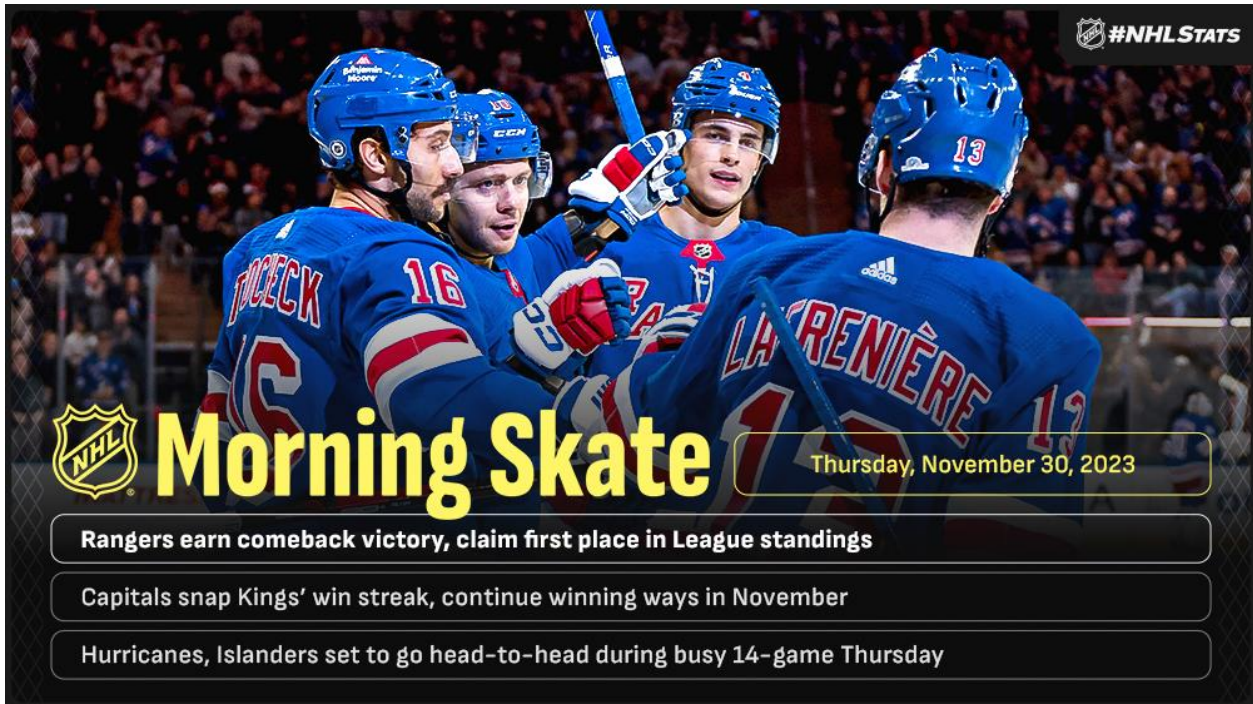


NHL MORNING SKATE – NOV. 30, 2023










The graphic features a photograph of four hockey players in blue jerseys celebrating on the ice. The player on the left is wearing a jersey with the name 'TOLECK' and number '16'. The player in the center is wearing a jersey with the name 'LAURENIÈRE' and number '13'. The background shows a blurred crowd in an arena. In the top right corner, there is a small NHL logo and the text '#NHLSTATS'. The main title 'Morning Skate' is in large yellow letters, with the NHL logo to its left. Below the title, the date 'Thursday, November 30, 2023' is displayed in a yellow box. Three white boxes with black text provide key news items.


Morning Skate Thursday, November 30, 2023

- Rangers earn comeback victory, claim first place in League standings
- Capitals snap Kings' win streak, continue winning ways in November
- Hurricanes, Islanders set to go head-to-head during busy 14-game Thursday

- * The Rangers grabbed the top spot in the League standings with the help of **Artemi Panarin** who extended his season-opening home point streak to nine games – the longest by a Rangers player since 1996-97.
- * The Capitals snapped the Kings' win streak and improved to 7-3-1 in November – tied for the third-most wins by an Eastern Conference club this month.
- * NHL Commissioner **Gary Bettman** helped open the 2023 White House Holiday Ice Rink by participating in a ceremonial puck drop alongside First Lady **Jill Biden** on Wednesday.
- * Thursday's 14-game slate features the Hurricanes hosting the Islanders on ESPN+ and Hulu, several skaters concluding noteworthy Novembers as well as a general manager looking to climb the NHL's all-time wins list.

 **RESULTS** WEDNESDAY

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	2	FINAL ▶	3	
	2	◀ FINAL	1	

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PANARIN EXTENDS STREAK AS RANGERS CLAIM TOP SPOT IN NHL STANDINGS

Artemi Panarin scored to extend his season-opening home point streak to nine games as the Rangers (16-4-1, 33 points) rallied from a 2-1 deficit to defeat the Red Wings (11-7-3, 25 points) and claim first place in the League standings, leapfrogging the idle Golden Knights (14-5-4, 32 points). New York earned its fifth third-period comeback win of 2023-24, the second most in the League behind only Anaheim (6).

