

NHL MORNING SKATE – JAN. 16, 2022

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Sunday, January 16, 2022

#NHLSTATS

- ▶ Panthers score nine goals for second time this season
- ▶ The NHL's top scorers leave their mark on the Saturday slate
- ▶ Fleury earns 70th career shutout

* The Panthers scored early and often Saturday, netting their second nine-goal outing in just over two weeks.

* **Auston Matthews**, **Alex Ovechkin** and **Chris Kreider**, three of the NHL's top four goal scorers this season, each found the back of the net in victories.

* **Marc-Andre Fleury** became the 14th goaltender in NHL history to post 70 career shutouts.

NHL SATURDAY'S RESULTS

3 FINAL OT 4	1 FINAL 4	2 < FINAL 0	2 FINAL 9
0 FINAL 4	1 FINAL 3	3 < FINAL 2	6 < FINAL 5
0 FINAL 3	5 < FINAL 0	6 < FINAL 4	3 < FINAL 1
2 < FINAL OT 1			

PANTHERS ERUPT FOR SECOND NINE-GOAL OUTING OF SEASON

MacKenzie Weegar (1-3—4) was one of nine Florida skaters with multiple points as the NHL-leading Panthers (26-7-5, 57 points) scored nine goals in a game for the second time this season (also Dec. 30, 2021 vs. TBL) and [third time in franchise history](#). Only two other teams in the past 10 years have reached the mark twice in a single season: Tampa Bay (2x in 2019-20) and Calgary (2x in 2018-19).

* After a seven-goal performance on Jan. 14, the Panthers became the sixth *different* team in the past 30 years to score at least seven goals in consecutive days, joining the Penguins (Oct. 12-13, 2019), Predators (April 12-13, 2014), Thrashers (Oct. 7-8, 2005), Blackhawks (Nov. 7-8, 1992 & Oct. 12-13, 1991) and Rangers (March 1-2, 1992).



MOST GOALS OVER A SPAN OF CONSECUTIVE DAYS
▶ SINCE 1986-87

TEAMS	SPAN	GOALS
MONTREAL CANADIENS	FEB. 24-25, 1990	17
FLORIDA PANTHERS	JAN. 14-15, 2022	16
WASHINGTON CAPITALS	JAN. 10-11, 2003	16
DETROIT RED WINGS	DEC. 1-2, 1995	16
PHILADELPHIA FLYERS	DEC. 29-30, 1992	16
LOS ANGELES KINGS	NOV. 7-8, 1992	16
NEW YORK RANGERS	MARCH 1-2, 1992	16
ST. LOUIS BLUES	OCT. 24-25, 1990	16
VANCOUVER CANUCKS	NOV. 25-26, 1986	16

*INCLUDES SHOOTOUT-DECIDING GOALS

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* Weegar matched the franchise record for the most points in a game by a defenseman – a benchmark he reached once before (also 1-3—4 on [April 24, 2021](#)). Only one other blueliner in Panthers history has recorded multiple four-point performances: **Bryan McCabe** (3x: [Oct. 16, 2010](#), [March 3, 2010](#) & [March 1, 2009](#)).

* **Jonathan Huberdeau** (1-1—2) extended the League's longest active point and assist streaks to eight games and boosted his 2021-22 totals to 15-38—53 (38 GP) – trailing only **Leon Draisaitl** (26-28—54) for the most this season. Huberdeau became the second player in Panthers history to register an eight-game assist streak, joining **Olli Jokinen** (8 GP in 2005-06).

NHL'S TOP GOAL SCORERS IN 2021-22 SHINE SATURDAY

Maple Leafs forward **Auston Matthews** (25-15—40 in 33 GP), Capitals captain **Alex Ovechkin** (25-28—53 in 38 GP) and Rangers forward **Chris Kreider** (24-11—35 in 39 GP) each found the back of the net Saturday to continue their goal-scoring ways in 2021-22. The trio rank second, third and fourth in goals, respectively, behind **Leon Draisaitl** (26-28—

54).

