

## NHL MORNING SKATE – MARCH 8, 2022

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Tuesday, March 8, 2022

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- ▶ Matthews becomes first player to 40 goals in 2021-22
- ▶ Makar leads NHL blueliners with 20th goal of the season
- ▶ NHL, NHLPA celebrate International Women's Day today

\* The NHL-goal scoring leader **Auston Matthews** became the third active player to record at least four 40-goal seasons, while the League-leading blueliner **Cale Makar** added his name to a short list of defensemen over the past three decades to reach the 20-goal mark in 53 or fewer contests.

\* The Panthers (38-13-5, 81 points) added to their NHL-leading goal total with another six-goal outing and moved back into the top spot in the Atlantic Division, while the Pacific Division-leading Flames (34-14-7, 75 points) extended the League's longest active home point streak to 13 games (12-0-1).

\* The NHL and NHLPA are celebrating International Women's Day today and Gender Equality Month throughout March by sharing stories of the women who make an impact on our game and open doors for more opportunities

**MONDAY'S RESULTS**

LA Kings	3	◀ FINAL OT	2	Boston Bruins	Florida Panthers	6	◀ FINAL	1	Buffalo Sabres	Toronto Maple Leafs	5	◀ FINAL	4	Washington Capitals
Colorado Avalanche	5	◀ FINAL	4	New York Islanders	Edmonton Oilers	1	FINAL ▶	3	Calgary Flames					

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## MATTHEWS, MAKAR REACH NOTABLE GOAL-SCORING PLATEAUS MONDAY

**Auston Matthews** (1-1—2) became the first player to score 40 goals this season, while **Cale Makar** (2-1—3) became the first blueliner to reach the 20-goal mark in 2021-22:

\* Matthews (40-32—72 in 53 GP), who is on pace for a career-high 59-goal season, boosted his lead atop the 2021-22 Maurice “Rocket” Richard Trophy race – now two ahead of both **Chris Kreider** (38) and **Leon Draisaitl** (38).

\* Matthews joined **Darryl Sittler** (1980-81, 1979-80, 1977-78 & 1975-76) as the second player in Maple Leafs history to record four 40-goal seasons, with three of those coming in the past three campaigns. Only one active player has recorded more consecutive 40-goal seasons: **Alex Ovechkin** (5).



\* Makar (20-43—63 in 53 GP), who leads all NHL defensemen in both goals and points in 2021-22, became the sixth blueliner in the last 30 years to require 53 or fewer games to reach the 20-goal mark in a season, joining **Mike Green** (42 GP in 2008-09), **Brent Burns** (48 GP in 2016-17), **Kevin Hatcher** (48 GP in 1992-93), **Sergei Gonchar** (50 GP in 1998-99) and **Al MacInnis** (51 GP in 1993-94).

\* Makar extended his assist streak to 12 games (2-17—19), the [fifth-longest](#) run by a defenseman in League history behind only **Paul Coffey** (17 GP in 1985-86), **Brian Leetch** (15 GP in 1991-92), **Phil Housley** (14 GP in 1992-93) and **Bobby Orr** (14 GP in 1970-71).



## LONGEST POINT STREAKS BY A DEFENSEMAN AGE 23 OR YOUNGER

► NHL HISTORY

DEFENSEMAN	TEAM	SEASON	GP
BOBBY ORR	BOS	1970-71	18
BRIAN LEETCH	NYR	1991-92	17
RAY BOURQUE	BOS	1984-85	17
GARY SUTER	CGY	1987-88	16
BOBBY ORR	BOS	1970-71	16
SHAYNE GOSTISBEHERE	PHI	2015-16	15
BRIAN LEETCH	NYR	1991-92	14
DAVE BABYCH	WIN	1982-83	14
CALE MAKAR	COL	2021-22	12
ADAM FOX	NYR	2020-21	12
BOBBY ORR	BOS	1970-71	12

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### DIVISION LEADERS SKATE TO VICTORY

The Panthers (38-13-5, 81 points) surpassed the Lightning (37-12-6, 80 points) to move back into first place in the Atlantic Division standings, while the Flames (34-14-7, 75 points) maintained their lead atop the Pacific Division. Notably, Los Angeles (32-19-7, 71 points) kept pace with Calgary Monday [with a win via a late-tying goal](#).

\* Florida, which [leads all teams with 233 goals for](#), scored six goals for the second straight game and for the 21st time in 2021-22. Only three teams in the past 25 years have scored more goals through the first 60 contests of a season than the Panthers, despite the club only skating in 56: Tampa Bay (237 in 2018-19), Washington (239 in 2009-10) and Ottawa (242 in 2005-06).



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Florida scored six goals in a game for the 21st time this season – the most among all teams. The next-closest club is Colorado (14).

