

NHL MORNING SKATE – DEC. 9, 2021

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- ▶ Avalanche score 7 goals for NHL-leading fifth time in 2021-22
- ▶ Golden Knights mount fourth multi-goal comeback win
- ▶ Zegras, Matthews look to stay hot on 10-game Thursday

* The Avalanche, producing an NHL-best 4.30 goals per game this season, netted seven tallies for the second time in as many contests and a League-leading fifth time in 2021-22.

* Golden Knights captain **Mark Stone** led the way and guided Vegas to the franchise's third multi-goal, third-period comeback victory – snapping Dallas' seven-game win streak in the process.

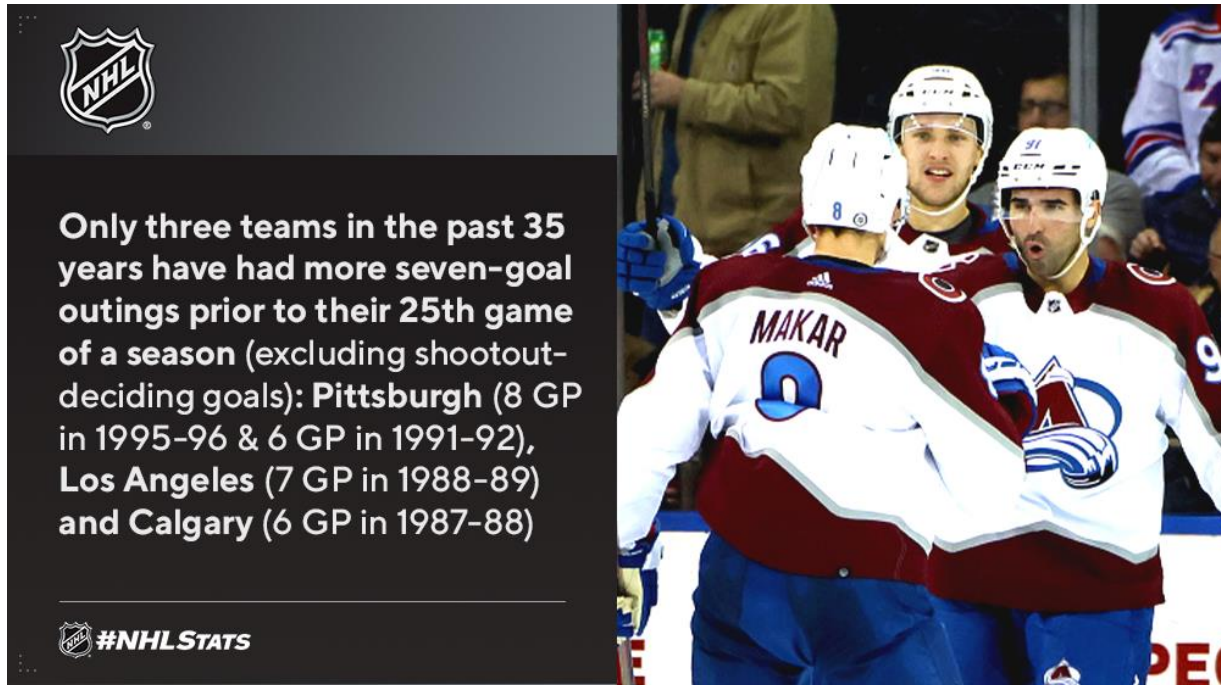
* Americans **Trevor Zegras** and **Auston Matthews** are set to take to the ice when the Ducks and Maple Leafs take part in a 10-game Thursday.

WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS

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AVALANCHE SCORE EARLY AND OFTEN TO HALT STREAKING RANGERS. . .

Nazem Kadri (1-2—3), with five three-point outings in a single season for the first time, and **Gabriel Landeskog** (0-1—1), who extended his [point streak to nine games](#), each found the score sheet on the night the Avalanche (14-7-2, 30 points) netted their [fifth seven-goal performance](#) of 2021-22 and halted the Rangers' win streaks.



* Colorado has now recorded back-to-back seven-goal games for the second time this season (also Nov. 19-22) and became the fourth team in the last 30 years to do so multiple times in a single campaign. The others: Buffalo (2x in 2006-07 & 1992-93), Pittsburgh (3x in 1995-96 & 2x in 1991-92) and Vancouver (2x in 1995-96).

* The Avalanche are also scoring an NHL-best 4.30 goals per game in 2021-22. Only two seasons in franchise history have featured the club conclude the campaign with a higher rate: 1983-84 (4.50) and 1981-82 (4.45). It also marks the highest goal-per-game rate by any team since the 1995-96 Penguins (4.41).

