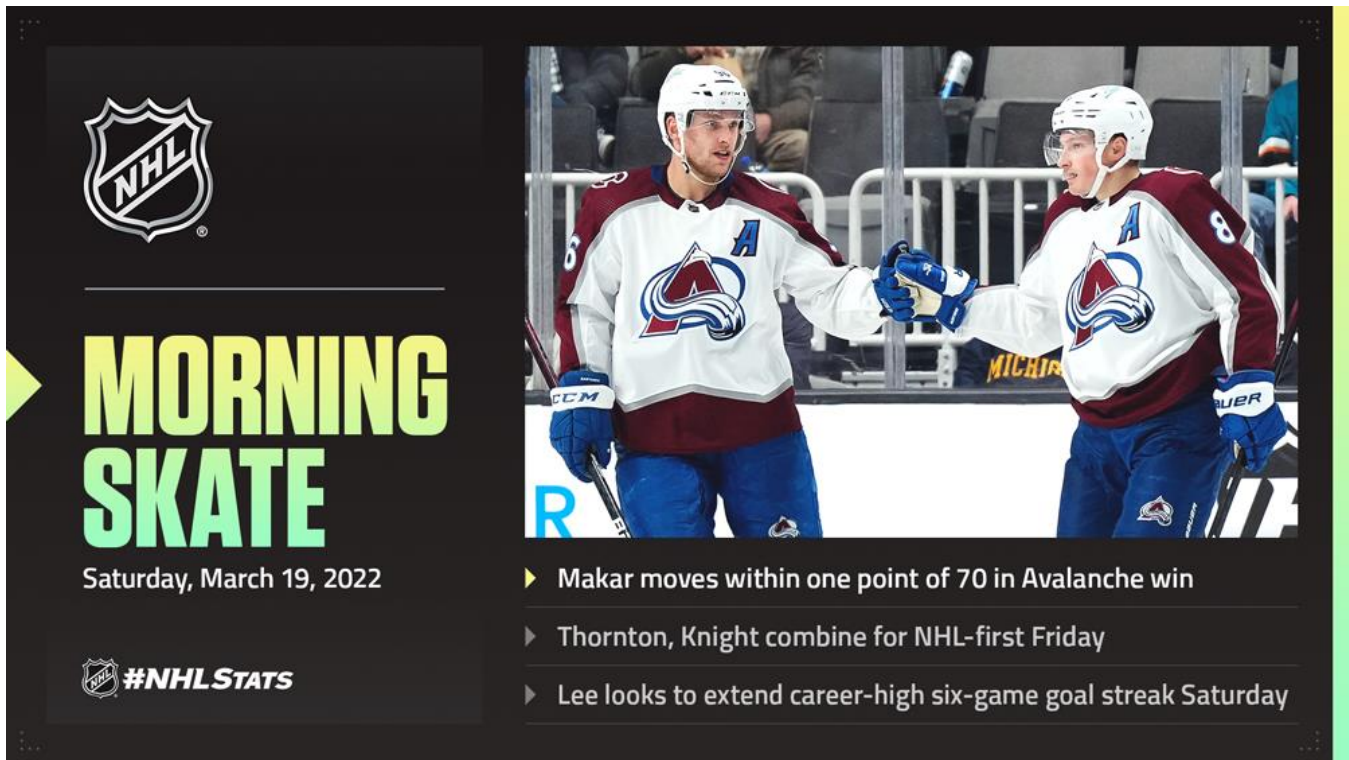


## NHL MORNING SKATE – MARCH 19, 2022



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Saturday, March 19, 2022

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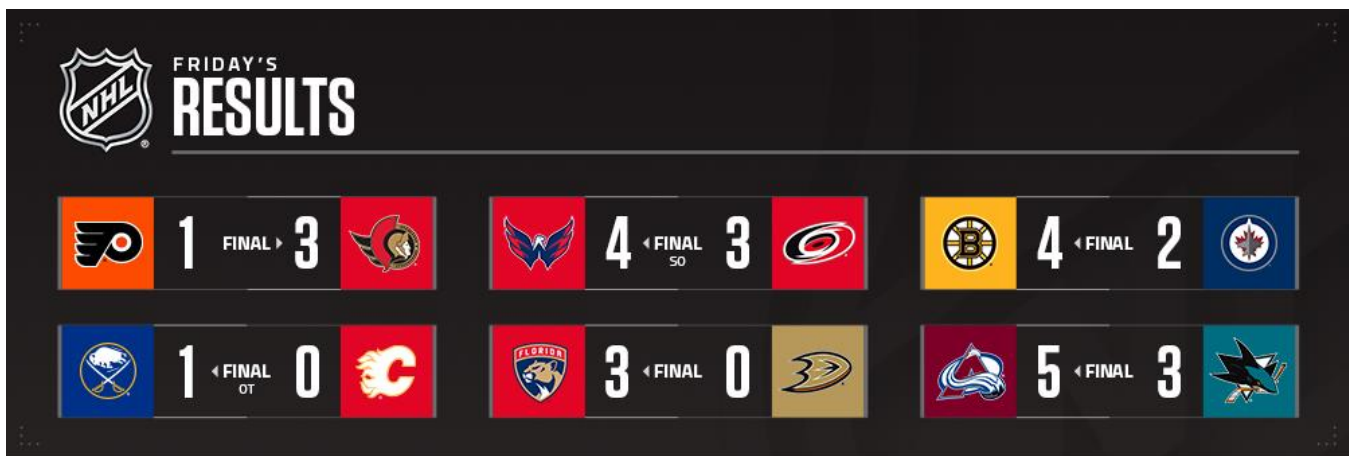
- ▶ Makar moves within one point of 70 in Avalanche win
- ▶ Thornton, Knight combine for NHL-first Friday
- ▶ Lee looks to extend career-high six-game goal streak Saturday

\* The League-leading Avalanche hung on to secure a victory against the Sharks, while the Eastern Conference-leading Panthers defeated the Ducks to keep pace.













\* The Bruins and Capitals, who occupy the first and second Wild Card spot in the Eastern Conference, respectively, also earned wins.

\* Saturday's slate is set to open with Islanders captain **Anders Lee** putting his [career-high six-game goal streak](#) on the line before the defending Stanley Cup champions host the Rangers on ABC.

\* The 2021-22 NHL season will enter its final quarter after the fourth game Saturday. [Click here](#) for a By the Numbers look at some storylines to keep an eye on over the home stretch.



**FRIDAY'S RESULTS**

 1 FINAL 3 	 4 FINAL 3 	 4 FINAL 2 
 1 FINAL OT 0 	 3 FINAL 0 	 5 FINAL 3 

### AVALANCHE STOP SHARKS' COMEBACK; THORNTON, KNIGHT COMBINE FOR NHL-FIRST

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The League-leading Avalanche (44-13-5, 93 points) quelled a comeback attempt by the Sharks to earn a win at SAP Center, while the Eastern Conference-leading Panthers (42-14-6, 90 points) blanked the Ducks to join Colorado in the 90-point club:

