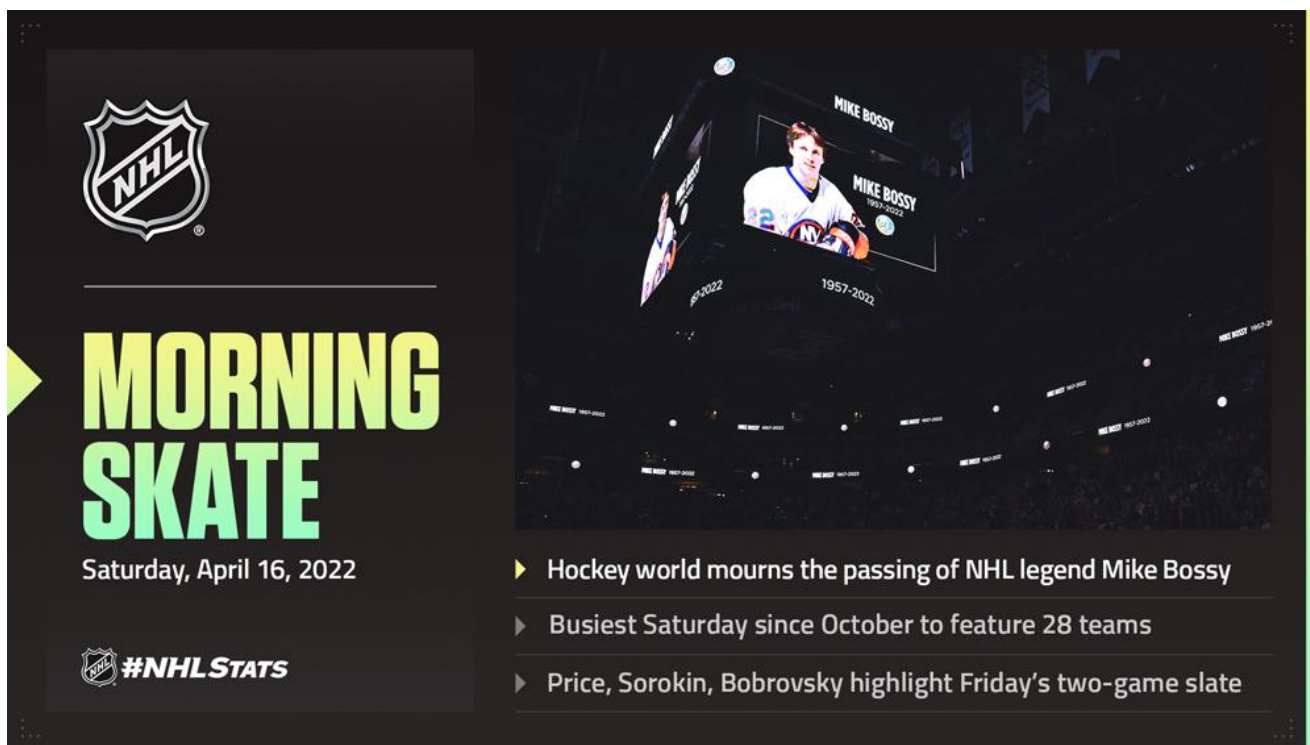


## NHL MORNING SKATE – APRIL 16, 2022



**MORNING SKATE**

Saturday, April 16, 2022

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- ▶ Hockey world mourns the passing of NHL legend Mike Bossy
- ▶ Busiest Saturday since October to feature 28 teams
- ▶ Price, Sorokin, Bobrovsky highlight Friday's two-game slate

\* The hockey world united in mourning the death of **Mike Bossy** at age 65. The legendary goal scorer led the Islanders to four straight Stanley Cup wins in the 1980s and the club earned a victory in his hometown of Montreal on Friday, where a [moment of silence](#) was held in his honor before puck drop.

\* The busiest Saturday since the first weekend of the season gets going with a trio of games starting at 12:30 p.m. ET, along with a matinee on ABC and ESPN+ between two teams on a collision course for another First Round playoff meeting.

\* Goaltenders were in the spotlight Friday as **Carey Price** made his season debut for Montreal while **Sergei Bobrovsky** of the Panthers and **Ilya Sorokin** of the Islanders set and matched franchise records, respectively.



