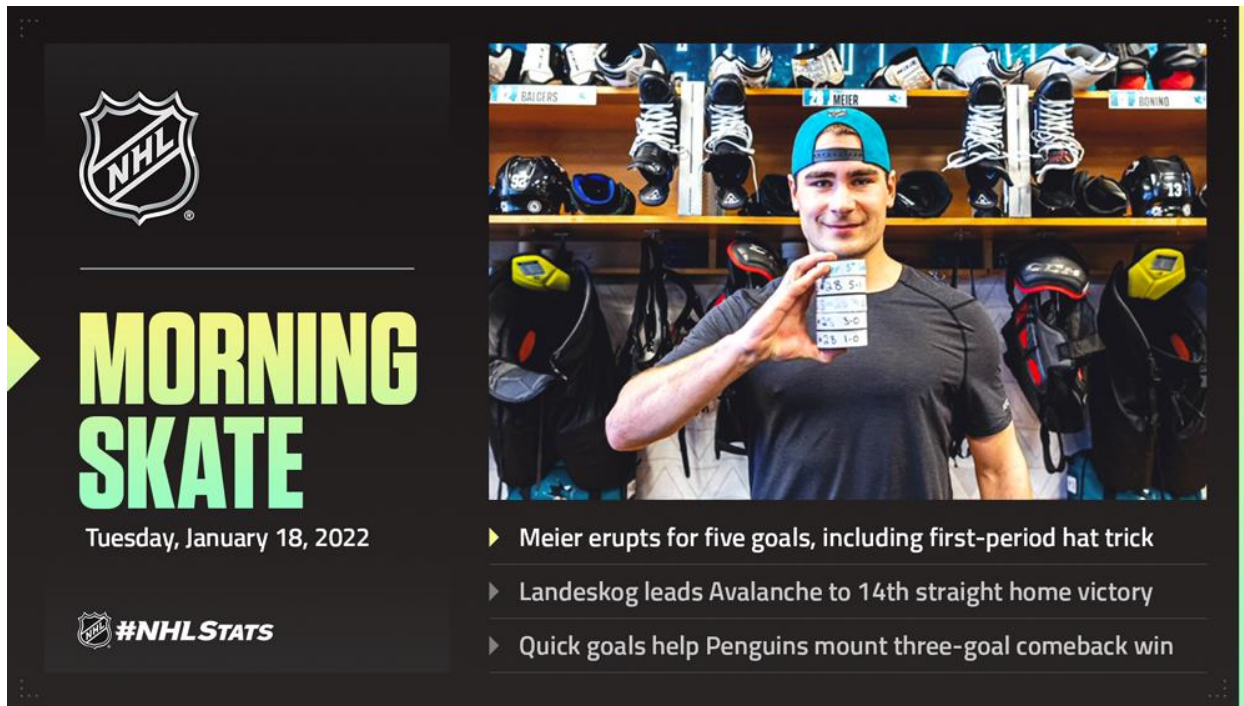


NHL MORNING SKATE – JAN. 18, 2022



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Tuesday, January 18, 2022

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- ▶ Meier erupts for five goals, including first-period hat trick
- ▶ Landeskog leads Avalanche to 14th straight home victory
- ▶ Quick goals help Penguins mount three-goal comeback win

* The Bruins will raise the No. 22 of **Willie O'Ree** to the rafters Tuesday, the 64th anniversary of when he became the first Black player in the NHL. The ceremony will be streamed live on NHL.com [at this link](#).

* **Timo Meier** made Sharks history Monday, becoming the first player to score five goals in a game with the franchise and the NHL's fifth in the past 25 years.

* **Nathan MacKinnon** reached the 600-point milestone as the Avalanche became just the fourth team in the past 35 years to win at least 14 consecutive home games.

BRUINS SET TO HONOR WILLIE O'REE ON 64TH ANNIVERSARY OF HIS DEBUT

An Original Six franchise will add to its legendary list of [retired numbers](#) when the Bruins raise the No. 22 worn by hockey pioneer and Hockey Hall of Fame member **Willie O'Ree** to the rafters Tuesday. O'Ree, who will [virtually attend the ceremony](#), made history on Jan. 18, 1958, when he suited up for Boston at the Montreal Forum to become the first Black player in the NHL.

* The U.S. House of Representatives is [scheduled to vote](#) on a bill this week to award O'Ree the Congressional Gold Medal, which is the highest civilian honor bestowed in the United States. House passage of the Willie O'Ree Congressional Gold Medal Act is the final legislative step; once the bill passes, it will go to the White House for **President Joe Biden** to sign.



