



MORNING SKATE

Friday, January 7, 2022

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- ▶ Rust, Penguins continue to roll in victory against Flyers
- ▶ MacKinnon, Landeskog and Rantanen shine for Avalanche
- ▶ Boldy scores game winner in NHL debut at TD Garden

* **Bryan Rust** joined a [rare list of NHL players](#) with 11 or more points through their first three games in a calendar year as Pittsburgh picked up its 10th straight win.

* **Nathan MacKinnon**, **Gabriel Landeskog** and **Mikko Rantanen** combined for 12 points, with Landeskog accounting for one of two NHL hat tricks Thursday.

* **Matt Boldy**, who made his League debut with the Wild alongside **Marco Rossi**, scored the game-winning goal against his hometown team at TD Garden.



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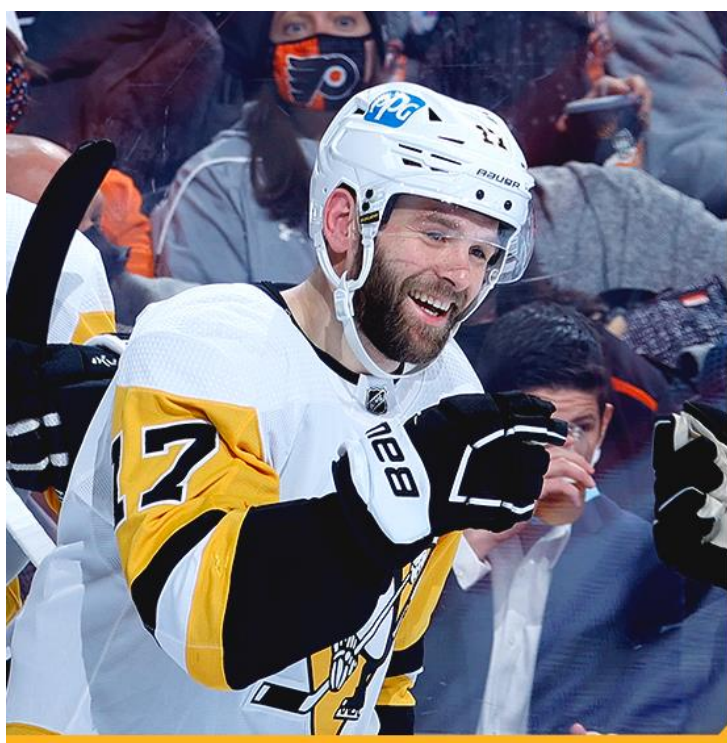
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RUST ROUNDUP: TWO GOALS, THREE POINTS AND 7-4—11 IN LAST THREE GAMES

Bryan Rust (2-1—3) recorded his third consecutive game with at least three points, **Jake Guentzel** (2-0—2) [found the score sheet in his 13th straight road appearance](#) and **Sidney Crosby** (0-2—2) padded his career totals against the Flyers to power the Penguins (20-8-5, 45 points) to their [10th straight win](#) – the longest run by any team this season.

* Rust, who [leads all players since Jan. 1 with 7-4—11 \(3 GP\)](#), became the third different player in the NHL's modern era (since 1943-44) with 11 or more points through his first three games in a calendar year. He joined **Wayne Gretzky** in 1982 (4-7—11) and 1984 (8-7—15) as well as **Mario Lemieux** in 1997 (2-10—12).





MOST CONSECUTIVE GAMES WITH MULTIPLE GOALS

► FRANCHISE HISTORY

PLAYER	SEASON	GP
MARIO LEMIEUX	1988-89	5
MARIO LEMIEUX	1988-89	4
BRYAN RUST	2021-22	3
EVGENI MALKIN	2017-18	3
SIDNEY CROSBY	2009-10	3
JAROMIR JAGR	1995-96	3
MARIO LEMIEUX	1992-93	3
MARIO LEMIEUX	1987-88	3
WARREN YOUNG	1984-85	3
PAT BOUTETTE	1982-83	3

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* Crosby has 49-68—117 in 78 career games against the Flyers and tied **Bryan Trottier** (44-73—117 in 110 GP) for the [third-most points versus Philadelphia by any player in NHL history](#). He now trails only Lemieux (51-73—124 in 71 GP) and **Jaromir Jagr** (47-73—120 in 101 GP).

