



NHL MORNING SKATE – APRIL 4, 2022




The image shows several Florida Panthers players in their white home jerseys with red and gold accents, celebrating on the ice. One player's jersey number, 11, and name, HUBERDEAU, are visible. They are standing behind a white and blue barrier with red 'M' logos.



MORNING SKATE

Monday, April 4, 2022

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- ▶ Panthers become first team to clinch playoff berth
- ▶ Draisaitl hits pair of milestones with 100th point, 50th goal
- ▶ Pivotal matchups highlight Monday's schedule

* **Jonathan Huberdeau** scored a goal Sunday to help the Panthers become the first team to clinch a berth in the 2022 Stanley Cup Playoffs and establish a new franchise record for points in a single season.

* **Leon Draisaitl** had 1-1—2 at Honda Center to reach 50 goals on the season and join teammate **Connor McDavid** as the NHL's second member of the 100-point club.

* Monday's four-game slate opens with a clash in Columbus between the Blue Jackets and Bruins, followed by the Lightning welcoming the Maple Leafs to AMALIE Arena. Boston trails Tampa Bay and Toronto by two points in the Atlantic Division standings.



SUNDAY'S RESULTS



PANTHERS BECOME FIRST TO CLINCH PLAYOFF BERTH IN 2021-22

The Eastern Conference-leading Panthers (48-15-6, 102 points) became the first team to clinch a berth in the 2022 Stanley Cup Playoffs on Sunday afternoon with their victory over the Sabres. It marked the second consecutive day they rallied from a deficit to win and their 23rd comeback victory this season – the only team with more is the Rangers (24).



* The Panthers have reached the postseason in three straight campaigns for the first time in franchise history. Florida will aim for its first series victory since the [1996 Eastern Conference Final](#), a seven-game affair that saw the Panthers (in their third NHL season) eliminate a Penguins team that had won two of the previous five Stanley Cup championships and included **Mario Lemieux**, **Jaromir Jagr** and **Sergei Zubov**.

* **Jonathan Huberdeau** scored Florida's first goal to improve his season totals to 24-73—97 in 69 games, surpassing **Aleksander Barkov** (35-61—96 in 2018-19) for the [most points in a single season in Panthers franchise history](#).

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MOST POINTS IN A SEASON

FRANCHISE HISTORY



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DRAISAITL DOUBLES UP ON MILESTONES WITH 100TH POINT, 50TH GOAL

Oilers forward **Leon Draisaitl** (50-51—101 in 70 GP) had 1-1—2 in final frame to record his third career 100-point NHL season (also 2018-19 & 2019-20) and second 50-goal campaign (also 2018-19).

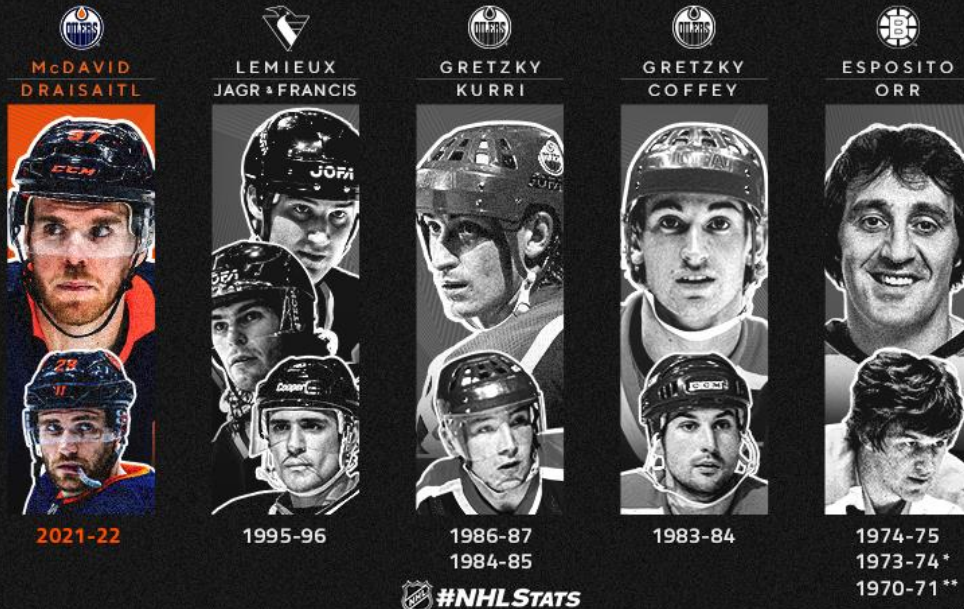
* Draisaitl became the second player to reach the 100-point mark this season, joining teammate **Connor McDavid** (40-65—105 in 69 GP) who posted 1-2—3 Sunday to [extend his point streak to 13 games](#) (11-15—26). Draisaitl's three career 100-point campaigns trail only **Wayne Gretzky** (9x), **Jari Kurri** (6x), **Mark Messier** (5x) and McDavid (5x) for the [most in franchise history](#).

