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▼ Makar reaches 100-point milestone



▼ Hurricanes, Flames post shutouts, continue streaks




▼ Ovechkin approaching Hull on all-time goals list

* **Cale Makar** recorded 1-1—2 to reach the 100-point milestone while skating in his 108th NHL game – tied for the sixth-fewest contests in League history to reach the mark among defensemen.



















* The Hurricanes extended their season-opening win streak, while the Flames swept their five-game road trip in rare fashion.

* **Alex Ovechkin** can extend his season-opening point streak Friday as he approaches **Brett Hull** on the [NHL's all-time goals list](#).




THURSDAY'S

RESULTS

 1 FINAL 5 	 4 < FINAL 0 	 0 FINAL 3 
 4 < FINAL 3 	 2 < FINAL 1 	 4 < FINAL OT 3 
 1 FINAL 4 	 3 < FINAL 2 	 4 < FINAL 0 

MAKAR REACHES 100-POINT MILESTONE AS AVALANCHE SNAP BLUES' STREAK

Cale Makar (1-1—2) factored on two of the Avalanche's four goals to record his 100th career point (22-78—100 in 108 GP) and help snap the Blues' season-opening win streak at five games. Makar required the sixth-fewest games in NHL history to reach the 100-point milestone among defensemen – it's been 28 years since a blueliner hit the mark in as few contests.



FEWEST GAMES TO 100 CAREER POINTS
▶ DEFENSEMEN, NHL HISTORY

PLAYER	YEAR	GP
HARRY CAMERON	1921-22	88
MARK HOWE	1980-81	94
BRIAN LEETCH	1989-90	102
LARRY MURPHY	1981-82	105
PHIL HOUSLEY	1983-84	106
CALE MAKAR	2021-22	108
SERGEI ZUBOV	1993-94	108

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* Only nine active players have hit the mark in fewer games than the 22-year-old defenseman, none of whom patrol the blue line: **Alex Ovechkin** (77 GP), **Sidney Crosby** (80 GP), **Evgeni Malkin** (89 GP), **Connor McDavid** (92 GP), **Paul Stastny** (99 GP), **Mathew Barzal** (101 GP), **Elias Pettersson** (103 GP), **Patrick Kane** (104 GP) and **Artemi Panarin** (107 GP).

STREAKS STILL STAND VIA ANDERSEN, MARKSTROM SHUTOUTS

Frederik Andersen and **Jacob Markstrom** each posted perfect performances Thursday and backstopped their team to a sixth and fifth straight win, respectively:

* Andersen recorded his first shutout since [March 5, 2020](#) to beat the Bruins and improve to 6-0-0 through six appearances with the Hurricanes, marking his second six-game win streak to begin his tenure with a franchise (also 6-0-0 in 2013-14 w/ ANA). Carolina established a franchise record for [longest season-opening winning streak](#), surpassing its 5-0-0 start in 2019-20.

* Markstrom [turned aside all 45 shots faced](#) as the Flames blanked the Penguins to sweep their five-game road trip. Calgary, which never trailed at any point during its voyage, swept a road trip of five-plus games for the second time in franchise history (also 6-0-0 from Dec. 9-18, 2007).



Calgary became the third team in NHL history to sweep a road trip of five-plus games *while never trailing in each contest*, joining Chicago from Jan. 31 – Feb. 8, 1996 (5-0-0) and St. Louis from Feb. 6-15, 2017 (5-0-0)

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GOALS FOR FLEURY, FLURRY OF GOALS IN ANAHEIM FEATURED IN LIVE UPDATES

Haydn Fleury scored twice, while his former club nearly completed a three-goal comeback and **Jake Allen** posted a 45-save shutout – these notes and many more were featured in Thursday's #NHLStats: Live Updates, which can be read in full [here](#).



Haydn Fleury became the first defenseman with a multi-goal game for a franchise in its inaugural season since 2000-01, when Lubomir Sekeras (2x) and Filip Kuba accomplished the feat with the Wild and Jamie Heward and Deron Quint did so with the Blue Jackets

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QUICK CLICKS

- * Statement from Commissioner **Gary Bettman** on the resignation of **Joel Quenneville**
- * **Alex Ovechkin** closing in on **Brett Hull** for fourth on NHL goals list
- * **Zach Whitecloud** signs six-year, \$16.5 million contract with Golden Knights
- * On Campus: Top NHL prospects playing NCAA hockey
- * Devils to wear 'NJ Buy Black' helmet decals to support local businesses

OVECHKIN, CAPITALS LOOK TO EXTEND SEASON-OPENING STREAKS FRIDAY

Alex Ovechkin (8-5—13 in 7 GP) and the Capitals (4-0-3, 11 points) will put their season-opening point streaks on the line during Friday's six-game slate.

Time	Home Team	Visitor Team	Broadcast
7:00 PM ET		@	HULU, ESPN+
7:00 PM ET		@	BSOH, MSG
7:00 PM ET		@	BSAZ, NBCSWA, TVAS
7:00 PM ET		@	BSSO, NBCSCH
8:00 PM ET		@	BSW, ATTSN-RM
8:30 PM ET		@	BSSW+, TSN5, RDS2

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

* Ovechkin (36 years, 42 days) sits one game shy of tying the [longest season-opening point streak in franchise history](#) (8 GP), a mark he first set in 2005-06 and **Alexander Semin** matched in 2006-07. No player in NHL history has ever recorded a season-opening point streak of eight games at age 36 or older.

* With a [multi-goal outing](#), Ovechkin can also match the fewest games of his career to reach the 10-goal mark in a season – he required eight contests in 2017-18 (10-1—11). No player in NHL history has ever scored 10 goals prior to their 10th game of a campaign at age 36 or older.



CAPITALS

Alex Ovechkin (8-5-13 in 7 GP) can match the fewest games of his career to record 15 points in a season. He required eight contests to hit the mark in 2009-10 – a feat he accomplished at 24 years old.

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