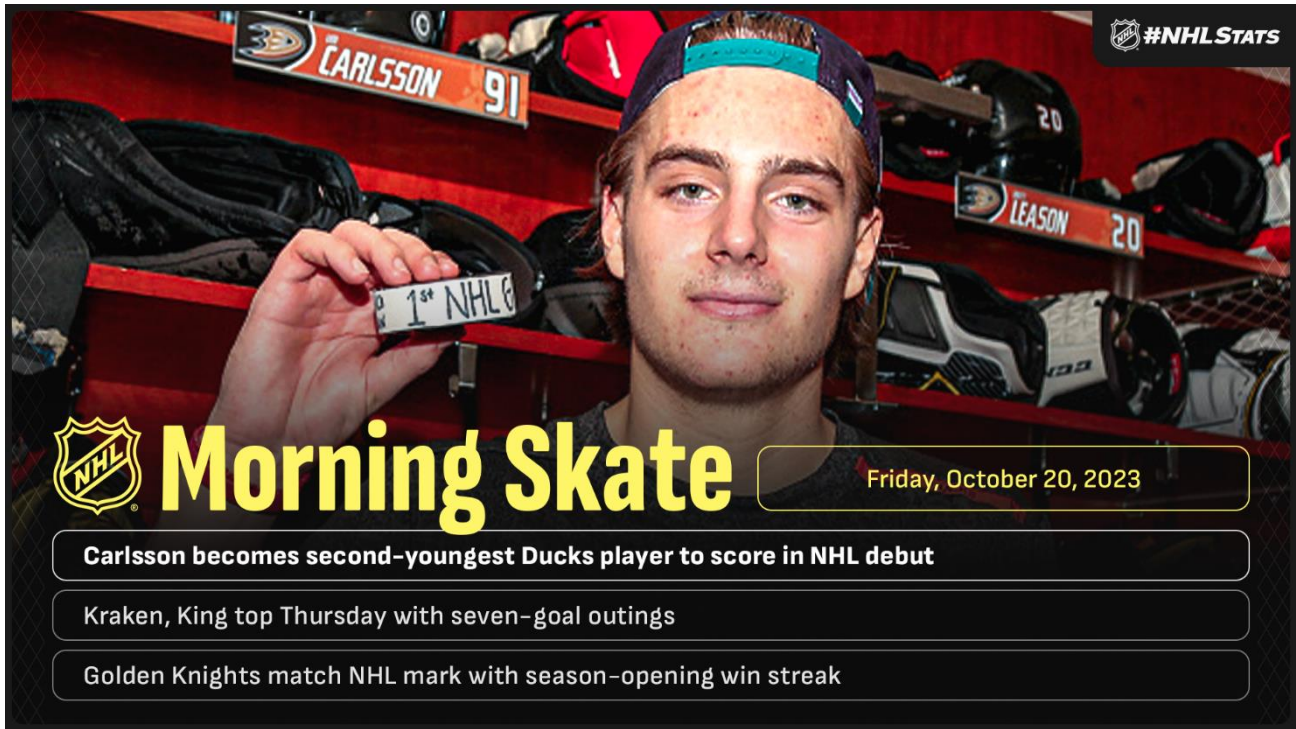


NHL MORNING SKATE – OCT. 20, 2023



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Friday, October 20, 2023

- Carlsson becomes second-youngest Ducks player to score in NHL debut
- Kraken, King top Thursday with seven-goal outings
- Golden Knights match NHL mark with season-opening win streak

* Eighteen-year-old **Leo Carlsson** made his NHL debut a night to remember as he became the third-youngest Ducks player to score his first career goal after **Oleg Tverdovsky** and **Mason McTavish**.

* The Kings and Kraken doubled the number of seven-goal performances by teams this season, joining the Canucks (8 on Oct. 11) and Maple Leafs (7 on Oct. 14) as the third and fourth clubs to do so.

* **Logan Thompson** and **Jack Eichel** helped the Golden Knights defeat the Jets and tie the longest season-opening winning streak by a reigning Stanley Cup champion in NHL history.

* Friday's two-game slate is highlighted by **Johnny Gaudreau** facing his former team on Sportsnet ONE.

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18-YEAR-OLD CARLSSON SCORES FIRST NHL GOAL, 39-YEAR-OLD PAVELSKI EARNS WIN

Eighteen-year-old **Leo Carlsson** (1-0—1) scored in his NHL debut for the Ducks and became the latest top-three pick from the 2023 NHL Draft to find the score sheet in his first game on a night spoiled by 39-year-old **Joe Pavelski** (1-1—2), who factored on two of the Stars' three goals en route to a win.

* Pavelski recorded his 57th multi-point game since turning 35 and surpassed **Joe Mullen** (56) for the second most by a U.S.-born player after that age. He now only trails Stars legend **Mike Modano** (63).

