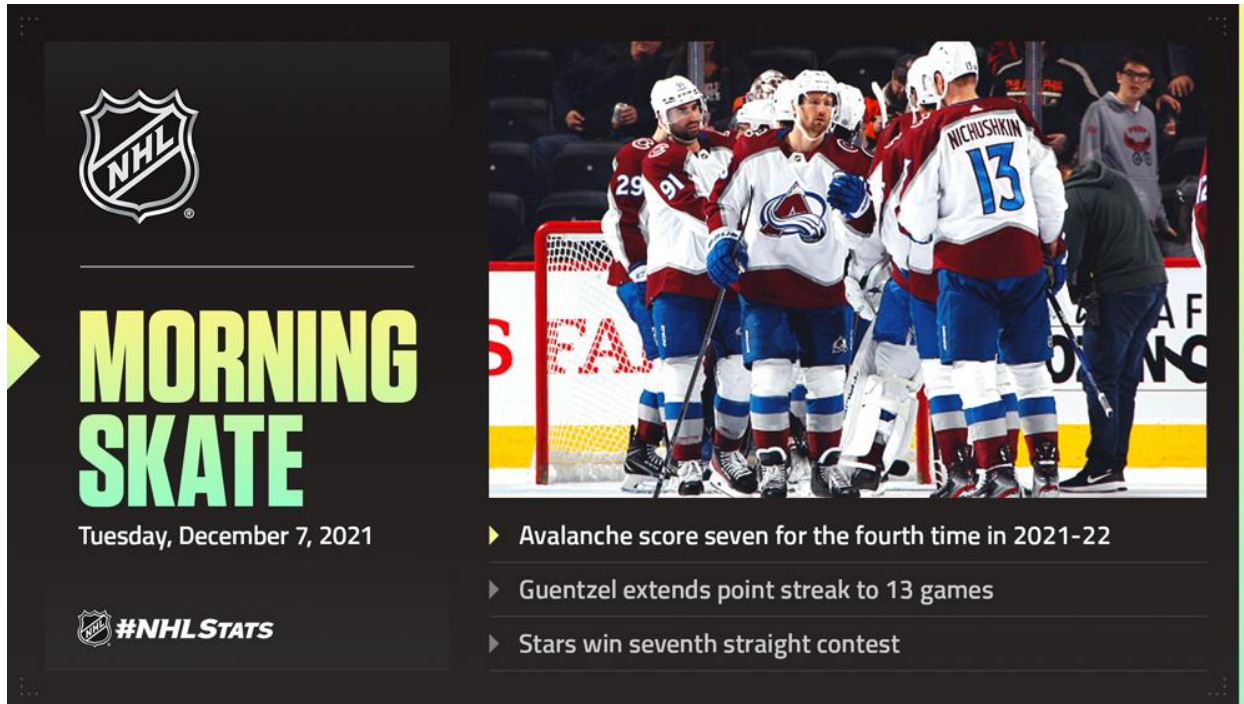


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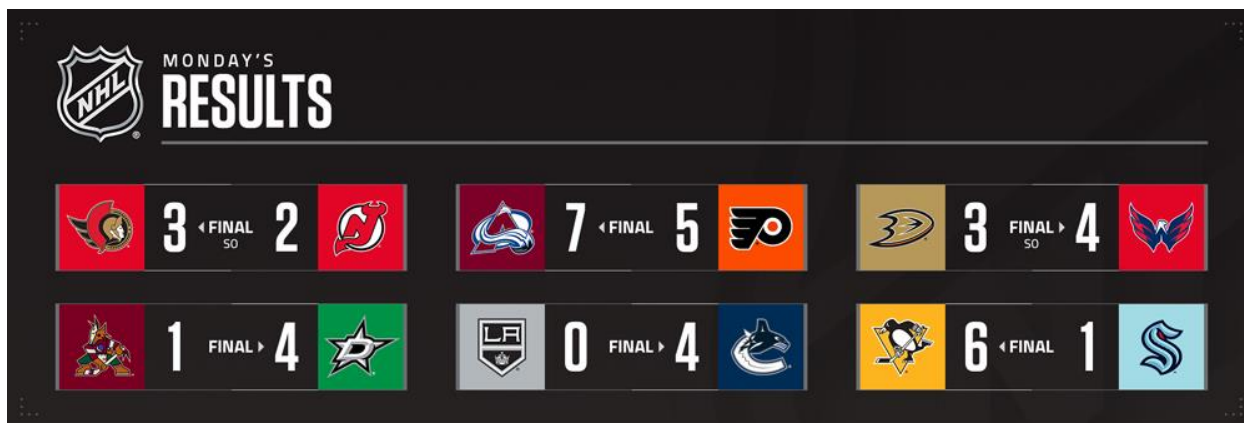
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- ▶ Avalanche score seven for the fourth time in 2021-22
- ▶ Guentzel extends point streak to 13 games
- ▶ Stars win seventh straight contest













