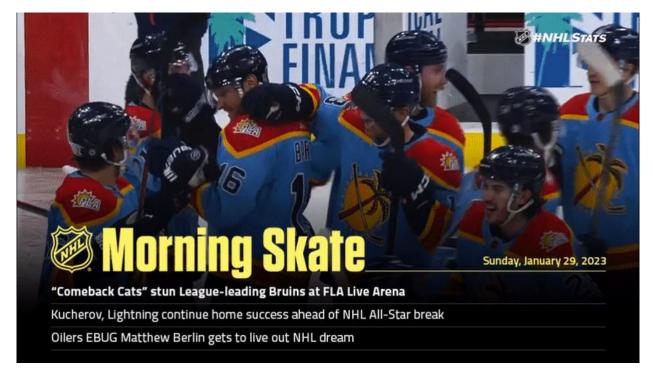
NHL MORNING SKATE - JAN. 29, 2023



- * The Panthers stunned the top-ranked Bruins to earn a first-of-its-kind win during their final game before welcoming the League's biggest stars to South Florida for the 2023 Honda NHL All-Star Weekend.
- * **Nikita Kucherov** found the score sheet once again at AMALIE Arena as the Lightning established a new franchise record for longest home winning streak.
- * **Matthew Berlin** made one save (and a memory that will last a lifetime) in the Oilers' high-scoring victory versus the Blackhawks.



"COMEBACK CATS" LIVE UP TO NICKNAME ONCE AGAIN

Florida fell behind at 19:11 of the third period, but **Aleksander Barkov** (1-2—3) pulled the Panthers even in the final moments of regulation and **Sam Reinhart** recorded the winner just 17 seconds into overtime as the hosts clawed their way past the League-leading Bruins.



* The 20 seconds between Florida's game-tying goal and overtime winner was the shortest such span by a team in NHL history *in contests where the sudden-death provision was used* – the second-shortest duration is 27 seconds, set by Oilers against the Panthers earlier this season on Nov. 28, 2022. Florida also became the second team in League history to fall behind in the final minute of regulation, tie the game and then score the overtime winner *in the opening 60 seconds of extra time*, joining the Hartford Whalers on Dec. 7, 1990.



^{*} Barkov, who <u>replaced **Auston Matthews** on the Atlantic Division roster</u> and is set make his second career *NHL All-Star Game* appearance (also 2018), matched **Patric Hornqvist** (59:57 on <u>Jan. 26, 2021</u>) for the second-latest game-tying goal in franchise history. The latest was scored by **Ivan Novoseltsev** (59:58 on <u>Dec. 21, 2002</u>), which was also against the Bruins.



^{*} With an assist on Reinhart's overtime winner, Barkov (234-366—600 in 638 GP) became the <u>ninth</u> <u>Finnish-born player in NHL history</u> to reach the 600-point milestone. That list also includes former Florida captain **Olli Jokinen** (321-429—750 in 1,231 GP), who had 419 of his 750 career points with the Panthers.



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LIGHTNING, KUCHEROV EXTEND HOME STREAKS, INCH CLOSER TO MAPLE LEAFS

Nikita Kucherov, who is set to skate alongside **Aleksander Barkov** at the *2023 Honda NHL All-Star Weekend*, had an assist to help the Lightning (32-15-1, 65 points) extend their home winning streak to a franchise-record 12 games. Tampa Bay, which was led in scoring Saturday by rookie defenseman **Nick Perbix** (0-3—3), moved within three points of Toronto (30-12-8, 68 points) which occupies second place in the Atlantic Division. The Lightning hold two games in hand on their 2022 First Round opponent.



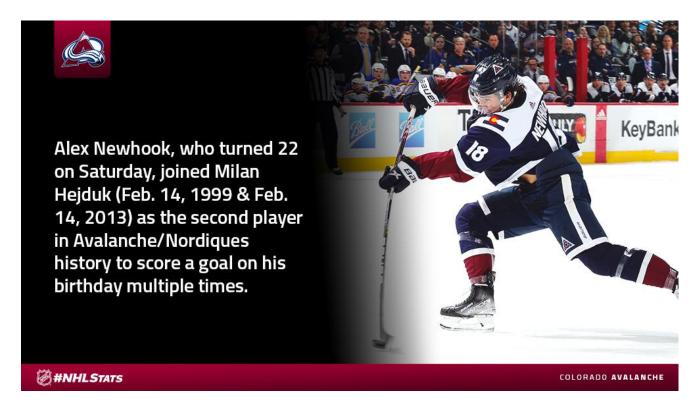


CLUBS CLIMB WESTERN CONFERENCE STANDINGS IN FINAL GAMES BEFORE BREAK

The Kraken (29-15-5, 63 points), Oilers (28-18-4, 60 points), Wild (27-17-4, 58 points) and Avalanche (27-18-3, 57 points) earned wins in their final contests before the 2023 Honda NHL All-Star Weekend to climb the Western Conference standings:

