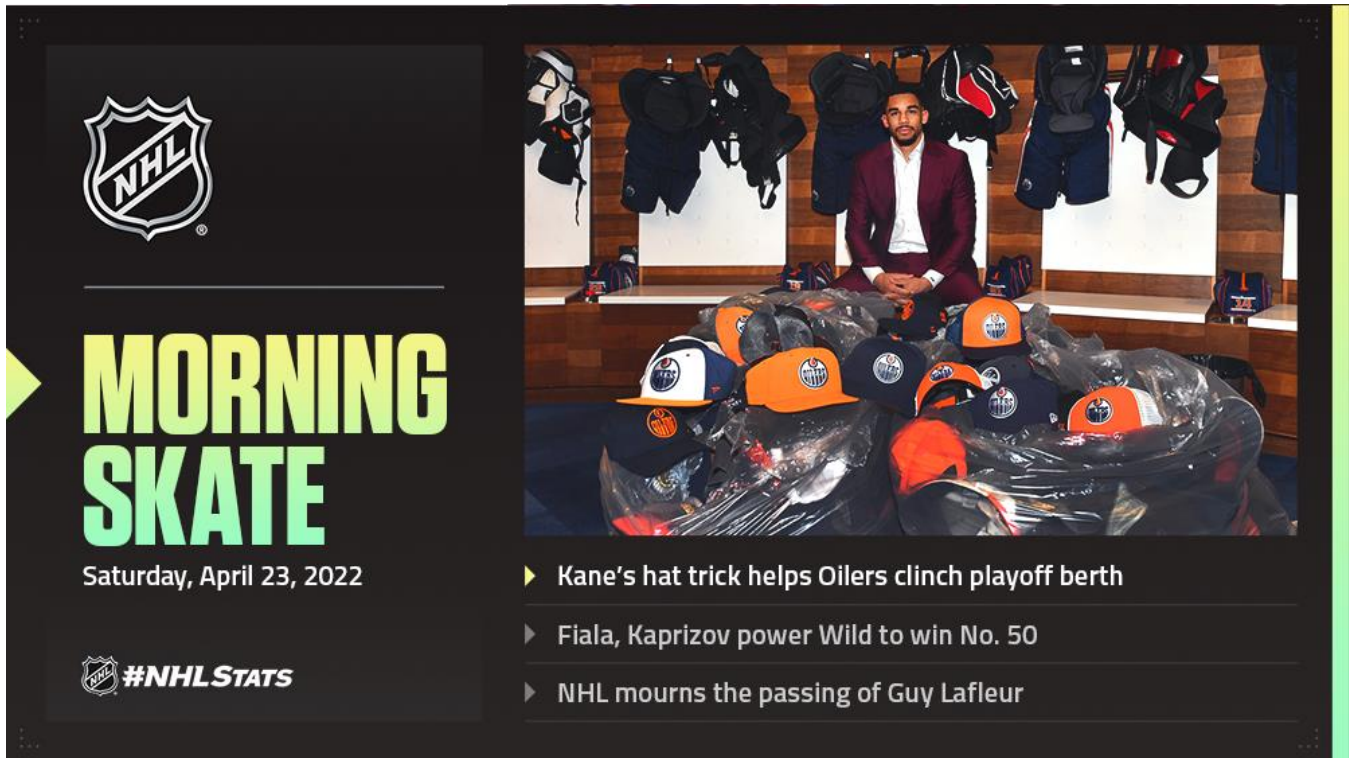


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Saturday, April 23, 2022

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- ▶ Kane's hat trick helps Oilers clinch playoff berth
- ▶ Fiala, Kaprizov power Wild to win No. 50
- ▶ NHL mourns the passing of Guy Lafleur

* The hockey world mourned the loss of Hall of Famer and Canadiens icon **Guy Lafleur**, who passed away Friday.

* **Evander Kane** scored a hat trick against the Western Conference-leading Avalanche as the Oilers punched their ticket to the 2022 Stanley Cup Playoffs.

