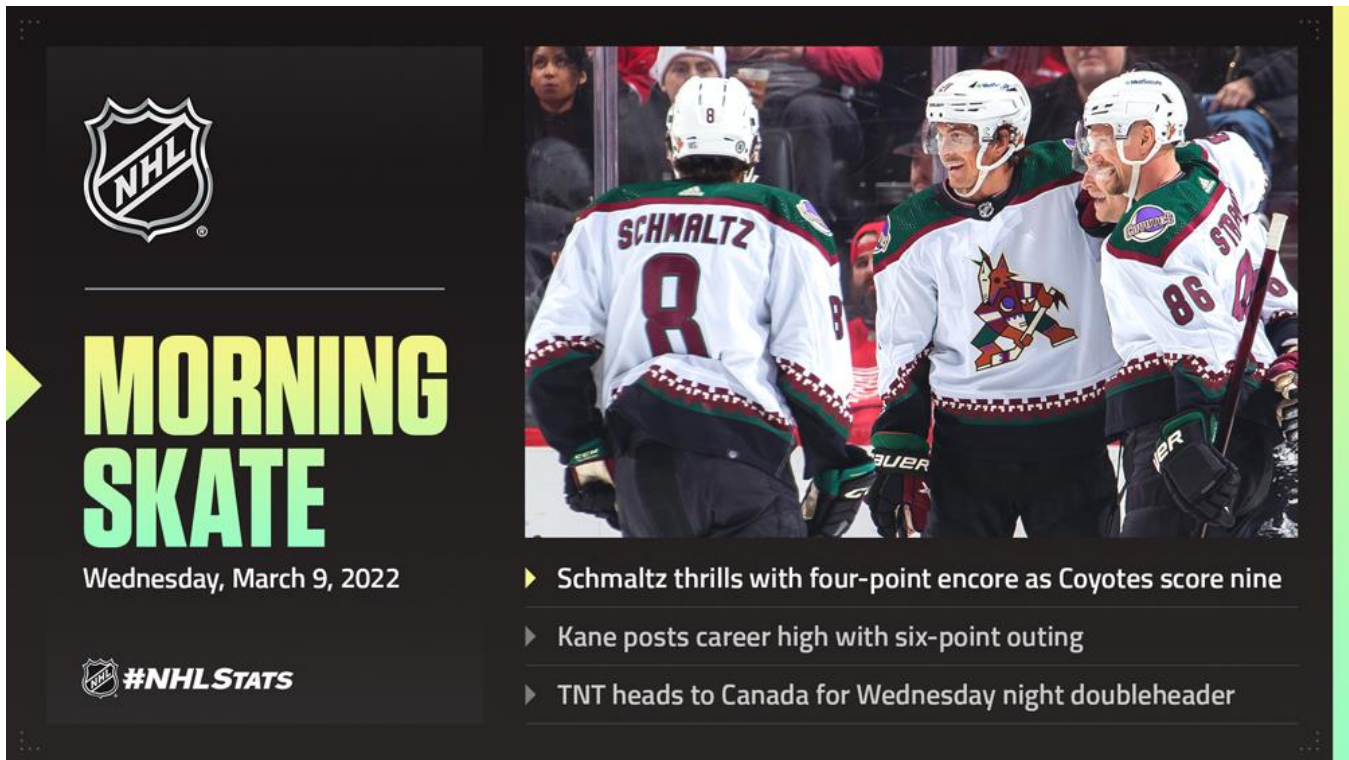


NHL MORNING SKATE – MARCH 9, 2022



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Wednesday, March 9, 2022

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- ▶ Schmaltz thrills with four-point encore as Coyotes score nine
- ▶ Kane posts career high with six-point outing
- ▶ TNT heads to Canada for Wednesday night doubleheader

* Arizona erupted for a 9-2 win at Little Caesars Arena to follow up its 8-5 victory over Ottawa Saturday, with **Nick Schmaltz** factoring on 11 of the Coyotes' 17 goals over the two-game span.

* **Patrick Kane** established a single-game NHL career high with six points, while **Auston Matthews** scored another hat trick to pad his lead in the Maurice "Rocket" Richard Trophy race and quell the Kraken's comeback attempt in their first-ever visit to Scotiabank Arena.

* The NHL announced **Willow** will perform on the TikTok Tailgate Stage ahead of the 2022 Tim Hortons NHL Heritage Classic, a performance that will be livestreamed on @NHL on TikTok starting at 2:45 p.m. ET.



NEARLY 90 GOALS SCORED ACROSS 11 GAMES TUESDAY

Tuesday's 11-game slate featured a total of 85 goals for an average of 7.7 per contest.

