

## NHL MORNING SKATE – APRIL 25, 2022

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Monday, April 25, 2022

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- ▶ Lightning score eight to snap Panthers 13-game win streak
- ▶ Canadiens honor Lafleur in emotional pre-game ceremony
- ▶ Wild, Blues each earn wins in battle for home-ice advantage

\* After an eight-goal performance on April 21, **Nikita Kucherov**, **Steven Stamkos** and **Victor Hedman** each produced strong offensive outputs to help Tampa Bay halt Florida's 13-game win streak.

\* In their first game at Bell Centre since the passing of **Guy Lafleur**, the Canadiens honored the NHL icon with his former teammates present and the home crowd celebrated his memory with an emotional standing ovation.

\* The Wild and Blues, poised to clash in the First Round of the 2022 Stanley Cup Playoffs, both picked up crucial wins as the quest to clinch home-ice advantage in their series still looms large.

**SUNDAY'S RESULTS**

3	◀ FINAL	0		5	◀ FINAL	2		2	FINAL ▶	5		1	FINAL ▶	4	
5	◀ FINAL	3		8	◀ FINAL	4		4	FINAL SO	3		1	FINAL ▶	4	
5	◀ FINAL	4		6	◀ FINAL	3		5	◀ FINAL	4					

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## **LIGHTNING STRIKE EARLY AND OFTEN TO DEFEAT DIVISIONAL FOE (AGAIN)**

Three days removed from an eight-goal performance against the Maple Leafs, the trio of **Nikita Kucherov** (2-3—5), **Steven Stamkos** (2-2—4) and **Victor Hedman** (0-4—4) once again sparked a Lightning offense that tallied eight times against the NHL-leading Panthers and ended their 13-game win streak.



\* Kucherov, who extended his [goal streak to six games](#), became just the second player to register [three five-point outings with the franchise](#) joining **Vincent Lecavalier**. Only one skater in Lightning history has had a larger single-game performance than Kucherov: **Doug Crossman** (3-3—6 on Nov. 7, 1992).

\* Stamkos (37-60—97 in 78 GP) moved within three points of his first career 100-point campaign and has done so thanks in part to four consecutive outings with three-plus points. The Lightning captain became the first player in franchise history to register a streak of at least that length.





## MOST CONSECUTIVE GAMES WITH 3 OR MORE POINTS

▶ SINCE 1996-97

PLAYER	TEAM	SEASON	GP
STEVEN STAMKOS	TBL	2021-22	4
ROMAN JOSI	NSH	2021-22	4
CONNOR McDAVID	EDM	2020-21	4
TYLER BERTUZZI	DET	2018-19	4
KEITH TKACHUK	STL	2005-06	4
PATRICK MARLEAU	SJS	2005-06	4
PETER FORSBERG	COL	2000-01	4
MARIO LEMIEUX	PIT	1996-97	4

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\* Hedman (20-61—81) became the third defenseman to hit the 80-point mark this season, joining **Roman Josi** (21-70—91) and **Cale Makar** (27-58—85). The 2021-22 campaign is the first since 1993-94 to feature three-plus blueliners with 80 or more points, when **Ray Bourque** (91), **Sergei Zubov** (89) and **Al MacInnis** (82) all did so.

