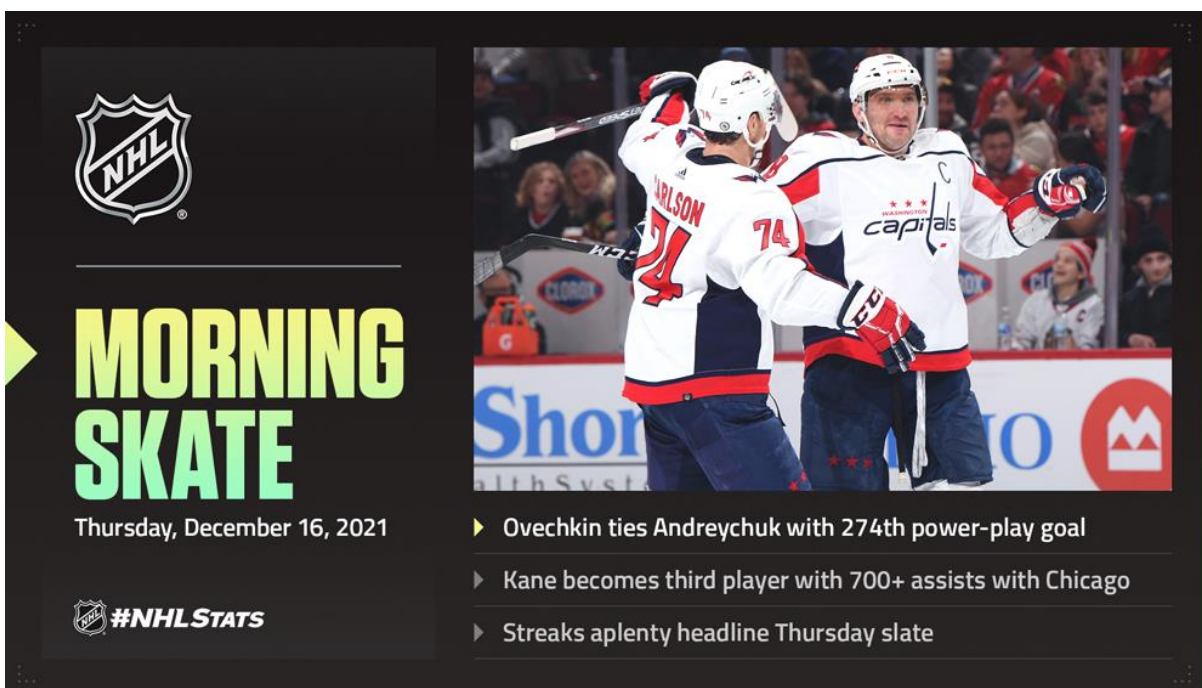


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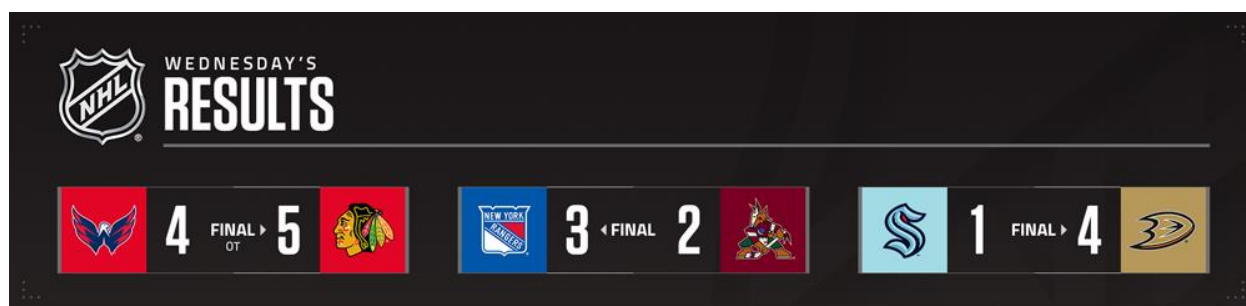
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- ▶ Ovechkin ties Andreychuk with 274th power-play goal
- ▶ Kane becomes third player with 700+ assists with Chicago
- ▶ Streaks aplenty headline Thursday slate







* **Alex Ovechkin** climbed another list Wednesday and now needs just one power-play goal to rewrite the NHL Record Book.

