



SEASON OPENERS

2023-24



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The 2023-24 NHL season opens with a tripleheader Oct. 10, 2023, when the Predators visit the Lightning, followed by **Sidney Crosby** and Penguins host the Blackhawks after the latter selected **Connor Bedard** with the No. 1 pick in the 2023 Upper Deck NHL Draft. The Golden Knights will close out the night when they raise their first Stanley Cup championship banner to the rafters of T-Mobile Arena prior to their game against the Kraken – the only time the clubs will meet before a showdown in the 2024 Discover NHL Winter Classic.

* Bedard's highly-anticipated debut comes on the heels of a Western Hockey League campaign that concluded with the Regina Pats forward averaging 2.51 points per game (71-72—143 in 57 GP). The No. 1 overall pick in the 2023 NHL Draft just turned 18 on July 17 and can join rare company in NHL history should he collect multiple points in his team's season opener.

MOST POINTS IN A TEAM'S SEASON OPENER
PLAYERS AGE 18 OR YOUNGER, NHL HISTORY

PLAYER	TEAM	SEASON	POINTS
MASON MCTAVISH	ANA	2021-22	1-1-2
PATRIK LAINE	WPG	2016-17	1-1-2
NATHAN MACKINNON	COL	2013-14	0-2-2
SHANE DOAN	WIN	1995-96	0-2-2
ALEXANDRE DAIGLE	OTT	1993-94	0-2-2
MARTIN GELINAS	EDM	1988-89	0-2-2
PETR SVOBODA	MTL	1984-85	0-2-2
STEVE YZERMAN	DET	1983-84	1-1-2
BOBBY CARPENTER	WSH	1981-82	1-1-2
RAY BOURQUE	BOS	1979-80	1-1-2
BUD POILE	TOR	1942-43	0-2-2

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* This will mark the fourth time that an NHL opening day with at least three games will include only U.S.-based teams. The others: Oct. 11, 1968 ([DET at BOS](#), [STL at CHI](#) & [MNS at OAK](#)), Oct. 9, 2002 ([NYR at CAR](#), [DAL at COL](#) & [PHX at LAK](#)) and Oct. 8, 2003 ([NJD at BOS](#), [ANA at DAL](#) & [MIN at CHI](#)).

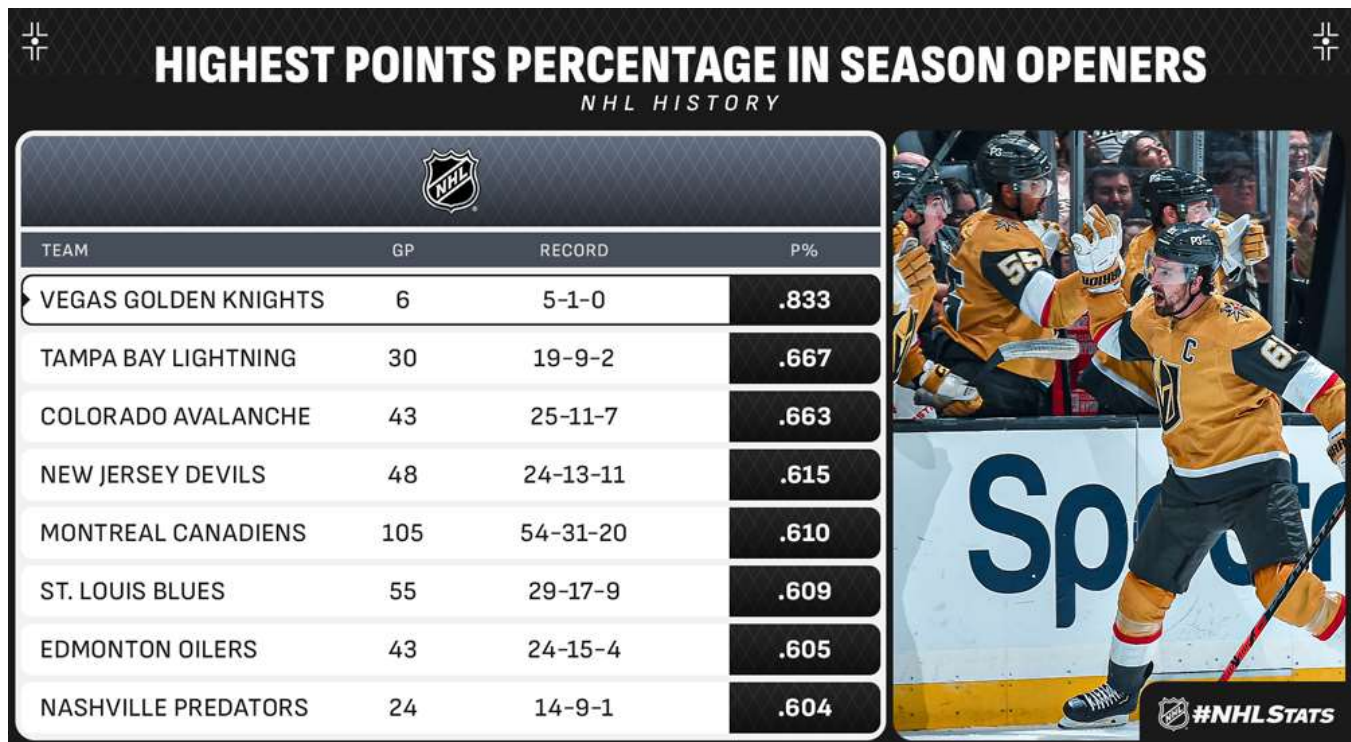
* **Download the PDF** for a list of single-game highs by NHL teams, skaters and goaltenders during season-opening games. A list of each team's record in *home openers*, as well as the date and opponent of their 2023-24 home opener is also included in the attached PDF.

