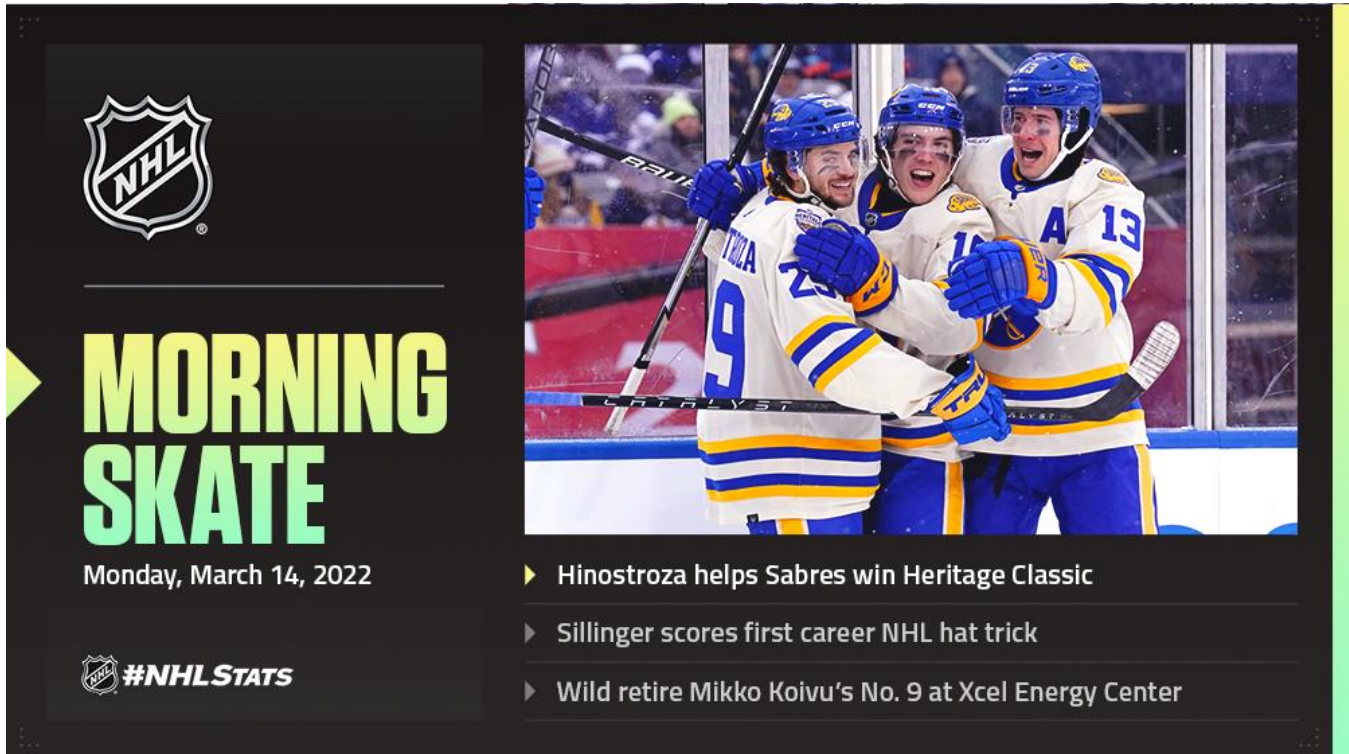


## NHL MORNING SKATE – MARCH 14, 2022



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Monday, March 14, 2022

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- ▶ Hinostroza helps Sabres win Heritage Classic
- ▶ Sillinger scores first career NHL hat trick
- ▶ Wild retire Mikko Koivu's No. 9 at Xcel Energy Center

\* The sold-out crowd at the *2022 Tim Hortons NHL Heritage Classic* was treated with a spirited cross-border showdown that saw the host Sabres defeat the Maple Leafs for their first-ever outdoor win.

\* **Cole Sillinger**, who is set to celebrate his 19th birthday on May 16, scored the first hat trick of his NHL career as the Blue Jackets defeated the Golden Knights Sunday.

\* The Wild retired the No. 9 of former captain **Mikko Koivu** in a pre-game ceremony at Xcel Energy Center, while Canadiens forward **Rem Pitlick** joined Koivu's brother, **Saku**, on a rare franchise list.

\* Continuing a tradition of recent outdoor NHL games, each team arrived in style at the Heritage Classic. The Sabres strutted in sporting Flint Tropics uniforms – inspired by the movie *Semi-Pro* – while the Maple Leafs recognized Hamilton's steelmaking roots.



