

NHL MORNING SKATE – MARCH 1, 2022

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Tuesday, March 1, 2022

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- ▶ Hughes nets franchise first, bests brother Quinn
- ▶ Maple Leafs pile on more road goals, climb Atlantic Division
- ▶ Avalanche aim to become first team to 40 wins in 2021-22

* **Jack Hughes** propelled the Devils to another seven-goal outburst and improved to 3-0-0 in his career against brother **Quinn**.

* The Maple Leafs benefited from another strong start and joined rare company in scoring three-plus goals in four consecutive periods, all of which on the road.

* The Avalanche can become the first team to reach the 40-win mark in 2021-22 and can do so in their 54th game – a feat only three other teams in NHL history have accomplished.

MONDAY'S RESULTS

2	FINAL ▶	7
5	◀ FINAL	3
7	◀ FINAL	0


JACK BESTS QUINN AS DEVILS SCORE EARLY AND OFTEN AGAINST CANUCKS

Skating opposite his brother **Quinn**, **Jack Hughes** (1-1—2) scored the first of seven Devils goals and recorded his fourth consecutive multi-point game to improve to 3-0-0 against his sibling through their first three head-to-head meetings.


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* Hughes (20 years, 290 days), with points in *seven consecutive appearances* overall (5-8—13 in 7 GP), became the first player in franchise history to record multiple points in four straight contests at 20 or younger. In fact, only two skaters – regardless of age – have posted a longer run: **Scott Gomez** (5 GP in 2005-06) and **Kirk Muller** (5 GP in 1987-88).



Jack Hughes (20 years, 290 days) extended his multi-point streak to four games. The only active players to have longer runs at age 20 or younger are Patrik Laine (5 GP in 2017-18) and Steven Stamkos (5 GP in 2009-10).

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MAPLE LEAFS KEEP ROLLING ON THE ROAD AND CLIMB ATLANTIC DIVISION

Michael Bunting scored one of three Maple Leafs goals in the first period to overtake the NHL lead among rookies and helped vault Toronto (35-14-4, 74 points) into a tie with idle Tampa Bay (34-11-6, 74 points) for second place in the Atlantic Division; just one point back of Florida (35-13-3, 75 points).

* The opening frame Monday marked the fourth consecutive period Toronto scored at least three goals after doing so in each period during its high-scoring affair with Detroit on [Feb. 26](#) (10-7 W). With 15 goals over their past two outings, the Maple Leafs matched the franchise mark for most over a span of consecutive games on the road (also 15 from Nov. 7-10, 1979, Oct. 29 – Nov. 2, 1944 & March 17-19, 1938).





MOST CONSECUTIVE PERIODS WITH 3+ GOALS, ALL ON THE ROAD

▶ NHL HISTORY

TEAM	DATE SPAN	PERIODS
MAPLE LEAFS	FEB. 26-28, 2022	4
RANGERS	NOV. 7-10, 1998	4
DEVILS	MARCH 17-19, 1994	4
BRUINS	OCT. 16-19, 1988	4
FLAMES	JAN. 18-19, 1986	4
WHALERS	FEB. 1-4, 1984	4
OILERS	JAN. 12-15, 1983	4

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* Bunting (19-22—41 in 53 GP) owns a one-goal advantage over Nashville's **Tanner Jeannot** (18-14—32 in 53 GP w/ NSH) for the most among rookies in 2021-22, while teammate **Auston Matthews** (37-31—68 in 50 GP) leads all players this season in goals. Only one season in the NHL's expansion era (since 1967-68) has concluded with the League leaders in overall goals and rookie goals come from the same team: 1992-93 (**Teemu Selanne**: 76 G w/ WIN).

DeBRUSK'S NATURAL HAT TRICK HIGHLIGHTS #NHLSTATS: LIVE UPDATES

The [Monday edition of #NHLStats: Live Updates](#) was highlighted by **Jake DeBrusk** (3-1—4) and his first career hat trick, with two goals coming within the opening 65 seconds of the first and second periods. DeBrusk's three-goal performance also marked the second *natural* hat trick by a Bruins player this season, joining **Patrice Bergeron** (Nov. 4, 2021).



