

NHL MORNING SKATE – FEB. 9, 2022



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Wednesday, February 9, 2022

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- ▶ Heinen scores twice in 28 seconds for Penguins
- ▶ Pietrangelo hits 500 career points in Golden Knights win
- ▶ Hellebuyck posts shutout, ends Wild's streaks

* **Danton Heinen** scored the fastest two goals by a Penguins player in nearly 22 years as he made his return to Boston, the team who selected him in the 2014 NHL Draft and skated in four seasons with.

* **Alex Pietrangelo** (123-377—500 in 844 GP) recorded his 500th NHL point and required the fifth-fewest games among active defensemen to do so, behind **Erik Karlsson** (613 GP), **Kris Letang** (753 GP), **John Carlson** (783 GP) and **Victor Hedman** (790 GP).

* **Connor Hellebuyck** stopped all 27 shots to record his 27th career shutout and stunt a number of the Wild's streaks, including their six- and 10-game win and point streaks, respectively, and **Kevin Fiala's** point streak at 12 games.



TUESDAY'S RESULTS

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HEINEN HAULS PENGUINS TO MULTI-GOAL COMEBACK WIN WITH TWO QUICK GOALS

Danton Heinen (2-0—2) scored twice 28 seconds apart to erase a two-goal deficit and **Sidney Crosby** (1-0—1) moved within one of the 500-goal milestone as the third-place Penguins (28-11-8, 64 points) matched the Rangers (30-13-4, 64 points) – who sit second in the Metropolitan Division – in terms of standing points.



* Crosby improved his career totals against the Bruins to 17-48—65 (51 GP) – the highest total among active players. Crosby leads all active players in scoring against seven franchises (also BUF, NJD, NYI, NYR, PHI & WSH) – **Joe Thornton** (8: ANA, ARI, CHI, COL, DAL, EDM, LAK & VAN) is the only current NHL skater with more franchises in that scenario.

* Pittsburgh secured its fourth multi-goal comeback win of the season, which trails only Minnesota (5) for the most among all teams.

PIETRANGELO POTS ONE FOR 500TH CAREER POINT

Alex Pietrangelo (1-0—1) scored to record his 500th career point, while **Laurent Brossoit** (28 saves) secured his third career shutout – and first as a member of the Golden Knights – as Vegas (28-16-3, 59 points) earned its third straight win, padding its lead atop the Pacific Division.

* Pietrangelo became the fourth defenseman from the 2008 NHL Draft class to record 500 career points, joining **Erik Karlsson** (151-500—651 in 821 GP), **Drew Doughty** (130-430—560 in 1,003 GP) and **John Carlson** (124-433—557 in 853 GP).



The 2008 NHL draft class became the third to feature 4+ defensemen record 500 career points (also 2003 & 1984)

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LAINE, JENNER LEAD BLUE JACKETS PAST CAPITALS IN BACK-AND-FORTH AFFAIR

Patrik Laine (2-1—3) helped the Blue Jackets erase 2-0 and 3-2 deficits, before **Boone Jenner** (1-1—2) scored the go-ahead goal with 45 seconds left in the third period to lead Columbus to victory. Thirteen of the Blue Jackets' 21 wins in 2021-22 have been in come-from-behind fashion.



