

## #NHLSTATS AS AUSTON MATTHEWS APPROACHES 60-GOAL MARK

\* **Auston Matthews** can record the second 60-goal season of his NHL career after scoring exactly 60 in 73 games en route to winning the [Maurice "Rocket" Richard Trophy](#) in 2021-22.

\* The 2023-24 NHL season would mark the third straight campaign to feature at least one 60-goal scorer, following 2022-23 (**Connor McDavid & David Pastrnak**) and 2021-22 (Matthews). The only other instances in League history where [three or more consecutive seasons featured at least one 60-goal scorer](#) were a streak of 14 straight from 1980-81 to 1993-94 and six in a row from 1973-74 to 1978-79.

\* Matthews (San Ramon, Calif.) is the NHL's only U.S.-born player with *one* 60-goal season and can become the [ninth skater in League history with two or more](#), joining **Mike Bossy** (5), **Wayne Gretzky** (5), **Phil Esposito** (4), **Mario Lemieux** (4), **Brett Hull** (3), **Pavel Bure** (2), **Jari Kurri** (2) and **Steve Yzerman** (2).

\* Matthews is the [only player in franchise history with one 60-goal campaign](#). He can become the third player in NHL history with multiple 60-goal seasons *for an Original Six club*, following **Phil Esposito** ([4 w/ BOS](#)) and **Steve Yzerman** ([2 w/ DET](#)).

\* Matthews can become the 11th different player in League history to reach 60 goals in a season in 70 games or fewer and first since **Mario Lemieux** did so 28 years ago with the Penguins.

### **Fewest games to 60-goal mark, NHL history:**

**49 GP** – Wayne Gretzky in 1981-82 (w/ EDM)  
**50 GP** – Wayne Gretzky in 1983-84 (w/ EDM)  
**53 GP** – Alexander Mogilny in 1992-93 (w/ BUF)  
**55 GP** – Mario Lemieux in 1992-93 (w/ PIT)  
**55 GP** – Mario Lemieux in 1988-89 (w/ PIT)  
**56 GP** – Brett Hull in 1990-91 (w/ STL)  
**60 GP** – Wayne Gretzky in 1984-85 (w/ EDM)  
**61 GP** – Jari Kurri in 1984-85 (w/ EDM)  
**62 GP** – Mario Lemieux in 1995-96 (w/ PIT)  
**64 GP** – Brett Hull in 1991-92 (w/ STL)  
**64 GP** – Brett Hull in 1989-90 (w/ STL)  
**65 GP** – Mike Bossy in 1980-81 (w/ NYI)  
**66 GP** – Steve Yzerman in 1988-89 (w/ DET)  
**67 GP** – Phil Esposito in 1973-74 (w/ BOS)  
**67 GP** – Phil Esposito in 1970-71 (w/ BOS)  
**69 GP** – Bernie Nicholls in 1988-89 (w/ LAK)  
**69 GP** – Wayne Gretzky in 1986-87 (w/ EDM)  
**70 GP** – Teemu Selanne in 1992-93 (w/ WIN)  
**70 GP** – Mario Lemieux in 1987-88 (w/ PIT)  
**70 GP** – Jari Kurri in 1985-86 (w/ EDM)  
**70 GP** – Wayne Gretzky in 1982-83 (w/ EDM)

\* Matthews has scored a [League-leading 43 even-strength goals this season](#), which mark the [second highest single-season total in franchise history](#) (since 1933-34 when goals by type were officially tracked) behind his 44 in 2021-22. Matthews is the [only active player](#) to score 40-plus even-strength goals in a season more than once.

\* Matthews has recorded [16 multi-goal games this season](#), including [six hat tricks](#) with four of them scored in consecutive fashion ([Oct. 11-14, 2023](#) & [Feb. 15-17, 2024](#)). Matthews' [16 multi-goal games](#) and [six hat tricks](#) are both single-season franchise records.

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