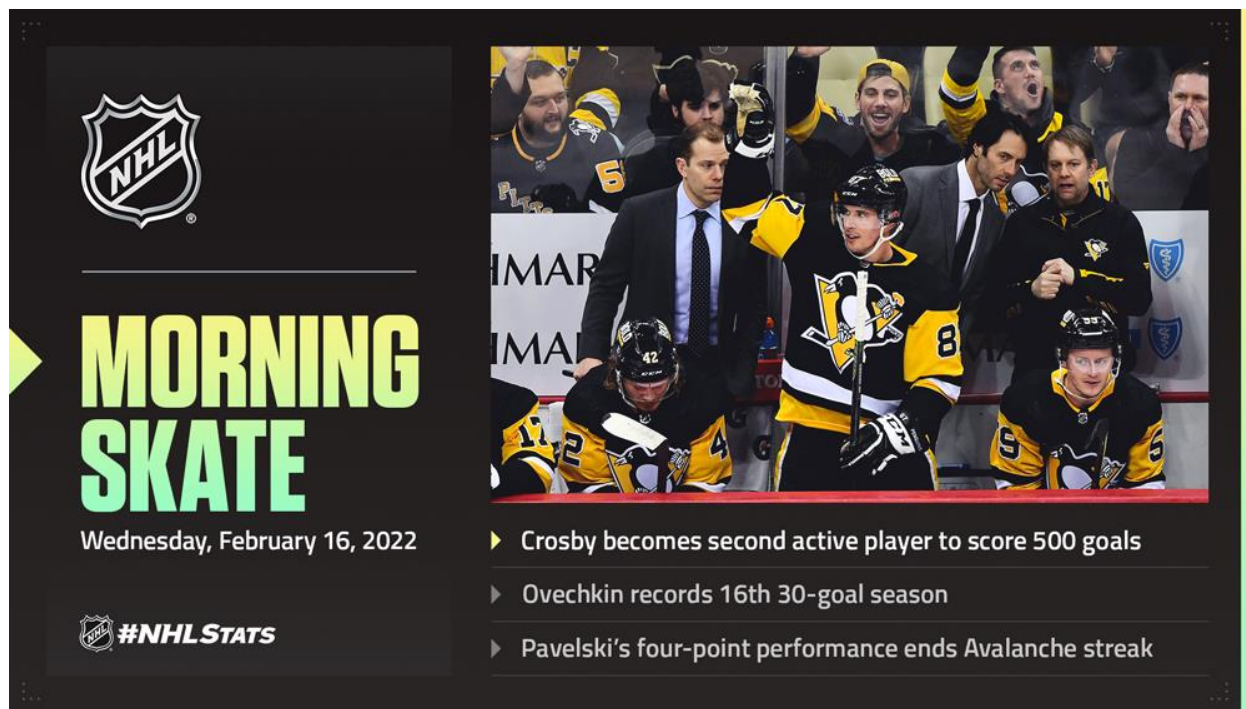


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- ▶ Crosby becomes second active player to score 500 goals
- ▶ Ovechkin records 16th 30-goal season
- ▶ Pavelski's four-point performance ends Avalanche streak

* **Sidney Crosby** joined **Alex Ovechkin** as just the second active player to reach the 500-goal milestone and the second Penguins player to do so, joining franchise legend **Mario Lemieux**.

* **Alex Ovechkin** recorded his 156th career multi-goal game and surpassed the 30-goal mark in a season for the 16th time in his career, the second most in NHL history behind **Mike Gartner** (17).

* **Joe Pavelski** (2-2—4) recorded his fourth outing of four-plus points in 2021-22 to reach the 20-goal mark for the 12th season of his career and surpass 50 points. The Stars handed the Avalanche their first regulation loss in 62 days, as well as their first at Ball Arena in 113 days.

* **Jack Eichel** is set to make his debut in a Golden Knights uniform in the second game of a doubleheader on TNT when Vegas (28-17-3, 59 points) hosts Colorado (34-9-4, 72 points) at T-Mobile Arena.

