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SHARKS' ERIK KARLSSON WINS NORRIS TROPHY

NASHVILLE (June 26, 2023) – **Erik Karlsson** of the San Jose Sharks is the 2022-23 recipient of the **James Norris Memorial Trophy**, awarded "to the defense player who demonstrates throughout the season the greatest all-round ability in the position," as selected by the Professional Hockey Writers Association.

Karlsson, who previously won the Norris Trophy twice with the Ottawa Senators (2011-12 and 2014-15), is the fourth defenseman to take home the award with multiple teams, following **Chris Chelios** (CHI and MTL), **Paul Coffey** (DET and EDM) and **Doug Harvey** (MTL and NYR). He also is the second player to go eight-plus years between Norris Trophy wins, a feat previously achieved by Coffey (9 years, 1985-86 w/ EDM and 1994-95 w/ DET).

Karlsson was the top choice on 123 of 196 ballots and garnered 1,585 voting points, ahead of 2020-21 Norris winner **Adam Fox** of the New York Rangers, who finished in second place with 41 first-place votes and 1,125 points. **Cale Makar** of the Colorado Avalanche, the 2021-22 Norris recipient, ranked third in balloting with 553 points.

Karlsson, the sixth different defenseman in NHL history and first since **Brian Leetch** in 1991-92 (w/ NYR) to record a 100-point season, topped blueliners with 25-76—101 across 82 games. He became the eighth different player in the League's expansion era (since 1967-68) to outright lead defensemen in goals, assists and points within a single campaign, a feat last achieved by **Mike Green** in 2009-10 (w/ WSH). Karlsson also set an NHL record for blueliners by factoring on 43.35 percent of San Jose's total goals (101 of 233, excluding shootout-deciding goals), eclipsing **Bobby Orr** in 1969-70 (43.32% w/ BOS).

For more on the Norris Trophy, including a list of past winners, click here.

2022-23 Norris Trophy Voting

		Pts	(1st-2nd-3rd-4th-5th)
1.	Erik Karlsson, SJS	1585	(123-33-16-12-8)
2.	Adam Fox, NYR	1125	(41-72-28-20-11)
3.	Cale Makar, COL	553	(12-26-29-26-28)
4.	Hampus Lindholm, BOS	483	(12-14-31-30-20)
5.	Josh Morrissey, WPG	337	(3-16-23-21-17)
6.	Dougie Hamilton, NJD	270	(3-11-15-21-25)
7.	Miro Heiskanen, DAL	269	(1-13-15-25-18)
8.	Rasmus Dahlin, BUF	262	(0-6-23-25-30)
9.	Quinn Hughes, VAN	101	(1-2-10-5-12)
10.	Brent Burns, CAR	41	(0-2-2-3-8)
11.	Vince Dunn, SEA	31	(0-0-2-4-9)
12.	Brandon Montour, FLA	9	(0-1-0-0-2)
13.	Jared Spurgeon, MIN	9	(0-0-0-2-3)
14.	Devon Toews, COL	7	(0-0-1-0-2)
15.	Victor Hedman, TBL	5	(0-0-1-0-0)
16.	Mikhail Sergachev, TBL	4	(0-0-0-1-1)
17.	Jaccob Slavin, CAR	3	(0-0-0-1-0)
t-18.	Drew Doughty, LAK	1	(0-0-0-0-1)
t-18.	Charlie McAvoy, BOS	1	(0-0-0-0-1)

* Points allocation: 10-7-5-3-1 (1st-2nd-3rd-4th-5th)

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