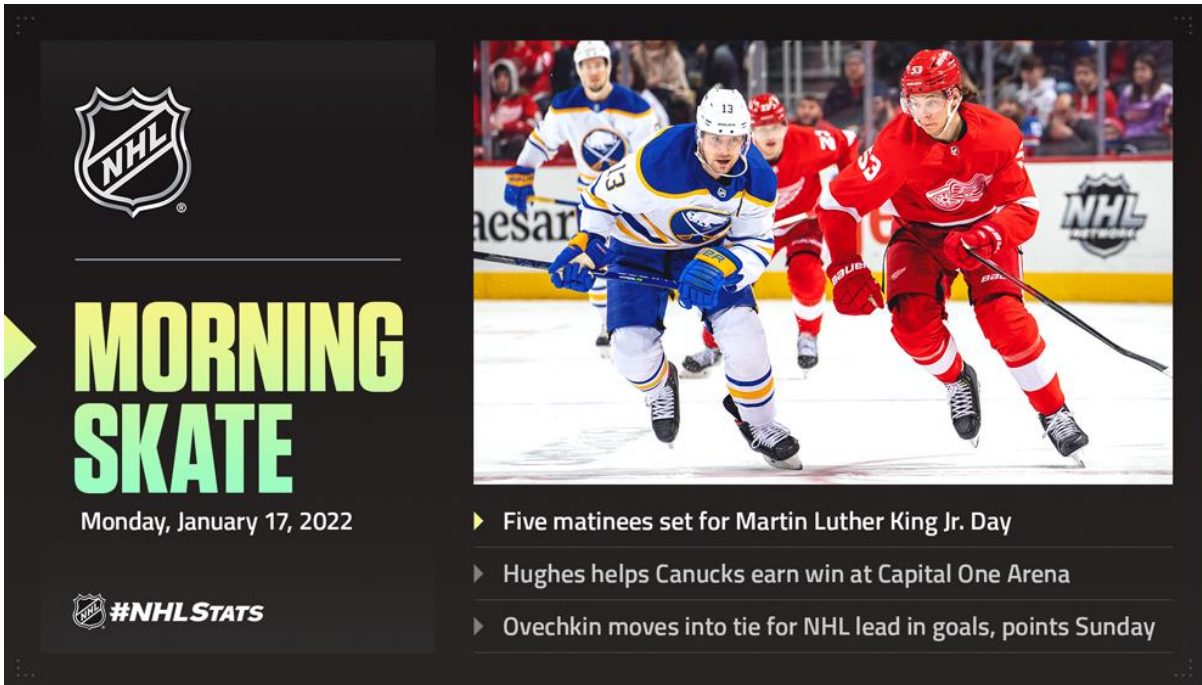




NHL MORNING SKATE – JAN. 17, 2022

A promotional graphic for the NHL Morning Skate on January 17, 2022. The graphic features the NHL logo in the top left, the text 'MORNING SKATE' in large green letters, and the date 'Monday, January 17, 2022'. Below the date is the hashtag '#NHLSTATS'. On the right side, there is a photograph of hockey players in action on the ice. Below the photo is a list of three highlights: 'Five matinees set for Martin Luther King Jr. Day', 'Hughes helps Canucks earn win at Capital One Arena', and 'Ovechkin moves into tie for NHL lead in goals, points Sunday'.



MORNING SKATE

Monday, January 17, 2022

 **#NHLSTATS**

- ▶ Five matinees set for Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- ▶ Hughes helps Canucks earn win at Capital One Arena
- ▶ Ovechkin moves into tie for NHL lead in goals, points Sunday

* Monday features five matinees as Martin Luther King Jr. Day is observed across the United States. **Chris Pronger**, a Hockey Hall of Fame member and one of the [100 Greatest NHL Players](#), will also have his No. 44 raised to the rafters at Enterprise Center.

* **Quinn Hughes** collected his 30th point in his 37th contest of 2021-22 and required the fourth-fewest games by a Canucks defenseman to reach the mark in a season – the list is paced by **Paul Reinhart**.

* **Alex Ovechkin** tied **Leon Draisaitl** for the most goals and points in the NHL this season.

FIVE NHL MATINEES FEATURED ON MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY

A total of 16 teams are in action as Martin Luther King Jr. Day is observed in the United States, with the eight-game slate opening at 1 p.m. ET when the Sabres welcome the Red Wings to KeyBank Center.



