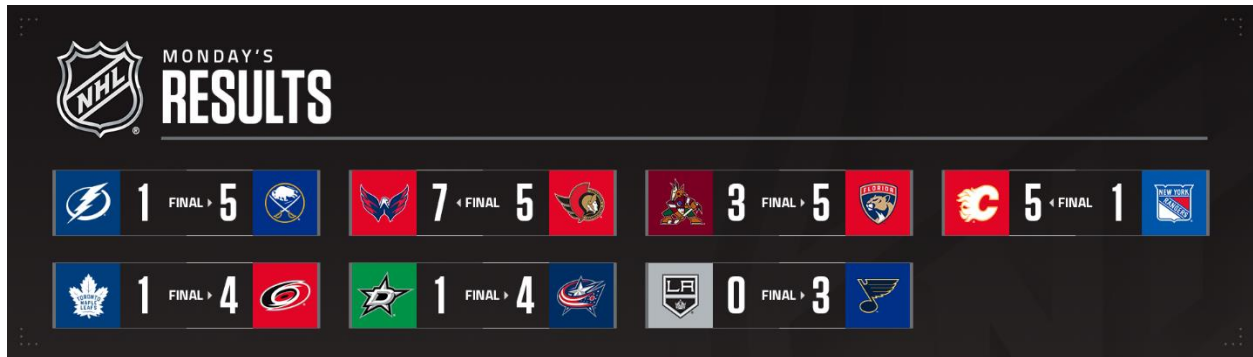


## NHL MORNING SKATE – OCT. 26, 2021

\* **T.J. Oshie** and **Drake Batherson** each scored three goals in the same game to mark the season's first duelling hat tricks, as the Capitals and Senators combined for 12 goals.

\* The NHL has four teams at 5-0-0 or better for the first time after the Panthers, Hurricanes and Blues all won Monday to keep pace with the idle Oilers as the only undefeated teams left in the League.

\* The Canadiens make their return to Seattle – where they played in the 1919 Stanley Cup Final – as the Kraken look to win their first game at Climate Pledge Arena.



### DUELLING HAT TRICKS HIGHLIGHT BACK-AND-FORTH GAME BETWEEN CAPS, SENS

Washington's **T.J. Oshie** (3-0—3) and Ottawa's **Drake Batherson** (3-1—4) exchanged the first set of [duelling hat tricks](#) since [Jan. 14, 2020 \(TOR vs. NJD\)](#) in a back-and-forth game that saw the Senators erase a three-goal deficit. There have been 11 hat tricks through the first two weeks of 2021-22, [the most at this stage of a season in over 30 years](#) (through 89 GP).

\* **Alex Ovechkin** recorded the [151st multi-goal game of his NHL career](#) - and second this season - to move within four goals of tying **Brett Hull** (741) for [fourth place in NHL history](#).



CAPITALS

Longest season-opening point streaks in Capitals history:

9 GP in 2020-21 (6-0-3)  
7 GP in 2011-12 (7-0-0)  
6 GP in 2021-22 (4-0-2)

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### **2021-22 BECOMES FIRST SEASON IN NHL HISTORY WITH FOUR TEAMS AT 5-0-0**

The Panthers (6-0-0), Hurricanes (5-0-0) and Blues (5-0-0) each won Monday to remain undefeated in 2021-22, keeping pace with the idle Oilers (5-0-0) as the only clubs without a loss of any kind. This marks the first season in NHL history to see four teams each start with a winning streak of five or more games.

\* Facing his former team for the first time, **Frederik Andersen** became the first goaltender in Hurricanes/Whalers history to win each of his first five games with the club and also the first Carolina netminder to begin a season with a five-game winning streak.

\* Florida's **Spencer Knight** secured his sixth win in his sixth career regular-season appearance dating to 2020-21, trailing only three netminders on the list of longest winning streaks to start an NHL career.



## MOST CONSECUTIVE REGULAR SEASON WINS TO START CAREER

▶ SPANNING SEASONS, NHL HISTORY

PLAYER	SEASON(S)	WINS
MARTIN JONES	2013-14	8
BOB FROESE	1982-83	8
WAYNE THOMAS	1972-73	7
SPENCER KNIGHT	2020-21-2021-22	6
FREDERIK ANDERSEN	2013-14	6
DAMIAN RHODES	1990-91-1993-94	6
KEN DRYDEN	1970-71	6
FRANK MCCOOL	1944-45	6

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## MATTHEWS REACHES 200-CAREER GOAL MILESTONE

**Auston Matthews** scored his 200th NHL goal in his 338th regular-season game, requiring the second-fewest contests in Maple Leafs history to achieve the feat behind **Charlie Conacher** (317 GP). Only [one active NHL player](#) hit the mark in fewer games than Matthews: **Alex Ovechkin** (296 GP).



**Auston Matthews (338 GP)** became the fastest U.S.-born player in NHL history to reach the 200-career goal milestone, eclipsing Kevin Stevens (363 GP)

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## **THE BEST OF A BUSY MONDAY FROM #NHLSTATS: LIVE UPDATES**

**Johnny Gaudreau** collected his seventh assist of 2021-22, the most by a Flames player through the first five games of a season since 1994-95 – all part of a jam-packed, seven-game Monday in the NHL. In case you missed it, [here](#) is a roundup of more #NHLStats from across the League:

\* Florida's **Joe Thornton** (42 years, 115 days) became the second-oldest player in Panthers history to score a regular-season goal, behind only **Jaromir Jagr** who tallied the last of his 49 goals with the club at age 45 years, 45 days on April 1, 2017.