**FRIDAY'S RESULTS**

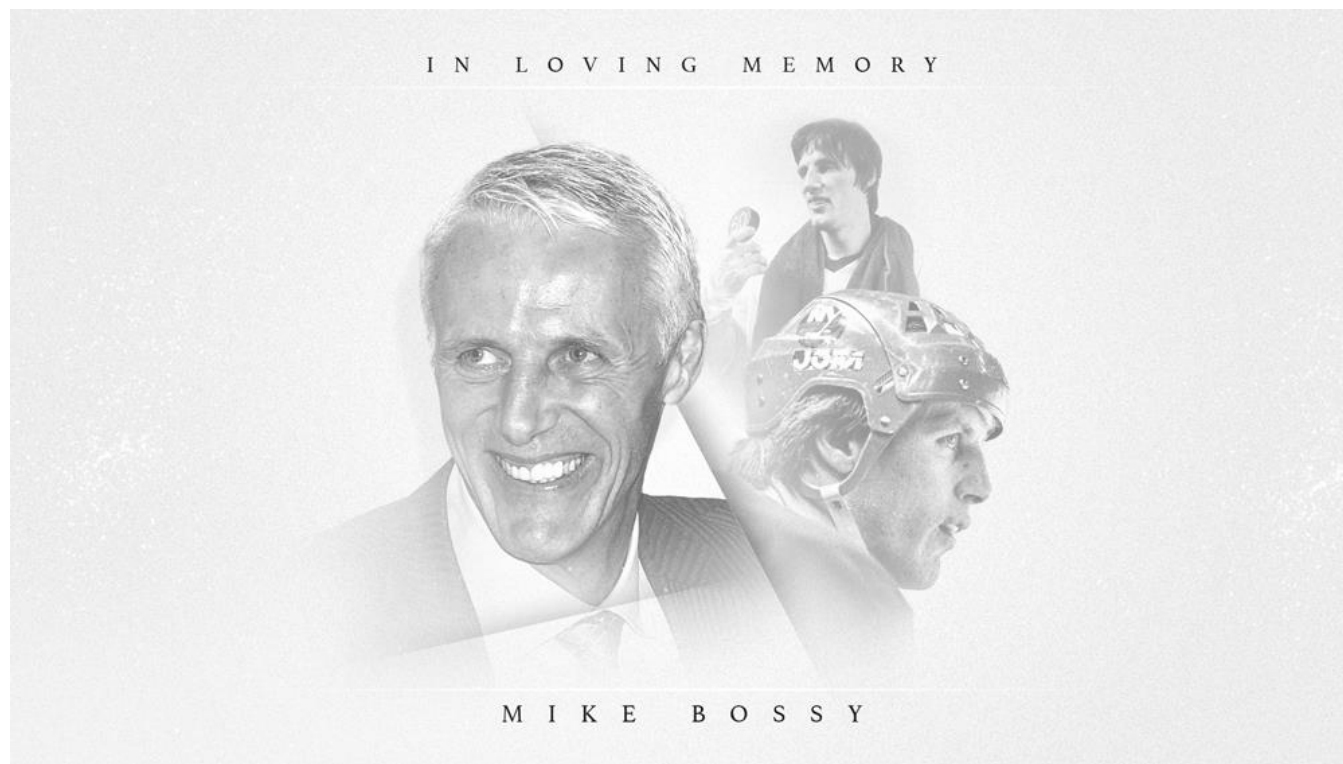
NY Islanders 3 FINAL 0 Montreal Canadiens

Winnipeg Jets 1 FINAL 6 Florida Panthers

### **HOCKEY WORLD MOURNS THE PASSING OF MIKE BOSSY**

Hockey Hall of Fame member **Mike Bossy** [passed away Friday at the age of 65](#). A dynamic winger whose goal-scoring prowess during a remarkable 10-year career ranks, by almost any measure, as one of the greatest in NHL history, Bossy averaged 0.76 goals-per-game in his career – the [highest in the League's history](#). In addition to scoring 50 goals in an NHL-record nine consecutive seasons and topping the 60-goal mark five times (tied for the most in League history), Bossy notched 85 playoff goals and propelled the Islanders to four straight Stanley Cups.

- \* [Full statement from NHL Commissioner Gary Bettman](#)
- \* [Mike Bossy remembered by Wayne Gretzky, hockey community](#)
- \* [In Loving Memory \[Video\]: Mike Bossy](#)
- \* [Mike Bossy's historic 50-in-50 chase for Islanders thrilled Canadiens' Maurice Richard](#)
- \* [Mike Bossy was 'home run hitter' for Islanders during Stanley Cup dynasty](#)



#### **14-GAME SATURDAY BEGINS WITH TRIO OF 12:30 P.M. ET STARTS**

The busiest Saturday since the first weekend of the 2021-22 season will feature major playoff implications as 12 of 14 games involve at least one team that either holds a postseason position, sits within eight points of one, or are angling for a higher seed after already clinching.































