

NHL MORNING SKATE – FEB. 11, 2023

Morning Skate Saturday, February 11, 2023

Malkin becomes third player in Penguins history to reach 1,200 career points
Tarasenko tallies first of six Rangers goals in team debut
Saturday features a matinee doubleheader on ABC and ESPN+

* More than half of Saturday's 14 games start before 7 p.m. ET, including two airing on ABC and ESPN+ as well as one featuring NHL scoring leader **Connor McDavid** looking to extend his overall and road point streak to 15 and 17 contests, respectively.

* Saturday also marks *Dustin Brown Night* at Crypto.com Arena, with the Kings set to unveil a statue of their former captain and retire his No. 23 in a pre-game ceremony.

* **Evgeni Malkin** (463-737—1,200) collected two assists Friday and became just the fourth active player to reach the 1,200-point milestone.

* **Vladimir Tarasenko** found the back of the net in the opening three minutes of his Rangers debut and joined a short list of players to accomplish the feat with the club.

FRIDAY'S RESULTS

 3	FINAL ▶	6 	 3	◀ FINAL	0 
 3	FINAL OT ▶	4 	 6	◀ FINAL	3 

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SATURDAY HIGHLIGHTED BY LIGHTNING-STARS, CAPITALS-BRUINS ON ABC, ESPN+

Saturday's slate features two matinees airing on ABC and ESPN+, with the Lightning (33-16-2, 68 points) squaring off against the Central Division-leading Stars (30-13-10, 70 points) at American Airlines Center followed by the Capitals (27-20-6, 60 points) vying for a victory versus the League-leading Bruins (39-7-5, 83 points) at TD Garden.



The graphic features a dark blue background with a subtle ice rink pattern. At the top, the ABC logo is followed by 'HKY' and a hockey stick icon, and 'SATURDAY' in large white letters. Below this, two game matchups are listed: 'LIGHTNING STARS' with a 1PM/ET start time, and 'CAPITALS BRUINS' with a 3:30PM/ET start time. Each matchup includes the respective team's logo. In the center, it says 'COVERAGE BEGINS 12:30PM/ET' and 'SATURDAY' in large white letters. At the bottom, the ABC and ESPN+ logos are displayed.

* Tampa Bay, which [blanked Colorado on Thursday](#), is set to contest its second straight Stanley Cup Final rematch. The Lightning defeated the Stars in the [2020 Final](#) to capture their second Cup in franchise history (also [2004](#)), which also marked the club's first of [three consecutive appearances in the championship series](#).

* A total of 21 players who dressed at least one game in the 2020 Final remain with Tampa Bay or Dallas (min. 1 GP in 2022-23): **Zach Bogosian, Erik Cernak, Anthony Cirelli, Victor Hedman, Alex Killorn, Nikita Kucherov, Pat Maroon, Brayden Point, Mikhail Sergachev, Steven Stamkos and Andrei Vasilevskiy** for the visitors as well as **Jamie Benn, Denis Gurianov, Joel Hanley, Miro Heiskanen, Roope Hintz, Joel Kiviranta, Esa Lindell, Jake Oettinger, Joe Pavelski and Tyler Seguin** for the hosts. Lightning forward **Corey Perry** appeared in all six contests *with the Stars*, which included scoring the double-overtime winner in [Game 5](#).



Jason Robertson (33-36—69 in 53 GP), who did not play against the Lightning during the 2020 Stanley Cup Final, leads the Stars in scoring and can become the fastest player in *team history* to reach 70 points in a season. The current mark is held by Mike Modano in 1993-94 (39-33—72 in 55 GP).



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DALLAS STARS

* Boston can become the fastest team in League history to reach 40 wins in a season, eclipsing the current mark set by the 2015-16 Capitals (40-9-4 in 53 GP). Eight players who dressed at least one game with Washington during that campaign remain with the team (min. 1 GP in 2022-23): **Nicklas Backstrom, John Carlson, Marcus Johansson, Evgeny Kuznetsov, Dmitry Orlov, T.J. Oshie, Alex Ovechkin and Tom Wilson.**

* Ovechkin (28-29—57 in 63 GP) has scored 28 career goals versus the Bruins, which is [tied for 16th among all players in the NHL's expansion era](#) (since 1967-68). Should he tally twice Saturday, Boston would be the 14th franchise that Ovechkin has scored 30 or more goals against (also [WPG/ATL](#), [TBL](#), [CAR](#), [PHI](#), [FLA](#), [NYR](#), [NYI](#), [TOR](#), [BUF](#), [PIT](#), [NJD](#), [MTL](#) & [OTT](#)).



