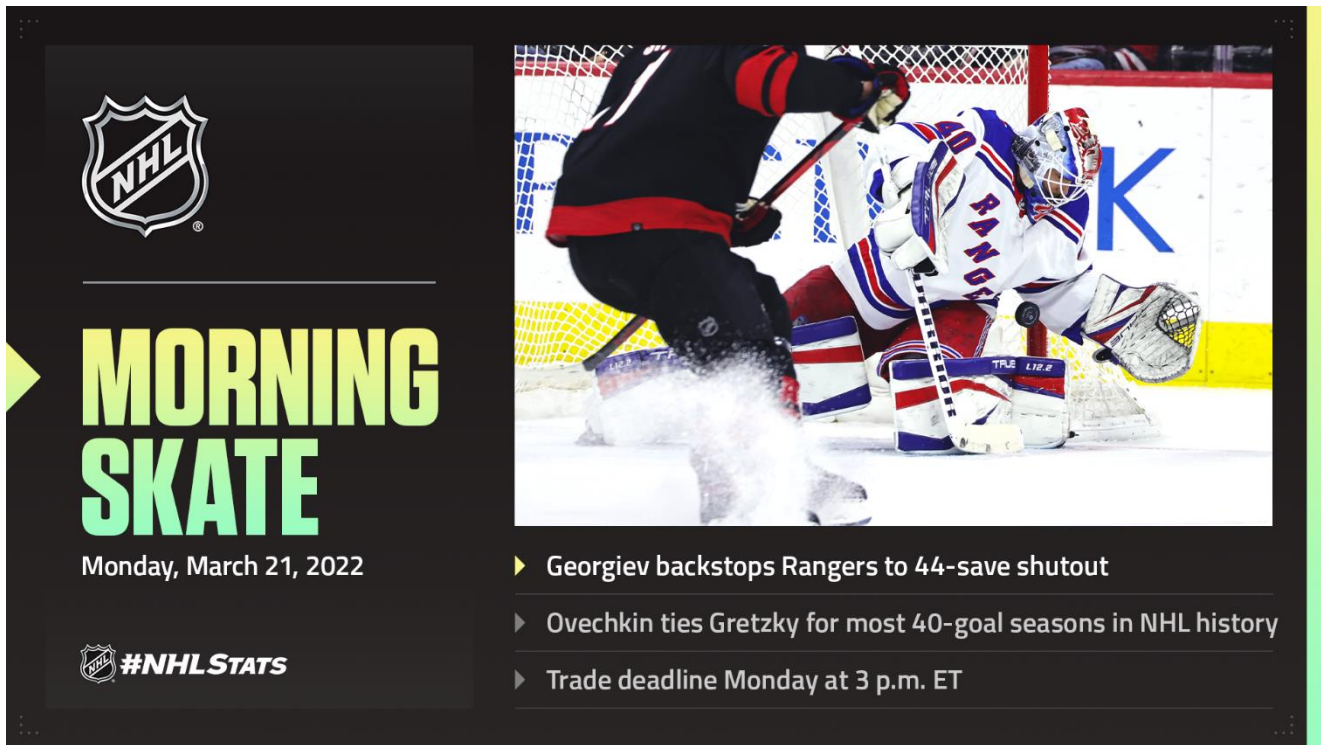


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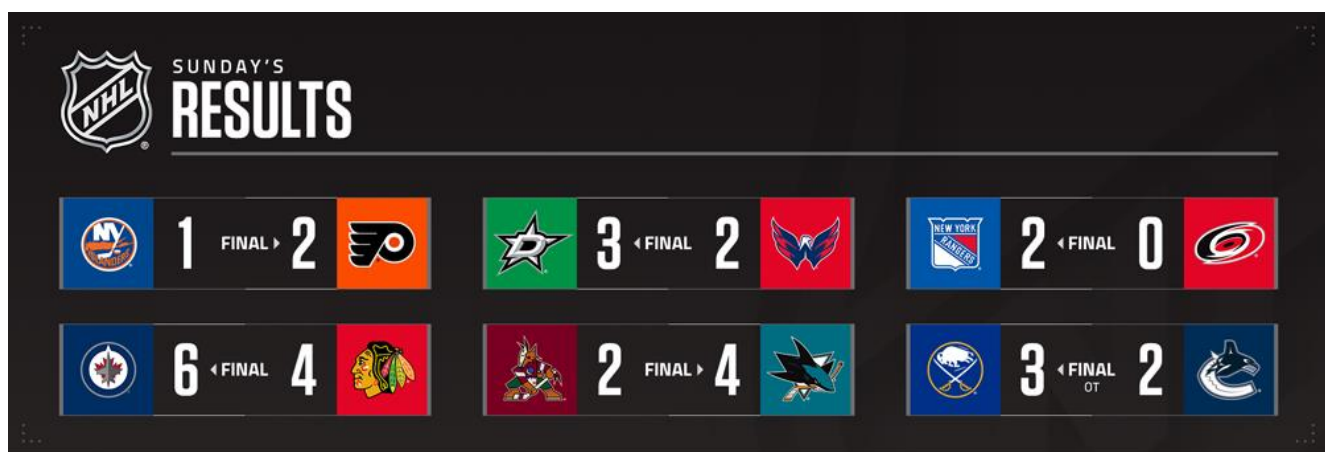
- ▶ Georgiev backstops Rangers to 44-save shutout
- ▶ Ovechkin ties Gretzky for most 40-goal seasons in NHL history
- ▶ Trade deadline Monday at 3 p.m. ET

* **Alexandar Georgiev** made the second-most saves in a shutout performance by a Rangers goaltender (since 1955-56 when shots on goal began being tracked) behind only **Henrik Lundqvist** (45 saves on Jan. 12, 2010).













* **Alex Ovechkin** (40-36—76 in 62 GP) recorded his 12th career 40-goal season and tied **Wayne Gretzky** for the most in NHL history.

* **Mark Giordano** (Toronto, Ont.) is returning to his hometown – the one he cheered for as a kid – in an acquisition by the Maple Leafs ahead of Monday's 3 p.m. ET trade deadline.

* Eight teams will be in action Monday, including three currently occupying a Wild Card spot in the League standings as the NHL moves into the final 40 days of the regular season.



SUNDAY'S RESULTS

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 6 ◀ FINAL 4 	 2 FINAL ▶ 4 	 3 ◀ FINAL OT 2 

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GEORGIEV SECURES FRANCHISE FEAT WITH 44-SAVE SHUTOUT

Alexandar Georgiev made 44 saves for his seventh career shutout and his first of the season, while **Chris Kreider** and **Frank Vatrano** accounted for the game's only goals as the Rangers (40-18-5, 85 points) leapfrogged the idle Penguins (38-16-9, 85 points) for second place in the Metropolitan Division. The club is now just three points back from the division-leading Hurricanes (41-15-6, 88 points).

