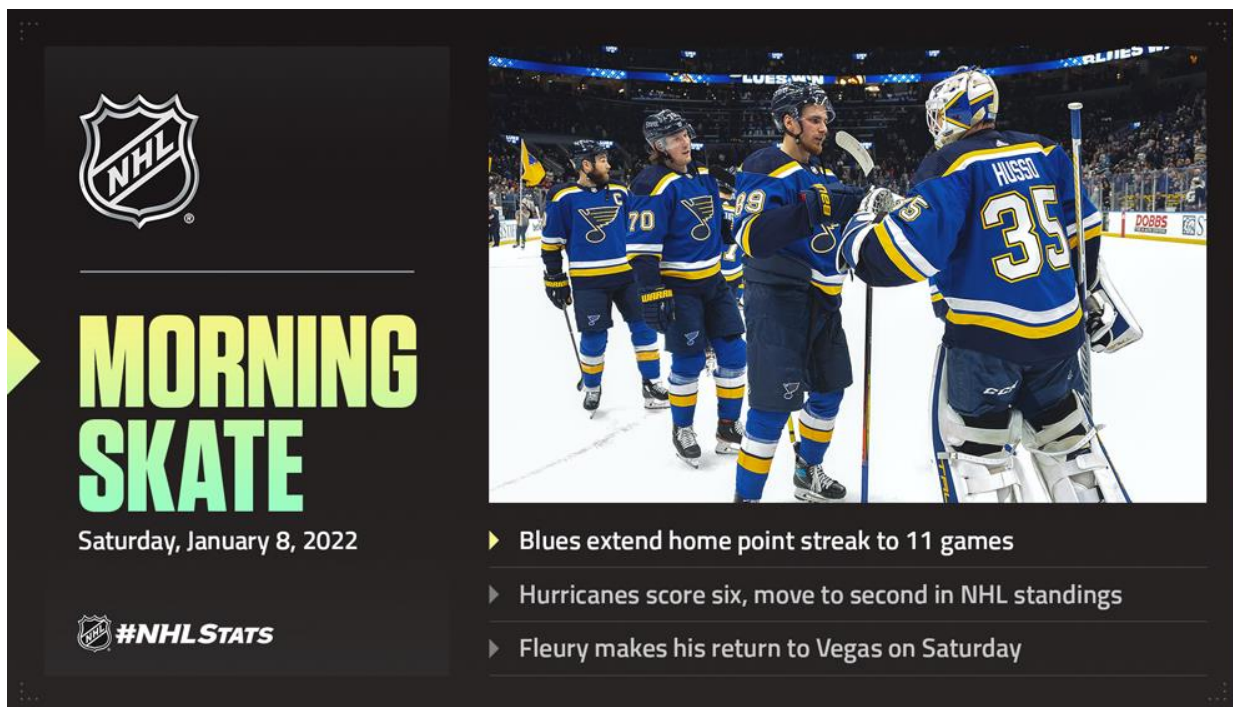


NHL MORNING SKATE – JAN. 8, 2022



MORNING SKATE

Saturday, January 8, 2022

#NHLSTATS

- ▶ Blues extend home point streak to 11 games
- ▶ Hurricanes score six, move to second in NHL standings
- ▶ Fleury makes his return to Vegas on Saturday

* **Marc-Andre Fleury** will make his return to the T-Mobile Arena tonight – his first appearance against his former club since being traded by Vegas to Chicago in the offseason.

* **Pavel Buchnevich's** three-point outing bolstered the Blues and helped the club extend their home point streak to 11 games (10-0-1 since Nov. 18, 2021).

* After scoring seven goals in their last outing, the Hurricanes scored six goals Friday and moved within two points of the NHL-leading Lightning.