The NHL's all-time standings in season-opening games can be found on [Records.NHL.com](https://www.nhl.com/records):

- * [Season Opener Standings, Overall](#)
- * [Season Opener Standings, When Opening at Home](#)
- * [Season Opener Standings, When Opening on Road](#)

DRAMATIC FINISH IN 2022-23 SEASON OPENER STARTED GOLDEN KNIGHTS' CUP RUN

The Golden Knights will start a season as defending champions for the first time. Vegas has won each of its past four season-opening games and holds the [highest points percentage in those contests in NHL history](#). Their journey toward a first Stanley Cup started on Oct. 11, 2022, when captain **Mark Stone** provided a late game-winning goal to [open the 2022-23 campaign](#) – foreshadowing a historic finish that saw Stone net a hat trick in the [club's Stanley Cup-clinching game](#).



TEAM	GP	RECORD	P%
VEGAS GOLDEN KNIGHTS	6	5-1-0	.833
TAMPA BAY LIGHTNING	30	19-9-2	.667
COLORADO AVALANCHE	43	25-11-7	.663
NEW JERSEY DEVILS	48	24-13-11	.615
MONTREAL CANADIENS	105	54-31-20	.610
ST. LOUIS BLUES	55	29-17-9	.609
EDMONTON OILERS	43	24-15-4	.605
NASHVILLE PREDATORS	24	14-9-1	.604

* Defending Stanley Cup champions are 60-26-16 (102 GP) in season openers in NHL history, including a 5-3-2 mark in the past 10 years and an 8-7-5 clip over the past 20. (There was no Stanley Cup champion in 1918-19 due to the influenza epidemic. A non-NHL team won the Stanley Cup in 1924-25).

MORE SEASON-OPENING #NHLSTATS ENTERING 2023-24

* Vegas' four consecutive wins in season openers are tied with Carolina, which squares off with Ottawa to open its campaign (Oct. 11), and Boston, which opens against Chicago (Oct. 11) for the **longest active win streaks in season-opening contests**. The longest such stretch in NHL history is shared between St. Louis (9 GP: 1978-79 – 1986-87) and Montreal (9 GP: 1953-54 – 1961-62). More information on each note below is available in the attached PDF.

* The Flyers own the NHL's **longest active point streak in season-opening contests** (8 GP; 6-0-2 since 2015-16). Should they extend the run to nine games in 2023-24, Philadelphia would become the 10th team in NHL history to have a point streak of at least that length in season-opening games. More information on each note below is available in the attached PDF.

LONGEST POINT STREAKS IN SEASON - OPENING GAMES

NHL HISTORY



TEAM	FIRST SEASON	LAST SEASON	RECORD	GP
MONTREAL CANADIENS	1963-64	1979-80	13-0-4	17
DETROIT RED WINGS	1940-41	1954-55	14-0-1	15
BOSTON BRUINS	1987-88	1998-99	9-0-3	12
DALLAS STARS	1996-97	2006-07	7-0-3	10
LOS ANGELES KINGS	1994-95	2002-03	6-0-3	9
NEW JERSEY DEVILS	1989-90	1997-98	7-0-2	9
QUEBEC NORDIQUES	1980-81	1988-89	8-0-1	9
ST. LOUIS BLUES	1978-79	1986-87	9-0-0	9
MONTREAL CANADIENS	1953-54	1961-62	9-0-0	9



* Philadelphia [6-0-2 since 2015-16] can join this list in 2023-24

* Minnesota goaltender **Marc-Andre Fleury** is 10-7 in his team's season-opening games. Should he start and backstop the Wild past the Panthers on Oct. 12, he would surpass **Curtis Joseph** (10 in 13 GP) and **Martin Brodeur** (10 in 18 GP) for the most such wins in NHL history. Should Fleury, the [third-winningest goaltender in NHL history](#), register a shutout in that contest he would tie **Glenn Hall** (3 SO in 11 GP) and **Jacques Plante** (3 SO in 12 GP) for the most in season-opening games in NHL history. More information on each note below is available in the attached PDF.