- * **Alex Wennberg** scored the game-winning goal against his former club as Seattle reclaimed first place in the Pacific Division. The top three teams in the group are separated by just one point, with the Golden Knights (29-18-4, 62 points) grabbing second place by virtue of their overtime loss Saturday.
- * Zach Hyman (26-34—60 in 49 GP) and Ryan Nugent-Hopkins (22-38—60 in 50 GP) joined teammates Connor McDavid (41-51—92 in 50 GP) and Leon DraisaitI (29-47—76 in 48 GP) in the 60-point club as Edmonton strengthened its grip on the Western Conference's first Wild Card spot. The Oilers scored seven goals in a game for a League-leading fifth time this season.
- * Jared Spurgeon (108-261—369 in 820 GP) scored a goal to tie Ryan Suter (55-314—369 in 656 GP) for the most points in franchise history among defensemen and Marc-Andre Fleury (29 saves) earned his NHL-record 64th career shootout win as Minnesota moved within five points of Winnipeg (31-19-1, 63 points), which occupies second place in the Central Division. The Wild hold three games in hand on the Jets.
- * Alex Newhook opened the scoring on the day he turned 22 to mark the second consecutive year he has potted a goal on his birthday and help Colorado move ahead of Calgary (24-17-9, 57 points) for the final Wild Card spot in the Western Conference. Newhook became the first player in Avalanche/Nordiques franchise history to score a goal on his birthday *in consecutive years*.





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<u>Saturday's edition of #NHLStats: Live Updates</u> featured several more notes from the 11-game slate, with some highlights included below:

- * Logan Couture (2-3—5) collected a <u>career-high five points</u> which were one shy of the <u>franchise record</u> set by **Owen Nolan** (3-3—6 on <u>Oct. 4, 1999</u>) as the Sharks prevailed against the Penguins in a back-and-forth game at PPG Paints Arena. Skating across from Couture was **Sidney Crosby** (541-928—1,469 in 1,157 GP), who corralled 1-1—2 to surpass **Stan Mikita** (541-926—1,467 in 1,396 GP) for sole possession of 15th place on the <u>NHL's all-time points list</u>.
- * **Carter Hart**, one of two goaltenders to record a shutout Saturday (also **Anton Forsberg**), stopped all 40 shots he faced as the Flyers foiled the Jets. He became the <u>seventh different goaltender in franchise history</u> with a 40-save shutout during a regular-season game and <u>sixth different NHL netminder</u> to achieve the feat in 2022-23.
- * Matthew Berlin, who signed an amateur tryout contract with the Oilers on Saturday, was inserted into the game late in the third period and was credited with one save to help Edmonton earn the victory. Berlin won a WHL championship with the Seattle Thunderbirds in 2017 and has spent each of the past four seasons with the University of Alberta Golden Bears.





QUICK CLICKS

- * Claude Giroux's young son gives out postgame high-fives to Senators
- * Alex Ovechkin not taking latest All-Star Game experience for granted
- * Lightning wear pirate warmup jerseys in honor of Gasparilla
- * Zizing 'Em Up: Coyotes 'open' to deals ahead of NHL Trade Deadline
- * Semyon Varlamov makes highlight-reel stick save in Islanders' 2-1 overtime win





TOP TWO TEAMS IN EAST FACE OFF ON SUNDAY

Sunday's two-game slate includes a showdown between the top two teams in the NHL when the League-leading Bruins (38-6-5, 81 points) visit the Metropolitan Division-leading Hurricanes (31-9-8, 70 points). Carolina will look to put together a five-game win streak for the second time this season (also 11-0-0 from Dec. 10, 2022–Jan. 1, 2023), while the Bruins are coming off a 4-3 overtime loss on Saturday.