* **Kevin Fiala** and the Wild set several franchise records, while **Kirill Kaprizov** became the [first player in club history](#) to record a triple-digit point total in a season.



FRIDAY'S RESULTS

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HOCKEY WORLD MOURNS THE PASSING OF GUY LAFLEUR

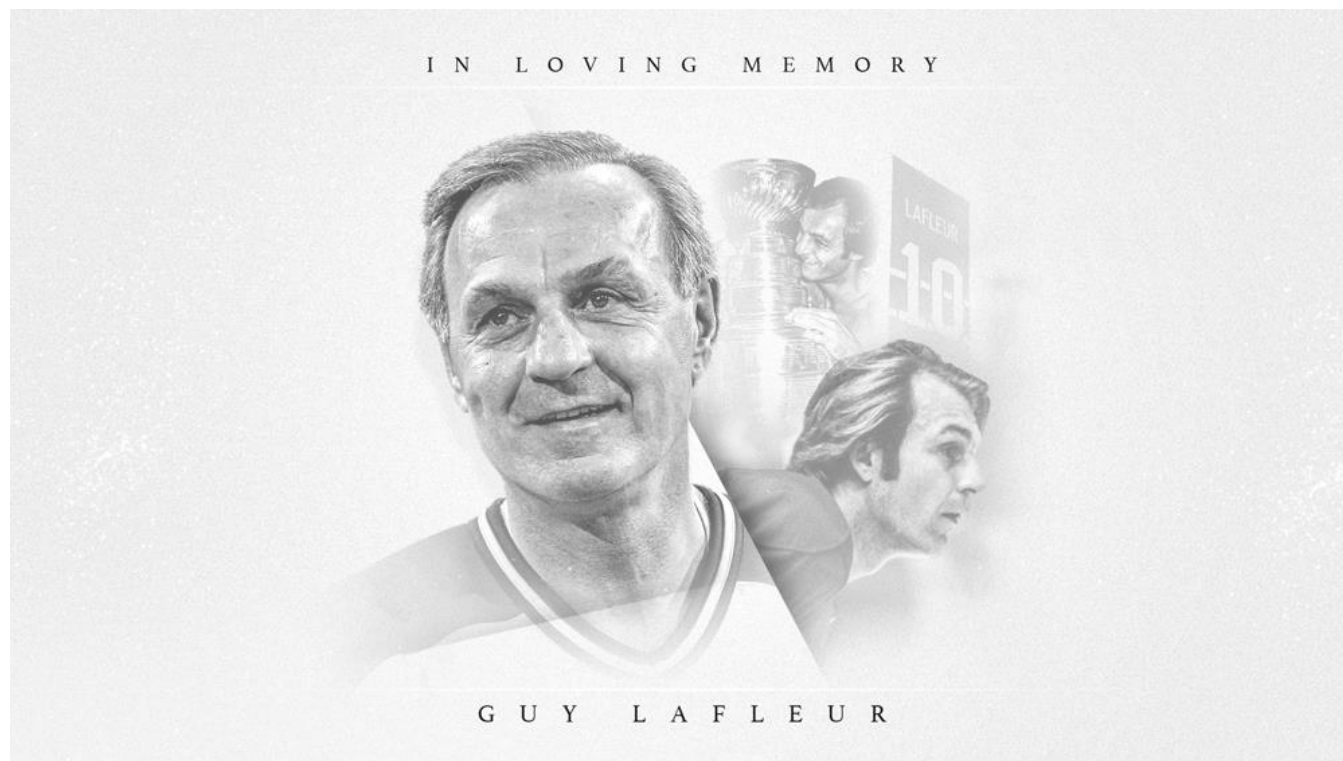
Hockey Hall of Fame member and Canadiens icon **Guy Lafleur** [passed away Friday at age 70](#). A cornerstone of Montreal's dynasty teams of the 70s, Lafleur was a five-time Stanley Cup champion,

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three-time Art Ross Trophy winner, two-time Hart Trophy winner and captured the Conn Smythe Trophy in 1976-77. Lafleur, who scored 50 or more goals for six consecutive seasons from 1974-75 to 1979-80, tops the [franchise's all-time points list](#).