* With Carlsson (No. 2 pick), **Connor Bedard** (No. 1 pick) and **Adam Fantilli** (No. 3 pick) all recording a point in their debut this season, the 2023 draft class became the second in NHL history to feature the top three picks each find the score sheet in their League debut *in the ensuing regular season*, following the 2009 draft class (**John Tavares, Victor Hedman & Matt Duchene**).

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**CARLSSON SCORES
IN NHL DEBUT**

Leo Carlsson (18 years, 297 days) became the second-youngest player in Ducks history to score in his NHL debut, behind only Mason McTavish (18 years, 256 days on Oct. 13, 2021)



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PAIR OF PACIFIC DIVISION CLUBS POT SEVEN GOALS

The Kings and Kraken put on offensive shows against the Wild and Hurricanes, respectively, as they each potted seven goals en route to victory.

* **Pierre-Luc Dubois** netted a pair of tallies 12 seconds apart to close out a back-and-forth first period that saw six goals scored between the two teams. Los Angeles scored at least five times for the third straight game, giving the Kings 19 goals on the season – [tied for second most among all teams](#) (excluding shootout-deciding goals), behind only the Hurricanes (23).

* Dubois' tallies marked the fastest two goals by one player *in the first period* since **Johnny Gaudreau** scored 10 seconds apart for the Flames on March 9, 2016 (vs. NSH).



FASTEST TWO GOALS BY ONE PLAYER



FRANCHISE HISTORY

PLAYER	DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
RALPH BACKSTROM	NOV. 2, 1972	BOS	0:06
JARI KURRI	OCT. 4, 1991	WIN	0:10
PIERRE-LUC DUBOIS	OCT. 19, 2023	MIN	0:12
MIKE MURPHY	DEC. 26, 1982	VAN	0:14
DAVE TAYLOR	JAN. 29, 1985	NJD	0:14



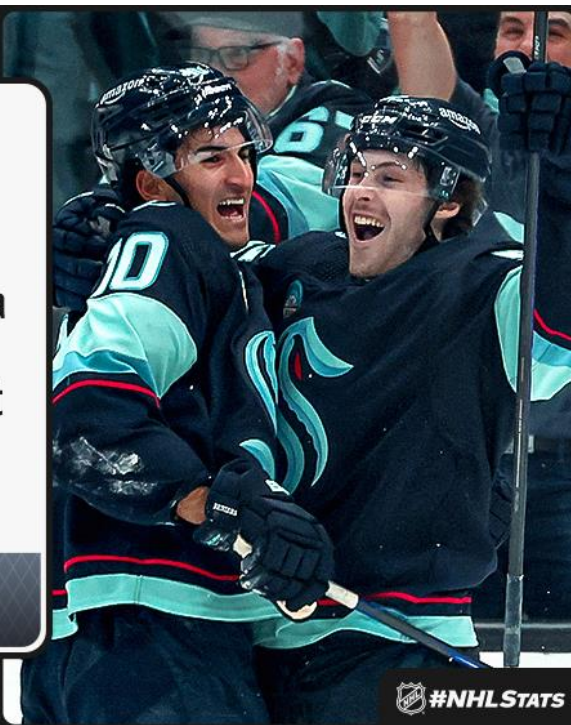
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* **Tye Kartye** scored his first career regular-season goal while his teammates **Vince Dunn** (1-2—3) and **Oliver Bjorkstrand** (1-2—3) each posted three-point performances to guide the Kraken to their highest-scoring game this season.

* Kartye (22 years, 172 days), who made his NHL debut with Seattle during the 2023 Stanley Cup Playoffs and recorded 3-2—5 in 10 games, became the third-youngest Kraken player at the time of his first career regular-season goal behind only **Shane Wright** (18 years, 335 days on Dec. 6, 2022) and **Matty Beniers** (19 years, 162 days on April 16, 2022).

SEATTLE SCORES GOALS GALORE

The Kraken scored at least seven goals in a game for the eighth time dating back to the start of the 2022-23 season, the most among all teams. The next closest club is the Oilers with seven.



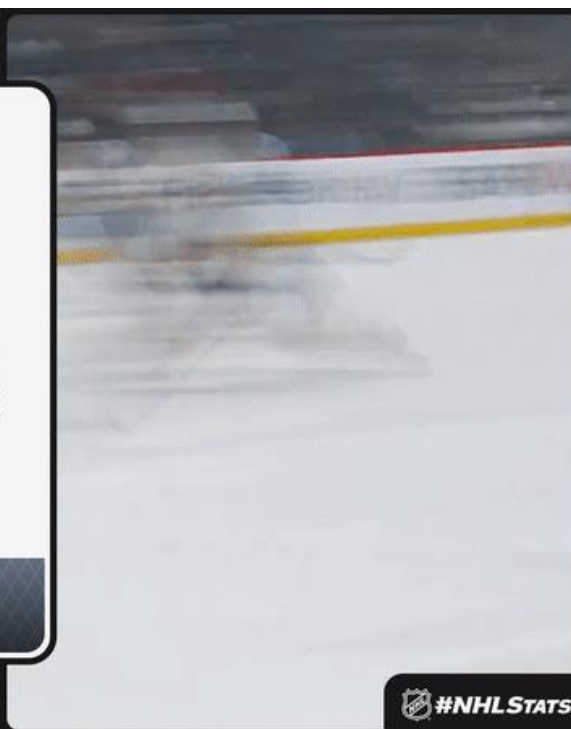
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THOMPSON OUTDUELS FORMER TEAMMATE BROSSOIT AS VEGAS MOVES TO 5-0-0