## **HINOSTROZA MATCHES CAREER HIGH, SABRES LEAVE “THE HAMMER” WITH WIN**

Playing in front of a sold-out crowd of 26,119 fans at Tim Hortons Field in Hamilton, **Vinnie Hinostroza** (2-1—3) factored on each of Buffalo’s first three goals to help the club claim its first outdoor win in its third appearance. After being held off the score sheet in his first two outdoor appearances (23:26 TOI, -3), Hinostroza came within one point of equaling the [single-game outdoor record](#).

\* The Sabres became the 21st different club to [win an outdoor game](#) and claimed consecutive victories against the Maple Leafs for the first time in nearly five years (last time: [Feb. 11](#) and [March 25, 2017](#)).

\* Hinostroza wasn’t the only Sabres player with multiple goals Sunday as **Peyton Krebs** became the third rookie to score twice in an NHL outdoor game. Prior to Krebs, the only rookies to score multiple goals outdoors were **Auston Matthews** and **Anthony Mantha** during the 2017 Centennial Classic in Toronto.

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**Buffalo became the second team to have multiple players each score 2+ goals in the same outdoor game (Vinnie Hinostroza & Peyton Krebs). The other came in the NHL's first regular-season outdoor contest, the 2003 Heritage Classic (Montreal: Yanic Perreault & Richard Zednik).**

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\* More than half (18 of 35; 51%) of all outdoor games have featured a team securing a comeback to win, with Buffalo erasing both a 1-0 and 2-1 deficit.

\* The first three goals of the game came during a [2:17 span](#) and included the third-career outdoor goal for Maple Leafs forward **Auston Matthews** (2 GP) – his [League-leading 45th of the season](#).

**ANDERSON BECOMES OLDEST GOALTENDER TO WIN OUTDOORS**

After claiming his 300th NHL win Thursday in Buffalo, 40-year-old **Craig Anderson** made 34 saves in the Heritage Classic to improve to 3-0-0 in his outdoor NHL career. Anderson followed **Martin Brodeur** as the second goaltender to [play outdoors at age 40 or older](#) – but became the oldest to win – and joined **Henrik Lundqvist** (4-0-0) as the second netminder to claim at least three outdoor victories.

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Craig Anderson became the second goaltender to win with multiple teams outdoors after also backing the Senators in the 2014 Heritage Classic and 2017 NHL 100 Classic. Ty Conklin was the first to do so, with the Penguins (2008 WC) and Red Wings (2009 WC).

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**CHOLACH DROPS CEREMONIAL PUCK AHEAD OF HERITAGE CLASSIC**

Ukrainian hockey player and Barrie Colts defenseman **Arthur Cholach** joined **Wayne Gretzky** for the [ceremonial puck drop](#) before the 2022 Tim Hortons NHL Heritage Classic. Nine kids, ages 6 to 18, representing hockey in Hamilton and the surrounding area also took part.

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Born in Lviv, Ukraine, Artur Cholach was selected by Vegas in the 2021 NHL Draft, one of 28 Ukrainian nationals ever picked. Cholach, 18, has represented his country at multiple international events, most recently in December 2021 at the U-20 World Championship (Div. 1, Group B).

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**WOMEN ALSO WOW AT TIM HORTONS FIELD**

\* After superstar pop-punk songstress and TikTok heavy-hitter **Willow** [started the pre-game festivities](#), GRAMMY and Juno Award-winning artist **Alessia Cara** took to the stage [during the first intermission](#) to bring the sold-out crowd to its feet.

\* Members of the Team Canada Women's Hockey Team, including **Marie-Philip Poulin**, **Sarah Nurse**, **Natalie Spooner** and **Brianne Jenner**, were on location at Tim Hortons Field with their gold medals to [sign autographs for fans](#), power **Lindsay Ell** through the Canadian national anthem and be honored on-field during the second intermission.



**FINAL SCORES FROM SUNDAY'S 10-GAME SLATE**

**NHL SUNDAY'S RESULTS**

2 FINAL > 4	2 FINAL > 5	4 < FINAL OT 3	4 FINAL > 6
4 < FINAL OT 3	6 < FINAL 2	3 FINAL > 4	0 FINAL > 3
2 < FINAL 1	2 FINAL SO 3		

**SILLINGER SIZZLES FOR COLUMBUS WITH FIRST CAREER NHL HAT TRICK**

Blue Jackets forward **Cole Sillinger** (18 years, 301 days) scored the first hat trick of his NHL career

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and became the second-youngest player in franchise history with three goals in a game, behind only **Nikita Filatov** (18 years, 230 days on [Jan. 10, 2009](#)). Sillinger, Filatov and current Blue Jackets forward **Patrik Laine** account for five of the last six instances of an NHL player scoring a hat trick before age 19.

