


NHL MORNING SKATE – NOV. 4, 2023



NHL Morning Skate Saturday, November 4, 2023

- Belpedio buries game winner to record first career NHL goal
- Hayes has first two goals with Blues in win over Devils
- Saturday's 15-game slate includes five Hockey Night in Canada contests

* **Louie Belpedio** scored the second of [two Flyers tallies in the opening 1:31](#) to record the first goal of his NHL career, while **Kevin Hayes** had his first two markers since joining the Blues during the offseason.

* The second of four 15-game days of the season will take place today, with only the Ducks and Devils idle on the first Saturday of November. The action starts at 3 p.m. ET when **Leon Draisaitl, Connor McDavid** and the Oilers host **Roman Josi, Filip Forsberg** and the Predators. Edmonton has a 12-game point streak against Nashville, their [longest active run against one club](#), with Draisaitl (22-12—34 in 12 GP) and McDavid (7-21—28 in 11 GP) combining for 62 points [across those contests](#).

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SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4

3:00 PM ET		SN, NHLN, BSSO	4:00 PM ET		SCRIPPS, TSN3
7:00 PM ET		BSDET, NESN	7:00 PM ET		SN1, BSSUN
7:00 PM ET		BSMW, SNE, CITY, TVAS	7:00 PM ET		CBC, SN360, SNO, SNW, SNP, MSG-B, NHLN
7:00 PM ET		MNMT, BSOH	7:30 PM ET		BSW, NBCSP
7:30 PM ET		MSGSN, BSSO	8:00 PM ET		BSFL, NBCSCH
8:00 PM ET		BSNX, BSWI, MSG	10:00 PM ET		ROOT-NW, SNW, SNO, SNE, CITY, SN1
10:00 PM ET		SN-PIT, NBCSCA	10:00 PM ET		CBC, SNP, BSSW
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HOCKEY NIGHT IN CANADA FEATURES HOCKEY FIGHTS CANCER NIGHT IN TORONTO

The busiest Hockey Night in Canada of the season so far will include five games, including a showdown in Toronto between the Sabres and Maple Leafs during one of two Hockey Fights Cancer in-game awareness nights slated for Saturday (the Islanders also are hosting theirs).



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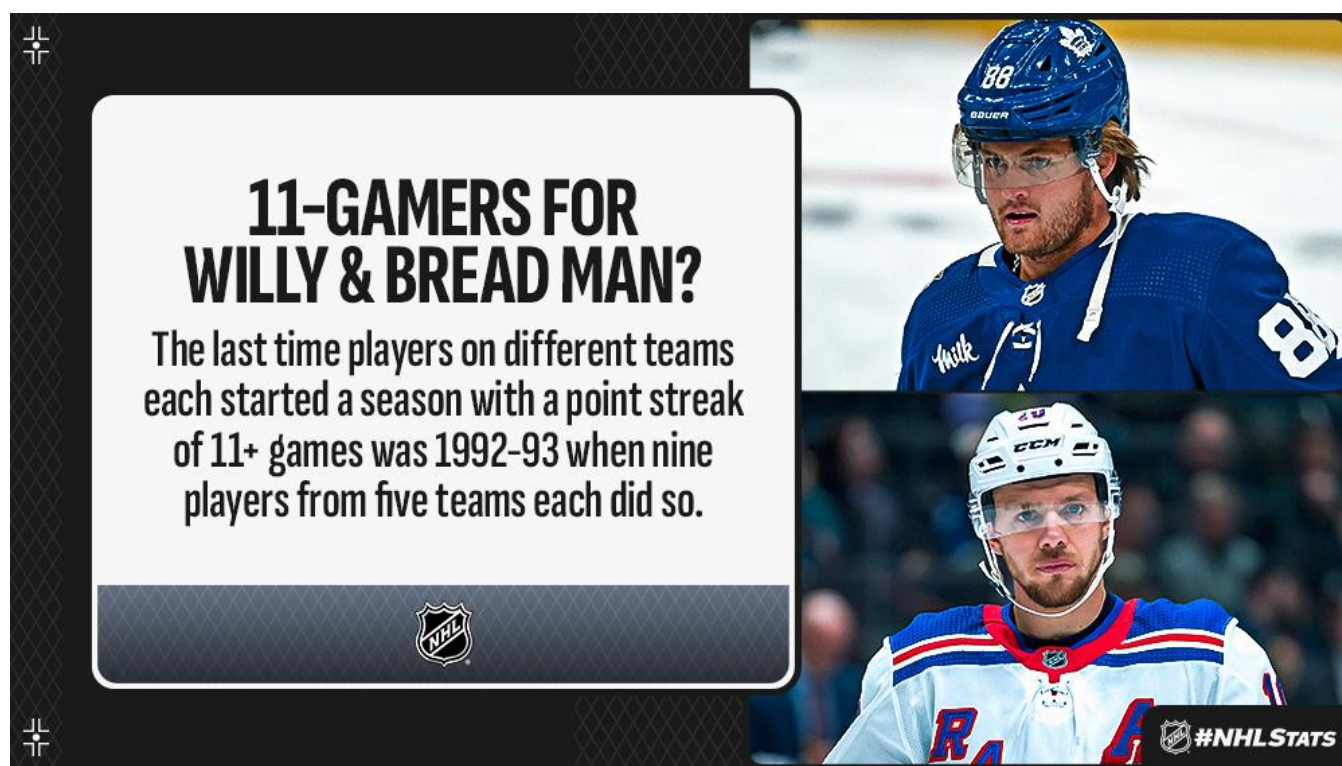
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* Drafted No. 1 overall two years apart, Maple Leafs forward **Auston Matthews** (2016) and Sabres defenseman **Rasmus Dahlin** (2018) will go head-to-head for the 14th time. Matthews has the edge in goals (8), points (15) and wins (8-5-0), though Dahlin has averaged nearly a point-per-game from the blueline (3-9—12; BUF: 5-7-1).

