

MORNING SKATE – MARCH 17, 2021

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#NHLSTATS

- ▶ Flames open up seven-point cushion atop Pacific Division
- ▶ Hartman continues career year as Wild tame Bruins
- ▶ Western Conference Wild Card race takes over Thursday slate

* **Andrew Mangiapane's** 30th goal of the season ignited the Flames offense Wednesday as Calgary produced its second-best (tied) 60-game start to a season in franchise history.

* **Ryan Hartman**, in the midst of a career season, helped the Wild withstand a Bruins rally while also bringing an end to rookie **Jeremy Swayman's** eight-game win streak.

* The Western Conference Wild Card race takes over the NHL schedule Thursday, with Vegas, Dallas and Vancouver all in action.

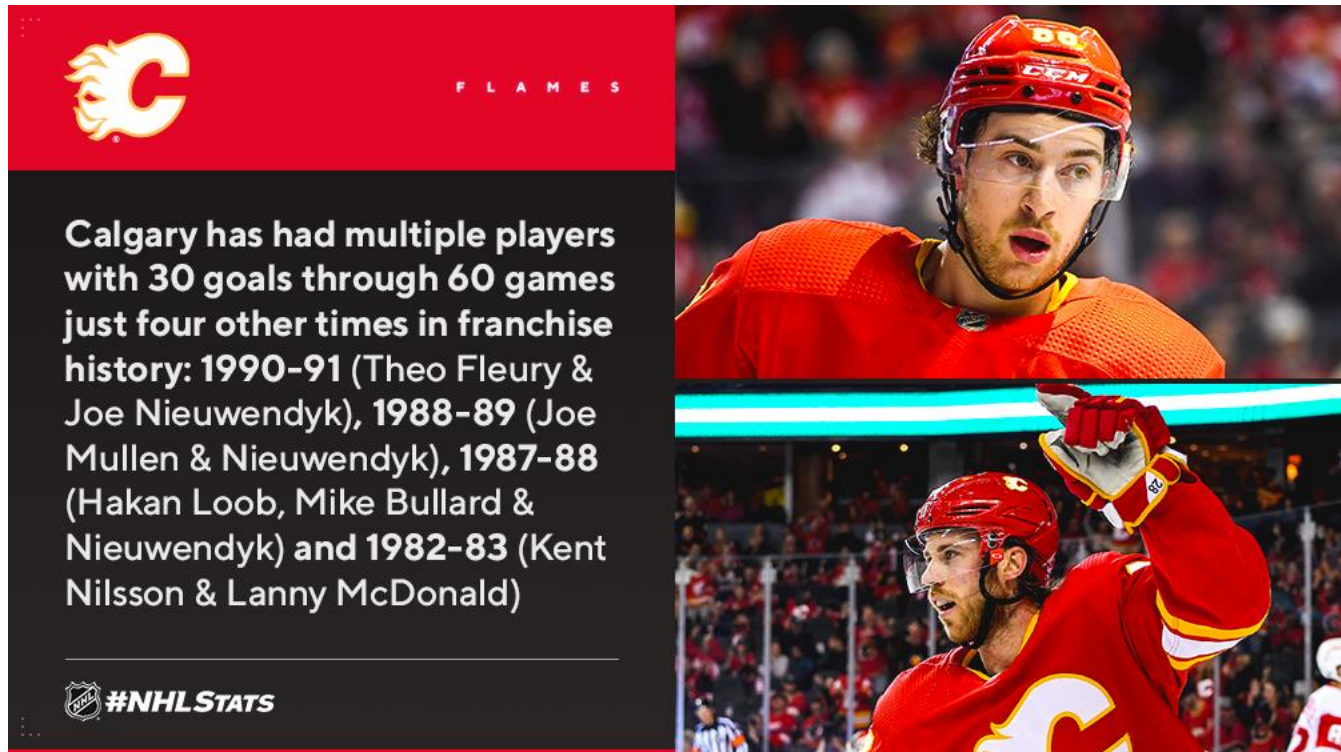
WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS

	4	◀ FINAL	1	
	2	FINAL ▶	4	
	3	FINAL ▶	6	
	4	◀ FINAL	1	


FLAMES OFFENSE IGNITES, PROPELS TEAM TO VICTORY IN GAME NO. 60

Matthew Tkachuk (1-2—3) eclipsed the 70-point mark and **Andrew Mangiapane** (1-0—1) scored his [30th goal of the season](#) to help the Flames (37-16-7, 81 points) open up a seven-point cushion on the idle Kings (33-21-8, 74 points) atop the Pacific Division. Only one campaign in franchise history has seen Calgary collect more wins through its first 60 contests: 1988-89 (41), en route to the club's lone Stanley Cup.