. . . WHILE GOLDEN KNIGHTS RALLY IN THIRD TO END STARS WIN STREAK

Mark Stone (2-1—3), **Max Pacioretty** (1-1—2) and **Michael Amadio** (1-0—1) scored 5:55 apart in the third period goal to help the Golden Knights (15-10-0, 30 points) end the Stars' seven game-win streak and record their NHL-leading fourth multi-goal comeback victory of 2021-22.

* The Golden Knights, who recorded a multi-goal, third-period comeback win for the third time (also [March 1, 2021](#) & [March 17, 2021](#)), are the ninth team to achieve the feat this season.



The Golden Knights became the fourth team in 2021-22 to win in regulation after erasing a multi-goal deficit in the third period, joining the Panthers (Nov. 30 vs. WSH), Devils (Nov. 20 at TBL) and Rangers (Oct. 23 at OTT)

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* Stone recorded his ninth outing with three-plus points since joining Vegas in 2018-19. Only three players have recorded more with the Golden Knights franchise: **William Karlsson** (13), Pacioretty (12) and **Jonathan Marchessault** (12).

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- * [Bruce Boudreau improves to 2-0-0 as Canucks head coach](#)
- * [Trevor Zegras, fans react to incredible lacrosse-style goal by Milano for Ducks](#)
- * [Jujhar Khaira released from hospital after leaving Blackhawks game on stretcher](#)
- * [Golden Knights celebrate Hispanic Heritage Night at T-Mobile Arena](#)



ZEGRAS, MATTHEWS LOOK TO STAY HOT ON 10-GAME THURSDAY

After [breaking the internet](#) with a lacrosse-like alley-oop assist on Tuesday, rookie **Trevor Zegras** is set to skate in his 50th career game when the Ducks (14-8-5, 33 points) clash with the Blue Jackets (13-11-0, 26 points), while fellow American **Auston Matthews** aims to extend his goal streak to eight games when the Maple Leafs (18-7-2, 38 points) host the Lightning (16-5-4, 36 points).

TONIGHT'S SCHEDULE

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2021

7:00 PM ET	@	TSN4, BSSUN	7:00 PM ET	@	RDS, TSN2, NBCSCH
7:00 PM ET	@	BSSD, BSOH, BSSC	7:30 PM ET	@	BSSO, MSG+
8:00 PM ET	@	BSMW, BSDET	9:00 PM ET	@	SNW, BSSO
9:00 PM ET	@	TVAS, SN1, SNE, SNO, SNP, NESN	10:00 PM ET	@	ROOT-NW, TSN3
10:30 PM ET	@	BSW, BSSW	10:30 PM ET	@	BSWI, BSN, NBCSCA

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

* Zegras, who is [tied for the most points among all rookies](#) in 2021-22, enters Thursday with 9-26—35 in 49 career games. Among players to debut with the franchise, he is only one point shy of equaling **Bobby Ryan** (17-19—36) for the second-most points through his first 50 career games with the Ducks, a list paced by **Paul Kariya** (22-21—43).

* Matthews (10-3—13 in 7 GP) can become the sixth different player over the last 25 years (since 1996-97) to record a goal streak of eight or more games. The others: **Teemu Selanne** (11 GP in 1997-98 & 8 GP in 1998-99), **Jaromir Jagr** (9 GP in 1996-97), **Connor Brown** (8 GP in 2020-21), **Mike Green** (8 GP in 2008-09) and **Miroslav Satan** (8 GP in 1998-99).





LONGEST GOAL STREAKS

▶ FRANCHISE HISTORY

PLAYER	SEASON	GP
BABE DYE	1921-22	11
BABE DYE	1920-21	11
JOHN ANDERSON	1984-85	10
DARRYL SITTLER	1977-78	9
LORNE CARR	1943-44	9
BABE DYE	1924-25	9
BABE DYE	1924-25	8

* AUSTON MATTHEWS (7 GP) CAN JOIN THIS LIST

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WILD LOOK TO EXTEND WIN STREAK IN CALIFORNIA

The Wild (18-6-1, 37 points) look to extend the NHL's longest active win streak to eight games when they visit the Sharks (14-11-1, 29 points). Minnesota, which has held its opponents to two or fewer goals in six of their seven games during their win streak, can string together at least eight consecutive victories for the [third time in franchise history](#). They have previously done so in 2016-17 (12 GP) and 2006-07 (9 GP).