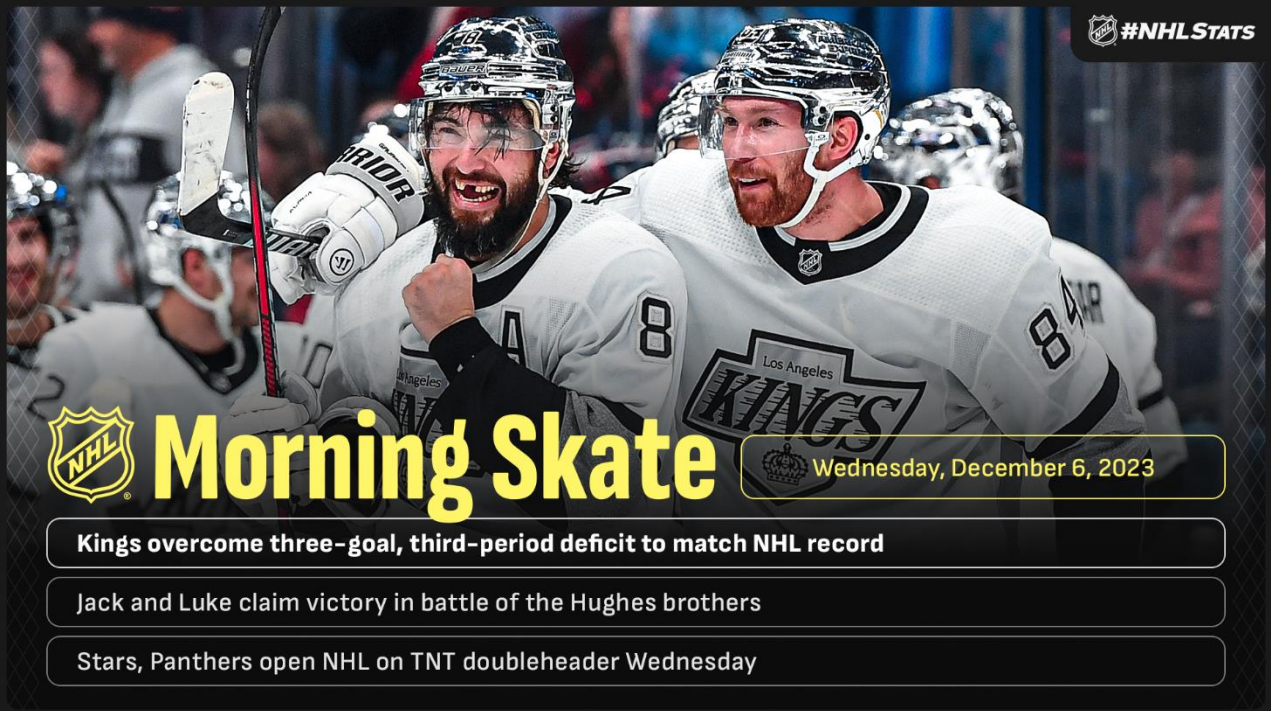


## NHL MORNING SKATE – DEC. 6, 2023



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# Morning Skate

Wednesday, December 6, 2023

- Kings overcome three-goal, third-period deficit to match NHL record
- Jack and Luke claim victory in battle of the Hughes brothers
- Stars, Panthers open NHL on TNT doubleheader Wednesday

\* No team had won a game this season after trailing by three or more goals in the third period, but that all changed Tuesday thanks to two teams at opposite ends of the Western Conference standings: the Kings and Sharks. Los Angeles' rally allowed them to match an NHL record, which they'll have a chance to claim as their own on Thursday at Montreal.

\* In addition to the two three-goal rallies noted above, three other contests Tuesday came close after clubs trailed by three in the third: the Sabres and Ducks pulled within one, while the Canucks tied the score during the first-ever NHL showdown involving all three Hughes brothers (which saw **Jack** and **Luke** emerge victorious despite **Quinn's** late efforts for the Canucks).