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TUESDAY'S RESULTS



SCHMALTZ THRILLS WITH FOUR-POINT ENCORE AS COYOTES PILE NINE IN DETROIT

Nick Schmaltz secured 2-2—4 in his encore performance, after he established a [Coyotes/Jets record for most points in a game](#) Saturday, to lead the franchise to their first nine-goal contest since [Dec. 15, 1995](#) (9-4 W vs. EDM). Arizona became the third different team to score nine or more goals in a game this season, joining Toronto (10 on [Feb. 26](#)) and Florida (9 on [Dec. 30, 2021](#) & [Jan. 15](#)).

* After scoring eight goals Saturday, the Coyotes have amassed 17 or more tallies in a two-game span for the [fourth time in franchise history](#) and first since the club relocated from Winnipeg. Arizona also became the first NHL team to score 17-plus in two contests since Colorado from [Dec. 3-5, 1995](#) (18), a historic season which saw the Avalanche win their first Stanley Cup.

* Schmaltz improved his totals to 4-7—11 over the past two contests and established a franchise record for the most points in a two-game span. He became just the sixth different player in the past 35 years to tally 11 or more points over two contests.

MOST POINTS IN A TWO-GAME SPAN
▶ SINCE 1986-87

PLAYER	TEAM	DATES	POINTS
BERNIE NICHOLLS	LAK	DEC. 1-3, 1988	12
MARIO LEMIEUX	PIT	OCT. 15-18, 1988	12
NICK SCHMALTZ	ARI	MARCH 5-8, 2022	11
SAM GAGNER	EDM	FEB. 2-4, 2012	11
JAROMIR JAGR	WSH	JAN. 11-13, 2003	11
MARIO LEMIEUX	PIT	NOV. 1-4, 1995	11
MARIO LEMIEUX	PIT	MARCH 18-20, 1993	11
MARIO LEMIEUX	PIT	DEC. 23-26, 1991	11
MARIO LEMIEUX	PIT	JAN. 21-25, 1989	11
JARI KURRI	EDM	DEC. 10-14, 1988	11

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OTHER U.S.-BORN PLAYERS KANE, MATTHEWS SHINE IN WINS TUESDAY

Blackhawks forward **Patrick Kane** (Buffalo, N.Y.) and Maple Leafs forward **Auston Matthews** (San Ramon, Calif.) also left their mark on games:

* Kane (1-5—6) established a single-game career high for points and became the first Chicago player with six in a contest since **Bernie Nicholls** over 27 years ago (4-2—6 on [Feb. 5, 1995](#)). Only two players in franchise history have registered more points in a game: **Max Bentley** (4-3—7 on [Jan. 28, 1943](#)) and **Grant Mulvey** (5-2—7 on [Feb. 3, 1982](#)).

* Kane (8-14—22 in 12 GP) has 22 points since the Blackhawks returned from All-Star Weekend on Feb. 9, tied for the [second most in the NHL over that span](#) behind only Flames forward **Elias Lindholm** (14-9—23 in 14 GP).



* Matthews scored three of his team's six goals to mark his [third hat trick of the season](#), helping the Maple Leafs earn a win against the Kraken at Scotiabank Arena. Matthews (43-32—75 in 54 GP) opened up a five-goal lead over Edmonton's **Leon Draisaitl** (38-41—79 in 57 GP) and New York's **Chris Kreider** (38-15—53 in 57 GP) in the [2021-22 Maurice "Rocket" Richard Trophy race](#).

* Matthews became the seventh player in franchise history to score a hat trick in Toronto's first-ever home game against a club. He joined **Corb Denneny**, **Harry Meeking** and **Reg Noble** against the original Ottawa Senators on [Dec. 22, 1917](#), **Harry Cameron** against the Canadiens on [Dec. 26, 1917](#), **Jack Adams** against the Bruins on [Dec. 3, 1924](#) as well as **Frank Mahovlich** against the Blues on [Dec. 30, 1967](#).



M A P L E L E A F S

Only four players in franchise history have scored more hat tricks in a season than Auston Matthews (3): Darryl Sittler (5 in 1980-81), Babe Dye (5 in 1924-25 & 4 in 1922-23), Reg Noble (5 in 1917-18) and Rick Vaive (4 in 1983-84)

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MAKAR EXTENDS STREAKS, BUT DEVILS RALLY TO DEFEAT AVALANCHE

Cale Makar had a first-period helper and put Colorado up 3-0 at 5:52 of the second period to extend his career-high [assist/point streaks](#) to 13 games (3-18—21), but New Jersey responded with five unanswered goals to rally past the first-place Avalanche.