* Capitals teammates **Alex Ovechkin** and **Nicklas Backstrom** enter 2023-24 as the active leaders in goals (13) and assists (15) in season openers, respectively. Ovechkin sits one goal away from tying **Michel Goulet** (14 in 13 GP) and **Dino Ciccarelli** (14 in 16 GP) for the most in a career in NHL history. Meanwhile, there are 11 players in League history with at least 16 career assists in such contests. More information on each note below is available in the attached PDF.



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MOST CAREER POINTS IN SEASON OPENERS

NHL HISTORY



PLAYER	TEAM(S)	GP	POINTS
JAROMIR JAGR	PIT, WSH, NYR, PHI, DAL, NJD, FLA	23	39
RAY BOURQUE	BOS, COL	21	30
JOE SAKIC	QUE, COL	20	27
WAYNE GRETZKY	EDM, LAK, NYR	19	27
MICHEL GOULET	QUE, CHI	13	25
PHIL ESPOSITO	CHI, BOS, NYR	16	25
GORDIE HOWE	DET, HFD	25	25
AL MACINNIS	CGY, STL	20	25
ADAM OATES	DET, STL, BOS, WSH, ANA	17	25



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*Alex Ovechkin (13-11-24 in 18 GP) can join this list in 2023-24

* The 2022-23 Calder Trophy winner, **Matty Beniers**, returns for his sophomore campaign after leading all rookies in goals (tied w/ 24) and points (57) last season. Should he find the back of the net in Seattle's opener this year (Oct. 10 at VGK), he would become the third active player to begin his career by scoring in his team's season-opening game in two straight campaigns; **Auston Matthews** (4: 2016-17 - 2019-20 w/ TOR) and **Zemgus Girgensons** (2: 2013-14 - 2014-15) both did so. **Zach Parise**, currently an unsigned free agent, also achieved the feat (2: 2005-06 – 2006-07 w/ NJD).



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* Fresh off reaching the 200-goal mark in 2022-23, Jets forward **Kyle Connor** enters 2023-24 with a goal in each of Winnipeg's past five season-opening games dating to 2018-19 – the longest active run in the NHL. He is one of 12 players in NHL history to score in at least five consecutive season-opening contests.

KYLE COMING IN CLUTCH ON OPENING NIGHT

Kyle Connor can join Cam Atkinson (2014-15 - 2019-20), Yvan Cournoyer (1973-74 - 1978-79) and Mud Bruneteau (1940-41 - 1945-46) as the fourth player in NHL history to score in six straight season openers

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* Maple Leafs defenseman **Morgan Rielly** (1-6—7 in 7 GP since 2016-17) has found the score sheet in each of Toronto's past seven season-opening games and shares the **longest active such point streak** with three others: **Patrik Laine** (5-7—12 in 7 GP), **Filip Forsberg** (4-5—9 in 7 GP) and **Leon Draisaitl** (3-10—13 in 7 GP). Should Rielly find the score sheet against the Canadiens on Oct. 11, he would become the fourth blueliner in League history to register a point in eight or more consecutive season-opening contests.

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LONGEST STREAKS OF SEASON-OPENING GAMES WITH A POINT

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PLAYER	TEAM(S)	FIRST SEASON	LAST SEASON	GP
SERGEI ZUBOV	PIT, DAL	1995-96	2005-06	10
DOUG HARVEY	MTL, NYR	1953-54	1961-62	9
AL MACINNIS	CGY	1984-85	1991-92	8
MORGAN RIELLY*	TOR	2016-17	2022-23	7
DION PHANEUF	CGY, TOR	2009-10	2015-16	7
PAUL COFFEY	PIT, LAK, DET	1988-89	1994-95	7
DICK REDMOND	CHI, STL, BOS	1973-74	1979-80	7

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All seven Canadian clubs are in action Oct. 11, the second day of the 2023-24 campaign, including three all-Canadian matchups: Canadiens at Maple Leafs (7 p.m. ET), Senators at Hurricanes (7 p.m. ET), Jets at Flames (10 p.m. ET) and Oilers at Canucks (10 p.m. ET).

* Toronto and Montreal will be meeting in a mutual season-opening game for the fifth time in six seasons, with the Maple Leafs winning four of the previous five entering this campaign (TOR: 3-1-0; MTL: 1-1-2). The 2023-24 schedule marks the 21st time the longtime rivals have been opponents in a mutual season-opening game – the highest such total in NHL history, ahead of the Canucks-Flames, Blackhawks-Red Wings and Canadiens-Bruins (all at 11).