* Sabres forward **Tage Thompson** enters the game with 4-4—8 in his past five contests. Thompson has a close connection with the Hockey Fights Cancer initiative as his wife, **Rachel**, remains cancer-free after being diagnosed with chondrosarcoma, a rare type of bone cancer, in 2018. [Click here](#) to watch an ESPN feature telling Tage and Rachel's story.

* Maple Leafs forward **William Nylander** (6-8—14 in 10 GP) will have another shot at continuing his season-opening point streak, as will Rangers forward **Artemi Panarin** (5-11—16 in 10 GP) when New York visits Minnesota at 8 p.m. ET. The last time two players had a [season-opening point streak](#) of 11-plus games in the same campaign was 2017-18 when Lightning teammates **Steven Stamkos** and **Nikita Kucherov** both had 11-game runs. However, it has been more than 30 years since players on *different teams* each did so.



11-GAMERS FOR WILLY & BREAD MAN?

The last time players on different teams each started a season with a point streak of 11+ games was 1992-93 when nine players from five teams each did so.

The infographic features two photographs of NHL players. The top photo shows a player in a blue jersey with the number 88, wearing a blue helmet. The bottom photo shows a player in a white jersey with blue and red accents, wearing a white helmet. The NHL logo is visible in the bottom right corner of the infographic.

* Senators forward **Josh Norris** (58-41—99 in 139 GP) is averaging a point-per-game since returning from a 270-day absence Oct. 18 (4-2—6 in 6 GP) and now sits one point shy of 100 in his NHL career as Ottawa hosts **Steven Stamkos** and Tampa Bay. A point in his next six games would make Norris the fifth-fastest in franchise history to reach 100 career NHL points; the current top five are **Alexei Yashin** (107 GP), **Daniel Alfredsson** (123 GP), **Jason Spezza** (124 GP), **Mark Stone** (132 GP) and **Tim Stütze** (146 GP).

* Canadiens goaltender **Jake Allen** recently played in his 400th career game, with 289 of those coming as a member of the Blues over the course of his first seven NHL seasons. Allen posted a 148-94-26 record [with the Blues](#) and ranks second in franchise history in [wins](#), [shutouts](#) and [games played](#) among goaltenders. Selected 34th overall by St. Louis in 2008, Allen became the [third goaltender from his draft](#)

[class](#) to reach the milestone, joining **Braden Holtby** (No. 93 by WSH) and **Jacob Markstrom** (No. 31 by FLA).