TONIGHT'S SCHEDULE

MONDAY, JANUARY 17, 2022

1:00 PM ET		@		BSDet, MSG-B, SN
3:00 PM ET		@		BSWI, BSN, ALT, SN1, SN
4:00 PM ET		@		HULU, ESPN+, TSN2, RDS
4:00 PM ET		@		BSW, NBCSCA
5:00 PM ET		@		ROOT-NW, NBCSCH
7:30 PM ET		@		NBCSP, MSG+, TVAS
8:00 PM ET		@		BSSO, BSMW
10:00 PM ET		@		ATTSN-RM, ATTSN-PT

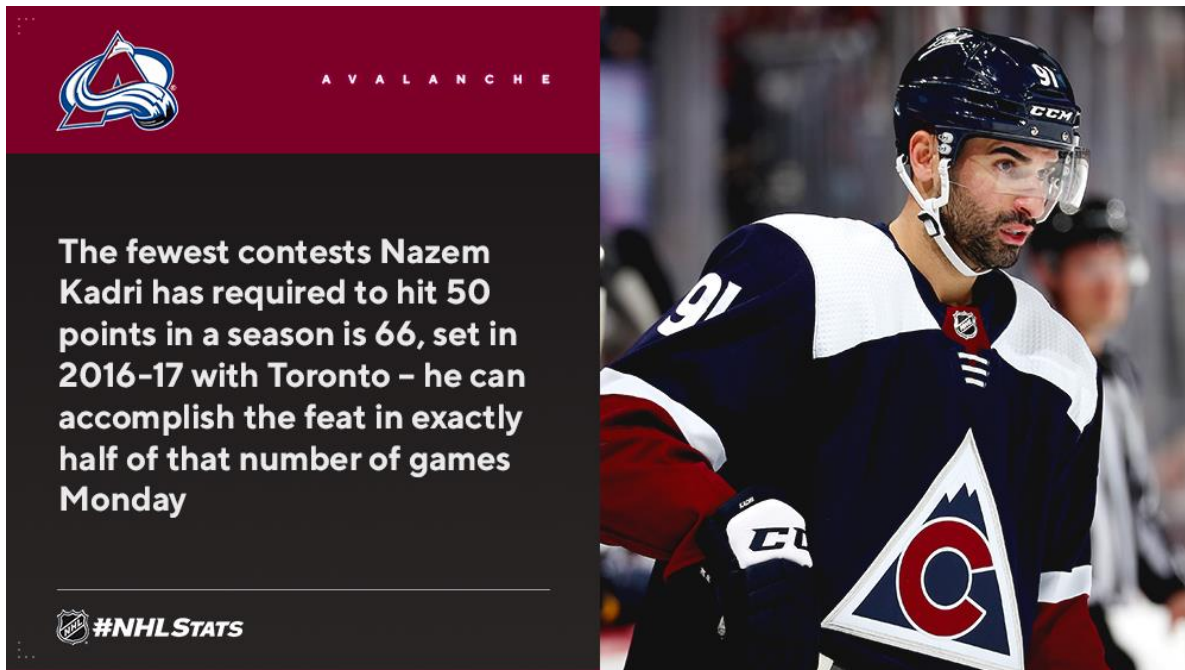
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Stream on ESPN+ and NHL LIVE. Blackouts and other restrictions apply.

BEST OF THE WESTERN CONFERENCE IN ACTION MONDAY

Monday is set to feature each of the six top teams in the Western Conference, including the Avalanche (24-8-3, 51 points) and Predators (24-12-3, 51 points) who are neck-and-neck for first place. Colorado and Nashville are both one win shy of 25 on the season, with the former able to reach the mark in the fewest games in franchise history – the Avalanche's current best is 37 contests, set by the Quebec Nordiques in 1994-95 and matched last season.


* Colorado's **Nazem Kadri** (14-35—49 in 32 GP) can become the [fifth player in the NHL](#) to record 50 points this season. It would be the fourth time he has reached the mark in his career (2013-14, 2016-17 & 2017-18 all w/ TOR) and his first in an Avalanche uniform.



The fewest contests Nazem Kadri has required to hit 50 points in a season is 66, set in 2016-17 with Toronto – he can accomplish the feat in exactly half of that number of games Monday

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* Nashville's **Roman Josi** enters Monday one point shy of 40 on the season (13-26—39 in 37 GP). He can require the fewest games by a defenseman in Predators history to reach 40 points in a campaign, a mark he previously set in 2019-20 (39 GP).