* The Senators are opening their campaign on the road for the second time in as many seasons following [Oct. 13, 2022 \(at BUF\)](#). Ottawa shares the NHL's best points percentage (.611) [when opening the season on the road](#) with Colorado (min. 5 GP); each club is 9-5-4 in those contests. Without a games played minimum, the Golden Knights hold that distinction, winning both of their games ([Oct. 6, 2017 at DAL](#) & [Oct. 11, 2022 at LAK](#)).

* Calgary and Winnipeg meet to begin 2023-24 after each club skated to a victory to begin 2022-23. The Jets, who also shared a mutual season-opening game with the Flames [to begin 2020-21](#), have only faced one other opponent *multiple times* in their first game of a campaign since relocating to Winnipeg in 2011-12 (NYR: [Oct. 14, 2022](#) & [Oct. 3, 2019](#)). Meanwhile, Calgary looks to win consecutive season openers for the third time in franchise history following 1989-90 to 1991-92 (3 GP) and 1985-86 to 1987-88 (3 GP).

* The 2022-23 campaign marks the fifth consecutive in which Edmonton and Vancouver will meet in each club's first game of the season; the Oilers hold a 3-1-0 advantage (VAN: 1-2-1). **Connor McDavid** enters the campaign within reach of hitting the 900- and 1,000-point milestones and [hit the 700 point milestone with four-point outing in last year's season opener against the Canucks. last year](#). McDavid, who's collected three or more points in a season-opening contest three times in his career can join **Jaromir Jagr** (6x), **Bernie Federko** (5x), **Bobby Hull** (5x), **Adam Oates** (4x), **Jari Kurri** (4x), **Joe Sakic** (4x), **Ray Bourque** (4x) and **Wayne Gretzky** (4x) in achieving the feat on at least four occasions.

MOST CONSECUTIVE MEETINGS IN MUTUAL SEASON-OPENING GAMES

NHL HISTORY

TEAM	TEAM	SEASONS	YEARS
MAPLE LEAFS	CANADIENS	2009-10 - 2015-16	7
CANADIENS	BLACKHAWKS	1949-50 - 1954-55	6
OILERS	CANUCKS	2019-20 - 2023-24*	5
MAPLE LEAFS	RANGERS	1940-41 - 1944-45	5
SENATORS	TIGERS	1921-22 - 1924-25	4

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ALL-TIME RECORDS IN HOME OPENERS

Download the PDF for each team's record in *home openers* as well as the date and opponent of their 2023-24 home opener.

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ACTIVE HEAD COACHES' RECORDS IN SEASON OPENERS

HEAD COACH	GC	W	L	T/OT	PTS	P%
Don Granato (BUF)	2	2	0	0	4	1.000
Jay Woodcroft (EDM)	1	1	0	0	2	1.000
Martin St. Louis (MTL)	1	1	0	0	2	1.000
Derek Lalonde (DET)	1	1	0	0	2	1.000
Rod Brind'Amour (CAR)	5	4	0	1	9	.900
Bruce Cassidy (VGK)	8	7	1	0	14	.875
Jared Bednar (COL)	7	6	1	0	12	.857
Rick Bowness (WPG)	9	5	1	3	13	.722
Jon Cooper (TBL)	10	7	3	0	14	.700
Craig Berube (STL)	5	3	1	1	7	.700
Dave Hakstol (SEA)	6	3	1	2	8	.667
Dean Evason (MIN)	3	2	1	0	4	.667
Jim Montgomery (BOS)	3	2	1	0	4	.667
Sheldon Keefe (TOR)	3	2	1	0	4	.667
Todd McLellan (LAK)	15	9	5	1	19	.633
Peter Laviolette (NYR)	19	11	6	2	24	.632
Mike Babcock (CBJ)	17	10	6	1	21	.618
Lindy Ruff (NJD)	22	12	7	3	27	.614
John Tortorella (PHI)	17	9	7	1	19	.559
Mike Sullivan (PIT)	9	4	3	2	10	.556
Peter DeBoer (DAL)	15	8	7	0	16	.533
Paul Maurice (FLA)	22	10	9	3	23	.523
D.J. Smith (OTT)	4	2	2	0	4	.500
David Quinn (SJS)	4	1	3	0	2	.250
Rick Tocchet (VAN)	5	0	4	1	1	.100
André Tourigny (ARI)	2	0	2	0	0	.000
Luke Richardson (CHI)	1	0	1	0	0	.000
Lane Lambert (NYI)	1	0	1	0	0	.000
Ryan Huska (CGY)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Andrew Brunette (NSH)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Spencer Carbery (WSH)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Greg Cronin (ANA)	-	-	-	-	-	-

