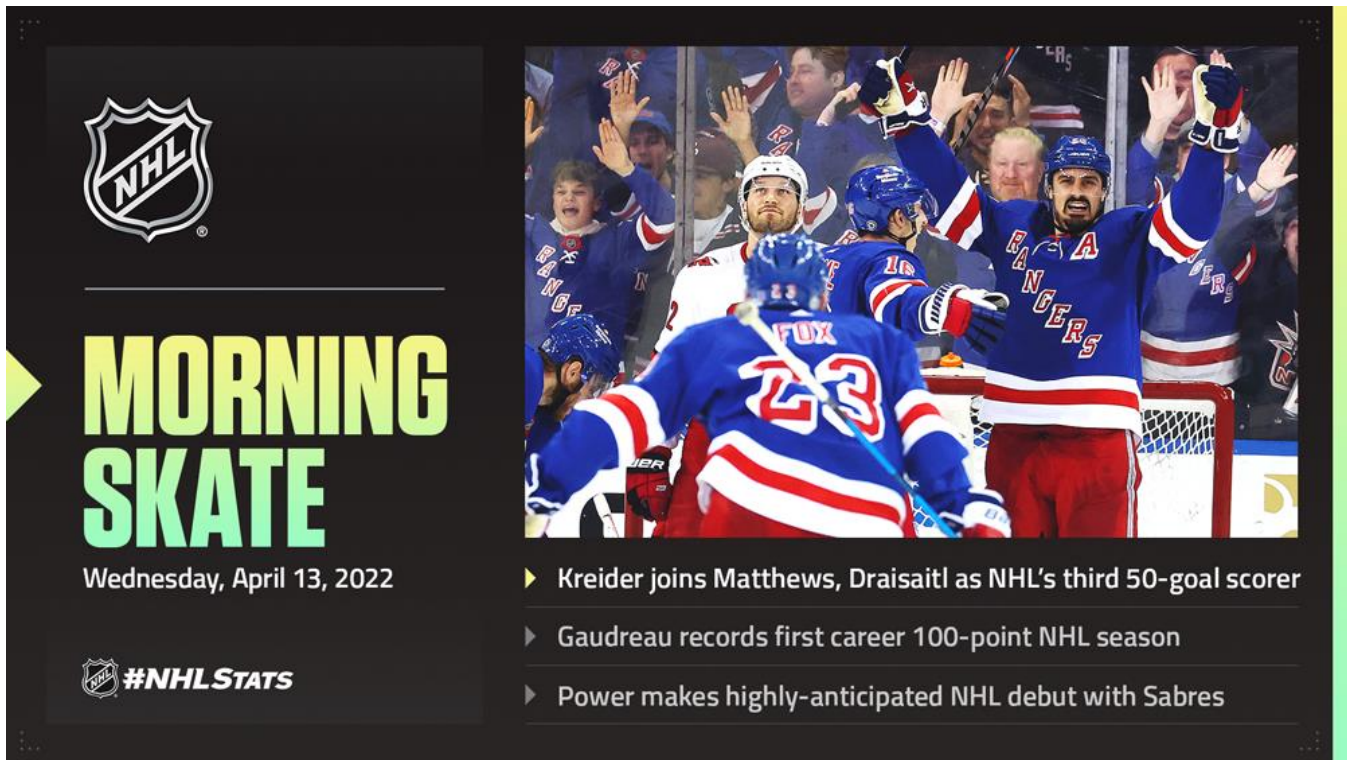


## NHL MORNING SKATE – APRIL 13, 2022



**MORNING SKATE**  
Wednesday, April 13, 2022

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- ▶ Kreider joins Matthews, Draisaitl as NHL's third 50-goal scorer
- ▶ Gaudreau records first career 100-point NHL season
- ▶ Power makes highly-anticipated NHL debut with Sabres

\* It was a night of noteworthy milestones for a pair of U.S.-born players, with **Chris Kreider** joining **Auston Matthews** and **Leon Draisaitl** as the third skater to reach the 50-goal mark this season and **Johnny Gaudreau** hitting 100 points for the first time in his NHL career.

\* Nashville, Dallas and Vancouver earned victories by a one-goal margin as the Western Conference Wild Card race continued to intensify in the homestretch of the 2021-22 NHL season.

