NHL MORNING SKATE - JAN. 22, 2023



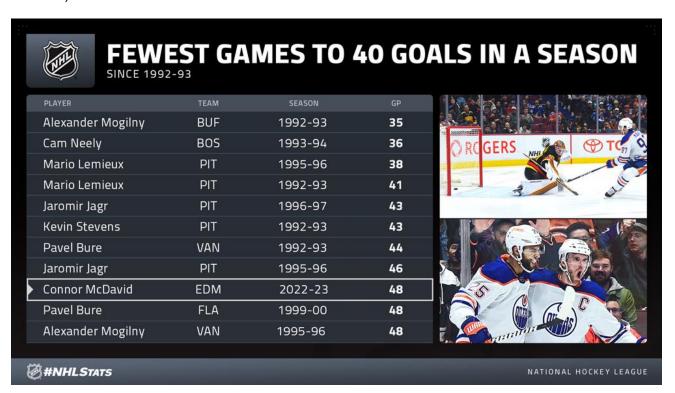
- * The 23rd annual *Scotiabank Hockey Day In Canada* concluded with the Flames, Canadiens, Jets and Oilers all picking up wins, highlighted by **Connor McDavid** becoming the first player to 40 goals this season.
- * Canadian players across the League also celebrated the day with strong performances of their own as **Dylan Cozens**, **Matt Duchene**, **Alex Pietrangelo** and **Carter Verhaeghe** each helped their teams to victory Saturday.
- * **Sebastion Aho** scored three straight goals, including the game winner, to register the League's third natural hat trick of 2022-23.





McDAVID CAPS HOCKEY DAY IN CANADA WITH 40TH GOAL

Storylines were aplenty during the 23rd annual *Scotiabank Hockey Day In Canada*, including **Connor McDavid** (40-48—88 in 48 GP) scoring his NHL-best 40th goal of the season to help the Oilers (27-18-3, 57 points) extend the League's longest active win streak to six games. He required the fewest contests by an active player to reach the mark in a campaign, besting **Auston Matthews** (49 GP in 2021-22).



- * McDavid's tally extended the League's longest active point streak to 10 games dating to Jan. 3 (8-8—16 in 10 GP) his third double-digit stretch of the 2022-23 campaign (also 17 GP from Nov. 26 Dec. 30, 2022 & 10 GP from Oct. 26 Nov. 12, 2022). His 10 career point streaks of 10-plus games are tied with **Sidney Crosby** for the most among active skaters.
- * The Oilers captain also moved within two assists of 50 in 2022-23 with his 239th career multi-point game one shy of **Glenn Anderson** (240 GP) for the <u>fourth most in Oilers history</u>. **Wayne Gretzky** (472 GP), **Mark Messier** (300 GP) and **Jari Kurri** (296 GP) rank first, second and third, respectively. His total is 49 more than the next-closest skater since his debut in 2015-16 (**Leon DraisaitI**: 190 GP).
- * McDavid, set to appear in the NHL All-Star Game under the 3-on-3 format for the sixth time, is one of only three active players with 40 or more goals prior to the All-Star/Olympic break joining **Alex Ovechkin** (42 in 2009-10 & 40 in 2013-14) and Crosby (42 in 2009-10).





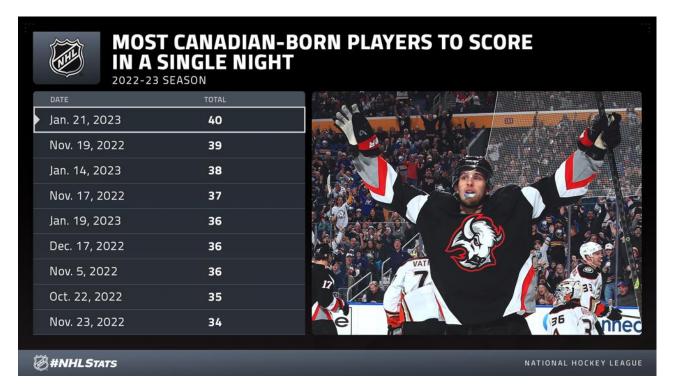
- * With Montreal facing a two-goal deficit after the first period, **Josh Anderson** (Burlington, Ont.) and **Rafael Harvey-Pinard** (Saguenay, Que.) pulled the Canadiens even before **Rem Pitlick** (Ottawa, Ont.) scored his first career overtime goal to complete the comeback against the Maple Leafs. Twenty-five of 49 games between Montreal and Toronto since 2012-13 have featured a comeback win, the second-highest combined total between two teams behind Pittsburgh and Philadelphia (26 in 45 GP).
- * **Dillon Dube** (Golden, B.C.) and **Tyler Toffoli** (Scarborough, Ont.) each had 1-1—2 as the Flames (22-16-9, 53 points) defeated the Lightning and kept pace with the Avalanche (25-17-3, 53 points) for the final Wild Card spot in the Western Conference. Saturday's matinee at Scotiabank Saddledome also featured **Jakob Pelletier** (Québec, Que.) making his NHL debut with Calgary.
- * Mark Scheifele (Kitchener, Ont.) had 2-1—3 to help lead Winnipeg past Ottawa in an all-Canadian matchup as the Jets (30-16-1, 61 points) eclipsed the 60-point mark in 47 games the club has hit 60 points in fewer contests just once in franchise history (2018-19: 45 GP). Scheifele's three-point outing marked the 58th of his career the most in Jets/Thrashers history and four more than the next-closest skater (Ilya Kovalchuk: 54 GP).