* The Flames became just the second team to boast multiple players with 70-plus points (**Johnny Gaudreau**: 27-52—79 in 60 GP & **Tkachuk**: 28-43—71 in 60 GP) and 30-plus goals (**Elias Lindholm**: 30-33—63 in 60 GP & **Mangiapane**: 30-14—44 in 60 GP) this season, joining the Oilers (**Connor McDavid**: 33-52—85 in 59 GP & **Leon Draisaitl**: 39-44—83 in 60 GP).




Calgary has had multiple players with 30 goals through 60 games just four other times in franchise history: 1990-91 (Theo Fleury & Joe Nieuwendyk), 1988-89 (Joe Mullen & Nieuwendyk), 1987-88 (Hakan Loob, Mike Bullard & Nieuwendyk) and 1982-83 (Kent Nilsson & Lanny McDonald)

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KAPRIZOV, HARTMAN HELP WILD TAME BRUINS

Kirill Kaprizov (2-0—2) and **Ryan Hartman** (1-1—2) led the way as the Wild (35-20-4, 74 points) staved off a Bruins comeback attempt and handed Boston just its second regulation loss dating to Feb. 19 – a span of 13 games. Minnesota reclaimed third place in the Central Division from idle Nashville (35-21-4, 74 points).

* Hartman (24-21—45 in 59 GP), who has already set career highs in goals and points, has seen a significant rebound in his offensive production after recording 7-15—22 (51 GP) in 2020-21.




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Largest season-to-season goal improvement, franchise history:

20 - Marian Gaborik
18 in 2003-04, 38 in 2005-06

17 - Ryan Hartman
7 in 2020-21, 24 in 2021-22

^MIN. 50 GP IN EACH SEASON (ALL w/ MIN)

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* Kaprizov, who boosted his season totals to 32-43—75 (58 GP), is on pace for 45 goals and 105 points. Should he meet those numbers, Kaprizov would set franchise records for [goals](#) and [points](#) in a season, besting the current marks of 42 goals (**Eric Staal**: 2017-18 & **Marian Gaborik**: 2007-08) and 83 points (Gaborik: 2007-08).

HEDMAN'S 60-POINT SEASON HEADLINES #NHLSTATS: LIVE UPDATES

The [Wednesday edition](#) of #NHLStats: Live Updates featured **Victor Hedman** (17-43—60 in 60 GP) hitting the 60-point mark for the third time in his career – the most among all defensemen in [franchise history](#) – as his Lightning became the first team to [earn 20 road wins](#) in 2021-22.



Only two defensemen have posted more 60-point seasons than Victor Hedman (3) since his NHL debut in 2009-10: Erik Karlsson (6) and Brent Burns (5)

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GENDER EQUALITY MONTH: SEATTLE KRAKEN + REFUGEE WOMEN'S ALLIANCE

The Kraken have [partnered with Refugee Women's Alliance](#) (ReWA) to develop a 32-week learn to skate program for children ages 4-5 from refugee and immigrant families. The partnership includes transportation, equipment and coaching for 60 youth from three low-income Seattle neighborhoods.

* ReWA is a Seattle-based nonprofit, multi-ethnic organization that provides holistic services in more than 50 languages and dialects to help refugee and immigrant women and families stabilize and thrive. The concept is to promote inclusion, independence and equal access while respecting cultural values.



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"I am very grateful the Kraken offers this awesome training. I hope they realize how much this is appreciated. They are making a positive impact now and for the kids' future.

"Learning how to get back up when you fall is really teaching a life lesson. It can materialize into the good decisions each child will make as an adult. When you fall, you get back up and keep going. That is how I see it."