- * [Statement from NHL Commissioner Gary Bettman](#)
- * [Guy Lafleur attained legendary status for Canadiens on, off the ice](#)
- * [Guy Lafleur became Canadiens legend despite intense early pressure](#)
- * [Guy Lafleur always 'very genuine' as mentor to Patrick Roy with Canadiens](#)
- * [Guy Lafleur, Canadiens legend, remembered by NHL teammates, opponents](#)



KANE, McDAVID HELP OILERS CLINCH BERTH IN 2022 STANLEY CUP PLAYOFFS

Evander Kane (3-1—4) and **Connor McDavid** (0-3—3) combined for 3-4—7 as Edmonton (46-26-6, 98 points) defeated Colorado to clinch a berth in the 2022 Stanley Cup Playoffs. The Oilers are headed to the postseason for a third consecutive campaign, which marks their longest run since a stretch of five straight berths from 1997 to 2001.



* McDavid can become the fifth player in NHL history to win his first Stanley Cup after posting five or more 100-point seasons – **Mario Lemieux** (6x; 1991 PIT), **Steve Yzerman** (6x; 1997 DET), **Wayne Gretzky** (5x; 1984 EDM) and **Denis Savard** (5x; 1993 MTL) are the only players to have done so to date. McDavid can also become the 10th player with at least one Art Ross Trophy, Hart Memorial Trophy and Stanley Cup before age 26.

* [Click here](#) to read more in #NHLStats Pack: Team Clinching Notes, a running document of notes for

all teams as they clinch a berth in the 2022 Stanley Cup Playoffs.

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ART ROSS TROPHY, HART MEMORIAL TROPHY & STANLEY CUP BEFORE AGE 26

▶ NHL HISTORY

PLAYER	ART ROSS	HART	CUPS
WAYNE GRETZKY	6	7	2
GORDIE HOWE	4	2	2
GUY LAFLEUR	2	1	3
BOBBY ORR	1	3	2
BRYAN TROTIER	1	1	3
JEAN BELIVEAU	1	1	2
MARIO LEMIEUX	2	1	1
EVGENI MALKIN	2	1	1
SIDNEY CROSBY	1	1	1

*CONNOR McDAVID CAN JOIN THIS LIST

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Wild forward **Kevin Fiala** (0-5—5) set franchise records with a [five-assist outing](#) and [four-point period](#), while **Kirill Kaprizov** (45-56—101 in 77 GP) had 1-3—4 to become the [NHL's seventh 100-point player this season](#).

* Fiala extended his point streak to nine games (9-12—21), tying the second longest run of his NHL career (also [12 GP w/ MIN](#) & [9 GP w/ NSH](#)). Kaprizov (5th round, 135th overall in 2015) became the 15th different player in League history selected in the fifth round of an NHL Draft or later to reach the 100-point milestone and first since **Daniel Alfredsson** (6th round, 133rd overall in 1994) in 2005-06 (43-60—103 in 77 GP).

* The Wild (50-21-7, 107 points), who earned their League-leading ninth multi-goal comeback win of 2021-22, established a franchise benchmark for [most wins](#) and [points in a season](#), besting the 2016-17 campaign when they had a record of 49-25-8 (106 points).



The 2021-22 season became the third campaign in the last 25 years to feature seven players record 100 or more points (also 7 in 2006-07 & 2005-06). The last season to feature more: 1995-96 (12).

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#STANLEYCUP PLAYOFFS RACE: WHAT'S LEFT IN THE WEST

With the 2021-22 regular season entering its final stretch, the #NHLStats team concludes its weekly spotlight on postseason races by taking a look at the three playoff berths that remain in the Western Conference.

* The Kings are closing in on their first postseason berth since 2018 and own a five- and seven-point edge on the Pacific Division's Golden Knights (42-31-5, 89 points) and Canucks (38-29-11, 87 points), respectively, who sit just outside the Western Conference playoff picture. Los Angeles is set to conclude its season Thursday versus Vancouver, which has a game in hand and is 6-1-2 (14 points) this month including a 4-0-2 (10 points) mark at home.