PANARIN CONTINUES HOT START AT HOME

Artemi Panarin became the fifth player in Rangers history with a season-opening home point streak of nine games, following Mike Rogers (15 GP in 1983-84), Wayne Gretzky (10 GP in 1996-97), Mark Messier (9 GP in 1992-93) and Brian Leetch (10 GP in 1991-92).





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CAPITALS CONTINUE WINNING WAYS IN NOVEMBER

Connor McMichael (1-1—2) and **Anthony Mantha** (1-1—2) accounted for Washington's two goals as the Capitals (11-6-2, 24 points) rallied from behind to snap the Kings' five-game winning streak and leapfrog the idle Flyers (11-10-1, 23 points) for third place in the Metropolitan Division.

* The Capitals are now 7-3-1 in November and will have a chance to improve their record when they visit the Ducks tonight. Only two teams in the Eastern Conference have more wins this month: the Rangers (9-2-1) and Panthers (9-4-1).

* **Charlie Lindgren** stopped 38 of 39 shots to improve to 5-1-0 in November. His .833 win percentage is the highest ever recorded by a Capitals goaltender in a month of November (min. 5 GP).

CAPITALS CLINCH ANOTHER COMEBACK

The Capitals earned their seventh comeback win of the season. Only the Avalanche, Devils and Maple Leafs have more (all w/ 8).

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CAUFIELD SHINES IN #NHLSTATS: LIVE UPDATES

Cole Caufield is one of a several players spotlighted in the Wednesday edition of [#NHLStats: Live Updates](#). He netted one of three unanswered Montreal goals to record his 60th career tally and became the eighth player in Canadiens history to score as many before age 23.



MOST CAREER GOALS BEFORE AGE 23

FRANCHISE HISTORY



	
PLAYER	GOALS
STEPHANE RICHER	116
MARIO TREMBLAY	90
BERNIE GEOFFRION	85
ALEX GALCHENYUK	84
HENRI RICHARD	79
GUY LAFLEUR	78
COLE CAUFIELD	60
CLAUDE LEMIEUX	60



NHL HELPS OPEN 2023 WHITE HOUSE HOLIDAY ICE RINK ON WEDNESDAY

NHL Commissioner **Gary Bettman** participated in a ceremonial puck drop alongside First Lady **Jill Biden**, National Park Foundation CEO **Will Shafroth** and decorated figure skater **Brian Boitano** to [officially open the 2023 White House Holiday Ice Rink on the South Lawn](#).

* Nine-year-old member of the NHL and NHLPA's Learn to Play program **Keira Rosenberg** lined up for the face-off against **Snoopy** from the Peanuts Worldwide, with Rosenberg being one of several children from the initiative on hand for the event. [Click here](#) to read more.




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QUICK CLICKS

- * [Jack Hughes](#) joins The Eli Manning Show, shoots 'puck goals' at MetLife Stadium
- * [Patrick Kane](#)'s comeback bid with Red Wings reminiscent of [Steve Yzerman](#)'s
- * [Patrick Kane](#) hopes to debut with Red Wings in 7-10 days
- * [John Hynes](#) returning to 'special place' as new Wild coach to face Predators
- * Women in Hockey: [Leanne Judy](#)





LEANNE JUDY

FLORIDA PANTHERS

JOB TITLE

Senior Coordinator, Amateur Hockey

EDUCATION

**B.S. Business Administration
University of North Carolina - Wilmington**

YEARS OF HOCKEY EXPERIENCE

4 years

Q & A

What do you love most about your job?

What I love most about my job is getting to work with kids and help grow the sport of hockey, while empowering girls to get involved in the game. Growing up in a rink, I never saw a girl play hockey and didn't even know it was an option. Knowing that I get to be even a small part of changing that makes me feel incredibly honored.

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THURSDAY HIGHLIGHTED BY HURRICANES HOSTING ISLANDERS ON ESPN+, HULU

Thursday's 14-game slate is highlighted by **Sebastian Aho** and the Hurricanes hosting **Mathew Barzal** and the Islanders at PNC Arena on ESPN+ and Hulu. It will mark their first head-to-head contest at the venue since [Game 5 of the 2023 First Round](#), when New York edged Carolina to cut its series deficit to 3-2 – the Hurricanes earned a series-clinching victory in overtime three days later.

NHL SCHEDULE		THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30			
7:00 PM ET		NBCSCA, NESN, SNP, SNO, SNE	7:00 PM ET		BSDET, NBCSCH
7:00 PM ET		RDS, TSN2, BSFL	7:00 PM ET		MSGSN, NBCSP
7:00 PM ET		SN-PIT, BSSUN	7:00 PM ET		TSN4, ROOT-NW
7:30 PM ET		HULU, ESPN+	8:00 PM ET		BSWIX, BSNX, BSSO
8:00 PM ET		BSMW, MSG-B	8:00 PM ET		SNW, TSN3
9:00 PM ET		SCRIPPS, ALT	9:00 PM ET		SN1, BSSW
10:00 PM ET		MNMT, BSW	10:00 PM ET		TVAS, SNP, SCRIPPS

SEVERAL SKATERS SET TO CONCLUDE NOTEWORTHY NOVEMBERS

Multiple players who have shone this month will contest their final games before the calendar flips to December:

* **Nikita Kucherov** can add to his [League-leading point total](#) when the Lightning welcome the Penguins to Amalie Arena. Kucherov (9-17—26 in 13 GP) has collected an NHL-best 26 points since Nov. 1, which are the most by a Tampa Bay player in a single November – he eclipsed the previous mark set by **Vincent Lecavalier** in [2007](#) (9-16—25 in 14 GP).