* Defensemen **Erik Johnson** and **Cale Makar** each scored as the Avalanche amounted a seven-goal triumph for the fourth time this season.

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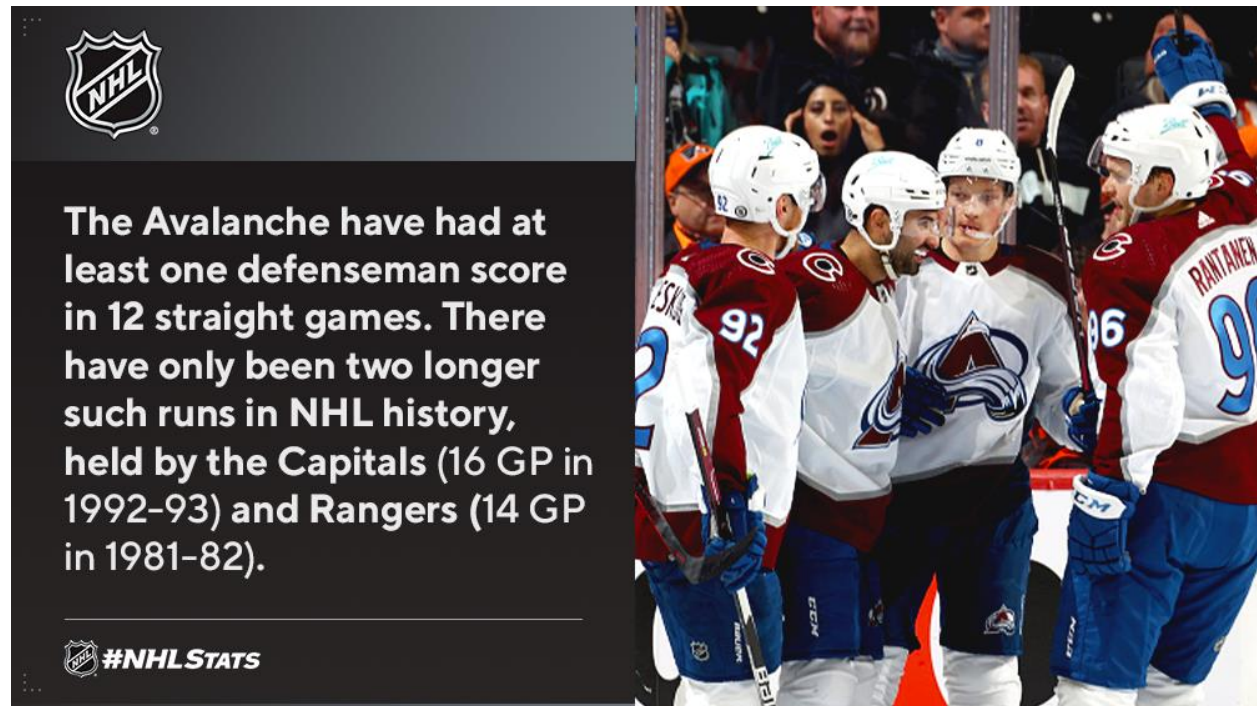


NHL MONDAY'S RESULTS

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COLORADO SCORES AVALANCHE OF GOALS

Erik Johnson (1-1—2) and **Cale Makar** (1-0—1) were two of seven different Avalanche players to find the back of the net and **Justus Annunen** (27 saves) earned a win in his first career start as Colorado scored seven or more goals for the fourth time this season. After entering Dec. 5 in fifth place in the Central Division, Colorado (13-7-2, 28 points) ended the night in second behind Minnesota (17-6-1, 35 points).



