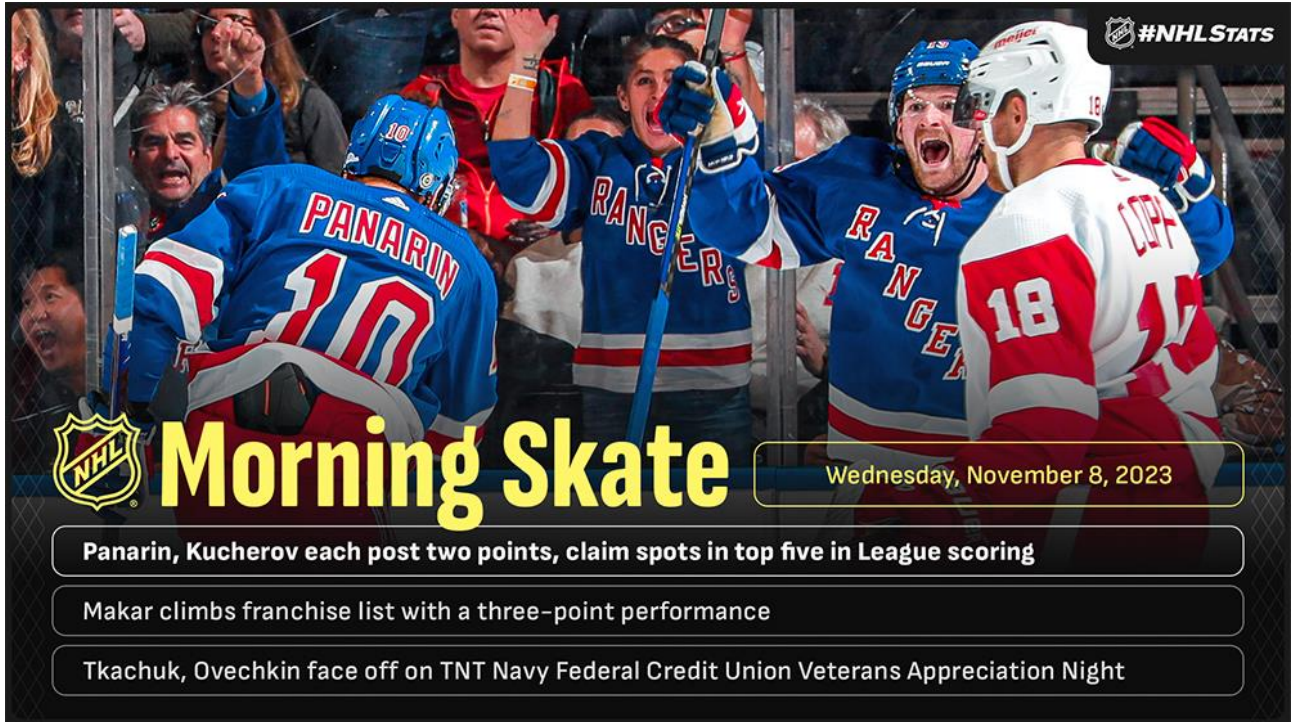


NHL MORNING SKATE: NOV. 8, 2023



NHL Morning Skate Wednesday, November 8, 2023

- Panarin, Kucherov each post two points, claim spots in top five in League scoring
- Makar climbs franchise list with a three-point performance
- Tkachuk, Ovechkin face off on TNT Navy Federal Credit Union Veterans Appreciation Night

* **Nikita Kucherov** and **Artemi Panarin** each posted two-point outings to eclipse and reach the 20-point mark, respectively, as 2023-24 became the fifth in 30 years to feature five players with as many points through this stage of the season.

* **Cale Makar** collected his 22nd career three-point game on a night he reached 100 home assists, climbed into third place on the Avalanche/Nordiques all-time points list among blueliners and moved into third place in [scoring by defensemen this season](#).

* **Matt Tomkins** earned his first NHL win 4,154 days after hearing his name called at the NHL Draft and became the fifth goaltender in League history to post his first victory 11-plus years after being selected.

* Wednesday will feature a doubleheader on the TNT Navy Federal Credit Union Veterans Appreciation Night broadcast starting with the Panthers visiting the Capitals before the Golden Knights welcome the Kings, while the "Battle of Ontario" between the Senators and Maple Leafs takes center stage on Sportsnet and TVA Sports.