DOUBLE DIGIT WIN STREAKS ALL SET FOR SATURDAY

The Penguins (20-8-5, 45 points) will aim to become the first team since the Lightning in 2019-20 to post an 11-game win streak when they visit the Stars (16-12-2, 34 points) at American Airlines Center for a Saturday matinee. The Avalanche (20-8-2, 42 points), who have won each of their contests at Ball Arena dating to Nov. 11, 2021, can also extend their home win streak to a franchise-record 11 games when the Maple Leafs (22-8-2, 46 points) come to town.



TODAY'S SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, JANUARY 8, 2022

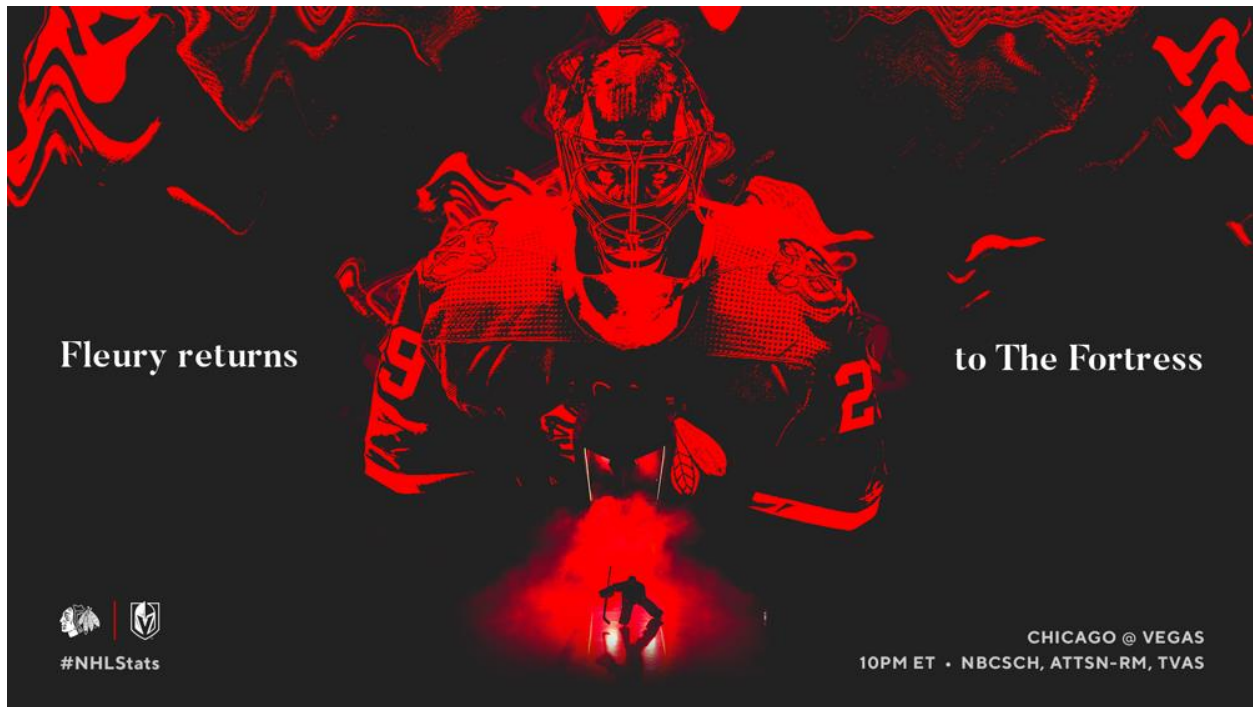
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8:00 PM ET	 @ 	BSN, NBCSWA	8:00 PM ET	 @ 	BSSO, BSAZ+
10:00 PM ET	 @ 	NBCSCH, ATTSN-RM, TVAS	10:00 PM ET	 @ 	BSSD, BSSC, MSG 2
10:30 PM ET	 @ 	BSW, BSDET			



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FLEURY RETURNS TO VEGAS FOR FIRST TIME WITH BLACKHAWKS

Blackhawks goaltender **Marc-Andre Fleury** will face the Golden Knights for the first time since they traded him to Chicago prior to the 2021-22 season. Vegas (23-13-1, 47 points) enters the contest holding down first place in the Western Conference standings, while Fleury has posted an 8-4-2 record across his past 14 games (2.46 GAA, .921 SV%) after starting the season with one win in his first eight appearances.



