

NHL MORNING SKATE – DEC. 2, 2023



NHL Morning Skate Saturday, December 2, 2023

- Sharks net six goals for their highest output of 2023-24
- Blue Jackets score four straight for first multi-goal comeback win of the season
- Two Original Six showdowns highlight a four-game Hockey Night in Canada on Saturday

- * The Sharks scored six goals for the first time this season in their win against the Devils who had **Simon Nemec**, the No. 2 pick from the 2022 NHL Draft, record a two-point outing in his League debut.
- * Rookies **Dmitri Voronkov** and **Adam Fantilli** accounted for two of the Blue Jackets' four unanswered goals to help their club earn its first multi-goal comeback win of the season – the contest also featured Columbus boost its first-period goal total to 28, tied Tampa Bay for the second most among all teams behind Edmonton (32).
- * Two Original Six showdowns will be featured on a four-game Hockey Night in Canada on Saturday, which will also include **Nikita Zadorov** and his new club, the Canucks, visiting his former Flames.

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 **SCHEDULE** SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2

2:00 PM ET		SN, NHLN, BSSUN, BSSW	3:00 PM ET		TVAS, NBCSCH, TSN3
4:30 PM ET		MSG, BSSO	6:00 PM ET		MSGSN, BSFL
7:00 PM ET		MSG-B, BSSO	7:00 PM ET		CBC, CITY, TVAS, BSEDT
7:00 PM ET		SN1, TVAS2, ROOT-NW	7:00 PM ET		NBCSP, SN-PIT
7:00 PM ET		SN, NHLN, NESN	9:00 PM ET		BSMW, SCRIPPS
10:00 PM ET		ALT2, BSSD, BSSC	10:00 PM ET		SN, CBC, CITY
10:00 PM ET		MNMT, SCRIPPS			

BRUINS, MAPLE LEAFS SHOWDOWN HIGHLIGHTS HOCKEY NIGHT IN CANADA SLATE

The Bruins will head to Toronto for their 769th all-time showdown against the Maple Leafs franchise as one of the League's oldest rivalries highlights a four-game Hockey Night in Canada slate.



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* Saturday's contest between Boston and Toronto comes one day *after* the 99th anniversary of the Bruins' first regular-season game and one day *before* the same milestone for the first-ever showdown

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TRADE WINDS RARE BETWEEN VAN & CGY

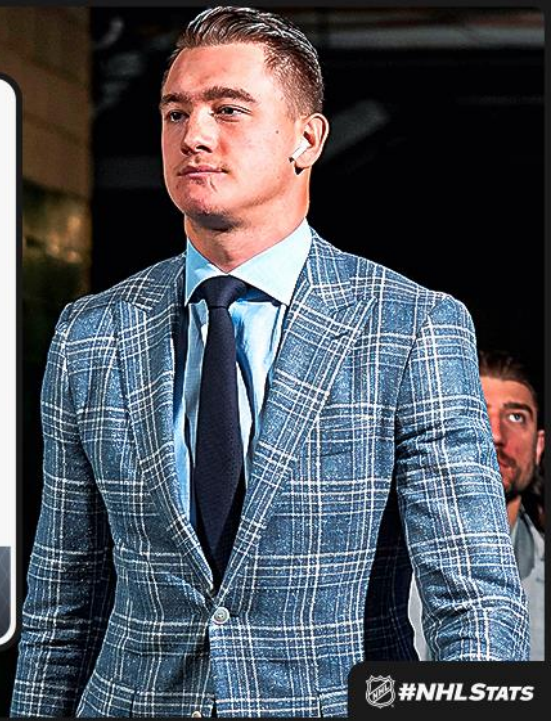
The Nikita Zadorov trade was the third between the Canucks and Flames since 1995. The others:

March 2, 2015:

Sven Baertschi to VAN, second-round pick to CGY

February 22, 2016:

Markus Granlund to VAN, Hunter Shinkaruk to CGY



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QUICK CLICKS

- * [Blackhawks' Connor Bedard](#) named NHL 'Rookie of the Month' for November
- * [Nikita Kucherov, Cale Makar](#) and [Quinn Hughes](#) named NHL 'Three Stars' for November
- * [NHL EDGE](#) stats: [Tristan Jarry's](#) goalie goal
- * [NHL on TNT](#) delivers most-watched November on record and +33% average audience in 2023-24
- * [Travis Konecny](#) fined for cross-checking, [Brendan Smith](#) suspended two games for slashing
- * [Rangers unveil new navy blue third jersey](#) for this season

