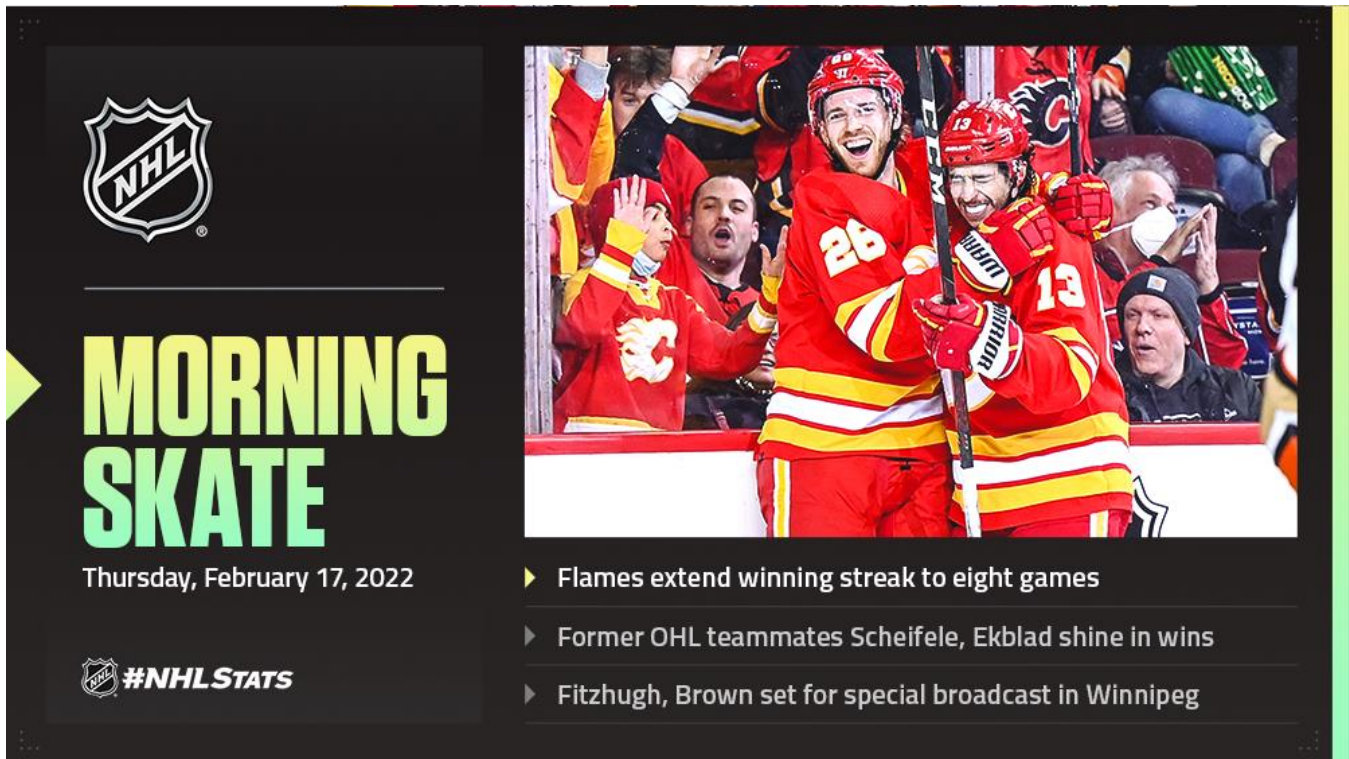


NHL MORNING SKATE – FEB. 17, 2022



The graphic features the NHL logo on the left, a large green arrow pointing right, and the text 'MORNING SKATE' in large green letters. Below this is the date 'Thursday, February 17, 2022' and the hashtag '#NHLSTATS'. On the right, a photograph shows two Calgary Flames players in red jerseys celebrating on the ice. Below the photo is a list of three bullet points.