* Georgiev became the fourth different Rangers goaltender to record 40-plus saves in a shutout (since 1955-56 when shots on goal began being tracked) and the first since **Henrik Lundqvist** on [Feb. 14, 2012](#).





MOST SAVES IN A SHUTOUT

▶ SINCE 1955-56*

GOALTENDER	DATE	SAVES
HENRIK LUNDQVIST	JAN. 12, 2010	45
ALEXANDAR GEORGIEV	MARCH 20, 2022	44
HENRIK LUNDQVIST	FEB. 14, 2012	42
GUMP WORSLEY	NOV. 5, 1955	42
JOHN VANBIESBROUCK	OCT. 12, 1990	41
HENRIK LUNDQVIST	OCT. 18, 2011	40
HENRIK LUNDQVIST	NOV. 26, 2010	40
JOHN VANBIESBROUCK	DEC. 6, 1992	40
GUMP WORSLEY	JAN. 31, 1962	40

*WHEN SHOTS ON GOAL BEGAN BEING TRACKED

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* Vatrano scored his first goal in a Rangers uniform Sunday with his teammate **Jacob Trouba** (0-1—1) also finding the score sheet. Vatrano and Trouba played together on the U.S. National Team Development Program more than a decade ago (2010-11 & 2011-12) which led to Trouba unearthing pictures from high school via [a retweet to welcome the newest Rangers player last Wednesday](#).



VETERANS HIGHLIGHT SUNDAY

NHL veterans **Joe Pavelski** (37 years, 252 days) and **Alex Ovechkin** (36 years, 184 days) each had notable performances Sunday when the pair faced off against one another for the 22nd time in their careers, with Pavelski improving to 15-5-2 in those contests (Ovechkin: 7-10-5).

