

NHL MORNING SKATE – JAN. 28, 2022

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- ▶ Zegras wows with lacrosse-style goal in Ducks win
- ▶ Byfield scores first NHL goal as Doughty skates 1,000th game
- ▶ Zubov, Lundqvist set to have numbers retired Friday

* Rookie **Trevor Zegras** put on a show once again, scoring a [lacrosse-style goal](#) to help the Ducks move within one point of first place in the Pacific Division.

* **Quinton Byfield**, the No. 2 overall pick in the 2020 NHL Draft, scored his first NHL goal while teammate **Drew Doughty** skated in his 1,000th career game as the Kings also won to continue their playoff push.

* **Sergei Zubov** (No. 56) and **Henrik Lundqvist** (No. 30) are set to have their numbers retired by the Stars and Rangers, respectively.

THURSDAY'S RESULTS

5	◀ FINAL	4	
3	◀ FINAL OT	2	
2	FINAL ▶	3	
1	FINAL ▶	4	
3	◀ FINAL	2	
2	◀ FINAL OT	1	
3	FINAL ▶	5	
1	FINAL ▶	5	
5	◀ FINAL	1	
2	FINAL SO ▶	3	

ZEGRAS PULLS OFF LACROSSE-STYLE GOAL AHEAD OF BREAKAWAY CHALLENGE

With the [Breakaway Challenge](#) one week from today, Ducks rookie **Trevor Zegras** (2-0—2) had in Anaheim's 5-4 victory. His highlight-reel goal [drew the attention of franchise legend Teemu Selanne](#) and came less than two months after he [ignited a social media storm](#) with his alley-oop assist in Buffalo.



* Zegras' lacrosse-style goal followed in the footsteps of Carolina's **Andrei Svechnikov** ([Oct. 29, 2019](#) and [Dec. 17, 2019](#)) – who also [tweeted](#) about the goal - and Nashville's **Filip Forsberg** ([Jan. 14, 2020](#)).

* Zegras (12-20—32 in 40 GP) moved within two points of tying Detroit's **Lucas Raymond** (11-23—34 in 43 GP) for the League lead among rookies this season, with his 32 points the [most by a Ducks rookie](#) since 2010-11 when **Cam Fowler** had 40 points in 76 games.

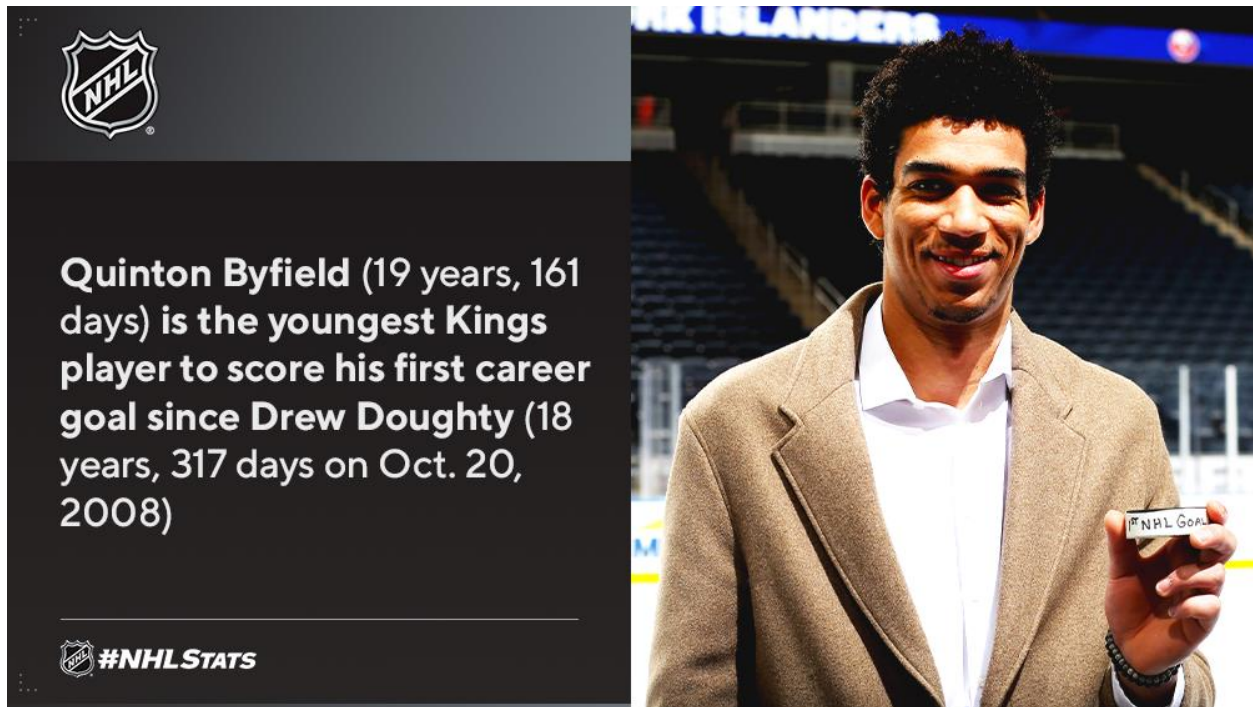
* Anaheim improved to 22-16-8 (52 points) and moved within one point of Vegas (25-16-3, 53 points) for first place in the Pacific Division. The Golden Knights have held the No. 1 spot in the division since overtaking the Ducks with a victory Dec. 19.

