

NHL MORNING SKATE – OCT. 19, 2018

THURSDAY'S RESULTS

Home Team in Caps

Pittsburgh 3, TORONTO 0
Colorado 5, NEW JERSEY 3
COLUMBUS 6, Philadelphia 3
TAMPA BAY 3, Detroit 1
WINNIPEG 4, Vancouver 1
Arizona 4, CHICAGO 1
EDMONTON 3, Boston 2 (OT)
NY Islanders 7, LOS ANGELES 2
SAN JOSE 5, Buffalo 1

LANDESKOG NETS HAT TRICK, AVALANCHE HAND DEVILS FIRST LOSS

Avalanche captain **Gabriel Landeskog** scored his third career hat trick, all of which have come since the start of last season, and **Mikko Rantanen** tallied 1-3—4 as Colorado handed New Jersey its first loss of the season (4-1-0). Landeskog has tallied each of the past three hat tricks by an Avalanche player (also Dec. 16, 2017 vs. TBL and Nov. 16, 2017 vs. WSH).



* Landeskog tied the score at 3-3 with his second goal of the game before netting the game-winner with 3:22 remaining in the third period, marking the seventh go-ahead goal in the final five minutes of regulation this season (and second in as many days).

* **Nathan MacKinnon** (0-3—3) also found the score sheet to extend his season-opening point streak to seven contests (7-4—11), a feat also matched by Rantanen (2-11—13). They are the fifth set of teammates in Avalanche/Nordiques franchise history to simultaneously post a point streak of at least seven games to begin a season; **Joe Sakic** and **Anton Stastny** (8 GP in 1988-89 w/ QUE) are the only tandem with a longer such run.

McDAVID PILES UP MORE POINTS IN SHOWDOWN OF STARS

Connor McDavid collected two assists, including a helper on **Leon Draisaitl**'s overtime goal as the Oilers outlasted the Bruins' high-scoring trio of **David Pastrnak** (1-0—1), **Brad Marchand** (0-1—1) and **Patrice Bergeron**.

* McDavid leads Edmonton with 4-7—11 through five games, becoming just the third different player in franchise history to record at least 11 points in the team's opening five games of a season. **Wayne Gretzky** achieved the feat in seven of his nine seasons with the Oilers, including a franchise-record 15 points through five games in 1983-84 (7-8—15), while **Jari Kurri** tallied 11 that season.

* Since entering the League in 2015-16, McDavid ranks second in the NHL with 176 assists, one back of **Erik Karlsson** (177). McDavid's career average of 0.82 assists per game is tied with **Sidney Crosby** for the highest such average among active players (min. 10 GP). Only four players in League history finished with a better assists per game average: **Wayne Gretzky** (1.32), **Mario Lemieux** (1.13), **Bobby Orr** (0.98) and **Peter Forsberg** (0.90).

BARZAL, COUTURE HIGHLIGHT THURSDAY'S HIGH-SCORING AFFAIRS

A seven-goal performance by the Islanders and a hat trick in San Jose - one of two on the night - continued scoring trends prominent in the League last season:

* **Mathew Barzal** (0-2—2) was one of six Islanders players to record multiple points as the club tallied seven goals in Los Angeles. Barzal has 23-69—92 through his first 90 career appearances (1.02 points per game). Only five other players since 1995-96 have averaged at least a point per game through their first 90 career outings: **Sidney Crosby** (1.30), **Alex Ovechkin** (1.29), **Evgeni Malkin** (1.13), **Connor McDavid** (1.09) and **Paul Stastny** (1.02).

* Thursday marked the 12th time this season that a team scored seven or more goals in a game (98 GP). In 2017-18, the highest-scoring campaign in more than a decade (5.9 goals per game), there were four such instances through the first 98 contests.

* **Logan Couture** netted his third career three-goal performance - and the 59th in franchise history - as the Sharks scored at least five goals in a game for the second time in four contests. Couture, who posted a career-high 34 goals last season, was one of two Sharks players to record a hat trick in 2017-18 (also **Evander Kane**: 4-0—4 on March 16 at CGY).

* There have been nine hat tricks through 98 games this season, one more than at the same point in 2017-18. Overall, there were 81 performances of at least three goals last season, the most in one campaign since 2000-01 (93).



HINOSTROZA, RAANTA HELP COYOTES TOPPLE BLACKHAWKS

Facing their former club, **Antti Raanta** (33 saves) and **Vinnie Hinostroza** (2-0—2) each played crucial roles as the Coyotes defeated the Blackhawks in Chicago.



* Raanta has allowed three or fewer goals in 16 consecutive appearances dating to Feb. 24, posting an 11-5-0 record and a League-leading 1.56 goals-against average and .947 save percentage in that span. Raanta, who posted a 20-9-5 record in 39 games with Chicago from 2013-15, improved to 3-1-0 in four games against his former club (1.00 GAA, .968 SV% and 1 SO).

* Hinostroza, a Chicago native, tallied his second career multi-goal game (also Jan. 17, 2017 at COL w/ CHI).

* **Clayton Keller** (1-1—2) also posted two points in the win. He led the team with 23-42—65 last season, the most points by a rookie in one campaign since the franchise relocated to Arizona.

CLUBS CONTINUE DOMINANCE ON HOME ICE

Captains **Steven Stamkos** (TBL) and **Blake Wheeler** (WPG) each contributed on the score sheet as their clubs extended streaks against their opposition:


* Stamkos netted his first goal of the season, the 50th game-winning goal of his career, to lift the Lightning to their 12th consecutive regular-season win against the Red Wings dating to Feb. 3, 2016, equaling their longest winning streak against one opponent in franchise history (also 12-0-0 vs. WPG and PIT). It also marked Tampa Bay's 12th consecutive regular-season *home win* against Detroit dating to Dec. 12, 2013 (DET: 0-11-1).



* Wheeler earned an assist on **Patrik Laine's** opening goal and **Dustin Byfuglien** collected 1-2—3 as the Jets posted their seventh consecutive win against the Canucks at Bell MTS Place. Already the franchise leader in assists, Wheeler (173-327—500 in 564 GP) became the second player to record 500 career points for the Jets/Thrashers, joining **Ilya Kovalchuk** (328-287—615 in 594 GP w/ ATL). Wheeler also had 50-60—110 in 221 games with Boston from 2008-11.



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TONIGHT'S SCHEDULE  **FRIDAY OCTOBER 19TH**

 **PANTHERS | 7:00 PM | CAPITALS** 
NBCSWA, TVAS, FS-F

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NBCSN

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