

## NHL MORNING SKATE – NOV. 23, 2023



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NHL **Morning Skate** Thursday, November 23, 2023

- Makar outduels Hughes with 20th point in November
- Bruins and Golden Knights become first teams to 30 points this season
- Hayes scores winner for Blues in back-and-forth affair

\* **Cale Makar** prevailed in a battle against fellow defenseman and NHL scoring-leader **Quinn Hughes** with his fifth straight multi-point outing and reached 20 points in a calendar month for the second time in his career.

\* The Bruins and Golden Knights each picked up wins Wednesday to become the first teams this season to reach the 30-point mark.

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# RESULTS

WEDNESDAY

3 FINAL ▶ 6	3 FINAL ▶ 7	0 FINAL ▶ 4
3 ◀ FINAL 1	1 ◀ FINAL 0	3 ◀ FINAL OT 2
3 FINAL OT ▶ 4	2 FINAL ▶ 3	6 ◀ FINAL 5
2 FINAL ▶ 4	2 ◀ FINAL OT 1	4 ◀ FINAL 3
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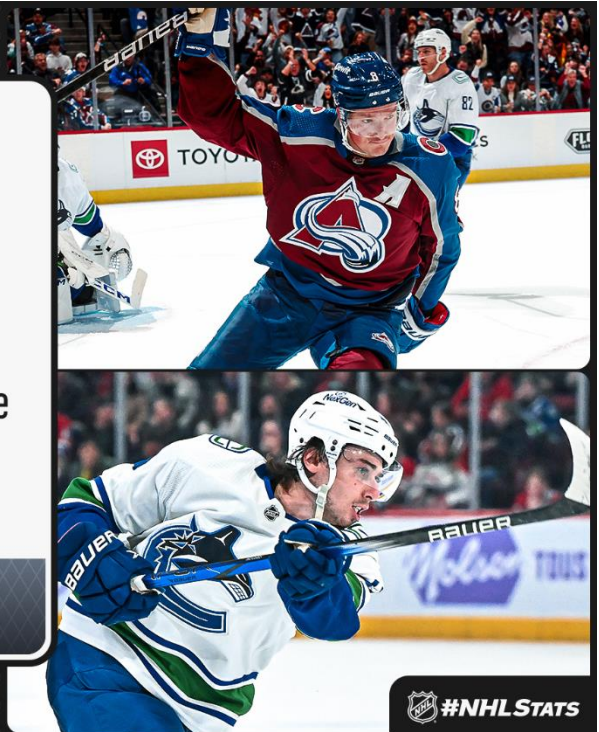
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## STAR DEFENSEMEN COLLECT 20TH POINTS OF NOVEMBER IN HEAD-TO-HEAD SHOWDOWN

**Cale Makar** (1-1—2) helped give the Avalanche (12-6-0, 24 points) a first-period lead before **Quinn Hughes** (0-1—1) played a role in a Canucks game-tying goal, but the former would ensure Colorado skated away with a victory by scoring an insurance marker in the third period en route to joining his counterpart with [20 points in November](#).

## A NOVEMBER TO REMEMBER

November 2023 is the third month since 1993-94 to feature multiple 20-point defensemen. The others: March 2023 (Cale Makar and Miro Heiskanen) and April 1995 (Paul Coffey and Brian Leetch)



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\* Makar (2-18—20 since Nov. 1), who reached the 20-point mark this month thanks to an active streak of [five consecutive multi-point games](#), became the first defenseman in Avalanche/Nordiques history with 18 assists in a single calendar month and collected 20 points in that scenario for the second time in his career (4-17—21 in March 2023).

\* The 2019-20 Calder Trophy winner, 2021-22 Conn Smythe Trophy winner and 2021-22 James Norris Memorial Trophy winner is one of 13 defensemen in NHL history to produce multiple 20-point months. **Paul Coffey** (21x), **Bobby Orr** (20x), **Ray Bourque** (9x) and **Brian Leetch** (5x) are the only ones to do so more than five times.

\* Hughes (5-15—20 since Nov. 1), who maintained his lead atop League scoring, joined **Dennis Kearns** (1-20—21 in March 1977) as the second player in Canucks history with a 20-point calendar month.

