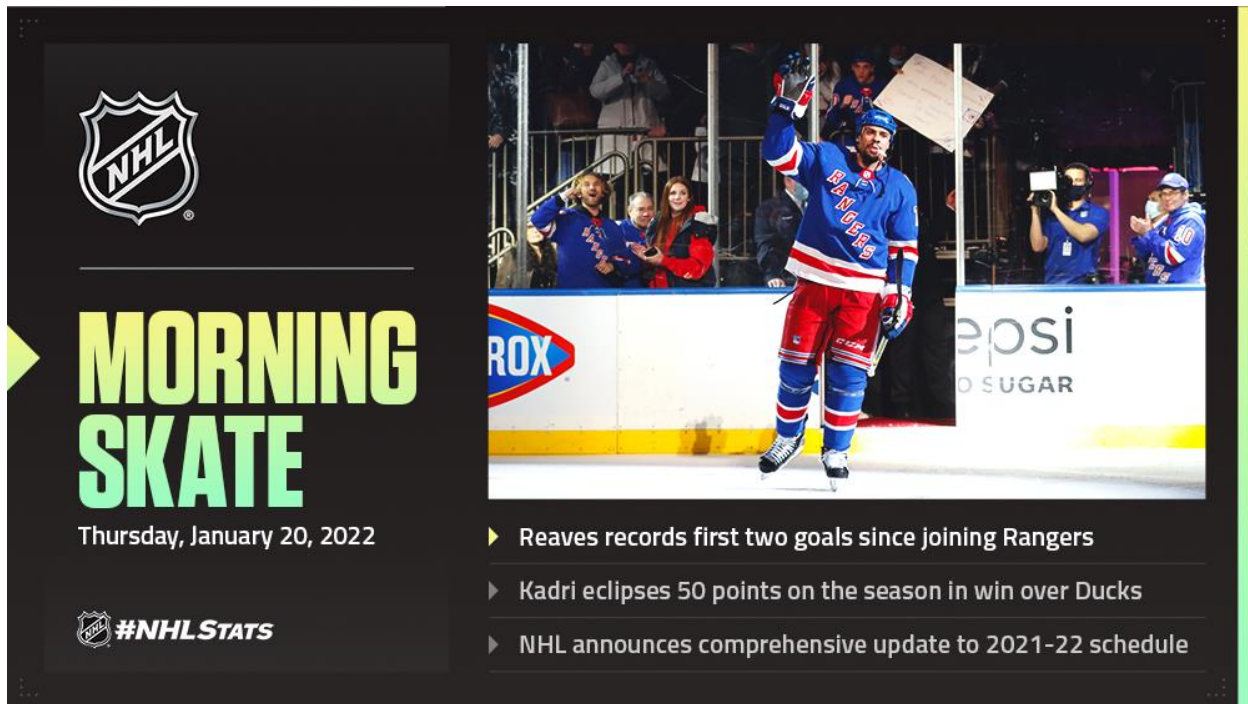


NHL MORNING SKATE – JAN. 20, 2022



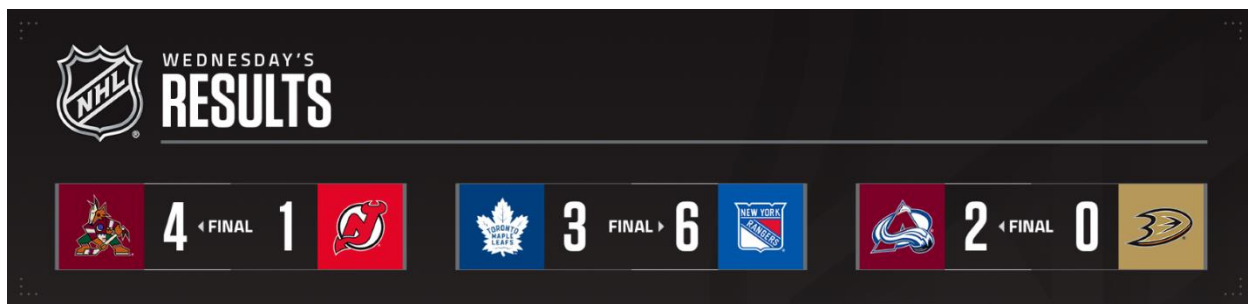
The graphic features the NHL logo at the top left. Below it, the words "MORNING SKATE" are written in large, bold, green letters. Underneath, it says "Thursday, January 20, 2022" and "#NHLSTATS". On the right side, there is a photograph of a New York Rangers player, Adam Fox, celebrating on the ice. He is wearing a blue jersey with "RANGERS" on the front and red pants. In the background, there are fans and a Pepsi logo.

- ▶ Reaves records first two goals since joining Rangers
- ▶ Kadri eclipses 50 points on the season in win over Ducks
- ▶ NHL announces comprehensive update to 2021-22 schedule






* The Rangers scored five unanswered goals – bookended by tallies from **Adam Fox** and **Ryan Reaves** – to rally past the Maple Leafs. Reaves, who scored earlier in the game, recorded his first two goals since being traded to New York on July 29, 2021.