* Crosby, who leads the Penguins with 3-13—16 over their run, appeared in 10 or more consecutive wins for the third time in his NHL career (also 15 GP in 2012-13 & 12 GP in 2010-11), which trails only former teammate **Matt Cooke** for the most double-digit runs *by a skater* in League history (4x; 15 GP in 2012-13, 12 GP in 2010-11, 11 GP in 2011-12 & 10 GP in 2002-03).

MacKINNON TALLIES FIVE-POINT OUTING, LANDESKOG NETS HAT TRICK

Colorado forwards **Nathan MacKinnon** (1-4—5), **Gabriel Landeskog** (3-1—4) and **Mikko Rantanen** (1-2—3) each recorded three-plus points in a game for the sixth time, which trails only Boston's **David Pastrnak**, **Brad Marchand** and **Patrice Bergeron** (7x) for the highest such total by an active NHL trio. Only one trio in Avalanche/Nordiques franchise history has recorded more such instances: **Peter Stastny**, **Anton Stastny** and **Michel Goulet** (11x).

* The Avalanche scored seven goals in a game for the seventh time in 2021-22. Colorado has recorded



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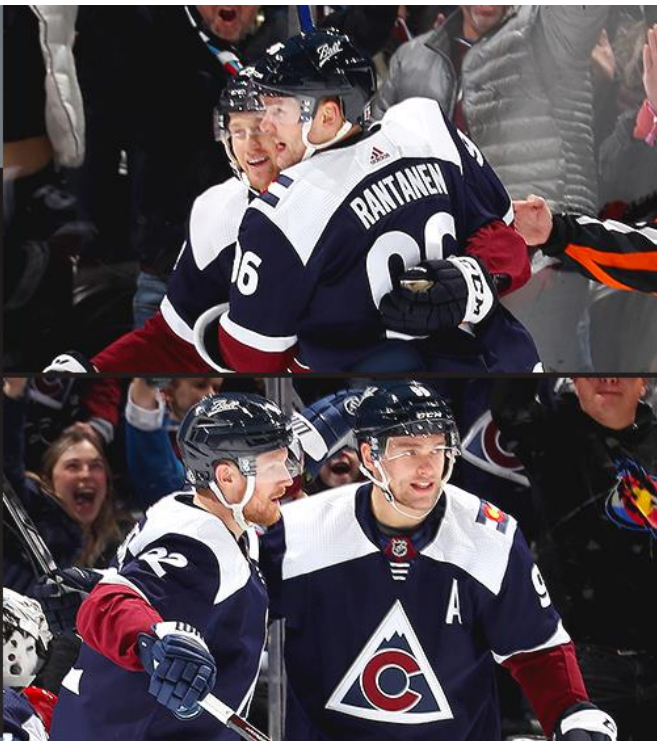
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more such instances in a single season just once since the team relocated to Denver (11x in 1995-96).



Colorado scored 7+ goals in a game for the seventh time this season. They are the first team since the Mario Lemieux-led Penguins in 1995-96 (9x) to record as many 7+ goal games through their first 30 contests.

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BOLDY SCORES WINNER IN NHL DEBUT AGAINST HOMETOWN TEAM

Matt Boldy, who hails from Milford, Mass., scored the game-winning goal in his NHL debut with [friends and family in attendance at TD Garden](#) as the Wild (20-10-2, 42 points) edged the Bruins and strengthened their grip on the first Wild Card spot in the Western Conference.

* Boldy became just the third Massachusetts-born player in NHL history to score a goal in his League debut *during a game which took place in Boston* (and first to do so while playing for a visiting team). He joined **Ryan Donato** ([March 19, 2018](#) w/ BOS) and **Shawn Bates** ([Oct. 2, 1997](#) w/ BOS).



