

## NHL MORNING SKATE – OCT. 18, 2021

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Monday, October 18, 2021  
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Matthews set for season debut on Hometown Hockey

Gustavsson guides Senators to another home win

Colombia, Puerto Rico win titles at 2021 LATAM Cup

\* Maple Leafs forward and reigning Maurice “Rocket” Richard Trophy winner **Auston Matthews** is expected to make his season debut Monday against the Rangers. He needs one goal for 200 in his NHL career.

\* **Connor Brown** (0-3—3) and **Filip Gustavsson** (32 saves) helped power the Senators to a League-best seventh consecutive home win dating to last season.

\* The final day of the 2021 Amerigol LATAM Cup saw Colombia and Puerto Rico take home the Men’s and Women’s title, respectively.

### **FLAMES, COYOTES EACH AIM FOR A WIN IN HOME OPENER**

Monday will mark the first home game of the season for both Calgary and Arizona. The Flames are looking to win their fifth straight home opener dating to 2017-18, while the Coyotes aim to snap a skid in home openers which began that same season (0-2-2). After beginning their home slate with a 3-0 shutout of the Canucks in both 2019-20 and 2020-21, the Flames are in position to become the second club in NHL history to earn a shutout in three consecutive home openers (CHI from 2001-02 to 2003-04).



# TONIGHT'S SCHEDULE

MONDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2021

7:00 PM ET		@		TVAS, SN, MSG, NHLN
7:00 PM ET		@		ROOT-NW, NBCSP
9:30 PM ET		@		SNW, SNF, BSSC, BSSD
10:00 PM ET		@		BSMW, BSAZ



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## **MATTHEWS SET FOR SEASON DEBUT AS HOMETOWN HOCKEY SHIFTS TO MONDAYS**

Reigning Maurice "Rocket" Richard Trophy winner **Auston Matthews** is [expected to make his season debut](#) Monday against the Rangers, as Sportsnet's [Rogers Hometown Hockey](#) shifts from Sundays to Mondays for 2021-22. The first stop on this season's tour is the township of North Dumfries in Ontario.

\* Matthews has a cumulative 9-3—12 across the first game in his five NHL seasons, the most goals and points (tied) in season debuts since he entered the League.



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## MOST POINTS IN FIRST GAME OF REGULAR SEASONS

▶ SINCE 2016-17

PLAYER	TEAM	G-A-P
▶ AUSTON MATTHEWS*	TOR	9-3-12
ALEX OVECHKIN	WSH	7-5-12
ANZE KOPITAR	LAK	5-7-12
CONNOR MCDAVID	EDM	6-5-11
MARK STONE	OTT, VGK	4-7-11
PATRIK LAINE	WPG, CBJ	4-7-11
BRAD MARCHAND	BOS	6-4-10
RICKARD RAKELL	ANA	4-6-10
LEON DRAISAITL	EDM	2-8-10

\*HAS YET TO PLAY IN 2021-22

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\* Matthews (199 G in 334 GP) looks to become the second-fastest player in Maple Leafs history to score 200 NHL goals, behind **Charlie Conacher** (200 G in 317 GP). Only 18 skaters in League history have accumulated 200 goals in 335 or fewer games, with **Alex Ovechkin** (200 G in 296 GP) the only active player to do so.



# SUNDAY'S RESULT



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### **SENATORS CONTINUE HOME SUCCESS WITH WIN VS. STARS**

**Chris Tierney** scored twice and **Connor Brown** [matched a career high](#) with three assists to help Ottawa extend its home win streak to seven games dating to April 26, 2021 - the longest active such run in the NHL. This is the first time since 2016-17 (3-0-0) that the Senators have won each of their first two home games of a season.

\* **Filip Gustavsson** won his first game of 2021-22 and is now 6-1-2 in his career (10 GP). He became the fifth goaltender in Senators history to win at least six of his first 10 career NHL appearances.

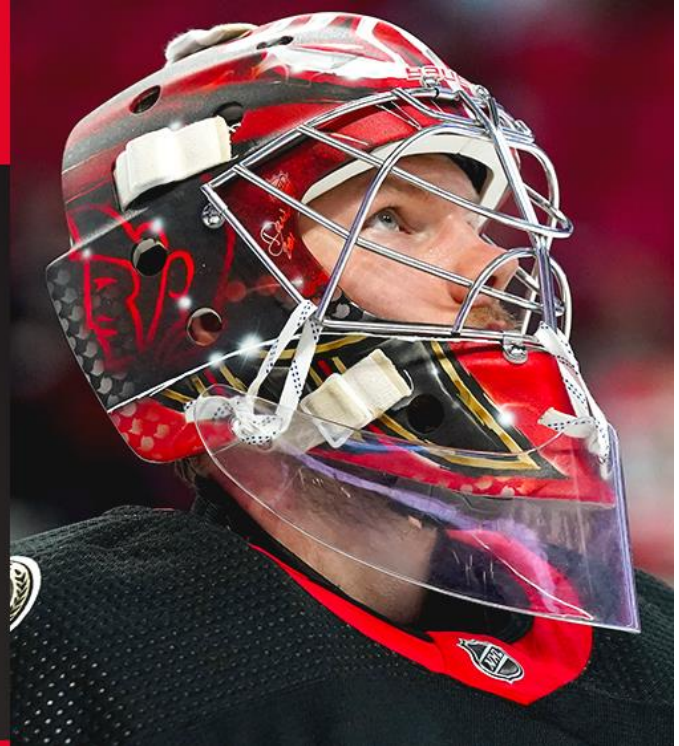


SENATORS

## Most wins through 10 NHL games, Senators history:

- 8 - Martin Prusek (8-1-0)
- 7 - Andrew Hammond (7-0-1)
- 7 - Ray Emery (7-0-0)
- 6 - Jani Hurme (6-1-3)
- 6 - Filip Gustavsson (6-1-2)

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### QUICK CLICKS

- \* [Live Updates for Oct. 17, 2021](#)
- \* [Flames' Rasmus Andersson fined for Roughing](#)
- \* [Former figure skaters making impact as NHL skating coaches](#)
- \* [Dave Hakstol makes his return to Philadelphia as coach of Seattle](#)
- \* [LATAM Cup concludes with Columbia and Puerto Rico on top](#)

### COLOMBIA WINS MEN'S TITLE, PUERTO RICO WOMEN'S TEAM PREVAILS AT LATAM CUP

Colombia's Division I men's team defeated Puerto Rico 5-1 to win the Amerigol LATAM Cup, while Puerto Rico's women's team claimed a 2-0 victory against Columbia in the championship as the four-day tournament at the Florida Panthers IceDen ended Sunday. Overall, 29 teams and more than 500 players who represented Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Lebanon, Jamaica Mexico and Venezuela.

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