* **Patrick Kane** notched his 700th career assist on the night the Blackhawks became the eighth team in the past 35 years to score three goals in a span of 34 seconds or fewer.

* **Max Pacioretty, Mark Stone, Nathan MacKinnon** and **Drake Batherson** will all put their streaks on the line during a 10-game Thursday.

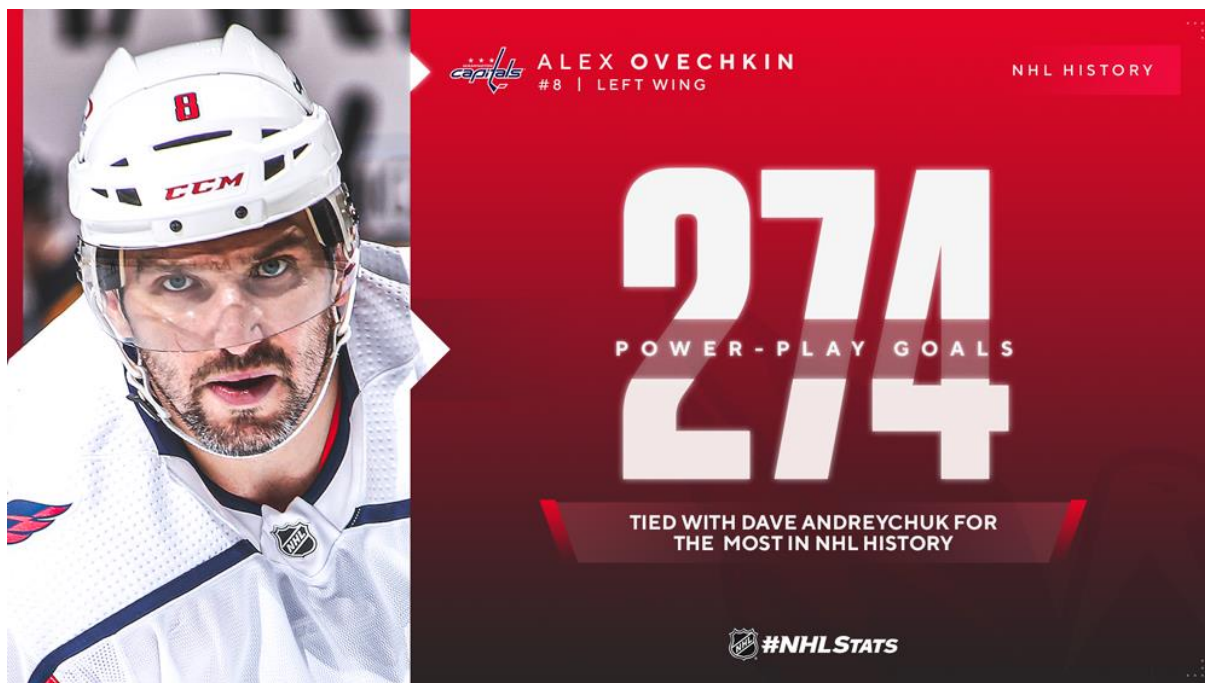


NHL WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS

	4	FINAL ▶ OT	5	
	3	◀ FINAL	2	
	1	FINAL ▶	4	

OVECHKIN TIES NHL RECORD WITH 274TH POWER-PLAY GOAL. . .

Alex Ovechkin (1-1—2) opened the scoring Wednesday with his [274th power-play goal](#) and 25th career tally overall against **Marc-Andre Fleury** – his most against one goaltender and one more than his next closest (24 vs. **Henrik Lundqvist**).