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TUESDAY'S RESULTS

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KUCHEROV, PANARIN PUT UP MULTI-POINT PERFORMANCES

Tampa Bay's **Nikita Kucherov** (1-1—2) and New York's **Artemi Panarin** (1-1—2) each posted their League-leading seventh multi-point game of the season – tied with Vancouver's **Elias Pettersson** – to help guide their respective clubs to victory. Kucherov (10-12—22 in 13 GP) and Panarin (7-13—20 in 12 GP) are two of five players that have reached the 20-point mark in 2023-24.

* Kucherov has now posted 4-7—11 in his past three games and has overtaken the League lead in points with 22. The forward has been instrumental in Tampa Bay's high-scoring starts lately as the Lightning became the first team since the 1993-94 Kings to tally four goals in the first period on consecutive days.

* Panarin, who extended his season-opening point streak to 12 games, became the eighth player in Rangers history to reach the 20-point mark in a season in 12 or fewer contests, joining **Pavel Bure** (11 GP in 2001-02), **Carey Wilson** (11 GP in 1988-89), **Walt Poddubny** (11 GP in 1986-87), **Rod Gilbert** (11 GP in 1972-73), **Jaromir Jagr** (12 GP in 2006-07), **Frank Boucher** (12 GP in 1929-30) and **Bill Cook** (12 GP in 1929-30).

FIVE 20-POINT SCORERS ALREADY IN 2023-24

The 2023-24 campaign is the fifth in 30 years to feature five or more 20-point scorers at this stage of a season (189 GP), joining 2019-20 (5), 2005-06 (5), 1995-96 (12) and 1993-94 (16).

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RANTANEN, MAKAR POST THREE POINTS AS AVALANCHE REMAIN PERFECT AT HOME

Mikko Rantanen (2-1—3) and **Cale Makar** (0-3—3) each factored on three of six Colorado goals as the Avalanche improved to 4-0-0 at home for the second time in the past 10 years (also 4-0-0 in 2019-20). The club now sits two wins shy of their franchise record for longest home winning streak to start a season (6 GP in 2009-10, 2007-08 & 1994-95 w/ QUE).

* Rantanen's first goal was his 81st career power-play marker. He surpassed **Anton Stastny** (80) for sole possession of the sixth most in franchise history, behind **Joe Sakic** (205), **Michel Goulet** (147), **Milan Hejduk** (140), **Peter Stastny** (120) and **Nathan MacKinnon** (83).

* Makar (68-192—260 in 249 GP), who tied **Quinn Hughes** and **Victor Hedman** for the most multi-point games by a defenseman this season (all w/ 5), surpassed **Adam Foote** (56-203—259 in 967 GP) for the third-most points by a blueliner in Avalanche/Nordiques history. He trails **Tyson Barrie** (75-232—307 in 484 GP) and **John-Michael Liles** (68-207—275 in 523 GP).

MAKAR REACHES MILESTONE AT HOME

Makar (123 GP) became the fourth-fastest defenseman in NHL history to hit 100 career home assists, trailing only Gary Suter (118 GP), Mark Howe (118 GP) and Denis Potvin (120 GP)

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NECAS SCORES OT WINNER, AHO'S SUCCESS OVER SABRES CONTINUES

Martin Necas scored 1:30 in extra time for his second overtime goal of the season and **Sebastian Aho** (0-2—2) assisted on the game winner to boost his career totals against the Sabres as Carolina earned its second straight overtime win.

* Aho improved his career totals against Buffalo to 13-13—26 (17 GP) – his 1.53 points per game against the Sabres is the highest among all active players (min. 10 GP). **Sidney Crosby** owns the next closest at 1.43 (27-53—80 in 56 GP).

* Necas recorded his ninth career overtime goal, which is the second most in franchise history behind only Aho (10), who assisted on Necas' winner. His two extra time tallies this season are tied with **Cole Caufield** (2) for the most among all players.

NECAS SCORES ANOTHER OT WINNER

Martin Necas became the third player in NHL history to score nine overtime goals prior to his 300th career game, joining Nels Stewart & Frank Finnigan (both w/ 9).

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STAND-OUT PERFORMANCES FROM #NHLSTATS: LIVE UPDATES

The [latest edition of #NHLStats: Live Updates](#) featured notes for all 20 teams, highlighted by stand-out performances from **Alex Iafallo**, **Mackenzie Blackwood**, **Matias Maccelli** and **Matt Tomkins**.