* Makar established a [new franchise record for longest assist streak](#), eclipsing the mark set by his current general manager **Joe Sakic** with the Nordiques from Feb. 27–March 24, 1992 (6-16—22 in 12 GP). Makar (21-44—65 in 54 GP) leads all NHL defensemen in both [goals](#) and [points](#) this season.

* The Devils became the second team in NHL history to rally from a deficit of three-plus goals to defeat the League's first-place team at this stage in a season (min. 898 GP), joining the Mighty Ducks on [March 21, 2004](#). Anaheim overcame deficits of 3-0 and 6-5 to defeat Detroit, which entered play that day owning an NHL-leading record of 43-18-13 (99 points).

* **ICYMI:** The Devils donned special jerseys during pre-game warmup as part of their [Gender Equality Night at Prudential Center](#) Tuesday.



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OVECHKIN TYING JAGR ON NHL'S ALL-TIME GOALS LIST FEATURED IN LIVE UPDATES

[Tuesday's edition of #NHLStats: Live Updates](#) features several more notes from the 11-game slate, including Capitals captain **Alex Ovechkin** scoring twice to reach 766 goals in his NHL career and tie **Jaromir Jagr** for third place on the [League's all-time list](#).



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MOST CAREER GOALS

► NHL HISTORY

RANK	PLAYER	GOALS
1	WAYNE GRETZKY	894
2	GORDIE HOWE	801
T-3	ALEX OVECHKIN	766
T-3	JAROMIR JAGR	766
5	BRETT HULL	741
6	MARCEL DIONNE	731
7	PHIL ESPOSITO	717
8	MIKE GARTNER	708
9	MARK MESSIER	694
10	STEVE YZERMAN	692

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NHL CELEBRATES WOMEN OF THE GAME, TRAILBLAZERS IN THE MEDIA

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On International Women's Day, the NHL highlighted [one woman from all 32 NHL Clubs](#) to showcase the various roles and responsibilities women influence in today's game including in the front office, hockey operations, data analytics, and youth hockey development. The League also recognized the numerous female hockey reporters and broadcasters who have broken down barriers since the 1970s and [blazed a trail for women in sports media today](#).



MORE INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY LINKS

- * [NHL, NHLPA celebrate International Women's Day, Gender Equality Month](#)
- * [Heidi Browning, sports league executives lead International Women's Day panel](#)
- * [Devils have first all-woman digital broadcast team](#)

QUICK CLICKS

- * [Jared McCann signs five-year, \\$25 million contract with Kraken](#)
- * [NHL donates \\$68,000 to support Jaromir Jagr's fundraising efforts for people of Ukraine](#)
- * [Arenas' colorful legacy to live again at Heritage Classic on Sunday](#)
- * [Heritage Classic between Maple Leafs, Sabres to have Canada-U.S. theme](#)
- * [Willow to perform at 2022 Tim Hortons NHL Heritage Classic](#)

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TNT HEADS TO CANADA FOR WEDNESDAY NIGHT DOUBLEHEADER

TNT's latest national doubleheader will open with a showdown between the Capitals (31-18-9, 71 points) and Oilers (30-23-4, 64 points) in a contest that will also air across Canada on Sportsnet. The nightcap will see **J.T. Miller** (6-11—17 in 9 GP) try to become the first [Canucks player to post a double-digit point streak](#) since **Henrik Sedin** in 2013-14 (3-11—14 in 12 GP) – a run that reached a dozen games [on Nov. 5, 2013](#) against **Paul Bissonnette** and the Coyotes.

TONIGHT'S SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9, 2022

8:00 PM ET		@		TNT, SN, TVAS, SN1
10:30 PM ET		@		TNT, RDS, TSN2, SNP

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

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* After skating alongside teammate **Nicklas Backstrom** for the 1,000th time in the regular season Tuesday, **Alex Ovechkin** enters the contest one goal shy of surpassing **Jaromir Jagr** on the [NHL's all-time goals list](#). Meanwhile, the League-leading tandem of **Connor McDavid** and **Leon Draisaitl** each sit one point back of 80 on the season.

* McDavid (4-7—11 in 8 GP) and Ovechkin (4-5—9 in 8 GP), the active leaders in career Art Ross Trophy and Maurice "Rocket" Richard Trophy wins, respectively, have combined for 20 points in their eight previous head-to-head meetings. McDavid has found the score sheet in seven of those contests.

* *All four* players have skated in the same game on seven occasions to date, with Ovechkin (4-3—7 in 7 GP) and Backstrom (0-1—1 in 7 GP) helping the Capitals to a 4-2-1 edge against McDavid (3-6—9 in 7 GP), Draisaitl (4-2—6 in 7 GP) and the Oilers (3-3-1).