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TO BE THE FIRST 2+ PLAYERS TO REACH THE 100-POINT MARK IN A SEASON



Based on date, includes ties

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* Draisaitl, who joined Maple Leafs forward **Auston Matthews** (51-37—88 in 63 GP) as the second NHLer to hit 50 goals in 2021-22, became the [fourth player in franchise history](#) to record multiple 50-goal seasons with Edmonton. He followed Gretzky (8x), Kurri (4x) and **Glenn Anderson** (2x).

* Draisaitl (Cologne, Germany) became the ninth player in NHL history born and trained outside of North America to record multiple 50-goal seasons, joining **Alex Ovechkin** (8x), **Pavel Bure** (5x), Kurri (4x), **Jaromir Jagr** (3x), **Teemu Selanne** (3x), **Ilya Kovalchuk** (2x), **Peter Bondra** (2x) and **Alexander Mogilny** (2x). Draisaitl is the only member of that cohort born and trained in Germany – of note, **Dany Heatley** was born in West Germany and reached the 50-goal mark twice in his NHL career, but moved to Canada in his youth.



Leon Draisaitl became the third active NHL player to reach the 50-goal mark in multiple seasons (also 2018-19), joining Washington's Alex Ovechkin (8x) and Tampa Bay's Steven Stamkos (2x)

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ERIKSSON EK, FOLIGNO REACH 20-GOAL MARK AS WILD EXTEND POINT STREAK

Joel Eriksson Ek (21-19—40 in 63 GP) and Marcus Foligno (20-16—36 in 64 GP) each tallied at least once Sunday to reach the 20-goal mark and help Minnesota extend its point streak to 10 games (9-0-1). The Wild, who also went 9-0-1 from Jan. 6–Feb. 2, recorded multiple double-digit point streaks in a single season for the [first time in franchise history](#).

* Eriksson Ek and Foligno became the [fifth and sixth 20-goal scorers for the Wild this season](#). That marks the franchise's most 20-goal scorers in a single campaign, eclipsing the previous high of five from [2006-07](#) (Brian Rolston, Marian Gaborik, Pavol Demitra, Mikko Koivu & Pierre-Marc Bouchard).



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Joel Eriksson Ek (pictured right) and Tyson Jost each scored in the opening 1:37 of the first period Sunday. It marked the second fastest two goals from the start of a game in franchise history, behind the club record of 1:01 on Feb. 3, 2011 (Kyle Brodziak & Andrew Brunette).

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[Sunday's edition of #NHLStats: Live Updates](#) features more notes from the nine-game slate, including Senators forward **Josh Norris** netting three goals and his former teammate **Jean-Gabriel Pageau** potting a natural hat trick as **Cory Schneider** [secured a win in his Islanders debut](#).

* **ICYMI:** Sunday also featured the debut of #NHLStats Pack: Team Clinching Notes, a running document of notes for all teams as they clinch a berth in the 2022 Stanley Cup Playoffs. [Click here](#) to read more.



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PIVOTAL ATLANTIC, PACIFIC DIVISION MATCHUPS HEADLINE MONDAY'S SLATE





A pair of pivotal contests highlight a four-game NHL slate as **Mitchell Marner** and the Maple Leafs (44-19-5, 93 points) visit the defending Stanley Cup-champion Lightning (43-18-7, 93 points) in a potential First Round matchup, while the Pacific Division's No. 1-seeded Flames (40-19-9, 89 points) take on the second-place Kings (38-23-10, 86 points).



TONIGHT'S SCHEDULE

MONDAY, APRIL 4, 2022

7:00 PM ET		@		BSOH, NESN
7:30 PM ET		@		BSSUN, NHLN, SN, TVAS
8:00 PM ET		@		BSAZX, BSMW
10:30 PM ET		@		BSW, SNW, SN1

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* Marnier enters Monday with a nine-game point streak (5-14—19), including multiple points in each of his last five outings (1-11—12). A sixth straight multi-point performance would make Marnier (28-53—81 in 59 GP), who is averaging an [NHL-leading 1.71 P/GP since Jan. 1](#) (22-38—60 in 35 GP), the fourth different player in franchise history with 83 or more points through 60 games played in a season – he would join **Doug Gilmour** in 1992-93 (24-71—95 in 60 GP) and 1993-94 (21-62—83 in 60 GP), **Darryl Sittler** in 1977-78 (37-52—89 in 60 GP) as well as teammate **Auston Matthews** in 2021-22 (48-35—83 in 60 GP).





MULTIPLE POINTS IN 6+ STRAIGHT GAMES

▶ FRANCHISE HISTORY

PLAYER	SEASON	GP
AUSTON MATTHEWS	2018-19	7
DOUG GILMOUR	1992-93	7
VINCENT DAMPHOUSSE	1990-91	7
RICK VAIVE	1983-84	7
CORB DENNENY	1919-20	7
DOUG GILMOUR	1992-93	6
BILL DERLAGO	1981-82	6
SWEENEY SCHRINER	1944-45	6

^ MITCHELL MARNER (5 GP) CAN JOIN THIS LIST



* Calgary looks to reach 90 points in its 69th game of 2021-22, which would be tied for the second fewest contests required by the franchise to hit the benchmark in a season (also [69 GP in 2018-19](#)) behind only 1988-89 ([60 GP](#)). The Flames went on to win the Stanley Cup that year, which included sweeping **Wayne Gretzky** and the Kings in the [1989 Division Finals](#).