* Iafallo (0-4—4) factored on four of five Jets goals as Winnipeg skated to a five-goal performance for the second time in as many games following a 5-3 victory in Arizona on Nov. 4. Iafallo, who tied a Jets/Thrashers record for [most assists in a game](#), became the fourth player with [four helpers in a contest this season](#) (also **Jack Hughes**: Oct. 24, **Quinn Hughes**: Nov. 2 & **Nikita Kucherov**: Nov. 4).

* Blackwood stopped 38 shots to help the Sharks earn their first victory of 2023-24. It marked the second-most saves by a goaltender in their first career win with the franchise, behind only **Troy Grosenick** (45 on Nov. 16, 2014).

* Maccelli scored to help the Coyotes snap a four-game losing skid *against the Kraken* and extend his point streak to nine games (2-8—10). He became the fourth Coyotes/Jets player in the past 30 years to post a run of that length at age 23 or younger, joining **Clayton Keller** (10 GP in 2017-18), **Alexei Zhamnov** (10 GP in 1993-94) and **Barrett Hayton** (9 GP in 2022-23).

* Tomkins, the Lightning's 29-year-old goaltender, earned his first career win more than 11 years after being selected in the seventh round of the 2012 NHL Draft by the Blackhawks (199th overall). Tomkins' long road to the NHL, which started exactly 4,131 days after he got drafted, included 79 games in the ECHL, 36 in the AHL and 65 in the Swedish Hockey League over the past two seasons – a time he attests allowed him to relieve the pressures of playing and re-find his happiness. On an international stage, Tomkins won the 2020 Spengler Cup and represented Team Canada at the 2022 Olympic Games.

LONGEST SPAN BETWEEN DRAFT YEAR AND FIRST NHL WIN

GOALTENDERS, NHL HISTORY

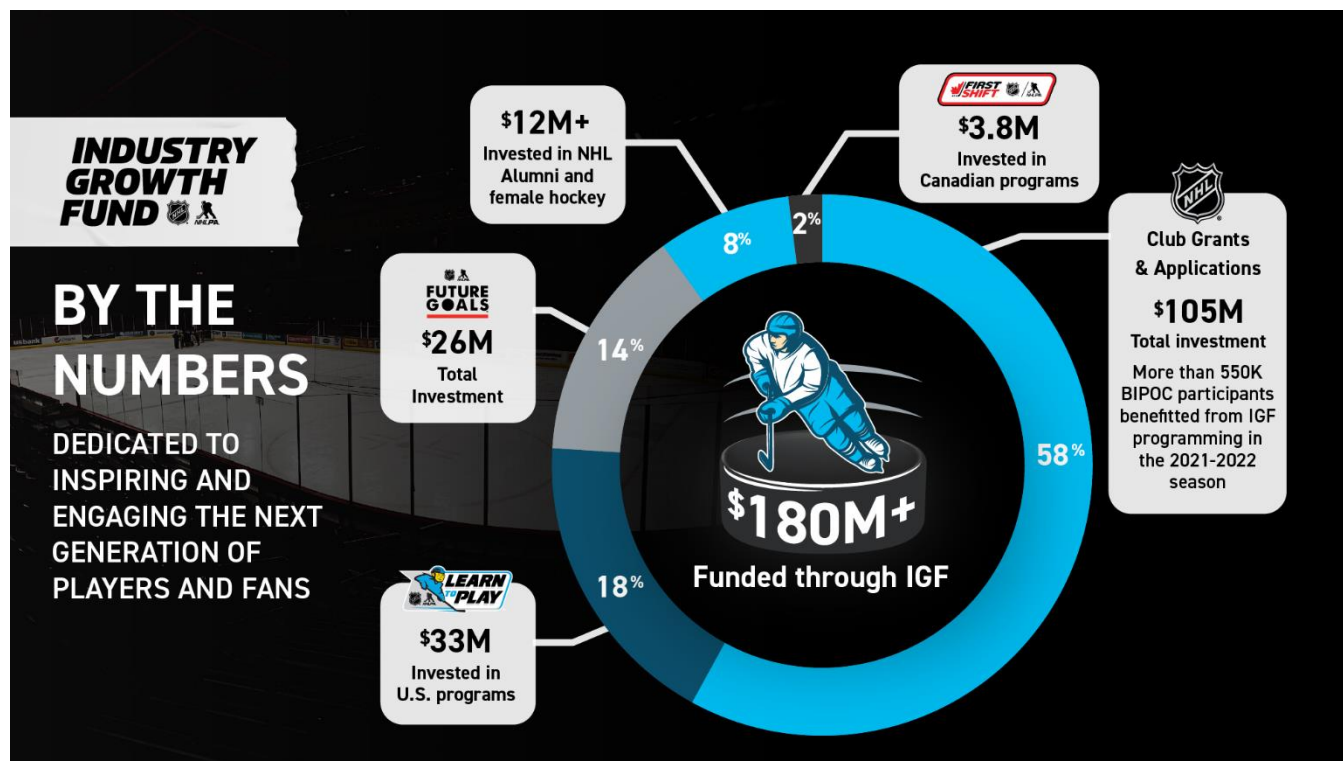
GOALTENDER	DRAFT YEAR	1ST WIN	YEARS
RICK KNICKLE	1979	FEB. 22, 1993	14
JEFF GLASS	2004	DEC. 29, 2017	13
ROB ZEPP	2001	DEC. 21, 2014	13
MATT TOMKINS	2012	NOV. 7, 2023	11
FREDERIC CHABOT	1986	OCT. 21, 1997	11



