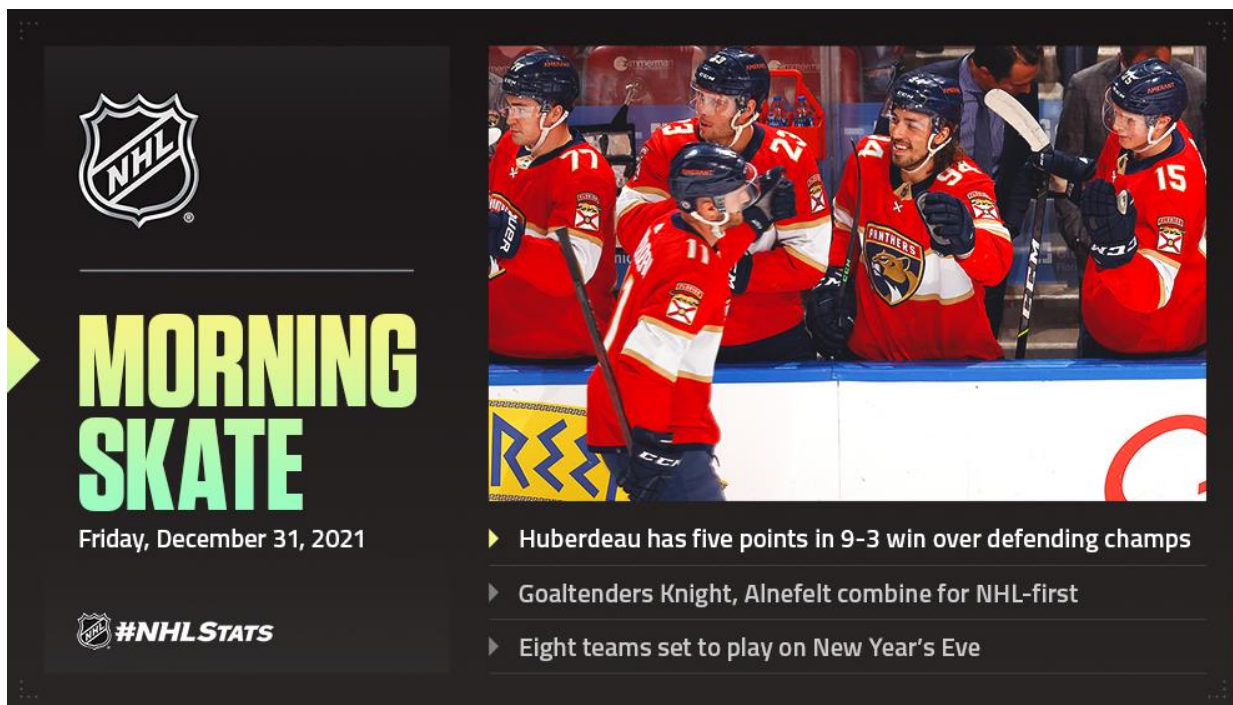


## NHL MORNING SKATE – DEC. 31, 2021



Friday, December 31, 2021

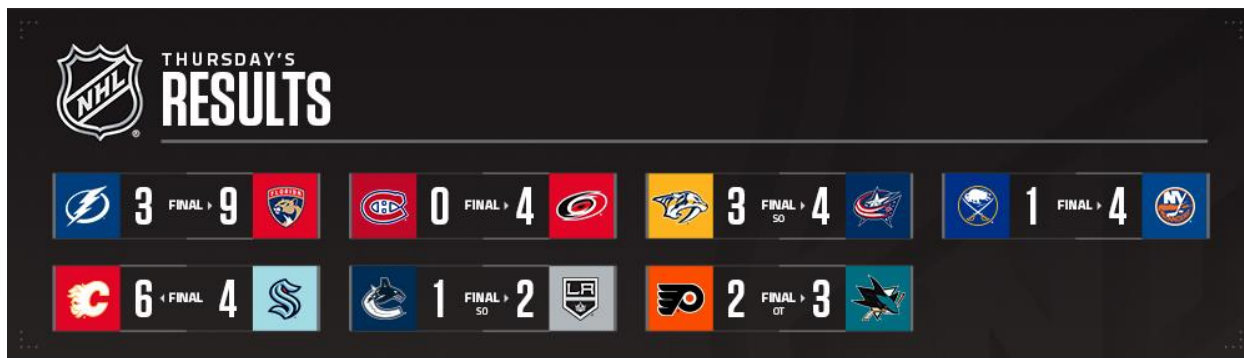
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- ▶ Huberdeau has five points in 9-3 win over defending champs
- ▶ Goaltenders Knight, Alnefelt combine for NHL-first
- ▶ Eight teams set to play on New Year's Eve

\* The Panthers potted nine goals against the League-leading Lightning and **Jonathan Huberdeau** recorded his second five-point game of the season – the [most among all players](#).