The 2021-22 season is the third in nearly 40 years to feature multiple Boston skaters score a natural hat trick, joining 1995-96 (Adam Oates: Dec. 14, 1995 & Steve Heinze: March 23, 1996) and 1993-94 (Adam Oates: Feb. 8, 1994 & Cam Neely: Feb. 12, 1994).

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* DeBrusk also became the fourth player in Bruins history to score within the opening 65 seconds in each of the first two frames, joining **David Pastrnak** (Feb. 21, 2021), Bergeron (Jan. 16, 2016) and **Don Marcotte** (April 2, 1977).

BLACK HOCKEY HISTORY SPOTLIGHT: NEW JERSEY DEVILS AND LOS ANGELES KINGS

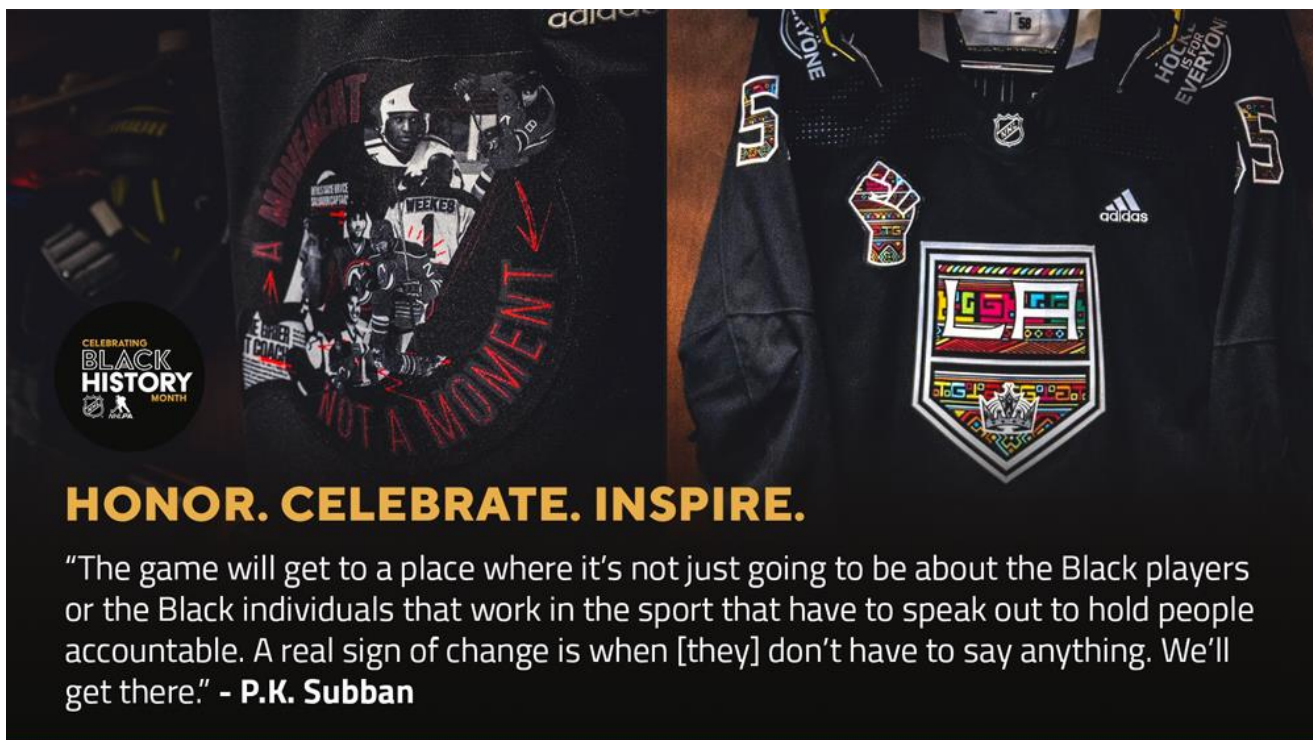
As a part of New Jersey's and Los Angeles' Black History Month game, each team wore themed warmup jerseys created in [collaboration with defenseman P.K. Subban](#) and **Akil Thomas**, respectively.