FEWEST GAMES TO 40-POINT MARK
 ▶ DEFENSEMEN, SINCE 1996-97

PLAYER	TEAM	SEASON	GP
JOHN CARLSON	WSH	2019-20	29
BRIAN LEETCH	NYR	2000-01	30
BRYAN MCCABE	TOR	2005-06	32
MORGAN RIELLY	TOR	2018-19	35
ERIK KARLSSON	OTT	2015-16	36
MIKE GREEN	WSH	2008-09	38

* ROMAN JOSI (13-26—39 IN 37 GP) CAN JOIN THIS LIST

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BLUES TO RETIRE PRONGER'S No. 44 DURING PRE-GAME CEREMONY

St. Louis is set to retire the No. 44 of longtime Blues defenseman and former team captain **Chris Pronger** prior to their game against the Predators Monday.





RETIRED NUMBERS

► FRANCHISE HISTORY

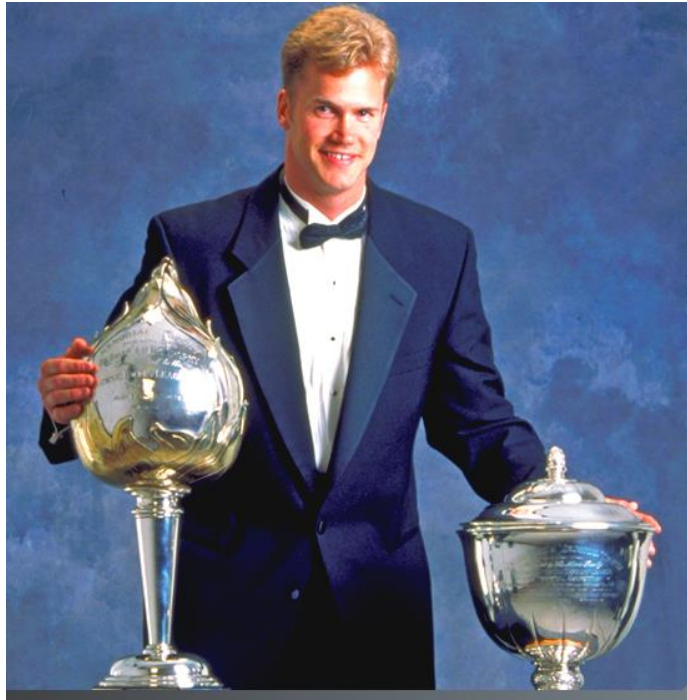
PLAYER	No.
AL MACINNIS	2
BOB GASSOFF	3
BOB PLAGER	5
BARCLAY PLAGER	8
BRIAN SUTTER	11
BRETT HULL	16
BERNIE FEDERKO	24
CHRIS PRONGER	44


*ST. LOUIS RETIRES CHRIS PRONGER'S No. 44 MONDAY

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* Pronger was traded by the Hartford Whalers to St. Louis for **Brendan Shanahan** on July 27, 1995 and was one of seven future Hockey Hall of Famers to appear in at least one game for the Blues during the ensuing campaign (also **Glenn Anderson**, **Grant Fuhr**, **Wayne Gretzky**, **Dale Hawerchuk**, **Brett Hull** & **Al MacInnis**).

* Pronger skated a total of nine seasons with St. Louis from 1995-96 to 2003-04 and occupies third place on the franchise's all-time lists for [goals](#) (84), [assists](#) (272) and [points](#) (356) by Blues defensemen, trailing only MacInnis and **Alex Pietrangelo** in each category. Pronger had 14-48—62 in 79 games with a League-leading +52 during the 1999-00 campaign en route to winning the [Hart Memorial Trophy](#) and [James Norris Memorial Trophy](#).






HART MEMORIAL TROPHY WINS

▶ DEFENSEMEN, NHL HISTORY



PLAYER	TEAM	SEASON
CHRIS PRONGER	STL	1999-00
BOBBY ORR	BOS	1971-72
BOBBY ORR	BOS	1970-71
BOBBY ORR	BOS	1969-70
BABE PRATT	TOR	1943-44
EDDIE SHORE	BOS	1937-38
EDDIE SHORE	BOS	1935-36
EDDIE SHORE	BOS	1934-35
EDDIE SHORE	BOS	1932-33
HERB GARDINER	MTL	1926-27