MORNING SKATE
Thursday, February 17, 2022
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- ▶ Flames extend winning streak to eight games
- ▶ Former OHL teammates Scheifele, Ekblad shine in wins
- ▶ Fitzhugh, Brown set for special broadcast in Winnipeg

* The Pacific Division-leading Flames picked up their eighth straight win, while the League-leading Avalanche blanked the Golden Knights as **Jack Eichel** made his Vegas debut.







* **Mark Scheifele** scored the seventh natural hat trick in Jets/Thrashers franchise history and his former OHL teammate **Aaron Ekblad** scored the seventh overtime goal of his NHL career.

* **Everett Fitzhugh** and **JT Brown** are set to team up for ROOT SPORTS Northwest on Thursday in what is believed to be the first all-Black broadcasting booth in NHL history.



The graphic displays the NHL logo and the text 'WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS'. It features four rows of team logos and scores. The first row shows the Minnesota Wild (3) vs. Toronto Maple Leafs (6). The second row shows the Florida Panthers (3) vs. Carolina Hurricanes (2). The third row shows the Boston Bruins (2) vs. Chicago Blackhawks (6). The fourth row shows the Colorado Avalanche (2) vs. Vegas Golden Knights (0).

WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS

	3	FINAL ▶	6	
	3	◀ FINAL OT	2	
	2	FINAL ▶	6	
	2	◀ FINAL	0	

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SEVERAL PLAYER, TEAM STREAKS EXTENDED IN CALGARY, VEGAS

* **Elias Lindholm** (2-1—3) extended his [career-high goal streak to six games](#) (7-3—10) as the Pacific Division-leading Flames (28-13-6, 62 points) defeated the Ducks at Scotiabank Saddledome to improve to [8-0-0 in their last eight contests](#). Calgary has outscored opponents by a 37-13 margin over its winning streak, with **Jacob Markstrom** (26 saves) [appearing in seven of the eight games](#) (1.65 GAA, .942 SV%, 2 SO).




* **Darcy Kuemper** corralled a 29-save shutout as League-leading Colorado (35-9-4, 74 points) extended its road point streak to eight games (7-0-1), including six straight wins. Kuemper (15-0-2) became the first goaltender in Avalanche/Nordiques franchise history with points in 17 consecutive *decisions*, surpassing streaks of 16 by **Semyon Varlamov** (11-0-5 in 2013-14) and **Peter Budaj** (13-0-3 in 2006-07).

SCHEIFELE SCORES NATURAL HAT TRICK IN JETS' WIN AGAINST WILD

Mark Scheifele (3-1—4) scored three consecutive goals to record his second hat trick of the season (also [Dec. 3, 2021](#)) and first *natural* hat trick of his NHL career. **Blake Wheeler** (0-4—4), who was the last Winnipeg player with a natural hat trick, assisted on all three of Scheifele's goals Wednesday.






NATURAL HAT TRICKS

▶ JETS/THRASHERS FRANCHISE HISTORY

PLAYER	TEAM	DATE
MARK SCHEIFELE	WPG	FEB. 16, 2022
BLAKE WHEELER	WPG	MARCH 3, 2019
PATRIK LAINE	WPG	NOV. 24, 2018
PATRIK LAINE	WPG	MARCH 6, 2018
NIKOLAJ EHLERS	WPG	OCT. 9, 2017
MARIAN HOSSA	ATL	JAN. 15, 2008
ILYA KOVALCHUK	ATL	NOV. 11, 2005

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* Two players scored a natural hat trick with the *original* Winnipeg Jets: **Dave Christian** against the Hartford Whalers on [March 26, 1980](#) and **Stu Barnes** versus the Kings on [Nov. 11, 1991](#).

EKBLAD EARNING ANOTHER FAST OVERTIME GOAL FEATURED IN LIVE UPDATES

[Wednesday's edition of #NHLStats: Live Updates](#) features more notes from the four games, including **Sam Reinhart** recording a tying goal at 19:11 of the third period and **Aaron Ekblad** (1-1—2) scoring the winner 16 seconds into overtime as Florida (33-10-5, 71 points) stunned Carolina to reclaim first place in the Atlantic Division and Eastern Conference. Ekblad earned the [seventh overtime goal of his NHL career](#) – four have been scored in the opening minute of the period (also 0:22 on [Nov. 21, 2019](#), 0:26 on [Feb. 25, 2019](#) & 0:40 on [Jan. 19, 2018](#)).



