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Sunday, October 22, 2023

Tavares completes Toronto's second third-period, multi-goal comeback win of 2023-24

O'Connor scores shorthanded for third straight contest

Bruins win Saturday, can improve to 5-0-0 on two-game Sunday

* The Maple Leafs achieved a feat only three other teams in NHL history have accomplished as they earned their second third-period, multi-goal comeback win of the season, just five games into it.

* The Golden Knights, Avalanche and Bruins all remained undefeated after collecting victories Saturday and are the only three teams without a loss in 2023-24.

* A total of 98 goals were scored across a 15-game slate on Saturday, a primer for [Frozen Frenzy on Tuesday](#) where all 32 teams will take to the ice with the 16 games all having different start times and the first puck dropping at 6 p.m. ET.

* The Flames face off against the Red Wings on Sunday, exactly one week ahead of the 2023 Tim Hortons NHL Heritage Classic – the first-ever “Battle of Alberta” to take place in an outdoor setting. [Click here](#) for the newly-released #NHLStats pack for the Heritage Classic.

RESULTS

2023-24: THE SEASON OF MULTI-GOAL, THIRD-PERIOD COMEBACKS BY THE MAPLE LEAFS

History repeated itself in the Maple Leafs' first meeting with the Lightning since **John Tavares** (1-1—2) scored the overtime winner in Game 6 of the 2023 First Round, with the captain finding the back of the net 4:05 into extra time Saturday. This marked the Maple Leafs' second third-period, multi-goal comeback victory of 2023-24 (also Oct. 11 vs. MTL) – they are the only club with *any* of these wins this season. Prior to this season, Toronto's last multi-goal, third-period comeback victory was against Washington on April 24, 2022.



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* **Matthew Knies** (2-1—3) scored twice in the third period to erase a 3-1 deficit and now has eight NHL points (regular season & playoffs combined) with seven of them coming against the Lightning. He became the fifth Maple Leafs rookie in the past 20 years to score multiple goals in a third period, joining **Michael Bunting** (Jan. 29, 2022), **Auston Matthews** (Feb. 14, 2017), **John Mitchell** (2x in 2008-09) and **Jiri Tlustý** (2x in 2007-08).