**HAT TRICKS BEFORE AGE 19**  
▶ SINCE 1991-92

PLAYER	TEAM	DATE	AGE
▶ COLE SILLINGER	CBJ	MARCH 13, 2022	18, 301
PATRIK LAINE	WPG	FEB. 14, 2017	18, 301
PATRIK LAINE	WPG	NOV. 8, 2016	18, 203
PATRIK LAINE	WPG	OCT. 19, 2016	18, 183
RYAN NUGENT-HOPKINS	EDM	OCT. 15, 2011	18, 186
NIKITA FILATOV	CBJ	JAN. 10, 2009	18, 230
JORDAN STAAL	PIT	FEB. 10, 2007	18, 153

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\* Sillinger’s father, **Mike**, had one hat trick over the course of his 17-season NHL career. The elder Sillinger scored three goals for St. Louis in its 4-1 win against San Jose in [Game 3 of the 2004 Conference Quarterfinals](#).

### **PREDATORS PREVAIL IN PIVOTAL MATCHUP AFTER WILD RETIRE KOIVU’S No. 9**

Minnesota retired the No. 9 of former captain **Mikko Koivu** in a pre-game ceremony ahead of its pivotal contest against Nashville, with Koivu’s family and friends (including his brother, **Saku**) all in attendance at Xcel Energy Center. Mikko (206-505—711 in 1,035 GP) and Saku (255-577—832 in 1,124 GP), who served as [Canadiens captain for 10 seasons](#), combined for [1,543 career points in the NHL](#).



\* **Filip Forsberg** (2-1—3) and **Roman Josi** (2-2—4) had two goals apiece as the Predators (34-21-4, 72 points) matched the point total of the Wild (34-20-4, 72 points), who occupy third place in the Central Division by virtue of holding a game in hand. Nashville and Minnesota are set to meet two more times this season (April 5 & April 24).

\* Forsberg (31-23—54 in 46 GP) reached 30 markers in a season for the third time in his NHL career and eclipsed **Viktor Arvidsson** (2x) for the [most 30-goal campaigns in franchise history](#). Josi (17-49—66 in 57 GP) recorded his fourth four-point game of the season and moved past Colorado's **Cale Makar** (21-44—65 in 56 GP) for sole possession of the [League scoring lead among defensemen](#).



Roman Josi became the first NHL defenseman with four or more four-point games in a season since Washington's Kevin Hatcher in 1992-93

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**GIROUX GETTING 900TH POINT, CANADIENS' COMEBACK FEATURED IN LIVE UPDATES**

[Sunday's edition of #NHLStats: Live Updates](#) features several more notes from the 10-game slate, including Flyers captain **Claude Giroux** (291-609—900 in 999 GP) reaching the 900-point milestone before the Canadiens scored a game-tying shorthanded goal during the final minute of regulation for the second time in franchise history (since 1933-34 when goals by type were officially tracked).



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Rem Pitlick became the second player in franchise history with a game-tying shorthanded goal during the final minute of regulation, joining Saku Koivu on April 4, 1996 (3-3 T at BOS)

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## QUICK CLICKS

- \* [Wayne Gretzky, Artur Cholach share puck-drop ceremony at Heritage Classic](#)
- \* [Kyle Okposo keeps tradition alive, wears goggles to Sabres outdoor game](#)
- \* [NHL PreGame fest a hit with Heritage Classic fans](#)
- \* [Make-A-Wish recipient Jackson Lewis-Rodriguez gets surprise of a lifetime Saturday night](#)

## SCHMALTZ WILL LOOK TO RELIVE 7-POINT MAGIC IN REMATCH WITH SENATORS

After netting seven points against the Senators nine days ago, **Nick Schmaltz** will look for a follow up performance when the Coyotes play the fourth game of a five-game road trip Monday in Ottawa. Schmaltz (2-5—7 in 1 GP) can equal the franchise benchmark for most points against one opponent in a single season when facing the club fewer than three times - **Alexei Zhamnov** had 2-6—8 for the original Jets in two contests against the Quebec Nordiques in 1993-94.

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