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Alex Ovechkin can become the third player in NHL history to score 30+ goals against 14+ different franchises. He would move past Marcel Dionne (13) to join Wayne Gretzky (16) and Bruins legend Phil Esposito (14).



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ROAD TO 2023 STADIUM SERIES CONTINUES FOR HURRICANES

The Hurricanes (34-9-8, 76 points) return to action when they put the NHL's longest active win streak on the line (7-0-0 since Jan. 19) against the Rangers (30-14-8, 68 points) – winners of four straight. Saturday is one of Carolina's three games remaining on the schedule before it faces Washington in the 2023 Navy Federal Credit Union NHL Stadium Series at Carter-Finley Stadium on Feb. 18.



TODAY'S SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2023

12:00 PM ET		@		BSDET, SNP	12:30 PM ET		@		MSG-B, SNO, SNE, SN1
12:30 PM ET		@		TVAS, SNW, TSN5	12:30 PM ET		@		RDS, TSN2, MSGSN
12:30 PM ET		@		BSSO, NBCSP	1:00 PM ET		@		ABC, ESPN+
3:30 PM ET		@		ABC, ESPN+, SN, TVAS	6:00 PM ET		@		BSFLX, ALT, TVAS
7:00 PM ET		@		CBC, SN, CITY, BSOH	7:00 PM ET		@		BSSO, NHLN, MSG 2
8:00 PM ET		@		BSMW, BSAZ	8:00 PM ET		@		MSGSN, BSWI, BSN
10:00 PM ET		@		CBC, SN, CITY, NBCSCH+	10:30 PM ET		@		BSW, ATTSN-PT

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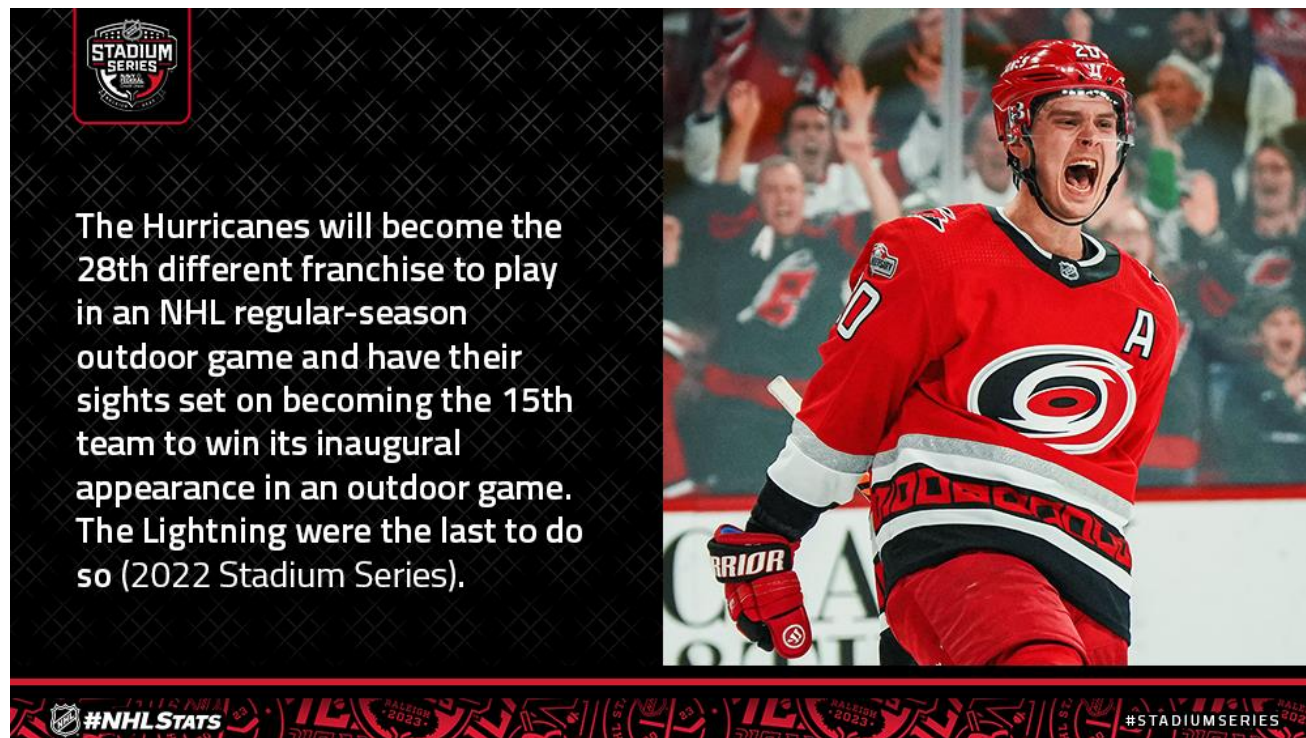


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* **Sebastian Aho** (Rauma, Finland) enters Saturday on a [six-game goal streak](#) and sits one contest shy of matching the second-longest stretch in franchise history (**Ray Ferraro**: 7 GP in 1988-89 w/ HFD). Should he find the back of the net in the 2023 Stadium Series, he would become just the fourth Finnish-born player to score in an outdoor game following **Kasper Kapanen** (2023 Winter Classic w/ PIT), **Rasmus Ristolainen** (2018 Winter Classic w/ BUF) and **Erik Haula** (2016 Stadium Series w/ MIN).

