

NHL MORNING SKATE – FEB. 19, 2022



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- ▶ Panthers, Hurricanes tighten race for first place in the NHL
- ▶ Oettinger earns shutout win against childhood idol in Chicago
- ▶ Flames to put eight-game win streak on the line Saturday

* The Panthers and Hurricanes each continued their pursuit of their first Presidents' Trophy in franchise history after skating to high-scoring victories Friday.

* **Jake Oettinger** received a stick from his childhood idol **Marc-Andre Fleury** prior to the game and later outdueled him to earn his second career shutout.

* The Flames, with at least five goals in each of their past five contests will put the League's longest win streak on the line when they welcome a familiar face back to Scotiabank Saddledome.



FRIDAY'S RESULTS

	3	FINAL ▶	5	
	6	◀ FINAL	2	
	1	◀ FINAL SO	0	
	4	◀ FINAL OT	3	

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TWO OF NHL'S TOP CLUBS TAKE TWO POINTS FRIDAY

The Panthers (34-10-5, 73 points) and Hurricanes (33-11-4, 70 points), who sit second and third in the NHL standings respectively, collected two crucial points to move within striking distance of the League-leading Avalanche (35-9-4, 74 points).

* The Panthers, who scored at least six times in a contest for the [ninth time this season](#), are averaging an NHL-best 4.14 goals per game and became the first team to score [200 times in 2021-22](#).

* **Jonathan Huberdeau** (17-51—68) assisted on two Panthers goals to record his third career 50-assist season (also 2018-19 & 2019-20) and move into a tie with **Leon Draisaitl** (35-33—68 in 48 GP) and **Connor McDavid** (25-43—68 in 47 GP) in the NHL's [2021-22 Art Ross Trophy race](#).



Jonathan Huberdeau became the first player in Panthers history to register three seasons with 50-plus assists – one more than Ollie Jokinen (2005-06 & 2006-07) and Aleksander Barkov (2017-18 & 2018-19)

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* **Andrei Svechnikov** (2-1—3) factored on three goals to boost his totals since Jan. 1 to 13-12—25 (18 GP) – only four players in the NHL have scored more goals over that span: **David Pastrnak** (16), **Bryan Rust** (15), **Chris Kreider** (14) and **Gabriel Landeskog** (14).



MOST CAREER MULTI-GOAL GAMES BEFORE AGE 22

► FRANCHISE HISTORY

PLAYER	TEAM	GP
SYLVAIN TURGEON	HFD	21
GEOFF SANDERSON	HFD	16
SEBASTIAN AHO	CAR	14
JEFF SKINNER	CAR	14
RON FRANCIS	HFD	14
ANDREI SVECHNIKOV	CAR	10
ERIC STAAL	CAR	10

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OETTINGER OUTLASTS CHILDHOOD IDOL, WINS IN FRONT OF FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Jake Oettinger (34 saves) went save-for-save against his childhood idol **Marc-Andre Fleury** (29 saves) through 60 minutes of regulation and five minutes of overtime en route to earning his second career shutout in front of family and friends at United Center. Prior to puck drop, Oettinger received a stick from the Blackhawks goaltender that inspired the No. 29 on the back of his Stars jersey.

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Luckily, before the game, I got a stick from [Marc-Andre Fleury], so I was pretty pumped about that. My stepmom, growing up, her first gift that she bought me was a Fleury Fathead, so I had that in my room until I was 15 or 16.



JAKE OETTINGER
DALLAS STARS

BLACK HOCKEY HISTORY: 'CELEBRATING BLACK EXCELLENCE AND JOY IN HOCKEY'

Wollman Park Partners, which includes the parent company New Jersey Devils, Premier Hockey Federation and the Carnegie Initiative launched "Celebrating Black Excellence and Joy in Hockey" at the Wollman Skating Rink NYC in Central Park Thursday.

* On hand for the announcement were Hockey Hall of Famer **Willie O'Ree** (via Zoom), players from Ice Hockey in Harlem, "NHL on TNT" analyst **Anson Carter** as well as **Kelly Babstock**, an Indigenous player for the Metropolitan Riveters, **Bokondji Imama** from Tucson of the AHL and **Stefanie Tomlin**, vice president of Wollman Park Partners and general manager of the rink.

* The campaign was created to respond to racial hate in hockey with positive and meaningful action. As part of the campaign Turner Sports/Bleacher Report, in conjunction with Wollman, is showcasing the best moments in Black hockey history which will be featured on "NHL on TNT" broadcasts. [Click here](#) for more details on the campaign.