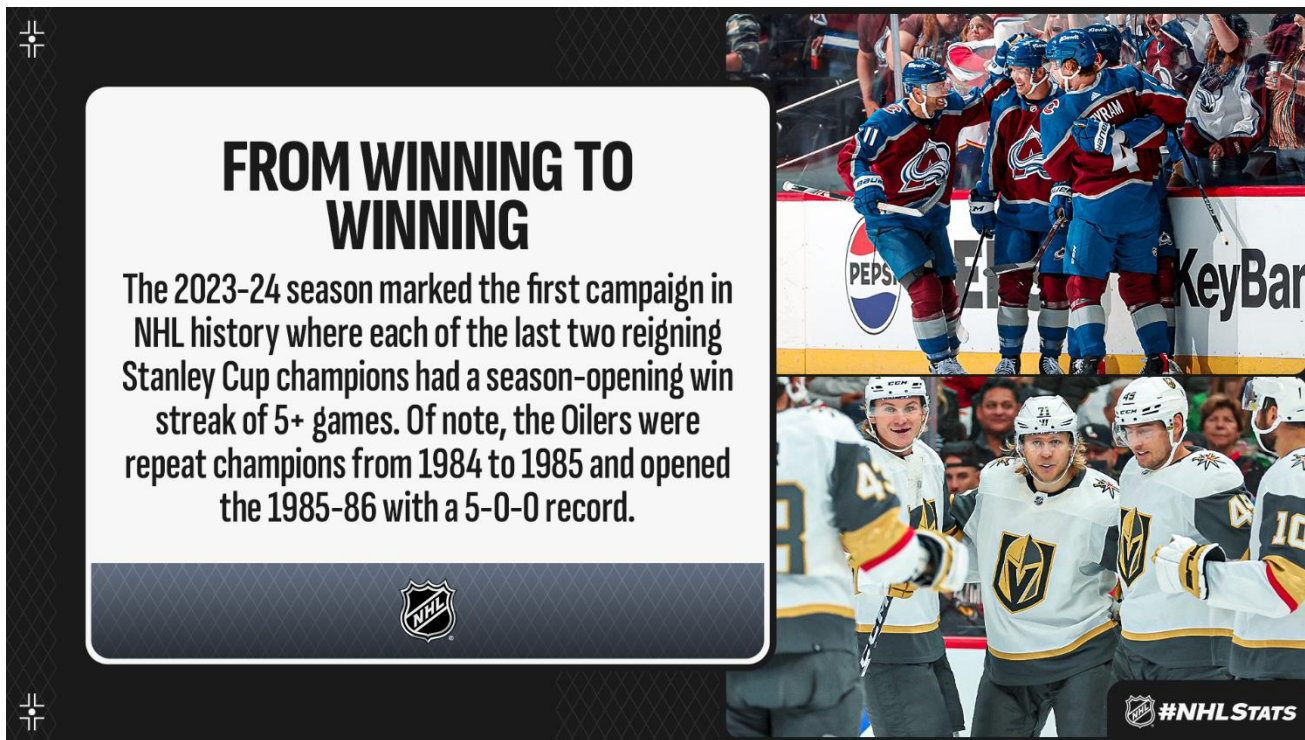


SEASON-OPENING WINNING STREAKS CONTINUE FOR VEGAS, COLORADO

The 2023 Stanley Cup-champion Golden Knights and 2022 Stanley Cup-champion Avalanche extended their season-opening win streaks to six and five games, respectively:

* **William Karlsson** and **Jonathan Marchessault** accounted for two of the Golden Knights' five goals after **Connor Bedard** [opened the scoring at 1:30 of the first period](#) as Vegas improved to 6-0-0 (12 points), which marks the longest season-opening winning streak by a reigning champion in NHL history. Karlsson and Marchessault were two of the "Misfits" who skated for the Golden Knights since their inaugural season that were on the Cup-winning squad (also **William Carrier**, **Brayden McNabb**, **Reilly Smith** & **Shea Theodore**).

* **Logan O'Connor** (1-1—2) scored a shorthanded goal for a third consecutive contest to help the Avalanche record a five-game season-opening winning streak for the [fifth time in franchise history](#). O'Connor became the [ninth player in NHL history](#) with a shorthanded goal in three straight games, a list which includes former Colorado captain **Joe Sakic** nearly 25 years ago.