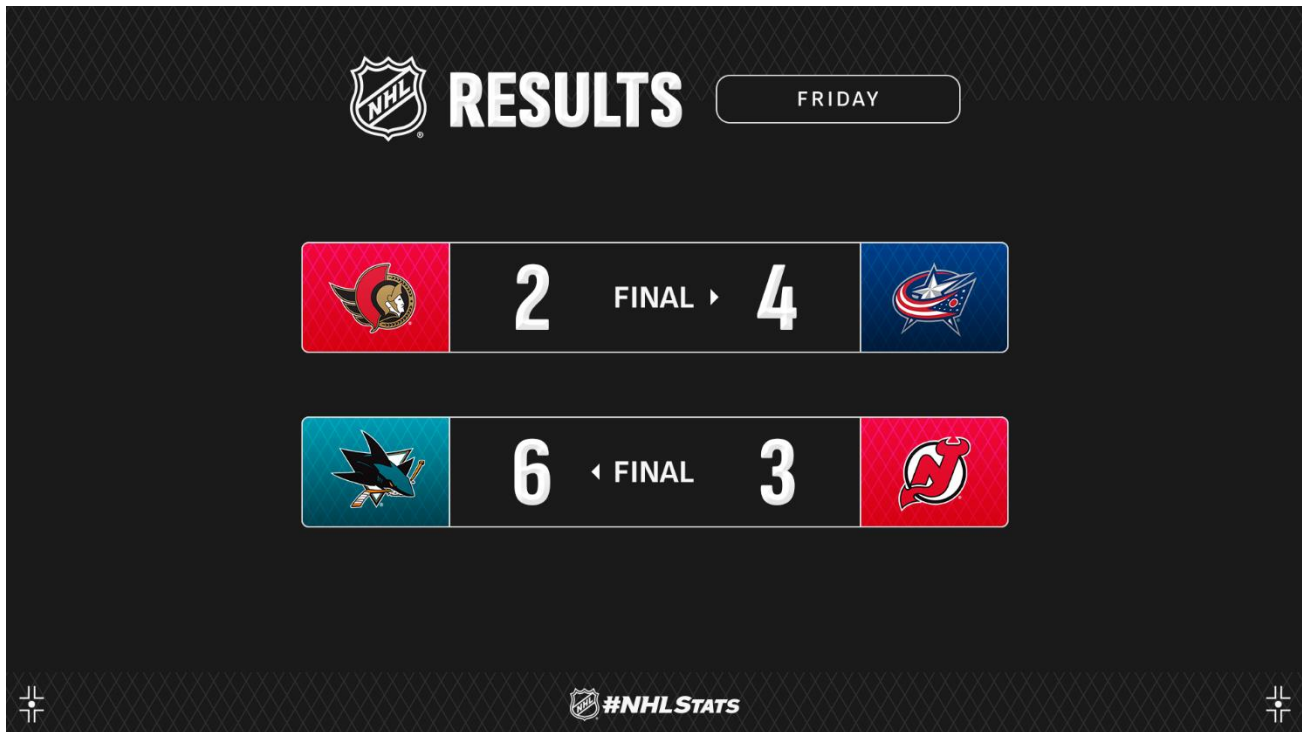


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FRIDAY'S RESULTS

A total of 15 goals were scored over a two-game Friday for a 7.5 goals-per-game average.