* The Avalanche (22 GP) became just the fourth team since 2000-01 to post at least four outings with seven-plus goals before their 25th game, joining the Sabres (5 in 2006-07), Penguins (4 in 2019-20) and Thrashers (4 in 2005-06).

* Annunen (21 years, 270 days) became the fourth-youngest goaltender in Avalanche/Nordiques history to win his first career NHL start. The only netminders who did so younger: **Jocelyn Thibault** in 1993-94 (18 years, 271 days), **Ron Tugnutt** in 1987-88 (20 years, 68 days) and **Mario Gosselin** in 1983-84 (20 years, 256 days).

GUENTZEL, DALLAS EXTEND NHL'S LONGEST ACTIVE POINT AND WIN STREAKS

Jake Guentzel and the Stars both extended the NHL's longest active point and win streaks, respectively, as the Penguins forward found the score sheet in his 13th straight game, while Dallas improved to 7-0-0 dating to Nov. 20:

* Guentzel (2-1—3), who has five goals over his past two contests, extended his point streak to 13 games and established a franchise record for the [longest season-opening road point streak](#) (12-7—19 in 12 GP) to power the Penguins to a six-goal victory. Half of Pittsburgh's goals came in the opening 5:07, which marked the third-fastest three goals to start a road game in franchise history, behind [March 2, 1981](#) (2:39) and [Oct. 27, 1976](#) (2:52).



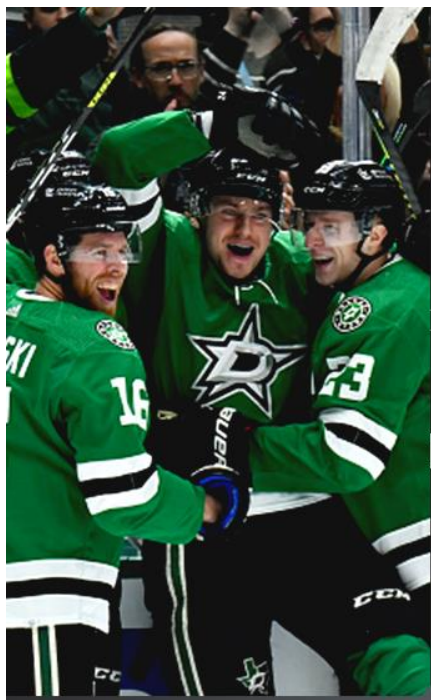
LONGEST SEASON-OPENING ROAD POINT STREAK

▶ SINCE 1986-87

PLAYER	TEAM	GP
WAYNE GRETZKY	1990-91	16
MATS SUNDIN	1992-93	14
BRENDAN SHANAHAN	2006-07	12
PAUL COFFEY	1986-87	12
JAKE GUENTZEL	2021-22	12

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* **Jamie Benn** (2-1—3) factored on three of Dallas' four goals to lead the Stars (13-7-2, 28 points) to victory and [match their franchise record](#) with their seventh straight win, a feat last achieved in 2019-20. Dallas also improved to 8-0-0 over its last eight home games, marking the second-best run in franchise history (also 8 GP in 2005-06 & 1989-90), behind 11-0-0 in 1972-73 as the North Stars.



LONGEST WIN STREAKS

▶ 2021-22

TEAM	DATES	RECORD
CAROLINA HURRICANES	OCT. 14 - NOV. 3	9
ANAHEIM DUCKS	OCT. 31 - NOV. 16	8
FLORIDA PANTHERS	OCT. 14 - OCT. 29	8
DALLAS STARS	NOV. 20 - PRESENT	7
LOS ANGELES KINGS	OCT. 30 - NOV. 11	7