**BRUINS, GOLDEN KNIGHTS REACH 30 POINTS**


The Eastern Conference-leading Bruins (14-1-3, 31 points) and Western Conference-leading Golden Knights (14-4-2, 30 points) became the first two teams to reach the 30-point mark in 2023-24.

\* **Jack Eichel** scored his 10th career overtime goal to help the Golden Knights best the Stars in a contest featured on NHL on TNT. Vegas tied the fifth-best point total by a reigning Stanley Cup champion through their first 20 games of a season in the NHL’s expansion era (1967-68) – of that cohort, three went on to win another Cup: 2020-21 Lightning, 1984-85 Oilers and 1976-77 Canadiens.

## MOST POINTS THROUGH 20 GP BY REIGNING CUP CHAMPION

NHL EXPANSION ERA (1967-68)

FRANCHISE	SEASON	POINTS
DETROIT RED WINGS	2008-09	32
TAMPA BAY LIGHTNING	2020-21	31
EDMONTON OILERS	1984-85	31
MONTREAL CANADIENS	1976-77	31
VEGAS GOLDEN KNIGHTS	2023-24	30
CHICAGO BLACKHAWKS	2013-14	30
EDMONTON OILERS	1985-86	30
MONTREAL CANADIENS	1971-72	30



\* **Charlie Coyle** was one of three skaters to find the back of the net for the Bruins on Wednesday as they defeated the Panthers to maintain their place at the top of the League standings. Boston became the fourth team in 30 years to lead the League in points (outright or tied) at U.S. Thanksgiving in consecutive years, joining the Canadiens (3 from 2014-15 – 2016-17), Sharks (2 from 2008-09 – 2009-10) and Panthers (2 from 1995-96 – 1996-97).

## **BLUES OUTLAST COYOTES IN BACK-AND-FORTH AFFAIR IN THE DESERT**

After the Coyotes tied the game twice in the first period, St. Louis and Arizona combined for three more within the opening 10:49 of the middle frame before **Kevin Hayes** (1-0—1) put the Blues (10-7-1, 21 points) ahead once and for all in the third period to guide his club to their seventh win in 10 contests.

<b>MOST TYING GOALS WITHIN FIRST 35 MINUTES OF A GAME</b>			
NHL HISTORY			
DATE	HOME TEAM	AWAY TEAM	GOALS
NOV. 23, 2023	COYOTES	BLUES	5
NOV. 29, 2022	KINGS	KRAKEN	5
DEC. 21, 2005	CANUCKS	OILERS	5
MARCH 23, 1987	DEVILS	OILERS	5
NOV. 7, 1986	SABRES	CANUCKS	5
MARCH 29, 1980	MAPLE LEAFS	OILERS	5
DEC. 13, 1978	RANGERS	KINGS	5
DEC. 2, 1972	NORTH STARS	SABRES	5



\* The Coyotes and Blues combined for six goals in the second frame, one shy of the [most by two teams in any period this season](#). St. Louis scored two of its three goals shorthanded and in a 33-second span – the second-fastest two shorthanded goals in franchise history behind 26 seconds on [Nov. 6, 2019](#).

## **AROUND THE TABLE TURKEY ROUNDUP**

\* **Zach Werenski** (0-4—4) assisted on four of seven Blue Jackets goals to establish a franchise record for [most in a game by a defenseman](#). Werenski (0-10—10 since Nov. 1), the [eighth player and third defenseman](#) with a four-assist game in 2023-24, also tied the Blue Jackets benchmark for the most assists by a blueliner in a single month following **Seth Jones** (Feb. 2021), **James Wisniewski** (Jan. 2014), **Ryan Murray** (Jan. 2014) and **Ron Hainsey** (Dec. 2006).

\* **Oliver Bjorkstrand** (1-3—4) helped Seattle join Columbus as the second team Wednesday to score seven goals and tied a [franchise record for the most points in a game](#). The Kraken recorded their second seven-goal outing of the season (also Oct. 19) and matched the Coyotes, Avalanche and Canucks for the most among all teams. In 2022-23, Seattle finished the campaign with the most seven-goal outings across the League with eight, one more than the Oilers (7).

