

## NHL MORNING SKATE – MARCH 5, 2022

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Saturday, March 5, 2022

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- ▶ Robertson nets 1 of 2 hat tricks Friday, part of NHL first
- ▶ Seider, Zegras collect points as rookie scoring race heats up
- ▶ Giordano, Simmonds set to skate in 1,000th game

\* All seven games contested Friday had at least one tying goal, marking the second time in three seasons that every contest saw a team even the score (min. 7 GP).

\* An NHL-first was achieved on the hat trick front Friday as two more were added to the 2021-22 tally, both completed in overtime.

\* There have been 68 hat tricks so far in 2021-22, the most at this stage of a season (875 GP) over the past 25 years. A total of 62 different players have contributed to that number, tied for the most at this point since 1991-92 (67).

\* **Wayne Simmonds** and **Mark Giordano** each are expected to skate in their 1,000th regular-season game Saturday, which will also see the first of six [Hockey Night in Canada in Cree](#) broadcasts.

**FRIDAY'S RESULTS**

4 FINAL 5	1 FINAL 3	1 FINAL 3	2 FINAL OT 3
4 FINAL OT 3	4 FINAL OT 3	5 FINAL 4	

### AN NHL FIRST! TWO REGULAR-SEASON HAT TRICKS CAPPED IN OVERTIME

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Friday marked the [first day in NHL regular-season history](#) that two players scored a *hat trick that included an overtime goal*, with forwards **Viktor Arvidsson** of the Kings and **Jason Robertson** of the Stars combining for the feat.

\* The Blue Jackets set a franchise record for fastest three goals (0:46), but Arvidsson picked up a trio of his own to guide the Kings to their fifth multi-goal comeback win of the season. Arvidsson became the seventh player in club history to tally a [hat trick that included an overtime goal](#) as Los Angeles (30-19-7, 67 points) opened a three-point lead on idle Edmonton (30-21-4, 64 points) for second place in the Pacific Division.

\* The Stars (31-20-3, 65 points) reentered the Western Conference playoff picture as Robertson netted his first career hat trick while skating in his 100th NHL game. He became the fourth player in Stars/North Stars history to cap a [regular-season hat trick with an overtime goal](#) and the first to do so since the club relocated to Dallas (two players did so in the [playoffs](#)).



**MOST POINTS THROUGH 100 CAREER GAMES**  
▶ ACTIVE PLAYERS

PLAYER	TEAM	POINTS
SIDNEY CROSBY	PIT	132
ALEX OVECHKIN	WSH	128
EVGENI MALKIN	PIT	114
KIRILL KAPRIZOV	MIN	112
CONNOR MCDAVID	EDM	108
PAUL STASTNY	COL	100
MATHEW BARZAL	NYI	99
ELIAS PETTERSSON	VAN	98
JASON ROBERTSON	DAL	97
PATRICK KANE	CHI	96

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**PAVELSKI GOES FROM THE 7TH ROUND OF NHL DRAFT TO 900-POINT CLUB**

**Joe Pavelski** (7th round pick in 2003) collected an assist to record his 900th career point (415-485—900 in 1,140 GP), the sixth player in NHL history to be selected in Round 7 or later and reach the milestone. Pavelski was picked as part of a nine-round draft, but in 2005 the event was reduced to seven rounds; since then, the most points by a player selected in the final round is 533 (**Patric Hornqvist**, 7th round pick in 2005).



## MOST POINTS BY PLAYERS SELECTED IN THE SEVENTH ROUND OR LATER

► NHL HISTORY

PLAYER	ROUND	YEAR	POINTS
DOUG GILMOUR	7	1982	1,414
LUC ROBITAILLE	9	1984	1,394
THEO FLEURY	8	1987	1,088
DAVE TAYLOR	15	1975	1,069
HENRIK ZETTERBERG	7	1999	960
JOE PAVELSKI	7	2003	900

\* NHL DRAFT WAS REDUCED TO SEVEN ROUNDS IN 2005

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### HURRICANES, RANGERS GAIN GROUND IN METROPOLITAN

The tight race in the Metropolitan Division continued Friday as the Hurricanes (38-12-5, 81 points) defeated the Penguins (34-14-9, 77 points) in a battle of the top two clubs, while the Rangers (35-15-5, 75 points) won to move within two points of Pittsburgh.