\* **Cale Makar** (1-2—3) factored on three of his team's five goals and boosted his 2021-22 totals to 22-47—69 (58 GP), the [second-most points in a season by an Avalanche/Nordiques defenseman](#) behind only **Steve Duchesne** (82 in 1992-93). Makar also tied **Jeff Brown** (47 in 1988-89) for the [third-most assists in a single campaign by an Avalanche/Nordiques defenseman](#), trailing only Duchesne (62 in 1992-93) and **Ray Bourque** (52 in 2000-01).

The graphic features the Colorado Avalanche logo in the top left corner on a maroon background. Below the logo, the word "AVALANCHE" is written in white capital letters. The main text is on a dark grey background, stating that Cale Makar scored his 22nd goal of the 2021-22 season, which is the most by a defenseman in the franchise's history. It also mentions Sandis Ozolinsh's record of 23 goals in the 1996-97 season. The bottom left corner has the NHL logo and the hashtag #NHLSTATS. On the right side, there are two photographs of Cale Makar in his Avalanche uniform: the top one shows him in a white jersey with maroon and blue accents, and the bottom one shows him in a maroon jersey with blue and white accents.

\* **Joe Thornton** scored his first goal since returning to the Panthers' lineup and **Spencer Knight** (17 saves) recorded the first shutout of his NHL career as Florida opened a two-point lead on Carolina (41-14-6, 88 points) atop the Eastern Conference. Friday marked the first game in NHL history to feature a skater age 40 or older with a goal and a goaltender age 20 or younger with a shutout.



