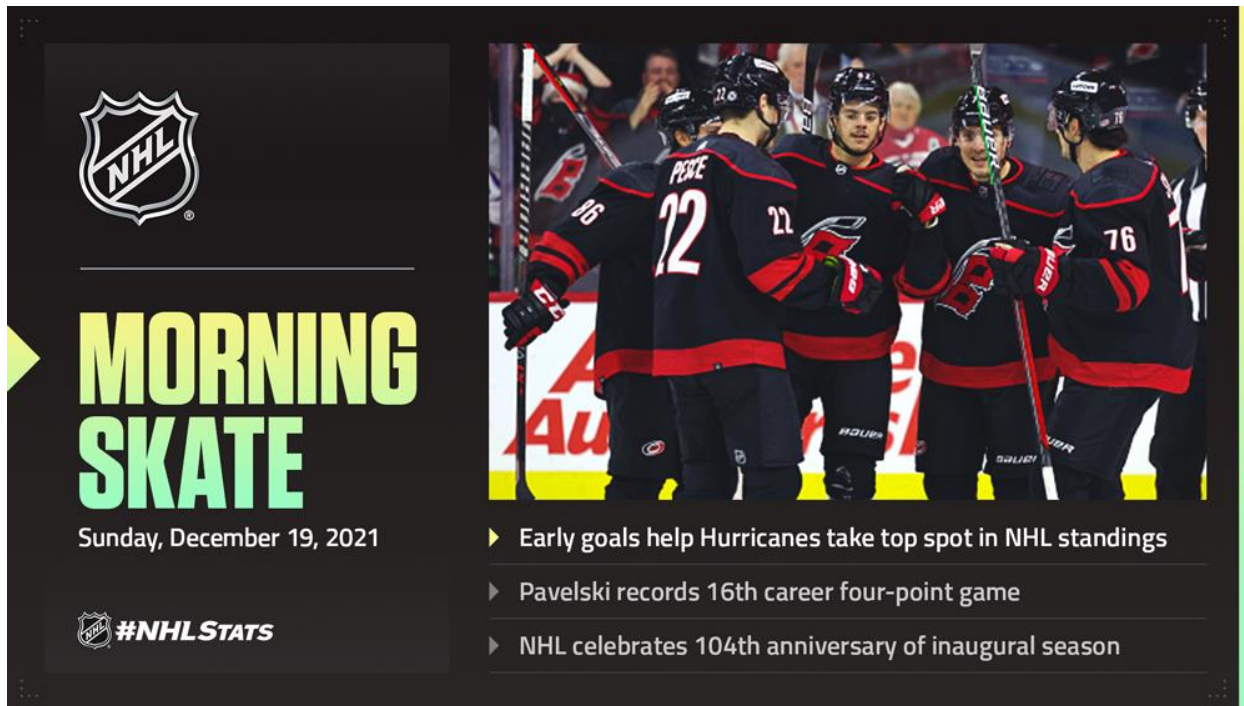


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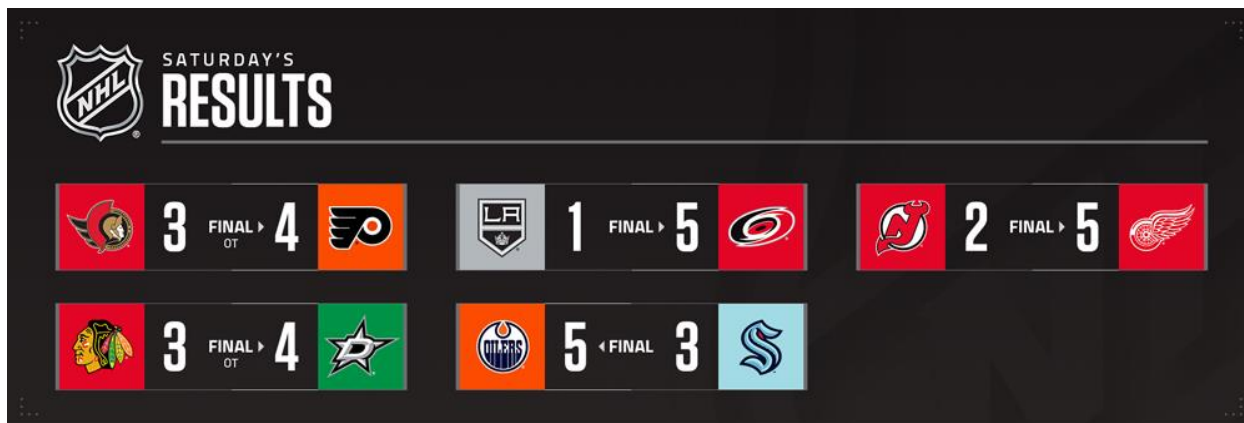
- ▶ Early goals help Hurricanes take top spot in NHL standings
- ▶ Pavelski records 16th career four-point game
- ▶ NHL celebrates 104th anniversary of inaugural season

