

NHL MORNING SKATE – OCT. 21, 2022

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- No. 1 pick Slafkovsky scores first NHL goal
- Dahlin achieves first-of-its-kind goal streak
- Red Wings, Lalonde look to improve to 3-0-1

* **Juraj Slafkovsky** tallied for the first time in his NHL career, while fellow No. 1 pick **Rasmus Dahlin** achieved a first-of-its-kind goal streak in the Sabres' victory at Scotiabank Saddledome.

* Slafkovsky and Dahlin weren't the only No. 1 picks to shine Thursday, with **Connor McDavid** and **Ryan Nugent-Hopkins** combining for eight points as Edmonton handed Carolina its first loss of the season.

* New Detroit head coach **Derek Lalonde** can achieve a franchise-first when the Red Wings and Blackhawks square off in their 750th all-time head-to-head game, while the Lightning and Panthers are set to open their four-game season series after the clubs met in the [2022 Second Round](#).

THURSDAY'S RESULTS

1 FINAL SO 2	2 FINAL 6	2 FINAL OT 3	1 FINAL 6
3 FINAL 5	3 FINAL OT 2	2 FINAL 5	4 FINAL 1
3 FINAL OT 4	4 FINAL 6	6 FINAL 3	2 FINAL 5

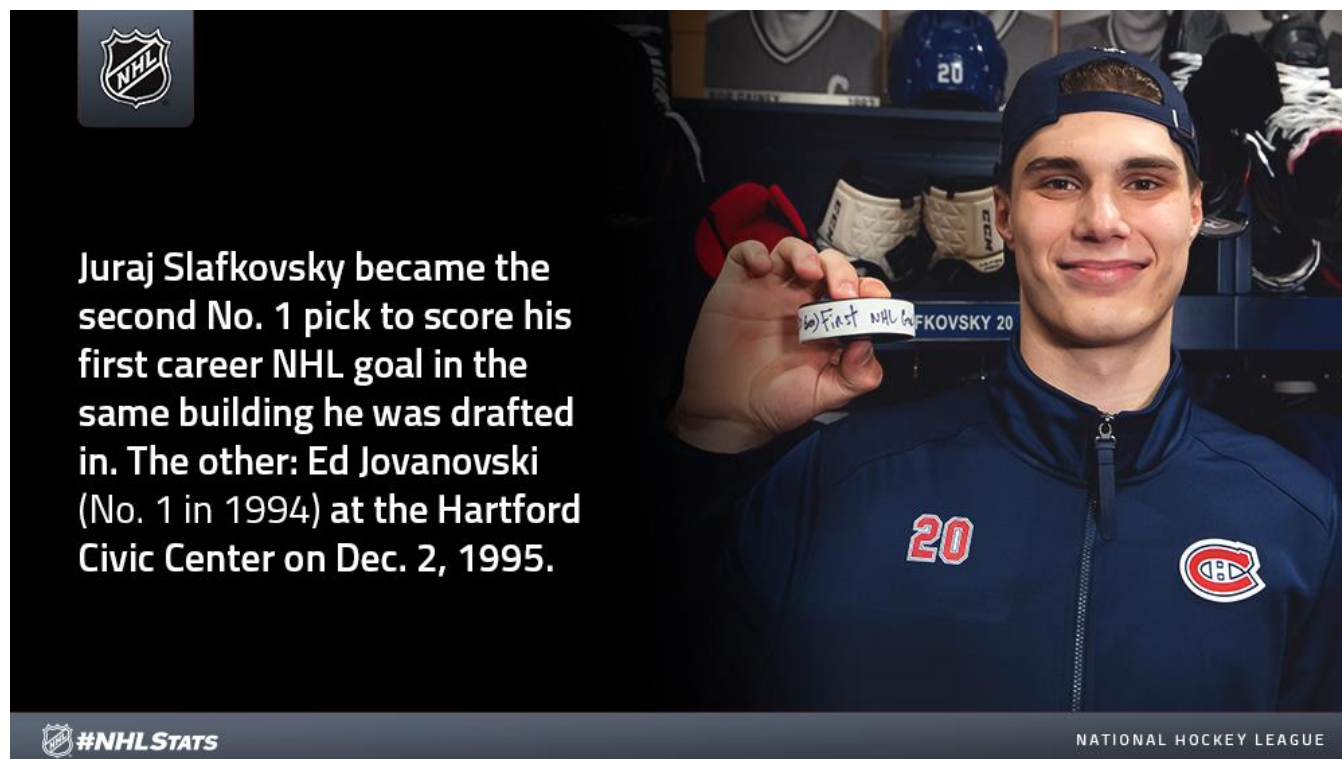
SLAFKOVSKY SCORES FIRST NHL GOAL AS YOUTH SHINE IN CANADIENS WIN

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The Canadiens youth were on full display Thursday, with No. 1 pick in the 2022 NHL Draft **Juraj Slafkovsky** scoring his first career goal, **Cole Caufield** tallying for the 26th time [since Feb. 10](#) (when **Martin St. Louis** served his first game as head coach) and **Nick Suzuki** netting his [second penalty-shot marker with Montreal](#) to match a franchise record.

