




NHL MORNING SKATE – NOV. 25, 2021



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- ▶ Florida extends home win streak, ties NHL record
- ▶ McDavid reaches another milestone with 400th career assist
- ▶ Ovechkin posts three points to propel Capitals past Canadiens





























* **Aaron Ekblad** scored the overtime winner as the Panthers moved one game closer to making history at home.

* The milestones continue at an astonishing pace for **Connor McDavid**, who reached 400 career assists in fewer games than any other active player.

* Fellow No. 1 overall pick **Alex Ovechkin** had three assists and [ranks third in NHL scoring this season](#) – the League leader is **Leon Draisaitl**, who hit the 40-point mark Wednesday.



WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS

 5 ◀ FINAL 1 	 1 FINAL OT 2 	 3 ◀ FINAL SO 2 	 1 FINAL 4 
 3 FINAL 6 	 0 FINAL 3 	 2 FINAL 4 	 4 ◀ FINAL 1 
 5 ◀ FINAL 2 	 2 FINAL 5 	 5 ◀ FINAL 3 	 6 ◀ FINAL 2 
 1 FINAL 2 	 3 FINAL 6 		

FLORIDA TIES NHL RECORD FOR LONGEST SEASON-OPENING HOME WIN STREAK

Aaron Ekblad assisted on the tying goal in the third period and potted the overtime winner as the NHL-leading Panthers (14-2-3, 31 points) improved to [11-0-0 at FLA Live Arena in 2021-22](#).



* Ekblad, who extended his point streak to five games (2-5—7), scored the sixth overtime goal of his NHL career. The only defensemen with more [since his debut season in 2014-15](#) are **Brent Burns** (9), **Seth Jones** (8) and **Victor Hedman** (7).

McDAVID REACHES 400-ASSIST MILESTONE; DRAISAITL HITS 40 POINTS ON THE SEASON

Oilers captain **Connor McDavid** (2-2—4) eclipsed 400 career assists (209-401—610 in 426 GP) and required the fourth-fewest games in NHL history to reach the milestone.

FEWEST GAMES TO 400 CAREER ASSISTS

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1ST	2ND	3RD	4TH
			
WAYNE GRETZKY	MARIO LEMIEUX	PETER STASTNY	CONNOR McDAVID
			
290 GP	353 GP	411 GP	426 GP

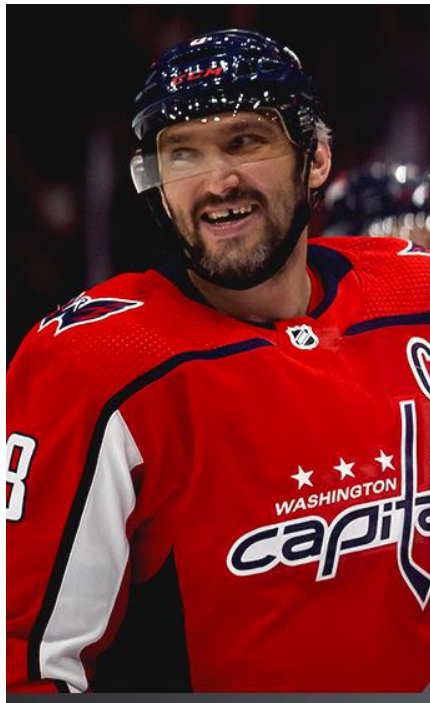
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* **Leon Draisaitl**, who also had 2-2—4 Wednesday, reached 20 goals and 40 points on the season (20-20—40 in 19 GP). The only player in franchise history to reach the 20-goal mark in fewer games played than Draisaitl was **Wayne Gretzky** in 1983-84 (16 GP) – the last player League-wide to do so was Pittsburgh's **Mario Lemieux** in 1995-96 (18 GP).

OVECHKIN'S THREE-ASSIST OUTING PROPELS CAPITALS PAST CANADIENS

Alex Ovechkin collected a game-high 0-3—3 as Washington scored at least six goals in a contest for an [NHL-leading fourth time in 2021-22](#) (tied w/ COL).

