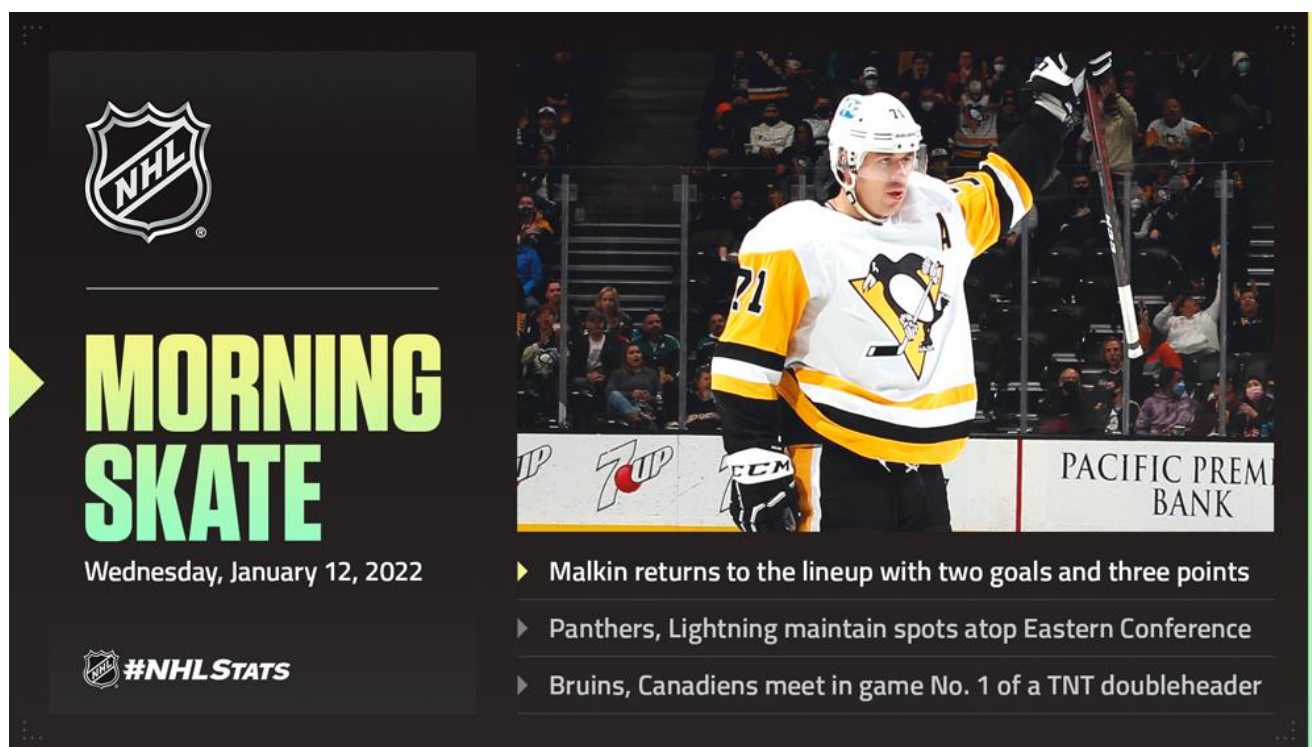


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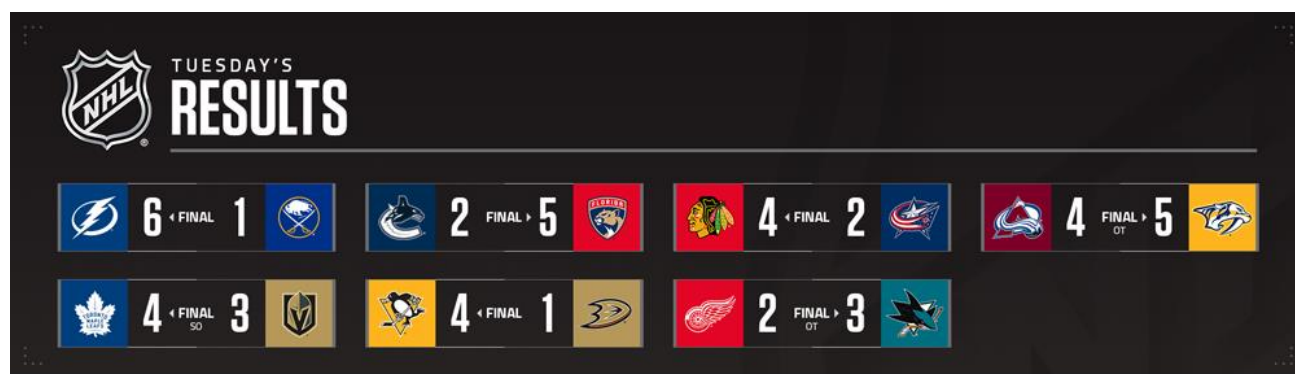
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- ▶ Malkin returns to the lineup with two goals and three points
- ▶ Panthers, Lightning maintain spots atop Eastern Conference
- ▶ Bruins, Canadiens meet in game No. 1 of a TNT doubleheader