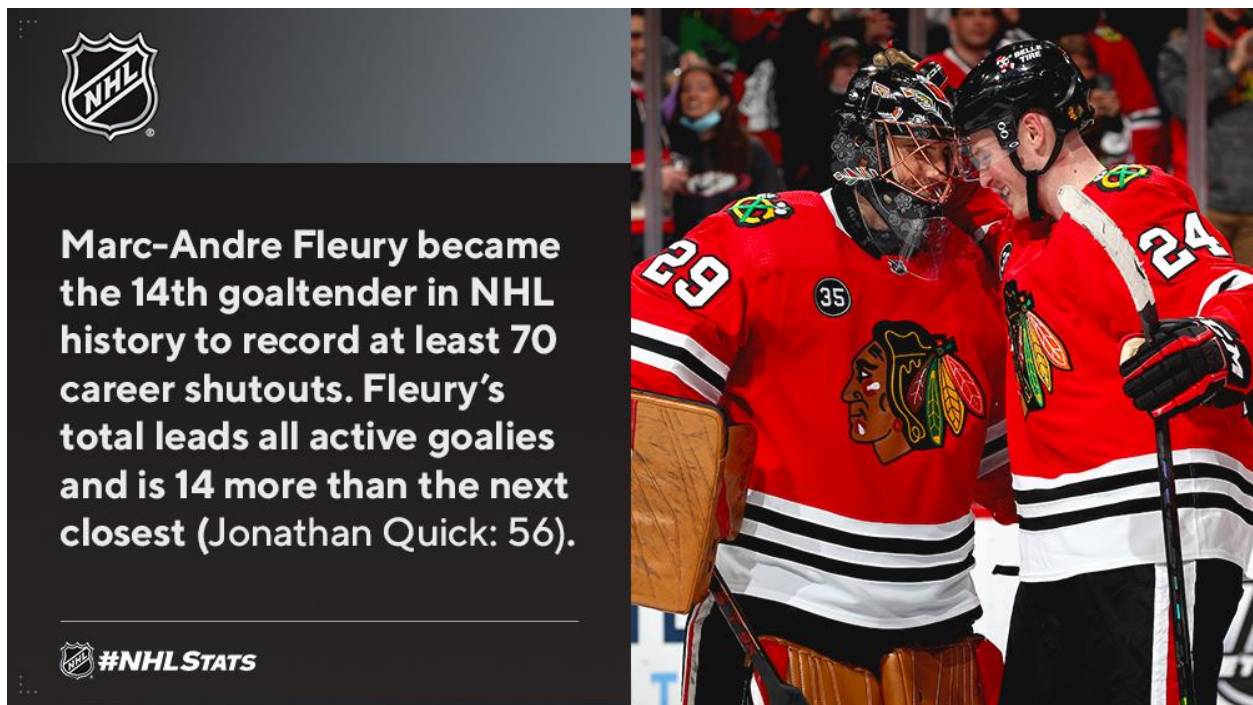
* In a back-and-forth, 11-goal affair that saw the Blues erase 3-1 and 4-3 deficits before taking a 5-4 lead, Matthews scored the crucial game-tying tally with 8:36 remaining in regulation to help the Maple Leafs (24-9-3, 51 points) snap the Blues' 13-game home point streak. In the process, Matthews became the third player in NHL history to post a double-digit road goal streak, joining **Pavel Bure** (11 GP in 1993-94 w/ VAN) and **Steve Yzerman** (11 GP in 1988-89 w/ DET).

* Ovechkin scored an empty netter to reach the 25-goal mark for the 16th time in his NHL career. The only other players in League history with as many 25-goal seasons are **Gordie Howe** (20x), **Jaromir Jagr** (18x), **Mike Gartner** (17x), **Teemu Selanne** (16x), **Brendan Shanahan** (16x), **Brett Hull** (16x) and **Marcel Dionne** (16x).

* Kreider scored his second game winner in as many contests to help the Rangers (25-10-4, 54 points) remain as the top team in the Metropolitan Division. Only two players in franchise history have scored the game-winning goal in three straight contests: **Mika Zibanejad** (3 GP in 2018-19) and **Rod Gilbert** (3 GP in 1966-67).