\* Less than a week after helping the University of Michigan Wolverines reach the *Frozen Four*, the top two picks in the 2021 NHL Draft, **Owen Power** and **Matty Beniers**, made their highly-anticipated debuts with Buffalo and Seattle, respectively.



# TUESDAY'S RESULTS

 4 ‹ FINAL 2	 5 ‹ FINAL 2	 2 ‹ FINAL OT 3	 4 ‹ FINAL 2
 2 FINAL ‹ 9	 4 FINAL ‹ 5	 4 ‹ FINAL 1	 1 FINAL ‹ 5
 0 FINAL OT ‹ 1	 5 ‹ FINAL 2	 3 FINAL ‹ 5	 0 FINAL ‹ 1
 4 FINAL OT ‹ 5	 6 ‹ FINAL 2		

## U.S.-BORN PLAYERS KREIDER, GAUDREAU REACH NOTEWORTHY MILESTONES

Rangers forward **Chris Kreider** (Boxford, Mass.) scored his 50th goal of the season Tuesday, while Flames forward **Johnny Gaudreau** (Salem, N.J.) got two assists to eclipse the 100-point mark:

\* Kreider (50-21—71 in 74 GP) became the [fourth player in franchise history to score 50 goals in a season with New York](#) as the Rangers fell to the Hurricanes in a battle between the top two teams in the Metropolitan Division. He became the second U.S.-born player to reach the 50-goal mark this season, joining Maple Leafs forward **Auston Matthews** (58-41—99 in 68 GP).

\* Kreider, who recorded his [first career 50-goal NHL season at age 30](#), became the eighth player in the past 30 years to reach the mark *without having 30 or more in a previous campaign*. He joined **Teemu Selanne** (1992-93 w/ WIN), **John LeClair** (1995-96 w/ PHI), **Paul Kariya** (1995-96 w/ ANA), **Alex Ovechkin** (2005-06 w/ WSH), **Jonathan Cheechoo** (2005-06 w/ SJS), **Steven Stamkos** (2009-10 w/ TBL) and **Leon Draisaitl** (2018-19 w/ EDM).



The 2021-22 season is the fifth in NHL history to feature multiple U.S.-born 50-goal scorers, following 1991-92 (Kevin Stevens & Jeremy Roenick), 1992-93 (Stevens, Pat LaFontaine & Roenick), 1995-96 (John LeClair & Keith Tkachuk) and 1996-97 (Tkachuk & LeClair)

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\* Gaudreau (34-67—101 in 73 GP) assisted on two of [Matthew Tkachuk's three goals](#) to record a triple-digit point total in a season for the first time in his NHL career, doing so with his parents in attendance at Scotiabank Saddledome. He became the [ninth different player in Flames franchise history](#) to hit the century mark and required the third-fewest games among that cohort to achieve the feat, behind only Calgary's **Kent Nilsson** (64 GP in 1980-81) and Atlanta's **Bob MacMillan** (68 GP in 1978-79).

\* Gaudreau became the 11th different U.S.-born player in NHL history to record 100-plus points in a single campaign and just the second in the last 25 years, following Blackhawks forward **Patrick Kane** who did so twice in that span (110 in 2018-19 & 106 in 2015-16). Gaudreau (104th overall in 2011) also became the first skater taken in the fourth round of an NHL Draft or later to reach the mark in a season since sixth-rounder **Daniel Alfredsson** posted 43-60—103 with Ottawa in 2005-06.



### **FLORIDA, ST. LOUIS EXTEND LENGTHY WINNING STREAKS**

The Eastern Conference-leading Panthers (52-15-6, 110 points) improved to [8-0-0 in their last eight games](#) and moved into a tie with the idle Avalanche (52-14-6, 110 points) for the most points in the NHL standings, while the Blues (43-20-10, 96 points) extended their winning streak to a season-high six contests:

\* **Anthony Duclair** (30-24—54 in 65 GP) tallied twice to [reach the 30-goal mark for the first time in his NHL career](#) and **Jonathan Huberdeau** netted [Florida's 11th overtime goal of the season](#) as the Panthers rallied past the Ducks for another [home victory](#) and [comeback win](#). Huberdeau (9-12—21 in 12 GP) extended his [career-high point streak to 12 games](#), which marks the longest active run in the NHL.