\* Pacific Division veterans **Johnny Gaudreau**, **Brent Burns** and **Jonathan Quick** helped their clubs pick up wins, while **Mathew Barzal** and **Sebastian Aho** of the Metropolitan Division extended lengthy streaks in their return to the lineup.

\* Eight teams are in action New Year's Eve before the Blues and Wild square off outdoors in the 2022 Discover NHL Winter Classic on Jan. 1.



THURSDAY'S RESULTS

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### HUBERDEAU POSTS FIVE POINTS AS PANTHERS NET NINE GOALS

**Jonathan Huberdeau** (1-4—5) factored on five of Florida's nine goals to record his [fourth career five-point game](#) as the Panthers (20-7-4, 44 points) defeated the League-leading Lightning and leapfrogged the Maple Leafs (20-8-2, 42 points) for second place in the Atlantic Division. Since Huberdeau entered the NHL in 2012-13, only two players have recorded more

games with five-plus points: **Connor McDavid** (7x) and **Brad Marchand** (5x).

\* Thursday's nine-goal performance marked the [franchise's second-highest total in a game](#), behind a 10-goal contest on [Nov. 26, 1997](#) (10-5 W vs. BOS). Florida also became the [first team to score nine goals in a game this season](#).



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### MOST GOALS IN A GAME AGAINST DEFENDING STANLEY CUP CHAMPIONS

► NHL HISTORY (REGULAR SEASON OR PLAYOFFS)

TEAM	OPPONENT	DATE	GOALS
MONTREAL CANADIENS	TAN	JAN. 11, 1919	13
LOS ANGELES KINGS	CGY	APRIL 10, 1990	12
NEW YORK RANGERS	PIT	NOV. 25, 1992	11
TORONTO MAPLE LEAFS	EDM	JAN. 8, 1986	11
CALGARY FLAMES	NYI	FEB. 25, 1981	11
BOSTON BRUINS	TOR	JAN. 18, 1964	11
CHICAGO BLACKHAWKS	PIT	OCT. 5, 2017	10
CHICAGO BLACK HAWKS	MTL	APRIL 5, 1970	10
MONTRAL CANADIENS	TAN	FEB. 1, 1919	10
FLORIDA PANTHERS	TBL	DEC. 30, 2021	9*

\*16 OTHER INSTANCES OF 9  
\*INCLUDES SHOOTOUT-DECIDING GOALS

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### DID YOU KNOW?

Thursday's game at FLA Live Arena featured appearances by Panthers goaltender **Spencer Knight** and Lightning netminder **Hugo Alnefelt**, who made his NHL debut in relief of **Maxime Lagace**. It marked the first contest in League history where multiple goaltenders born in the 2000s made an appearance.



Thursday's game between the Panthers and Lightning was the first NHL contest to feature multiple goaltenders who were each 20 years old or younger since Feb. 5, 2011, when Robin Lehner and Kevin Poulin appeared for the Senators and Islanders, respectively