FLEURY SECURES BENCHMARK AS BLACKHAWKS BLANK DUCKS

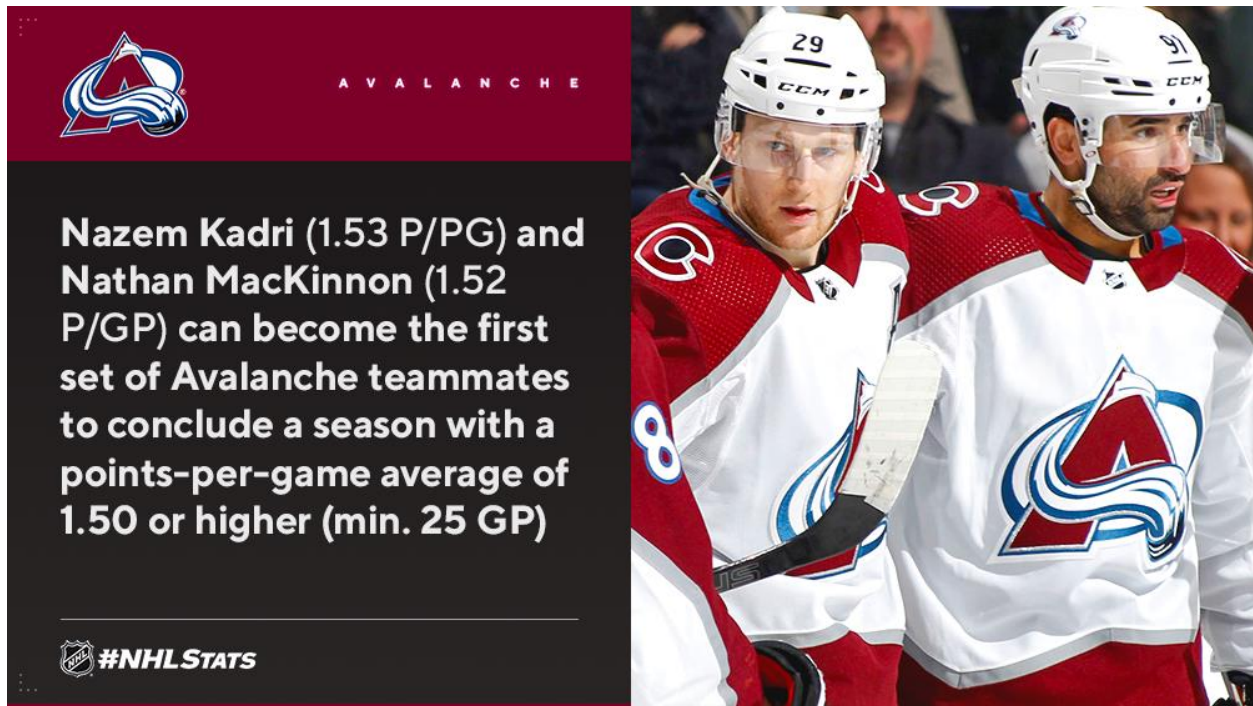
Patrick Kane (1-0—1) found the score sheet for the seventh straight game and **Marc-Andre Fleury** turned aside all 37 shots he faced to record his 70th career shutout and third of 2021-22. Only **Jacob Markstrom** (5 w/ CGY) and **Jack Campbell** (4 w/ TOR) have posted more such performances this season.



AVALANCHE TRIO CONTINUE TO ROLL

The trio of **Nathan MacKinnon** (2-1—3), **Mikko Rantanen** (2-1—3) and **Nazem Kadri** (1-0—1) accounted for each of Colorado's five goals as the Avalanche (24-8-3, 51 points) collected their

12th win in 14 contests.

The image is a composite graphic. On the left, there is a dark red vertical bar containing the Colorado Avalanche logo at the top, the word "AVALANCHE" in white capital letters, and a white text box with black text. The text in the white box reads: "Nazem Kadri (1.53 P/PG) and Nathan MacKinnon (1.52 P/GP) can become the first set of Avalanche teammates to conclude a season with a points-per-game average of 1.50 or higher (min. 25 GP)". At the bottom of this bar is the NHL logo and the hashtag "#NHLSTATS". On the right side of the graphic is a photograph of two Colorado Avalanche players, Nazem Kadri and Nathan MacKinnon, wearing their white and red home jerseys and helmets. Kadri is on the left, wearing jersey number 29, and MacKinnon is on the right, wearing jersey number 8.

* MacKinnon's outing also included his 30th assist of the season (8-30—38 in 25 GP). Only one player in Avalanche/Nordiques history reached the mark in fewer games: Rantanen (24 GP in 2018-19).

* Saturday was Rantanen's fourth game with at least three points since Jan. 1 – the [most by any player during that span](#).

MARCHAND POSTS ANOTHER MULTI-POINT GAME IN #NHLSTATS: LIVE UPDATES

In the [Saturday edition of #NHLStats: Live Updates](#), Brad Marchand (1-1—2) reached the 20-goal mark for the 11th time in his career as the Bruins (22-11-2, 46 points) thwarted a Predators rally in overtime to extend their win streak to five games and strengthen their grip on the second Wild Card spot in the Eastern Conference. Marchand earned his fifth consecutive multi-point contest (8-4—12) and matched the longest such run of his NHL career, achieved from Feb. 5-12, 2019 (3-9—12).

MOST 20-GOAL SEASONS

BRUINS HISTORY

1ST	2ND	3RD
		
JOHNNY BUCYK	PATRICE BERGERON	BRAD MARCHAND
		
16	12	11

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CAPITALS, CANUCKS SET FOR SUNDAY MATINEE MATCHUP

A busy week in the NHL concludes Sunday with a matinee matchup between **Alex Ovechkin** and the Capitals (21-8-9, 51 points) and **Bo Horvat** and the Canucks (16-18-3, 35 points) at Capital One Arena. Washington will look to leapfrog the idle Hurricanes (25-8-2, 52 points) for second place in the Metropolitan Division.



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