* Legally blind in one eye, O'Ree played two NHL games during the 1957-58 season (also Jan. 19, 1958, in Boston) before rejoining the Bruins in 1960-61, collecting 4-14—18 in 43 games.

* O'Ree had a [lengthy and prolific minor league career](#) during a professional hockey journey that spanned 21 years, a stretch that included five 30-goal seasons in the former Western Hockey League (1964-65, 1965-66, 1966-67, 1968-69 & 1973-74). O'Ree accumulated 328-311—639 across 785 games from 1961-62 to 1973-74 while playing with the Los Angeles Blades and San Diego Gulls of the WHL, placing him at [11th in career goals](#) and [17th in career points](#) in league history according to Elite Prospects.

* During his post-playing career, O'Ree has dedicated himself to growing the game in his role as the NHL's Diversity Ambassador – a title he has held since 1998. O'Ree has helped to inspire more than 130,000 kids to take part in the League's Hockey Is For Everyone initiatives.



Every player who steps onto the ice Jan. 18 will celebrate Willie O'Ree's legacy by wearing the No. 22 helmet decal

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HUBERDEAU EYES FRANCHISE RECORD AS PANTHERS BEGIN ROAD TRIP

Jonathan Huberdeau (5-15—20 in 8 GP) can match the longest assist streak in the NHL this season and establish a [franchise record](#) should he set up a goal when the League-leading Panthers (26-7-5, 57 points) visit the Flames (17-11-6, 40 points).



TONIGHT'S SCHEDULE

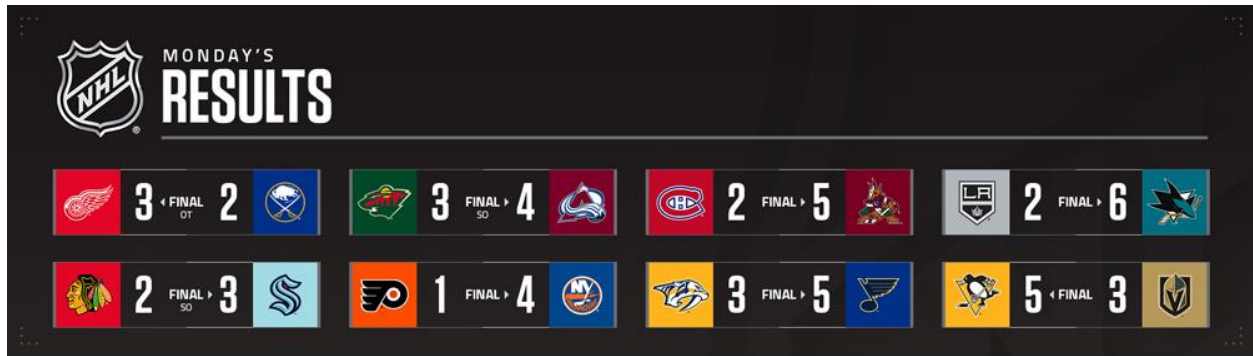
TUESDAY, JANUARY 18, 2022

7:00 PM ET		@		HULU, ESPN+
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7:00 PM ET		@		RDS2, TSN5, MSG-B
7:00 PM ET		@		NBCSWA, TSN3
8:00 PM ET		@		BSSO, SNP
8:30 PM ET		@		BSSW, TSN2, RDS
9:00 PM ET		@		SN1, SNW, BSFL
10:30 PM ET		@		BSSUN, BSW

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

MONDAY NIGHT CONCLUDES WITH STORYLINES APLENTY

An eight-game slate Monday featured a mix of high-scoring affairs, comeback wins and a franchise record – all of which are highlighted below.