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ACTIVE GENERAL MANAGERS' RECORDS IN SEASON OPENERS

GENERAL MANAGER	GP	W	L	T/OTL	PTS	P%
Kelly McCrimmon (VGK)	4	4	0	0	8	1.000
Bill Zito (FLA)	3	3	0	0	6	1.000
Kent Hughes (MTL)	1	1	0	0	2	1.000
Pat Verbeek (ANA)	1	1	0	0	2	1.000
Chris MacFarland (COL)	1	1	0	0	2	1.000
Kyle Dubas (PIT)	5	4	1	0	8	0.800
Steve Yzerman (DET)	12	9	2	1	19	0.792
Brian MacLellan (WSH)	9	6	1	2	14	0.778
Don Sweeney (BOS)	8	6	2	0	12	0.750
Doug Armstrong (STL)	18	12	4	2	26	0.722
Ken Holland (EDM)	25	17	7	1	35	0.700
Kevyn Adams (BUF)	3	2	1	0	4	0.667
Jim Nill (DAL)	10	6	3	1	13	0.650
Lou Lamoriello (NYI)	35	19	11	5	43	0.614
Don Waddell (CAR)	15	8	5	2	18	0.600
Julien Brisebois (TBL)	5	3	2	0	6	0.600
Kevin Cheveldayoff (WPG)	12	7	5	0	14	0.583
Pierre Dorion (OTT)	7	3	2	2	8	0.571
Rob Blake (LAK)	6	2	2	2	6	0.500
Bill Guerin (MIN)	4	2	2	0	4	0.500
Tom Fitzgerald (NJD)	3	1	1	1	3	0.500
Chris Drury (NYR)	2	1	1	0	2	0.500
Jarmo Kekalainen (CBJ)	10	4	6	0	8	0.400
Ron Francis (SEA)	6	1	3	2	4	0.333
Brad Treliving (TOR)	9	1	7	1	3	0.167
Bill Armstrong (ARI)	3	0	2	1	1	0.167
Patrik Allvin (VAN)	1	0	1	0	0	0.000
Kyle Davidson (CHI)	1	0	1	0	0	0.000
Mike Grier (SJS)	1	0	1	0	0	0.000
Daniel Brière (PHI)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Craig Conroy (CGY)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Barry Trotz (NSH)	-	-	-	-	-	-

LONGEST WIN STREAKS IN SEASON OPENERS, NHL HISTORY

- 9 – Montreal Canadiens, from 1953-54 – 1961-62
 - St. Louis Blues, from 1978-79 – 1986-87
- 8 – Detroit Red Wings, from 1947-48 – 1954-55
 - Quebec Nordiques, from 1981-82 – 1988-89
 - Boston Bruins, from 1987-88 – 1994-95
- 7 – New York Rangers, from 1926-27 – 1932-33
 - Pittsburgh Penguins, from 1971-72 – 1977-78
 - San Jose Sharks, from 2010-11 – 2016-17
 - Tampa Bay Lightning, from 2014-15 – 2020-21

Active Streaks

- 4 – Boston Bruins, from 2019-20 – 2022-23
 - Carolina Hurricanes, from 2019-20 – 2022-23
 - Vegas Golden Knights, from 2019-20 – 2022-23
- 3 – Dallas Stars, from 2020-21 to 2022-23
 - Florida Panthers, 2020-21 to 2022-23
 - St. Louis Blues, 2020-21 to 2022-23



LONGEST POINT STREAKS IN SEASON OPENERS, NHL HISTORY

- 17 – Montreal Canadiens, from 1963-64 – 1979-80 (13-0-4)
- 15 – Detroit Red Wings, from 1940-41 – 1954-55 (14-0-1)
- 12 – Boston Bruins, from 1987-88 – 1998-99 (9-0-3)
- 10 – Dallas Stars, from 1996-97 – 2006-07 (7-0-3)
- 9 – Montreal Canadiens, from 1953-54 – 1961-62 (9-0-0)
 - St. Louis Blues, from 1978-79 – 1986-87 (9-0-0)
 - Quebec Nordiques, from 1980-81 – 1988-89 (8-0-1)
 - New Jersey Devils, from 1989-90 – 1997-98 (7-0-2)
 - Los Angeles Kings, from 1994-95 – 2002-03 (6-0-3)

Active Streaks

- 8 – Philadelphia Flyers, from 2015-16 – 2022-23 (6-0-2)
- 7 – Carolina Hurricanes, from 2016-17 – 2022-23 (5-0-2)
- 4 – Boston Bruins, from 2019-20 – 2022-23 (4-0-0)
 - Vegas Golden Knights, from 2019-20 – 2022-23 (4-0-0)
 - St. Louis Blues, from 2019-20 – 2022-23 (3-0-1)

