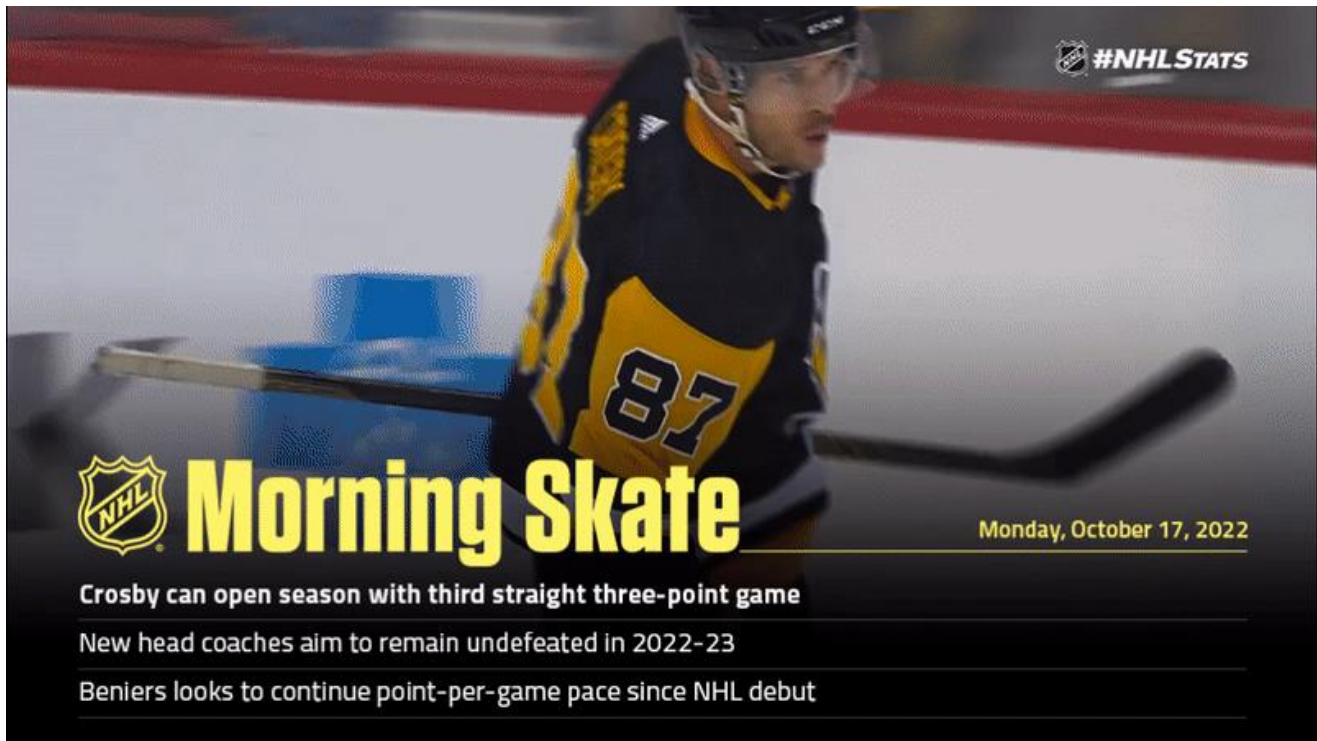



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Monday, October 17, 2022

Crosby can open season with third straight three-point game

New head coaches aim to remain undefeated in 2022-23

Beniers looks to continue point-per-game pace since NHL debut

* The first full week of the season opens with a nine-game slate Monday, highlighted by Penguins captain **Sidney Crosby** looking to become the fifth player in NHL history to start a campaign with three consecutive three-point performances.

* Head coaches **Jim Montgomery**, **Paul Maurice**, **Derek Lalonde** and **Peter DeBoer** can all improve to 3-0-0 with their new clubs, while **Rod Brind'Amour** and the Hurricanes also look to extend their season-opening winning streak.

* Kraken forward **Matty Beniers** (4-9—13 in 13 GP), who has found the score sheet in 12 of 13 games since making his NHL debut on April 12, can join rare company by continuing his point-per-game pace.



TONIGHT'S SCHEDULE

MONDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2022

7:00 PM ET		@		BSSC, MSG
7:00 PM ET		@		SNO, SNW, BSAZ
7:00 PM ET		@		BSFL, NESN, TVAS
7:00 PM ET		@		RDS, SNE, ATTSN-PT
7:00 PM ET		@		NBCSWA, SNP, CITY
7:00 PM ET		@		BSW, BSDET
8:00 PM ET		@		BSWI, BSN, ALT
8:30 PM ET		@		BSSW, TSN3
10:00 PM ET		@		ROOT-NW, BSSO

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CROSBY CAN CONTINUE NOTEWORTHY START AS PITTSBURGH VISITS MONTREAL

Sidney Crosby (2-4—6 in 2 GP), who has recorded 1-2—3 in each of his first two games to climb the NHL's all-time [points](#) and [assists](#) lists, can continue his notable start to the season as the undefeated Penguins (2-0-0, 4 points) clash with the Canadiens (1-2-0, 2 points) at Bell Centre. Crosby enters Monday tied for the [League lead in scoring](#) with Rangers forward **Artemi Panarin** (1-5—6 in 3 GP), who can add to his totals when New York hosts Anaheim at Madison Square Garden.

