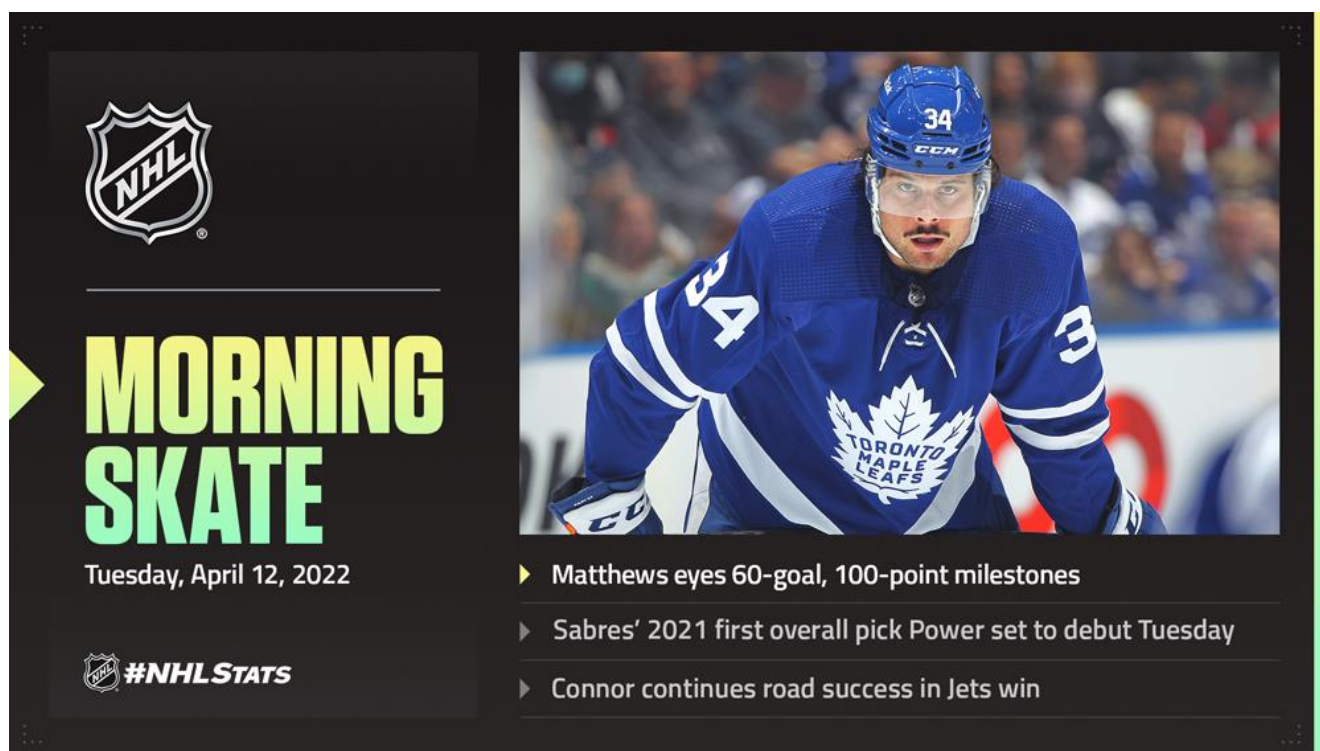




MORNING SKATE
Tuesday, April 12, 2022
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- ▶ Matthews eyes 60-goal, 100-point milestones
- ▶ Sabres' 2021 first overall pick Power set to debut Tuesday
- ▶ Connor continues road success in Jets win

* A number of players can reach season milestones during Tuesday's 14-game slate, including **Auston Matthews** (58-41—99 in 67 GP) who sits one point back from becoming the third player in Maple Leafs history to hit the 100-point mark and the first since **Doug Gilmour** (27-84—111 in 83 GP) in 1993-94.

* **Kyle Connor** recorded his 49th road point of 2021-22 and moved within four of the Jets/Thrashers benchmark for most in a single season, set by **Ilya Kovalchuk** in 2005-06.

* Twenty-two-year-old **Nick Suzuki** posted his team-leading 55th point of the season in his 200th career game. He is on pace to become the second-youngest player in Canadiens history to lead the club in points at the end of a campaign.

28 TEAMS IN ACTION ON THIRD 14-GAME DAY OF 2021-22

Twenty-eight clubs will take to the ice across a 14-game Tuesday which features a number of players closing in on season milestones – including **Auston Matthews** who is nearing the 60-goal and 100-point mark – as well as the push for the remaining 11 berths in the 2022 Stanley Cup Playoffs with less than three weeks remaining in the regular season.