* The Predators enters the final stretch of the 2021-22 regular season with their string of seven consecutive postseason appearances on the line, behind only the Penguins (16) and Capitals (8) for the [NHL's longest active run](#). Despite trying to lock up a Wild Card position, Nashville has been situated within a playoff spot for 166 days this season entering Saturday – the fourth-most among Western Conference clubs (MIN: 192, STL: 189 & CGY: 173).

* Alternatively, Dallas currently occupies the final Wild Card spot after sitting in 13th place in the Western Conference on [January 1](#) and stand as the only team within the top eight in the West to hold a playoff position for fewer than 100 days in 2021-22 (57 days). Five of the previous six full seasons since 2013-14 have featured a team rally from a bottom-four position in their respective conference on January 1 before clinching a postseason berth (2013-14: CBJ, 2014-15: MIN, 2015-16: ANA, 2017-18: COL as well as 2018-19: CAR & STL).

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CENTRAL		GP	W	L	OT	PTS	P%
	Z-COLORADO	78	55	17	6	116	.744
	X-MINNESOTA	78	50	21	7	107	.686
	X-ST. LOUIS	78	47	20	11	105	.673
PACIFIC		GP	W	L	OT	PTS	P%
	Y-CALGARY	78	48	20	10	106	.679
	X-EDMONTON	78	46	26	6	98	.628
	LOS ANGELES	79	42	27	10	94	.595
WILD CARD		GP	W	L	OT	PTS	P%
	NASHVILLE	77	44	28	5	93	.604
	DALLAS	78	43	30	5	91	.583

NHL PODCAST WEEKLY ROUNDUP:

- * [Fantasy on Ice \(4/19\): Pete & Nick give tips to help you win your fantasy championship](#)
- * [NHL @TheRink \(4/21\): Dan & Shawn w/ **Mike Johnson** to talk West playoff races](#)
- * [Fantasy on Ice \(4/22\): Pete & Nick w/ **Cam Robinson** of Elite Prospects talk keeper leagues](#)

QUICK CLICKS

- * [#NHLStats: Live Updates – April 22, 2022](#)
- * [NHL, technology partners showcase next generation of fan experience](#)
- * [NHL, NHLPA announce winners of Future Goals Virtual Science Fair pres. by SAP](#)
- * [Kyle Clifford, Wayne Simmonds fined in Maple Leafs game](#)
- * [The Countdown to "Mayhem": The Final Days of the 2021-22 Regular Season](#)

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THOMAS LEADS BLUES TRIO WHO CAN EXTEND POINT STREAKS SATURDAY

Robert Thomas (8-19—27 in 15 GP), Pavel Buchnevich (8-14—22 in 12 GP) and Vladimir Tarasenko (8-10—18 in 8 GP) are set to put their [lengthy point streaks](#) on the line as the Blues clash with the Coyotes during a 12-game Saturday. St. Louis (47-20-11, 105 points), which ranks third place in the Central Division behind its First Round opponent Minnesota (50-21-7, 107 points), is 12-0-2 in its last 14 games dating to March 28 – that’s the [longest point streak in franchise history](#).



TODAY'S SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, APRIL 23, 2022

12:30 PM ET		MSG+, MSG-B	12:30 PM ET		BSDETX, NHLN, ATTSN-PT
12:30 PM ET		BSSO, MSG	3:00 PM ET		ABC, ESPN+, SN360
7:00 PM ET		TVAS, CITY, SNE	7:00 PM ET		BSSO, BSSUN, NHLN
7:00 PM ET		BSFL, SNP, SNW, SNO, CBC	8:00 PM ET		ROOT-NW, BSSW
8:00 PM ET		NBCSCH, NBCSCA	10:00 PM ET		CBC, SN, CITY, TVAS2
10:00 PM ET		BSAZX, BSMW	10:30 PM ET		BSW, KCOP-13

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