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# TODAY'S SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, APRIL 16, 2022

12:30 PM ET		@		NHLN, ATTSN-PT, NESN, SNW	12:30 PM ET		@		BSDet, MSG
12:30 PM ET		@		BSSO, NBCSCH	3:00 PM ET		@		ABC, ESPN+
4:00 PM ET		@		SNW, ATTSN-RM	7:00 PM ET		@		NBCSP, MSG-B
7:00 PM ET		@		TVAS, CITY, SNE, NBCSWA	7:00 PM ET		@		CBC, SNO, SNP, TVAS2, NHLN
7:00 PM ET		@		BSSUN, SNW, CITY, SN1	8:00 PM ET		@		BSSWX, NBCSCA
9:00 PM ET		@		BSSO, ALT	10:00 PM ET		@		CBC, SN, SN1, CITY, TVAS2, BSAZX
10:00 PM ET		@		ROOT-NW, MSG+	10:30 PM ET		@		BSW, BSOH



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

## MATINEE SLATE TO HAVE MAJOR IMPLICATIONS ON PLAYOFF PUSH

Five of the 14 games have a local start time of 2 p.m. ET or earlier, with eight of the 10 teams in the thick of the rush to the 2022 Stanley Cup Playoffs.

\* The third and final showdown of the regular season between the Wild and Blues – teams on a crash course toward a third all-time playoff meeting ([2015 R1](#) and [2017 R1](#)) – will air nationally in the U.S. on ABC and ESPN+ at 3 p.m. ET. Tied at 98 points apiece, either Minnesota or St. Louis will reach the 100-point mark Saturday and gain the upper-hand in the Central Division standings.

\* The Blues (9-0-1 since March 28) will look to extend their [point streak](#) to 11 games – last achieved in 2018-19 en route to their first Stanley Cup win – while the Wild aim to defeat the Blues for the first time this season after winning two of 13 showdowns since St. Louis won the Cup ([MIN](#): 2-7-4; [STL](#): 11-1-1).



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**The Wild and Blues have been lined up as First Round opponents for all but four days over the past two months (56 of 60 days since Feb. 15), with an almost clean split of days as the No. 2 seed in that span (STL: 31, MIN: 29)**



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\* Leading Saturday's slate at 12:30 p.m. ET, the Penguins and Bruins will meet for the first of two meetings over six days (also April 21). The Penguins, who are currently lined up for a First Round matchup against the higher-ranked Rangers, enter Saturday with 50 road points this season – tied for [second among all teams in 2021-22](#) and tied for the [third most in franchise history](#).

\* The final matinee Saturday could shake up the Pacific Division standings ahead of the nighttime slate as the Golden Knights (41-29-5, 87 points) visit the Oilers (43-26-6, 92 points) with a chance to climb back into a playoff position. Both clubs have won seven of their past 10 games, with Edmonton posting a 7-2-1 record since March 26 to overtake Los Angeles for second place in the division and Vegas rolling at the same clip since March 22. Regardless of the outcome Saturday afternoon, the Kings (39-27-10, 88 points) will have their chance to influence the end-of-day standings when they host the Blue Jackets in Saturday's nightcap.



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Edmonton (9-0-1 since March 9) is riding its longest *home* point streak in 18 years (10-0-1 in 2003-04), while Vegas owns an active five-game *road* point streak since March 30 (4-0-1) after an 0-7-0 stretch as visitors

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#### **#STANLEYCUP PLAYOFFS RACE: METROPOLITAN DIVISION**

Continuing the weekly spotlight on a postseason race, the #NHLStats team focuses on the Metropolitan Division, which features the closest race for a division title and a narrow gap between the No. 3 and No. 4 seeds.

\* One week after pulling even with Carolina for the most points in the Metropolitan Division, New York will look to do so once again Saturday when they host Detroit. While the Hurricanes have held the No. 1 seed for 68% of the 2021-22 season (127 of 186 days) – including an active stretch of 57 consecutive days – the Rangers have maintained a gap of no more than four points since April 3 as they make a charge for their eighth division title. New York (2014-15) is the only team other than Washington (5x) or Pittsburgh (1x) to finish first in the *Metropolitan Division* since its creation in 2013-14.