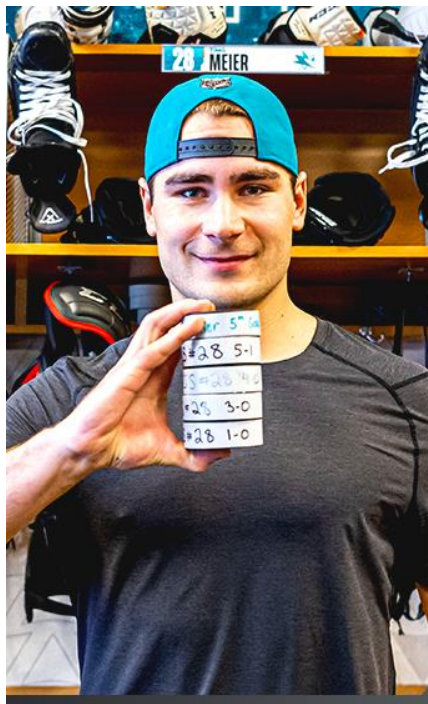
MEIER SETS SHARKS FRANCHISE RECORD WITH FIVE-GOAL GAME

Timo Meier scored five of San Jose's six goals, including three in the first period to record the fastest hat trick from the start of a game in franchise history (19:09). Meier also became the first Sharks player to net five goals in a single outing.



* Meier became the fifth NHL player in the past 25 years to score five goals in a contest (regular season or playoffs), joining **Mika Zibanejad** ([March 5, 2020](#)), **Patrik Laine** ([Nov. 24, 2018](#)), **Johan Franzen** ([Feb. 2, 2011](#)) and **Marian Gaborik** ([Dec. 20, 2007](#)). The last player to score six goals in a game was **Darryl Sittler** on [Feb. 7, 1976](#).

* Meier is the first NHL player in his lifetime to score at least five goals within the first two periods of a game. The last such instance occurred nearly 28 years ago when **Peter Bondra** had five goals through 39:30 for the Capitals on Feb. 5, 1994 – more than two years before Meier was born.





MOST GOALS WITHIN FIRST TWO PERIODS OF A GAME

▶ NHL HISTORY

PLAYER	TEAM	DATE	GOALS
TIMO MEIER	SJS	JAN. 17, 2022	5
PETER BONDRA	WSH	FEB. 5, 1994	5
JOE NIEUWENDYK	CGY	JAN. 11, 1989	5
DAVE ANDREYCHUK	BUF	FEB. 6, 1986	5
BRYAN TROTTIER	NYI	FEB. 13, 1982	5
RED BERENSON	STL	NOV. 7, 1968	5
PIT LEPINE	MTL	DEC. 14, 1929	5
NEWSY LALONDE	MTL	JAN. 10, 1920	5
NEWSY LALONDE	MTL	JAN. 11, 1919	5
HARRY HYLAND	MWN	DEC. 19, 1917	5

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* Meier reached the 20-goal mark on the season with his fifth tally of the game (20-25—45 in 35 GP). Only five players in Sharks history have required fewer contests to reach the 20-goal benchmark: **Joe Pavelski** (32 GP in 2018-19), **Patrick Marleau** (32 GP in 2009-10), **Owen Nolan** (32 GP in 1999-00), **Dany Heatley** (33 GP in 2009-10) and **Ray Sheppard** (34 GP in 1996-96).

MacKINNON, LANDESKOG LEAD AVALANCHE TO 14TH STRAIGHT WIN AT BALL ARENA

Nathan MacKinnon (1-1—2) reached the 600-point milestone and **Gabriel Landeskog** (0-1—1) registered a point in his 16th straight appearance to help the Avalanche (25-8-3, 53 points) extend their home win streak to 14 games.

* Colorado, which improved to 14-0-0 at Ball Arena dating to Nov. 11, 2021, recorded the 13th instance in NHL history of a team posting a home win streak of at least 14 games and became just the fourth in the past 35 years to do so. They joined the Red Wings (23 GP in 2011-12), Capitals (15 GP in 2016-17) and Bruins (14 GP in 2008-09).

* Landeskog has registered at least one point in each of his 16 appearances since Nov. 22, 2021 (8-15—23). The captain became the fourth Avalanche/Nordiques player in the past 35 years to record a point in 16 or more straight games, joining **Paul Stastny** (20 GP in 2006-07), **Alex Tanguay** (16 GP in 2002-03), **Mats Sundin** (30 GP in 1992-93) and **Peter Stastny** (18 GP in 1987-88).

* MacKinnon (219-381—600 in 599 GP) became the [seventh player in Avalanche/Nordiques history](#) to record 600 points and the first to do so from the 2013 NHL Draft class – with over 100 points more than the next-closest skater (**Aleksander Barkov**: 196-298—494 in 554 GP).