* Selections from the 2017 NHL Draft have paid dividends for both the Canucks and Stars in **Elias Pettersson** (No. 5 by VAN) and **Jason Robertson** (No. 39 by DAL). Pettersson stands as the draft class leader in [goals](#) (141), [assists](#) (201) and [points](#) (342), while Robertson tops all players picked in 2017 with an average of 1.11 [points-per-game](#).

* Canucks captain **Quinn Hughes** (1-4—5) had a [career-high five points](#) as Vancouver erupted for [10 goals against San Jose](#) on Thursday. Hughes (4-12—16 in 10 GP) can become one of the fastest defensemen in NHL history to reach the 20-point mark in a season.

FEWEST GAMES TO 20-POINT MARK IN A SEASON

DEFENSEMEN, NHL HISTORY

PLAYER	TEAM	SEASON	GP
PAUL COFFEY	PIT	1988-89	10
JOHN CARLSON	WSH	2019-20	11
BOBBY ORR	BOS	1974-75	11
AL MACINNIS	CGY	1990-91	12
DENIS POTVIN	NYI	1979-80	12
DENIS POTVIN	NYI	1975-76	12
BOBBY ORR	BOS	1973-74	12
DOUG WILSON	CHI	1981-82	13
PAUL COFFEY	EDM	1981-82	13
BOBBY ORR	BOS	1972-73	13
BOBBY ORR	BOS	1969-70	13



^Quinn Hughes (4-12—16 in 10 GP) can join this list

* Kraken forward **Jared McCann** has scored in five of his past seven games (5-3—8) and takes a three-game goal streak into Saturday's contest against the Flames, who will look to halt a [0-6-0 stretch](#). McCann can match the longest goal streak of his career – he had a four-game run last season, one of five goal streaks of at least that length [by a Kraken player](#).

CROSBY TO PLAY 1,200TH GAME AS KARLSSON RETURNS TO SAN JOSE

Erik Karlsson will return to San Jose for his first game against the Sharks since skating the past five campaigns with the club – capped by a 2022-23 season that saw him become the oldest defenseman in NHL history to record a [100-point season](#). Karlsson became the sixth different defenseman to record a triple-digit point total in one season, leading to his third [Norris Trophy](#).

* Karlsson led Sharks defensemen in [goals](#) (52), [assists](#) (191) and [points](#) (243) over the course of his 293 regular-season games with the club, including 29-100—129 in 146 games played at SAP Center – a venue that holds memorable moments for now-teammate **Sidney Crosby**.

* Crosby is set to play in his 1,200th regular-season game at an arena in which he has claimed the Stanley Cup and Conn Smythe Trophy (both in 2016) along with NHL All-Star Game MVP (2019).




Crosby (555-957—1,512 in 1,119 GP) will have the seventh-most assists through 1,200 (or fewer) games in NHL history – behind **Wayne Gretzky** (1,722), **Paul Coffey** (1,059), **Mario Lemieux** (1,033 in 915 GP), **Adam Oates** (1,023), **Ron Francis** (970) and **Marcel Dionne** (967) – while his point total will rank even higher.

MOST POINTS THROUGH 1,200 NHL GAMES

NHL HISTORY

PLAYER	MILESTONE DATE	GAMES PLAYED	POINTS
WAYNE GRETZKY	DEC. 2, 1995	1,200	2,543
MARIO LEMIEUX	DEC. 16, 2005	915	1,723
MARCEL DIONNE	DEC. 27, 1986	1,200	1,646
JAROMIR JAGR	OCT. 25, 2007	1,200	1,536
PHIL ESPOSITO	JAN. 4, 1980	1,200	1,526
SIDNEY CROSBY	NOV. 4, 2023*	1,199	1,512



*Crosby expected to reach 1,200-game milestone Saturday

QUICK CLICKS

- * [Joe Pavelski turning back clock for Stars with hot start](#)
- * [Ducks head coach Greg Cronin fined \\$25,000 for unprofessional conduct](#)
- * [Flyers' aggressive approach on penalty kill paying off on scoreboard](#)
- * [Unmasked: Evolution of leg pads has increased performance](#)
- * [Fantasy spin: NHL EDGE stats this week](#)