OTHER CANADIAN-BORN PLAYERS LEAVE THEIR MARK SATURDAY

Notable performances by Canadian-born players weren't limited to *Scotiabank Hockey Day In Canada* games Saturday:

* **Dylan Cozens** (Whitehorse, Y.T.) opened the scoring <u>in highlight-reel fashion</u> and **Peyton Krebs** (Calgary, Alta.) corralled two goals during the afternoon victory for the Sabres. Cozens (33-60—93 in 165 GP) climbed within seven points of 100 in his NHL career and would become the second player born in a Canadian territory to reach a triple-digit total, joining **Geoff Sanderson** (Hay River, N.W.T.) who had exactly 700 (including 65 with Buffalo from 1997-98 – 1999-00).





- * Nineteen-year-old **Wyatt Johnston** (Toronto, Ont.) scored one of four goals for the Central Division-leading Stars (28-13-7, 63 points). Johnston, who ranks <u>second in goals among rookies in 2022-23</u> (12-8—20 in 48 GP), is one of three teenagers in Stars team history with at least a dozen tallies in a single season joining **Valeri Nichushkin** (14 in 2013-14) and **Miro Heiskanen** (12 in 2018-19).
- * **Matt Duchene** (Haliburton, Ont.) scored two goals, including the game winner, as the Predators (22-18-6, 50 points) earned a comeback win against the Kings to move within three points of the Avalanche (25-17-3, 53 points) for the final Wild Card position in the Western Conference. Duchene's first goal occurred at 0:39 of the first period following a quick game-opening tally by **Mikael Granlund** (0:19), making Nashville the <u>15th team in NHL history</u> to score twice within the first 39 seconds of a contest and the second this season (also CGY: 0:30 on Dec. 20, 2022).
- * Alex Pietrangelo (King City, Ont.) assisted on two of Vegas' six goals to help the Golden Knights (29-16-2, 60 points) overtake the Kraken (27-14-5, 59 points) for first place in the Pacific Division. Pietrangelo boosted his career totals with Vegas to 25-73—98 (159 GP) and surpassed Nate Schmidt (21-76—97 in 196 GP) for second-most points among Golden Knights defensemen only Shea Theodore (57-171—228 in 371 GP) has more.
- * Carter Verhaeghe (Toronto, Ont.) and Sam Reinhart (West Vancouver, B.C.) were among five Panthers players to find the back of the net Saturday as Florida (23-20-5, 51 points) gained ground on idle Pittsburgh (23-15-7, 53 points) for the final Wild Card spot in the Eastern Conference. Anton Lundell (19:47 of P1), Verhaeghe (19:32 of P2) and Reinhart (19:21 of P3) combined to mark just the second time in over a decade that a team has recorded a goal in the final 40 seconds of all three periods.





AHO'S NATURAL HAT TRICK FEATURED IN #NHLSTATS: LIVE UPDATES

The <u>latest edition of #NHLStats: Live Updates</u> featured notes on all teams from a 14-game Saturday, including Carolina's **Sebastian Aho** (3-0—3) scoring the NHL's third natural hat trick of the season and the first for the Hurricanes since **Justin Faulk** on Feb. 13, 2018.

* Aho (199-242—441 in 484 GP), who moved within one goal of becoming the sixth player to score 200 with the Hurricanes/Whalers franchise, ranks sixth among Finnish-born players in NHL history with six career hat tricks behind Jari Kurri (23), Teemu Selanne (22), Patrik Laine (10), Tomas Sandstrom (8) and Olli Jokinen (7).





QUICK CLICKS

- * Chris Snow's son reads Calgary's starting lineups ahead of game Saturday
- * Ryan Miller participates in ceremonial puck drop ahead of Sabres game
- * Cole Caufield out rest of season for Canadiens, will have shoulder surgery
- * Blake Wheeler gets 900th NHL point in Jets win against Senators
- * Johnny Gaudreau ready for 'fun' 1st trip back to Calgary with Blue Jackets

SUNDAY'S SCHEDULE SET TO FEATURE SPORTSNET DOUBLEHEADER

Sunday's five-game slate is highlighted by a Sportsnet doubleheader with the Penguins (23-15-7, 53 points) visiting the Devils (29-12-4, 62 points) at Prudential Center and the League-leading Bruins (36-5-4, 76 points) hosting the Sharks (14-24-9, 37 points) at TD Garden.





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