* Pavelski (0-2—2) improved his season totals to a team-leading 23-39—62 (61 GP) to help the Stars (34-24-3, 71 points) move within one point of the idle Golden Knights (34-26-4, 72 points) for the final Wild Card spot in the tight Western Conference playoff race. Pavelski recorded his 30th career multi-point game since joining Dallas in 2019-20, which trails only **Roope Hintz** (32 GP) for the most by a Stars player over that span.



Joe Pavelski can become the sixth player age 37+ to lead his team in scoring in consecutive seasons, joining Martin St. Louis (2012-13 & 2013-14 w/ TBL), Adam Oates (1999-00 & 2000-01 w/ WSH), Wayne Gretzky (1997-98 & 1998-99 w/ NYR), Phil Esposito (1978-79 & 1979-80 w/ NYR) and Gordie Howe (1967-68, 1968-69 & 1969-70 w/ DET)

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* **Alex Ovechkin** (40-36—76 in 62 GP) scored to secure his 12th career 40-goal season and tied **Wayne Gretzky** for the most in NHL history in the process. Ovechkin, who is on pace for 51 goals in 2021-22, became the the fourth player this season to reach the 40-goal mark as he joined **Auston Matthews** (46), **Chris Kreider** (41) and **Leon Draisaitl** (41).



Alex Ovechkin (62 GP) required the fewest games to reach 40 goals in a season at age 36 or older, besting the previous mark held by Gordie Howe (70 GP in 1968-69) and Teemu Selanne (70 GP in 2006-07)

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CONNOR TALLIES FOUR POINTS ON #NHLSTATS: LIVE UPDATES

[Sunday's edition of #NHLStats: Live Updates](#) saw Winnipeg's leading scorer **Kyle Connor** (39-38—77 in 63 GP) record his first four-point game of the season as the Jets (29-24-10, 68 points) moved within four points of the idle Golden Knights (34-26-4, 72 points), who occupy the final Wild Card spot in the Western Conference.



▶ FRANCHISE HISTORY	
PLAYER	GP
ILYA KOVALCHUK	20
BLAKE WHEELER	12
VYACHESLAV KOZLOV	9
MARK SCHEIFELE	8
MARIAN HOSSA	6
KYLE CONNOR	5
MARC SAVARD	5

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* **Mark Giordano** and **Colin Blackwell** were [traded by the Kraken to the Maple Leafs](#) in exchange for a second-round pick in 2022, a second-round pick in 2023 and a third-round pick in 2024.

* **Robert Hagg** was [traded by the Sabres to the Panthers](#) in exchange for a sixth-round pick in the 2022 NHL Draft.

* **Troy Stecher** was [traded by the Red Wings to the Kings](#) in exchange for a seventh-round pick in the 2022 NHL Draft.

* **Travis Dermott** was [traded by the Maple Leafs to the Canucks](#) in exchange for a third-round pick in the 2022 NHL Draft.

* **Travis Hamonic** was [traded by the Canucks to the Senators](#) in exchange for a third-round pick in the 2022 NHL Draft.

* **Nick Paul** was [traded by the Senators to the Lightning](#) in exchange for **Mathieu Joseph** and a fourth-round pick in the 2024 NHL Draft.



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* **Jeremy Lauzon** was [traded by the Kraken to the Predators](#) in exchange for a second-round pick in the 2022 NHL Draft.

* **Scott Wedgewood** was [traded by the Coyotes to the Stars](#) in exchange for a conditional fourth-round pick in the 2023 NHL Draft.

* **Mason Appleton** was [traded by the Kraken to the Jets](#) in exchange for a fourth-round pick in the 2023 NHL Draft.

DID YOU KNOW?

Mark Giordano and Maple Leafs defenseman **TJ Brodie** skated 580 games together with the Flames from 2010-11 to 2019-20 (561 regular season, 19 playoffs). They both factored on 45 regular-season goals and two playoff tallies in that span.

* Giordano, who won the James Norris Memorial Trophy in 2018-19, became the fourth defenseman to win the award and later join the Maple Leafs. He follows **Brian Leetch** (1991-1992 & 1996-97), **Pierre Pilote** (1962-63, 1963-64 & 1964-65) and **Red Kelly** (1953-54).

