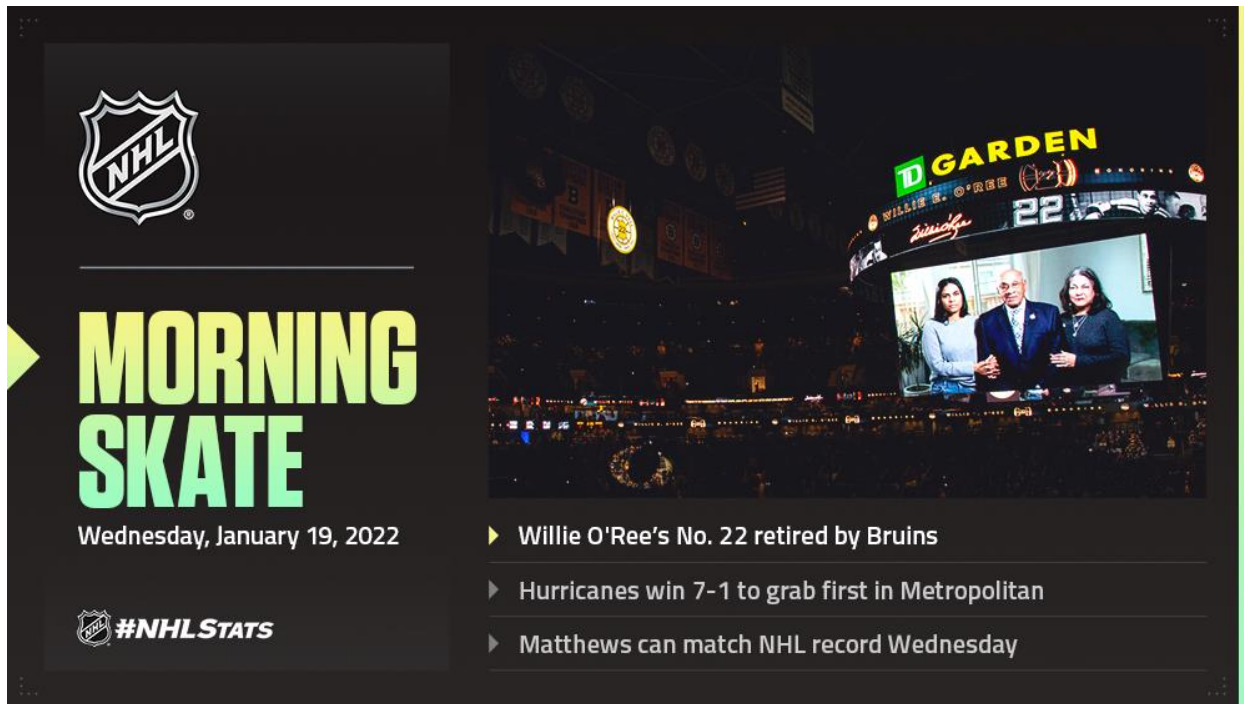


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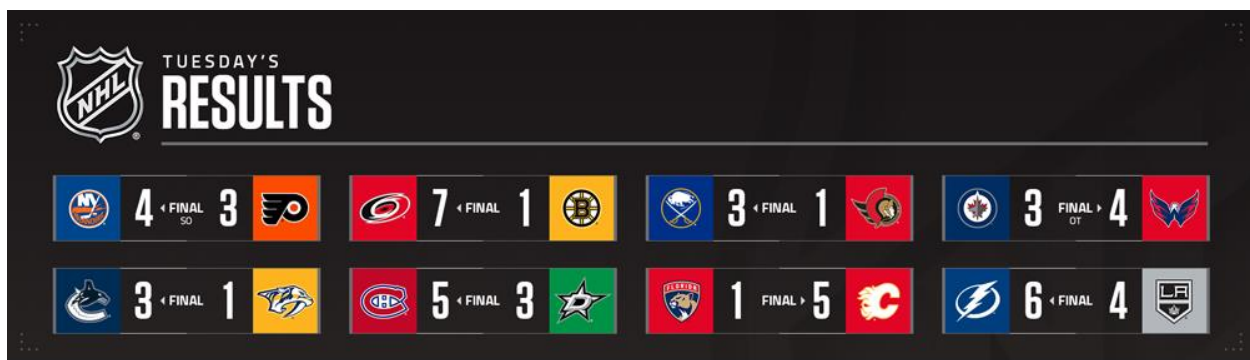
#NHLSTATS