\* **Jonathan Quick** earned his first career shutout against the Penguins and became the first U.S.-born goaltender to record 60 blank sheets in his career. With the win, Quick improved to 5-0-1 to start 2023-24 and became the second Rangers netminder to begin his tenure by earning a point in his first six decisions, joining **Eddie Mio** in 1981-82 (5-0-2 in 7 GP).



**QUICK POSTS 60TH CAREER SHUTOUT**

Jonathan Quick has now recorded a shutout against 24 different franchises which tied Sergei Bobrovsky for the second most among active goalies, behind only Marc-Andre Fleury (29)

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\* **Tom Wilson** tallied a tying goal at 18:45 of the third period and **Dylan Strome** (1-1—2) [scored with eight seconds remaining in overtime](#) as the Capitals extended their winning streak to five games. Strome became the third player in franchise history with a goal in the final 10 seconds of overtime, following **Calle Johansson** (4:59 on [Jan. 28, 2000](#)) and **Peter Bondra** (4:56 on [Nov. 5, 2002](#)).

\* **Lucas Raymond** scored the first of three Red Wings tallies in the span of 1:12 to extend his goal streak to four games. He became the fourth Detroit player in the past 40 years to record a run of four-plus contests at age 21 or younger, joining **Dylan Larkin** (4 GP in 2015-16), **Sergei Fedorov** (2x: last 4 GP 1990-91) and **Steve Yzerman** (7x: last 5 GP in 1986-87).



## THREE GOALS, BUT MAKE IT QUICK

Lucas Raymond, Dylan Larkin & Robby Fabbri scored 1:12 seconds apart, marking the second time in the past 20 years the Red Wings have scored three goals in that span or less (also 0:46 on March 14, 2009)



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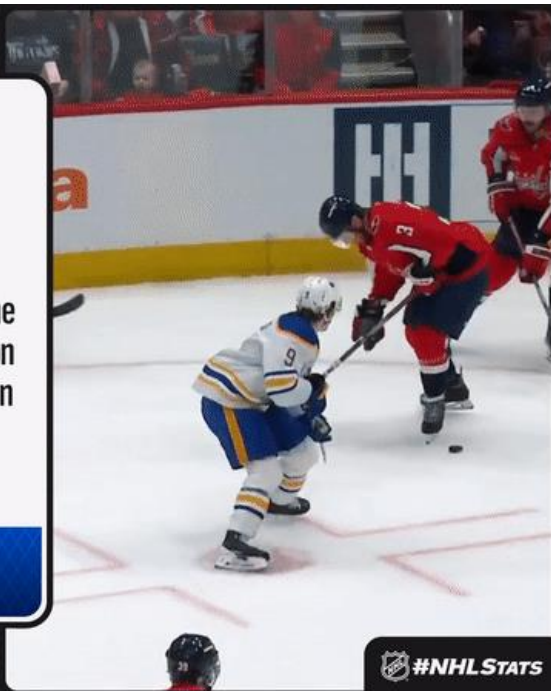
### **BENSON'S BETWEEN-THE-LEGS GOAL FEATURED IN #NHLSTATS: LIVE UPDATES**

[Wednesday's edition of #NHLStats: Live Updates](#) featured more notes from the 14-game slate, including Sabres rookie **Zach Benson** burying his [first career goal in highlight-reel fashion](#). He scored the [first between-the-legs goal this season](#) – there were [six during the 2022-23 regular season](#) and [two in the 2023 Stanley Cup Playoffs](#).