### **HAULA PROPELS BRUINS AFTER EMOTIONAL PRE-GAME CEREMONY AT BELL CENTRE**

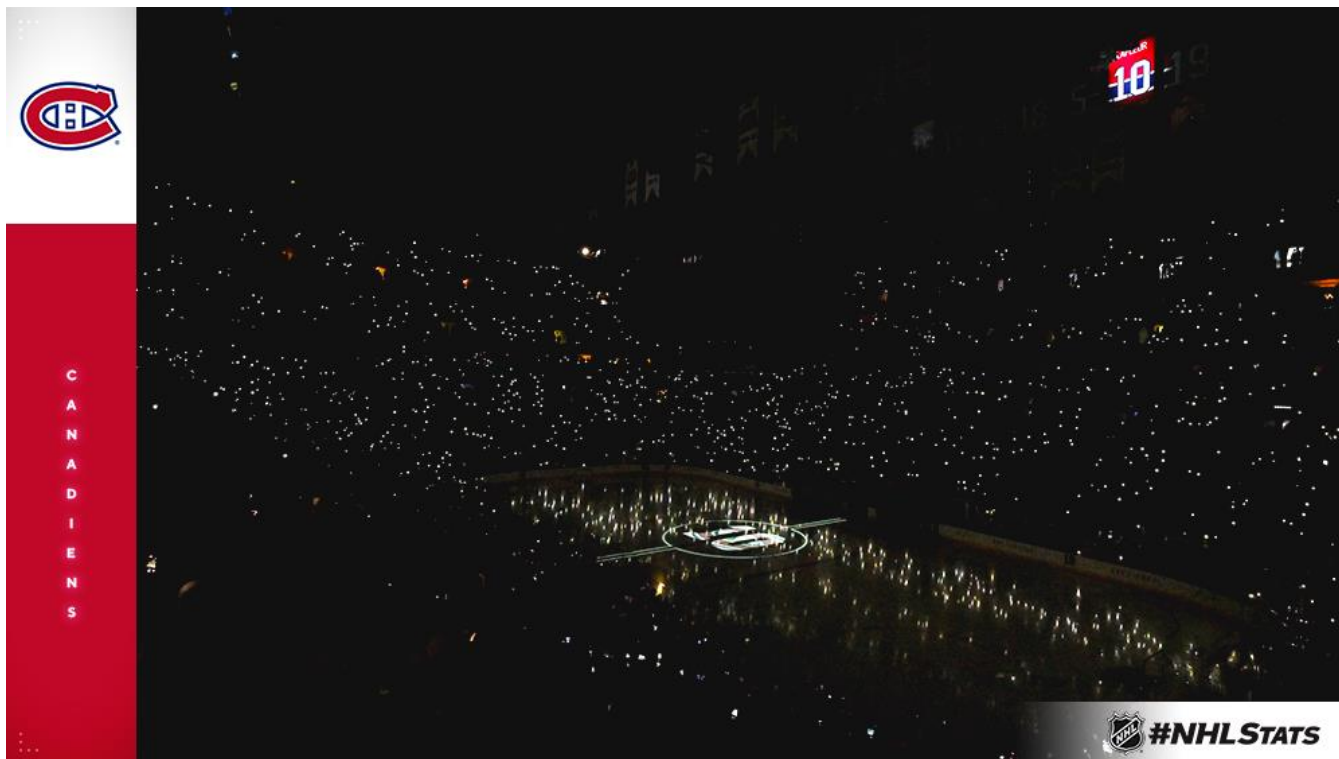
Prior to **Erik Haula** (2-0—2) becoming the fourth Bruins skater to [score a penalty-shot goal against the Canadiens](#), Montreal held an [emotional pre-game moment](#) to honor the life of franchise legend **Guy Lafleur** in the team's first home game since his passing. With several of Lafleur's former teammates on hand, the Bell Centre crowd followed up the video tribute with a 10:10 standing ovation in respect to his iconic No. 10.



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### **WILD, BLUES CONTINUE TO BATTLE IT OUT FOR HOME-ICE ADVANTAGE. . .**

With the final week of the regular season approaching, the Wild (52-21-7, 109 points) and Blues (49-20-11, 109 points) each skated to high-scoring victories Sunday with the hopes of inching closer to securing home-ice advantage in their First Round matchup.

\* Minnesota (79 GP) currently holds one game in hand over St. Louis (80 GP), but the Blues have captured more regulation wins (STL: 43, MIN: 36) – the first tie-breaker should the two clubs finish 2021-22 tied in standings points.

\* The Predators scored three game-tying goals, but **Dmitry Kulikov** scored with 1.3 seconds remaining in overtime to help the Wild improve to 8-0-2 in their past 10 contests dating to April 8. Kulikov scored the sixth game-winning goal by a Minnesota defenseman in 2021-22; Colorado paces all teams with 13 such tallies.



## LATEST REGULAR-SEASON OVERTIME GOALS

► DEFENSEMEN, NHL HISTORY

PLAYER	TEAM	DATE	ELAPSED TIME
MATT DUMBA	MIN	FEB. 27, 2021	4:59
MARCO SCANDELLA	BUF	FEB. 22, 2018	4:59
OLIVER EKMAN-LARSSON	ARI	DEC. 16, 2014	4:59
JAMIE McBAIN	CAR	MARCH 20, 2010	4:59
SHELDON SOURAY	MTL	NOV. 24, 2006	4:59
SAMI SALO	VAN	OCT. 20, 2006	4:59
SERGEI ZUBOV	DAL	FEB. 11, 2003	4:59
CALLE JOHANSSON	WSH	JAN. 28, 2000	4:59
DMITRY KULIKOV	MIN	APRIL 24, 2022	4:58*

\*FOUR OTHERS AT 4:58



\* The Blues spoiled **Ryan Getzlaf's** final NHL game after erasing a 2-0 deficit to extend their [franchise-best point streak](#) to 16 games (14-0-2). Two skaters also extended their personal point streaks: **Ville Husso** (14 saves) improved to 9-0-2 through his past 11 outings and trails only **Jaroslav Halak** (11-0-3 in 2011-12) for the longest such run by a Blues goaltender, while **Robert Thomas** (0-1—1) stretched his run to 17 games and matched **Connor McDavid** (17 GP from Oct. 13 – Nov. 20) for the [longest point streak this season](#).