* Ovechkin (21-25—46), who last led the NHL in points outright on [March 20, 2015](#), leapfrogged idle **Leon Draisaitl** (23-22—45) and **Connor McDavid** (16-29—45) for the League lead this season. Only two players in NHL history have *concluded a season* as the top point getter at age 36 or older (tied or outright): **Martin St. Louis** in 2012-13 (w/ TBL) and **Bill Cook** in 1932-33 (w/ NYR).

... BUT KANE, DEBRINCAT HELP BLACKHAWKS OUTLAST CAPITALS

Conor Sheary (1-1—2) tied the game for Washington (17-5-7, 41 points) with three seconds remaining in regulation, but **Patrick Kane** (0-2—2) factored on the overtime winner to guide the Blackhawks (11-15-2, 24 points) to victory on the night he reached the [700-assist milestone](#).

* Kane (411-701—1,112) reached the benchmark after he collected an assist on the first of three Chicago goals in a span of 34 seconds – tied for the [third-fastest three tallies in Blackhawks history](#).



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FASTEST THREE GOALS, ONE TEAM

▶ SINCE 1986-87

TEAM	DATE	TIME
CAPITALS	NOV. 23, 1990	0:21
NORDIQUES	JAN. 27, 1990	0:26
FLAMES	OCT. 17, 1989	0:27
PENGUINS	JAN. 26, 1993	0:29
KINGS	OCT. 12, 2019	0:30
BLACKHAWKS	DEC. 15, 2021	0:34
JETS	OCT. 29, 2017	0:34
BLACKHAWKS	MARCH 19, 2017	0:34

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ICYMI: The Blackhawks honored **Marc-Andre Fleury** (42 saves) in a [pre-game ceremony](#) after recently becoming the third goaltender in NHL history to record 500 career wins. Subsequently, he became the 17th goaltender in NHL history to record at least 20 wins with 40 or more saves.



BLACKHAWKS

500 WINS

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TERRY'S GOAL-SCORING WAYS ALSO FEATURED IN #NHLSTATS: LIVE UPDATES

Troy Terry scored his 18th goal of the season to lead the Pacific Division-leading Ducks (17-9-5, 39 points) to their fourth win in five games. Anaheim's fifth-round pick in the 2015 NHL Draft trails only **Leon Draisaitl** (23), **Alex Ovechkin** (21) and **Auston Matthews** (20) in goals this season – all of whom were taken in the first round of their respective drafts. [Click here](#) to read more notes about the six teams that took the ice Wednesday.



MOST GOALS THROUGH 30 GAMES OF A SEASON
▶ FRANCHISE HISTORY

PLAYER	SEASON	GOALS
TEEMU SELANNE	1997-98	23
COREY PERRY	2014-15	19
PAUL KARIYA	1995-96	19
TROY TERRY	2021-22	18
TEEMU SELANNE	1998-99	18

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QUICK CLICKS

- * [NHL postpones Saturday's Flames-Blue Jackets game](#)
- * [Episode 3: NHL Road to the Winter Classic](#)
- * [LeBron James](#) reps Penguins jersey before Lakers-Mavericks game
- * [Drew Comesso](#) appreciating second chance with United States at World Juniors
- * [Thomas Rhett](#) to headline entertainment at sold-out Winter Classic























BUSY THURSDAY SLATE HAS STREAKS TO KEEP AN EYE ON

An action-packed Thursday is set to see a number of players put their streaks to the test including Vegas' **Max Pacioretty** and **Mark Stone**, Colorado's **Nathan MacKinnon** and Ottawa's **Drake Batherson**.