* **Brock Boeser** (17-9—26 in 23 GP) can boost his [League-leading goal total](#) and **Quinn Hughes** can add to his [NHL-best point total among defensemen](#) when the Canucks clash with the Western Conference-leading Golden Knights at Rogers Arena. Hughes (5-17—22 in 14 GP) ranks second among NHL blueliners in assists and points this month behind Avalanche defenseman **Cale Makar** (3-20—23 in 13 GP), who visits the Coyotes at Mullett Arena on Thursday.

MOST ASSISTS IN A MONTH

DEFENSEMEN, NHL HISTORY

PLAYER	TEAM	MONTH	GP	ASSISTS
ROMAN JOSI	NSH	MARCH 2022	14	24
PAUL COFFEY	EDM	DEC. 1985	14	23
BOBBY ORR	BOS	MARCH 1971	15	23
BRIAN LEETCH	NYR	DEC. 1991	14	22
PAUL COFFEY	PIT	FEB. 1990	14	22
PAUL COFFEY	EDM	MARCH 1984	13	21
BOBBY ORR	BOS	JAN. 1973	13	21
BOBBY ORR	BOS	DEC. 1970	14	21
CALE MAKAR	COL	NOV. 2023	13	20*

*Four others with 20 (Victor Hedman in April 2022, Ray Bourque in March 1991, Dennis Kearns in March 1977 & Bobby Orr in Feb. 1972)

* **Filip Forsberg** can tie the franchise record for most goals in any month, **Gustav Nyquist** (2-9—11 in 9 GP) can equal his [NHL career high for longest point streak](#) and the Predators can extend their [winning streak to seven games](#) when they welcome the Wild to Bridgestone Arena. Forsberg (11-8—19 in 12 GP), whose 11 goals since Nov. 1 are tied with Boeser (11-5—16 in 14 GP) for the most in the NHL, can match the mark he set in [February 2016](#) (12-4—16 in 13 GP) and **Matt Duchene** tied in [March 2022](#) (12-10—22 in 14 GP).

* **Connor McDavid** can continue to close the gap in the Art Ross Trophy race when the Oilers visit the Jets at Canada Life Centre. McDavid had [2-7—9 in six games entering November](#) and currently sits tied for ninth in NHL scoring this season after recording 19 points since then, including 12 over his last three contests.



McDAVID HEATING UP AS WEATHER GETS COLDER

A fourth straight three-point performance would make Connor McDavid the first Oilers player with 15 points over a four-game span since Jari Kurri from Dec. 7-14, 1988 (7-8-15 in 4 GP)



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ARMSTRONG CAN CLIMB NHL'S ALL-TIME WINS LIST AMONG GENERAL MANAGERS

Doug Armstrong can earn the 780th win of his NHL career to pass **Craig Patrick** and **Bill Torrey** (both w/ 779) for sole possession of 11th place on the [League's all-time list among general managers](#) when the Blues host the Sabres at Enterprise Center.

* Armstrong served several seasons as an assistant GM with the Stars (including when they defeated the Sabres in the [1999 Stanley Cup Final](#) to win their first championship in franchise history) and earned 210 of his 779 career wins as general manager of the team from Jan. 25, 2002 to Nov. 13, 2007. He was named GM of the Blues on July 1, 2010, and piloted the club to their first Cup just under nine years later.

* One of Armstrong's more-notable moves was acquiring **Ryan O'Reilly** from Buffalo on July 1, 2018, in a trade which saw the Sabres receive several players including **Tage Thompson**. O'Reilly went on capture the Conn Smythe Trophy that season after [sharing the League lead in points during the 2019 playoffs](#).



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GENERAL MANAGERS, NHL HISTORY



GM	TEAMS	WINS
DAVID POILE	WSH, NSH	1,533
LOU LAMORIELLO	NJD, TOR, NYI	1,413
GLEN SATHER	EDM, NYR	1,319
HARRY SINDEN	BOS	1,170
KEN HOLLAND	DET, EDM	1,104
CLIFF FLETCHER	AFM, CGY, TOR, PHX	953
JIM RUTHERFORD	HFD, CAR, PIT, VAN	939
JACK ADAMS	DCG, DFL, DET	913
EMILE FRANCIS	NYR, STL, HFD	839
BOBBY CLARKE	PHI, MNS, FLA	806
DOUG ARMSTRONG	DAL, STL	779*



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*Two others with 779 (Craig Patrick & Bill Torrey)



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