BYFIELD, DOUGHTY CELEBRATE MILESTONES THURSDAY

Quinton Byfield (1-0—1), the [highest-selected Black player in NHL Draft history](#), scored his first NHL goal in the same contest that teammate **Drew Doughty** (0-1—1) [skated in his 1,000th career game](#).

* Byfield spent the majority of 2020-21 with the Ontario Reign where he tallied 8-12—20 (32 GP) as an 18-year-old playing in his first professional season and recorded one assist in the six contests he played with the Kings. The Newmarket, Ont., native made his season debut on Jan. 20 after recovering from injury and skated in his 10th career NHL game Thursday.

* The third-place Kings (22-16-6, 50 points) kept pace with the Ducks (22-16-8, 52 points) in the Pacific Division standings and moved within three points of the No. 1-ranked Golden Knights (25-16-3, 53 points). Los Angeles and Anaheim are each seeking their first postseason appearance since 2017-18.



BARKOV NOTCHES 200TH GOAL, 500TH POINT IN ANOTHER PANTHERS HOME WIN

Aleksander Barkov (1-1—2) scored his [200th career goal](#) and eclipsed the [500-point milestone](#) to help the Panthers (30-9-5, 65 points) improve to 22-3-0 at FLA Live Arena and leapfrog the idle Avalanche (30-8-3, 63 points) for first place in the NHL standings. Florida has occupied the League's top spot for more than half of the season to date (55%; 59 of 108 days).



Aleksander Barkov (560 GP) became the fourth-fastest Finnish-born player to record 500 NHL points, following Jari Kurri (356 GP), Teemu Selanne (384 GP) and Tomas Sandstrom (501 GP)



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* Florida's 22 wins at FLA Live Arena matched the NHL mark for most home victories through a team's first 25 home games of a season, joining Detroit (2011-12), San Jose (2008-09), Boston (1970-71) and Montreal (1943-44).

* After matching the NHL record for [longest home win streak to start the season](#) at 11 contests, the Panthers are now 8-0-0 at FLA Live Arena dating to Dec. 29, 2021. In doing so, Florida became the fifth team in the past 25 years to post two home win streaks of eight-plus contests in a season, joining Tampa Bay (2018-19: 9 GP & 8 GP), Anaheim (2013-14: 10 GP & 8 GP), Calgary (2006-07: 10 GP & 8 GP) and Minnesota (2006-07: 8 GP & 8 GP).

MILLER'S HAT TRICK HIGHLIGHTS #NHLSTATS: LIVE UPDATES

J.T. Miller (3-1—4) recorded his second career hat trick – exactly one year and two days after Vancouver's last three-goal performance (**Brandon Sutter** on Jan. 25, 2021) – while also posting the first four-point outing by a Canucks forward this season. Check out the [Thursday edition](#) of #NHLStats: Live Updates for more notes from a busy 10-game night.

QUICK CLICKS

- * [NHL Mascot Showdown returns to All-Star Weekend](#)
- * [Fellow Connecticut natives Pacioretty, Knight honor Balkind's memory](#)
- * [Henrik Lundqvist's long-time teammate Marc Staal discusses the goaltender](#)
- * [NHL concludes investigation of Evander Kane cross-border travel](#)
- * [Evander Kane signs one-year deal with Oilers](#)

AVALANCHE LOOK TO EXTEND LENGTHY WIN STREAK

The Avalanche (30-8-3, 63 points) will put their eight-game win streak on the line when they visit the Blackhawks (16-20-7, 39 points) at United Center. Only two teams have posted a longer win streak in 2021-22 than Colorado's current eight-game run: Pittsburgh (10 GP) and Carolina (9

GP).