LONGEST WINLESS STREAKS IN SEASON OPENERS, NHL HISTORY

- 12 – Detroit Red Wings, from 1982-83 – 1993-94 (0-8-4)
 - Calgary Flames, from 2010-11 – 2021-22 (0-10-2)
- 10 – St. Louis Blues, from 1997-98 – 2007-08 (0-6-4)
- 8 – Boston Bruins, from 1939-40 – 1946-47 (0-5-3)
 - Toronto Maple Leafs, from 1945-46 – 1952-53 (0-4-4)
 - Hartford Whalers, from 1987-88 – 1994-95 (0-6-2)

Active Streaks

- 6 – Arizona Coyotes, from 2017-18 – 2022-23 (0-5-1)
- 4 – Chicago Blackhawks, from 2019-20 – 2022-23 (0-4-0)

FASTEST GOALS FROM START OF A SEASON OPENER, NHL HISTORY

Date	Team	Opponent	Player	Time
Oct. 11, 1986	MNS	at QUE	Kent Nilsson	0:10
Oct. 7, 1981	WSH	at BUF	Ryan Walter	0:12
Oct. 31, 1943	CHI	vs. TOR	Bill Mosienko	0:13
Oct. 7, 1981	CHI	vs. PIT	Denis Savard	0:13
Oct. 30, 1943	TOR	vs. NYR	Gus Bodnar	0:15
Oct. 4, 1991	CGY	vs. EDM	Theo Fleury	0:16
Oct. 15, 2021	NJD	vs. CHI	Dougie Hamilton	0:17
Oct. 10, 1974	BUF	vs. BOS	Danny Gare	0:18
Oct. 10, 1973	STL	at CGS	Lou Angotti	0:20
Oct. 5, 1989	BUF	vs. QUE	Alexander Mogilny	0:20

MOST GOALS IN A SEASON OPENER, NHL HISTORY

Date	Team	Opponent	Player	Goals
Dec. 19, 1917	MWN	vs. TAN	Harry Hyland	5
Dec. 19, 1917	MTL	at SEN	Joe Malone	5
Dec. 16, 1922	TSP	vs. MTL	Babe Dye	5
Dec. 19, 1917	TAN	at MWN	Reg Noble	4
Oct. 6, 1976	VAN	at PIT	Rick Blight	4
Oct. 8, 1987	VAN	vs. STL	Greg Adams	4
Oct. 7, 1992	TBL	vs. CHI	Chris Kontos	4
Oct. 12, 2016	TOR	at OTT	Auston Matthews	4
Oct. 14, 2021	DET	vs. TBL	Tyler Bertuzzi	4

**Overall, there have been 59 instances of a player scoring a hat trick in a season opener, including the 9 listed above*

Active NHL Players with 3+ Goals in a Season Opener

Date	Team	Opponent	Player	Goals
Oct. 12, 2016	TOR	at OTT	Auston Matthews	4
Oct. 14, 2021	DET	vs. TBL	Tyler Bertuzzi	4
Oct. 9, 2014	ANA	at PIT	Corey Perry	3
Oct. 4, 2017	EDM	vs. CGY	Connor McDavid	3
Oct. 5, 2017	WSH	at OTT	Alex Ovechkin	3
Oct. 5, 2017	CHI	vs. PIT	Brandon Saad	3
Oct. 14, 2021	LAK	vs. VGK	Anze Kopitar	3
Oct. 12, 2022	EDM	vs. VAN	Connor McDavid	3

MOST ASSISTS IN A SEASON OPENER, NHL HISTORY

Date	Team	Opponent	Player	Assists
Oct. 10, 1985	NJD	at PHI	Greg Adams	5
Oct. 5, 1990	PIT	at WSH	John Cullen	5

Overall, there have been 22 instances of a player having at least 4 assists in a season opener, including the 2 listed above

Last Five Players with 4+ Assists in a Season Opener

Date	Team	Opponent	Player	Assists
Oct. 10, 2002	TOR	at PIT	Darcy Tucker	4
Oct. 5, 2006	PHX	vs. NYI	Steve Reinprecht	4
Oct. 5, 2017	DET	vs. MIN	Mike Green	4
Oct. 5, 2017	CHI	vs. PIT	Ryan Hartman	4
Oct. 12, 2022	COL	vs. CHI	Mikko Rantanen	4