\* **Vladimir Tarasenko** (2-0—2) recorded his 37th career multi-goal game to surpass **Brendan Shanahan** (36) for sole possession of the [fifth most in franchise history](#), while birthday boy **Torey Krug** (1-1—2) scored in his return to TD Garden after playing his first nine NHL seasons with the Bruins and departing as the [club's fifth-highest scoring blueliner](#). Tarasenko and Krug helped St. Louis keep pace with Minnesota (45-21-6, 96 points), which sits second in the Central Division and also earned a win Tuesday.



## **TRIO OF TEAMS IN WESTERN CONFERENCE WILD CARD RACE PICK UP VICTORIES**

\* **Juuse Saros** turned aside all 25 shots he faced to record his [NHL-leading 36th win of the season](#) as the Predators (42-26-5, 89 points) maintained their hold on the Western Conference's first Wild Card position with an overtime win against the Sharks. The only [goaltender in franchise history who posted more victories in a single season](#) was **Pekka Rinne** (3x: 43 in 2011-12, 42 in 2017-18 & 41 in 2014-15).

\* **Roope Hintz** scored the game-winning goal with 4:50 remaining in regulation and new Stars goaltender **Scott Wedgewood** (25 saves) recorded his first shutout with the team as Dallas blanked the two-time defending Stanley Cup champions and prevented Tampa Bay from clinching a postseason berth. The Stars (42-27-4, 88 points), who occupy the final Wild Card spot in the Western Conference, kept pace with the Predators.

\* **Quinn Hughes** (1-1—2) scored the overtime winner after the Golden Knights rallied from a two-goal third-period deficit as the Canucks (36-28-10, 82 points) remained six points back of the Stars. Hughes (6-49—55 in 68 GP) is now one assist away from becoming the [fourth defenseman in franchise history to reach 50 in a campaign](#) – he would join **David Kearns** (55 in 1976-77), **Doug Lidster** (51 in 1986-87) and **Paul Reinhart** (50 in 1988-89).



### **NHL DEBUTS, CAPITALS' NINE GOALS FEATURED IN #NHLSTATS: LIVE UPDATES**

[The latest edition of #NHLStats: Live Updates](#) featured the first- and second-overall picks from the 2021 NHL Draft, **Owen Power** and **Matty Beniers**, making their League debuts with the Sabres and Kraken, respectively, as well as the Capitals erupting for nine goals in a game for the first time since [March 3, 2008](#) (10-2 W vs. BOS).

\* Tuesday marked the 13th instance of the top two picks in an NHL Draft making their League debut *on the same day* and the first such occurrence outside the month of October.



# TOP 2 PICKS IN AN NHL DRAFT DEBUTING ON SAME DAY

► NHL HISTORY

PLAYERS		DRAFT YEAR	DATE
OWEN POWER	MATTY BENIERS	2021	APRIL 12, 2022
RASMUS DAHLIN	ANDREI SVECHNIKOV	2018	OCT. 4, 2018
CONNOR McDAVID	JACK EICHEL	2015	OCT. 8, 2015
AARON EKBLAD	SAM REINHART	2014	OCT. 9, 2014
JOHN TAVARES	VICTOR HEDMAN	2009	OCT. 3, 2009
ALEXANDRE DAIGLE	CHRIS PRONGER	1993	OCT. 6, 1993
WENDEL CLARK	CRAIG SIMPSON	1985	OCT. 10, 1985
BRIAN LAWTON	SYLVAIN TURGEON	1983	OCT. 5, 1983
GREG JOLY	WILF PAIEMENT	1974	OCT. 9, 1974
DENIS POTVIN	TOM LYSIAK	1973	OCT. 10, 1973
BILLY HARRIS	JACQUES RICHARD	1972	OCT. 7, 1972
GUY LAFLEUR	MARCEL DIONNE	1971	OCT. 9, 1971
REJEAN HOULE	MARC TARDIF	1969	OCT. 11, 1969

