minnesota 3, Anaheim 2, OT

Saturday's Games
St. Louis at Detroit, 10 a.m.
Edmonton at Montreal, 4 p.m.
Colorado at Florida, 4 p.m.
Winnipeg at Tampa Bay, 4 p.m.
Arizona at Columbus, 4 p.m.
N.Y. Islanders at Boston, 4 p.m.
Toronto at Pittsburgh, 4 p.m.
New Jersey at N.Y. Rangers, 4 p.m.
Vegas at Dallas, 5 p.m.
Ottawa at San Jose, 7 p.m.
Vancouver at Calgary, 7 p.m.
Carolina at Los Angeles, 7:30 p.m.

Football

NFL

Week 14

Thursday's Games
Atlanta 20, New Orleans 17

Sunday's Games
Oakland at Kansas City, 10 a.m.
San Francisco at Houston, 10 a.m.
Minnesota at Carolina, 10 a.m.
Chicago at Cincinnati, 10 a.m.
Green Bay at Cleveland, 10 a.m.
Detroit at Tampa Bay, 10 a.m.
Indianapolis at Buffalo, 10 a.m.
Dallas at N.Y. Giants, 10 a.m.
Washington at L.A. Chargers, 1:05 p.m.
Tennessee at Arizona, 1:05 p.m.
N.Y. Jets at Denver, 1:05 p.m.
Seattle at Jacksonville, 1:25 p.m.
Philadelphia at L.A. Rams, 1:25 p.m.
Baltimore at Pittsburgh, 5:30 p.m.

Monday's Game
New England at Miami, 5:30 p.m.