MOST POINTS IN A SEASON OPENER, NHL HISTORY

Date	Team	Opponent	Player	Points
Oct. 5, 1990	PIT	at WSH	Kevin Stevens	2-4—6
Dec. 19, 1917	MWN	vs. TAN	Harry Hyland	5-0—5
Dec. 19, 1917	MTL	at SEN	Joe Malone	5-0—5
Dec. 16, 1922	TSP	vs. MTL	Babe Dye	5-0—5
Oct. 7, 1955	NYR	at CHI	Andy Bathgate	1-4—5
Oct. 10, 1973	BOS	vs. VAN	Phil Esposito	3-2—5
Oct. 10, 1974	BUF	vs. BOS	Gilbert Perreault	3-2—5
Oct. 4, 1983	QUE	vs. NYI	Michel Goulet	1-4—5
Oct. 10, 1985	NJD	at PHI	Greg Adams	0-5—5
Oct. 9, 1986	TOR	vs. MTL	Tom Fergus	3-2—5
Oct. 5, 1990	PIT	at WSH	John Cullen	0-5—5
Oct. 5, 2006	PHX	vs. NYI	Steve Reinprecht	1-4—5
Jan. 20, 2013	BUF	vs. PHI	Thomas Vanek	2-3—5
Oct. 13, 2016	BOS	at CBJ	Brad Marchand	2-3—5
Oct. 5, 2017	CHI	vs. PIT	Ryan Hartman	1-4—5
Oct. 14, 2021	LAK	vs. VGK	Anze Kopitar	3-2—5

**Overall, there have been 108 instances of a player having at least 4 points in a season opener, including the 16 listed above*

Last 10 Players with 4+ Points in a Season Opener

Date	Team	Opponent	Player	Points
Jan. 13, 2021	PHI	vs. PIT	Joel Farabee	1-3—4
Jan. 22, 2021	DAL	vs. NSH	Joe Pavelski	2-2—4
Oct. 13, 2021	WSH	vs. NYR	Alex Ovechkin	2-2—4
Oct. 14, 2021	LAK	vs. VGK	Anze Kopitar	3-2—5
Oct. 14, 2021	CBJ	vs. ARI	Oliver Bjorkstrand	2-2—4
Oct. 14, 2021	LAK	vs. VGK	Drew Doughty	1-3—4
Oct. 14, 2021	DET	vs. TBL	Tyler Bertuzzi	4-0—4
Oct. 12, 2022	BOS	at WSH	David Pastrnak	1-3—4
Oct. 12, 2022	EDM	vs. VAN	Connor McDavid	3-1—4
Oct. 12, 2022	COL	vs. CHI	Mikko Rantanen	0-4—4

MOST CAREER GOALS IN SEASON OPENERS, NHL HISTORY

Player	GP	Goals
Michel Goulet	13	14
Dino Ciccarelli	16	14
Cam Neely	10	13
Alexander Mogilny	14	13
Radim Vrbata	15	13
Brett Hull	17	13
Alex Ovechkin	18	13
Maurice Richard	18	13
Luc Robitaille	19	13
Jaromir Jagr	23	13
Aurel Joliat	16	12
Guy Lafleur	16	12
Brendan Shanahan	19	12



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Most Career Goals in Season Openers, Active NHL Players

Player	GP	Goals
Alex Ovechkin	18	13
Auston Matthews	6	9
Connor McDavid	8	9
Anze Kopitar	16	9
Mark Scheifele	11	8
Sidney Crosby	15	8
Blake Wheeler	15	8

MOST CAREER ASSISTS IN SEASON OPENERS, NHL HISTORY

Player	GP	Assists
Jaromir Jagr	23	26
Adam Oates	17	24
Ray Bourque	21	21
Dale Hunter	18	19
Wayne Gretzky	19	18
Marcel Dionne	18	17
Doug Gilmour	18	17
Al MacInnis	20	17
Gordie Howe	25	17
Gary Suter	15	16
Joe Sakic	20	16

Most Career Assists in Season Openers, Active NHL Players

Player	GP	Assists
Nicklas Backstrom	13	15
Steven Stamkos	15	13
Joe Pavelski	16	13
Anze Kopitar	16	13
Ryan Suter	18	12
Victor Hedman	14	11
Jakub Voracek	15	11
Kris Letang	15	11
Alex Ovechkin	18	11



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MOST CAREER POINTS IN SEASON OPENERS, NHL HISTORY

Player	GP	G-A—P
Jaromir Jagr	23	13-26—39
Ray Bourque	21	9-21—30
Wayne Gretzky	19	9-18—27
Joe Sakic	20	11-16—27
Michel Goulet	13	14-11—25
Phil Esposito	16	11-14—25
Adam Oates	17	1-24—25
Al MacInnis	20	8-17—25
Gordie Howe	25	8-17—25
Dale Hunter	18	5-19—24
Alex Ovechkin	18	13-11—24

Most Career Points in Season Openers, Active NHL Players

Player	GP	G-A—P
Alex Ovechkin	18	13-11—24
Anze Kopitar	16	9-13—22
Joe Pavelski	16	6-13—19
Sidney Crosby	15	8-10—18
Steven Stamkos	15	4-13—17
Nicklas Backstrom	13	1-15—16
Evgeni Malkin	15	6-10—16
Ryan Suter	18	4-12—16
Connor McDavid	8	9-6—15
Blake Wheeler	15	8-7—15