* Malkin scored twice in his return to Pittsburgh's lineup, including his 74th career game-winning goal to climb the Penguins' all-time list.

* The Panthers (24-7-5, 53 points) and Lightning (24-9-5, 53 points) each earned wins Tuesday as the Sunshine State teams maintained first and second, respectively, in the Eastern Conference standings.

* **David Pastrnak** and **Brad Marchand** eye an NHL-first when the Bruins host an Original Six rival in the first game of a doubleheader on TNT.



TUESDAY'S RESULTS

| | | | |
|----------------|-------------|----------------|-------------|
| 6 ◀ FINAL 1 | 2 FINAL ▶ 5 | 4 ◀ FINAL 2 | 4 FINAL ▶ 5 |
| 4 ◀ FINAL SO 3 | 4 ◀ FINAL 1 | 2 FINAL OT ▶ 3 | |

MALKIN MAKES MARK IN RETURN TO PENGUINS LINEUP WITH MULTI-GOAL OUTING


Evgeni Malkin (2-1—3) and **Jeff Carter** (2-0—2) each scored twice – with the former netting the game winner in his return to Pittsburgh's lineup – as the Penguins (22-9-5, 49 points) leapfrogged the idle Capitals (20-8-9, 49 points) for third place in the Metropolitan Division.

* Malkin recorded his 74th career game-winning goal and tied **Mario Lemieux** for the second most in Penguins history behind only **Jaromir Jagr** (78).

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* Malkin, who became the [fourth player in Penguins history](#) to skate in 16 seasons with the club, recorded his 102nd career three-point outing. Only three players in franchise history have more: Lemieux (272), **Sidney Crosby** (153) and Jagr (129).



MOST CAREER MULTI-GOAL GAMES

▶ ACTIVE PLAYERS

| PLAYER | TOTAL |
|----------------|-------|
| ALEX OVECHKIN | 154 |
| SIDNEY CROSBY | 85 |
| STEVEN STAMKOS | 80 |
| JEFF CARTER | 65 |
| EVGENI MALKIN | 63 |

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SUNSHINE STATE TEAMS STAND ATOP EASTERN CONFERENCE STANDINGS

The Panthers (24-7-5, 53 points) and Lightning (24-9-5, 53 points) each earned wins Tuesday to maintain their spots as first and second, respectively, in the Eastern Conference standings.

* **Aaron Ekblad** (1-2—3) helped lead the Panthers to victory, while boosting his season totals to 10-22—32 (35 GP), which stands as the [third-most goals by all defensemen](#) in 2021-22 and [tied for fifth in points](#). He reached a career high for fewest games to 30 points in a season, besting 51 contests in 2014-15, and trails only **Keith Yandle** (32 GP in 2018-19) for the fewest to reach the mark by a Florida blueliner.

* Ekblad recorded his fourth three-point game of the season, tied with **Roman Josi** for the most among all defensemen in 2021-22. Only one Panthers blueliner has more such instances in a single campaign: **Brian Campbell** (5 in 2011-12). Ekblad, who registered the seventh three-point performance of his career, also tied Campbell (7) for the third most such outings by a defenseman in franchise history. Only **Robert Svehla** (9) and Yandle (8) have more.



At least one Panthers defenseman has recorded a point in each of the club's first 36 games to start the season. There have been only five instances in NHL history of a team with a longer run: Calgary (80 GP in 1990-91 & 1989-90), Detroit (43 GP in 1995-96) & Washington (42 in 1991-92 & 38 GP in 1985-86).