\* **Elvis Merzlikins** made 31 saves to earn his fourth straight win, while **Gregory Hofmann** (28 years, 346 days) became the oldest player in Blue Jackets history to score his first career NHL goal, eclipsing **Lasse Pirjeta** (28 years, 232 days on Nov. 22, 2002).

2021-22	2018-19	2017-18
		
ELVIS <b>MERZLIKINS</b>	JOONAS <b>KORPIŠALO</b>	SERGEI <b>BOBROVSKY</b>
<b>4 GP</b>	<b>4 GP</b>	<b>4 GP</b>

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## **QUICK CLICKS**

\* [Kyle Connor, Connor McDavid and Ilya Sorokin named the NHL's "Three Stars" for the week](#)

\* [NHL, NHLPA agree to extend partnership with Upper Deck](#)

\* [Canadiens in Seattle to face Kraken, 102 years after Cup battle in city](#)

\* [Tony Esposito's first of record 15 shutouts for Black Hawks began 52 years ago](#)

## **SHOWDOWN IN SEATTLE: NEWEST FRANCHISE VS. MOST DECORATED FRANCHISE**

The Kraken and Canadiens will go head-to-head Tuesday as the NHL's 32nd franchise looks to capture its first-ever home win in a contest against one of the League's founding clubs.



# TONIGHT'S SCHEDULE

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2021


7:00 PM ET		@		MSG+, SN1
7:00 PM ET		@		BSSUN, ATTSN-PT, TVAS
8:00 PM ET		@		ESPN
8:30 PM ET		@		HULU, ESPN+
10:00 PM ET		@		SN1, BSN, BSWI
10:00 PM ET		@		BSSD, BSSC, TSN3
10:00 PM ET		@		ROOT-NW, TSN2, RDS




Stream on ESPN+ and NHL LIVE. Blackouts and other restrictions apply.

\* Facing a Seattle-based team for the first time since [Game 5 of the 1919 Stanley Cup Final](#) against the Seattle Metropolitans, Montreal will become the NHL's first club to play against 38 franchises (including active and defunct). Toronto will also achieve the feat on Dec. 19.

\* After contesting three one-goal decisions in their first five games, the Kraken can become the ninth expansion team to defeat an Original Six franchise for its first-ever home victory (since 1967-68). Two of the last three instances have come against the Canadiens.






## EXPANSION TEAMS TO DEFEAT ORIGINAL SIX TEAM IN FIRST HOME WIN

▶ SINCE 1967-68

TEAM	OPPONENT	DATE
SENATORS	MTL	OCT. 8, 1992
LIGHTNING	CHI	OCT. 7, 1992
NORDIQUES	MTL	OCT. 28, 1979
CAPITALS	CHI	OCT. 17, 1974
SABRES	DET	OCT. 23, 1970
CANUCKS	TOR	OCT. 11, 1970
BLUES	BOS	NOV. 1, 1967
PENGUINS	CHI	OCT. 21, 1967

\*SEATTLE CAN JOIN THIS LIST

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### RECENT STRINGS OF SUCCESS ALSO TAKE TO THE ICE TUESDAY

Multiple stretches of success to start the season will look to continue once the puck drops for the seven-game slate Tuesday night:

\* Vancouver's **Conor Garland** (3-5—8 in 6 GP) will have his season-opening point streak on the line when the Canucks clash with the Wild at Rogers Arena. Garland can join **Dany Heatley** (22 GP w/ OTT in 2005-06), **Marian Gaborik** (8 GP w/ NYR in 2009-10), **Filip Kuba** (8 GP w/ OTT in 2008-09) and **Chris Tierney** (7 GP w/ OTT in 2018-19) as the NHL's fifth player in 16 years to begin his tenure with a team with a season-opening point streak of at least seven games.

\* Sharks teammates **Logan Couture** and **Timo Meier** have each collected 3-5—8 through San Jose's first five games to start the season and have found the score sheet in every contest. While 10 games stands as the [longest season-opening point streak in franchise history](#), only two Sharks campaigns have started with multiple players registering simultaneous stretches of at least six contests.

\* Fresh off earning NHL's "First Star" for the week ending Oct. 24, Jets forward **Kyle Connor** takes to the ice against the Ducks with multiple points in each of his last three contests (5-3—8 in 3 GP). The longest stretch of multi-point games in Jets team history is five, seen on four occasions.



## LONGEST STREAKS OF MULTI-POINT GAMES

▶ JETS TEAM HISTORY

TEAM	SEASON	GP
MARK SCHEIFELE	2018-19	5
PATRIK LAINE	2017-18	5
ANDREW LADD	2012-13	5
DUSTIN BYFUGLIEN	2011-12	5
BLAKE WHEELER	2018-19	4
BLAKE WHEELER	2017-18	4
PATRIK LAINE	2016-17	4

\*KYLE CONNOR CAN JOIN THIS LIST