NHL		TUESDAY'S RESULTS												
	5	FINAL	2			4	FINAL	5			3	FINAL	6	
	6	FINAL	3			1	FINAL	2			4	FINAL	1	
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CROSBY SCORES 500TH CAREER GOAL AGAINST FAMILIAR FOE

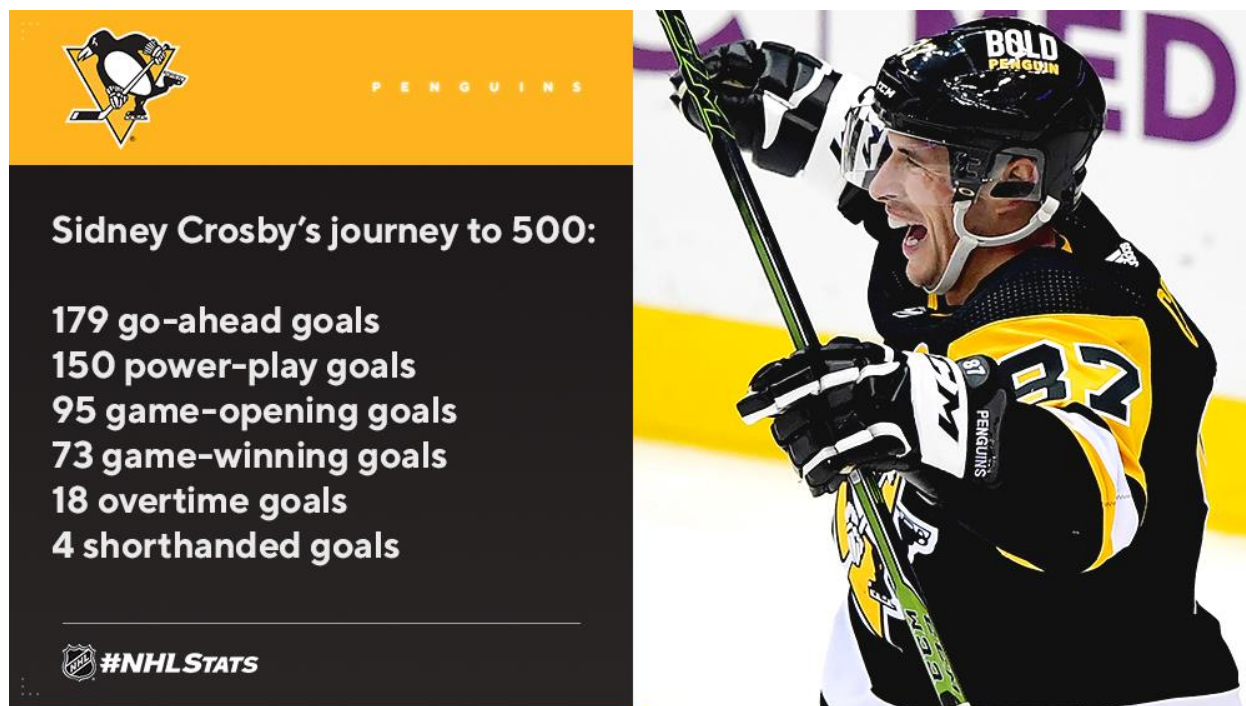
With his [parents in attendance](#), **Sidney Crosby** (500-871—1,371 in 1,077 GP) scored his 50th career goal against the Flyers and joined **Alex Ovechkin** (761-621—1,382 in 1,246 GP) as just the second active player to reach the 500-goal milestone. The Penguins captain, [mobbed by teammates in the moment](#), was [congratulated by franchise icon Mario Lemieux](#) shortly after reaching the benchmark.



* Pittsburgh became the sixth franchise to feature multiple scorers with 500-plus goals. The others: Montreal (**Maurice Richard**: 544, **Guy Lafleur**: 518 & **Jean Beliveau**: 507), Chicago

(**Bobby Hull**: 604 & **Stan Mikita**: 541), Detroit (**Gordie Howe**: 786 & **Steve Yzerman**: 692), Los Angeles (**Luc Robitaille**: 557 & **Marcel Dionne**: 550) and NY Islanders (**Mike Bossy**: 573 & **Bryan Trottier**: 500).

* Crosby and Ovechkin (50 vs. WPG/ATL) are also tied together in another elite category, as Crosby joined his longtime rival as the only active players to score at least 50 career goals against a single franchise.