LATEST GO-AHEAD GOALS

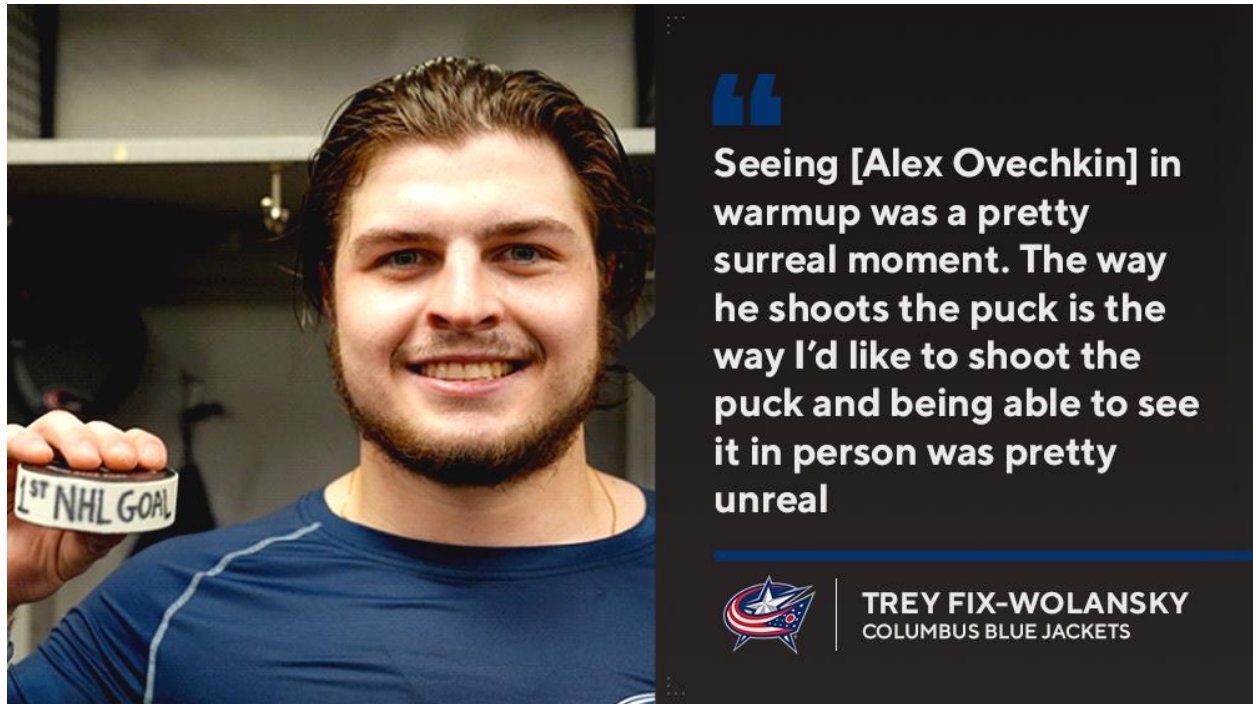
► FRANCHISE HISTORY

PLAYER	DATE	TIME
MARK LETESTU	OCT. 23, 2014	59:39
RICK NASH	JAN. 17, 2008	59:38
VINNY PROSPAL	FEB. 21, 2013	59:35
OLIVER BJORKSTRAND	JAN. 19, 2020	59:33
BOONE JENNER	FEB. 8, 2022	59:15
DAVID VYBORNÝ	NOV. 20, 2002	59:12
ALEX WENNBERG	NOV. 20, 2016	59:06

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* Laine, with [multiple points in each of his past four games](#) dating to Jan. 27 (6-3—9), became the first player in Blue Jackets history to record three consecutive multi-goal outings. Two other players have done so this season: **Bryan Rust** (3 GP from Jan. 2-6) and **Brad Marchand** (3 GP from Jan. 8-12).

* [With his parents in attendance](#), 22-year-old **Trey Fix-Wolansky** scored in his NHL debut after being selected by Columbus in the seventh round of the 2018 NHL Draft. Fix-Wolansky suited up across from his childhood idol **Alex Ovechkin**, whose jersey is hanging in his room back home.



HELLEBUYCK BLANKS WILD ON #NHLSTATS: LIVE UPDATES

[Tuesday's edition of #NHLStats: Live Updates](#) featured **Connor Hellebuyck**, who stopped all 27 shots he faced to record his 27th career shutout. Hellebuyck helped the Jets end a number of Minnesota's streaks, including its six- and 10-game win and point streaks, respectively, and **Kevin Fiala's** 12-game point streak.



Most shutouts, since 2015-16:

32 - Marc-Andre Fleury

27 - Connor Hellebuyck

27 - Andrei Vasilevskiy



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QUICK CLICKS

- * [Tickets to 2022 Navy Federal NHL Stadium Series on sale now](#)
- * [Scott Niedermayer](#) named Ducks special adviser to hockey operations
- * [Daniel Briere](#) named Flyers special assistant to general manager
- * [Bill Chadwick](#) was NHL referee, Hall of Famer despite losing sight in
- * [J.T. Miller](#) scores coast-to-coast goal, secures 400th and 401st career point



BLACK HOCKEY HISTORY HIGHLIGHT: SHAWN THORNS

Shawn Thorns broke into professional hockey after tearing his meniscus playing goalie in his teens. A friend who worked for South Carolina of the ECHL knew Thorns was restless hobbling around at home and gave him an invitation to come help clean visors just to get him out of the house. Years later, Thorns is now head equipment manager for the Panthers' ECHL affiliate in Greenville, South Carolina and has visions of taking his talents to the NHL.

* [Read more on his story](#) in **William Douglas'** latest Color of Hockey piece on NHL.com.



