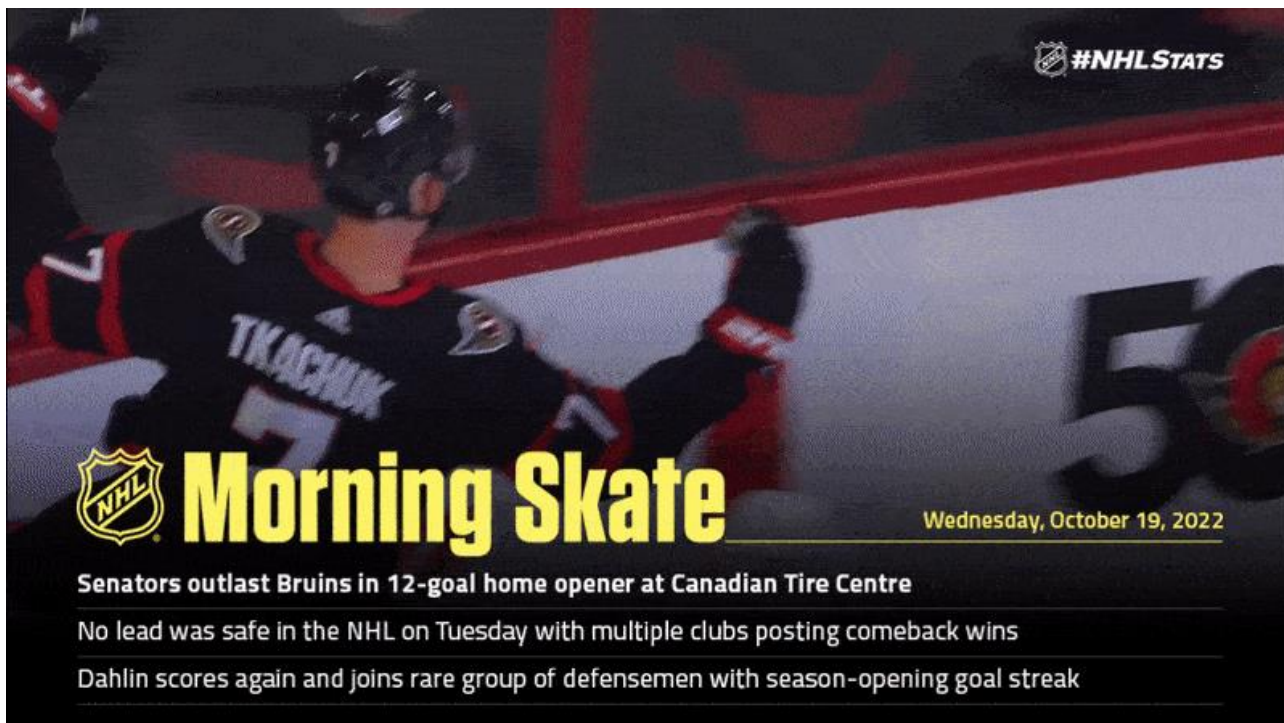


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Senators outlast Bruins in 12-goal home opener at Canadian Tire Centre

No lead was safe in the NHL on Tuesday with multiple clubs posting comeback wins

Dahlin scores again and joins rare group of defensemen with season-opening goal streak

* Fans at Canadian Tire Centre were treated to a 12-goal offensive outburst, including a seven-goal second period, as the Senators outlasted their Atlantic Division rivals in their home opener.

* Six games featured a team erase a multi-goal deficit (regardless of result). Only four days in NHL history have featured more: Dec. 21, 2013 (8), Nov. 22, 2006 (8), Oct. 11, 1986 (8) and Nov. 16, 2019 (7).

* The NHL and its 32 Clubs released a comprehensive report, '*Accelerating Diversity & Inclusion: NHL Report on Strategies, Initiatives and Progress*,' highlighting intentional efforts to promote positive social change within the sport. [Click here](#) to read more.



TUESDAY'S RESULTS



SENATORS WITHSTAND BRUINS, PARADE TO HOME-OPENING WIN

In a contest that featured Senators captain **Brady Tkachuk** (1-2—3) guiding his team to a 3-0 first-period lead and Bruins captain **Patrice Bergeron** (1-2—3) helping his club draw even through the first 90 seconds of the second period, Ottawa eventually skated to victory in its home opener after the Atlantic Division rivals combined for seven goals in the middle frame.