\* An NHL on TNT doubleheader opens with **Jason Robertson** and Stars visiting **Matthew Tkachuk** and the Panthers and closes with the Oilers hosting the Hurricanes at Rogers Place.

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 **RESULTS** TUESDAY

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|  | <b>4</b> | ◀ FINAL<br>OT | <b>3</b> |  |  | <b>2</b> | FINAL ▶       | <b>6</b> |  |
|  | <b>5</b> | ◀ FINAL       | <b>3</b> |  |  | <b>5</b> | ◀ FINAL<br>OT | <b>4</b> |  |
|  | <b>4</b> | ◀ FINAL<br>SO | <b>3</b> |  |  | <b>5</b> | ◀ FINAL       | <b>2</b> |  |
|  | <b>2</b> | FINAL ▶       | <b>3</b> |  |  | <b>6</b> | ◀ FINAL       | <b>5</b> |  |

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### **KINGS MATCH NHL RECORD VIA THEIR LARGEST THIRD-PERIOD RALLY IN 16+ YEARS**

Facing a 3-0 deficit entering the third period, the Kings' perfect 9-0-0 road record was in jeopardy but they pulled even with three goals in a span of 6:15 and eventually completed the comeback with a **Drew Doughty** overtime goal to match the [NHL record for longest road winning streak from the start of a season](#). It marked the first time in more than 30 years that Los Angeles won a *road contest* after trailing by three or more goals in the third period and their first such victory in any game since 2007.

\* The Kings became the first team in NHL history to extend an overall, home or road winning streak of nine or more games by staging a three-goal, third-period comeback. The next-closest clubs to stage a rally of that sort to extend a lengthy winning streak were the 2013-14 Flyers and 2011-12 Penguins. [On Dec. 19, 2013](#), Philadelphia turned a 3-0 third-period deficit into a 5-4 victory to push their home winning streak to eight games (also doing so against the Blue Jackets; part of an eventual 10-0-0 home stretch for Philadelphia). [On Jan. 31, 2012](#), Pittsburgh trailed 3-1 in the third period before winning 5-4 in a shootout to claim their *eighth consecutive victory overall* (the eventual end of that streak).

\* **Anze Kopitar** notched an assist on the overtime goal to extend his [season-opening road point streak](#) to 10 games (after teammate **Trevor Moore** also did so earlier in the contest). Kopitar netted the winning goal in overtime the last time Los Angeles staged a three-goal, third-period comeback victory.

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# THREE-GOAL, THIRD-PERIOD COMEBACK WINS

FRANCHISE HISTORY

| DATE            | OPPONENT     | LOCATION | MAX. DEFICIT |
|-----------------|--------------|----------|--------------|
| DEC. 5, 2023    | BLUE JACKETS | ROAD     | 3            |
| NOV. 10, 2007   | STARS        | HOME     | 4            |
| FEB. 12, 2006   | STARS        | HOME     | 3            |
| APRIL 18, 2001* | RED WINGS    | HOME     | 3            |
| MARCH 17, 1990  | BRUINS       | ROAD     | 3            |
| MARCH 13, 1988  | BLUES        | HOME     | 3            |
| NOV. 21, 1985   | RED WINGS    | ROAD     | 3            |
| APRIL 10, 1982* | OILERS       | HOME     | 5            |

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\*Playoffs

### ... WHILE SHARKS FOLLOWS SUIT WITH OT WIN AGAINST ISLANDERS

Another California-based club staged a rare rally Tuesday as the Sharks rose from the depths in the third period to overcome a 4-1 deficit, with **Tomas Hertl** scoring two of his three goals in the final frame and **William Eklund** netting the winner in overtime. San Jose overcame a three-goal deficit in the third period to win for the third time in franchise history (also Dec. 8, 2010 at PHI & Game 7 of 2019 R1 vs. VGK).