NHL, NHLPA CELEBRATE DECADE OF INDUSTRY GROWTH FUND

The NHLPA and NHL are celebrating 10 years of the Industry Growth Fund, which was established to create opportunities to help grow the game at all levels both on and off the ice. Over its first decade, the IGF has contributed more than \$180 million to develop programming, create initiatives, host events and provide education that drives awareness and brings hockey to communities across North America.

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TNT DOUBLEHEADER INCLUDES OVECHKIN, TKACHUK, EICHEL, KOPITAR

Wednesday night's TNT Navy Federal Credit Union Veterans Appreciation Night broadcast is a star-studded doubleheader that opens with **Matthew Tkachuk** and the Panthers visiting **Alex Ovechkin** and the Capitals and closes with **Anze Kopitar** and the Kings facing **Jack Eichel** and the rival Golden Knights. In addition, **Henrik Lundqvist** will be in studio ahead of his induction into the Hockey Hall of Fame on Monday.

TONIGHT

FLORIDA PANTHERS VS WASHINGTON CAPITALS 7:30 ET

LOS ANGELES KINGS VS VEGAS GOLDEN KNIGHTS 10 ET

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* Panthers captain **Aleksander Barkov** has a point in each of his last 10 appearances versus the Capitals dating to Feb. 22, 2018 – the longest active point streak by one player against Washington. Tkachuk, meanwhile, has posted three-point outings in [two of his last three games](#) against the Capitals.

* Ovechkin (2-6—8 in 10 GP), who at age 38 leads all Capitals skaters in assists (tied), points and shots on goal (43) in 2023-24, is seven away from becoming the [16th player in NHL history](#) to reach the 1,500-point milestone.

* A pair of League-leading defensemen will be showcased as part of the second half of the doubleheader: Kings blueliner **Drew Doughty** (26:07 TOI/GP) [leads all skaters](#) in time on ice per game in 2023-24, while Golden Knights defenseman **Shea Theodore** (45.84 miles) entered play on Tuesday as the League leader in total miles skated this season [according to NHL EDGE data](#).



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“BATTLE OF ONTARIO” TAKES CENTER STAGE ON SPORTSNET, TVA SPORTS

Wednesday’s third contest will feature the “Battle of Ontario”, with the Senators and Maple Leafs facing off at Scotiabank Arena on Sportsnet and TVA Sports. Toronto has earned wins in six of its past seven games against Ottawa.

The image displays a promotional schedule for NHL games on Wednesday, November 8. At the top left is the 'VETERANS APPRECIATION NIGHT' logo. The main title 'SCHEDULE' is in large white letters, followed by the date 'WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8' in a rounded rectangle. Three game entries are listed, each with a time slot, team logos, and broadcast channels. The first game is at 7:00 PM ET between the Ottawa Senators and Toronto Maple Leafs on SN and TVAS. The second is at 7:30 PM ET between the Florida Panthers and Washington Capitals on TNT and MAX. The third is at 10:00 PM ET between the Los Angeles Kings and Vegas Golden Knights on TNT, MAX, SN360, and TVAS. The background is dark blue with a subtle pattern and small NHL logos in the corners.

Time (ET)	Home Team	Away Team	Broadcast Channels
7:00 PM ET	Ottawa Senators	Toronto Maple Leafs	SN, TVAS
7:30 PM ET	Florida Panthers	Washington Capitals	TNT, MAX
10:00 PM ET	Los Angeles Kings	Vegas Golden Knights	TNT, MAX, SN360, TVAS

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