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* **Nikita Kucherov** (3-0—3) netted a hat trick and **Steven Stamkos** (1-2—3) factored on three of Tampa Bay's six goals as the Lightning earned a win at KeyBank Center Tuesday. Kucherov's hat trick marked the fourth of his career, tied with **Tyler Johnson** for the fourth most in Lightning history behind Stamkos (9), **Martin St. Louis** (8) and **Vincent Lecavalier** (6).



* Stamkos notched his 82nd career three-point outing, trailing only **Sidney Crosby** (153), **Alex Ovechkin** (122), **Joe Thornton** (112), **Evgeni Malkin** (102), **Patrick Kane** (94) and **Nicklas Backstrom** (83) for the most among all active players.



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WESTERN CONFERENCE-LEADING PREDATORS EDGE AVALANCHE IN OVERTIME

Matt Duchene (2-0—2) scored the overtime winner as the Western Conference-leading Predators (24-11-2, 50 points) defeated his former team to reach the 50-point mark. Duchene scored his third overtime goal of the campaign (also [Nov. 2](#) & [Nov. 11, 2021](#)) and established a [franchise record for the most in a single season](#).



MAKAR ADDS TO GOAL TOTAL ON #NHLSTATS: LIVE UPDATES

Tuesday featured over 40 [#NHLStats: Live Updates](#) including notable tidbits from Avalanche defenseman **Cale Makar** and Maple Leafs forward **Auston Matthews**.

* Matthews matched a Maple Leafs record by scoring in his eighth straight road game, tying **Daniel Marois** (8 GP in 1989-90), **Frank Mahovlich** (8 GP in 1960-61) and **Babe Dye** (8 GP in 1920-21) for the longest such run in franchise history.

* Makar (16-18—34 in 29 GP) [scored his 16th goal of the season in highlight-reel fashion](#) – which [ranks first among NHL blueliners](#).



MOST GOALS PRIOR TO 30TH GAME IN A SEASON

► DEFENSEMEN, NHL'S MODERN ERA (SINCE 1943-44)

| PLAYER | TEAM | SEASON | GOALS |
|--------------|------|---------|-------|
| BOBBY ORR | BOS | 1974-75 | 19 |
| BOBBY ORR | BOS | 1973-74 | 17 |
| CALE MAKAR | COL | 2021-22 | 16 |
| DAVE ELLETT | WIN | 1988-89 | 15 |
| PAUL COFFEY | EDM | 1981-82 | 15 |
| PHIL HOUSLEY | BUF | 1987-88 | 14 |
| AL IAFRATE | TOR | 1987-88 | 14 |
| BARRY BECK | CLR | 1977-78 | 14 |
| BOB DAILEY | PHI | 1977-78 | 14 |
| BOBBY ORR | BOS | 1971-72 | 14 |

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PASTRNAK, MARCHAND EYE NHL-FIRST IN ORIGINAL SIX SHOWDOWN ON TNT

In the first game of a doubleheader on TNT, **David Pastrnak** and **Brad Marchand** look to become the first set of teammates in NHL history to simultaneously score multiple goals in three straight games when the Bruins (19-11-2, 40 points) and Canadiens (7-23-4, 18 points) meet for their 752nd regular-season matchup and second in 2021-22 (also [Nov. 14, 2021](#)).



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TONIGHT'S SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12, 2022

| | | | | |
|-------------|--|---|--|-----------------|
| 7:00 PM ET | | @ | | TNT, SN, RDS |
| 8:30 PM ET | | @ | | ROOT-NW, BSSW+ |
| 10:00 PM ET | | @ | | TNT, TSN4, TVAS |



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* Boston has won each of the past four head-to-head meetings with Montreal [dating to Nov. 26, 2019](#) and looks to capture at least five consecutive wins against its storied rival for the fifth time in the NHL's expansion era (since 1967-68).



BRUINS

Longest win streaks vs. the Canadiens, since 1967-68

- 6 GP: Dec. 12, 2016 - March 3, 2018
- 5 GP: Nov. 21, 2011 - Feb. 6, 2013
- 5 GP: Nov. 13, 2008 - April 9, 2009
- 5 GP: March 26, 1994 - May 3, 1995

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