Sidney Crosby's journey to 500:

- 179 go-ahead goals
- 150 power-play goals
- 95 game-opening goals
- 73 game-winning goals
- 18 overtime goals
- 4 shorthanded goals

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OVECHKIN REACHES 30-GOAL MARK, ACHIEVES ANOTHER MILESTONE

Alex Ovechkin (2-0—2) scored twice to reach and eclipse the 30-goal mark (31-31—62 in 49 GP) as Washington earned a win against Nashville at Bridgestone Arena. Among players to begin a season at age 36 or older, Ovechkin tied **Teemu Selanne** (2006-07 w/ ANA) for the fewest games in NHL history to reach 30 goals in a single campaign.

MOST 30-GOAL SEASONS

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1ST	2ND	3RD
		
MIKE GARTNER	ALEX OVECHKIN	JAROMIR JAGR
		
17	16	15

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* The Capitals captain inched closer to climbing a pair of all-time lists, recording his [156th career multi-goal game](#) – two instances shy of tying **Brett Hull** (158) for the second most in NHL history. He also boosted his career goal total to 761, just five away from matching **Jaromir Jagr** (766) – who celebrated his 50th birthday Tuesday – for [third place on the League's all-time list](#).

* Meanwhile, **Peter Laviolette** also reached a milestone against his former club Tuesday, claiming his 700th career win as a head coach. He became the 10th head coach in NHL history to reach the mark – the only active head coaches with more victories are **Barry Trotz** (894) and **Lindy Ruff** (772).

PAVELSKI LEADS DALLAS, STARS STOP STREAKING AVALANCHE

Joe Pavelski (2-2—4) powered the Stars with his fourth four-point outing of the season and **Jake Oettinger** made 46 saves as Dallas became the first team to beat Colorado in regulation since Dec. 16, 2021 and the first team to do so at Ball Arena since Oct. 26, 2021. The Stars improved to 26-19-2 (54 points) and moved within one point of Edmonton (26-18-3, 55 points), which occupies the final Wild Card spot in the Western Conference.



Joe Pavelski (2-2-4) recorded his fourth game with 4+ points this season – his most in a single campaign – and matched Leon Draisaitl for the most such performances by any player this season, with Draisaitl 11 years younger

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* Pavelski (37 years, 219 days) improved his season totals to 21-31—52 (47 GP) and became the third Stars/North Stars player to record a 20-goal season at age 37 or older (age at time of 20th goal), joining Minnesota's **Dean Prentice** (39 years, 166 days in 1971-72 & 40 years, 125 days in 1972-73) and **Mike Modano** (37 years, 297 days in 2007-08).

* Among players to begin a season at age 37 or older, Pavelski became the fifth in the past 40 years to require 47 or fewer games to reach the 50-point mark. The others: **Mario Lemieux** (26 GP in 2002-03), **Martin St. Louis** (40 GP in 2012-13), **Joe Sakic** (46 GP in 2006-07) and **Teemu Selanne** (47 GP in 2010-11).

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* **Tyler Toffoli** scored in his debut in a Flames sweater, after [landing at the airport at 11 p.m. Monday night](#), to help Calgary skate to a six-goal victory and extended the NHL's longest active win streak to seven games. This marks the Flames longest win streak since 2019-20 (7 GP) – the last time they posted a longer run was 2016-17 when they matched their franchise record at 10 games. Calgary surpassed idle Vegas (28-17-3, 59 points) for first in the Pacific Division.



* **Vladimir Tarasenko** (2-1—3), who netted his 34th career multi-goal game, was one of three Blues skaters with three points and helped St. Louis overtake Nashville (28-17-4, 60 points) for third place in the Central Division standings. Since Tarasenko's NHL debut in 2012-13, he has more than twice as many multi-goal outings than the next closest player for the Blues during that span (**Jaden Schwartz**: 15 GP).

* **Connor McDavid** (1-1—2) recorded his NHL-leading 22nd multi-point outing of the season to push the Oilers up the Western Conference standings and past the Ducks (23-17-9, 55 points), into the final Wild Card spot. Tuesday marked **Jay Woodcroft**'s third straight win as head coach, which surpassed **George Burnett** (2 GP in 1994-95) for the longest win streak by an Oilers head coach from the start of their NHL career.