MOST CAREER WINS IN SEASON OPENERS

Goaltender	GP	Wins
Curtis Joseph	13	10
Marc-Andre Fleury*	17	10
Martin Brodeur	18	10
Ryan Miller	13	9
Jacques Plante	12	8
Mike Vernon	13	8
Craig Anderson	13	8
Henrik Lundqvist	14	8

* Active



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MOST CAREER SHUTOUTS IN SEASON OPENERS, NHL HISTORY

Goaltender	GP	Shutouts
Glenn Hall	11	3
Jacques Plante	12	3
Bill Beveridge	4	2
Ken Dryden	6	2
Antti Niemi	6	2
Bill Durnan	7	2
Lorne Chabot	8	2
Stephane Fiset	8	2
Jimmy Howard	9	2
Alec Connell	11	2
Tiny Thompson	11	2
Sean Burke	12	2
John Ross Roach	12	2
Roberto Luongo	16	2
Marc-Andre Fleury*	17	2
Martin Brodeur	18	2

* *Active*



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ALL-TIME RECORDS IN HOME OPENERS

A home opener is defined as a team's first game as the home team in a regular season. The Golden Knights hold the NHL's best points percentage in home openers (.833).

FRANCHISE	GP	W	L	T/OT	PTS	P%	GF	GA	2023-24 Home Opener
Vegas Golden Knights	6	5	1	0	10	.833	21	13	2023-10-10 vs SEA
Minnesota Wild	22	15	3	4	34	.773	80	62	2023-10-12 vs FLA
Colorado Avalanche	43	30	9	4	64	.744	181	116	2023-10-19 vs CHI
Florida Panthers	29	18	7	4	40	.690	101	77	2023-10-19 vs TOR
Anaheim Ducks	29	19	9	1	39	.672	79	72	2023-10-15 vs CAR
Ottawa Senators	30	17	7	6	40	.667	101	87	2023-10-14 vs PHI
Tampa Bay Lightning	30	18	9	3	39	.650	110	80	2023-10-10 vs NSH
Boston Bruins	98	53	24	21	127	.648	321	262	2023-10-11 vs CHI
Montreal Canadiens	105	59	29	17	135	.643	360	248	2023-10-14 vs CHI
Edmonton Oilers	43	25	13	5	55	.640	146	127	2023-10-14 vs VAN
Philadelphia Flyers	55	31	17	7	69	.627	188	159	2023-10-17 vs VAN
St. Louis Blues	55	33	19	3	69	.627	206	163	2023-10-14 vs SEA
Dallas Stars	55	31	17	7	69	.627	190	142	2023-10-12 vs STL
Washington Capitals	48	28	16	4	60	.625	179	147	2023-10-13 vs PIT
Nashville Predators	24	14	8	2	30	.625	67	57	2023-10-12 vs SEA
New York Islanders	50	28	16	6	62	.620	165	134	2023-10-14 vs BUF
Arizona Coyotes	43	24	14	5	53	.616	141	123	2023-10-21 vs ANA
New Jersey Devils	48	23	12	13	59	.615	165	141	2023-10-12 vs DET
Pittsburgh Penguins	55	29	17	9	67	.609	200	178	2023-10-10 vs CHI
Winnipeg Jets	23	13	8	2	28	.609	75	67	2023-10-14 vs FLA
Detroit Red Wings	96	52	33	11	115	.599	303	249	2023-10-14 vs TBL
Vancouver Canucks	52	28	18	6	62	.596	176	155	2023-10-11 vs EDM
Toronto Maple Leafs	105	51	36	18	120	.571	377	331	2023-10-11 vs MTL
Los Angeles Kings	55	26	19	10	62	.564	177	153	2023-10-11 vs COL
Calgary Flames	50	22	17	11	55	.550	171	147	2023-10-11 vs WPG
Carolina Hurricanes	43	18	15	10	46	.535	118	126	2023-10-11 vs OTT
Chicago Blackhawks	96	40	34	22	102	.531	277	261	2023-10-21 vs VGK
Buffalo Sabres	52	23	22	7	53	.510	159	158	2023-10-12 vs NYR
New York Rangers	96	40	39	17	97	.505	284	270	2023-10-16 vs ARI
San Jose Sharks	31	13	14	4	30	.484	89	94	2023-10-12 vs VGK
Columbus Blue Jackets	22	8	10	4	20	.455	66	62	2023-10-12 vs PHI
Seattle Kraken	2	0	2	0	0	.000	4	9	2023-10-17 vs COL

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