- ▶ Willie O'Ree's No. 22 retired by Bruins
- ▶ Hurricanes win 7-1 to grab first in Metropolitan
- ▶ Matthews can match NHL record Wednesday

* The Bruins retired the No. 22 of hockey pioneer **Willie O'Ree** Tuesday, which marked the [64th anniversary of O'Ree's League debut](#) when he became the first Black player to appear in an NHL game.

* The Hurricanes reclaimed first place in the Metropolitan Division, thanks in part to a five-goal opening period.

* **Auston Matthews** can match an NHL record as the Maple Leafs visit the Rangers at Madison Square Garden Wednesday.



TUESDAY'S RESULTS

NYR 4 vs PIT 3 (FINAL SO)	CAR 7 vs COL 1 (FINAL)	SJS 3 vs VAN 1 (FINAL)	TOR 3 vs WSH 4 (FINAL OT)
BOS 3 vs NYI 1 (FINAL)	CHH 5 vs FLA 3 (FINAL)	WPG 1 vs CGY 5 (FINAL)	TB 6 vs LA 4 (FINAL)

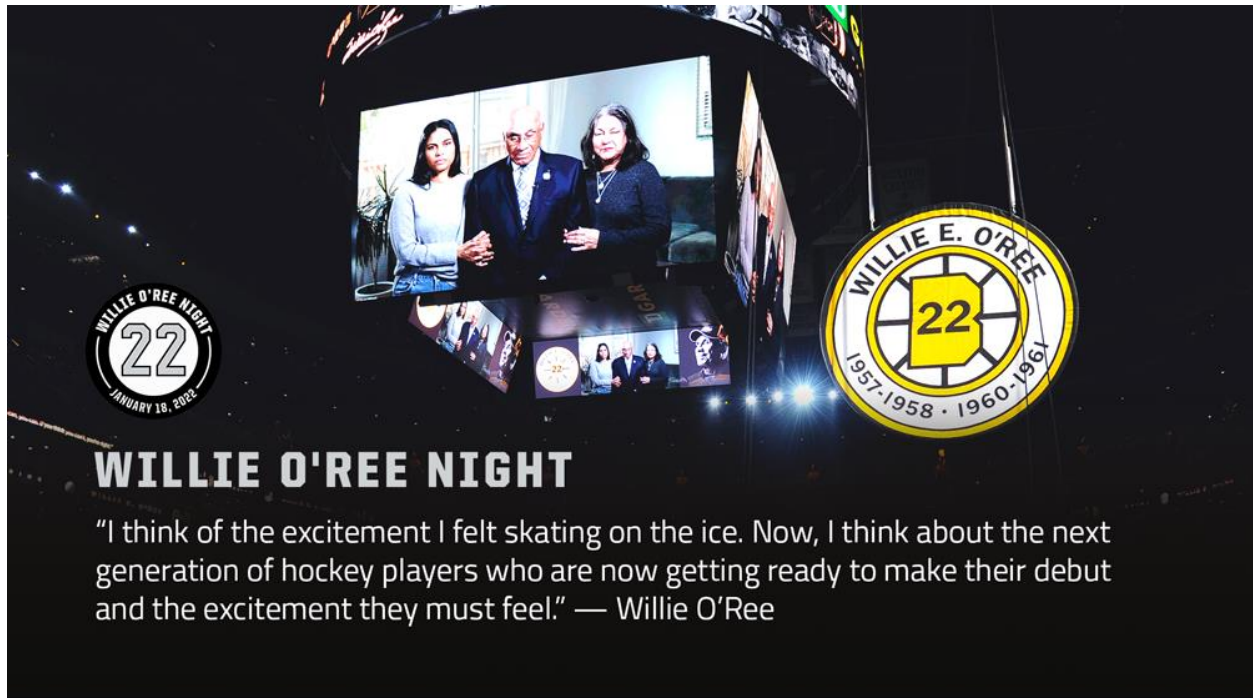
BRUINS RETIRE No. 22 OF HOCKEY PIONEER WILLIE O'REE