* New Jersey's crest highlights nine people including **Claude Vilgrain**, the first Black player for the Devils; **Mark Fraser**, the first Black player drafted by the Devils; **Mike Grier**, the first Black Devils coach; **Kevin Weekes**, the first Black goaltender for New Jersey; and **Bryce Salvador**, the first Black captain in franchise history.



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- * [Auston Matthews, J.T. Miller and Steven Stamkos named the NHL's "Three Stars" for the week](#)
- * [Heritage Classic Ice Plant truck arrives in Hamilton](#)
- * [Best young U.S.-born player debated by NHL.com writers](#)
- * [Bill Riley puck drop highlights Capitals Black History Night](#)

JOHNSON SET FOR 1,000TH GAME AS AVALANCHE EYE WIN NO. 40

Jack Johnson (72-239—311 in 999 GP) is set to appear in his 1,000th NHL game when the League-leading Avalanche (39-10-4, 82 points) welcome the Islanders (20-21-8, 48 points) to Ball Arena. Johnson, who made his debut on March 29, 2007 as a member of the Kings, will become the [11th active defenseman](#) to reach the milestone.



TONIGHT'S SCHEDULE

TUESDAY, MARCH 1, 2022

7:00 PM ET		@		BSSUN, TSN5, RDS2
7:00 PM ET		@		SN1, SNE, SNO, SNP, NBCSP
7:00 PM ET		@		HULU, ESPN+
7:30 PM ET		@		BSDET, BSSO
8:00 PM ET		@		BSWI, BSNX, SNW
8:00 PM ET		@		TSN3, TSN2, RDS
9:00 PM ET		@		ALT, MSG+
10:00 PM ET		@		ATTSN-RM, NBCSCA
10:00 PM ET		@		SN1, SNE, SNO, SNP, BSW, NESN



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* Colorado (53 GP), which has overcome a deficit to win each of its previous two contests, sits one victory shy of 40 in 2021-22 and can tie the second-fewest games by a team to reach the benchmark in NHL history. Of the three previous instances that achieved the feat in 54 contests or fewer, one went on to capture the Stanley Cup (DET in 2007-08).



FEWEST GAMES TO 40 WINS IN A SINGLE SEASON

► NHL HISTORY

TEAM	SEASON	GP
WASHINGTON CAPITALS	2015-16	53
DETROIT RED WINGS	2007-08	54
DETROIT RED WINGS	1995-96	54
TAMPA BAY LIGHTNING	2018-19	55
MONTREAL CANADIENS	1975-76	55
BOSTON BRUINS	1973-74	55
BOSTON BRUINS	1970-71	55

* COLORADO (53 GP) CAN JOIN THIS LIST



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MILESTONE WINS ON THE HORIZON TUESDAY

Steve Yzerman (399) and **Pete DeBoer** (499) can collect milestone victories Tuesday when the Red Wings (23-24-6, 52 points) and Golden Knights (29-20-4, 62 points) host the Hurricanes (37-11-4, 78 points) and Sharks (24-23-6, 54 points), respectively.

* DeBoer owns a career record of 499-368-119 in 986 games. [Among the NHL's active head coaches](#) to win at least 500 contests, only three reached the benchmark prior to their 1,000th outing: **Bruce Boudreau** (837 GP), **Todd McLellan** (965 GP) and **Peter Laviolette** (970 GP).

* Yzerman, who owns the [most assists in Red Wings history](#) and sits second in [goals](#) and [points](#) to **Gordie Howe**, has gone 399-322-81 through his first 802 contests as an NHL general manager. The franchise icon has collected 59 victories with Detroit since taking over the role on April 19, 2019 and recorded 340 with Tampa Bay (May 25, 2010 – Sept. 10, 2018).



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