* Sunday marks the 104th anniversary of the NHL's inaugural season, which opened with a pair of games between the Montreal Canadiens and Ottawa Senators, as well as the Montreal Wanderers and Toronto Arenas.











* **Jesperi Kotkaniemi** and **Jesper Fast** both scored in the opening 96 seconds marking two of Carolina's five goals Saturday, as the Hurricanes (21-7-1, 43 points) eclipsed the idle Capitals (18-5-7, 43 points) for top spot in the NHL standings.

* **Joe Pavelski** (2-2—4) became the oldest player since **Jaromir Jagr** (42 years, 44 days) on March 31, 2014 to record a four-point outing, helping Dallas halt a five-game skid.

* The Bruins and Predators had games postponed through the NHL holiday break on Saturday.



SATURDAY'S RESULTS

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SUNDAY MARKS 104TH ANNIVERSARY OF FIRST NHL GAMES

On Dec. 19, 1917, the NHL opened its inaugural season with a pair of games – the [Montreal Canadiens defeated the Ottawa Senators](#) 7-4 led by a five-goal outing from **Joe Malone** and the [Montreal Wanderers edged out the Toronto Arenas](#) 10-9 thanks in part to five goals from **Harry Hyland**.

NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE REPLICA SCORE SHEET
Date *December 19, 1917*

Visiting Team *Montreal Canadiens* Home Team *Ottawa Senators*

CLUBS	MONTREAL CANADIENS	OTTAWA SENATORS	FINAL			
			7	4		

W: G. Vezius 1, L.C. Benedict 1
S: J. Malone 1, N. Lalonde 1, J. Malone 1, J. Malone 2, J. Malone 3, J. Malone 4, J. Malone 5, D. Poiré 1
S: E. Gerard 1, C. Denney 1, C. Denney 2, C. Denney 3, C. Denney 4

PERIODS
FIRST PERIOD
1. Montreal, Malone 1 6:30
2. Montreal, Lalonde 1 10:00
3. Montreal, Malone 2 11:00
SECOND PERIOD
4. Ottawa, Gerard 1 Denney 1 4:30
5. Montreal, Malone 3 11:00
6. Montreal, Malone 4 11:00
7. Ottawa, Denney 1 13:00

NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE REPLICA SCORE SHEET
Date *December 19, 1917*

Visiting Team *Toronto Arenas* Home Team *Montreal Wanderers*

CLUBS	TORONTO ARENAS	MONTREAL WANDERERS	FINAL			
			9	10		

W: B. Lindsay 1, L.S. Hebert 1
M: D. Ritchie 1, J. McDonald 1, H. Hyland 1, H. Hyland 2, H. Hyland 3, H. Hyland 4, B. Bell 1, A. Ross 1, H. Hyland 5, D. Ritchie 2
T: B. Noble 1, H. Cameron 1, H. Cameron 2, A. Skinner 1, C. Denney 1, B. Noble 1, B. Noble 2, C. Denney 2, B. Noble 3

PERIODS
FIRST PERIOD
1. Montreal, Ritchie 1 1:00
2. Montreal, McDonald 1 (Ritchie) 1:50
3. Toronto, Noble 1 3:05
4. Toronto, Cameron 1 (Denney) 5:15
5. Montreal, Hyland 1 6:05
6. Toronto, Cameron 2 7:20
7. Montreal, Hyland 2 10:20
8. Montreal, Hyland 3 16:35
SECOND PERIOD
9. Toronto, Skinner 1 3:00
10. Montreal, Hyland 4 6:15
11. Toronto, Denney 1 Cameron 1
12. Toronto, Noble 2 14:45
13. Montreal, Bell 1 16:00

KOTKANIEMI, FAST SCORE QUICK GOALS AS HURRICANES CLAIM NHL LEAD

The Hurricanes (21-7-1, 43 points) scored five goals – including a tally from both **Jesper Kotkaniemi** (1-1—2) and **Jesper Fast** (1-1—2) in the opening 96 seconds – and overtook the idle Capitals (18-5-7, 43 points) for first place in the NHL standings. With a win in their next contest, Carolina can establish a franchise mark for the most points through its first 30 games of a season.