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# PLAYOFF RACE

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METROPOLITAN		GP	W	L	OT	PTS	P%
	CAROLINA	75	48	19	8	104	.693
	NEW YORK	75	48	21	6	102	.680
	PITTSBURGH	76	43	22	11	97	.638

WILD CARD		GP	W	L	OT	PTS	P%
	WASHINGTON	74	41	23	10	92	.622

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\* As the Rangers hunt down the Hurricanes for the No. 1 seed, two familiar playoff foes jockey for position behind them. The Penguins are looking to keep the Capitals at bay, with Washington narrowing Pittsburgh's edge from a season-high eight points (tied) to as little as three points over the past 10 days thanks to wins in four of five games during that span ([WSH](#): 4-1-0; [PIT](#): 2-2-1).

\* Pittsburgh is eyeing a top-three finish in its division for the seventh consecutive season dating to 2015-16, which would tie Washington for the longest such streak since 2013-14 should the Capitals finish outside that group in 2021-22 (7 straight from 2014-15 to 2020-21).

\* Washington, meanwhile, will try to finish among the top three in its division after trailing the third-place team by at least eight points for the first time since 2007-08 and sixth time in club history. During that campaign, the Capitals ranked last in the division through games played Dec. 7, 2007, before rallying to finish as the No. 1 seed in the Southeast – their first of four straight division titles and 10 over the course of the past 14 seasons.

### **HUBERDEAU, BOBROVSKY FUEL FLORIDA TO NINTH STRAIGHT WIN**

**Jonathan Huberdeau** (2-1—3) extended his [point streak to 13 games](#) and boosted his season totals to 30 goals and 108 points – two behind **Connor McDavid** (42-68—110) in the Art Ross Trophy race – while **Sergei Bobrovsky** (31 saves) earned his [franchise-record 36th victory](#) of 2021-22.

\* Florida pushed both its [overall](#) and [home](#) winning streaks to nine games while claiming its NHL-best 32nd home win of the season – tied for the [most by any team](#) since 1995-96. In the process, the Panthers created a 10-point cushion over the idle Maple Leafs (48-20-6, 102 points) atop the Atlantic Division and inched closer to securing home ice in the First Round of the 2022 Stanley Cup Playoffs.



The Panthers extended their home win streak to nine games and joined the 1995-96 Red Wings (12 GP, 12 GP & 9 GP) as the second team in NHL history to have three different home win streaks of at least nine contests in a season (also 11 GP & 9 GP)

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### **BLACK ON-ICE OFFICIALS WORK NHL GAME TOGETHER FOR FIRST TIME**

Two Black on-ice officials worked a game together for the [first time in NHL history](#) Thursday, when referee **Jordan Samuels-Thomas** made his NHL debut [alongside linesman](#) **Shandor Alphonso** during the Blackhawks-Sharks game at United Center in Chicago.

\* It was the first time a Black on-ice official wore the orange-and-black referee arm bands since April 2, 2004 when **Jay Sharrers** worked the Islanders-Hurricanes game. Sharrers, who became the NHL's first Black on-ice official Oct. 6, 1990, was also at United Center on Thursday, working as the officiating manager.

\* Samuels-Thomas, who was picked by the Atlanta Thrashers in the 2009 NHL Draft, wore No. 42 in honor of **Jackie Robinson**, who broke Major League Baseball's color barrier April 15, 1947.



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When I played I was No. 42, for a reason, and with the opportunity to wear this number [it] was easy. Being able to wear Jackie's number is always special, so I got to do it as a player, and now as an official. I wish I could keep this number forever.



**JORDAN SAMUELS-THOMAS**  
NHL REFEREE

## **NHL WEEKLY PODCAST ROUNDUP**

- \* [Fantasy on Ice \(4/11\)](#): Guest **James Harding** (“Waiver Wire”) for fantasy playoff preview
- \* [NHL @TheRink \(4/14\)](#): Dan & Shawn w/ NHL.com's Toronto-based staff writer **Mike Zeisberger**
- \* [Fantasy on Ice \(4/14\)](#): Guest **Jake Hahn** (SiriusXM NHL Network, Mayo Media Network) on races

## **QUICK CLICKS**

- \* [#NHLStats: Live Updates – April 15, 2022](#)
- \* [Carey Price](#) makes 17 saves in return to ice
- \* NHL Buzz: [Bo Horvat](#) could miss rest of season with injury
- \* [Ilya Sorokin](#) ties franchise record with seventh shutout of season
- \* [Nick Suzuki](#) rocks [Carey Price](#) socks ahead of season debut Friday for Canadiens



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