* Everything you need to know about the League's 28th franchise to appear in an outdoor game can be found in our latest [#NHLStats Pack](#) as well as our [Interactive Information Guide](#).



LOS ANGELES SET TO HONOR BROWN BY UNVEILING STATUE, RETIRING HIS No. 23

Dustin Brown, who captained the Kings to their two Stanley Cup championships ([2014](#) & [2012](#)) and is the franchise's all-time leader in [games played](#) (1,296 GP), will be honored by the club when Los Angeles [unveils a statue of him and retires his No. 23 at Crypto.com Arena](#) on Saturday.

* Brown will become the third former Kings player to have a [standalone statue outside the venue at Star Plaza](#), joining **Wayne Gretzky** and **Luc Robitaille**. The area is also home to a statue of longtime team broadcaster **Bob Miller** as well as the [Los Angeles Kings Monument](#), which features Brown alongside other past-and-present franchise icons.

* Brown will be the [seventh player to have his number retired by the Kings](#), following **Rob Blake** (No. 4), **Marcel Dionne** (No. 16), **Dave Taylor** (No. 18), **Robitaille** (No. 20), **Rogie Vachon** (No. 30) and **Gretzky** (No. 99).

* Brown's franchise-record games played total included 1,158 with current Los Angeles captain **Anze Kopitar**, which marks the third most by a pair of NHL teammates. Brown, Kopitar and **Jonathan Quick** contested 15 seasons together dating to when the latter debuted in 2007-08, [tied for the second highest total by a trio of teammates in League history](#).



MOST GAMES PLAYED TOGETHER

PAIRS OF TEAMMATES, NHL HISTORY

PLAYERS		TEAMS	GP
Alex Delvecchio	Gordie Howe	DET	1,353
Daniel Sedin	Henrik Sedin	VAN	1,276
Dustin Brown	Anze Kopitar	LAK	1,158
Kris Draper	Nicklas Lidstrom	DET	1,107
Duncan Keith	Brent Seabrook	CHI	1,069
Bob Gainey	Larry Robinson	MTL	1,062
Drew Doughty	Anze Kopitar	LAK	1,047*
George Armstrong	Tim Horton	TOR	1,044
Nicklas Backstrom	Alex Ovechkin	WSH	1,029*
Patrick Kane	Jonathan Toews	CHI	1,014*
Kevin Lowe	Mark Messier	EDM, NYR	1,008



*Los Angeles, Washington & Chicago are in action Saturday




MALKIN REACHES MILESTONE WITH 1,200TH CAREER POINT

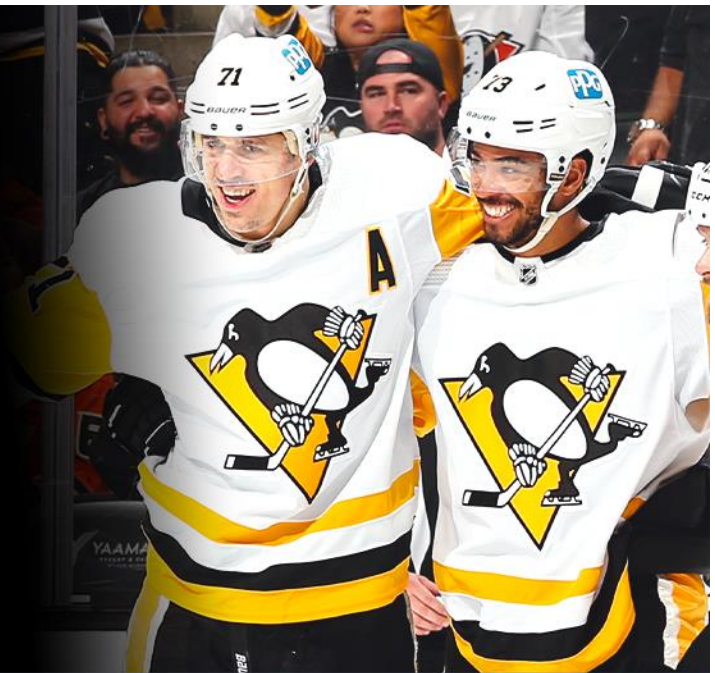
Evgeni Malkin (0-2—2) assisted on two of six Pittsburgh goals to reach 1,200 career points, while **Pierre-Olivier Joseph** (2-1—3) put up a three-point performance as the Penguins (26-16-9, 61 points) claimed a victory in Anaheim and leapfrogged the idle Capitals (27-20-6, 60 points) for the first Wild Card spot in the Eastern Conference.