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### **BRUINS, CAPITALS INCH CLOSER TO THIRD PLACE IN RESPECTIVE DIVISION**

Boston (38-19-5, 81 points) and Washington (35-18-10, 80 points) won Friday to move closer to third place in the Atlantic and Metropolitan Division, respectively:

\* **Brad Marchand** (25-35—60 in 51 GP) scored his 25th goal of the season and **Taylor Hall** had the go-ahead tally with 4:47 remaining in regulation as the Bruins climbed within two points of the idle Maple Leafs (39-17-5, 83 points), who occupy third place in the Atlantic Division. Marchand (344-431—775 in 855 GP) scored the 344th goal of his NHL career and tied **Cam Neely** (344-246—590 in 525 GP) for sixth place on the [franchise's all-time list](#).



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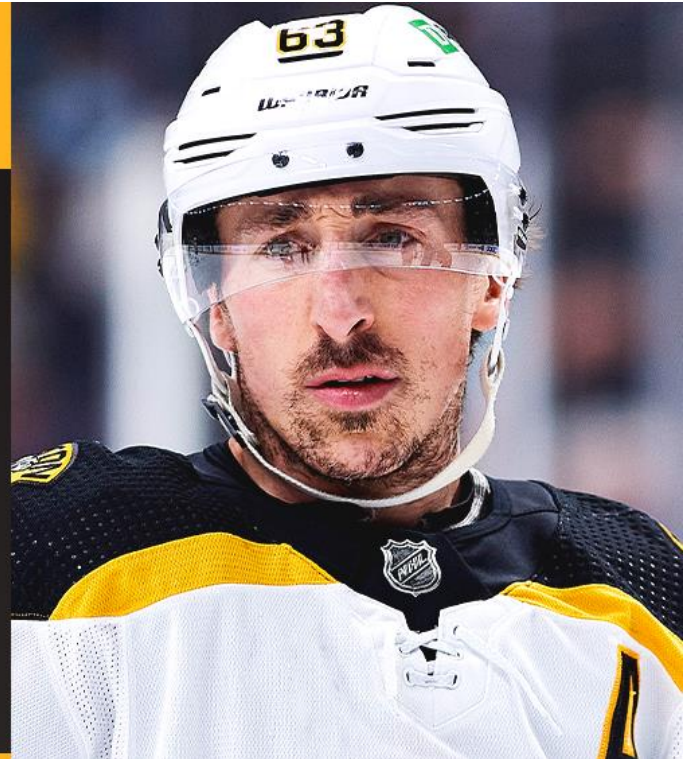


BRUINS

## Most 25-goal seasons, Bruins history:

- 11 - Johnny Bucyk
- 9 - Brad Marchand
- 9 - Rick Middleton
- 8 - Phil Esposito
- 8 - Cam Neely

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\* **Alex Ovechkin** tied the game with 5:04 left in the third period and scored the shootout winner as the Capitals moved within one point of the idle Rangers (38-18-5, 81 points), who sit third in the Metropolitan Division. Ovechkin (769-626—1,395 in 1,258 GP) surpassed **Luc Robitaille** (668-726—1,394 in 1,431 GP) for sole possession of 22nd place on the [NHL's all-time points list](#) – passing Robitaille also made Ovechkin the [highest-scoring left wing in League history](#).

### **#STANLEYCUP PLAYOFFS RACE: WESTERN CONFERENCE WILD CARD**

Every Saturday for the balance of the regular season, the #NHLStats team will place a weekly spotlight on one of the League's postseason races. Nashville, which occupies the first Wild Card spot, is currently tied – in terms of points – with Minnesota, which sits third in the Central Division. Vegas, which holds the second Wild Card position, is within two points of Edmonton, which ranks third in the Pacific Division.

\* Closeness has been a trend in the [Western Conference standings](#) throughout the campaign – the separation between the second Wild Card team and the first non-playoff team has been a difference of five points or fewer for the entire season. The race has been even tighter in the past month, with that difference narrowed to two points or fewer for all but one day since Feb. 14.


