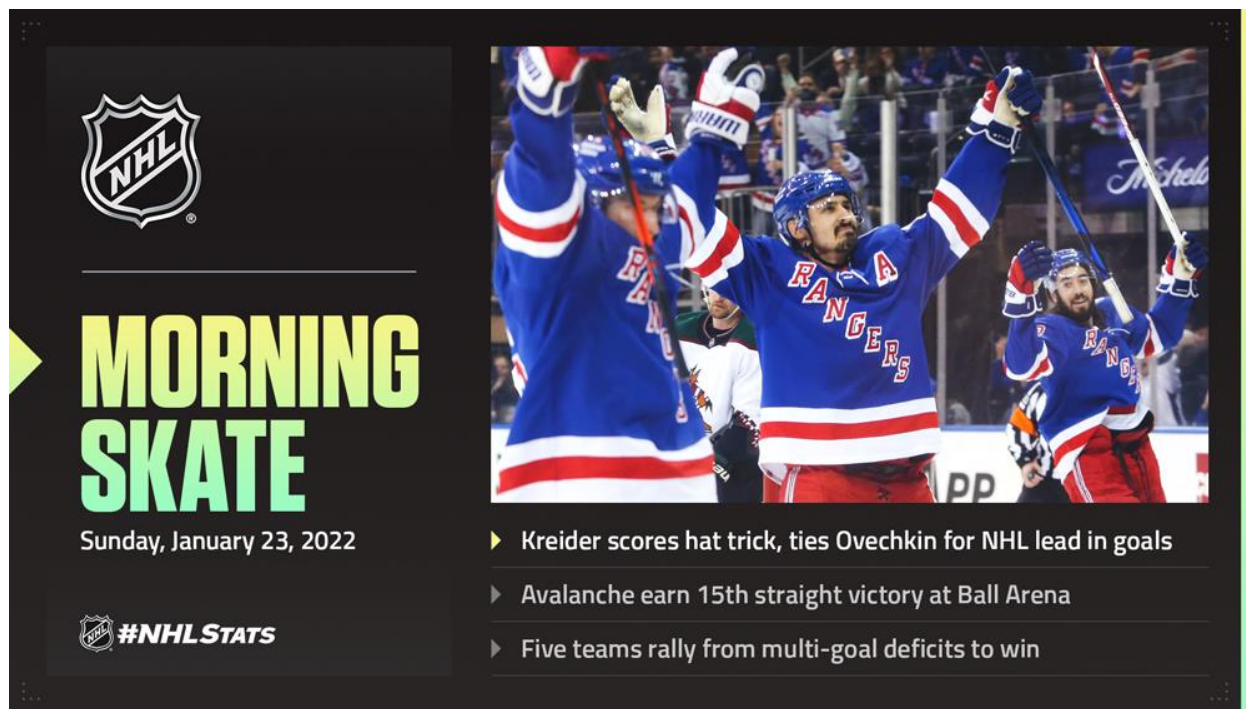


NHL MORNING SKATE – JAN. 23, 2022



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Sunday, January 23, 2022

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- ▶ Kreider scores hat trick, ties Ovechkin for NHL lead in goals
- ▶ Avalanche earn 15th straight victory at Ball Arena
- ▶ Five teams rally from multi-goal deficits to win

* A hat trick from **Chris Kreider** and a multi-goal outing to help **Alex Ovechkin** climb another NHL all-time list intensified the 2021-22 Maurice “Rocket” Richard Trophy race as Kreider moved into a tie with Ovechkin for the most goals by any player this season.

* The Central Division-leading Avalanche (28-8-3, 59 points) earned their 17th win at Ball Arena in 2021-22 and became the eighth team in NHL history to post a home win streak of 15 or more games.

* An 11-game slate Saturday featured five teams secure a multi-goal comeback to win – matching the most in a single day in NHL history – while three teams scored seven-plus goals en route to victory.

* Ducks rookie **Trevor Zegras** [announced Saturday](#) that the League has invited him to be part of the 2022 Honda NHL All-Star Weekend in Las Vegas. Zegras will take part in the Breakaway Challenge on Friday, Feb. 4.