TONIGHT'S SCHEDULE

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2021

7:00 PM ET	 @ 	RDS, TSN2, NBCSP+	7:00 PM ET	 @ 	BSSUN, TSN5, RDS2
7:00 PM ET	 @ 	BSW, BSFL	7:00 PM ET	 @ 	ATTSN-RM, MSG+
7:00 PM ET	 @ 	BSSO, BSEDT	7:30 PM ET	 @ 	MSG+ 2, NESN, SNP, SNE, SN360
8:00 PM ET	 @ 	BSSO, ALT	8:00 PM ET	 @ 	BSWI, BSN, MSG-B
9:00 PM ET	 @ 	SN1, SNO, SNW, BSOH	10:30 PM ET	 @ 	NBCSCA, SNP



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* **Max Pacioretty** (10-6—16 in 9 GP), who has found the back of the net in seven straight games, and **Mark Stone** (4-11—15 in 9 GP) will aim to extend their point streak to double digits when the Golden Knights (17-11-0, 34 points) visit the Devils (10-12-5, 25 points). The pair can establish a franchise record for the longest point streak if either Pacioretty or Stone find the score sheet Thursday.



Max Pacioretty can become the third player in the last 20 years to record a goal in 8+ straight games. The only players to do so are Connor Brown (8 GP in 2020-21) & Mike Green (8 GP in 2008-09).

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* **Nathan MacKinnon** (2-11—13 in 8 GP) enters Thursday on an eight-game point streak, including multiple points in each of his last two outings. Should MacKinnon stretch the streak to nine games, it would mark the seventh time in his career he has posted a point streak of nine or more contests - only three players in franchise history have recorded more such runs: **Peter Stastny** (16), **Joe Sakic** (10) and **Michel Goulet** (9).

* **Drake Batherson** has recorded three or more points in each of his last two games and is currently riding a six-game point streak (2-10—12) for the Senators, who have earned wins in five of their past six contests. Batherson, who leads Ottawa in scoring with 9-19—28 (21 GP), can join **Erik Karlsson** (3 GP in 2011-12) as the second player in franchise history to record three-plus points in three straight games.



FEWEST GAMES TO 30 POINTS
 ▶ SINGLE SEASON, FRANCHISE HISTORY

PLAYER	SEASON	GP
DANIEL ALFREDSSON	2005-06	15
DANY HEATLEY	2005-06	16
JASON SPEZZA	2005-06	18
DANIEL ALFREDSSON	2007-08	21
MARIAN HOSSA	2000-01	22
BOB KUDELSKI	1993-94	22

* DRAKE BATHERSON (9-19-28 IN 21 GP) CAN JOIN THIS LIST

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NHL-LEADING ROOKIES ALL DON RED WINGS JERSEYS

The Red Wings currently feature the leader in [points by a rookie forward](#), [points by a rookie defenseman](#) and [wins by a rookie goaltender](#) this season with **Lucas Raymond** (10-15—25 in 29 GP), **Moritz Seider** (3-17—20 in 29 GP) and **Alex Nedeljkovic** (9-6-3) leading the charge. Nedeljkovic could face his former team for the first time Thursday after posting a 15-5-3 record with Carolina last season while leading all goaltenders with a .932 save percentage and 1.90 goals-against average (min. 15 GP).



MOST POINTS THROUGH 30 CAREER GAMES

► ROOKIES, FRANCHISE HISTORY

PLAYER	SEASON	POINTS
SERGEI FEDOROV	1990-91	31
STEVE YZERMAN	1983-84	30
JIM MCFADDEN	1947-48	30
EBBIE GOODFELLOW	1929-30	28
NICKLAS LIDSTROM	1991-92	27
DUTCH REIBEL	1953-54	26
PETR KLIMA	1985-86	25
TOM WEBSTER	1970-71	25
STEVE WOJCIECHOWSKI	1944-45	25

*LUCAS RAYMOND (10-15-25 IN 29 GP) WILL JOIN THIS LIST

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* **Did You Know?** Only two seasons in NHL history have concluded where the League leader in points by rookie forwards, points by rookie defensemen and wins by rookie goaltenders (outright or tied) *were all on the same team*. The Detroit Cougars cohort of [Ebbie Goodfellow](#), [Harvey Rockburn](#) and [Bill Beveridge](#) combined for the feat in 1929-30, while Maple Leafs teammates [Syl Apps](#), [Jimmy Fowler](#) and [Turk Broda](#) also did so in 1936-37.