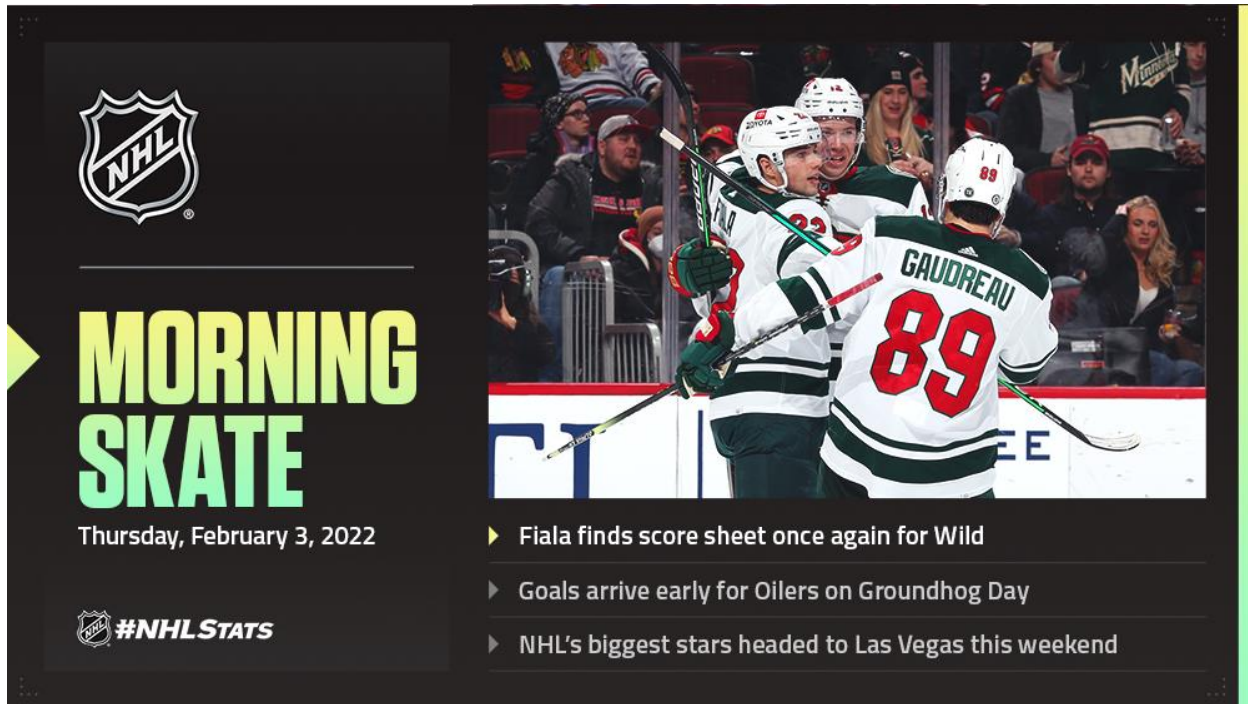


## NHL MORNING SKATE – FEB. 3, 2022



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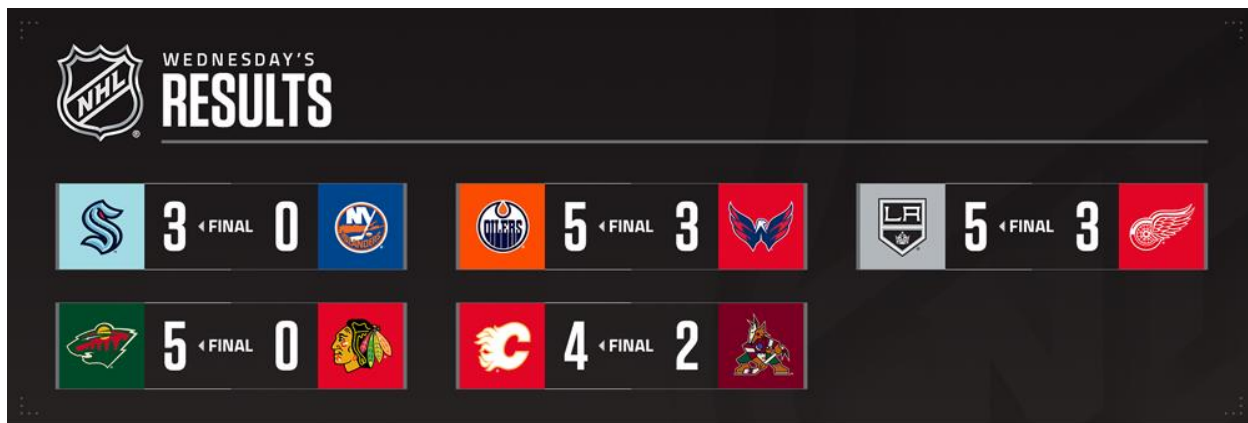
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- ▶ Fiala finds score sheet once again for Wild
- ▶ Goals arrive early for Oilers on Groundhog Day
- ▶ NHL's biggest stars headed to Las Vegas this weekend











\* The NHL contested its final games before the 2022 Honda NHL All-Star Weekend, which will see the Golden Knights and city of Las Vegas welcome the League's biggest stars to 'The Entertainment Capital of the World' from Feb. 4-6.