- ReWA participant



QUICK CLICKS

- * [NHL Statement on the Passing of Jean Potvin](#)
- * [Alex Ovechkin chase for Wayne Gretzky's NHL goal-scoring record feeling real](#)
- * [Mark Giordano's father narrates his son's journey to 1,000 games](#)
- * [Frank Vatrano traded to Rangers by Panthers](#)
- * [Claude Giroux, Marc-Andre Fleury among players to watch ahead of NHL Trade Deadline](#)



TRADE DEADLINE

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MONDAY, MARCH 21, 2022

THE WILD WILD WEST: FINAL WILD CARD RACE IN WESTERN CONFERENCE INTENSIFIES

A fierce battle for the final Wild Card spot in the Western Conference will continue Thursday when three of the four teams separated by just two points take to the ice. Vegas (32-26-4, 68 points), currently in Wild Card positioning, welcomes Eastern Conference-leading Florida (41-13-6, 88 points) while Dallas (32-23-3, 67 points) and Vancouver (30-24-7, 67 points) – each on the outside looking in – face Montreal (16-36-8, 40 points) and Detroit (24-29-7, 55 points), respectively.























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TONIGHT'S SCHEDULE

THURSDAY, MARCH 17, 2022

7:00 PM ET	 @ 	MSG+, MSG	7:00 PM ET	 @ 	TVAS, SNO, BSSO
7:00 PM ET	 @ 	RDS, TSN2, BSSW	7:00 PM ET	 @ 	BSSO, NBCSP
7:00 PM ET	 @ 	BSOH, NBCSWA	8:00 PM ET	 @ 	BSMW, ATTSN-PT, SNE, SN360
9:00 PM ET	 @ 	SNW, MSG-B	10:00 PM ET	 @ 	SNP, BSDET
10:00 PM ET	 @ 	HULU, ESPN+	10:30 PM ET	 @ 	BSFL, ATTSN-RM, SNO, SNE, SN1



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

* The Golden Knights can strengthen their grip on the final Wild Card spot and improve to 4-0-0 all-time against the Panthers at T-Mobile Arena – Florida is one of five teams that Vegas is [undefeated at home against](#). **Reilly Smith** (4-2—6 in 3 GP) and **Jonathan Marchessault** (1-5—6) lead all Golden Knights players with six points, respectively, in their three previous home contests versus the club.

* **Jason Robertson** and the Stars look to reclaim the final Wild Card position Thursday when they face the Canadiens at Bell Centre for the first time since Feb. 15, 2020 (4-3 W). Robertson (30-25—55 in 50 GP) has scored 20 of his team-leading 30 goals since Jan. 1 – only three players have [recorded more through that span](#): **David Pastrnak** (25), **Auston Matthews** (25) and **Gabriel Landeskog** (21).

* **J.T. Miller** (8-19—27 in 13 GP) aims to extend the NHL's longest active point streak to 14 games as the Canucks, who were six spots out of the second Wild Card seed when **Bruce Boudreau** took over as head coach on Dec. 6, 2021, look to move into a playoff position for the first time since Oct. 27, 2019. Miller (24-49—73 in 59 GP), who established a single-season career high in points last game, has 27 points since his run began on Feb. 12 and can become the fourth different Canucks player to reach the 50-assist mark in 60 contests or fewer.



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FEWEST GAMES TO 50 ASSISTS IN A SEASON

► FRANCHISE HISTORY

PLAYER	SEASON	GP
HENRIK SEDIN	2010-11	49
HENRIK SEDIN	2009-10	50
DANIEL SEDIN	2009-10	52
HENRIK SEDIN	2011-12	58
ANDRE BOUDRIAS	1974-75	59
HENRIK SEDIN	2007-08	60

*J.T. MILLER (24-49-73 IN 59 GP) CAN JOIN THIS LIST



GIROUX SET TO SKATE IN 1,000TH CAREER GAME

Claude Giroux (291-609—900 in 999 GP) is set to join Bobby Clarke (358-852—1,210 in 1,144 GP) as the second player to skate in 1,000 career games with the franchise, with Clarke standing as the only Philadelphia player Giroux trails in [assists](#) and [points](#). The Flyers are set to honor their captain with a pre-game ceremony, which will include the former captain and franchise icon.



“It’s huge. He is obviously Mr. Flyer and he’s been there since day one for me. He’s the one that drafted me, the one who said my name and since then any position he has been in with the Flyers he has always been a great friend, always there to support and help me... he definitely helped me a lot in my career.”



CLAUDE GIROUX
ON JOINING BOBBY CLARKE IN FLYERS HISTORY