* Malkin (463-737—1,200 in 1,032 GP) became the [third player in Penguins history](#) to reach the 1,200-point milestone, joining **Mario Lemieux** (690-1,033—1,723 in 915 GP) and teammate **Sidney Crosby** (541-930—1,471 in 1,159 GP). He also became the [fourth active player to reach the mark](#).



Fewest games to 1,200 career points, active players:

927 GP - Sidney Crosby
1,032 GP - Evgeni Malkin
1,072 GP - Alex Ovechkin
1,130 GP - Patrick Kane



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* Joseph became the third Penguins defenseman in the past 30 years to record multiple three-point games before age 24. The others: **Kris Letang** (4 GP) and **Ryan Whitney** (2 GP).

TARASENKO TALLIES IN RANGERS DEBUT AT MADISON SQUARE GARDEN

In his team debut in front of the Blueshirts faithful, **Vladimir Tarasenko** (1-0—1) wasted no time in finding the back of the net, needing just 2:49 to score the first of his club's six goals en route to a Rangers victory at Madison Square Garden.

* Tarasenko, who was acquired by New York from St. Louis on Feb. 9, became the first Rangers player to score in his team debut since **Braden Schneider** (1-0—1 on Jan. 13, 2022).



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* **Adam Fox** (0-1—1), who became just the [fifth defenseman to reach the 50-point mark this season](#) (10-40—50 in 52 GP), recorded his third straight campaign with 40-plus assists and became the fourth blueliner in Rangers history to achieve the feat, joining **Brian Leetch** (4x), **Brad Park** (4x) and **James Patrick** (3x).

GOALTENDERS HIGHLIGHTED IN FRIDAY'S #NHLSTATS: LIVE UPDATES

The [latest edition of #NHLStats: Live Updates](#) featured noteworthy performances from Toronto's **Ilya Samsonov** and Chicago's **Jaxson Stauber**, who both backstopped their teams to victory Friday:

* Stauber made 23 saves to help the Blackhawks earn their sixth multi-goal comeback win of the season, tied with the Canucks, Devils and Ducks for the most among all teams. He became the first goaltender in franchise history to earn a win in each of his first three NHL games.

* Samsonov turned aside all 30 shots he faced to help the Maple Leafs defeat the Blue Jackets in the first game of a back-to-back set between the two clubs. Toronto (32-13-8, 72 points), which bolstered its lead over Tampa Bay (33-16-2, 68 points) for second place in the Atlantic Division, will host Columbus at Scotiabank Arena on Saturday.



FEWEST GAMES TO 70 CAREER WINS

GOALTENDERS, SINCE 1972-73

GOALTENDER	GP
Chris Osgood	101
Michel Larocque	107
Andy Moog	108
Bob Froese	109
Igor Shesterkin	112
Pete Peeters	112
Matt Murray	114
Antti Niemi	114
Ilya Samsonov	115
Frederik Andersen	115



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NHL PODCASTS WEEKLY ROUNDUP

- * **NHL Fantasy** (Feb. 5): [All-Star wrap & Fantasy waiver wire pickups](#)
- * **NHL @ The Rink** (Feb. 8): [Brian Boucher joins; Playoff races, Trouba's style, Mailbag](#)
- * **La Tasse de café LNH** (Feb. 8): [Horvat, le premier domino de la date limite des transactions](#)
- * **The Chirp with Daren Millard** (Feb. 9): [Keith Tkachuk joins; Stretch run, Deadline decisions](#)
- * **NHL Fantasy** (Feb. 9): [Chytil-mania; Horvat, Beauvillier impressions; Guest: Jonny Lazarus](#)

QUICK CLICKS

- * [Jason Robertson's rise with Stars latest success for U.S.-born players in NHL](#)
- * [Dustin Brown 'very deserving' to have No. 23 retired, statue unveiled by Kings](#)
- * [Czechia, Finland to celebrate first Hockey Day in March](#)
- * [Women in Hockey: Allison Vaughan](#)



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YEARS OF HOCKEY EXPERIENCE

30 Years

Q & A

What is a quality you admire most in others (personal or professional)?

I admire people who stay true to themselves, people who can speak to everyone the same and treat everyone the same, people who face adversity yet stay the course.