NHL SATURDAY'S RESULTS



MAURICE “ROCKET” RICHARD TROPHY RACE INTENSIFIES

Four of the NHL’s top five goal scorers found the back of the net Saturday as **Chris Kreider** (3-1—4), **Alex Ovechkin** (2-0—2), **Leon Draisaitl** (2-2—4) and **Alex DeBrincat** (1-0—1) intensified the 2021-22 Maurice “Rocket” Richard Trophy race. Kreider moved into a tie with Ovechkin for the most goals by any player this season, before Draisaitl pulled himself within one.

* Kreider recorded his fifth career hat trick via a shorthanded, power-play and even-strength goal to help the Metropolitan Division-leading Rangers score seven markers in a game for the first time this season. This marked Kreider’s third hat trick over the past two seasons – only two players have more dating to 2020-21: **Mika Zibanejad** (4) and **Connor McDavid** (4).



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MAURICE “ROCKET” RICHARD TROPHY RACE

► 2021-22

PLAYER	TEAM	GP
ALEX OVECHKIN	WSH	29
CHRIS KREIDER	NYR	29
LEON DRAISAITL	EDM	28
AUSTON MATTHEWS	TOR	25
ALEX DEBRINCAT	CHI	24

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* Ovechkin scored two third-period goals to help his Capitals (23-10-9, 55 points) overcome a multi-goal deficit and inch closer to the idle Penguins (25-10-5, 55 points) for third place in the Metropolitan Division. The Capitals captain scored his 34th and 35th career goals against Ottawa (50 GP), trailing only **Jaromir Jagr** (44 in 79 GP) for the most against the Senators in NHL history.



* Draisaitl helped the Oilers snap a seven-game slide as he recorded his 42nd career multi-goal game to pass **Ryan Smyth** for the fifth most in Oilers history, trailing **Wayne Gretzky** (137), **Jari Kurri** (104), **Glenn Anderson** (76) and **Mark Messier** (70). He also recorded his 17th career four-point game – since he entered the NHL in 2014-15, the only player with more is McDavid (21).

AVALANCHE, KUEMPER STREAK ON AT BALL ARENA

Gabriel Landeskog scored his seventh career overtime goal and **Darcy Kuemper** made 28 saves as the Central Division-leading Avalanche (28-8-3, 59 points) earned their 17th win at Ball Arena this season and became the [eighth team in NHL history to post a home win streak of 15 or more games](#).

* Kuemper has earned a win in each of his past 10 decisions at Ball Arena, matching **Jonathan Bernier** for the longest such run in franchise history (10 GP in 2017-18).

* Landeskog tied **Joe Sakic** (7) for the third-most overtime goals in Avalanche/Nordiques history, trailing **Milan Hejduk** (9) and **Nathan MacKinnon** (8).



Only six teams in NHL history have earned more wins through 20 home games in a season than Colorado (17):

Boston (19 GP in 1973-74 & 1929-30)

Anaheim (19 GP in 2013-14)

Washington (18 GP in 2008-09)

San Jose (18 GP in 2008-09)

Philadelphia (18 GP in 1986-97)

Montreal (18 GP in 1953-54)

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TRENDS FROM SATURDAY: MULTI-GOAL COMEBACKS AND SEVEN-GOAL OUTINGS

An 11-game slate Saturday featured five teams secure a multi-goal comeback to win – matching the most in a single day in NHL history – while three teams scored seven-plus goals en route to victory.



MOST MULTI-GOAL COMEBACKS IN ONE DAY

► NHL HISTORY

DATE	TEAMS	GP
JAN. 22, 2022	EDM, MIN, WSH, NJD, NYR	5
FEB. 27, 2020	NYR, CHI, TOR, STL, SJS	5
NOV. 10, 2018	BUF, NSH, MTL, OTT, DET	5
APRIL 7, 2007	PHI, LAK, TOR, CAR, ATL	5
MARCH 1, 2007	PHI, PIT, TBL, STL, LAK	5
FEB. 22, 2007	BUF, NJD, TBL, NYI, MTL	5
OCT. 29, 2005	NJD, TBL, CAR, DAL, SJS	5
OCT. 11, 1986	NJD, HFD, PIT, DET, VAN	5

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* The Devils, Rangers and Lightning each recorded seven tallies Saturday, which matched their highest goals for total in a single game this season for both New Jersey and Tampa Bay.