\* **Kevin Fiala** extended his double-digit point streak to match a franchise record, while **Cam Talbot** recorded a shutout ahead of his first career NHL All-Star Game appearance.

\* **Ryan Nugent-Hopkins** scored a timely shorthanded goal as Edmonton edged Washington Wednesday, while fellow Pacific Division clubs Los Angeles, Calgary and Seattle also secured wins.



**WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS**

 <b>3</b> ◀ FINAL <b>0</b> 	 <b>5</b> ◀ FINAL <b>3</b> 	 <b>5</b> ◀ FINAL <b>3</b> 
 <b>5</b> ◀ FINAL <b>0</b> 	 <b>4</b> ◀ FINAL <b>2</b> 	

## **FIALA, WILD EXTEND STREAKS AHEAD OF ALL-STAR BREAK**

**Kevin Fiala** (1-1—2) extended his career-high point streak to 12 games (9-7—16) and **Cam Talbot** turned aside all 30 shots he faced as Minnesota improved to [9-0-1 \(19 points\) in its last 10 contests](#), including six straight wins.

\* Fiala matched the [franchise record for longest point streak](#), a mark set by **Mikael Granlund** from Jan. 12–Feb. 4, 2017 (5-12—17 in 12 GP). Talbot recorded the 25th shutout of his NHL career, which trails only **Sergei Bobrovsky** (35) for the most among active undrafted goaltenders.

\* ICYMI: Talbot was named to the Central Division roster for the 2022 Honda NHL All-Star Game (3 p.m. ET/12 p.m. PT on Feb. 5; ABC, Sportsnet, TVA Sports) and can become the sixth goaltender in League history to appear in the event for the first time at age 34 or older, following **Johnny Bower** (age 36 in 1961), **Manny Legace** (age 34 in 2008), **Mike Smith** (age 34 in 2017), **Dwayne Roloson** (age 34 in 2004) and **Rejean Lemelin** (age 34 in 1989).




## **NUGENT-HOPKINS HELPS OILERS GET GROUNDHOG DAY WIN IN WASHINGTON**

Although **Punxsutawney Phil** predicted six more weeks of winter Wednesday, the goals arrived early for the Oilers as **Leon Draisaitl** (1-1—2), **Evander Kane** (1-1—2) and **Connor McDavid** each scored in the opening 5:07 to put Edmonton up 3-0. Washington then tallied three consecutive goals of its own to pull even, but **Ryan Nugent-Hopkins** (2-1—3) scored a shorthanded marker with 4:03 remaining in regulation to give Edmonton the lead for good.


\* Nugent-Hopkins became the third player in franchise history to score a shorthanded goal *in go-ahead fashion* during the final five minutes of regulation, joining **Magnus Paajarvi** (56:50 on


[Feb. 10, 2013](#)) and **Paul Coffey** (56:46 on [Dec. 26, 1984](#)).



Edmonton became the fourth NHL team to surrender a lead of 3+ goals and then score a SHG in go-ahead fashion during the final 5:00 of regulation, joining Boston (Dec. 13, 1936), Pittsburgh (Dec. 6, 1988) and Montreal (March 4, 2002)

^Since 1933-34 when goals by type were officially tracked

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### **KINGS, FLAMES AND KRAKEN HEAD INTO ALL-STAR BREAK ON WINNING NOTE**

Los Angeles, Calgary and Seattle of the Pacific Division also earned wins, with [Wednesday's edition of #NHLStats: Live Updates](#) featuring more notes from the five-game slate in addition to the ones found below:

\* **Arthur Kaliyev**, who was born in Tashkent, Uzbekistan but moved to Michigan where he played for the Little Caesars and Compuware minor hockey programs, accounted for one of the Kings' five goals in Detroit. Los Angeles (24-16-7, 55 points) leapfrogged idle Anaheim (23-16-9, 55 points) for second place in the Pacific Division – the last time the Kings held the first or second seed in their division entering an All-Star/Olympic break was [in 2015-16](#) (1st; 30-16-3, 63 points).