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It was a surreal moment for sure, having it here with all my friends and family ... [Foligno] made an unbelievable pass back to me ... I just had to shoot it into the back of the net ... I think I blacked out after I scored.



MATT BOLDY
ON SCORING IN HIS NHL DEBUT IN BOSTON

HUGHES REMAINING HOT, JUMBO JOE'S MILESTONE GAME FEATURED IN LIVE UPDATES

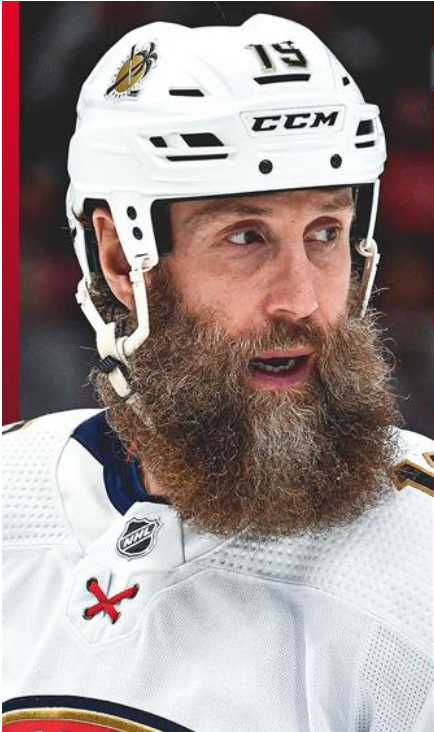
[The Jan. 6 edition of #NHLStats: Live Updates](#) features a number of additional notes from the 10-game slate Thursday. Some highlights include:

- * Devils forward **Jack Hughes** (1-2—3) extended his career-high point streak to five games and [leads all players with 4-8—12 since the Holiday Break](#). Hughes became the first New Jersey player with 12 points over a five-game span since **Zach Parise** nearly 15 years ago (6-6—12 in 5 GP from Nov. 24–Dec. 5, 2007).
- * Lightning forward **Nikita Kucherov** collected two assists in his first game since Oct. 16, 2021 as League-leading Tampa Bay (23-8-5, 51 points) extended its home point streak to nine games (8-0-1). The Lightning became the first team to hit 50 standings points this season.
- * Coyotes forward **Johan Larsson** scored the first hat trick of his NHL career. He became the fourth player in Coyotes/Jets franchise history with a hat trick *in a game against Chicago*, joining **Shane Doan** ([Dec. 29, 2015](#)), **Keith Tkachuk** ([March 20, 1997](#)) and **Morris Lukowich** ([Oct. 17, 1980](#)).
- * Stars forward **Jason Robertson** scored to [extend his home point streak to nine games](#) (5-7—12) as Dallas fended off a late Florida rally to earn a win. Panthers forward **Joe Thornton** became the [sixth player in NHL history to skate in 1,700 career games](#), joining **Patrick Marleau** (1,779 GP), **Gordie Howe** (1,767 GP), **Mark Messier** (1,756 GP), **Jaromir Jagr** (1,733 GP) and **Ron Francis** (1,731 GP).



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1,700
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Logos of the five teams Joe Thornton played for: Pittsburgh Penguins, Philadelphia Flyers, New York Islanders, New Jersey Devils, and Florida Panthers.