A team has scored 7+ goals in a game 41 times in 2021-22, matching the most at this stage of a season (min. 633 GP) in the past 25 years (also 41 in 2018-19).

The last season to feature more: 1995-96 (71).

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SKINNER, THOMPSON, KREBS EACH TALLY TWICE AS SABRES SCORE SIX

Jeff Skinner (2-1—3) scored 89 seconds into the game but the Flyers responded with two goals in a span of 86 seconds before the Sabres tacked on three more tallies during a six-goal first period in Buffalo. **Tage Thompson** (2-1—3) and rookie **Peyton Krebs** (2-0—2) also contributed two goals apiece as the Sabres scored six times for the first time this season.

* Krebs, acquired from the Golden Knights earlier this season, became the [10th player in Sabres history](#) to net two or more tallies in the game in which he scored his first NHL goal.


SABRES

Jeff Skinner, Tage Thompson and Peyton Krebs became the first Sabres trio to each score 2+ goals in a game since Jochen Hecht, Jason Pominville and Thomas Vanek did so on March 19, 2008

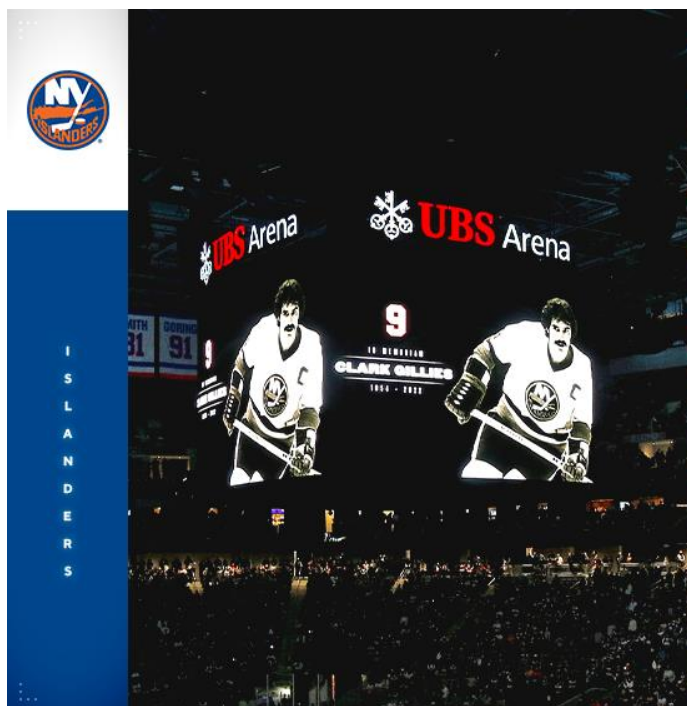



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CLARK GILLIES
"THE POWER FORWARD"
NEW YORK ISLANDERS: 1974 - 1996

HOCKEY HALL OF FAME 2002	
872	GAMES
304	GOALS
329	ASSISTS
631	POINTS
STANLEY CUPS	

THE PREMIER POWER FORWARD OF HIS GENERATION, CLARK GILLIES WAS AN EQUAL PARTNER ON A LINE WITH BRYAN TROTTER AND MIKE BOSNY THAT WAS THE BEST IN THE GAME. GILLIES' #9 WAS RETIRED BY THE ISLANDERS ON DECEMBER 9, 1996.

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LETANG, PENGUINS LOOK TO KEEP STREAKING DURING SUNDAY'S SLATE

Kris Letang (2-13—15 in 10 GP) takes a 10-game point streak into Sunday as the Penguins (25-10-5, 55 points) put their six-game [home winning streak](#) on the line against the Jets (17-14-6, 40 points). Letang is one of three different defensemen in franchise history to record a double-digit point streak, following **Paul Coffey** (13 GP and 10 GP, both in 1989-90) and **Randy Carlyle** (10 GP in 1980-81).

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6:00 PM ET			BSOH, TSN5, TVAS
7:00 PM ET			BSW, MSG+
9:00 PM ET			ROOT-NW, BSFL
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