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▼ Canucks spoil Kraken's first game at Climate Pledge Arena



▼ Perron scores three of Blues' seven goals in home opener




▼ Wild, Hurricanes, Panthers maintain perfect records

* After the Kraken contested each of their first five games on the road, the club returned to Climate Pledge Arena to celebrate their home opener, but **Conor Garland** and the Canucks had other plans.









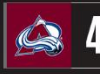

















* The Blues scored seven goals for the second time in three contests to topple the Kings and earn a victory in their first game at Enterprise Center this season.

* Minnesota won in come-from-behind fashion yet again and joined rare company in NHL history in the process.



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RESULTS

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CANUCKS PLAY SPOILER IN KRAKEN'S INAUGURAL HOME OPENER

After CEO **Tod Leiweke** officially retired the No. 32 [in a pre-game ceremony](#) at Climate Pledge Arena to honor the NHL's newest franchise, Canucks offseason acquisition **Conor Garland** (1-1—2) spoiled the Kraken's inaugural home opener with Seattle legends **Russell Wilson** and **Sue Bird** [in attendance](#).



Conor Garland scored the game-winning goal and became the first Canucks player to record a season-opening point streak of six games (3-5—8) to start his tenure with the franchise

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* Seattle's **Vince Dunn** opened the scoring at Climate Pledge Arena and became the first defenseman to tally a franchise's first goal in an inaugural home opener since **Sean Hill** did so for the Mighty Ducks at Arrowhead Pond of Anaheim – now Honda Center – on [Oct. 8, 1993](#).




DEFENSEMEN TO SCORE FRANCHISE'S FIRST GOAL IN HOME OPENER

► NHL HISTORY

PLAYER	TEAM	DATE
VINCE DUNN	SEA	OCT. 23, 2021
SEAN HILL	ANA	OCT. 8, 1993
MARK HOWE	HFD	OCT. 19, 1979
YVON LABRE	WSH	OCT. 15, 1974
BARRY WILKINS	VAN	OCT. 9, 1970
KENT DOUGLAS	OAK	OCT. 11, 1967
LIONEL CONACHER	PIR	DEC. 2, 1925
DAVE RITCHIE	MWN	DEC. 19, 1917

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PERRON'S HAT TRICK DRIVES BLUES OUTBURST IN HOME OPENER. . .

David Perron (3-1—4) scored his fifth career hat trick as a member of the Blues and St. Louis notched seven goals for the second time in three games to continue its strong offensive start to the season.

* The Blues, who matched the longest season-opening win streak in franchise history (also 4-0-0 in 2013-14 and 2017-18), scored at least seven goals in a home opener for the fifth time in franchise history.



* Only four players have netted more hat tricks for the Blues than Perron: **Brett Hull** (27), **Bernie Federko** (11), **Brian Sutter** (7) and **Garry Unger** (7).

. . . WHILE PITTSBURGH'S DEPTH SHINES AND SCORES SEVEN

Marcus Pettersson (1-2—3) and **Mike Matheson** (1-1—2) accounted for two of Pittsburgh's seven goals as the Penguins improved to 3-0-2 and registered the fifth season-opening point streak of at least five games in franchise history. The others: 13 GP in 1994-95 (12-0-1), 10 GP in 1992-93 (8-0-2), 7 GP in 1986-87 (7-0-0) and 5 GP in 2011-12 (3-0-2).



Pittsburgh now has 14 different goal scorers so far in 2021-22. Only two teams in NHL history have featured more through their first five games of a season: North Stars (16 in 1983-84) & Flames (15 in 1985-86).

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* Pittsburgh has scored 23 goals over its first five games of the season without captain **Sidney Crosby** or **Evgeni Malkin** in the lineup. The 2021-22 campaign marks the franchise's highest goal total through the first five games of a season since 1994-95 when the **Jaromir Jagr**-led Penguins also had 23. The last season Pittsburgh had *more than* 23 goals through five games was 1992-93 (24).

WILD, HURRICANES AND PANTHERS KEEP PERFECT RECORDS AFLOAT

The Wild (4-0-0), Hurricanes (4-0-0) and Panthers (5-0-0) each collected another two points to start the 2021-22 campaign:

* Minnesota erased 1-0 and 3-2 deficits in regulation before **Ryan Hartman** scored with 13 seconds remaining in overtime to help the Wild open a season with at least four straight wins for the fourth time in franchise history (also 6-0-0 in 2006-07, 5-0-0 in 2007-08 & 4-0-0 in 2008-09).



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Minnesota (4-0-0) became the fourth team in NHL history to start a season with 4+ straight comeback wins. The others: Edmonton (5-0-0 in 2019-20), Nashville (4-0-0 in 2005-06) & Los Angeles (4-0-0 in 1988-89).

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* While **Vincent Trocheck** (2-1—3) led the charge for his club, reigning Jack Adams Award winner **Rod Brind'Amour** and the Hurricanes won their fourth straight game to start 2021-22. Only two recipients of the award have posted a longer win streak *to start the subsequent season*: **Lindy Ruff** (10-0-0 in 2006-07 w/ BUF) and **Pat Burns** (10-0-0 in 1993-94 w/ TOR).

* **Jonathan Huberdeau** recorded his 24th career multi-goal game as the Panthers joined the Oilers as the second team to win each of its first five games of 2021-22. Huberdeau trails only **Olli Jokinen** and **Pavel Bure** (both w/ 31) for the most multi-goal games in franchise history.

RANGERS RECORD FRANCHISE FIRST IN RALLY

With their team trailing 2-0 in the final 5:23, Rangers forwards **Chris Kreider**, **Ryan Lindgren** and **Barclay Goodrow** each scored in a span of 3:20 to help New York stun Ottawa and help the club win a game in which it faced a multi-goal deficit in the final six minutes of regulation for the first time in franchise history.



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REGULATION WINS AFTER TRAILING BY 2+ IN LAST 6 MINUTES
 ▶ REGULAR SEASON, SINCE 1999-00

TEAM	OPPONENT	DATE
RANGERS	OTT	OCT. 23, 2021
FLYERS	CBJ	DEC. 19, 2013
PREDATORS	MIN	JAN. 31, 2012
BRUINS	PIT	JAN. 10, 2011
DEVILS	TOR	FEB. 5, 2010
BLUE JACKETS	ANA	JAN. 5, 2007
FLYERS	CGY	OCT. 12, 2002
SHARKS	BOS	OCT. 13, 2001
CANUCKS	TBL	OCT. 8, 2000
PENGUINS	MTL	NOV. 10, 1999

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- * [Canadiens score six straight, earn first win of season](#)

SHARKS LOOKS FOR FIFTH STRAIGHT WIN SUNDAY

The Sharks and Wild will look to stay perfect to begin the 2021-22 NHL season, with San Jose eyeing the third 5-0-0 start in [franchise history](#) and first in eight years.

TODAY'S SCHEDULE SUNDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2021

1:00 PM ET		@		NBCSCA, NESN, SN1
6:00 PM ET		@		BSSO, BSWI, BSN
7:00 PM ET		@		BSDET, NHLN, NBCSCH, SN1
10:00 PM ET		@		NHLN, ATTSN-RM, MSG+, SN1

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