* **Nazem Kadri** also collected multiple points to eclipse 50 on the season and help the Avalanche blank the Ducks.

* The NHL announced a comprehensive [update to the 2021-22 regular-season schedule](#), including new dates for 98 games that had been postponed over the two-month period from Nov. 18, 2021 through Jan. 18, 2022, that will see all teams complete the full season by the original April 29 closing date.



The graphic displays the NHL logo and the text "WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS". Below this, there are three game results shown with team logos and scores:


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	3	FINAL ▶	6	
	2	◀ FINAL	0	

FOX, REAVES HELP RANGERS RALLY TO RECLAIM FIRST IN METROPOLITAN

Adam Fox (2-1—3) and **Ryan Reaves** (2-0—2) had two goals apiece as the Rangers (26-10-4, 56 points) rallied from deficits of 2-0 and 3-1 to defeat the Maple Leafs and move past the Hurricanes (26-8-2, 54 points) for first place in the Metropolitan Division.

* Fox (7-35—42 in 40 GP) eclipsed 40 points on the season and now sits just one back of Lightning defenseman **Victor Hedman** (9-34—43 in 41 GP) for the [most among NHL blueliners](#). Fox became the first New York defenseman to reach the 40-point mark in 40 games played or fewer since **Brian Leetch** in 2000-01 (8-32—40 in 30 GP).

* Reaves, who celebrates his 35th birthday Thursday, became the first player to score each of his first two career goals with the Rangers *in the same game* since **Ryane Clowe** ([April 3, 2013](#)). The only players in franchise history to record each of their first *three career tallies* with New York in the same contest are **Bill Hicke** ([Jan. 9, 1965](#)), **Ulf Dahlen** ([Oct. 23, 1987](#)) and **Derek Stepan** ([Oct. 9, 2010](#)).



FIRST 2+ CAREER GOALS WITH RANGERS SCORED IN THE SAME GAME
 ▶ SINCE 1996-97

PLAYER	DATE	GOALS
DEREK STEPAN	OCT. 9, 2010	3
RYAN REAVES	JAN. 19, 2022	2
RYANE CLOWE	APRIL 3, 2013	2
J.T. MILLER	FEB. 7, 2013	2
RYAN CALLAHAN	MARCH 17, 2007	2
BRENDAN SHANAHAN	OCT. 5, 2006	2
MIKAEL SAMUELSSON	NOV. 20, 2001	2
TODD HARVEY	OCT. 17, 1998	2

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AVALANCHE EXTEND POINT STREAK AHEAD OF ESPN GAME THURSDAY

Nazem Kadri (1-1—2) factored on both Colorado goals to eclipse 50 points this season (15-36—51 in 34 GP) and help the Western Conference-leading Avalanche (26-8-3, 55 points) improve to 9-0-1 (19 points) since Jan. 2. Colorado can extend its point streak to 11 contests when they visit Los Angeles on ESPN Thursday, which would match the [longest by any team this season](#).

* Kadri became the [fifth player to reach the 50-point mark this season](#), joining Capitals captain **Alex Ovechkin** (27-28—55 in 40 GP), Oilers forward **Leon Draisaitl** (26-28—54 in 35 GP), Oilers captain **Connor McDavid** (19-34—53 in 34 GP) and Panthers forward **Jonathan Huberdeau** (15-38—53 in 39 GP).



FEWEST GAMES TO 50-POINT MARK

▶ AVALANCHE/NORDIQUES PLAYERS AGE 30 OR OLDER

PLAYER	SEASON	GP
PETER STASTNY	1987-88	27
NAZEM KADRI	2021-22	34
PETER FORSBERG	2003-04	37
JOE SAKIC	2000-01	38
PETER STASTNY	1988-89	40
PETER STASTNY	1986-87	41
MARC TARDIF	1981-82	41
JOE SAKIC	1999-00	44
MARC TARDIF	1979-80	44
PETER STASTNY	1989-90	45

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VEJMEKA'S VICTORY FEATURED IN WEDNESDAY'S #NHLSTATS: LIVE UPDATES

[Wednesday's edition of #NHLStats: Live Updates](#) features several more notes from the three-game slate, including Coyotes goaltender **Karel Vejmelka** making 35 saves to vault the visitors to victory at Prudential Center. Vejmelka improved to 3-0-0 in his last three road appearances dating to Nov. 21, 2021 with a 0.66 goals-against average, .983 save percentage and one shutout.



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O'REE CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL BILL PASSED

One day after his No. 22 was retired by the Bruins, a bill to award **Willie O'Ree** the Congressional Gold Medal, the highest civilian honor in the United States, passed the U.S. House of Representatives by a bipartisan 426-0 vote. Next, the bill will go to the White House for **President Joe Biden's** signature.



* The Congressional Gold Medal is awarded to individuals or groups for distinguished achievements and contributions. In 2010, O'Ree was awarded the Order of Canada, a similar honor in his birth country of Canada – he will become the only person to be awarded both the Congressional Gold Medal and the Order of Canada. [Click here](#) for the full story from NHL.com's **William Douglas**.