FEWEST GAMES TO 600 CAREER POINTS

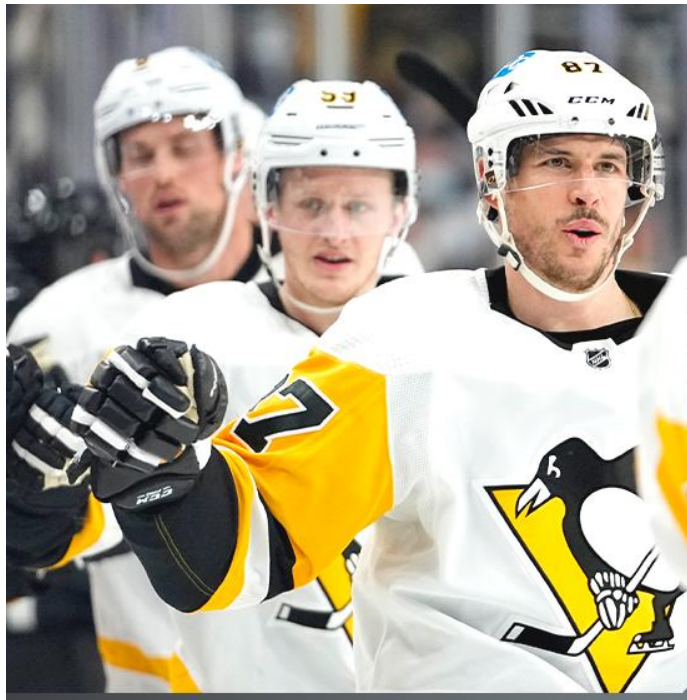
▶ ACTIVE PLAYERS

PLAYER	TEAM	GP
CONNOR McDAVID	EDM	421
SIDNEY CROSBY	PIT	430
ALEX OVECHKIN	WSH	464
EVGENI MALKIN	PIT	490
JASON SPEZZA	OTT	589
STEVEN STAMKOS	TBL	595
NATHAN MACKINNON	COL	599

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PENGUINS MOUNT THREE-GOAL COMEBACK WIN AS GUENTZEL HITS 20-GOAL MARK

The Golden Knights built a three-goal first-period lead, but the Penguins (23-10-5, 51 points) responded with five unanswered tallies thanks to back-to-back markers from **Jason Zucker** (2-0—2) and **Teddy Blueger** (1-0—1) in a 49-second span and the eventual game winner from **Jake Guentzel** (1-0—1).





TEAMS TO WIN AFTER ERASING DEFICIT OF 3+ GOALS

▶ 2021-22

TEAM	DATE	DEFICIT
CAROLINA	JAN. 1, 2022	4
PITTSBURGH	JAN. 17, 2022	3
COLORADO	JAN. 8, 2022	3
VANCOUVER	DEC. 14, 2021	3
FLORIDA	DEC. 2, 2021	3
FLORIDA	NOV. 30, 2021	3
ST. LOUIS	NOV. 30, 2021	3
EDMONTON	NOV. 5, 2021	3
TAMPA BAY	OCT. 14, 2021	3

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* Guentzel, who netted the winning tally for the second time in as many games, notched his fifth 20-goal campaign and has found the score sheet in all but five outings in 2021-22 (20-18—38 in 32 GP). Since he debuted with the Penguins in 2016-17, only four players have posted *more* 20-goal seasons: **Alex Ovechkin** (6 w/ WSH), **Brad Marchand** (6 w/ BOS), **Leon Draisaitl** (6 w/ EDM) and **Auston Matthews** (6 w/ TOR).

* Monday marked the 10th time the Penguins have scored twice within a span of 60 seconds, the most among all teams and two more than the next closest clubs (CBJ & MIN: both w/ 8).

CHARA'S 1,636TH CAREER GAME FEATURED ON #NHLSTATS: LIVE UPDATES

Islanders defenseman **Zdeno Chara** was featured in the latest edition of [#NHLStats: Live Updates](#) as he skated in his 1,636th career game Monday. The 24-year NHL veteran surpassed Hockey Hall of Fame member **Scott Stevens** (1,635 GP) for sole possession of second place on the League's [all-time games played list among defensemen](#) and is on pace to become the all-time leader later this season.



QUICK CLICKS

- * [Brad Marchand, Marc-Andre Fleury, Nikita Kucherov](#) named Three Stars of the Week
- * [ESPN's first all-female NHL broadcast presents Canadiens-Coyotes game](#)
- * [Willie O'Ree](#) gets proclamation, new hat from Bruins day before number's retired
- * [Carey Price](#) to restart knee rehabilitation for Canadiens
- * [Blues raise Chris Pronger's No. 44 to the rafters](#)



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