\* With Carolina down 2-0 in the second period, captain **Jordan Staal** (2-0—2) ignited a comeback against his former team, posting multiple goals against the club for the first time to set the stage for an overtime goal by **Andrei Svechnikov** (1-0—1). The Hurricanes have topped the Metropolitan Division for all but six days since Jan. 27 and now sit within three points of the idle Avalanche (40-11-4, 84 points) for first place in the overall standings with less than a week remaining before their first meeting of the season (Thursday, March 10).

\* **Chris Kreider** (1-1—2) assisted on the opening goal and added his 36th tally of the season – two off the League lead – while **Igor Shesterkin** made 32 saves in New York's 35th win. Shesterkin's 16 wins at Madison Square Garden in 2021-22 are the most by a Rangers goaltender through 20 home appearances in a season.

\* Shesterkin (.940 SV%) owns the second-highest save percentage at this stage of a season (36 GP) on record, trailing only **Jacques Plante** (.942 SV%) in 1970-71 with Toronto – the same campaign that Plante set the NHL mark for highest save percentage at end of season (min. 30 GP).



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Igor Shesterkin holds the highest save percentage in the NHL since he entered the League on Jan. 7, 2020 (.930 SV%; min. 80 GP) – the next closest is Nashville’s Juuse Saros (.926).

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### ROOKIE SCORING RACE FEATURED IN FRIDAY’S #NHLSTATS: LIVE UPDATES

Two of the top scoring rookies of 2021-22 are featured in [Friday’s edition of #NHLStats: Live Updates](#), with Detroit’s **Moritz Seider** [extending his point streak to eight games](#) and Anaheim’s **Trevor Zegras** notching his 15th goal of the season (15-27—42 in 51 GP).



Trevor Zegras scored his 18th career goal, tying Paul Kariya for the fourth most by a rookie in Ducks history. He is just one shy of matching Chris Kunitz (19) for third.

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## NHL PODCAST WEEKLY ROUNDUP

- \* [Fantasy on Ice \(2/28\)](#): Highlighting the best pickups entering Week 19
- \* [Soul on Ice \(3/2\)](#): NHL Bound recap; Guest **Jason Ross Jr.** (Blackhawks first Black TV pxp)
- \* [The Chirp \(3/3\)](#): Guest **Sheri Hudspeth** on growing girl's hockey in Las Vegas
- \* [NHL @TheRink \(3/3\)](#): Dan and Shawn are joined by Wild GM **Bill Guerin**
- \* [Fantasy on Ice \(3/3\)](#): Guest **Shayna Goldman** (Athletic/Sportlogiq/Sportsnet) adds analytical insight

## QUICK CLICKS

- \* [Sharks prospect Ozy Wiesblatt signs message ahead of Hockey Is For Everyone Night](#)
- \* [Wayne Simmonds to play 1,000th NHL game with hometown Maple Leafs](#)
- \* [Matt Savoie showing tenacity to emerge as top 2022 NHL Draft prospect](#)
- \* [Steven Stamkos' son gets wish, rides Zamboni at Lightning game](#)

## COLUMBUS TO RETIRE NASH'S No. 61 AT NATIONWIDE ARENA SATURDAY

Former Blue Jackets captain **Rick Nash** is set to have his No. 61 raised to the rafters at Nationwide Arena during a 10-game NHL slate Saturday. Nash, who tops the franchise's all-time lists for [goals](#) (289), [assists](#) (258), [points](#) (547) and [games played](#) (674), will become the [first player to have his number retired by Columbus](#).

