

## NHL MORNING SKATE – OCT. 17, 2021

\* **Connor McDavid** and **Sam Bennett** accounted for the NHL's third and fourth hat tricks of the 2021-22 season.

\* **Brad Marchand** joined rare company with a penalty-shot goal to open the Bruins' 97th season.

\* **Katie Guay**, one of 10 women who joined the AHL roster of officials for the 2021-22 season, became the first female to ever referee a game in the league.



### McDAVID, BENNETT SCORE HAT TRICKS AS OILERS, PANTHERS IMPROVE TO 2-0-0

Oilers captain **Connor McDavid** and Panthers forward **Sam Bennett** both had hat tricks as Edmonton and Florida moved to 2-0-0 on the season:

\* McDavid netted the [10th hat trick of his NHL career](#), including three which have been scored against Calgary (also 3 G on [Oct. 4, 2017](#) & 3 G on [Feb. 20, 2021](#)). He became the second player in the history of the rivalry with three "Battle of Alberta" hat tricks, joining Flames icon [Lanny McDonald](#).

\* Bennett recorded the second hat trick of his NHL career (also 4 G on [Jan. 13, 2016](#) w/ CGY) and has 10-13—23 in 17 games since being acquired by the Panthers on April 12 (regular season & playoffs).

# HAT TRICKS

SO FAR THIS SEASON

3-0-3	3-0-3	3-2-5	4-0-4
			
CONNOR MCDAVID	SAM BENNETT	ANZE KOPITAR	TYLER BERTUZZI
			
OCT. 16	OCT. 16	OCT. 14	OCT. 14

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## MARCHAND CONVERTS ON PENALTY SHOT TO RECORD BRUINS' FIRST GOAL . . .

Bruins forward **Brad Marchand** (2-0—2) became the third player in NHL history to record a team's first goal in a season *by converting on a penalty shot*, joining **Mats Sundin** on [Oct. 4, 2006](#) with Toronto and **Chris Kelly** on [Oct. 3, 2013](#) with Boston.

\* Penalty-shot goals are nothing new for Marchand. He recorded the fifth such tally of his NHL career and now trails only **Pavel Bure** (7) and **Mario Lemieux** (6) for the [most in League history](#) (since 1934-35 when penalty-shot goals were officially introduced).



### ... BLUEGER OPENS SCORING 15 SECONDS INTO PENGUINS' HOME OPENER

Teddy Blueger scored at 0:15 of the first period – [one of four Pittsburgh goals during the opening 11:25](#). He became just the seventh player in NHL history to score a goal in the opening 15 seconds of a team's home opener.



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## FASTEST GOALS FROM START OF A HOME OPENER

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PLAYER	TEAM	DATE	TIME
GEOFF SANDERSON	BUF	OCT. 16, 1998	0:11
ELIAS LINDHOLM	CGY	OCT. 6, 2018	0:12
PATRICK FLATLEY	NYI	OCT. 16, 1986	0:13
DENIS SAVARD	CHI	OCT. 7, 1981	0:13
BILL MOSIENKO	CHI	OCT. 31, 1943	0:13
<b>TEDDY BLUEGER</b>	PIT	OCT. 16, 2021	0:15
GUS BODNAR	TOR	OCT. 30, 1943	0:15

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### SATURDAY'S SLATE HIGHLIGHTED BY CLOSE GAMES

Ten of the 14 games Saturday were decided by a one-goal margin or by two *including an empty-netter*, with nearly 75% of total playing time featuring the score either tied or within one goal. [Click here](#) to read more notes in the Oct. 16 edition of #NHLStats: Live Updates.



Two games on Saturday ended via an overtime goal, with Lightning captain Steven Stamkos and Blue Jackets forward Patrik Laine scoring the winners in those contests

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### **KATIE GUAY BECOMES FIRST FEMALE TO REFEREE AN AHL GAME**

AHL official **Katie Guay** broke barriers Saturday when she worked a contest between the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins and Lehigh Valley Phantoms, becoming the [first female to ever referee a game in the league](#).

\* Guay is among a group of 10 women who joined the AHL roster of officials for the 2021-22 season. Fellow referees **Kelly Cooke**, **Samantha Hiller**, **Jacqueline Zee Howard**, **Elizabeth Mantha**, **Amanda Tassoni** and **Laura White** will also make their AHL debut this month, while linespersons **Alexandra Clarke**, **Kendall Hanley** and **Kirsten Welsh** will work their first game later in the season.



### **QUICK CLICKS**

- \* [Alex Ovechkin](#) climbs another all-time NHL list with a goal Saturday
- \* [Anze Kopitar](#) has seven points through Kings' first two games in 2021-22
- \* [Avalanche honor late GM Pierre Lacroix](#) with banner raised to rafters
- \* [Leo Boivin](#) dies at 89. Hockey Hall of Fame defenseman
- \* [Maple Leafs sign University of Toronto goalie Alexander Bishop](#) as backup against Senators

### **STARS' ROAD TRIP CONTINUES WITH SUNDAY SOJOURN IN OTTAWA**

The Stars (1-1-0, 2 points) continue their four-game, season-opening road trip Sunday when they visit the Senators (1-1-0, 2 points) at Canadian Tire Centre.



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**SUNDAY**

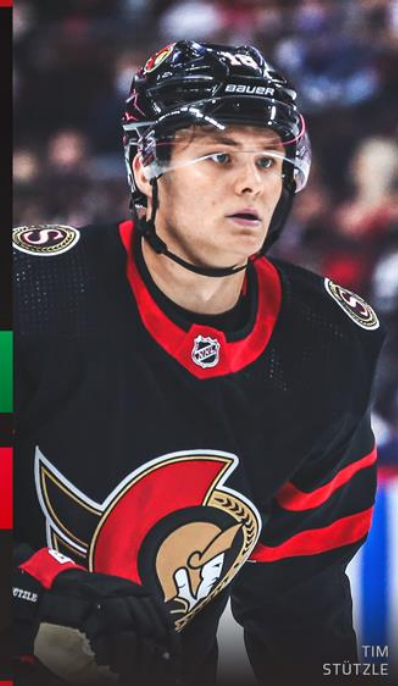
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