PODCAST ROUND UP

- * NHL Fantasy on Ice (10/30): [Fantasy waiver wire pickups: Week 4](#)
- * NHL Fantasy on Ice (10/30): [Action Network collab: Ducks, Red Wings early surprises](#)
- * NHL Draft Class (11/1): [Player to Watch List; Top prospect Artyom Levshunov joins](#)
- * La Tasse de Café LNH (11/1): [Pierre Dorion relevé de ses fonctions par les Sénateurs](#)
- * NHL @TheRink (11/2): [Dorion's departure, Rangers surging, Bruins' start, neck guard protection](#)
- * The Chirp (11/2): [Nick Kypreos joins; Senators fallout, neck protection, B's & Golden Knights](#)
- * NHL Fantasy on Ice (11/2): [Fantasy mailbag: Week 4; Guest: VSiN's Jonny Lazarus](#)

FRIDAY HIGHLIGHTED BY BELPEDIO BURYING FIRST CAREER NHL GOAL

Friday's two-game slate was highlighted by Flyers defenseman **Louie Belpedio** scoring the first goal of his NHL career and Blues forward **Kevin Hayes** (2-1—3) recording his first two tallies since being traded by Philadelphia to St. Louis on June 27.



RESULTS

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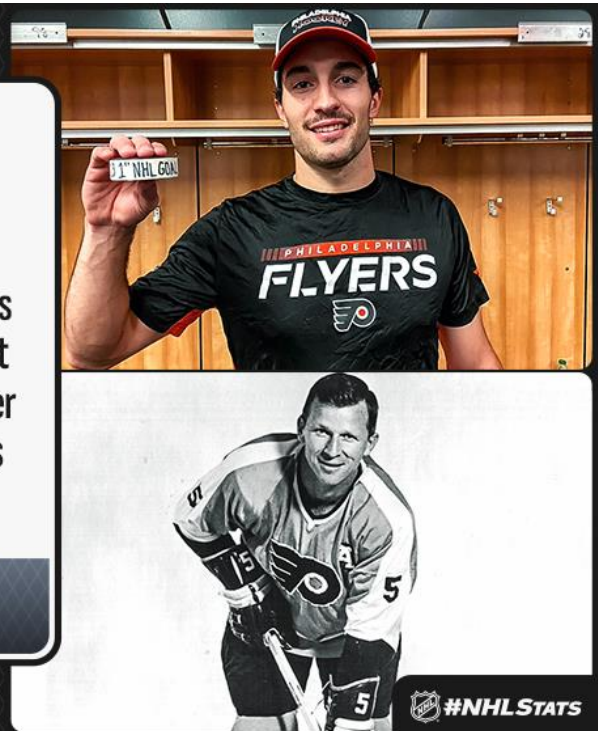


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* Belpedio (1-2—3 in 9 GP) made his League debut with the Wild on [April 7, 2018](#), and was called up by the Flyers on [Oct. 26](#) after spending most of the last six seasons with the AHL's Iowa Wild (2018-19–2020-21), Laval Rocket (2021-22) and Lehigh Valley Phantoms (2022-23–2023-24). He became the second player this season to score the first goal of his NHL career over 2,000 days after debuting, following Kings defenseman **Andreas Englund** (2,523 days between [Dec. 3, 2016](#) & [Oct. 31](#)).

DID YOU KNOW?

Louie Belpedio went 2,036 days between his NHL debut and first career goal. The longest such span in League history is held by former Flyers defenseman Dick Cherry (4,403 days between Dec. 30, 1956 & Jan. 19, 1969).



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* Hayes became the fourth Blues player in the last 10 years to score his first two goals with the franchise *in the same contest*, following **Calle Rosen** (2-1—3 on [April 17, 2022](#)), **Marco Scandella** (2-1—3 on [Feb. 27, 2021](#)) and **Colton Parayko** (2-0—2 on [Oct. 13, 2015](#)). [Click here](#) to read Friday's edition of #NHLStats: Live Updates, which featured more notes from the two-game slate.

