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BLACKHAWKS vs CAPITALS

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USPA NEWS - Capitals 2, Blackhawks 1 (End First Period)

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Although many speculated about a potential delay, puck drop proceeded as scheduled. The sun coming out could play a potential part in the game as player find ways to play through this situation. The intense sunlight was considered to be a potential safety issue for the players, many of whom wore eye black to negate the glare. Although the two teams did, however, switch ends halfway through the first period, with a hard stop at the 10-minute mark.

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That was a big goal for the Blackhawks' psyche. They were getting run all over the ice. This gives them something to build on with 33 seconds of PP to come in the second period.

A little too unselfish from Ovechkin. He had a nice shooting lane on a 2-on-1, but he elects to pass to Backstrom and he couldn't connect. Definitely should've taken a shot. Bad pass leads to a no shot. Closing two minutes of a high-octane period.

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Start of the second looking like the start of the first. Scoring chances coming for the Caps not so much for the Hawks. Ovechkin is having a blast out there and the suns glare does not have any effect on the game. Brandon Saad off the Caps defensive zone giveaway. Wide-open net, and we're tied up at two early in the second period.

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The final 20 (plus?) minutes to play in Washington D.C., and we've had a good one.

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