

NHL MORNING SKATE – APRIL 10, 2022

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- ▶ Matthews helps Maple Leafs clinch sixth straight playoff berth
- ▶ Kreider closes in on 50-goal mark, Rangers head to postseason
- ▶ Ovechkin scores goal No. 44 to match Howe on exclusive list

* The Maple Leafs were one of two teams to clinch a berth in the 2022 Stanley Cup Playoffs on Saturday as Toronto will head to the postseason for a sixth straight year.

* **Artemi Panarin** matched a franchise mark and **Chris Kreider** moved within one of a 50-goal campaign as the Rangers clinched a postseason berth for the 61st time in franchise history.

* **Alex Ovechkin** tied **Gordie Howe** for the second-highest single-season goal total by a player age 36 or older and helped the Capitals move within four points of the Penguins for third place in the Metropolitan Division with two games in hand.

SATURDAY'S RESULTS

Carolina Hurricanes 3 FINAL 1 Florida Panthers	Washington Capitals 6 FINAL 3 Pittsburgh Penguins	Detroit Red Wings 4 FINAL 1 Nashville Predators	Montreal Canadiens 2 FINAL 3 Toronto Maple Leafs
Tampa Bay Lightning 5 FINAL OT 4 Detroit Red Wings	Columbus Blue Jackets 1 FINAL 5 New York Islanders	Chicago Blackhawks 4 FINAL 1 San Jose Sharks	Vegas Golden Knights 5 FINAL 3 Philadelphia Flyers
New York Rangers 1 FINAL 6 St. Louis Blues	Colorado Avalanche 2 FINAL SO 1 Dallas Stars	New Jersey Devils 2 FINAL 4 Vancouver Canucks	Boston Bruins 1 FINAL 6 Vegas Golden Knights

MATTHEWS HELPS MAPLE LEAFS MOUNT SIXTH STRAIGHT PLAYOFF BERTH

Auston Matthews (2-0—2) scored multiple times for the second straight contest, improving to 51 goals through his past 50 games, to lead the Maple Leafs (47-19-6, 100 points) to the postseason for a sixth straight year. The only longer [playoff streaks](#) in the 104-season history of the franchise came from 1931-1945 (15 seasons), 1959-1967 (9 seasons) and 1974-1981 (8 seasons).



* Toronto has required a winner-take-all game in nine of its past 12 series dating to 2002, including eight Game 7s (3-5) and a Game 5 defeat against Columbus in the 2020 Stanley Cup Qualifiers. That includes an active run of four straight years with a winner-take-all showdown (2018-2021) – a streak exceeded by only three teams in NHL history.

* Matthews, who scored both tallies at even strength, notched his [14th multi-goal game of the season](#) – trailing only **Rick Vaive** (15 GP in 1983-84) for the most in a single campaign in franchise history. Meanwhile, his 43 even-strength goals in 2021-22 eclipsed **Frank Mahovlich** (41 in 1960-61) for the [most in a single season by a Maple Leafs skater](#).



MOST EVEN-STRENGTH GOALS IN A SINGLE SEASON
▶ SINCE 1990-91

PLAYER	TEAM	SEASON	GOALS
BRETT HULL	STL	1990-91	57
TEEMU SELANNE	WIN	1992-93	52
ALEXANDER MOGILNY	BUF	1992-93	49
STEVEN STAMKOS	TBL	2011-12	48
MARIO LEMIEUX	PIT	1992-93	47
PAVEL BURE	FLA	1999-00	45
BRETT HULL	STL	1991-92	45
AUSTON MATTHEWS	TOR	2021-22	43
ALEX OVECHKIN	WSH	2007-08	43

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PANARIN, KREIDER SPUR RANGERS PLAYOFF BERTH

Artemi Panarin (1-2—3) and **Chris Kreider** (2-0—2) each played pivotal roles as the Rangers (47-20-6, 100 points) clinched a postseason berth for the 61st time in franchise history and fifth since their Stanley Cup Final appearance in 2014. New York (73 GP) has reached the 100-point mark in fewer contests just once in franchise history: 1971-72 (67 GP).

* Panarin factored on three of five Rangers goals for his 59th career three-point game. Since entering the NHL in 2015-16, only two players have more: **Connor McDavid** (81) and **Leon Draisaitl** (61).

* Panarin has averaged nearly one point per playoff game in his NHL career (0.93 P/GP; 10-18—28 in 30 GP). The only undrafted players to debut [since 1963-64](#) and average at least one point per game in the postseason (min. 25 GP) are **Wayne Gretzky** (1.84 P/GP), **Bobby Orr** (1.24 P/GP), **Peter Stastny** (1.13 P/GP) and **Phil Esposito** (1.05 P/GP).





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Artemi Panarin recorded his 18th multi-assist game of 2021-22, which is tied with Mark Messier (1992-93), Brian Leetch (1991-92) and Jean Ratelle (1971-72) for the most by a Rangers player in a single season

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* Kreider (49-21—70 in 73 GP) moved within one of the first 50-goal season of his career and tied **Mike Gartner** (49 in 1990-91) for the fourth-most goals by a Rangers player in a single campaign, trailing **Jaromir Jagr** (54 in 2005-06), **Adam Graves** (52 in 1993-94) and **Vic Hadfield** (50 in 1971-72).

* **ICYMI:** The 2021-22 season has 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.

