

NHL MORNING SKATE – DEC. 6, 2021

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Monday, December 6, 2021

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- ▶ Wheeler reaches 1,000 career games in Jets win
- ▶ Hedman tallies three points in Lightning's 1,000th victory
- ▶ Stars seek their seventh straight win Monday

* Winnipeg captain **Blake Wheeler** became the third player from his draft class to play 1,000 NHL games and the fourth player to reach the milestone while skating for the current Jets or Thrashers.

* **Victor Hedman** helped the Lightning celebrate a "1,000th" milestone of their own, while **Drew Doughty** resumed his high-scoring ways in 2021-22.

* The Stars will look to match a franchise record when they put the League's longest active win streak (tied) on the line against the Coyotes.

SUNDAY'S RESULTS

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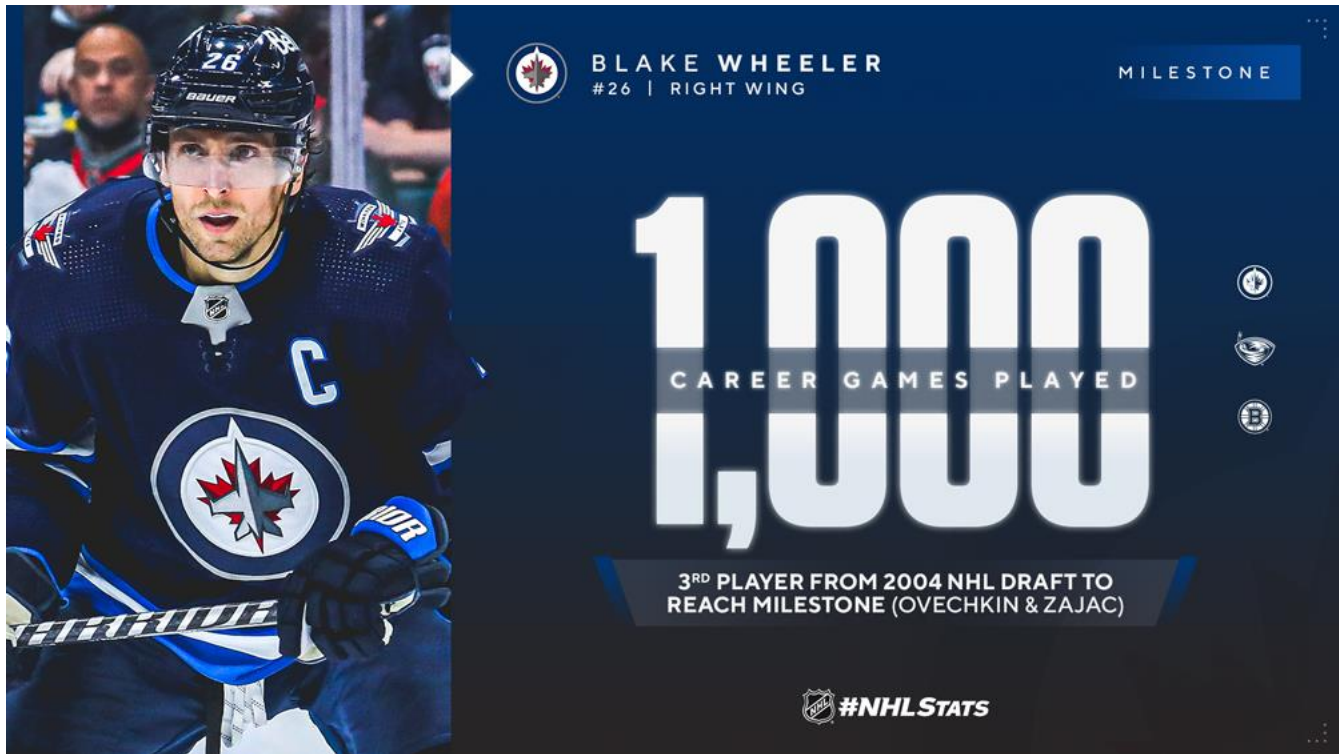
WHEELER CELEBRATES 1,000TH GAME WITH TWO ASSISTS IN WIN

Jets captain **Blake Wheeler** notched two assists while skating in his 1,000th regular-season game as Winnipeg improved to 9-3-1 on home ice this season and handed the Maple Leafs consecutive losses for the first time since October.

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* Wheeler has recorded multiple assists in 101 of his 1,000 career regular-season games, with [95 of those coming since the franchise relocated](#) to Winnipeg in 2011-12.



