



## Lightning's Kucherov Wins Hart Memorial Trophy as NHL MVP

Right wing [Nikita Kucherov](#) of the Tampa Bay Lightning has won the **Hart Memorial Trophy**, awarded "to the player adjudged to be the most valuable to his team," as selected by the Professional Hockey Writers Association.

Kucherov dominated the voting, receiving 164 of 171 first-place votes in amassing 1,677 points. Two-time Hart Trophy winner **Sidney Crosby** of the Pittsburgh Penguins finished in second place with 739 points, followed by 2017 Hart Trophy recipient **Connor McDavid** of the Edmonton Oilers (465 points).

Kucherov (41-87—128 in 82 GP) led the NHL with 128 points – the most by any player since 1995-96 – and 87 assists – the most by any player since 2006-07 – to capture his first career Art Ross Trophy and help the Lightning tie a League record for wins in one season (62). Kucherov, who also topped the NHL in power-play scoring (15-33—48), collected at least one point in 62 of 82 appearances (75.6%). That included a League-best 38 multi-point games, highlighted by a pair of five-point performances: Dec. 22 at EDM (1-4—5) and Feb. 18 at CBJ (2-3—5). The 26-year-old Maykop native, who set franchise records for assists and points in one campaign, also broke **Alexander Mogilny's** single-season NHL record for points by a Russian-born player (76-51—127 in 1992-93 w/ BUF).

Kucherov is the second player in Tampa Bay history to take home the Hart Trophy, following **Martin St. Louis'** win in 2003-04.

For more on the Hart Memorial Trophy, including a list of past winners, click [here](#).

### 2018-19 Hart Trophy Voting

	<b>Pts.</b>	<b>(1st-2nd-3rd-4th-5th)</b>
1. Nikita Kucherov, TBL	1677	(164-3-2-2-0)
2. Sidney Crosby, PIT	739	(3-65-33-26-11)
3. Connor McDavid, EDM	465	(1-35-23-22-29)
4. Johnny Gaudreau, CGY	442	(2-23-30-31-18)
5. Brad Marchand, BOS	322	(0-15-32-12-21)
6. Nathan MacKinnon, COL	265	(1-13-14-24-22)
7. Alex Ovechkin, WSH	213	(0-8-13-25-17)
8. Patrick Kane, CHI	125	(0-4-10-9-20)
9. Mark Giordano, CGY	66	(0-2-5-7-6)
10. Sebastian Aho, CAR	21	(0-1-2-1-1)
Jordan Binnington, STL	21	(0-1-2-1-1)
12. Mark Stone, VGK	18	(0-0-1-3-4)
13. Ryan O'Reilly, STL	15	(0-0-2-1-2)
14. Steven Stamkos, TBL	12	(0-1-0-1-2)
15. Patrice Bergeron, BOS	8	(0-0-0-2-2)
16. Aleksander Barkov, FLA	7	(0-0-0-2-1)
17. Marc-Andre Fleury, VGK	7	(0-0-0-1-4)
John Tavares, TOR	7	(0-0-0-1-4)
19. Ben Bishop, DAL	5	(0-0-1-0-0)
Brent Burns, SJS	5	(0-0-1-0-0)
21. Brayden Point, TBL	3	(0-0-0-0-3)
22. Darcy Kuemper, ARI	1	(0-0-0-0-1)
Mark Scheifele, WPG	1	(0-0-0-0-1)
Andrei Vasilevskiy, TBL	1	(0-0-0-0-1)