\* **Christopher Tanev** (1-3—4) factored on all four of the Flames' goals and established a new career high for points in a single game. He became the [first Calgary defenseman with four or more points in a contest](#) since **Mark Giordano** over three years ago (1-3—4 on [Nov. 1, 2018](#)).

\* **Philipp Grubauer** (19 saves) guided the Kraken to their first-ever shutout win in franchise history, while **Jared McCann** (1-1—2) scored his team-leading 19th goal of the season (19-11—30 in 41 GP) and tied a career high set in 2018-19 (19-16—35 in 78 GP).



## FEWEST GAMES TO 20 GOALS WITH A CLUB IN ITS INAUGURAL SEASON

► NHL'S EXPANSION ERA (SINCE 1967-68)

PLAYER	TEAM	DATE	GP
CHRIS KONTOS	TBL	NOV. 28, 1992	27
BLAIR MacDONALD	EDM	DEC. 16, 1979	29
BRIAN BRADLEY	TBL	DEC. 9, 1992	30
BLAINE STOUGHTON	HFD	DEC. 19, 1979	30
REAL CLOUTIER	QUE	DEC. 13, 1979	30
WAYNE GRETZKY	EDM	JAN. 5, 1980	36
WILLIAM KARLSSON	VGK	DEC. 31, 2017	37
MARC TARDIF	QUE	MARCH 2, 1980	41
STAN WEIR	EDM	JAN. 16, 1980	42
MORRIS LUKOWICH	WIN	JAN. 13, 1980	44

\*JARED MCCANN (19-11-30 IN 41 GP) NEEDS ONE GOAL TO JOIN THIS LIST


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### **BLACK HOCKEY HISTORY SPOTLIGHT: THE JONES BROTHERS**

**Seth** and **Caleb Jones** were both traded to the Blackhawks prior to the 2021-22 season and joined other notable sets of brothers who have played for Chicago simultaneously including **Bobby** and **Dennis Hull**, **Doug** and **Max Bentley**, **Brent** and **Rich Sutter** as well as **Steve** and **Jeff Larmer**. The siblings played their first game as NHL teammates when the Blackhawks defeated the Seattle Kraken 4-2 on [Nov. 17, 2021](#).

\* Seth, the older of the two siblings, has made three appearances in the NHL All-Star Game (2017, 2019 and 2020) and in Game 1 of the 2020 First Round logged the [highest single-game time on ice recorded](#) since 1997-98 (65:06).

\* [Click here](#) for NHL.com's Black History Month daily digest.



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Ronald "Popeye" Jones played in the NBA for 11 seasons and is a basketball lifer who continues to coach at the highest level. His sons, Seth and Caleb, grew up around pro athletes their entire life but were more enamored with the hockey players who often shared the arena with their father. While playing for the Denver Nuggets, Popeye bumped into Colorado Avalanche legend and two-time Stanley Cup champion Joe Sakic in the weight room and asked him what his children, who wanted to play hockey, should focus on. Sakic's reply: "Make sure they can skate."

Now, the brothers play for the Chicago Blackhawks and are earning their own place in The Show.

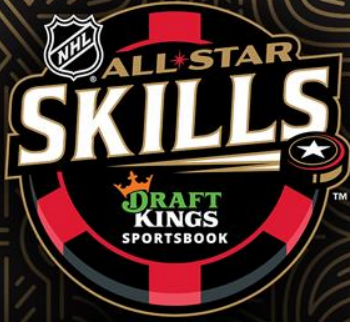
## QUICK CLICKS

- \* [Manon Rhéaume](#) set for return to ice as goalie in 2022 NHL All-Star Skills
- \* [Juuse Saros](#) ready for unique challenges of All-Star Game representing Predators
- \* [First NHL All-Star Game in 1934 played to benefit Ace Bailey](#)
- \* [Alex Ovechkin](#) to miss NHL All-Star Game, enters COVID-19 protocol for Capitals
- \* [Evgeni Malkin](#) feels he can be even better for Penguins after All-Star break

## NHL SEASON SHIFTS TO LAS VEGAS FOR ALL-STAR WEEKEND

A collection of the NHL's brightest stars will now make their way to Las Vegas for 2022 Honda NHL All-Star Weekend which will include NHL All-Star Media Day and 2022 NHL All-Star Skills presented by DraftKings Sportsbook on Friday and the 2022 Honda NHL All-Star Game on Saturday. Additionally, the 2022 Truly Hard Seltzer NHL Fan Fair will welcome fans young and old throughout the weekend.

\* ICYMI: Capitals forward **Tom Wilson** and Golden Knights forward **Jonathan Marchessault** [were added to the roster](#) for the 2022 Honda NHL All-Star Weekend.



**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 4**

**7:30 PM ET**



**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 5**

**3:00 PM ET**