* The most points through three games in a season by an NHL player age 35 or older is nine, achieved by Crosby's former teammate **Mario Lemieux** when he [famously returned to the Penguins' lineup](#) in December 2000 (3-6—9 in 3 GP). The most through a *team's* first three games in a season is eight, by Stars forward **Joe Pavelski** in 2020-21 (3-5—8 in 3 GP) and Rangers forward **Rod Gilbert** in 1976-77 (0-8—8 in 3 GP).



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MOST CONSECUTIVE GAMES WITH 3+ POINTS FROM START OF A SEASON

NHL HISTORY

PLAYER	TEAM	SEASON	GP
Alex Ovechkin	WSH	2009-10	3
Peter Stastny	QUE	1982-83	3
Guy Lafleur	MTL	1975-76	3
Harry Cameron	TAN	1917-18	3
Sidney Crosby	PIT	2022-23	2*



*50 other instances of 2 GP

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FIVE OTHER CLUBS LOOK TO IMPROVE TO 3-0-0 MONDAY

In addition to the Penguins, five other teams can extend their season-opening winning streak to three games (including four clubs with a new head coach behind the bench):

* Either the Bruins (2-0-0, 4 points) or Panthers (2-0-0, 4 points) will skate away with a 3-0-0 record as the Atlantic Division rivals open their four-game season series at TD Garden. **Jim Montgomery** can become the sixth head coach in franchise history to earn wins in each of his first three contests with Boston, following **Bep Guidolin** (5-0-0 in 1972-73), **Bruce Cassidy** (4-0-0 in 2016-17), **Tom Johnson** (4-0-0 in 1970-71), **Robbie Ftorek** (3-0-0 in 2001-02) and **Butch Goring** (3-0-0 in 1985-86). **Paul Maurice** can become the first in franchise history to do so with the Panthers.

* The Red Wings (2-0-0, 4 points) will look to record a three-game season-opening winning streak for the [first time since 2015-16](#) when they welcome the Kings (1-2-0, 2 points) to Little Caesars Arena. **Derek Lalonde** can become the fourth head coach in franchise history to record victories in each of his first three games with Detroit, following **Jeff Blashill** (3-0-0 in 2015-16), **Mike Babcock** (3-0-0 in 2005-06) and **Jimmy Skinner** (3-0-0 in 1954-55). Blashill and Skinner are the only members of that cohort whose runs were from the start of their NHL head coaching career.


* The Stars (2-0-0, 4 points) will play host to the Jets (1-0-0, 2 points) at American Airlines Center for the first of three games between the Central Division rivals this season. **Peter DeBoer**, who succeeded new Winnipeg bench boss **Rick Bowness** in Dallas, can become the first head coach in Stars/North Stars history to record a three-game winning streak from the start of his tenure with the franchise.

* The Hurricanes (2-0-0, 4 points) continue their five-game road trip with a contest against the Kraken (1-1-1, 3 points). Seattle general manager **Ron Francis**, who served in the same capacity with Carolina for parts of four seasons from 2014-15 to 2017-18, was responsible for acquiring each team's leading scorer: **Martin Necas** (2-2—4 in 2 GP) of the Hurricanes as well as **Andre Burakovsky** (1-3—4 in 3 GP) and **Matty Beniers** (1-3—4 in 3 GP) of the Kraken. Francis chose Beniers (No. 2 in 2021), who played two seasons with the University of Michigan Wolverines before his League debut in April, with

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Seattle's first-ever NHL Draft pick.




FEWEST GAMES TO 15 CAREER POINTS

PLAYERS SELECTED IN NHL DRAFT FROM AN NCAA PROGRAM

PLAYER	TEAM	DATE	GP
Joe Juneau	BOS	March 31, 1992	11
Craig Janney	BOS	March 26, 1988	12
Craig Laughlin	MTL	Dec. 30, 1981	13
Dave Christian	WIN	April 2, 1980	13
Brady Tkachuk	OTT	Nov. 27, 2018	14
Steve Bozek	LAK	Nov. 5, 1981	14
Neal Broten	MNS	Nov. 4, 1981	15
Steve Christoff	MNS	March 28, 1980	15
Jonathan Toews	CHI	Nov. 15, 2007	17
Lance Nethery	NYR	Feb. 28, 1981	17



*Matty Beniers (4-9—13 in 13 GP) can join this list

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