* Fleury was an integral part of the franchise's record-breaking inaugural season in 2017-18 that saw Vegas become the first modern-era expansion team from any of the four North American professional sports leagues to start from scratch and finish first in its division (excluding mergers and all-expansion divisions), while so backstopping the club on a Cinderella playoff run to the Stanley Cup Final.

* During Fleury's tenure with the Golden Knights from 2017-18 to 2020-21, Vegas had more regular-season wins and points than any Western Conference team. Meanwhile, he posted a 117-60-14 record (2.41 GAA, .917 SV%) and an NHL-best 23 shutouts over that span.

* In his final season with the Golden Knights in 2020-21, Fleury won his first career Vezina Trophy and shared the William M. Jennings Trophy with Robin Lehner in a campaign that saw the then 36-year-old post the his best single-season goals-against average (1.98) and save percentage (.928).

* Fleury, in his 18th NHL season, continues to climb all-time lists: [On Dec. 9](#), he became the third goaltender in NHL history to reach 500 wins and enters Saturday one appearance shy of tying **Glenn Hall** (906 GP) for [seventh on the League's all-time games played list](#) among goaltenders.



BUCHNEVICH, BLUES CONTINUE RECENT STRING OF SUCCESS

Pavel Buchnevich (2-1—3) notched his second three-point outing of the season to propel the Blues (20-10-5, 45 points) past **Alex Ovechkin** and the Capitals (20-7-8, 48 points). St. Louis extended its [home point streak to 11 contests](#) and has recorded only three longer stretches in franchise history (21 GP in 2011-12, 14 GP in 2016-17 and 12 GP in 2000-01).




Among players with at least 20 contests, Pavel Buchnevich (13-20—33 in 32 GP) can become the 10th in Blues history to conclude his first season with the franchise with at least a point per game and first since Pierre Turgeon in 1996-97 (25-49—74 in 69 GP)


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SKJEI HELPS HURRICANES PRODUCE ANOTHER OFFENSIVE OUTBURST

Brady Skjei (1-2—3) collected [multiple points for the second straight game](#) as the Hurricanes (24-7-1, 49 points) moved into second place in the NHL standings, where Nos. 1-8 are separated by five points. After scoring seven times to erase a four-goal deficit in their last outing on Jan. 1, Carolina benefited from another strong showing Friday.



The Hurricanes scored six-plus goals in consecutive games for just the fourth time in team history. The others: 2019-20 (2 GP from Dec. 7-10, 2019), 2008-09 (2 GP from March 6-7, 2009) and 2005-06 (2 GP from Oct. 12-15, 2005).



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NHL PODCAST HOLIDAY ROUNDUP

- * Fantasy on Ice: [Dec. 28](#), [Dec. 30](#), [Jan. 3](#) and [Jan. 6](#)
- * NHL @TheRink: [Dec. 28](#) and [Jan. 5](#)
- * [The Chirp \(12/30\)](#): **Eddie Olczyk** talks about broadcasting his 11th Winter Classic
- * [The Chirp \(1/6\)](#): **Jack Hughes** explains how the Devils are building toward something special
- * [Soul On Ice \(1/5\)](#): **Mathieu Joseph** shares thoughts on winning back-to-back Stanley Cups

QUICK CLICKS

- * [The NHL mourns the passing of Teddy Balkind](#)
- * [#NHLStats: Live Updates – Friday, Jan. 7, 2022](#)
- * [NHL postpones two additional games due to Canadian attendance restrictions](#)
- * [2022 Tim Hortons NHL Heritage Classic logo unveiled](#)
- * [NHL All-Star Fan Vote ends Saturday](#)