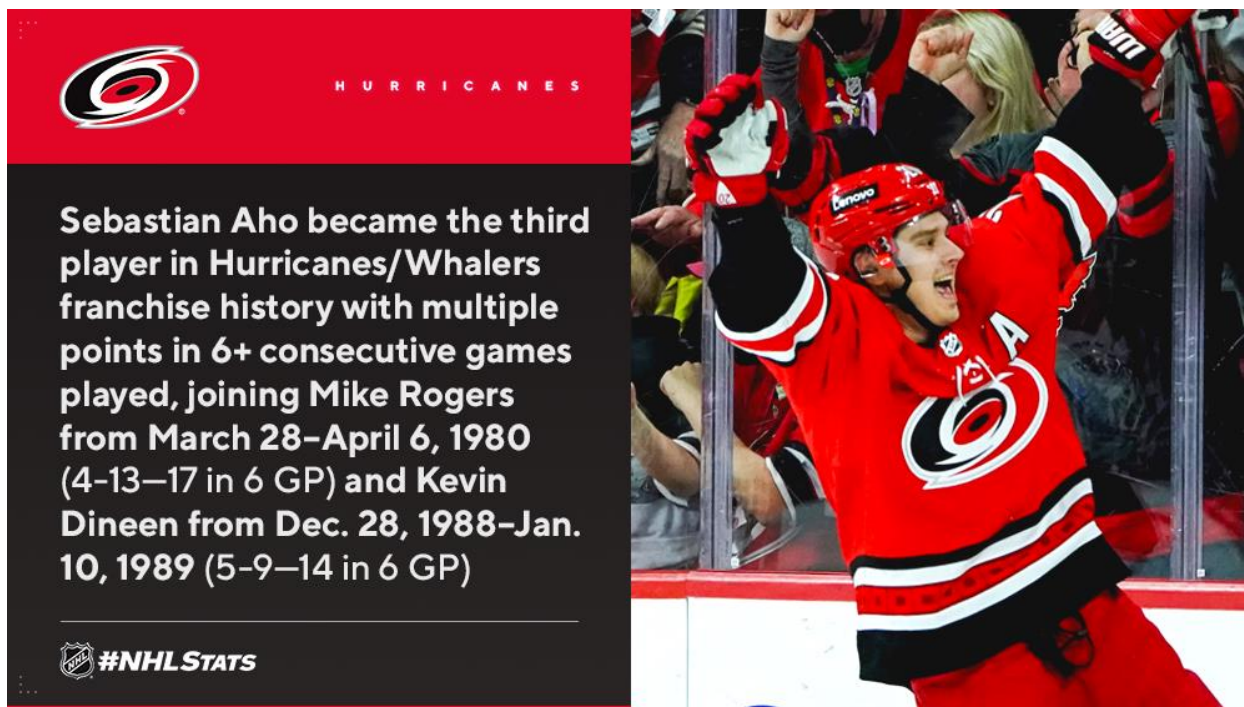
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### **BARZAL, AHO EXTENDING STREAKS FEATURED IN #NHLSTATS: LIVE UPDATES**

Several more notes from the seven-game slate are featured in [Thursday's edition of #NHLStats: Live Updates](#). Some highlights include:

- \* **Johnny Gaudreau** (2-1—3) scored twice and assisted on the game winner with 2:26 remaining in regulation, which was the final goal during a sequence that saw the Flames and Kraken combine for [three third-period tallies over a span of 41 seconds](#).
- \* **Brent Burns** scored to climb the NHL's all-time [goals](#) and [points](#) lists among defensemen as the Sharks edged the Flyers in overtime, while **Jonathan Quick** collected his [48th career shootout victory](#) as Los Angeles snapped Vancouver's seven-game winning streak.
- \* **Mathew Barzal** (1-2—3) factored on three Islanders goals and has at least one point in each of his last seven games played dating to Dec. 2 (2-10—12). New York improved to 3-0-1 in its last four contests at UBS Arena after going winless in the franchise's first seven games at the venue (0-5-2).
- \* **Sebastian Aho** accumulated two assists in his first game since Dec. 11 as Carolina (22-7-1, 45 points) blanked Montreal to reclaim first place in the Metropolitan Division. Aho has multiple points in each of his last six games played dating to Dec. 2 (5-9—14).



**Sebastian Aho became the third player in Hurricanes/Whalers franchise history with multiple points in 6+ consecutive games played, joining Mike Rogers from March 28–April 6, 1980 (4-13–17 in 6 GP) and Kevin Dineen from Dec. 28, 1988–Jan. 10, 1989 (5-9–14 in 6 GP)**

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### **QUICK CLICKS**

- \* [Patrik Laine scores in return, Blue Jackets top Predators in shootout](#)
- \* [Dean Evason signs multi-year contract to remain coach of Wild](#)
- \* [NHL postpones Stars-Coyotes game Sunday](#)
- \* [Blues turn attention to Winter Classic showdown with Wild](#)
- \* [Winter Classic a reminder where it all started for \*\*Nick Bjugstad, Alex Goligoski\*\*](#)


### **MORE 2022 DISCOVER NHL WINTER CLASSIC LINKS**

- \* [2022 Discover NHL Winter Classic By The Numbers](#)
- \* [Winter Classic providing TNT chance to showcase NHL coverage](#)
- \* [Winter Classic could rank as coldest outdoor game in NHL history](#)
- \* [Winter Classic profile: Golden Gophers big part of hockey in Minnesota](#)
- \* [Winter Classic profile: High School All-Hair Team goes with flow](#)











**EIGHT NHL TEAMS IN ACTION ON NEW YEAR'S EVE**





An octet of clubs are set to ring in the new year during Friday's slate, which begins at 1 p.m. ET when League scoring leaders **Leon Draisaitl** (24-26—50 in 30 GP) and **Connor McDavid** (17-33—50 in 30 GP) visit Prudential Center.



# TONIGHT'S SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2021

1:00 PM ET		@		MSG+, SN
3:00 PM ET		@		BSSD, BSSC, ATTSN-RM, SM1
7:00 PM ET		@		BSSUN, MSG+
7:30 PM ET		@		BSEDT, NBCSWA

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