* **Victor Hedman** (11-39—50 in 49 GP) scored one of Tampa Bay's five unanswered goals to reach the 50-point mark in 2021-22 and helped the Lightning (32-11-6, 70 points) reclaim top spot in the Eastern Conference from the idle Panthers (32-10-5, 69 points). Tuesday marked the eighth time Tampa Bay scored at least six goals in a game this season – only Colorado (10) and Carolina (9) have recorded more.



FEWEST GAMES TO 50 POINTS IN A SEASON BY A DEFENSEMAN

► SINCE 1996-97

DEFENSEMAN	TEAM	SEASON	GP
JOHN CARLSON	WSH	2019-20	40
MIKE GREEN	WSH	2008-09	43
BRIAN LEETCH	NYR	2000-01	44
BRYAN MCCABE	TOR	2005-06	45
BRENT BURNS	SJS	2018-19	46
MARK GIORDANO	CGY	2018-19	48
BRENT BURNS	SJS	2016-17	48
ERIK KARLSSON	SJS	2015-16	48
MIKE GREEN	WSH	2009-10	48
VICTOR HEDMAN	TBL	2021-22	49
MORGAN RIELLY	TOR	2018-19	49

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BLACK HOCKEY HISTORY SPOTLIGHT: NINA RODGERS

Nina Rodgers, an assistant coach for the Dartmouth College women's hockey team, is believed to be the first Black woman to coach in NCAA Division I hockey. It's no surprise given her remarkable hockey resume, which includes: Minnesota Ms. Hockey finalist (2014); NCAA Women's Frozen Four champion (2015 & 2016); selected by Connecticut in NWHL, now PHF, Draft (2017); professional women's hockey player (2018-2021); hired by Dartmouth as assistant coach on July 14, 2021.

* Rodgers and **Kelsey Koelzer**, who is head coach of the Arcadia University women's ice hockey program, are part of the NHL Coaches' Association Female Coaches Development Program. Now in its second year, the program supports female coaches in skills development, leadership strategies, communication tactics, networking and career advancement opportunities.

* [CLICK HERE](#) to read **William Douglas'** feature on Rodgers in The Color of Hockey Blog on NHL.com.

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Nina Rodgers on being the first Black woman to coach in DI hockey: "I didn't even think about it until it happened and then I was, like, 'Whoa,' that's pretty surreal. There's definitely a responsibility of trying to educate the hockey culture, to build bridges, and hopefully help people understand more."



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- * [#NHLStats: Live Updates from Tuesday night](#)
- * ["NHL All-Star All Access" One-Hour Special Premieres Feb. 18](#)
- * [Predators Sign **Mark Borowiecki** to One-Year Contract](#)
- * [Jack Eichel, Golden Knights set for his debut against Avalanche](#)
- * [Black History Month daily digest](#)

EICHEL EXPECTED TO MAKE GOLDEN KNIGHTS DEBUT ON TNT

After being traded from Buffalo to Vegas on Nov. 4, 2021, the second game of a doubleheader on TNT is expected to feature **Jack Eichel** and his debut with the Golden Knights (28-17-3, 59 points) when they host the Avalanche (34-9-4, 72 points) at T-Mobile Arena.



TONIGHT'S SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2022

7:00 PM ET		@		SN, BSN+, BSWI+
7:30 PM ET		@		TNT, TVAS
9:30 PM ET		@		SN360, SNW, BSSC, BSSD
10:00 PM ET		@		TNT, TVAS



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* Eichel, with four 20-goal seasons on his resume and a career-high 36 tallies in 2019-20, has collected 139-216—355 in 375 NHL contests since being selected with the second overall pick in the 2015 NHL Draft. His 0.95 points per game [ranks fourth among that cohort](#) (min. 100 GP), behind **Connor McDavid** (1.41 P/GP), **Mitchell Marner** (1.02 P/GP) and **Mikko Rantanen** (0.98 P/GP).



HIGHEST DRAFTED PLAYERS TO APPEAR IN A GAME FOR VEGAS

► FRANCHISE HISTORY

PLAYER	PICK	DRAFT YEAR
MARC-ANDRE FLEURY	1ST	2003
JACK EICHEL	2ND	2015
NOLAN PATRICK	2ND	2017
ALEX PIETRANGELO	4TH	2008
CODY GLASS	6TH	2017

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