FOUR #NHLSTATS FROM FOUR TEAMS IN ACTION FRIDAY

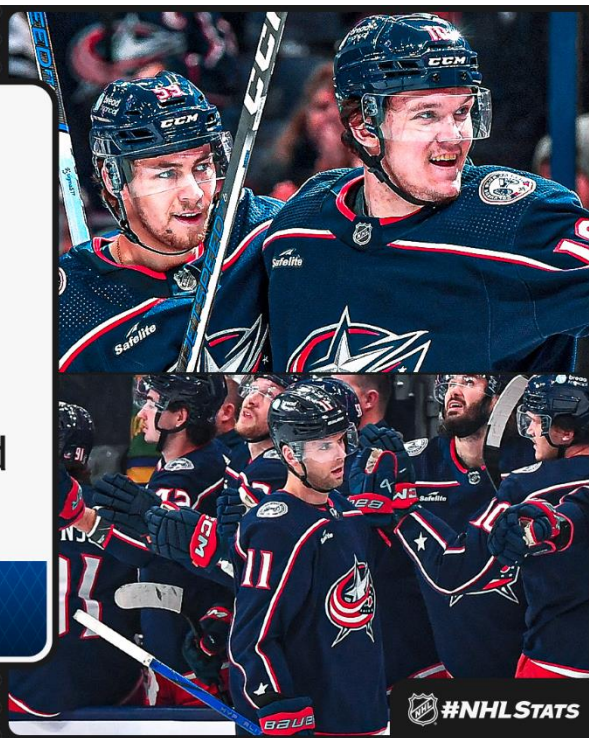
It was the Blue Jackets and Sharks who each found the win column Friday, but it didn't stop [#NHLStats: Live Updates](#) from including notes from all four teams.

* **Jacob MacDonald** (2-0—2) and **Anthony Duclair** (2-0—2) became the first Sharks duo to each score multiple goals in the same game since **Timo Meier** (2-0—2) and **Erik Karlsson** (3-1—4) on Nov. 1, 2022, with Meier facing his former club for the first time since being traded to New Jersey on Feb. 26. The contest marked the first time this season the Sharks scored six in a game.

* Rookies **Dmitri Voronkov** (1-0—1) and **Adam Fantilli** (1-0—1) accounted for two of Columbus' four unanswered goals to allow the Blue Jackets to [kick off their dad's weekend](#) with their first multi-goal comeback win of the campaign and first in regulation since Feb. 11, 2023 (at TOR). Voronkov (5-7—12 in 19 GP) moved into a tie with Minnesota's **Marco Rossi** (6-6—12 in 21 GP) and Anaheim's **Pavel Mintyukov** (1-11—12 in 23 GP) for fifth place in scoring by rookies this season, while Fantilli (5-6—11 in 25 GP) sits just one point back of the trio.

VORONKOV, FANTILLI IN ROOKIE SCORING RACE

The Blue Jackets have finished with a player in the top five in rookie scoring (outright or tied) only twice in franchise history: Kent Johnson in 2022-23 (5th) and Rick Nash in 2002-03 (2nd).



* **Claude Giroux** scored while skating in his 100th game as a member of the Senators, improving his totals with the club to 41-55—96. He owns the second-most points by an Ottawa player through the milestone with the franchise, behind only **Dany Heatley** (60-64—124).

* **Simon Nemec** (0-2—2), the No. 2 pick from the 2022 NHL Draft, made his League debut Friday and became the second defenseman in franchise history with multiple points in their first NHL game (also **Will Butcher**: 0-3—3 on Oct. 7, 2017). Meanwhile, **Jack Hughes** (1-0—1) continued his scorching pace to the season as he became the fastest player in Devils/Rockies/Scouts history to reach 30 points in a campaign (17 GP), eclipsing the previous mark set by **Paul Gardner** (21 GP in 1977-78).



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**HUGHES HITS
30 POINTS FAST**

Jack Hughes (17 GP) became the third-fastest U.S.-born player in NHL history to 30 points in a season, behind Pat LaFontaine (11 GP in 1992-93) and Kevin Stevens (12 GP in 1992-93)

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NHL PODCASTS WEEKLY ROUNDUP

- * NHL Fantasy on Ice (11/27): [Fantasy waiver wire pickups: Week 8; Jets taking flight](#)
- * The Chirp (11/29): [Sean Walker joins; Bootstrapping Flyers, Patrick Kane signs with Detroit](#)
- * La Tasse de Café LNH (11/29): [Le Wild congédie Dean Evason; Kane choisit les Red Wings](#)
- * NHL Fantasy on Ice (11/30): [Fantasy spin: Kane to Red Wings; Week 8 mailbag](#)
- * NHL @TheRink (11/30): [Thomas Hickey joins; John Hynes hired, Connor McDavid hot](#)



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