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"That's the end goal, I just want to make it to the NHL. I know there are steps. I did one year in the Southern Professional Hockey League. This is my fourth year in the ECHL. I'm coming up on 300 professional games in a couple of weeks and I feel that's a pretty big accomplishment, too."

- **Shawn Thorns**, head equipment manager for Greenville of the ECHL

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TNT DOUBLEHEADER HEADLINES WEDNESDAY SLATE

The Predators (28-14-4, 60 points) and Stars (23-18-2, 48 points) as well as the Islanders (16-17-6 38 points) and Canucks (21-20-6, 48 points) are two of six games scheduled for Wednesday, with both nationally broadcast on TNT.



TONIGHT'S SCHEDULE

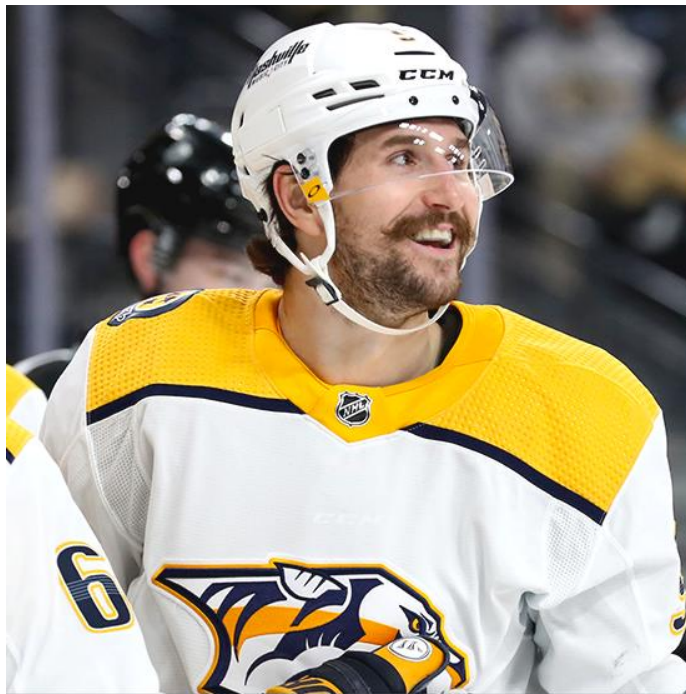
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2022

7:00 PM ET		@		BSDET, NBCSP
8:00 PM ET		@		TNT, TVAS
8:00 PM ET		@		SN, NBCSCH
9:30 PM ET		@		SN360, ATTSN-RM
10:00 PM ET		@		ROOT-NW, BSAZ, TVAS (JIP)
10:30 PM ET		@		SNP, TNT

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

* Nashville is 4-0-1 in its past five games dating to Jan. 20 and have been led by **Filip Forsberg** [over that span](#) (5-3—8 in 5 GP). Forsberg, with multiple points in each of his past four contests, can become the first player in Predators history to register two or more points in five straight games.



LONGEST STREAKS WITH TWO OR MORE POINTS

► 2021-22

PLAYER	TEAM	GP
MATS ZUCCARELLO	MIN	6
CONNOR McDAVID	EDM	6
MITCHELL MARNER	TOR	5
AUSTON MATTHEWS	TOR	5
ANDREI SVECHNIKOV	CAR	5
BRAD MARCHAND	BOS	5
SEBASTIAN AHO	CAR	5
NAZEM KADRI	COL	5

*FILIP FORSBERG CAN JOIN THIS LIST



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* Stars forward **Joe Pavelski** (Plover, Wis.) has notched 19-29—48 in 43 games this season and sits one shy of his second straight 20-goal campaign with Dallas and the 12th of his career. Should he reach the benchmark Wednesday, Pavelski – a seventh round pick in the 2003 NHL Draft (205th overall) – would become the seventh U.S.-born player in League history to record 12 or more 20-goal seasons and third active joining **Patrick Kane** (13) and **Phil Kessel** (12).



A photograph of Joe Pavelski, a forward for the Dallas Stars, wearing his green home jersey with the white star logo. He is smiling and looking towards the camera. In the background, another player in a white jersey is partially visible.

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MOST 20-GOAL SEASONS, PLAYERS DRAFTED IN SEVENTH ROUND OR LATER

► SINCE 1963-64

PLAYER	ROUND	SEASONS
LUC ROBITAILLE	9 (1984)	16
PETER BONDRA	8 (1990)	14
DOUG GILMOUR	7 (1982)	14
DAVE TAYLOR	15 (1975)	12
THEO FLEURY	8 (1987)	12
JOE PAVELSKI	7 (2003)	11

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