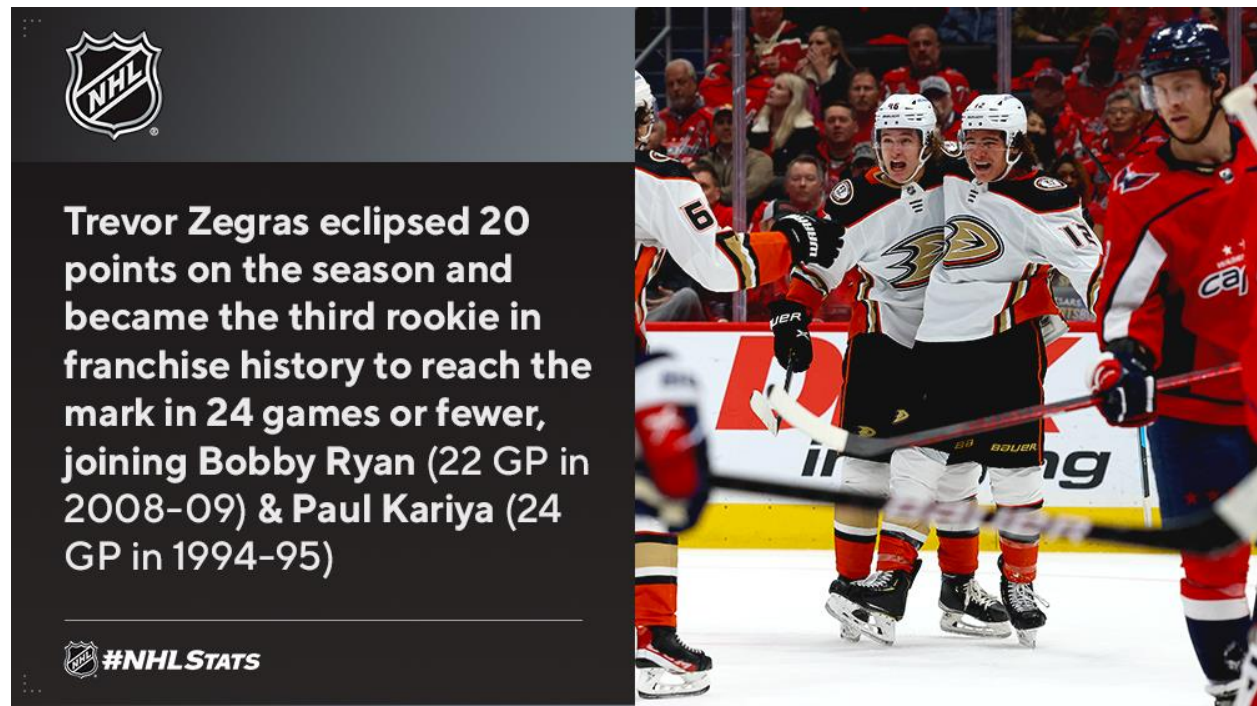
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OVECHKIN, ZEGRAS HIT NOTABLE FRANCHISE MARKS


Alex Ovechkin (36 years, 80 days) and **Trevor Zegras** (20 years, 261 days) each secured notable franchise marks as they skated across from one another Monday:

* Ovechkin tallied 0-2—2 and scored in the shootout to help the Capitals (16-4-6, 38 points) overtake the Panthers (17-4-3, 37 points) for first place in the NHL standings. The Capitals captain, who has tallied 8-7—15 in his last nine games, improved his season totals to 20-21—41 (26 GP) and tied **Dennis Maruk** (26 GP in 1981-82) for the fewest games to reach the 40-point mark in a season by a Washington player.

* Zegras (0-2—2) became the fourth rookie in the last 25 years to record multiple assists in three straight games, joining **Mathew Barzal** (3 GP in 2017-18), **Artemi Panarin** (3 GP in 2015-16) and **Patrick Kane** (3 GP in 2007-08) – all of whom went on to win the Calder Trophy. The only NHL rookies to extend their run to four contests were **Darren Turcotte** (4 GP in 1989-90 w/ NYR) and **Pat LaFontaine** (4 GP in 1984-85 w/ NYI).



Trevor Zegras eclipsed 20 points on the season and became the third rookie in franchise history to reach the mark in 24 games or fewer, joining Bobby Ryan (22 GP in 2008-09) & Paul Kariya (24 GP in 1994-95)

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ERIKSSON SKATES IN 1,000TH GAME ON #NHLSTATS: LIVE UPDATES

Loui Eriksson skated in his 1,000th game against the team that drafted him 33rd overall in the 2003 NHL Draft, while his former club earned their first win under head coach **Bruce Boudreau** – two of a number of notes featured on [#NHLStats: Live Updates Monday](#).