## BENSON BURIES FIRST NHL GOAL

Zach Benson (18 years, 194 days) became the fourth-youngest player in franchise history at the time of his first career goal, behind Pierre Turgeon (18 years, 54 days on Oct. 21, 1987), Rasmus Dahlin (18 years, 183 days on Oct. 13, 2018) and Nikita Zadorov (18 years, 190 days on Oct. 23, 2013)



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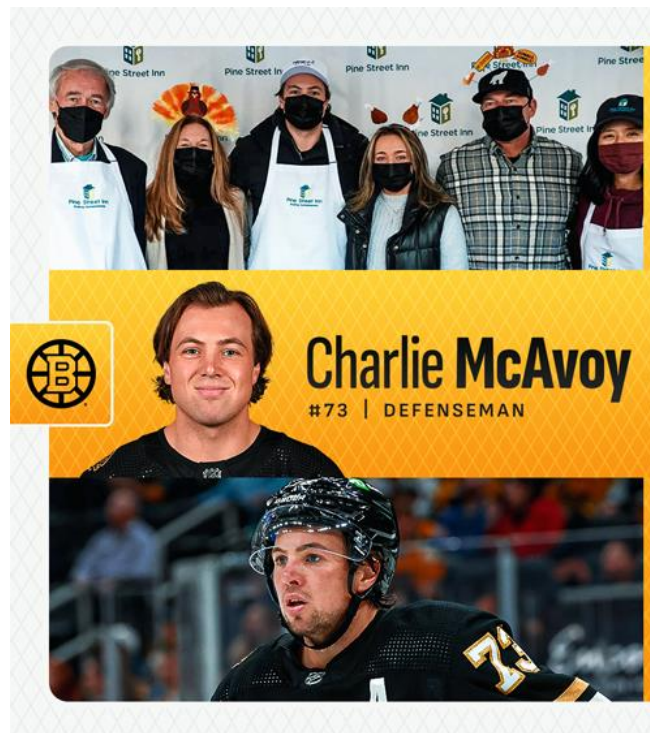
### **McAVOY SET TO GIVE BACK ON THANKSGIVING**



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While the NHL takes a break for American Thanksgiving, **Charlie McAvoy** will continue his philanthropic efforts by carrying on the Bruins' tradition of delivering pies to those in need.



Charlie McAvoy has been an active member of the Boston community, with his impact going well beyond donning a Bruins jersey on the ice. His philanthropic efforts include donating seats to military members for Military Appreciation Night, as well as doing meet-and-greets with those service members following the game. Each Thanksgiving, McAvoy carries on an annual tradition of delivering pies to the local New England shelters. The Bruins defenseman has also worked with at-risk children by donating to and visiting homes, and most recently walked in the 2023 Boston Pride Parade with his wife, Kiley, and their dog, Otto.

## QUICK CLICKS

- \* [Predators honor former GM David Poile with special pregame ceremony](#)
- \* [Cal Clutterbuck's kids make homemade sign to celebrate 1,000th NHL game](#)
- \* [Connor Bedard scores his 10th goal of the season](#)
- \* ['Road To NHL Winter Classic' returns to TNT on Dec. 13](#)
- \* [NHL and adidas unveil uniforms for 2024 Discover NHL Winter Classic](#)



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**NHL RETURNS FRIDAY WITH A 15-GAME SLATE**

There are no games on Thursday as we wish our friends in the United States a Happy Thanksgiving. The 2023-24 season resumes Friday with a packed 15-game schedule including NHL on TNT's Thanksgiving Showdown doubleheader that opens with **Sidney Crosby** and the Penguins visiting **Rasmus Dahlin** and the Sabres and concludes with **Cale Makar** and the Avalanche facing off with **Kirill Kaprizov** and the Wild.

NHL SCHEDULE		FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24			
1:00 PM ET		BSDET, NESN, SNP, SNO, SNE, SN1	1:00 PM ET		NHLN, NBCSP, MSG
2:00 PM ET		NBCSCH, TSN4	3:00 PM ET		MSGSN, BSOH
3:00 PM ET		BSSO, BSMW	3:00 PM ET		MNMT, SNW
3:30 PM ET		BSSD, BSW, BSSC, SNP, SNO, SNE, SN1	3:30 PM ET		NBCSCA, TSN2, RDS
6:00 PM ET		TNT, MAX, SNP, SNO, SNE, TVAS	7:30 PM ET		RDS, TSN5, MSGSN
8:00 PM ET		BSSO, BSSUN	8:00 PM ET		BSFL, TSN3
8:30 PM ET		BSSW, SNW, SNO, SNE	8:30 PM ET		TNT, MAX, TVAS
10:00 PM ET		ROOT-NW, SNP			

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