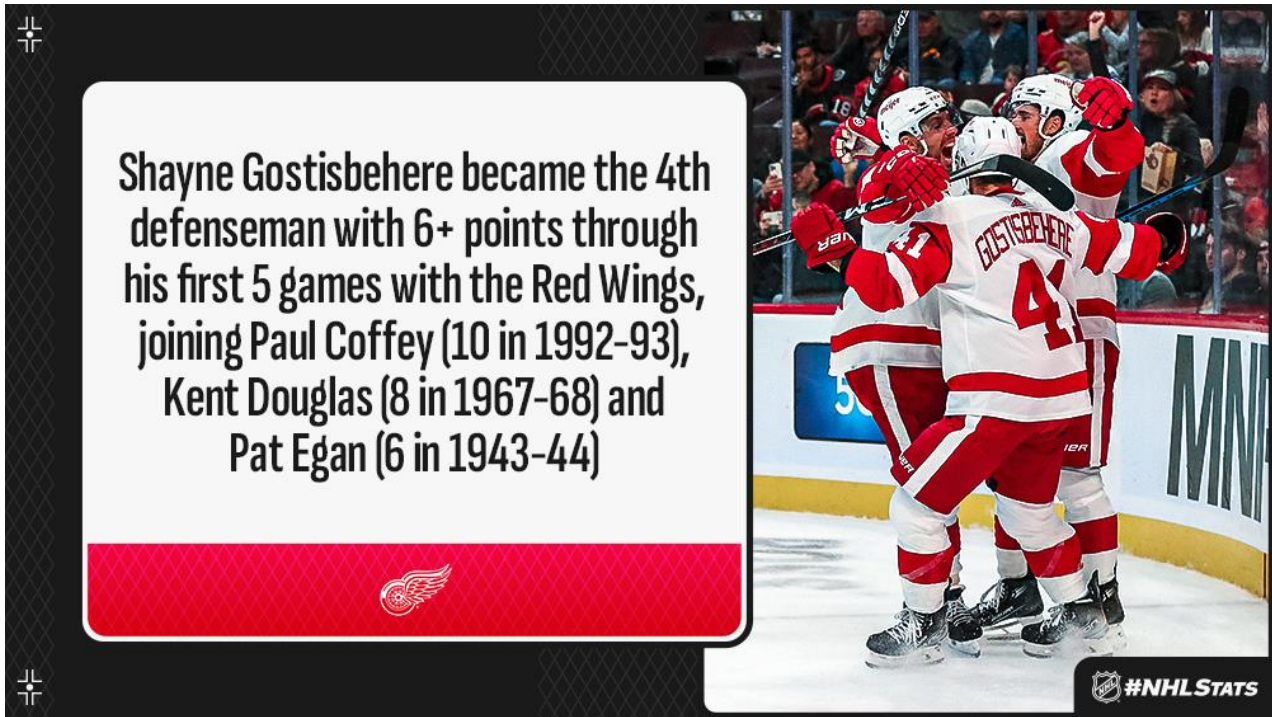
PETTERSSON, BOESER, GOSTISBEHERE CONTINUE HOT STARTS TO THE SEASON

David Pastrnak (1-2—3), **Elias Pettersson** (1-1—2), **Brock Boeser** (1-0—1) and **Shayne Gostisbehere** (1-1—2) continued their stellar starts to the season and helped their clubs find the win column Saturday:

* Pastrnak opened the scoring and extended his season-opening goal streak to four games – the longest run by a Bruins skater since **Dimitri Kvatarnov** in 1992-93 (5 GP). Boston improved to 4-0-0 to start a campaign for the seventh time in franchise history and first since 1990-91 (4-0-0). The longest season-opening win streak in Bruins history was a six-game run in 1937-38 (6-0-0).

* Pettersson and Boeser both scored to help Vancouver earn its first win against the Panthers on the road since Oct. 13, 2018. Boeser (6-1—7 in 5 GP) joined **Alexander Mogilny** (7 in 1995-96) and **Tony Tanti** (7 in 1983-84) as the third player in franchise history with six goals through their first five games of a season. Meanwhile, Pettersson moved into a tie with **Jack Hughes** (4-6—10 in 4 GP) for the most points among all players and [became the sixth player in Canucks history](#) to reach the 10-point mark in five contests or fewer.

* Gostisbehere helped Detroit improve to 4-1-0 to start 2023-24 – its most wins through its first five contests of a season since 2017-18 (also 4-1-0). Gostisbehere, who was acquired by the Red Wings in the offseason, extended his point streak to five games (2-4—6). He became the fifth player – and just the second defenseman – to record a point streak of five-plus contests to start his tenure with the Red Wings, joining **Ed Litzenberger** (6 GP in 1961-62), **Taro Hirose** (5 GP in 2018-19), **Dylan Larkin** (5 GP in 2015-16), **Mikael Samuelsson** (5 GP in 2005-06) and **Kent Douglas** (5 GP in 1967-68).



CAUFIELD TALLIES OVERTIME WINNER ON #NHLSTATS: LIVE UPDATES

A busy night for [#NHLStats within Live Updates](#) was filled with 15 games and notes for all 30 teams, including **Cole Caufield**, who scored his ninth game-winning goal as the overtime winner. Only [six players in Canadiens history](#) have recorded more game winners before age 23.