TONIGHT'S SCHEDULE

TUESDAY, APRIL 12, 2022

7:00 PM ET		@		BSMWX, NESN, SNP, TVAS	7:00 PM ET		@		TSN4, MSG-B
7:00 PM ET		@		BSSD, BSFL, BSSC	7:00 PM ET		@		BSSO, MSG
7:00 PM ET		@		ESPN	7:30 PM ET		@		ATTSN-PT, MSG+
7:30 PM ET		@		BSDet, TSNS, RDS	8:00 PM ET		@		BSWIX, BSNX, SNW
8:00 PM ET		@		BSSO, NBCSCA	8:30 PM ET		@		NBCSCH, KCOP-13
9:00 PM ET		@		SN360, ROOT-NW	9:30 PM ET		@		ESPN, TVAS
10:00 PM ET		@		SNP, ATTSN-RM	10:00 PM ET		@		BSAZX, MSG+



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

* Matthews (58-41—99 in 67 GP) sits one point shy of his first career 100-point season and the [fifth in Maple Leafs history](#). Only three players in the past 26 years have recorded [60-plus goals and 100-plus points in a single campaign](#): **Alex Ovechkin** (65-47—112 in 2007-08 w/ WSH), **Jaromir Jagr** (62-87—149 in 1995-96 w/ PIT) and **Mario Lemieux** (69-92—161 in 1995-96 w/ PIT).

* Matthews has also found the back of the net in all but three of his appearances since March 1 (21-10—31 in 17 GP) and now sits two tallies shy of recording the first 60-goal season by a U.S.-born skater in NHL history and the first by any skater since **Steven Stamkos** in 2011-12 (60-37—97 in 82 GP). Stamkos prophetically predicted a 60-goal campaign was on the horizon for the Maple Leafs forward at the 2022 Honda NHL All-Star Weekend.



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His ability to just get the shots that he does. And his wrist shot is second to none. His release is amazing... He can be a guy that can score 60 goals pretty easily. So, it's fun to watch.

**STEVEN STAMKOS**

WHEN ASKED ABOUT AUSTON MATTHEWS DURING ALL-STAR WEEKEND

* **Johnny Gaudreau** (34-65—99 in 72 GP) guides the Pacific Division-leading Flames (44-19-9, 97 points) into a clash with the Kraken and has his sights set on becoming the [franchise's first skater with a 100-point campaign](#) since **Theo Fleury** (34-66—100 in 1992-93).

* With Oilers teammates **Connor McDavid** (42-66—108) and **Leon Draisaitl** (50-51—101) having already hit the mark, the 2021-22 campaign can become the NHL's first since 1992-93 to see four-plus players on Canadian-based teams each record 100 points in a season. Six did so that year: **Teemu Selanne** (132 w/ WIN), **Doug Gilmour** (127 w/ TOR), **Mats Sundin** (114 w/ QUE), **Joe Sakic** (105 w/ QUE), **Pavel Bure** (110 w/ VAN) and Fleury (100 w/ CGY).

* **Chris Krieder** (49-21—70 in 73 GP) can record his first career 50-goal season when the Rangers (47-20-6, 100 points) clash with the Metropolitan Division-leading Hurricanes (47-18-8, 102 points). The 30-year-old forward can become the fourth skater to score [50-plus goals in a single campaign for the Rangers](#), joining **Jaromir Jagr** (54 in 2005-06), **Adam Graves** (52 in 1993-94) and **Vic Hadfield** (50 in 1971-72).

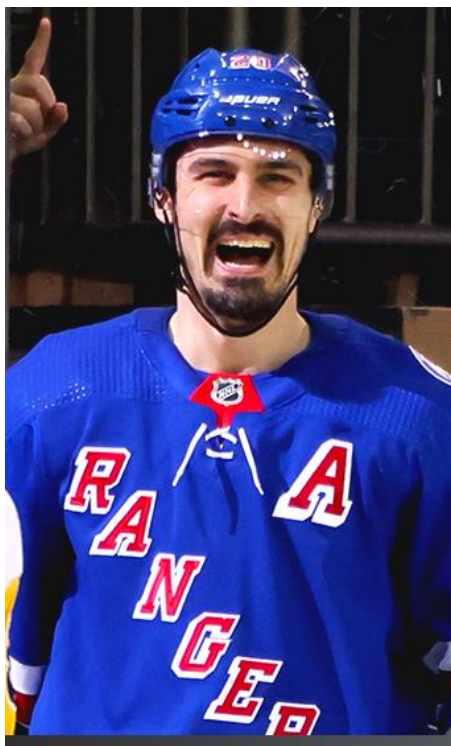
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PLAYERS WITH FIRST 50-GOAL SEASON AT AGE 30 OR OLDER