* After posting an 8-4 victory Friday, Winnipeg has scored at least six goals in consecutive games for the sixth time in franchise history and third since becoming the Jets (also 2 GP from Feb. 16-18, 2018 and 2 GP from Dec. 9-11, 2018).

* Wheeler, who was drafted by the Coyotes and played for the Bruins and Thrashers before becoming captain of the Jets, was presented with a silver stick and [congratulatory messages from current and former teammates](#) before the game.



HEDMAN, DOUGHTY TALLY THREE POINTS APIECE FOR WINS ON THE ROAD

Victor Hedman (0-3—3) and **Drew Doughty** (1-2—3) each added three points to help their respective teams win on the road. The Lightning collected their 1,000th regular-season victory while the Kings extended their road point streak to five games (4-0-1). Doughty notched his second three-plus point outing of the season, second to only Hedman (3) for the most among defensemen in 2021-22.



Victor Hedman (5-21-26) overtook Adam Fox (5-20-25) for the most points among defensemen this season, while Drew Doughty (1.57; 2-9-11 in 7 GP) has the highest P/GP among blueliners in 2021-22.




GOLDEN KNIGHTS REMAIN PERFECT AT HOME AGAINST FLAMES

Max Pacioretty (4-3—7) and **Mark Stone** (1-5—6) each extended their point streaks to five games as the Golden Knights remained perfect in seven all-time home meetings against the Flames.



PLENTY OF U.S. REPRESENTATION AMONG NHL'S TOP GOAL-SCORERS

Half of the top eight goal-scorers in the NHL this season are U.S.-born after **Kyle Connor** (Shelby Township, Mich.) and **Auston Matthews** (San Ramon, Calif.) each scored for the 15th time Sunday. The other U.S.-born players in that group are **Chris Kreider** (16 goals; Boxford, Mass.) and **Troy Terry** (15 goals; Denver, Colo.).

* Matthews extended his goal streak to six games, the [longest in the League in 2021-22](#) and the third time he has had a run of at least that length in his career (also 6 GP in 2018-19 and 7 GP in 2020-21).



Auston Matthews has a goal streak of 6+ games for the 3rd time in his career.

The only U.S.-born players with more goal streaks of 6+ games are Mike Modano (4x) and Pat LaFontaine (4x).

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- * [Elvis Merzlikins](#) becomes fastest Blue Jackets goaltender to 10 wins in a season (14 GP)
- * [Canucks make significant leadership & coaching changes](#)
- * [Jenny Potter](#) discusses career ahead of U.S. Hockey Hall of Fame enshrinement
- * [Canucks honor Ernie Dougherty](#), last living player from team's inaugural season
- * [Capitals host hockey clinic for players with disabilities](#)

AVALANCHE TO VISIT FLYERS ON ROGERS HOMETOWN HOCKEY

Rogers Hometown Hockey makes a stop in Pembroke, Ont., with Sportsnet set to broadcast the first meeting between the Avalanche (12-7-2, 26 points) and Flyers (8-10-4, 20 points) since Feb. 1, 2020.



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TONIGHT'S SCHEDULE

MONDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2021

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| 7:00 PM ET | | @ | | MSG+, TSN5, RDS2 |
| 7:00 PM ET | | @ | | NBCSP+, ALT, SN, TVAS |
| 7:00 PM ET | | @ | | BSW, NHLN, NBCSWA |
| 8:30 PM ET | | @ | | BSSW, BSAZ+ |
| 10:00 PM ET | | @ | | SNP, BSW |
| 10:00 PM ET | | @ | | ROOT-NW, ATTSN-PT |



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STREAKING STARS LOOK TO JUMP BACK INTO PLAYOFF PICTURE

After six straight wins overall and seven consecutive victories on home ice, the Stars (12-7-2, 26 points) are within striking distance of jumping back into a playoff position when they host the Coyotes (5-17-2, 12 points). Dallas is part of a five-team group separated by two points in the Central Division standings.

* A victory Monday would allow Dallas to match a [franchise record for the longest winning streak](#) within a regular season. The franchise has had a [home winning streak](#) of eight or more games on three separate occasions and only once since relocating to Dallas in 1993-94.



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The Stars can become the first team to score a goal *within the first five minutes of play* in five or more consecutive regular-season games since 2017-18 when the Ducks achieved the feat (5 GP from Dec. 23-Jan. 2).

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