#### NHL MORNING SKATE - OCT. 24, 2022



- \* After dropping their first two games of 2022-23, the Blackhawks have rallied with three straight wins overcoming a multi-goal deficit in each contest and joining rare company in the process.
- \* The retooled Red Wings are off to their best start in more than a decade, with offseason acquisition **Dominik Kubalik** leading the way by collecting eight points through his first five games of the campaign.
- \* **Phil Kessel** is set to tie **Keith Yandle** for the longest "Ironman" streak in NHL history and will do so against the Maple Leafs, with whom his stretch began nearly 13 years ago.



## BLACKHAWKS BEST KRAKEN WITH THIRD STRAIGHT MULTI-GOAL COMEBACK WIN

Trailing 2-0 in the first period, **Jujhar Khaira** scored shorthanded to begin Chicago's initial comeback attempt and set the stage for **Tyler Johnson**'s two tying tallies as well as **Jason Dickinson**'s winner



with less than seven minutes remaining in regulation. The Blackhawks have erased a multi-goal deficit to win three consecutive contests for the first time in franchise history following a pair of victories in similar fashion on Oct. 15 and Oct. 21.

- \* Chicago became the ninth team in NHL history to post three or more consecutive multi-goal comeback wins, joining Carolina (4 GP from Oct. 24-29, 2005), Detroit (3 GP from Nov. 6-10, 2018), Nashville (3 GP from Feb. 27 March 2, 2018), Edmonton (3 GP from Dec. 15-19, 2005), Pittsburgh (3 GP from Dec. 4-7, 1996), Buffalo (3 GP from Jan. 26-29, 1993), Hartford (3 GP from March 18-22, 1986) and NY Rangers (3 GP from Jan. 9-14, 1979).
- \* Additionally, the Blackhawks are the fourth team in NHL history to win their first three games of a season by overcoming a multi-goal deficit, joining the Blues (3 GP in 2006-07), Red Wings (3 GP in 1990-91) and Islanders (3 GP in 1985-86).
- \* Khaira, with three career shorthanded goals on his resume, netted Chicago's fourth of the season, joining **Sam Lafferty** (2) and **Connor Murphy** (1). Only two other teams have <u>multiple shorthanded tallies in 2022-23</u>: Edmonton (2) and Colorado (2).



# KUBALIK AND NEWCOMERS HELP RED WINGS CONTINUE HOT START TO 2022-23

**Dominik Kubalik** (1-2—3) posted his third consecutive multi-point outing and **Ville Husso** turned aside 32 shots as the Red Wings (3-0-2, 8 points) posted a <u>season-opening point streak</u> of at least five games for the fourth time in the NHL's expansion era (since 1967-68). Detroit is one of just four clubs without a regulation loss alongside Pittsburgh (4-0-1), Dallas (4-0-1) and St. Louis (3-0-0).

\* Kubalik, who signed a two-year contract with Detroit this offseason and leads the Red Wings with eight points through their first five games (3-5—8), is no stranger to producing offensively after putting together a 30-goal campaign in his rookie season with the Blackhawks in 2019-20. Since 2012-13, only three players have recorded more points through their first five contests with a club: **John Tavares** (6-



4—10 w/ TOR in 2018-19), **Matt Duchene** (2-7—9 w/ NSH in 2019-20) and **Zach Parise** (5-4—9 w/ MIN in 2012-13).



<sup>\*</sup> With **David Perron** (1-0—1) and **Elmer Soderblom** (1-0—1) also contributing offensively for Detroit, the club has received 11-14—25 from players in their first season with the Red Wings – the most goals and points among all teams, and three more tallies than the next closest (FLA: 8-9—17).

#### KNIGHT'S 25TH CAREER WIN FEATURED IN #NHLSTATS: LIVE UPDATES

The latest edition of #NHLStats: Live Updates featured notable facts and figures from a five-game Sunday slate, highlighted by Panthers goaltender **Spencer Knight** recording his 25th career win (38 GP). Only four active goaltenders have reached the mark in fewer appearances than the Darien, Conn., native: **Frederik Andersen** (33 GP), **Jordan Binnington** (35 GP), **Matt Murray** (36 GP) and **Anton Khudobin** (36 GP).





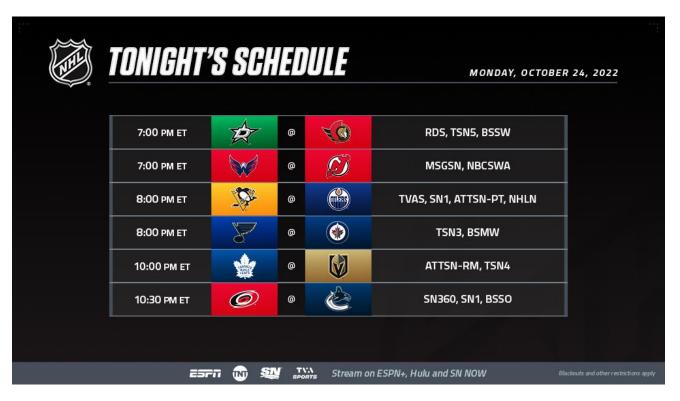
### **QUICK CLICKS**

- \* Phil Kessel talks ironman streak, love of game with NHL.com
- \* Auston Matthews of Maple Leafs touts innovative in-line skates, helps design own
- \* Canadiens' Arber Xhekaj has outstanding nickname, hardly alone in NHL
- \* Zizing 'Em Up: Healthy **Tyler Seguin** shining for Stars after mulling retirement
- \* Blackhawks off to good start under Luke Richardson

## KESSEL SET TO TIE YANDLE FOR LONGEST "IRONMAN" STREAK IN NHL HISTORY

Golden Knights forward **Phil Kessel** has not missed an NHL game in nearly 13 years and is expected to skate in his 989th consecutive contest – tying **Keith Yandle** (989 GP) for the longest <u>"Ironman"</u> <u>streak in League history</u>. Kessel will match the mark against the Maple Leafs – one of his four former teams and a franchise that accounts for the first 446 contests of the streak.





<sup>\*</sup> Monday also presents another opportunity for Kessel (399-558—957 in 1,210 GP) – he sits one tally shy of becoming the 12th U.S.-born player in NHL history to reach the 400-goal milestone. To date, **Patrick Kane** (430 in 1,112 GP), **Joe Pavelski** (425 in 1,173 GP) and **Zach Parise** (409 in 1,148) are the only active U.S.-born skaters to achieve the feat.



CROSBY, McDAVID READY FOR 10TH HEAD-TO-HEAD MEETING
Sidney Crosby (3-7—10 in 5 GP) and Connor McDavid (5-5—10 in 5 GP) are two of six players with



- a double-digit point total thus far in 2022-23 and will square off for their 10th all-time meeting when the Penguins travel to Rogers Place to tangle with the Oilers.
- \* Crosby, with three outings of three-plus points this season, has helped Pittsburgh score six goals in each of its four wins in 2022-23. The Penguins captain has collected 2-3—5 in his previous nine head-to-head matchups with McDavid, with his team holding a 6-2-1 advantage in those contests.
- \* Conversely, the Oilers captain is 3-3-3 against Crosby but holds the statistical advantage producing two points per game (5-13—18 in 9 GP). McDavid, held scoreless for the first time this season in Edmonton's previous matchup against the Blues on Oct. 22, has notched 36-76—112 in 71 career outings immediately following a contest in which he didn't find the score sheet.

