

NHL MORNING SKATE – JAN. 3, 2022

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- ▶ Rust, Rodrigues and Zibanejad score hat tricks
- ▶ MacKinnon records fifth career double-digit point streak
- ▶ Oilers visit Rangers at Madison Square Garden Monday

* Matinee madness! **Bryan Rust** and **Evan Rodrigues** each scored a hat trick Sunday afternoon as the Penguins prevailed in a wild game at PPG Paints Arena.

* **Mika Zibanejad** also had a hat trick as the Rangers blanked the defending Stanley Cup champions ahead of their matchup with **Connor McDavid** and the Oilers Monday.

* **Nathan MacKinnon** amassed three primary assists in the third period to record his fifth career double-digit point streak during the regular season.

SUNDAY'S RESULTS

Lightning	0	FINAL	4	Bruins	Sharks	5	FINAL	8	Penguins
Capitals	2	FINAL	4	Coyotes	Panthers	4	FINAL	3	Wild
Canadiens	5	FINAL	4	Oilers	Flames	5	FINAL	1	Blackhawks

RUST, RODRIGUES RECORD HAT TRICKS IN WILD MATINEE . . .

Bryan Rust (3-2—5) and **Evan Rodrigues** (3-0—3) each scored a hat trick Sunday as the Penguins piled up [eight goals for the first time this season](#) to outlast the Sharks in a 13-goal meeting and extend the [NHL's longest active win streak to eight games](#).



TEAMMATES EACH WITH A HAT TRICK IN THE SAME GAME

► FRANCHISE HISTORY

PLAYER	PLAYER	DATE
EVAN RODRIGUES	BRYAN RUST	JAN. 2, 2022
PASCAL DUPUIS	PETR SYKORA	DEC. 11, 2008
MARIO LEMIEUX	JOE MULLEN	APRIL 9, 1993
MARK RECCHI	KEVIN STEVENS	NOV. 18, 1991
MARIO LEMIEUX	DAN QUINN	OCT. 15, 1987
MIKE BULLARD	MARIO LEMIEUX	DEC. 31, 1985
PIERRE LAROCHE	LOWELL MACDONALD	FEB. 21, 1976
SYL APPS JR.	BOB KELLY	DEC. 17, 1975

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* Rust became the third different player this season to record a five-point outing, joining **Jonathan Huberdeau** (1-4—5 on [Dec. 2 & 30, 2021](#)) and **Anze Kopitar** (3-2—5 on [Oct. 14, 2021](#)). The last Penguins player to record a five-point game was **Evgeni Malkin** (2-3—5 on [Nov. 27, 2019](#)).

* The Penguins scored six goals in the opening frame and matched their franchise record for the most *in a first period*, achieved just once prior to Sunday (also [Feb. 21, 1976](#)). Pittsburgh has [scored more than six goals in any period](#) just three times in franchise history (8 on [Dec. 17, 1991](#); 7 on [Nov. 22, 1972](#) & [Feb. 27, 1995](#)).

... WHILE ZIBANEJAD ALSO NETS HAT TRICK IN RANGERS' WIN

Mika Zibanejad scored three of his team's four goals as the Rangers (21-8-4, 46 points) shut out the defending Stanley Cup-champion Lightning to strengthen their grip on third place in the Metropolitan Division. It marked Zibanejad's eighth career hat trick and seventh with New York, tied with **Rod Gilbert** for the [second most in franchise history](#) behind only **Bill Cook** (9).





MOST CAREER HAT TRICKS

▶ ACTIVE PLAYERS

PLAYER	HAT TRICKS
ALEX OVECHKIN	28
EVGENI MALKIN	12
SIDNEY CROSBY	11
CONNOR MCDAVID	10
DAVID PASTRNAK	10
JOHN TAVARES	10
STEVEN STAMKOS	9
COREY PERRY	9
MIKA ZIBANEJAD	8

* FOUR OTHERS WITH EIGHT CAREER HAT TRICKS

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NOTABLE STREAKS BY No. 1 OVERALL PICKS FEATURED IN LIVE UPDATES

The [Jan. 2 edition of #NHLStats: Live Updates](#) features several more notes from Sunday's seven games, including multiple first overall picks in the NHL Draft extending noteworthy streaks:

* Devils forward **Jack Hughes** (0-2—2) assisted on the overtime winner by **Nico Hischier** (2-0—2) and has [multiple points in each of his last three games](#) dating to Dec. 29, 2021 (3-5—8). Hischier has found the score sheet in each of his last five games played dating to Dec. 8, 2021 (3-3—6).

* Avalanche forward **Nathan MacKinnon** (0-3—3) [extended his point streak to 10 games](#) (2-15—17) as Colorado earned its ninth consecutive victory at Ball Arena, one shy of equaling the [longest home win streak in franchise history](#) achieved three times previously (1983-84, 1994-95 & 2017-18). The Avalanche (18-8-2, 38 points) moved ahead of the Oilers (18-12-2, 38 points) and Kings (16-12-5, 37 points) to claim the first Wild Card spot in the Western Conference.

MOST 10-GAME POINT STREAKS

AVALANCHE/NORDIQUES HISTORY

			
JOE SAKIC	PETER STASTNY	MICHEL GOULET	NATHAN MACKINNON
			
10x	10x	7x	5x

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QUICK CLICKS

- * [Sam Bennett](#) suspended three games for illegal check to the head
- * [Zach Sawchenko](#), former University of Alberta Golden Bears goaltender, makes NHL debut
- * [Auston Matthews](#), [Max Pacioretty](#), [Thatcher Demko](#) named 'Three Stars' for December
- * [Trevor Zegras](#) named 'Rookie of the Month' for December
- * [Kyle Connor](#) scores overtime winner to reach 150 NHL goals



FEWEST GAMES TO 150 CAREER GOALS

▶ AMERICAN-BORN SKATERS, NHL HISTORY

PLAYER	DATE	GP
JIMMY CARSON	DEC. 27, 1989	261
AUSTON MATTHEWS	FEB. 5, 2020	266
KEVIN STEVENS	OCT. 24, 1992	285
JOE MULLEN	JAN. 31, 1986	300
JEREMY ROENICK	JAN. 10, 1993	302
PAT LAFONTAINE	OCT. 9, 1988	305
KEITH TKACHUK	NOV. 23, 1996	329
BOBBY CARPENTER	NOV. 5, 1985	333
KYLE CONNOR	JAN. 2, 2022	336

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OILERS LOOK TO SNAP THREE-GAME WINLESS STREAK MONDAY

League scoring leader **Connor McDavid** (19-34—53 in 32 GP) and the Oilers (18-12-2, 38 points) look to snap a three-game winless streak (0-1-2) when they visit **Mika Zibanejad** (11-19—30 in 33 GP) and the Rangers (21-8-4, 46 points) at Madison Square Garden Monday.