The Bruins retired the No. 22 of **Willie O'Ree** at TD Garden prior to their game against the Hurricanes Tuesday, with the on-ice ceremony including former NHL player and current Turner Sports in-studio analyst **Anson Carter** as well as recent graduates and coaches from the

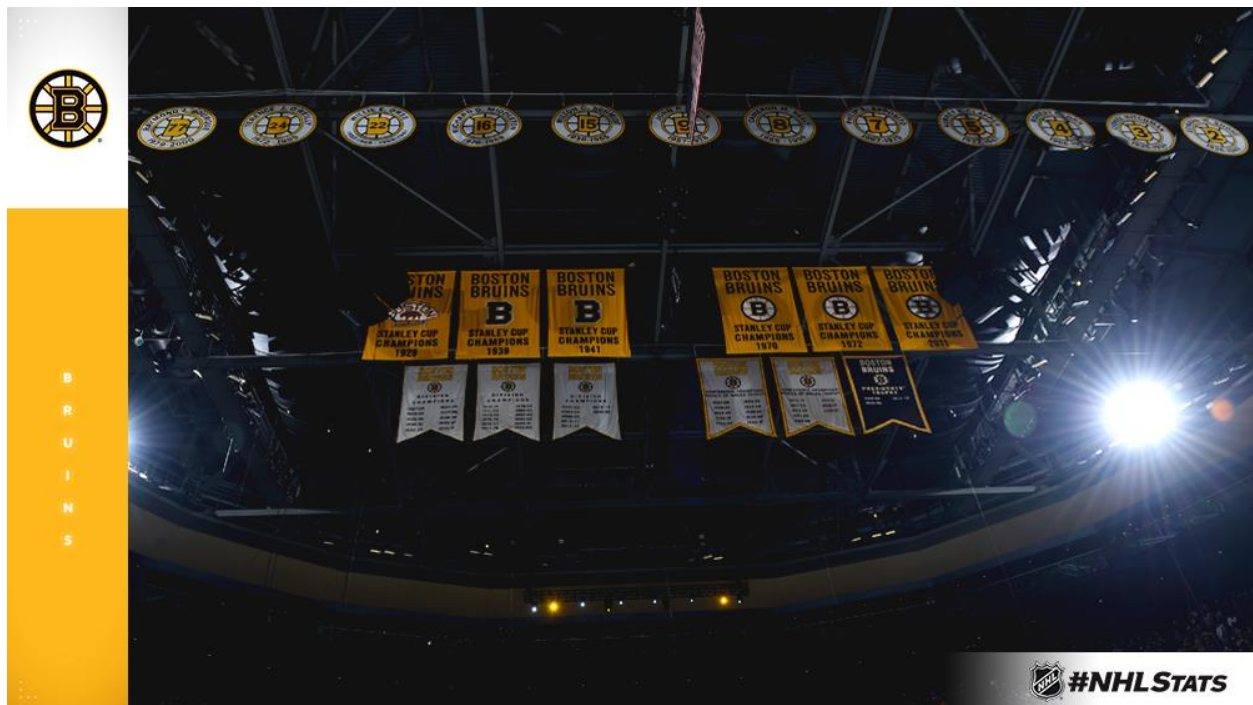
S.C.O.R.E. Boston youth hockey organization.



* O'Ree, who [joined virtually](#) due to an abundance of caution because of COVID-19, participated live from San Diego. [Click here](#) to view the full ceremony, which also included a video tribute that featured NHL Commissioner **Gary Bettman**, Bruins CEO and Alternate Governor **Charlie Jacobs**, current and former players **Ryan Reaves**, **Mathieu Joseph**, **Kevin Weekes**, **Joel Ward** and **Johnny Bucyk**, women's hockey trailblazer **Blake Bolden**, S.C.O.R.E. Boston representatives **Wendell Taylor** and **Dallas Jackson**, as well as **Bryant McBride**, who produced the 2019 documentary "Willie".