* Slafkovsky (18 years, 204 days) became the fourth-youngest player in franchise history at the time of his first career NHL goal, behind **Mario Tremblay** (18 years, 75 days on [Nov. 16, 1974](#)), **Jesper Kotkaniemi** (18 years, 118 days on [Nov. 1, 2018](#)) and **Claude Lemieux** (18 years, 141 days on [Dec. 4, 1983](#)). Slafkovsky also became the youngest Slovak-born player in NHL history to score his first career goal, eclipsing the previous mark by **Marian Gaborik** (18 years, 235 days on [Oct. 6, 2000](#)).



DEFENSEMAN DAHLIN, NEW YORK NATIVE TUCH MAKE NHL. FRANCHISE HISTORY

Rasmus Dahlin (4-2—6 in 4 GP) scored to become the first defenseman in League history with a four-game season-opening goal streak and **Alex Tuch** (Syracuse, N.Y.) became the first New York-born player in franchise history to record a hat trick with the Sabres as Buffalo swept its Alberta road trip (also [4-2 W at EDM on Oct. 18](#)). **Eric Comrie** (40 saves) registered his second straight 40-save performance after stopping 46 shots in Edmonton on Tuesday.

* 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](#).



Rasmus Dahlin became the third player in Sabres history to record a goal streak of four or more games to start a season, joining Thomas Vanek (5 GP in 2008-09) and Gilbert Perreault (5 GP in 1979-80)



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DID YOU KNOW?

No. 1 picks in the NHL Draft combined for seven goals and 20 points Thursday, led by Oilers teammates **Connor McDavid** and **Ryan Nugent-Hopkins** who each had 1-3—4 as Edmonton snapped [Carolina's season-opening winning streak](#). In addition to McDavid, Nugent-Hopkins, **Rasmus Dahlin** (1-1—2) and **Juraj Slafkovsky** (1-0—1), the others who found the score sheet were Devils captain **Nico Hischier** (1-2—3), Sabres defenseman **Owen Power** (0-2—2), Penguins captain **Sidney Crosby** (0-1—1), Bruins forward **Taylor Hall** (1-0—1), Devils forward **Jack Hughes** (1-0—1) and Maple Leafs forward **Auston Matthews** (0-1—1).




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ROBERTSON'S OVERTIME WINNER VERSUS BROTHER JASON FEATURED IN LIVE UPDATES

[Thursday's edition of #NHLStats: Live Updates](#) featured several more notes from the 12-game slate, including the Penguins scoring six goals for the third time in as many home games this season and Maple Leafs forward **Nick Robertson** (2-0—2) [recording the overtime winner](#) in his second head-to-head NHL game with his brother, **Jason** (also [March 15](#)).



Nick Robertson became the second player in NHL history to score his first career regular-season OT goal during a game in which his brother was the opponent. The other: Corb Denneny (w/ TSP) against his brother Cy (w/ SEN) on Jan. 22, 1921.

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DETROIT, LALONDE CAN EXTEND SEASON-OPENING POINT STREAK FRIDAY

The Red Wings (2-0-1, 5 points) can extend their [season-opening point streak to four contests](#) when they visit the Blackhawks (1-2-0, 2 points) during a three-game Friday. **Derek Lalonde** can become the first head coach in franchise history to record at least one point in each of his first four contests with Detroit, eclipsing three-game runs by **Jeff Blashill** (3-0-0 in 2015-16), **Mike Babcock** (3-0-0 in 2005-06), **Jimmy Skinner** (3-0-0 in 1954-55) and **Tommy Ivan** (2-0-1 in 1947-48).



TONIGHT'S SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2022

7:30 PM ET		@		HULU, ESPN+
8:30 PM ET		@		BSDETX, NBCSCH
9:00 PM ET		@		ROOT-NW, ALT2

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* **ICYMI:** Red Wings captain **Dylan Larkin** helped keep the point streak alive Monday when he made a game-saving poke check on Kings forward **Viktor Arvidsson** less than a minute before **Oskar Sundqvist's** [tying goal with 40.9 seconds remaining in regulation](#).



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