► NHL HISTORY

PLAYER	TEAM	GOALS	SEASON	AGE (Y, D)*
LANNY McDONALD	CGY	66	1982-83	30, 46
JEAN PRONOVOST	PIT	52	1975-76	30, 108
JOHNNY BUCYK	BOS	51	1970-71	35, 327
JOE MULLEN	CGY	51	1988-89	32, 35
VIC HADFIELD	NYR	50	1971-72	31, 181
BERNIE GEOFFRION	MTL	50	1960-61	30, 31

*AGE AT END OF SEASON
^CHRIS KREIDER CAN JOIN THIS LIST

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* The first- and second-overall picks in the [2021 NHL Draft](#) could make their League debuts Tuesday, should **Owen Power** suit up for the Sabres and **Matty Beniers** dress for the Kraken. Power posted 3-29—32 in 33 games with the University of Michigan this season en route to claiming the NCAA's B1G First All-Star Team honors, while teammate Beniers (20-23—43 in 36 GP) led the Wolverines in points.

* Power and Beniers became the first teammates in the modern NHL Draft to be selected 1-2 overall. There had been two previous occurrences in NHL Draft history, both more than 50 years ago. In 1963, the first draft in League history saw teammates **Garry Monahan** (No. 1 by MTL) and **Peter Mahovlich** (No. 2 by DET) selected from the St. Michael's Juveniles. Six years later, in 1969, the top two picks were the Montreal Junior Canadiens duo of **Rejean Houle** (No. 1 by MTL) and **Marc Tardif** (No. 2 by MTL).



MONDAY'S
RESULT



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CONNOR HELPS JETS INCH CLOSER TO WILD CARD POSITION

Kyle Connor (0-1—1) factored on one of his team's four goals to record a point in his ninth straight road game (8-8—16) as the Jets (35-28-11, 81 points) defeated the Canadiens at Bell Centre to move within five points of the Stars (41-27-4, 86 points) for the final Wild Card spot in the Western Conference. Only three players in Jets/Thrashers history have registered at least a point in more consecutive road appearances: **Neal Pionk** (10 GP in 2020-21), **Mark Scheifele** (10 GP in 2020-21) and **Todd White** (10 GP in 2008-09).

* Connor boosted his 2021-22 road totals to 24-25—49 (35 GP). The only players with more road points this season are **Auston Matthews** (28-26—54 in 36 GP), **Connor McDavid** (22-32—54 in 36 GP), **Leon Draisaitl** (28-23—51 in 36 GP) and **Roman Josi** (11-39—50 in 36 GP).

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Most road points in a single season, Jets/Thrashers history:

53 - Ilya Kovalchuk (2005-06)
49 - Kyle Connor (2021-22)
49 - Ilya Kovalchuk (2007-08)

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SUZUKI HITS 200 CAREER GAMES, JOINS ELITE COMPANY IN #NHLSTATS: LIVE UPDATES

The [Monday edition of #NHLStats: Live Updates](#) saw **Nick Suzuki** (22 years, 244 days) collect an assist in his 200th career game and add to his 2021-22 totals (19-36—55 in 73 GP). He is currently on pace to become the second-youngest player in franchise history to lead Montreal in points at the end of a season, behind only **John Quilty** (20 years, 56 days; 18-16—34 in 1940-41).

* Since making his NHL debut with the Canadiens in 2019-20, Suzuki (47-90—137) leads the club in [goals](#), [assists](#) and [points](#).



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CANADIENS

**Most points through 200
career games with the
Canadiens before age 23:**

182 - Henri Richard

161 - Guy Lafleur

159 - Stephane Richer

137 - Nick Suzuki



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QUICK CLICKS

- * [Auston Matthews, John Carlson, Jonathan Huberdeau](#) named NHL's "Three Stars" for the week
- * [Patrick Burke](#), NHL VP of Player Safety, named to SBJ's Forty Under 40
- * [Drew Doughty](#) has wrist surgery, out for season for Kings
- * [Owen Power](#), first overall pick in 2021 NHL Draft, set to make debut Tuesday
- * [Evgeni Malkin](#) suspended four games for cross checking incident



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