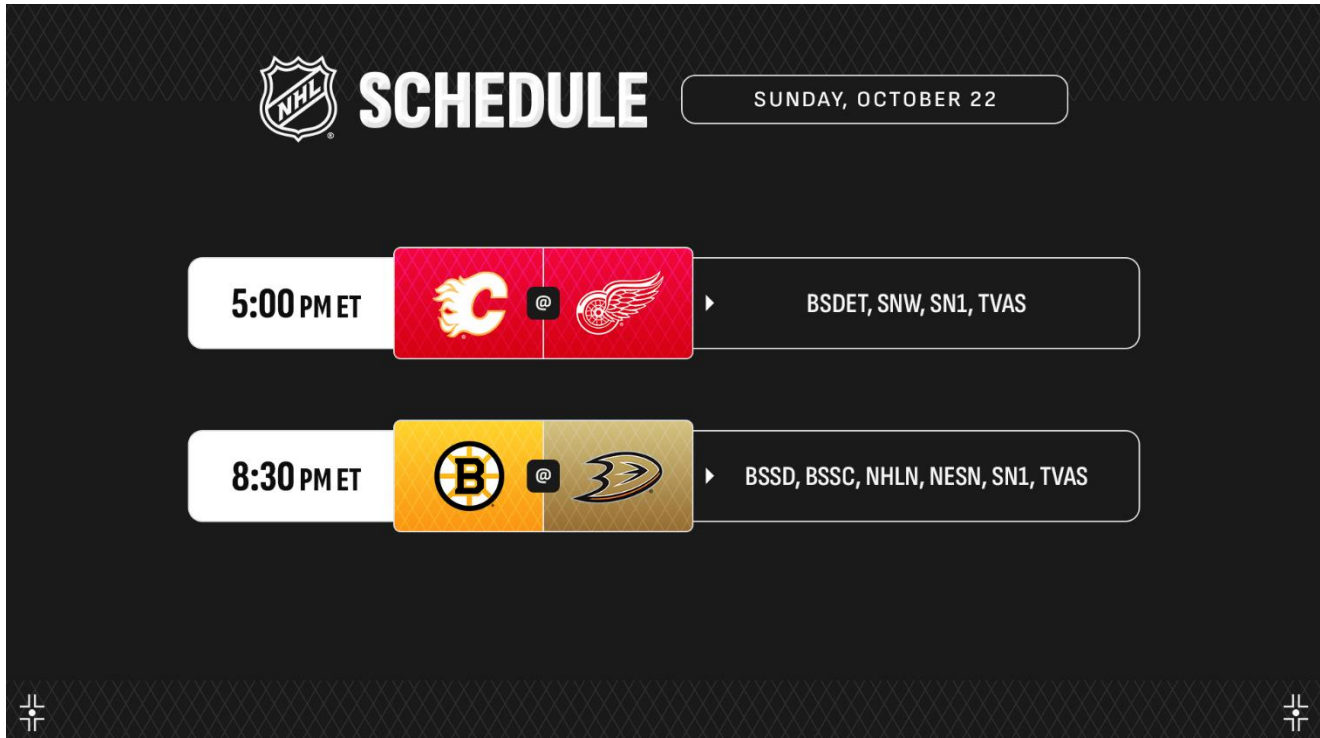


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TWO GAMES SET FOR SUNDAY

Four teams will be in action Sunday – both games broadcast nationally in Canada on TVA Sports – starting with the Flames visiting the Red Wings at Little Caesars Arena before the Bruins continue their West Coast road swing via a date with the Ducks.



The image shows the NHL schedule for Sunday, October 22. At the top left is the NHL logo, followed by the word "SCHEDULE" in large white letters. To the right, a rounded rectangle contains the date "SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22". Below this, two game entries are listed. The first game is at 5:00 PM ET, featuring the Calgary Flames (red and yellow) visiting the Detroit Red Wings (red and white). The second game is at 8:30 PM ET, featuring the Boston Bruins (yellow and black) visiting the Anaheim Ducks (orange and black). Each game entry includes the time, team logos, and a list of broadcast channels: BSDET, SNW, SN1, TVAS for the first game, and BSSD, BSSC, NHLN, NESN, SN1, TVAS for the second. The background is dark with a subtle grid pattern.

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