* O'Ree became the 12th player in franchise history to have his number retired by the Bruins, joining **Eddie Shore** (No. 2), **Lionel Hitchman** (No. 3), **Bobby Orr** (No. 4), **Dit Clapper** (No. 5), **Phil Esposito** (No. 7), **Cam Neely** (No. 8), Bucyk (No. 9), **Milt Schmidt** (No. 15), **Rick Middleton** (No. 16), **Terry O'Reilly** (No. 24) and **Ray Bourque** (No. 77). His banner hangs in the TD Garden rafters between Middleton and O'Reilly, who [congratulated O'Ree Tuesday](#) along with several other past-and-present members of the organization.



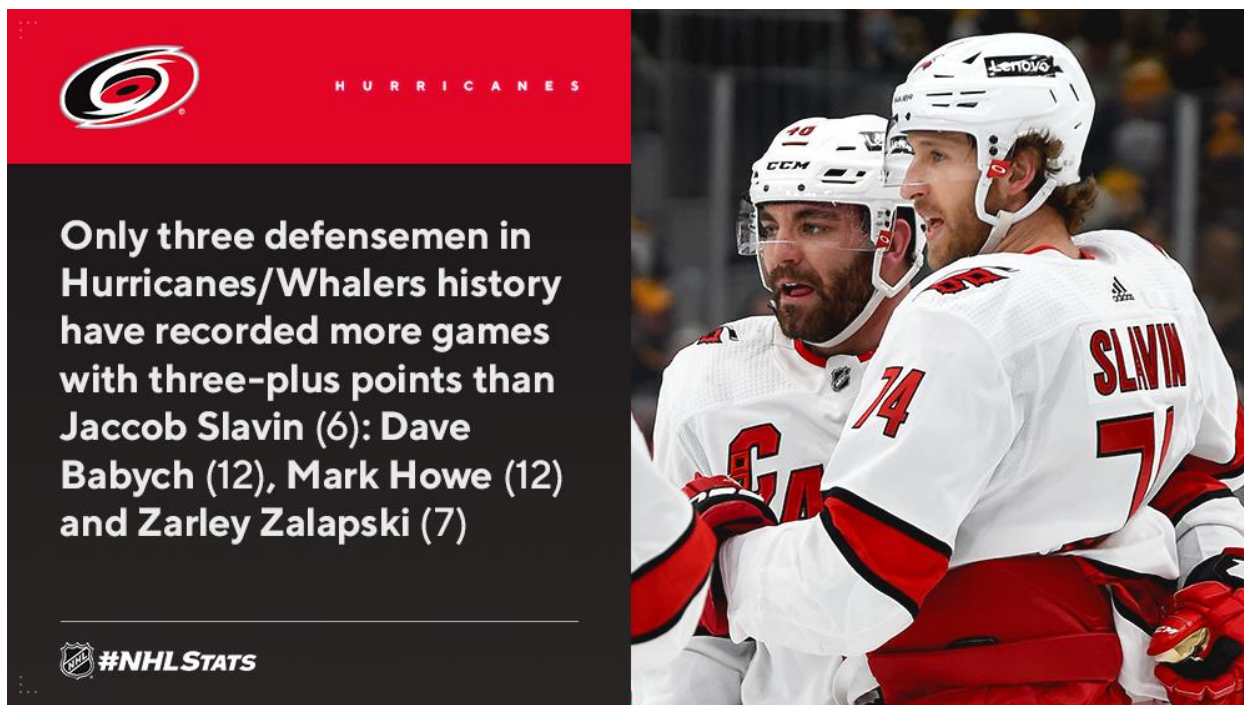
MORE WILLIE O'REE NIGHT LINKS

- * [Justin Trudeau, other politicians congratulate Willie O'Ree](#)
- * [Fenway Park, Gillette Stadium and Boston City Hall were lit in gold to honor Willie O'Ree](#)
- * [Willie O'Ree's number retirement adds to legacy of Bruins who wore No. 22](#)
- * [Willie O'Ree Congressional Gold Medal bill expected to be voted on](#)
- * [NHL Commissioner Gary Bettman joins fans to witness Willie O'Ree have number retired](#)



HURRICANES SCORE EARLY AND OFTEN IN SEVEN-GOAL OUTBURST

In a contest that witnessed the Hurricanes score five first-period goals, **Jacob Slavin** (1-2—3) registered his sixth career three-point game and helped Carolina (26-8-2, 54 points) reclaim top spot in the Metropolitan Division. Tuesday marked the third time in team history that the Hurricanes scored [five times in an opening frame](#), joining [March 4, 2006](#) and [April 6, 2010](#).