\* Hertl scored his first hat trick of the season and sixth of his career, moving into sole possession of the [second most in franchise history](#) behind **Jonathan Cheechoo** (9). With every hat trick this season, AstraZeneca will donate \$5,000 to the Hockey Fights Cancer Fund of the V Foundation up to \$500,000. [Click here](#) for more information.

\* Eklund (21 years, 54 days) became the fifth-youngest player in Sharks history to score an overtime goal. The only players to do so at a younger age are **Jeff Friesen** on March 28, 1995 (18 years, 235 days), **Patrick Marleau** on Nov. 28, 1999 (20 years, 74 days), **Marco Sturm** on Jan. 2, 1999 (20 year, 116 days) and **Kevin Labanc** on Dec. 23, 2016 (21 years, 11 days).

**SHARKS, KINGS PAIR UP FOR RARE RALLIES**

Tuesday marked the seventh day in NHL history to feature multiple three-goal, third-period comeback wins (LAK & SJS). The only other instance in the past 12 seasons was Nov. 26, 2022.

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**JACK, LUKE OUTLAST QUINN IN FIRST NHL GAME TO FEATURE ALL THREE HUGHES BROS**

For the first time in their NHL career, the Hughes brothers all took to the same ice in a thrilling contest that saw **Jack** (1-2—3) factor on two of four New Jersey goals in the opening period and then assist on **Luke**'s marker in the middle frame to give the Devils a 5-2 lead heading into the third frame. **Quinn** responded by spearheading a late Canucks rally, assisting on two of three Vancouver tallies to tie the game before **Jesper Bratt** found the back of the net with 34 seconds left in regulation to seal the win for the Devils.

\* Jack recorded his 10th multi-point outing of the season in his 18th game, requiring the fewest contests in Devils/Rockies/Scouts history to do so, besting the mark established by **John MacLean** in 1990-91 and matched by Hughes last season (24 GP).

## HUGHES BROS PILE UP THE POINTS

Jack (1-2-3), Quinn (0-2-2) and Luke Hughes (1-0-1) combined for six points Tuesday. The only other trio of brothers to record more points in the same game (regular season & playoffs) are Marian, Anton and Peter Stastny (42x) as well as Darryl, Brent and Duane Sutter (7 on Oct. 13, 1984).

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\* Bratt scored New Jersey's second latest go-ahead goal this season (59:37 on Nov. 28). The last time the Devils had multiple final-minute go-ahead goals in a campaign was in 2013-14 (59:23 on March 4, 2014 & 59:15 on Oct. 26, 2013).

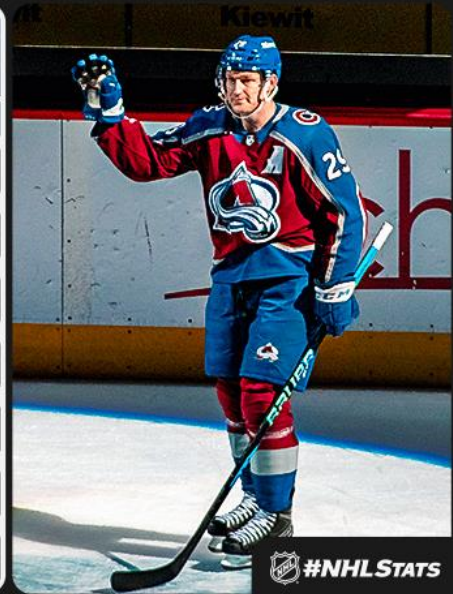
**MACKINNON NOTCHES 500TH NHL ASSIST, POWERS AVALANCHE TO VICTORY**

**Nathan MacKinnon** (1-2-3) factored on all three Avalanche goals, notching his 500th NHL assist in the process, as the club padded their lead atop the Central Division standings. In addition to becoming the fifth-fastest active player to reach the 500-assist milestone, MacKinnon joined **Joe Sakic**, **Peter Stastny** and **Peter Forsberg** as the fourth player to accumulate as many helpers [with the Avalanche franchise](#).