NHL		TONIGHT'S SCHEDULE		SATURDAY, MARCH 5, 2022	
12:30 PM ET	 @ 	BSMW, NHLN, MSG+, SN	3:00 PM ET	 @ 	ABC, ESPN+, SN
4:00 PM ET	 @ 	BSAZ, TSN5, RDS	6:00 PM ET	 @ 	HULU, ESPN+
7:00 PM ET	 @ 	CBC, TVAS, SN360, CITY	7:00 PM ET	 @ 	SN, APTN
7:00 PM ET	 @ 	ROOT-NW, NBCSWA	7:00 PM ET	 @ 	BSOH, NHLN, NESN
8:00 PM ET	 @ 	BSSO, NBCSCA	10:00 PM ET	 @ 	ALT, CITY, SN, CBC

ESPN TNT SN TVA SPORTS

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

\* Nash was nabbed by the Blue Jackets with the [first overall pick in the 2002 NHL Draft](#) and went on to skate each of his first nine seasons with the franchise (2002-03–2011-12) before joining the Rangers for parts of six campaigns (2012-13–2017-18). Nash was then acquired by Boston, Columbus' opponent Saturday, and played the final 23 games of his NHL career with the Bruins (11 regular season & 12 playoffs).

\* Nash was the Blue Jackets' outright goals leader in eight consecutive seasons, a streak which began in 2003-04 when he had 41 goals en route to winning the [Maurice "Rocket" Richard Trophy](#) (w/ **Jarome Iginla** & **Ilya Kovalchuk**). That season saw Nash become the seventh different teenager in League

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history to reach the 40-goal mark, following **Dale Hawerchuk (2x)**, **Brian Bellows**, **Jimmy Carson**, **Mario Lemieux**, **Sylvain Turgeon** and **Wayne Gretzky** – a list that has since added **Auston Matthews** and **Patrik Laine**.

**LED LEAGUE IN GOALS WITHIN FIRST TWO SEASONS**  
▶ NHL'S MODERN ERA (SINCE 1943-44)

PLAYER	TEAM	SEASON	GOALS
TEEMU SELANNE	WIN	1992-93	76
MIKE BOSSY	NYI	1978-79	69
STEVEN STAMKOS	TBL	2009-10	51
RICK NASH	CBJ	2003-04	41
GAYE STEWART	TOR	1945-46	37

\*OUTRIGHT OR TIED

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**GIORDANO, SIMMONDS SET TO SKATE IN 1,000TH GAME**

Kraken defenseman **Mark Giordano** and Maple Leafs forward **Wayne Simmonds** are both expected to skate in their 1,000th career regular-season NHL game Saturday.

\* Among players to debut in 1963-64 or later (after the first NHL Draft was held in 1963), Giordano will become the 27th undrafted player to reach 1,000 regular-season games and just the 10th defenseman among that group to reach the milestone – Islanders blueliner **Andy Greene** also joined the list earlier this season.

\* Simmonds, who was a second-round pick by the Kings in 2007 (61st overall), is set to become the third member of his Draft class to reach 1,000 games behind a pair of top-10 selections: **Patrick Kane** (No. 1) and **Jakub Voracek** (No. 7).

# BLACK PLAYERS TO REACH 1,000 GAMES

NHL HISTORY

FEB. 5, 2010	NOV. 3, 2010	DEC. 23, 2018	NOV. 12, 2009	MAR. 5, 2022
				
JAROME IGINLA	MIKE GRIER	TREVOR DALEY	DONALD BRASHEAR	WAYNE SIMMONDS
				
1,554	1,060	1,058	1,025	999

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## HOCKEY NIGHT IN CANADA IN CREE TO DEBUT SATURDAY

The first of six [Hockey Night in Canada in Cree](#) broadcasts will take place Saturday on APTN when the Maple Leafs host the Canucks at Scotiabank Arena. The action will be delivered in Plains Cree with play-by-play commentary from **Clarence Iron**. Host **Earl Wood** and analysts **John Chabot** and **Jason Chamakese** will also be part of the broadcast.



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