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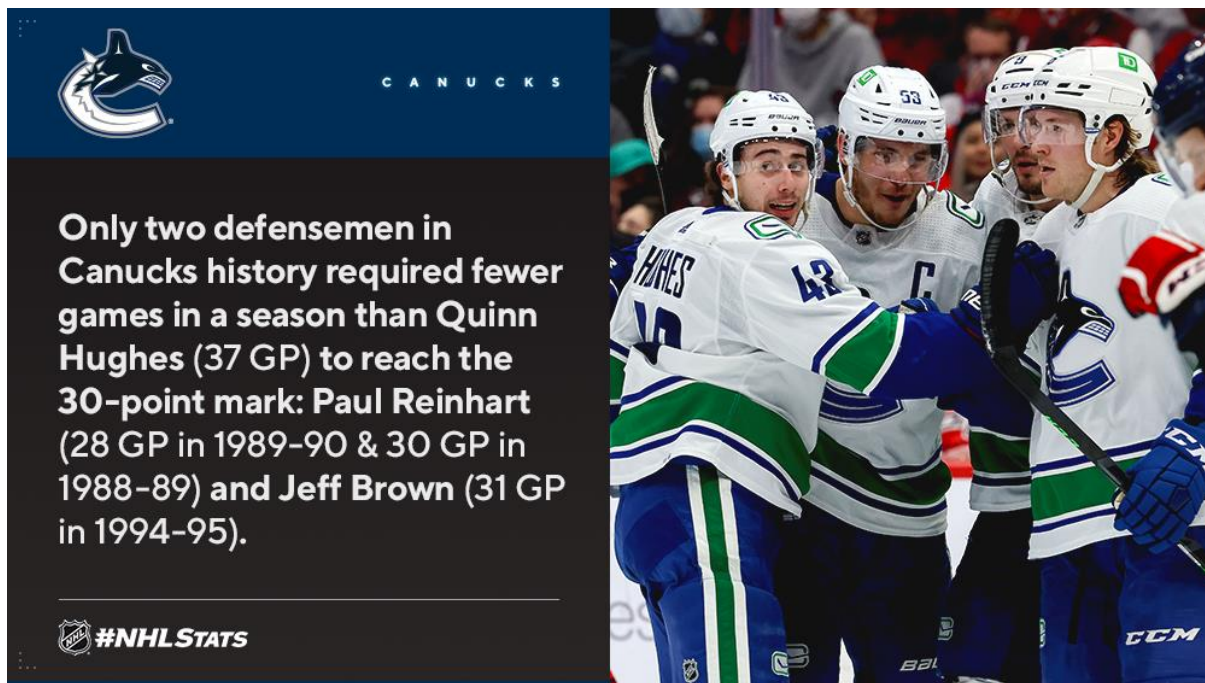


SUNDAY'S
RESULT


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HUGHES, DEMKO HELP CANUCKS EARN WIN SUNDAY

Quinn Hughes (0-2—2) factored on two of Vancouver's four goals to record his 30th point of the season (2-28—30 in 37 GP) and **Thatcher Demko** made 31 saves to earn his 50th career win (50-45-5) as the Canucks snapped a three-game slide. Since he entered the NHL in 2018-19, Hughes leads all Vancouver players with 22 multi-assist games.



Only two defensemen in Canucks history required fewer games in a season than Quinn Hughes (37 GP) to reach the 30-point mark: Paul Reinhart (28 GP in 1989-90 & 30 GP in 1988-89) and Jeff Brown (31 GP in 1994-95).

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* Demko (103 GP) required the fourth-fewest games to reach 50 career wins with the Canucks, trailing only **Roberto Luongo** (81 GP), **Cory Schneider** (88 GP) and **Dan Cloutier** (102 GP).

OVECHKIN CLIMBS LEAGUE'S ALL-TIME POINTS LIST IN #NHLSTATS: LIVE UPDATES

In the [Sunday edition of #NHLStats: Live Updates](#), Capitals captain **Alex Ovechkin** scored to boost his 2021-22 totals to 26-28—54 (39 GP) and tied Oilers forward **Leon Draisaitl** (26-28—54 in 35 GP) for the most goals and points in the NHL. The last time Ovechkin led the League in points (outright or tied) at this stage of a season or later was [through games played March 20, 2015](#).



Alex Ovechkin recorded his 1,374th career point (756-618-1,374 in 1,236 GP) and tied Mike Modano (561-813-1,374 in 1,499 GP) for 24th place on the NHL's all-time list

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QUICK CLICKS

- * [Chris Pronger](#) talks Blues, family travel business in sit-down with NHL.com
- * [Willie O'Ree's](#) jersey retirement will add to legacy of Bruins who wore No. 22
- * [Kyle Connor](#) makes 2022 NHL All-Star Game after work ethic pays off with Jets
- * Capitals celebrate [#CapsKidsDay](#), show off kid-drawn portraits of players

