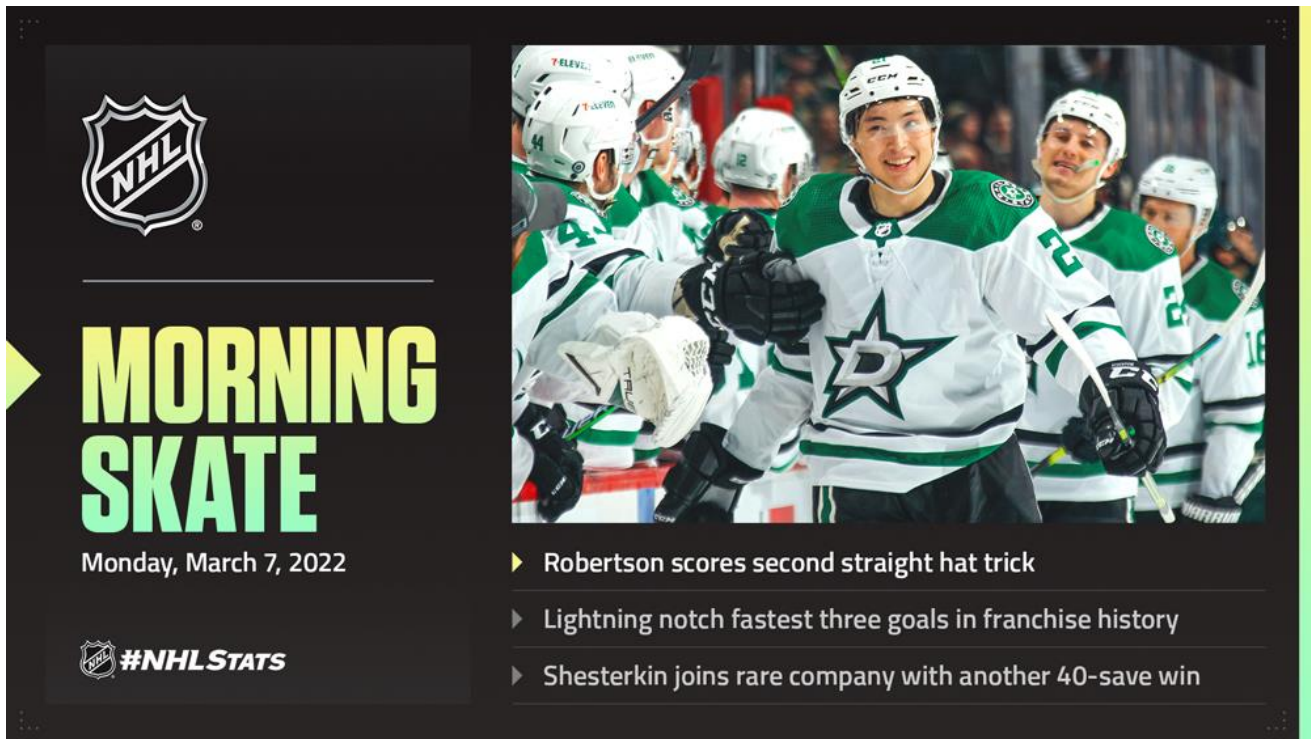


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- ▶ Robertson scores second straight hat trick
- ▶ Lightning notch fastest three goals in franchise history
- ▶ Shesterkin joins rare company with another 40-save win

* **Jason Robertson** continued his torrid scoring habits as of late and netted his second hat trick in as many games to reach the 100-point mark in his career.

* The Lightning benefited from the fastest three goals in franchise history to join the Avalanche and Hurricanes as the third team to reach the 80-point mark in 2021-22.

* **Igor Shesterkin** leads all goaltenders in both goals-against average and save percentage in 2021-22 (min. 25 GP) and improved to 10-0-0 when making 40-plus saves in a game.

ROBERTSON HITS 100-POINT MILESTONE WITH ANOTHER HAT TRICK

Jason Robertson (3-0—3) scored a hat trick for the second time in as many games and reached the 100-point milestone as the Stars (32-20-3, 67 points) defeated the Wild (32-19-3, 67 points) in a crucial matchup for third place in the [Central Division standings](#). Robertson became the second player in Stars/North Stars history to net a hat trick in consecutive games, joining **Bill Goldsworthy** (2 GP from March 16-21, 1971 w/ MNS).