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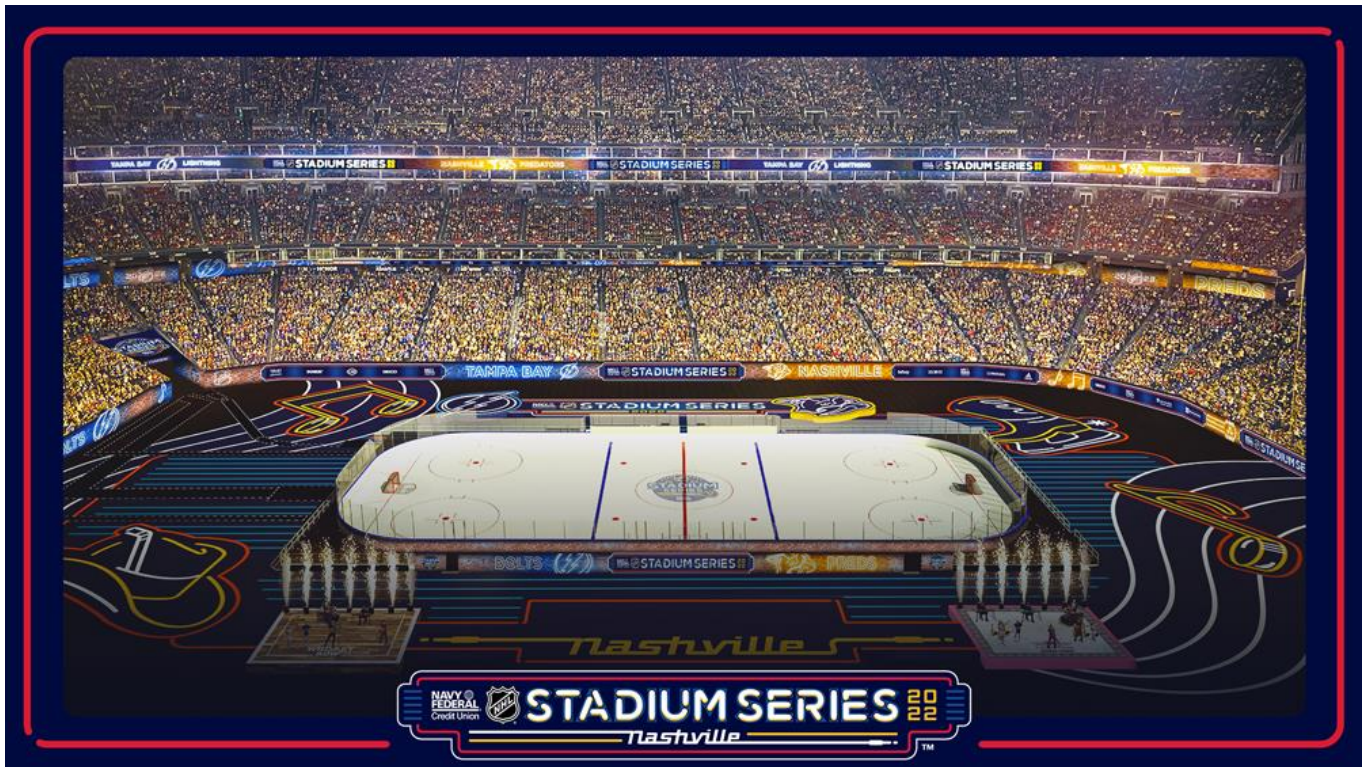


NHL PODCASTS WEEKLY ROUNDUP

- * [Fantasy on Ice \(2/14\)](#): Pete & Nick highlight best pickups entering the week
- * [The Chirp \(2/16\)](#): **Daren** w/ **JT Brown** & **Everett Fitzhugh** ahead of historic broadcast
- * [NHL @TheRink \(2/17\)](#): Dan & Shawn are joined by Bruins goalie **Jeremy Swayman**
- * [Fantasy on Ice \(2/17\)](#): Pete & Nick w/ **Jake Hahn** of SiriusXM on Toffoli, Eichel & more

QUICK CLICKS

- * [Kirill Kaprizov](#) joins elite company in Friday edition of #NHLStats: [Live Updates](#)
- * [Brad Marchand's](#) six-game suspension upheld upon appeal by Commissioner Bettman
- * [NHL announces 2020 Stanley Awards winners](#)
- * [Vincent Lecavalier](#) named Canadiens special adviser to hockey operations
- * [NHL rendering for 2022 Navy Federal Credit Union Stadium Series in Nashville](#)



SATURDAY STREAKS ON THE HORIZON

A plethora of lengthy stretches will be put to the test as the NHL's longest active shutout and win streaks will be on display when **Darcy Kuemper** and the Avalanche (35-9-4, 74 points) visit the Sabres (16-25-8, 40 points), while the Flames (28-13-6, 62 points) host the Kraken (16-30-4, 36 points) for the first time ever with former captain **Mark Giordano** back in town.



TONIGHT'S SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2022

1:00 PM ET		@		MSG-B, ALT, SN1
4:00 PM ET		@		TVAS, SNW, TSN3
7:00 PM ET		@		TVAS, SN1, SNE, NESN
7:00 PM ET		@		SN360, CITY, SNO, SNW, SNP, NHLN, BSMW
9:00 PM ET		@		BSW, BSAZ+
10:00 PM ET		@		SN1, CITY, SNW, ROOT-NW
10:00 PM ET		@		SN360, SNE, SNO, SNP, BSSC, BSSD






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* Kuemper has posted a shutout in each of his past two appearances and has not allowed a goal in 144:06. His current shutout sequence is the third-longest run of his career behind 193:58 in 2017-18 (w/ LAK) and 164:02 in 2014-15 (w/ MIN). Should he record his third straight shutout, he would join **Patrick Roy** (3 in 2001-02) as just the second goaltender in Avalanche/Nordiques history to do so.

LONGEST SHUTOUT SEQUENCES
▶ FRANCHISE HISTORY

GOALTENDER	SEASON	DURATION
PATRICK ROY	2001-02	192:39
PATRICK ROY	2002-03	192:37
PAVEL FRANCOUZ	2021-22	169:29
CALVIN PICKARD	2014-15	149:24
DAVID AEBISCHER	2001-02	148:02
PHILIPP GRUBAUER	2020-21	147:38
CRAIG ANDERSON	2009-10	146:24
DARCY KUEMPER	2021-22	144:06*

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* The Flames' eight-game win streak has propelled them from the final Wild Card spot in the Western Conference on Jan. 29 to the top of the Pacific Division. Calgary currently [leads all teams in wins during the month of February](#) and has scored five or more goals in each of its past five contests – the club has posted a longer such run four times in franchise history (6 GP in 1987-88, 1980-81, 1978-79 & 1976-77).



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**Longest win streak,
franchise history:**

10 GP in 2016-17

10 GP in 1978-79

8 GP* in 2021-22

* three other instances of eight

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