FASTEST TWO GOALS FROM START OF GAME

▶ FRANCHISE HISTORY

DATE	OPPONENT	SECONDS
NOV. 18, 2018	NJD	30
NOV. 9, 2010	EDM	75
JAN. 23, 1988	MNS	88
DEC. 18, 2021	LAK	96
JAN. 9, 1996	EDM	100
FEB. 19, 1980	EDM	120
NOV. 26, 1988	QUE	122
MARCH 2, 2019	FLA	125
MARCH 9, 1994	TBL	127
DEC. 30, 2001	WSH	129

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* **Jack Drury** (1-0—1) became the fifth player in Hurricanes/Whalers history to record a goal in his first two career NHL games, joining **Morgan Geekie** (2019-20), **Warren Foegele** (2017-18), **Mike Millar** (1986-87) and **Dave Debol** (1979-80). Drury could become the first player in franchise history to score in his first three contests.

PAVELSKI TALLIES FOUR POINTS TO HELP STARS SNAP SKID

Joe Pavelski (2-2—4) tallied [two first-period power-play goals](#) and assisted on **John Klingberg's** (1-1—2) overtime winner as the Stars (14-12-2, 30 points) fended off a third-period Blackhawks comeback to snap a five-game skid and improve to 9-1-0 in their last 10 contests at American Airlines Center.



Joe Pavelski (37 years, 160 days) became the oldest skater to record at least four points in a game since Jaromir Jagr (42 years, 44 days) on March 31, 2014

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* Pavelski, who was selected by the Sharks in the seventh round (205th overall) of the 2003 NHL Draft, recorded his 62nd career multi-goal game and trails only **Luc Robitaille** (119), **Peter Bondra** (95) and **Theo Fleury** (72) for the most such outings among skaters drafted in the seventh round or later.

* The Stars forward also recorded his 16th career four-plus point performance – since his NHL debut in 2006-07, only seven players have more: **Sidney Crosby** (31), **Alex Ovechkin** (28), **Evgeni Malkin** (26), **Nicklas Backstrom** (23), **Connor McDavid** (21), **Ryan Getzlaf** (17) and **Steven Stamkos** (17).

LARKIN NETS HAT TRICK ON #NHLSTATS: LIVE UPDATES

Detroit captain **Dylan Larkin** (3-1—4) scored his first career hat trick on a five-game Saturday, as he became the third Red Wings player this season to score at least three goals (also **Lucas Raymond** & **Tyler Bertuzzi**). Detroit joined [Ottawa](#) as the second team to have at least three *different* players record a hat trick in 2021-22. Click [here](#) to read more from the latest edition of #NHLStats: Live Updates.



Dylan Larkin scored Detroit's sixth hat trick of 2021. The last time they tallied more in a single calendar year was in 1992 when they did so seven times (Steve Yzerman: 3x, Jimmy Carson: 2x, Kevin Miller & Paul Ysebaert).

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QUICK CLICKS

- * [NHL, NHLPA announce enhanced COVID-19 measures](#)
- * [Maple Leafs, Canucks have weekend games postponed](#)
- * [Evgeni Malkin getting closer to return with Penguins](#)
- * [Robin Lehner returns to New York for first time since 2018-19 season](#)








ON TAP FOR SUNDAY

Alex Ovechkin (22-25—47 in 30 GP) will aim to extend his point streak to eight games (3-7—10) when the Capitals welcome the Kings and the Penguins will look to post a win streak of seven or more games for the first time since 2018-19 (8-0-0) when they visit New Jersey.



TONIGHT'S SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2021

2:00 PM ET		@		ATTSN-RM, MSG+, TVAS
3:00 PM ET		@		TSN3, BSMW
7:00 PM ET		@		ATTSN-PT, MSG+, SNP, SNE, SN1
7:00 PM ET		@		BSW, NBCSWA



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