QUICK CLICKS

- * [Willie O'Ree](#) to participate virtually in Jan. 18 number retirement ceremony
- * [Alex Ovechkin](#) leading all players in final week of NHL All-Star fan vote
- * [Blake Coleman](#), now with Flames, finally gets second Lightning Stanley Cup ring
- * [Dylan Strome, Alex DeBrincat](#) combine for highlight-reel goal
- * [Reilly Smith](#), Vegas hosts PRIDE Knight in conjunction with the NHL's You Can Play initiative



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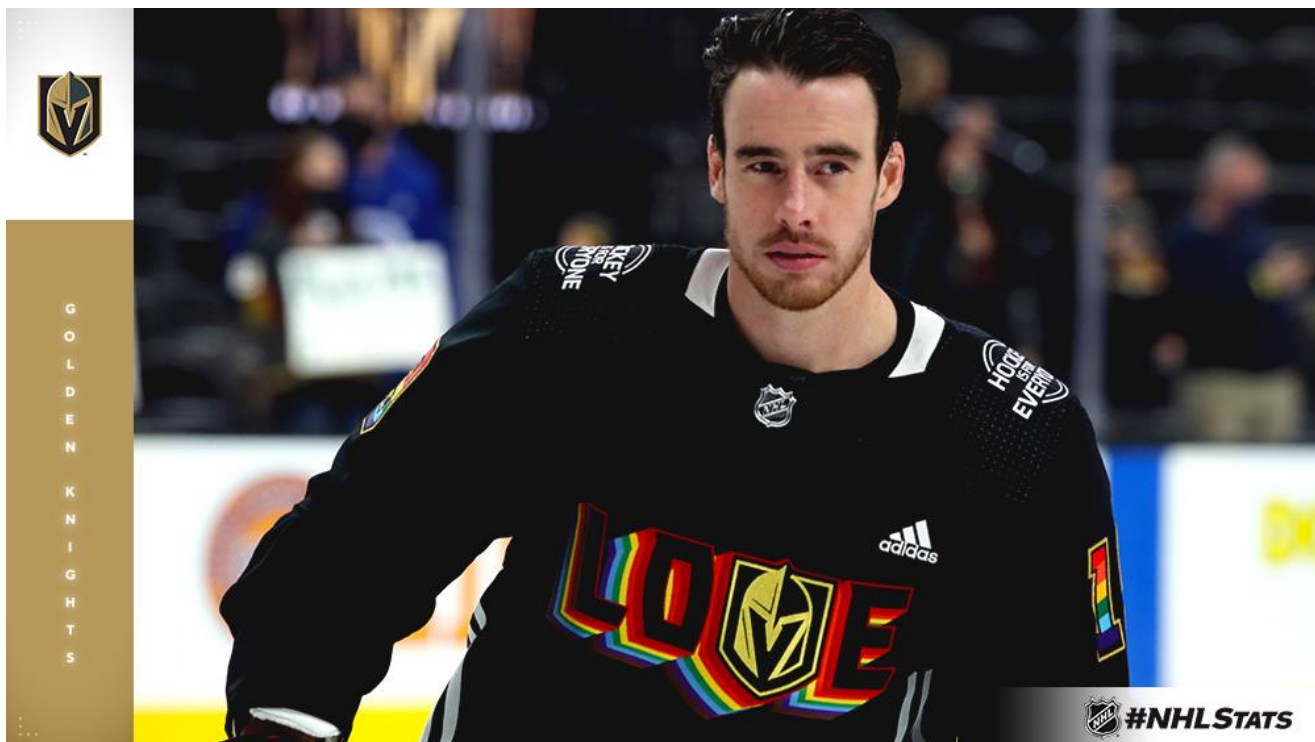


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BLUES TO PUT HOME STREAK ON THE LINE AGAINST CAPITALS

Alex Ovechkin and the Capitals (20-6-8, 48 points) travel to Enterprise Center to take on **Ivan Barbashev** and the Blues (19-10-5, 43 points), where St. Louis has gone 9-0-1 dating to Nov. 18, 2021. Barbashev, with a team-leading six goals [over that span](#), looks to help the Blues record a home point streak of 11-plus games for the fifth time in 25 years and first since 2019-20 (10-0-1 from Dec. 12, 2019–Feb. 4, 2020).

TONIGHT'S SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, JANUARY 7, 2022

7:00 PM ET		@		BSSO, SNW
8:00 PM ET		@		BSMW, NHLN, NBCSWA, SNP, SNO, SNE

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