TONIGHT'S SCHEDULE FRIDAY, JANUARY 28, 2022

7:00 PM ET		@		BSDET, ATTSN-PT, SNO, SNE, TVAS
8:00 PM ET		@		BSN, NHLN, MSG+
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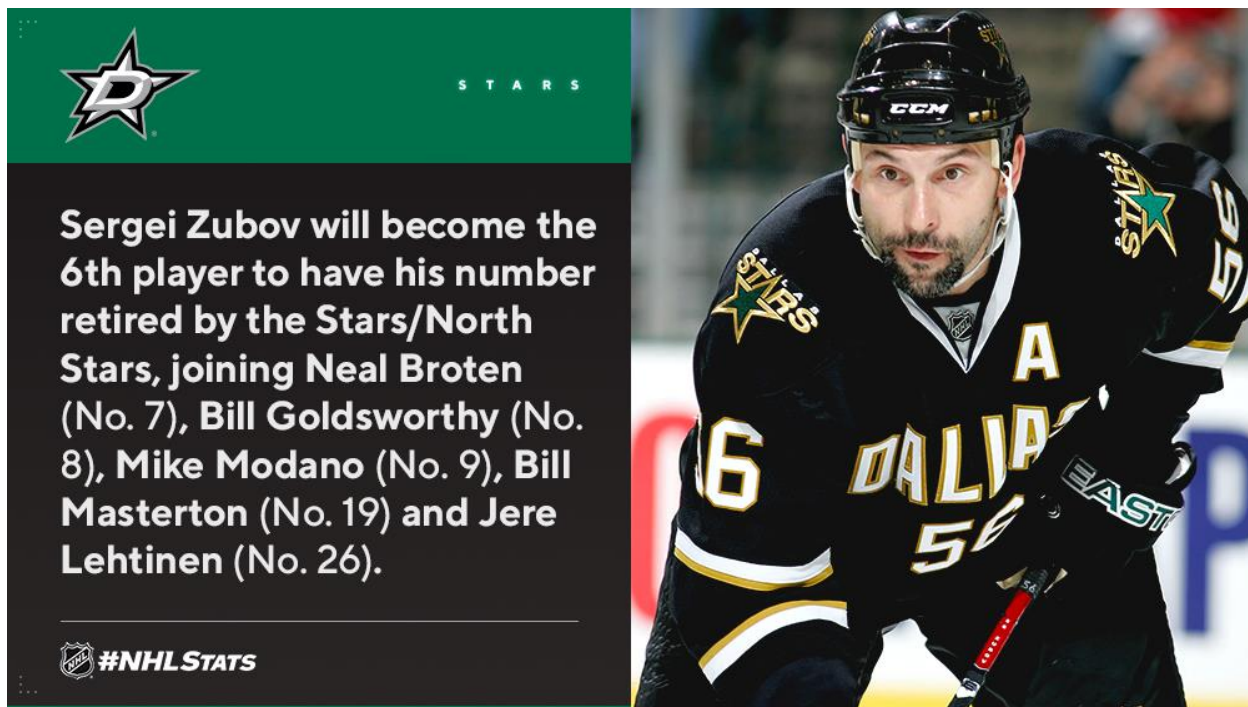
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ZUBOV, LUNDQVIST SET TO HAVE NUMBERS RETIRED BY STARS, RANGERS FRIDAY

Friday's five-game schedule is set to feature a pair of jersey retirements, with the Stars raising defenseman **Sergei Zubov's** No. 56 to the rafters at American Airlines Center and the Rangers doing the same for goaltender **Henrik Lundqvist's** No. 30 at Madison Square Garden.

* Zubov was traded to Dallas by Pittsburgh for **Kevin Hatcher** on June 22, 1996, and skated each of the next [12 seasons with the franchise](#), which included helping the Stars secure the Stanley Cup in 1999. He remains the all-time leader in [goals](#) (111), [assists](#) (438), [points](#) (549) and [games played](#) (839) among Stars/North Stars defensemen.

* Zubov (Moscow, Russia) will become the third defenseman born and trained outside North America to have his number retired by an NHL club, following **Nicklas Lidstrom** (Vasteras, Sweden; [No. 5](#)) with the Red Wings and **Borje Salming** (Kiruna, Sweden; [No. 21](#)) with the Maple Leafs.



* Lundqvist was nabbed by New York in the seventh round of the 2000 NHL Draft (205th overall) and played each of his 15 seasons with the Rangers, which included winning the Vezina Trophy in 2011-12. He tops the franchise lists for [wins](#) (459), [shutouts](#) (64) and [games played](#) (887) among goaltenders – the only netminder in League history with as many victories for a single club is **Martin Brodeur** (688 w/ NJD).

* Lundqvist reached the 30-win mark in [each of his first seven seasons](#) and had at least 20 victories in each of his first 13 campaigns, which remain the longest such runs in League history. Before Lundqvist, the most consecutive 30- and 20-win seasons by a goaltender from the start of their NHL career were three (**Ron Hextall** from 1986-87–1988-89) and seven (**Bill Durnan** from 1943-44–1949-50), respectively.

* Lundqvist (Are, Sweden) will become the second goaltender born and trained outside North America to have his number retired by an NHL club, following **Dominik Hasek** (Pardubice, Czechia; [No. 39](#)) with the Sabres. The Predators are set to retire the No. 35 of **Pekka Rinne** (Kempele, Finland) on Feb. 24.

* **ICYMI:** Lundqvist made appearances on [“LIVE with Kelly and Ryan”](#) and [The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon](#) ahead of Friday’s ceremony.



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Henrik Lundqvist will become the 11th player to have his number retired by the Rangers and just the third goaltender, joining Ed Giacomin (No. 1) and Mike Richter (No. 35).

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