Only two players have posted a longer point streak than **Robert Thomas** (17 GP) over the past 10 years: **Patrick Kane** (20 GP in 2018-19 & 26 GP in 2015-16) and **Taylor Hall** (19 GP in 2017-18)




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## JOSI JOINS ELITE COMPANY IN #NHLSTATS: LIVE UPDATES

The [Sunday edition of #NHLStats: Live Updates](#) featured a trio of Nashville skaters reaching seasonal benchmarks: **Filip Forsberg** (40-40—80) joined **Matt Duchene** (41-40—81) as the second 40-goal scorer in franchise history, while **Roman Josi** (21-70—91 in 2021-22) became the NHL's first defenseman to notch 70 assists in a single campaign since **Brian Leetch** in 1995-96 (70 w/ NYR).



**MOST ASSISTS IN A SEASON**  
▶ DEFENSEMEN, SINCE 1990-91

DEFENSEMAN	TEAM	SEASON	ASSISTS
BRIAN LEETCH	NYR	1991-92	80
PHIL HOUSLEY	WIN	1992-93	79
SERGEI ZUBOV	NYR	1993-94	77
PAUL COFFEY	LAK, DET	1992-93	75
AL MACINNIS	CGY	1990-91	75
RAY BOURQUE	BOS	1990-91	73
BRIAN LEETCH	NYR	1990-91	72
RAY BOURQUE	BOS	1993-94	71
ROMAN JOSI	NSH	2021-22	70
BRIAN LEETCH	NYR	1995-96	70

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## QUICK CLICKS

- \* [NHL Commissioner Gary Bettman](#) appears on final 'Hockey Night in Canada in Cree' of season
- \* [Arthur Kaliyev](#) fined maximum for cross-checking in Kings game
- \* [Bryan Trottier](#) remembers Gillies, Potvin, Bossy during Islanders Alumni Weekend
- \* [Hurricanes win again and extend lead in Metropolitan Division](#)
- \* [Ryan Getzlaf](#) says goodbye in final NHL game





### **STANLEY CUP PLAYOFFS ONLY ONE WEEK AWAY**

With opening night of the 2022 Stanley Cup Playoffs one week away, the bracket is far from set as seven of eight First Round matchups have yet to be confirmed, 13 seeds are up in the air and three playoff spots yet to be clinched.

Guaranteed Matchups: Minnesota vs. St. Louis

Guaranteed Seeds: Florida (A1), Colorado (C1) and Calgary (P1)

Teams in the Hunt: Los Angeles, Nashville, Dallas, Vegas and Vancouver






\* One of the 44 remaining games in the 2021-22 regular season goes tonight in Chicago. Blackhawks forward **Patrick Kane** has 91 points, the third-highest point production of his career behind 2018-19 (110) and 2015-16 (106). With three games remaining, a third 100-point campaign is within the realm of possibility for the 33-year-old – Kane has posted at least nine points over a three-game span at three stages in his career, including last month when he collected 1-9—10 from March 8-12 to match his best three-game stretch in the NHL.



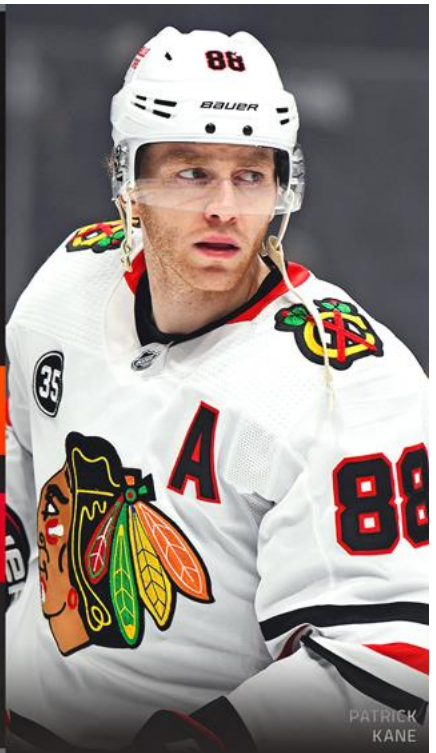


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