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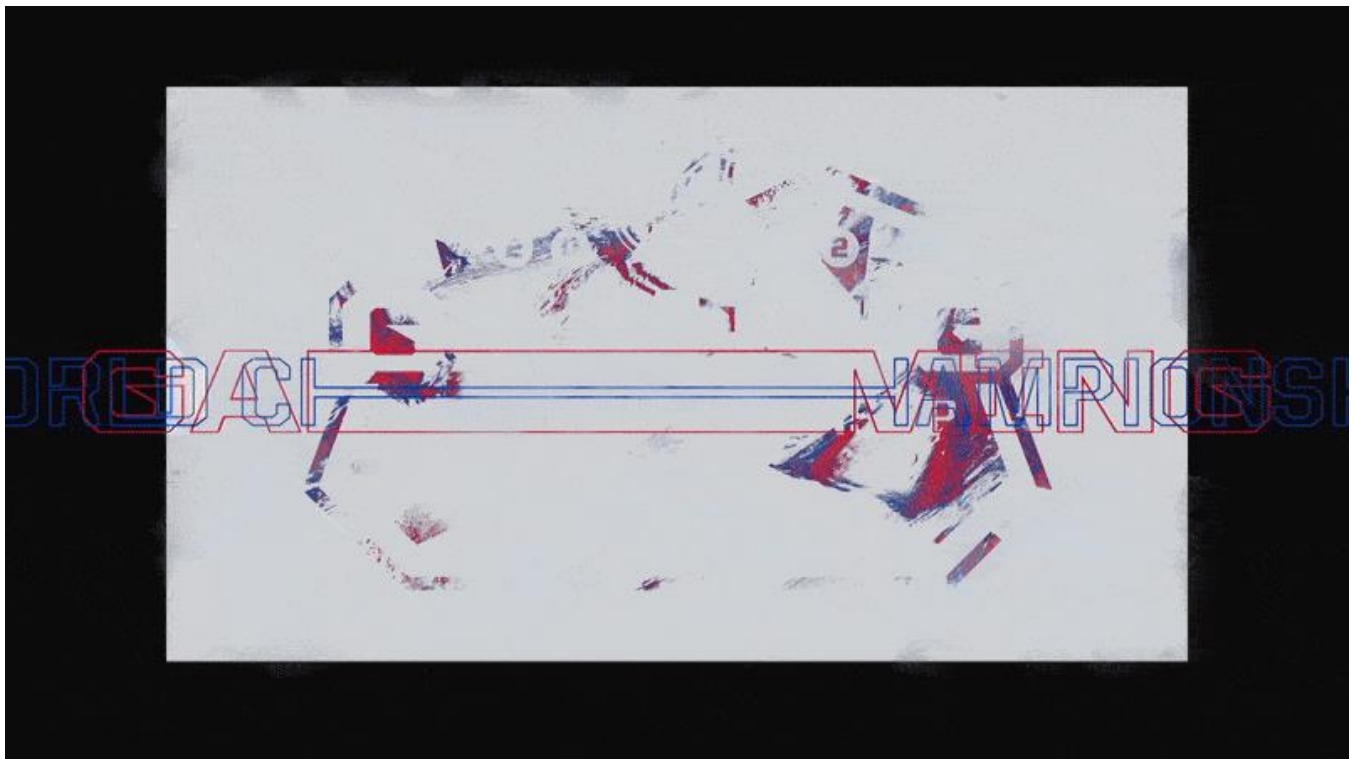
## QUICK CLICKS

- \* [Wednesday's Seattle at Winnipeg game postponed](#)
- \* [Owen Power's family attends his NHL debut in Toronto](#)
- \* [Frederik Andersen flashes stick-handling skills on way to Hurricanes bench](#)
- \* [Brandon Tanev answers hard-hitting questions from school kids](#)
- \* [CHEL Intel – April 12, 2022](#)



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### **WEDNESDAY'S THREE-GAME SLATE BOOKENDED BY NHL ON TNT CONTESTS**

Wednesday's schedule features a pair of *NHL on TNT* games, with the Rangers (47-21-6, 100 points) facing the Flyers (23-39-11, 57 points) at Wells Fargo Center and the League-leading Avalanche (52-14-6, 110 points) hosting the Kings (39-26-10, 88 points) at Ball Arena. Colorado can establish a [franchise record for most wins in a season](#), eclipsing the previous high of 52 from 2000-01 and 2013-14.



# TONIGHT'S SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13, 2022

7:00 PM ET		@		TNT
7:00 PM ET		@		BSOH, SN, RDS
9:30 PM ET		@		TNT, TVAS



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