# FEWEST GAMES TO 500 NHL ASSISTS

ACTIVE PLAYERS

| PLAYER            | MILESTONE DATE | TEAM | GP  |
|-------------------|----------------|------|-----|
| CONNOR MCDAVID    | JAN. 5, 2023   | EDM  | 527 |
| SIDNEY CROSBY     | OCT. 18, 2014  | PIT  | 554 |
| NICKLAS BACKSTROM | JAN. 7, 2017   | WSH  | 691 |
| EVGENI MALKIN     | FEB. 17, 2017  | PIT  | 694 |
| NATHAN MACKINNON  | DEC. 5, 2023   | COL  | 734 |
| CLAUDE GIROUX     | JAN. 16, 2019  | PHI  | 785 |
| PATRICK KANE      | FEB. 17, 2018  | CHI  | 799 |



## HYNES HIGHLIGHTED IN #NHLSTATS: LIVE UPDATES

The latest edition of [#NHLStats: Live Updates](#) featured a number of noteworthy performances, including **John Hynes** earning his fourth straight win since becoming head coach of the Wild on Nov. 27. Hynes is the first head coach to start his tenure with a franchise with a four-game win streak since **Jay Woodcroft** (5-0-0 from Feb. 11-19, 2022) did so with Edmonton in 2021-22.

## HYNES MAINTAINS PERFECT START WITH WILD

John Hynes became the second head coach to start his tenure with the Wild with a win streak of four or more games, joining John Torchetti (4-0-0 from Feb. 15-21, 2016).



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- \* [Macklin Celebrini, Owen Beck lead Canada 2024 World Junior camp roster](#)
- \* [Kraken thriving, growing game on 5th anniversary of becoming 32nd NHL team](#)
- \* [Maple Leafs visit Hospital For Sick Children for holiday celebration](#)
- \* [NHL finalizing details to hold 'dramatic' 2024 NHL Draft in Vegas Sphere](#)
- \* [NHL All-Star Thursday tickets now on sale](#)



## WEDNESDAY FEATURES DOUBLEHEADERS ACROSS TNT, SPORTSNET & TVA SPORTS

Three of the four clubs featured in Wednesday's NHL on TNT doubleheader reached at least the Conference Finals last year as the night opens with a showdown between the Stars and Panthers and closes with a matchup between the Hurricanes and Oilers – who fell to the eventual Stanley Cup champions in the Second Round last spring.



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December 6

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\* **Jason Robertson** (2nd; 8-14—22) and **Matthew Tkachuk** (4th; 4-15—19) are each among their club's top scorers so far in 2023-24 after both reaching the 100-point mark last season. Hailing from Arcadia, Calif., and Scottsdale, Ariz., respectively, they became the fifth set of U.S.-born players in NHL history to each record 100+ points in the same campaign (also [3 in 2021-22](#), [4 in 1992-93](#), [3 in 1991-92](#) & [2 in 1988-89](#)).

\* **Sebastian Aho** (8-14—22) and **Connor McDavid** (tied; 8-21—29) lead their clubs in scoring entering Wednesday, with the latter entering on an active six-game point streak during which he has accumulated more than half his points in 2023-24 (4-12—16 in 6 GP). That is tied for the fourth-most points McDavid has had over *any six-game span* within a regular season (his most is 19 from Feb. 21 – March 3, 2023). Edmonton carries an active four-game winning streak, its longest of the season and the second longest active run in the NHL (tied w/ MIN) behind Arizona (5-0-0).

\* The Hurricanes-Oilers game is also part of a doubleheader in Canada on both Sportsnet and TVA Sports, which begins in Tampa where Lightning forward **Nikita Kucherov** (5-14—19 in 10 GP) will put his [point streak](#) on the line against the Penguins. Kucherov, the top scorer in the NHL with 42 points overall, has notched an assist in every game during his current point streak and has a chance Wednesday to establish a new [franchise record for longest assist streak](#).



# SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6

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