Logan Thompson made 36 saves, including a [highlight-reel paddle stop](#) on Jets forward Cole Perfetti in the first period, and Jack Eichel scored the go-ahead goal with 4:36 remaining in regulation as the Golden Knights extended their season-opening winning streak to five games. Thompson outdueled Winnipeg goaltender and former teammate Laurent Brossoit (22 saves), who joined the Jets after [helping the Golden Knights win the Stanley Cup](#).

THE CHAMPS ARE HERE

The Golden Knights tied the longest season-opening win streak by a reigning Stanley Cup champion in NHL history, set by the *original* Senators in 1920-21 and matched by the Oilers in 1985-86



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A ROUNDUP FROM #NHLSTATS: LIVE UPDATES

The [Thursday edition of #NHLStats: Live Updates](#) featured several notable performances:

- * **Cam Atkinson** (2-0—2) recorded his first multi-goal game since [March 5, 2022](#) to help the Flyers defeat the Oilers and improve to 3-1-0 (6 points) on the season. Atkinson, who missed the entire 2022-23 campaign due to injury, was [awarded the team's celebratory dog mask following the win](#).
- * **Clayton Keller**, who [played minor hockey with the St. Louis Jr. Blues program](#), scored his 11th career goal against St. Louis – his highest total versus any single team – while **Logan Cooley** (0-4—4 in 4 GP) became the third player in Coyotes team history to record at least four points through his first four NHL games (also **Max Domi**: 6 in 2015-16 & **Ramzi Abid**: 4 in 2002-03).
- * The Panthers defeated the Maple Leafs in their first contest since the 2023 Second Round with the help of a 29-save performance by **Sergei Bobrovsky**, who earned his 107th career win with Florida and surpassed **John Vanbiesbrouck** for sole possession of [second place on the franchise's all-time list](#). He now trails only **Roberto Luongo** (230).
- * It was déjà vu for **Logan O'Connor**, who scored a shorthanded breakaway goal for the second straight game (also Oct. 17 at SEA), while teammate **Alexandar Georgiev** had a perfect performance for a shutout in his fourth straight win. O'Connor became the fifth player in Avalanche/Nordiques history to record a shorthanded tally in consecutive contests, joining **Joe Sakic** (Oct. 15, 18 & 24, 1998; Feb. 23 & 25, 2001), **Gabriel Landeskog** (March 18 & 20, 2013), **Owen Nolan** (March 31 & April 2, 1995) and **Mike Hough** (Feb. 11 & 13, 1989).



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- * [Brad Marchand gifts puck to fan who was married in Bruins jersey](#)
- * [Tuesday's NHL on ESPN doubleheader delivered double-digit growth](#)

The graphic features a light blue, textured background. At the top left is the NHL logo with three stars above it, and at the top right is the ESPN logo. The main title, "NHL ON ESPN TUESDAY NIGHT DOUBLEHEADER UP DOUBLE DIGITS", is centered in large, bold, black letters. Below the title are three bullet points, each preceded by a black puck icon. At the bottom of the graphic, there are faint, stylized logos of the Tampa Bay Lightning, Colorado Avalanche, and Seattle Kraken. Three stars are visible in the bottom right corner.

**NHL ON ESPN TUESDAY NIGHT
DOUBLEHEADER UP DOUBLE DIGITS**

- Tampa-Buffalo averaged 552K total viewers and 246K P18-49 viewers, up 11% and 14% vs last season's comparable game
- ESPN's late game between Colorado-Seattle averaged 513K total viewers and 260K P18-49, up 51% and 55% vs. last year's comparable game
- Colorado-Seattle was the most-viewed regular season late game on cable since 2015 (excluding opening night games)

TONIGHT'S TWO-PACK OPENS WITH FLAMES-BLUE JACKETS ON SPORTSNET ONE

Friday's two-game slate features **Nazem Kadri** and the Flames visiting **Johnny Gaudreau** and the Blue Jackets at Nationwide Arena as well as **Mathew Barzal** and the Islanders hosting **Jack Hughes** and the Devils at UBS Arena. Gaudreau, who was selected by Calgary with the No. 104 pick in the 2011 NHL Draft and skated each of his first nine seasons with the Flames, has two assists in two games against his former team.

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