* **Did You Know?** O'Ree is not only en route to becoming the first-ever hockey player to receive the Congressional Gold Medal in its nearly 250-year history, he also can become the first winter sport athlete bestowed the honor. Sometimes referred to as the “Jackie Robinson of Hockey,” O'Ree will join one of his heroes, Mr. Robinson, as one of a handful of athletes to ever receive the medal.

* **ICYMI:** Nominations [are now open](#) for the Fifth Annual Willie O'Ree Community Hero Award presented by MassMutual.

QUICK CLICKS

- * [Anson Carter, NHL on TNT panel speak with Willie O'Ree Wednesday](#)
- * [Dmitry Orlov suspended two games for kneeling; Phillip Danault, Jonathan Drouin fined](#)
- * [Rangers wear warmup jerseys with Teddy Balkind's name, number](#)
- * [Devils don special jerseys during pre-game warmup as part of their Hispanic Heritage Night](#)



PENGUINS PURSUE MORE SUCCESS AT PPG PAINTS ARENA THURSDAY
Jake Guentzel, Kris Letang and the Penguins (23-10-5, 51 points) eye a sixth straight win at PPG Paints Arena as they welcome the Senators (11-19-2, 24 points) to town during Thursday's nine-game slate. Pittsburgh is 13-2-0 (26 points) in its past 15 games overall dating to Dec. 4, 2021 – the Penguins' 13 wins over that span trail only the Avalanche (14-1-2, 30 points) and Lightning (14-4-1, 29 points) for the [most among all teams](#).



TONIGHT'S SCHEDULE

THURSDAY, JANUARY 20, 2022

7:00 PM ET		@		HULU, ESPN+, TVAS
7:00 PM ET		@		BSSW, MSG-B
7:00 PM ET		@		BSOH, NBCSP
7:00 PM ET		@		ATTSN-PT, TSN5, RDS
8:00 PM ET		@		BSSO, TSN3
9:00 PM ET		@		SN, BSFL
9:30 PM ET		@		ESPN
10:00 PM ET		@		ATTSN-RM, TSN2, RDS
10:00 PM ET		@		ROOT-NW, NBCSCA

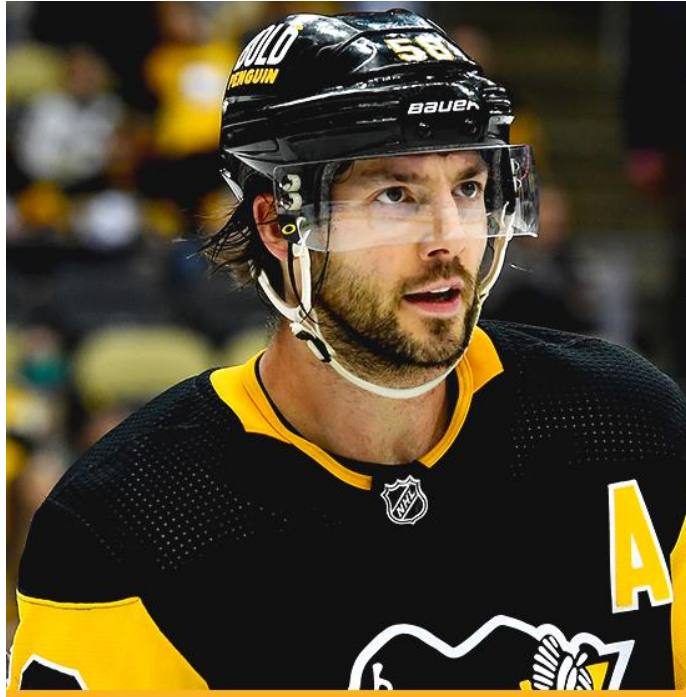






Stream on ESPN+ and NHL LIVE. Blackouts and other restrictions apply.

* Guentzel (20-18—38 in 32 GP) has found the score sheet in all but five of his outings in 2021-22 and has tallied the game-winning goal in each of his past two contests. Already with [five winners this season](#), Guentzel can become the fourth player in Penguins history to score the game-winning goal in three consecutive contests, joining **Sidney Crosby** (3 GP [in 2015-16](#)), **Jaromir Jagr** (3 GP [in 2000-01](#)) and **Doug Shedden** (3 GP [in 1985-86](#)).

* Letang (2-11—13 in 8 GP), who sits tied with **Patrick Kane** (2-8—10 in 8 GP) for the NHL's longest active point streak, can join **Paul Coffey** (4 GP [in 1991-92](#)) as just the second Penguins defenseman to register multiple assists in four consecutive home games.






LONGEST POINT STREAKS BY A DEFENSEMAN

► FRANCHISE HISTORY

DEFENSEMAN	SEASON	GP
PAUL COFFEY	1989-90	13
PAUL COFFEY	1989-90	10
RANDY CARLYLE	1980-81	10
RYAN WHITNEY	2006-07	9
LARRY MURPHY	1991-92	9
PAUL COFFEY	1990-91	9
RANDY CARLYLE	1981-82	9
RANDY CARLYLE	1979-80	9
TOM EDUR	1977-78	9

*KRIS LETANG CAN JOIN THIS LIST



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