* Robertson also became the fourth active player to record a hat trick in two straight games, joining **Alex Ovechkin** (3x; 2 GP from Jan. 16-18, 2020, Dec. 11-14, 2018 & Oct. 5-7, 2017), **Noel Acciari** (2 GP from Dec. 16-20, 2019) and **Filip Forsberg** (2 GP from Feb. 21-23, 2017).



PLAYERS WITH A HAT TRICK IN CONSECUTIVE GAMES, AGE 22 OR YOUNGER

▶ SINCE 1981-82

PLAYER	TEAM	DATES	GP
JASON ROBERTSON	DAL	MARCH 4 - PRESENT	2
FILIP FORSBERG	NSH	FEB. 21-23, 2017	2
ERIC LINDROS	PHI	MARCH 18-20, 1995	2
TEEMU SELANNE	WIN	FEB. 28 - MARCH 2, 1993	2
JIMMY CARSON	LAK	MARCH 26-30, 1988	2
WAYNE GRETZKY	EDM	JAN. 4-7, 1984	2
BARRY PEDERSON	BOS	DEC. 4-5, 1982	2
BERNIE NICHOLLS	LAK	MARCH 17-20, 1982	2
WAYNE GRETZKY	EDM	DEC. 27-30, 1981	2

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* Robertson (46-54—100 in 101 GP) also finds himself in good company en route to 100 career points. He is one of eight active players to reach the mark in 101 contests or fewer, joining **Alex Ovechkin** (77 GP), **Sidney Crosby** (80 GP), **Evgeni Malkin** (89 GP), **Kirill Kaprizov** (92 GP), **Connor McDavid** (92 GP), **Paul Stastny** (99 GP) and **Mathew Barzal** (101 GP).

* **ICYMI: Riley Tufte** (Coon Rapids, Min.) scored his first NHL goal while skating in his first game in his hometown. He was named "Mr. Hockey" for the state of Minnesota in 2015-16, awarded to the best high school player, and won back-to-back NCAA championships with the University of Minnesota-Duluth (2017-18 & 2018-19). The Wild acted as a light of inspiration for Tufte, who remembers missing a hockey tournament after being diagnosed with diabetes at age 11 and sitting in a hospital bed dreaming about playing in the NHL – a dream that was further fueled two days later when he was given tickets to a Wild game.



TAMPA BAY TALLIES THREE QUICK GOALS EN ROUTE TO FRANCHISE RECORD


After their club overcame two one-goal deficits, **Victor Hedman** (2-0—2), **Corey Perry** (1-0—1) and **Mikhail Sergachev** (1-2—3) each scored in a span of 32 seconds to help the Lightning (37-12-6, 80 points) reclaim the top spot in the Atlantic Division with a victory in Chicago. Tampa Bay's trio of tallies in a span of 32 seconds marked [the fastest three goals in franchise history](#), eclipsing its previous best set on [March 11, 2008](#) (0:42).




FASTEST THREE GOALS BY ONE TEAM			
▶ SINCE 1981-82			
TEAM	OPPONENT	DATE	SECONDS
WASHINGTON CAPITALS	PIT	NOV. 23, 1990	21
QUEBEC NORDIQUES	DET	JAN. 27, 1990	26
CALGARY FLAMES	QUE	OCT. 17, 1989	27
NEW YORK ISLANDERS	NYR	OCT. 23, 1983	27
PITTSBURGH PENGUINS	WSH	JAN. 26, 1993	29
QUEBEC NORDIQUES	PIT	FEB. 16, 1985	29
LOS ANGELES KINGS	NSH	OCT. 12, 2019	30
CHICAGO BLACKHAWKS	TOR	OCT. 15, 1983	30
NEW YORK ISLANDERS	VAN	FEB. 9, 2022	31
TAMPA BAY LIGHTNING	TBL	MARCH 6, 2022	32

SHESTERKIN CONTINUES TO SHINE IN 40-SAVE OUTINGS


Chris Kreider (38-15—53 in 56 GP) scored twice to move within one of **Auston Matthews** (39 in 52 GP) in the 2021-22 Maurice “Rocket” Richard Trophy race and **Igor Shesterkin** (45 saves) improved to 10-0-0 when making 40-plus saves in a game as the Rangers (36-15-5, 77 points) reclaimed second place in the Metropolitan Division from the idle Penguins (34-14-9, 77 points).