* The Capitals captain (15-18—33 in 20 GP), known for his goal-scoring prowess, has recorded his most assists through 20 games in a season (besting his 17 during the 2008-09 campaign). Among players to start a season at age 36 or older, only four in NHL history have registered more assists through their first 20 games of a season than Ovechkin.



MOST ASSISTS THROUGH FIRST 20 GP OF SEASON, PLAYERS 36 OR OLDER

► NHL HISTORY

PLAYER	TEAM	SEASON	ASSISTS
MARIO LEMIEUX	PIT	2002-03	30
JOHNNY BUCYK	BOS	1972-73	21
GORDIE HOWE	DET	1968-69	20
JOHNNY BUCYK	BOS	1974-75	20
MARTIN ST. LOUIS	TBL	2012-13	20
ALEX OVECHKIN	WSH	2021-22	18
RYAN GETZLAF	ANA	2021-22	18
JEAN BELIVEAU	MTL	1968-69	18
ROD BRIND'AMOUR	CAR	2006-07	18

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MORE NOTES FROM 14-GAME SLATE FEATURED IN #NHLSTATS: LIVE UPDATES

[Click here](#) to read Wednesday's edition of #NHLStats: Live Updates, which features many more notes from the 14-game slate. Some highlights include:

* Colorado forward **Nazem Kadri** (1-1—2) [extended his point streak to a career-high 10 games](#) (6-15—21), while teammate **Cale Makar** scored a goal for a fourth straight contest (6-2—8) and matched the [franchise record for longest goal streak by an Avalanche/Nordiques defenseman](#).

* Red Wings forward **Lucas Raymond** scored and leads all rookies with 8-12—20 (21 GP) this season. He required the [fifth-fewest games](#) among active players who reached 20 career points before age 20, behind only **Patrick Kane**, **Sidney Crosby**, **Connor McDavid** and **Ryan Nugent-Hopkins**.

* Capitals goaltender **Ilya Samsonov** (25 saves) improved to 7-0-1 through nine appearances in 2021-22 (2.22 GAA, .920 SV%, 3 SO) and became the first goaltender in franchise history to record at least one point in each of his first eight *decisions* of a season.

* **Chris Kreider** (15-3—18 in 19 GP) scored his 14th and 15th goals of the season as the Rangers won the first-ever "Battle of New York" game at UBS Arena.



MOST GOALS PRIOR TO 20TH GAME IN A SEASON

► SKATERS, FRANCHISE HISTORY

PLAYER	SEASON	GOALS
JAROMIR JAGR	2005-06	17
DON MURDOCH	1976-77	17
BILL COOK	1931-32	17
PIERRE LAROUCHE	1985-86	16
CHRIS KREIDER	2021-22	15
MARIAN GABORIK	2009-10	15
THEO FLEURY	2000-01	15
WALT PODDUBNY	1987-88	15
PIERRE LAROUCHE	1983-84	15
BILL COOK	1929-30	15
FRED COOK	1929-30	15

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SAVE ROOM FOR HOCKEY ON FRIDAY


After a one-day break in the schedule for U.S. Thanksgiving, play resumes Friday with 26 teams in action. Twelve continuous hours of puck begins at 1 p.m. ET with the *2021 NHL Thanksgiving Showdown* between the Rangers and Bruins.




FRIDAY'S SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2021

1:00 PM ET	 @ 	ABC, ESPN+, SN	3:30 PM ET	 @ 	BSSO, NBCSP, SN
3:30 PM ET	 @ 	HULU, ESPN+	3:30 PM ET	 @ 	BSWI, BSN, TSN3
4:00 PM ET	 @ 	BSW, TSN5, RDS	5:00 PM ET	 @ 	BSFL, NBCSWA
6:00 PM ET	 @ 	HULU, ESPN+	7:00 PM ET	 @ 	MSG-B, TSN2, RDS
7:00 PM ET	 @ 	ROOT-NW, BSSUN	7:00 PM ET	 @ 	BSOH, SNP
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