\* The Predators, in search of an [eighth consecutive playoff appearance](#) and 15th overall, are tied for the second-most postseason trips since 2004 when they clinched for the first time. Only the Penguins have more appearances in that span and a longer streak of consecutive playoff berths (both 15).

\* The Golden Knights currently have their grasp on the second Wild Card spot in the Western Conference, with hopes of clinching a postseason berth for the fifth consecutive year since its inaugural season in 2017-18. Only three teams in NHL history have made the playoffs in each of their first five seasons: Edmonton (13; 1980–1992), NY Rangers (9; 1927–1935) and St. Louis (6; 1968–1973).




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# PLAYOFF RACE



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WESTERN CONFERENCE

WILD CARD	GP	W	L	OT	PTS	P%
 NASHVILLE	61	35	22	4	74	.607
 VEGAS	63	33	26	4	70	.556
 DALLAS	59	33	23	3	69	.585
 VANCOUVER	62	30	25	7	67	.540
 WINNIPEG	62	28	24	10	66	.532
 ANAHEIM	64	27	26	11	65	.508



**TRADE DEADLINE**

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**MONDAY, MARCH 21, 2022**

\* The two-time defending Stanley Cup champion Lightning [acquired forward Brandon Hagel](#), Chicago's 4th-round selection in 2022 and 4th-round pick in 2024 from the Blackhawks in exchange for forwards **Taylor Raddysh**, **Boris Katchouk**, Tampa's 1st-round selection in 2023 and 1st-round selection in 2024.

\* Hagel (21-16—37 in 55 GP) has posted career highs in goals, assists and points in 2021-22, while Raddysh won an OHL championship with the Erie Otters in 2016-17 alongside new Blackhawks teammates **Alex DeBrincat** and **Dylan Strome**.

**NHL PODCAST WEEKLY ROUNDUP**

- \* [Fantasy on Ice \(3/14\): Highlighting the best pickups entering the week](#)
- \* [NHL @TheRink \(3/16\): Guest Tom Gulitti, NHL.com's Washington-based writer](#)
- \* [The Chirp \(3/17\): Guest Tarik El-Bashir \(The Athletic/Turner Sports\) talks Ovechkin milestone](#)
- \* [Fantasy on Ice \(3/17\): Guest David Pagnotta \(The Fourth Period, NHLN\) talks Trade Deadline](#)

**QUICK CLICKS**

- \* [#NHLStats: Live Updates – Friday, March 18, 2022](#)
- \* [Tage Thompson gives Sabres OT win against Flames](#)
- \* [Josh Norris breaks tie in third, helps Senators defeat Flyers](#)
- \* [Rangers' 'winning mentality' could be key at Lightning on Saturday](#)
- \* ['NHL Tonight' to air its first all-women broadcast on Tuesday at 6 p.m. ET](#)

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MONTH



"I grew up with people constantly referring to me as 'one of the boys' and it was intended as a compliment, but I'm not one of the boys. I'm one of the girls and we like hockey too! So, I can't wait to sit back, watch games, and talk hockey with two women I admire and show all the little girls at home that they don't have to be one of the boys to love the game." - Jackie Redmond

























### SATURDAY'S SLATE INCLUDES CLASH BETWEEN LIGHTNING, RANGERS ON ABC

Saturday's 11-game slate is highlighted by a pivotal matchup between the Lightning (39-15-6, 84 points) and Rangers (38-18-5, 81 points) on ABC and ESPN+. Tampa Bay and New York enter Saturday occupying third and sixth place, respectively, in the tightly-contested Eastern Conference standings.



## TONIGHT'S SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, MARCH 19, 2022

2:00 PM ET	 @ 	BSSW, MSG+	2:00 PM ET	 @ 	BSWI, BSN, NHLN, NBCSCH
3:00 PM ET	 @ 	SN, MSG	4:00 PM ET	 @ 	BSW, ATTSN-RM
5:00 PM ET	 @ 	BSMW, BSOH	5:00 PM ET	 @ 	BSAZ, ATTSN-PT
7:00 PM ET	 @ 	TVAS, SN360, CITY, SNE	7:00 PM ET	 @ 	BSSO, SNP, SNW, SNO, CBC
8:00 PM ET	 @ 	ABC, ESPN+	10:00 PM ET	 @ 	CBC, SN, CITY
10:00 PM ET	 @ 	ROOT-NW, BSET			



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