Aaron Ekblad became the sixth defenseman in NHL history with four or more career goals in the opening minute of overtime, a cohort which includes former Panthers blueliner Bryan McCabe (4). The others are Seth Jones (5), Drew Doughty (4), Pavel Kubina (4) and Jeff Petry (4).

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BLACK HOCKEY HISTORY SPOTLIGHT: MLSE HOCKEY COACH EDUCATION PROGRAM

MLSE Foundation and Scotiabank are launching the Hockey Coach Education Program to provide equitable opportunities for Black, Indigenous and other racialized youth across Ontario to obtain hockey coaching certifications and connect them to coaching positions in their community. [CLICK HERE](#) for more information.



QUICK CLICKS

- * [Goal of the Season? Panthers' Aleksander Barkov dances around Hurricanes to score](#)
- * [Colton Sissons eager for Predators to face Lightning in 2022 NHL Stadium Series](#)
- * [Marc-Andre Fleury has 'a lot of time' before deadline to talk trade with Blackhawks](#)
- * [Claude Giroux plans to discuss Trade Deadline options with Flyers](#)



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* [Dylan Cozens](#) fined \$2,235.42 for actions in Sabres game

FITZHUGH, BROWN READY FOR SPECIAL BROADCAST IN WINNIPEG

When the Kraken (16-29-4, 36 points) travel to Canada Life Centre to take on the Jets (21-18-8, 50 points), **Everett Fitzhugh** and **JT Brown** will team up to provide play-by-play and analysis for ROOT SPORTS Northwest in what is believed to be the [first all-Black broadcasting booth](#) in NHL history.

* **ICYMI:** Fitzhugh and Brown were [guests on The Chirp with Daren Millard](#) where they talked about the upcoming broadcast and all things Kraken.























TIGHT PACIFIC DIVISION RACE PART OF BUSY THURSDAY

Third place in the Pacific Division will be up for grabs when the Oilers (26-18-3, 55 points) host the Ducks (23-18-9, 55 points) at Rogers Place. Edmonton and Anaheim rank third and fifth in the Pacific Division, respectively, where the top five teams are all within seven points of first-place Calgary (28-13-6, 62 points).



TONIGHT'S SCHEDULE

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2022

7:00 PM ET		@		NBCSP, NBCSWA	7:00 PM ET		@		BSDet, MSG
7:00 PM ET		@		TVAS, SNO, ATTSN-PT	7:00 PM ET		@		RDS, TSN2, BSMW
7:00 PM ET		@		MSG-B, TSN5, RDS2	7:30 PM ET		@		MSG+, NESN
8:00 PM ET		@		TSN3, NHLN, ROOT-NW	8:30 PM ET		@		BSOH, NBCSCH
9:00 PM ET		@		SN360, SNW, BSW	10:30 PM ET		@		NBCSCA, SNP



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

* **Ryan Getzlaf** (18-38—56 in 53 GP) has netted 18 goals in 53 career games against the Oilers, behind only the Coyotes (19 in 82 GP) and Kings (19 in 82 GP) for his highest total versus one franchise. Among active players to appear in [at least 30 contests against the Oilers](#), only one has produced a higher points per game average than the Ducks captain (1.06 P/GP) – **Patrick Kane** (18-39—57 in 45 GP; 1.27 P/GP).

* **Connor McDavid**, meanwhile, has collected 2-3—5 in three contests since **Jay Woodcroft** took over as Edmonton's head coach on Feb. 11 (EDM: 3-0-0).