LOUI ERIKSSON
#21 | LEFT WING

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1,000

CAREER GAMES PLAYED

14TH SWEDISH-BORN PLAYER TO SKATE IN 1,000 NHL GAMES

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QUICK CLICKS

- * [Jonathan Huberdeau, Victor Hedman, Jake Guentzel](#) named 'Three Stars' of the Week
- * [Neal Pionk](#) suspended two games for kneeling in Jets game
- * [Wayne Simmonds](#) fined \$2,250 for actions in Maple Leafs game
- * [Chiefs TE Kelce](#) wears custom cleats inspired by [Wayne Gretzky's skates](#)
- * [Kraken](#) wear stunning, Karuk art-inspired jerseys to celebrate Indigenous Peoples Night



RANGERS, WILD PUT SIX-GAME WINNING STREAKS ON THE LINE TUESDAY

Twenty teams are in action Tuesday, including the Rangers (16-4-3, 35 points) and Wild (17-6-1, 35 points), who each look to extend their winning streak to seven games when they visit the Blackhawks (9-13-2, 20 points) and Oilers (16-7-0, 32 points), respectively. The last time [New York earned a victory in seven or more consecutive contests](#) was from Oct. 25 to Nov. 15, 2015 (9-0-0) – Minnesota has achieved the feat [five times in franchise history](#), including from April 14-24 (7-0-0).

Time (ET)	Home Team	Away Team	Broadcast Channels
7:00 PM	Washington Capitals	Toronto Maple Leafs	TSN4, BSOH
7:00 PM	Florida Panthers	Chicago Blackhawks	RDS2, TSN5, MSG+
7:00 PM	Philadelphia Flyers	Arizona Coyotes	HULU, ESPN+
7:30 PM	San Jose Sharks	Colorado Avalanche	HULU, ESPN+
8:00 PM	Red Wings	Canadiens	TSN3, BSSO
8:00 PM	Pittsburgh Penguins	St. Louis Blues	BSMW, BSFL
8:30 PM	New York Rangers	Chicago Blackhawks	NBCSCH, MSG 2, SNP, SNO, SNE
9:00 PM	Minnesota Wild	Edmonton Oilers	SNW, BSN, BSWI
10:30 PM	Carolina Hurricanes	Nashville Predators	NBCSCA, SN1

Some other highlights:

* The Blue Jackets (13-10-0, 26 points) visit the Maple Leafs (17-7-2, 36 points) in their first meeting since the [2020 Stanley Cup Qualifiers](#), when Columbus claimed a five-game triumph at Scotiabank Arena. **Auston Matthews** (8-2—10 in 6 GP) has tallied at least once in each of Toronto's last six contests, which is the longest goal streak in the NHL this season and [one game back of his career high](#).

* The Red Wings (13-9-3, 29 points) will aim to extend their winning streak to six games when they welcome the Predators (13-10-1, 27 points) to Little Caesars Arena, where the hosts are 9-2-2 (20 points) this season. Detroit can reach 10 home wins in 14 games or fewer for the first time since 2011-12 (10-2-1, 21 points).

* The Lightning (15-5-4, 34 points) and Canadiens (6-17-3, 15 points) meet for the first time since the [2021 Stanley Cup Final](#). Defending champions own an all-time record of 52-32-6 (110 points) in the first game against their Final opponent during the ensuing season (since 1926-27 when the Stanley Cup was competed for solely by NHL teams).

* The Flames (15-5-5, 35 points) face the Sharks (13-11-1, 27 points) at SAP Center as Calgary concludes its four-game road trip with a sojourn in San Jose. **Andrew Mangiapane** (16-1—17 in 16 GP) leads the League with [16 road goals this season](#).



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FEWEST GAMES PLAYED TO 20 ROAD GOALS

► NHL HISTORY

PLAYER	TEAM	SEASON	GP
JOE MALONE	MTL	1917-18	9
WAYNE GRETZKY	EDM	1984-85	15
CHARLIE SIMMER	LAK	1980-81	16
NELS STEWART	MMR	1929-30	17
JARI KURRI	EDM	1984-85	18
WAYNE GRETZKY	EDM	1983-84	18
JOHN LECLAIR	PHI	1997-98	19
BRETT HULL	STL	1990-91	19
BERNIE NICHOLLS	LAK	1988-89	19

*ANDREW MANGIAPANE (16 G IN 16 GP) CAN JOIN THIS LIST

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