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\* **Tyler Toffoli** (2-0—2) scored twice and **Johnny Gaudreau** (1-1—2) netted a highlight-reel goal as the Flames extended their [home point streak to 13 games](#) (12-0-1) and improved to 13-1-1 since Feb. 1 – the most wins among all teams over that span. Gaudreau's goal marked the 193rd of his career, moving him into a tie with **Guy Chouinard** and **Hakan Loob** for [10th place on the franchise's all-time list](#).



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## **NHL, NHLPA CELEBRATE INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY AND GENDER EQUALITY MONTH**

The NHL and NHLPA are celebrating International Women's Day today and Gender Equality Month [this March](#) by sharing stories of the women who move the game forward for the next generation.

\* Across the NHL and its 32 Clubs, there are nearly 100 women in Hockey Operations, player development, as well as player health and safety roles. This esteemed group of women are scouts, player and skating development coaches, data scientists and analysts, dieticians and nutritionists, doctors and physicians. This month, the League will provide a behind-the-scenes look at three women – **Blake Bolden**, **Meghan Duggan** and **Brigette Lacquette** – who have transitioned their illustrious on-ice careers to valued hockey operations roles in the NHL.

\* This year's celebrations occur during a momentous season for women in hockey, which has already seen [10 referees and linespersons make their officiating debut](#) in the American Hockey League, **Émilie Castonguay** and **Cammi Granato** [join the Canucks in the role of assistant general manager](#), **Ali Murdock** and **Francesca Ranieri** [make history with the NHL ice crew](#) at Stadium Series and many more stories from across the hockey world.




### **QUICK CLICKS**

- \* [Monday's edition of #NHLStats: Live Updates](#)
- \* [Jason Robertson, Nick Schmaltz, Igor Shesterkin Named NHL 'Three Stars' of the Week](#)
- \* [Heritage Classic stirs outdoor memories for Sabres' Kyle Okposo, Casey Mittelstadt](#)
- \* [Nicklas Backstrom quietly enjoying journey to 1,000 points for Capitals](#)
- \* [NHL unveils new design for Stanley Cup logo](#)



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## BUCKLE UP FOR A BUSY TUESDAY AHEAD

Tuesday will feature 22 teams in action simultaneously as all 11 games will begin by 9 p.m. ET. All eyes will be on the youthful talent of **Jason Robertson** and **Kirill Kaprizov**, who have each recorded multi-goal outings in their past two contests. Meanwhile, **Nick Schmaltz** is coming off his seven-point performance Saturday, which marked the most in a single game by any NHL player in over a decade.



## TONIGHT'S SCHEDULE

TUESDAY, MARCH 8, 2022

7:00 PM ET	 @ 	MSG+, ALT	7:00 PM ET	 @ 	NBCSP, ATTSN-RM, TVAS
7:00 PM ET	 @ 	BSFL, ATTSN-PT, SNP, SNO, SNE	7:30 PM ET	 @ 	TSN4, ROOT-NW
7:30 PM ET	 @ 	HULU, ESPN+	8:00 PM ET	 @ 	BSMW, TSN5, RDS
8:00 PM ET	 @ 	BSSO, BSSW	8:00 PM ET	 @ 	BSWIX, BSN, MSG
8:00 PM ET	 @ 	TSN3, BSSUN	8:30 PM ET	 @ 	BSSD, BSSC, NBCSCH
9:00 PM ET	 @ 	SNW, NBCSWA			



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\* Robertson, who was named the [NHL's first star Monday](#), has recorded a hat trick in each of his past two games. No player in League history has done so in three straight. Should Robertson record another *multi-goal* performance, he would become the third in Stars/North Stars history to extend their run to three contests. The only players to do so were Minnesota's **Dino Ciccarelli** (4 GP in 1983-84, 3 GP in 1981-82 twice) and **Mike Modano** (3 GP in 2001-02).

\* Kaprizov, who leads the Wild in goals, assists and points in 2021-22 (28-42—70 in 53 GP), is just two shy of his first career 30-goal season. Should he score twice Tuesday, he will have required the fourth-fewest games in franchise history to reach the mark in a season – **Marian Gaborik** accounts for the three other instances of fewer contests (47 GP in 2006-07, 48 GP in 2005-06 & 53 GP in 2007-08).

\* Schmaltz established a [Coyotes/Jets record for most points in a game](#) with 2-5—7 Saturday. The most points in a two-game span in franchise history is nine, established three times – all with Winnipeg: **Thomas Steen** (4-5—9 from Feb. 22-23, 1993), **Dale Hawerchuk** (4-5—9 from Feb. 6-12, 1988) and **Willy Lindstrom** (7-2—9 from Feb. 28 – March 2, 1982).