* Giordano is the latest player to join Toronto after playing for a professional team based in Seattle. Another notable player to do so was **Pat Quinn**, who helped the Seattle Totems win the Lester Patrick Cup as WHL champions in 1966-67 before playing with the Maple Leafs from 1968-69 to 1969-70 – Quinn later served several seasons as Toronto’s head coach (1998-99–2005-06) and general manager (1999-00–2002-03).



**NOTABLE PLAYERS WHO JOINED TORONTO
AFTER PLAYING FOR A PRO TEAM BASED IN SEATTLE**
▶ FRANCHISE HISTORY

PLAYER	SEATTLE TEAM
MARK GIORDANO	KRAKEN (NHL)
RON SEDLBAUER	TOTEMS (CHL)
DAVE DUNN	TOTEMS (WHL)
PAT QUINN	TOTEMS (WHL)
GERRY FOLEY	BOMBERS (WHL)
AL ROLLINS	IRONMEN (PCHL)
JACK ARBOUR	METROPOLITANS (PCHA)
ALVIN FISHER	METROPOLITANS (PCHA)
CULLY WILSON	METROPOLITANS (PCHA)
HAP HOLMES	METROPOLITANS (PCHA)


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GENDER EQUALITY MONTH: AVALANCHE SUPPORT OF GIRLS HOCKEY

Over the last five years, the Avalanche have placed an increased focus on providing access and driving awareness for the girls’ game. While the [Avalanche supports the growth of girls’ hockey](#) year-round with programs such as girls only ‘Learn to Play’ sessions, girls only ‘Try Hockey for Free’ sessions, and more, a platform that takes place every fall has become a pillar of the Avalanche brand: [Girls Hockey](#)


[Night](#). The goal of this platform is to proudly show support of girls' hockey, provide visibility to the girls that play and are fans of the game, and lower barriers to entry for young women interested in joining the hockey community.

CELEBRATING
**GENDER
EQUALITY**
MONTH



“My goal in the next couple years is to elevate some of the other women in the state. So the Avalanche has a pool of players to call on and not just me. I want to highlight their successes and get them more involved as well.”

– Michele Amidon, NHL Female Ambassador for the Avalanche and former U.S. Women’s National Team player



QUICK CLICKS

- * [Hampus Lindholm agrees to eight-year contract with Bruins one day after trade](#)
- * [Aaron Ekblad out week to week for Panthers with lower-body injury](#)
- * [Claude Giroux, Ben Chiarot trades send message Panthers 'all in' for Stanley Cup](#)
- * [William Nylander endorses Auston Matthews for Hart Trophy in sit-down with NHL.com](#)

NHL ENTERS FINAL 40 DAYS OF 2021-22 REGULAR SEASON

The NHL enters its final 40 days of the regular season with eight teams in action Monday, including three currently occupying a Wild Card spot in the League standings.



TONIGHT'S SCHEDULE

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7:00 PM ET		@		RDS, SN, NESN, NHLN
8:00 PM ET		@		BSWI, BSN, ATTSN-RM, TVAS
9:30 PM ET		@		ALT, SN (JIP), SN1
10:00 PM ET		@		BSSO, BSSD, BSSC



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

* The Bruins (38-19-5, 81 points) visit the Canadiens (17-36-9, 43 points) at Centre Bell in the 930th all-time meeting between the franchises (753 regular season, 177 playoffs). Boston occupies the first Wild Card position in the Eastern Conference and sits two points back of Toronto (39-18-5, 83 points), which holds the third seed in the Atlantic Division.

* The Predators (36-22-4, 76 points), who play the Ducks (27-26-11, 65 points) at Honda Center, occupy the first Wild Card spot in the Western Conference. Nashville has the same amount of standings points as Minnesota (36-20-4, 76 points), which sits third in the Central Division by virtue of holding two games in hand.

* The Golden Knights (34-26-4, 72 points) go head-to-head with the Wild at Xcel Energy Center in the third and final game of their season series (VGK: 2-0-0; MIN: 0-2-0). Vegas, which occupies the final Wild Card spot in the Western Conference, faces Winnipeg (29-24-10, 68 points) Tuesday and Nashville Thursday.

* The Oilers (35-23-4, 74 points) will look to extend their winning streak to a season-high six games when they take on the League-leading Avalanche (44-13-5, 93 points) at Ball Arena. Edmonton has jumped from ninth place in the Western Conference to third in the Pacific Division since its run began on March 9.

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