The image shows two New York Rangers players. On the left is Igor Shesterkin, wearing his white goalie jersey with the number 31 and his full goalie mask. On the right is another player, wearing a white jersey with the word 'RANGERS' and the number 60. They are both looking towards the right of the frame.



Igor Shesterkin became the NHL's second goaltender since 1955-56 (when shots on goal began being tracked) to win each of his first 10 or more games when making 40+ saves, joining Tuukka Rask (11-0-0)

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* Shesterkin (28-6-3, 1.93 GAA, .942 SV%, 3 SO), who has allowed two or fewer goals in nine of his past 10 appearances, paces all goaltenders in both goals-against average and save percentage in 2021-22 (min. 25 GP).

* Additionally, only one goaltender since 1955-56 (since shots on goal began being tracked) has [finished a season with a higher save percentage](#) than Shesterkin currently holds (min. 25 GP): six-time Stanley Cup champion, seven-time Vezina Trophy winner and Hockey Hall of Fame member **Jacques Plante** (.944 in 1970-71 w/ TOR).

EICHEL'S LATE GO-AHEAD GOAL LEADS #NHLSTATS: LIVE UPDATES

With the game poised to go to overtime, **Jack Eichel** scored a go-ahead goal with 5.9 seconds left in regulation to help Vegas escape with a victory. Eichel's game-winning tally (59:54) marked the second-latest go-ahead goal in Golden Knights history behind **Shea Theodore** (59:57 on [Dec. 19, 2017](#)). Only one player scored a later go-ahead goal in the NHL this season: **Ryan Lindgren** (59:59 on [Nov. 21, 2021](#)).

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- * [Jay Woodcroft](#) says he wants Oilers to focus on present, not long-term goals
- * [Tyler Johnson](#) of Blackhawks thankful for [Jack Eichel's](#) help with disk surgery
- * [Alex Ovechkin](#) will break all-time NHL goals record, [Jaromir Jagr](#) says

BATTLE OF ALBERTA TAKES CENTER STAGE MONDAY

A five-game Monday will conclude with the Oilers (30-22-4, 64 points) visiting the Pacific Division-leading Flames (33-14-7, 73 points) for the third of four Battle of Alberta instalments set for this season, with Edmonton earning wins in each of the first two contests (CGY: 0-2-0).



TONIGHT'S SCHEDULE

MONDAY, MARCH 7, 2022

7:00 PM ET		@		BSW, NESN, TVAS
7:00 PM ET		@		BSFL, MSG-B
7:00 PM ET		@		HULU, ESPN+, SN
7:30 PM ET		@		MSG+, ALT2
9:30 PM ET		@		SN1, SNW



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* **Connor McDavid** (29-50—79 in 55 GP) and **Leon Draisaitl** (38-41—79 in 56 GP), who sit [tied for the NHL lead in points](#), enter Monday one shy of the 80-point mark. The Oilers captain has recorded 26-19—45 in 32 contests against the Flames franchise – his highest goal total versus any team. His 1.41 points per game versus Calgary is tied for the [seventh-highest by any player versus the Flames](#) (min. 10 GP) and is tied with **Sidney Crosby** for tops among active players.

* Calgary currently holds the League's longest active home point streak (11-0-1) – only two teams have posted a longer such run this season: Colorado (22 GP; 20-0-2) and St. Louis (13 GP; 12-0-1). **Matthew Tkachuk** (27-37—64 in 54 GP) has led the Flames through their run at Scotiabank Saddledome with 7-15—22 (12 GP), which also stands as the [most among all players at home dating to Jan. 18](#), and is on pace for a career-high 97-point season.



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LONGEST HOME POINT STREAKS

► FRANCHISE HISTORY

STREAK SPAN	GP (RECORD)
DEC. 29, 1990 - MARCH 14, 1991	18 (17-0-1)
OCT. 6 - DEC. 15, 1988	17 (14-0-3)
DEC. 20, 1980 - FEB. 14, 1981	15 (10-0-5)
JAN. 5 - MARCH 1, 1984	14 (9-0-5)
OCT. 3 - NOV. 20, 2001	13 (9-0-4)
OCT. 18 - NOV. 29, 1974	13 (10-0-3)
JAN. 18 - PRESENT	12 (11-0-1)

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