* **Frederik Andersen** (31 saves), who improved to 14-3-0 in 17 career regular-season outings against the Bruins (2.26 GAA, .933 SV%, 2 SO), joined **Andrei Vasilevskiy** (23) and **Juuse Saros** (20) as the third goaltender with 20 victories in 2021-22 – [reaching the mark in his 26th outing](#).

GAUDREAU GRABBING FOUR ASSISTS FEATURED IN #NHLSTATS: LIVE UPDATES

[Tuesday's edition of #NHLStats: Live Updates](#) features several more notes from the eight-game slate. Some highlights include:

* Flames forward **Johnny Gaudreau** matched a single-game career high with four assists, a feat he first achieved on [Feb. 21, 2017](#). His 10 career four-point games trail only six players for the [most in franchise history](#).

* Lightning defenseman **Victor Hedman** had 2-1—3 as Tampa Bay (27-9-5, 59 points) passed Florida (26-8-5, 57 points) for first place in the NHL. Hedman notched his ninth career multi-goal game and surpassed **Dan Boyle** (8) for the [most among defensemen in franchise history](#).

* Canadiens goaltender **Sam Montembeault** (48 saves) and Sabres netminder **Michael Houser** (43 saves) each made over 40 saves in wins. Montembeault established a [single-game career high for saves](#), while Houser came within two of matching his highest total (45 on [May 4, 2021](#)).

* Capitals captain **Alex Ovechkin** (27-28—55 in 40 GP) scored to take over [sole possession of the League lead in goals this season](#) with his 50th career tally against the Jets/Thrashers franchise (50-44—94 in 69 GP).



MOST GOALS VERSUS A FRANCHISE TO DEBUT SINCE 1979-80

PLAYER	FRANCHISE	GOALS
WAYNE GRETZKY	ARI/PHX/WIN	79
MICHEL GOULET	CAR/HFD	62
JARI KURRI	ARI/PHX/WIN	61
DAVE ANDREYCHUK	CAR/HFD	52
TEEMU SELANNE	SJS*	51
ALEX OVECHKIN	WPG/ATL*	50

*DEBUTED AFTER 1979-80 WHEN 4 CLUBS MERGED FROM WHA

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QUICK CLICKS

- * [NHL, NHLPA issue update to COVID Protocol](#)
- * [Canadiens hire Kent Hughes as general manager, had been player agent](#)
- * [Panthers try new team bonding activity, go dog sledding in Canada](#)
- * [Four players added to All-Star rosters after Last Men In voting](#)

2022 ALL-STAR LAST MEN IN

TROY TERRY
F

NAZEM KADRI
F


JAKE GUENTZEL
F

STEVEN STAMKOS
F

*Mika Zibanejad was the Metropolitan Division's top vote-getter but is unable to attend







MATTHEWS VIES TO MATCH NHL RECORD ON NATIONAL STAGE

Auston Matthews can match an NHL record for the longest road goal streak, held by **Pavel Bure** (11 GP in 1993-94 w/ VAN) and **Steve Yzerman** (11 GP in 1988-89 w/ DET), should he find the back of the net Wednesday when the Maple Leafs (24-9-3, 51 points) visit the Rangers (25-10-4, 54 points) on a national broadcast across North America on TNT, Sportsnet and TVAS at 7:30 p.m. ET.



TONIGHT'S SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19, 2022

7:00 PM ET		@		BSAZ, MSG+
7:30 PM ET		@		TNT, SN, TVAS
10:00 PM ET		@		TNT, SN360, TVAS

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