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LONGEST WIN STREAKS BY A HEAD COACH TO START THEIR CAREER

► NHL'S EXPANSION ERA (SINCE 1967-68)

HEAD COACH	TEAM	DEBUT	GP
GEOFF WARD	CGY	NOV. 27, 2019	7
PATRICK ROY	COL	OCT. 2, 2013	6
MARIO TREMBLAY	MTL	OCT. 21, 1995	6
MARC CRAWFORD	QUE	JAN. 21, 1995	5
BEP GUIDOLIN	BOS	FEB. 7, 1973	5
DEREK KING	CHI	NOV. 7, 2021	4
TODD MCLELLAN	SJS	OCT. 9, 2008	4
PETER LAVIOLETTE	NYI	OCT. 5, 2001	4
PAUL HOLMGREN	PHI	OCT. 6, 1988	4
TOM JOHNSON	BOS	OCT. 11, 1970	4

* JAY WOODCROFT (3 GP) CAN JOIN THIS LIST

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DUELING STREAKS HIGHLIGHT SHOWDOWN IN TORONTO

The Maple Leafs (31-12-3, 65 points) bring a six-game win streak at Scotiabank Arena to the table when the Metropolitan Division-leading Penguins (31-11-8, 70 points) come to town with a six-game win streak on the road.

* **Auston Matthews** has found the score sheet in each of his past eight games dating to Jan. 26 (7-9—16 in 8 GP) – a stretch that includes multiple goals in each of his previous two games at Scotiabank Arena. With another multi-goal outing, Matthews can match the longest home streak with two or more goals in franchise history; **Rick Vaive** last did so in 1986-87 (3 GP from Feb. 28–March 5, 1987).

* Fresh off Pittsburgh's second multi-goal, third-period comeback win of the season Tuesday, **Sidney Crosby** (3-9—12 in 7 GP) and **Jake Guentzel** (4-7—11 in 7 GP) put their seven-game point streaks on the line and look to help the Penguins win at least seven consecutive road games for the [fourth time in franchise history](#).



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The Maple Leafs and Penguins game is the third this season to feature three players each enter with a point streak of 7+ games. The others:

TOR at COL: Jan. 8

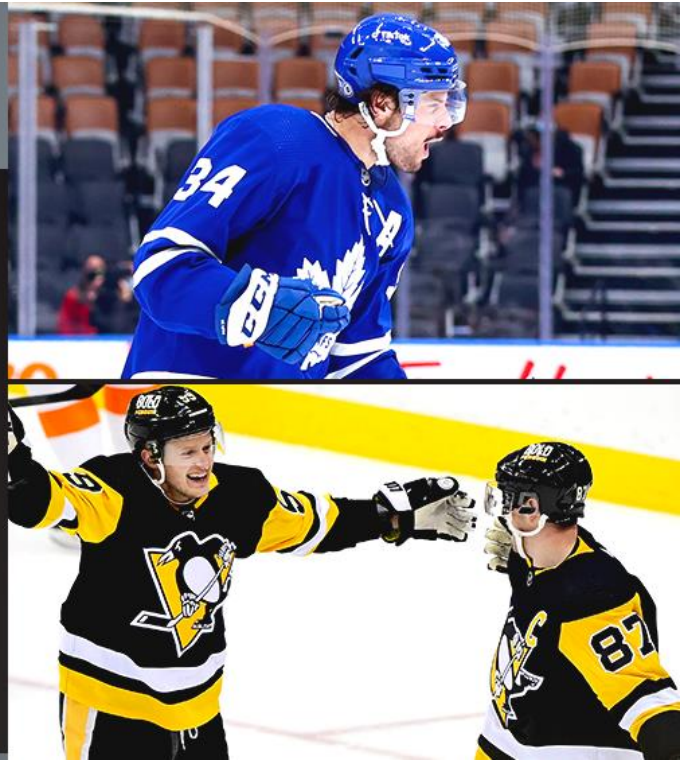
Nathan MacKinnon (12 GP), William Nylander (7 GP) & John Tavares (7 GP)

CHI at MIN: Jan. 22

Patrick Kane (9 GP), Mats Zuccarello (7 GP) & Kevin Fiala (7 GP)



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