MOST COMBINED GOALS IN A PERIOD, TEAM'S HOME OPENER

NHL HISTORY

TEAMS	DATE	PERIOD	GOALS
Black Hawks at Maple Leafs	Oct. 10, 1981	2	9
Canadiens at Bulldogs	Dec. 24, 1919	3	9
Red Wings at Flames	Oct. 5, 1989	2	8
Canucks at Penguins	Oct. 6, 1976	2	8
Black Hawks at Bruins	Nov. 14, 1944	2	8
Maple Leafs at Black Hawks	Oct. 29, 1944	3	8
Arenas at Wanderers	Dec. 19, 1917	1	8
Bruins at Senators	Oct. 18, 2022	2	7*

* 20 others with 7



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* Tkachuk found the back of the net 3:09 into the first period and helped the Senators build an early multi-goal lead after **Claude Giroux** opened the scoring 1:04 into the contest. The duo combined for the fastest two goals to start a home opener in franchise history, eclipsing the previous mark set by **Erik Karlsson** (4:32) and **Bobby Ryan** (6:51) on Oct. 17, 2013.

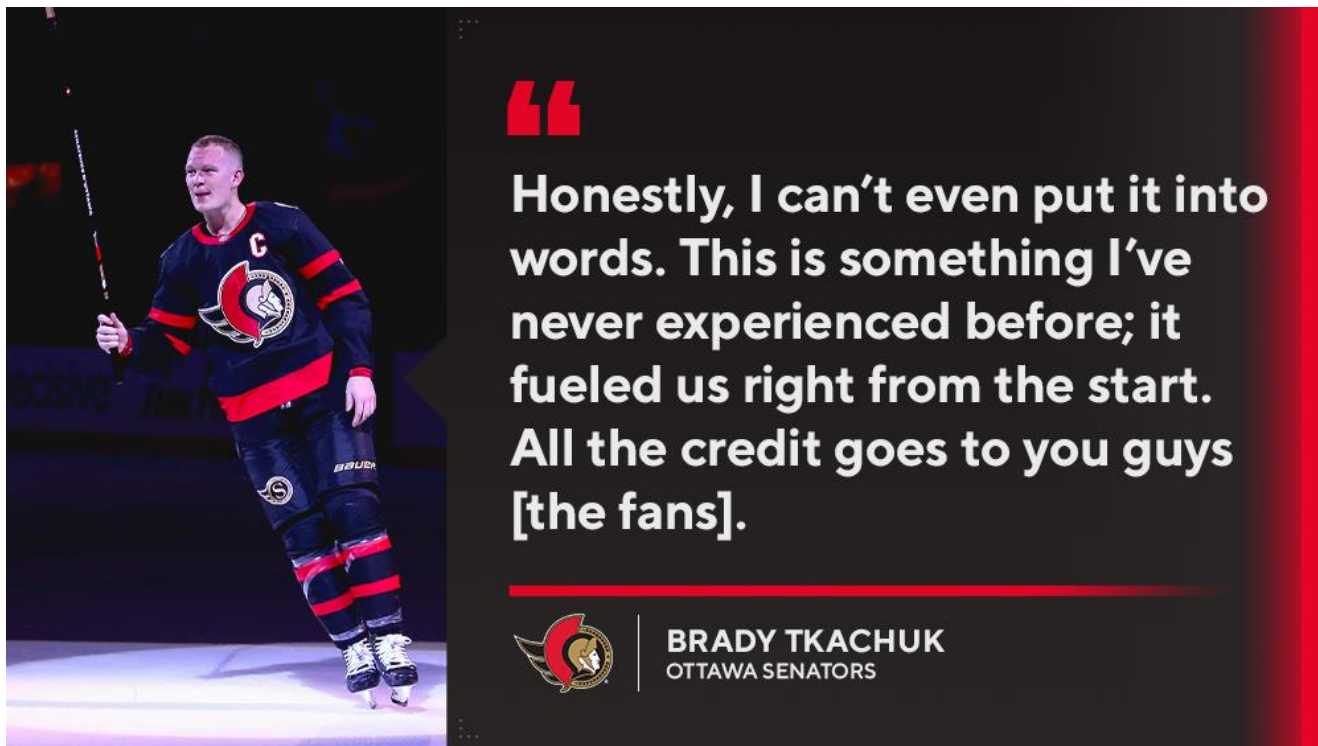


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* Tuesday marked the 13th time Tkachuk netted three points in a game – the fifth most in Senators history by a player age 23 or younger. **Alexei Yashin** (22 GP), **Jason Spezza** (19 GP), **Marian Hossa** (19 GP) and **Erik Karlsson** (14 GP) are the only skaters with more.

* ICYMI: **Brady Tkachuk** was at a loss for words during his post-game interview on the bench, expressing how much of an impact the energy from a sold-out crowd at Canadian Tire Centre had on the team during their home opener.