CAPITALS EARN PIVOTAL ROAD WIN OVER DIVISION-RIVAL PENGUINS

The Capitals (39-22-10, 88 points) and Penguins (41-22-10, 92 points) traded goals within the first 1:01 of a contest broadcast nationally on ABC in the United States, the first of three game-tying moments through two periods. Washington then reeled off three straight goals in the third to earn its [fifth straight road win](#) and moved within four points of Pittsburgh for third in the Metropolitan Division with two games in hand.

* **Alex Ovechkin** scored on Penguins goaltender **Tristan Jarry** for the first time and now has a regular-season goal against 158 different netminders. The only players to score against more are **Jaromir Jagr** (178), **Patrick Marleau** (177) and **Mark Messier** (164).



SIX-GOAL BURST BUMPS BLUES INTO SECOND PLACE

Justin Faulk (2-1—3) extended his [goal streak to three games](#) and **Robert Thomas** (1-2—3) stretched his point streak to nine games as the Blues (42-20-10, 94 points) improved to 7-0-1 in their past eight contests and leapfrogged the idle Wild (43-21-6, 92 points) for second place in the Central Division. St. Louis will meet Minnesota one more time in 2021-22 (April 16), with the latter holding two games in hand.

* Thomas, set to turn 23 on July 2, has posted 18-47—65 in 2021-22 (62 GP) – 23 more points than his previous season best (10-32—42 in 2019-20). Only three players in Blues history have posted more points in a single campaign at age 22 or younger: **Wayne Babych** (54-42—96 in 1980-81), **Bernie Federko** (31-64—95 in 1978-79) and **Brian Sutter** (41-39—80 in 1978-79).



LONGEST POINTS STREAKS, PLAYERS 22 OR YOUNGER

► FRANCHISE HISTORY

PLAYER	SEASON	AGE (Y, D)	GP
BERNIE FEDERKO	1978-79	22, 299	12
WAYNE BABYCH	1978-79	20, 147	10
WAYNE BABYCH	1980-81	22, 218	10
ROBERT THOMAS	2021-22	22, 281	9
ALEX PIETRANGELO	2011-12	22, 003	9
WAYNE BABYCH	1980-81	22, 246	9
PERRY TURNBULL	1981-82	22, 296	9

*AGE BASED ON END OF STREAK



AVALANCHE MATCH FRANCHISE RECORD FOR WINS ON #NHLSTATS: LIVE UPDATES

Nathan MacKinnon (1-0—1) scored the game-tying goal with 5:07 remaining in regulation and netted the deciding tally in the shootout, while **Darcy Kuemper** made a career-high 49 saves to help the Avalanche (52-14-6, 110 points) [match their franchise record for wins in a season](#) (also 52 in 2013-14 & 52 in 2000-01).

* With 10 games remaining, Colorado is also on pace to establish a new franchise record for most points in a campaign, besting its current mark of 118 which was set during the 2000-01 season – the year the club won its most recent Stanley Cup.

* Storylines like these and more can be found in the latest edition of [#NHLStats: Live Updates](#).



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MOST SAVES IN A GAME

► FRANCHISE HISTORY

GOALTENDER	DATE	SAVES
RON TUGNUTT	MARCH 21, 1991	70
SEMYON VARLAMOV	NOV. 2, 2017	57
SEMYON VARLAMOV	JAN. 6, 2015	54
PATRICK ROY	DEC. 10, 1997	51
SEMYON VARLAMOV	DEC. 11, 2016	51
CLINT MALARCHUK	MARCH 20, 1983	50
SEMYON VARLAMOV	FEB. 16, 2013	50
DARCY KUEMPER	APRIL 9, 2022	49
JACQUES CLOUTIER	FEB. 23, 1991	49
SCOTT GORDON	FEB. 4, 1990	49
SEMYON VARLAMOV	OCT. 28, 2014	49

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QUICK CLICKS

- * [Islanders **Casey Cizikas** suspended one game for boarding](#)
- * [Rookie **Cole Caufield** scores in fourth straight game](#)
- * [Jack Roslovic completes hat trick with OT winner for Blue Jackets](#)
- * [Panthers score 300th goal of 2021-22](#)
- * [Kraken sport beautiful floral warmup jerseys for inaugural Pride Night](#)

TNT DOUBLEHEADER STIRS UP PLAYOFF MEMORIES

An afternoon doubleheader on TNT is bound to stir up memories of playoffs past starting with the Bruins visiting Washington in the opening game – the two teams met in the First Round of the 2021 Stanley Cup Playoffs with Boston advancing after a Game 5 victory. The [first three games of that series](#) all required overtime. The Bruins have [won the first two contests](#) between the teams this season.

* The second game of the broadcast will feature the two teams who faced off in the [2017 Stanley Cup Final](#), which marked the first time the Predators made it to the Final and the second of consecutive Stanley Cup championships by the Penguins.



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TODAY'S SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, APRIL 10, 2022

1:30 PM ET		@		TNT, SN360, TVAS
4:00 PM ET		@		TNT, SN360, TVAS
5:00 PM ET		@		BSWIX, BSNX, KCOP-13
5:00 PM ET		@		BSSUN, MSG-B
6:00 PM ET		@		BSSO, BSSC
7:00 PM ET		@		BSSWX, NBCSCH, SN360
7:30 PM ET		@		TVAS, TSN3, TSN5



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