DID SOMEONE SAY MULTI-GOAL COMEBACKS?

The Devils, Blue Jackets, Kings, Flames and Flyers each thrilled their fans Tuesday with multi-goal comeback victories, bumping the NHL's total on come-from-behind wins *of any kind* to 29 so far in 2022-23 – only two seasons in League history have seen as many at this stage of a campaign (55 GP): 1986-87 (33) and 2016-17 (29).



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* Offseason acquisition and two-time Stanley Cup winner **Ondrej Palat** potted the first of four unanswered Devils goals as New Jersey [erased a 2-0 deficit to record its first win of the season](#). **Lindy Ruff** registered the 783rd win of his NHL career and passed **Al Arbour** (782) for sole possession of fifth place on the [League's all-time list among head coaches](#).

* **Matt Roy** (2-0—2) scored twice in the third period and **Gabriel Vilardi** (1-1—2) netted the decisive marker in the shootout as Los Angeles became the fourth team to post a multi-goal, third-period comeback win this season joining Anaheim (Oct. 12) Montreal (Oct. 17) and Washington (Oct. 17). The Kings have now won each of their first three road games of a season for just the third time in franchise history (also 2015-16: 3 GP & 1989-90: 3 GP).

* **Johnny Gaudreau** (1-1—2) tallied his first multi-point outing as a member of the Blue Jackets, including scoring a third-period game-tying goal before **Vladislav Gavrikov**'s first career overtime winner, as Columbus earned its first win of 2022-23. Gaudreau improved his career point totals against Vancouver to 14-30—44 (42 GP), his highest versus any opponent.

* **Steven Stamkos** [tallied twice on the power play](#) early in the second period to put the Lightning up 2-0, but the Flyers rallied with three unanswered goals to earn their third straight comeback victory and improve to 3-0-0 – Philadelphia's longest [season-opening win streak](#) in 11 years (3 GP from Oct. 6-12, 2011). It marked the third time in franchise history that the Flyers have posted a comeback win in three consecutive contests to start a campaign, following 1988-89 (3 GP) and 1982-83 (3 GP).



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MOST CONSECUTIVE COMEBACK WINS TO START A SEASON

NHL HISTORY

TEAM	SEASON	COMEBACK WNS
Edmonton Oilers	2019-20	5
Minnesota Wild	2021-22	4
Nashville Predators	2005-06	4
Los Angeles Kings	1988-89	4
Philadelphia Flyers	2022-23	3*

*11 other instances of 3



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DAHLIN SCORES AGAIN AND TIES NHL MARK

Rasmus Dahlin (1-0—1) scored for the third straight game to start 2022-23 and leads the Sabres in points this season (3-1—4 in 3 GP). Dahlin, who netted a career-high 13 goals in 2021-22, didn't tally his third marker of the season until Nov. 21 (17 GP).



LONGEST SEASON-OPENING GOAL STREAKS BY A DEFENSEMAN

NHL HISTORY

PLAYER	TEAM	SEASON	GP
Rasmus Dahlin	BUF	2022-23	3
Victor Hedman	TBL	2014-15	3
Calle Johansson	WSH	1992-93	3
Mike McEwen	NYR	1978-79	3
Bob Dailey	PHI	1977-78	3
Kent Douglas	OAK	1967-68	3



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* Of note, **Baldy Northcott** (6-0—6 in 4 GP) scored at least one goal in each of the Montreal Maroons' first four games from the start of the 1932-33 season. Despite being listed as a defenseman, Northcott played games as a forward in 1932-33 and was included as a left wing on the [postseason All-Star Team that year](#).

QUICK CLICKS

- * [#NHLStats: Live Updates – Tuesday, Oct. 18, 2022](#)
- * [Evgeny Kuznetsov](#) suspended one game for actions in Capitals game
- * [NHL salary cap could increase by at least \\$4 million in 2023-24](#)
- * [Claude Giroux](#) embracing pressure, excitement with home debut for Senators
- * [Anson Carter](#) becomes part owner of ECHL franchise in Atlanta







THREE-GAME WEDNESDAY SEES BLUES BACK ON THE ICE





The Blues step onto the ice for just the second time this season as part of the NHL's three-game Wednesday. St. Louis, which benefited from **Vladimir Tarasenko**'s multi-goal performance in a win against Columbus, is looking to start a campaign with consecutive victories for the second time in as many seasons after a franchise-best [five-game win streak to start 2021-22](#).



TONIGHT'S SCHEDULE

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7:30 PM ET		@		TNT, TVAS
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