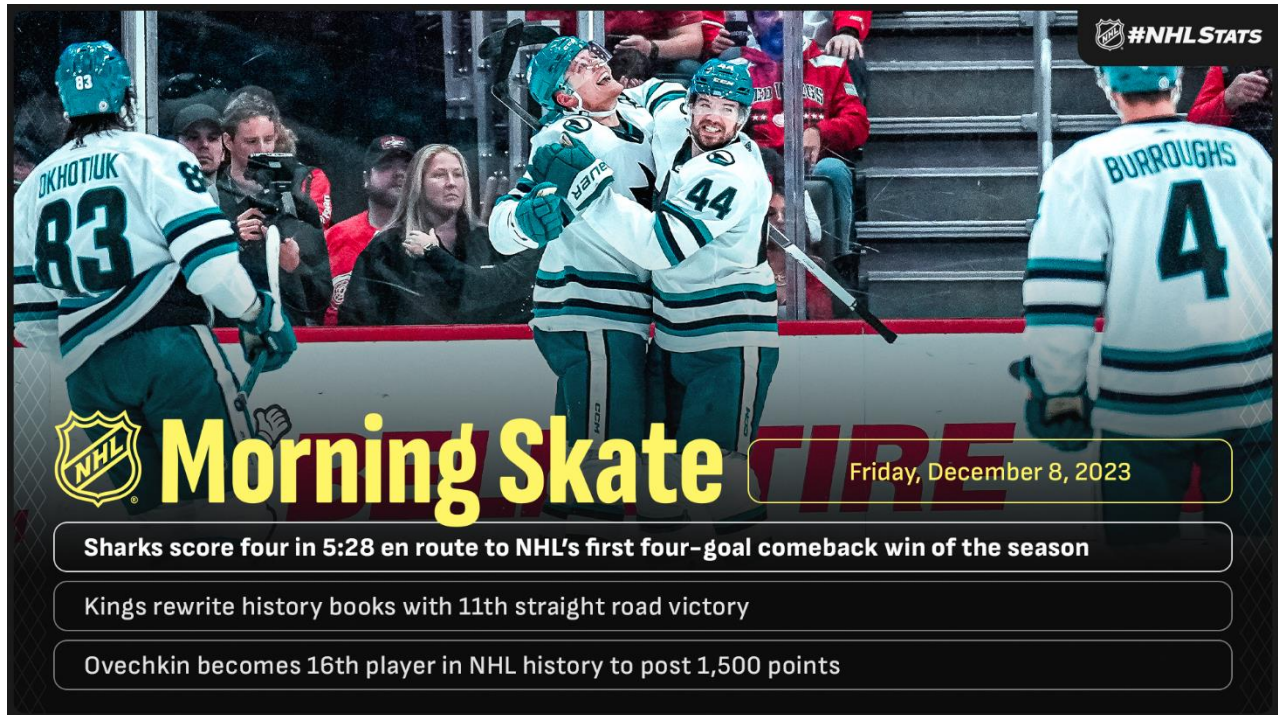


NHL MORNING SKATE – DEC. 8, 2023



The graphic features a photograph of San Jose Sharks players celebrating on the ice. In the foreground, a player with jersey number 83 (Okhotiuk) is seen from the back. In the center, two players are embracing; one has jersey number 44. To the right, another player with jersey number 4 (Burroughs) is seen from the back. The background shows spectators and arena lighting. The NHL logo is in the top right corner with the hashtag #NHLStats. The title 'Morning Skate' is written in large yellow letters, with 'NHL' in a smaller yellow logo to the left. Below the title, the date 'Friday, December 8, 2023' is displayed in a yellow box. Three white rounded rectangular boxes contain key game highlights.

Sharks score four in 5:28 en route to NHL's first four-goal comeback win of the season

Kings rewrite history books with 11th straight road victory

Ovechkin becomes 16th player in NHL history to post 1,500 points

- * A four-goal deficit couldn't sink the Sharks as they went on to tally four times in a span of 5:28 before completing the first four-goal comeback victory by any team this season.
- * The Kings rewrote the history books as they won their 11th straight road game, setting an NHL record for longest season-opening run.
- * **Alex Ovechkin** crossed another milestone off his list, this time becoming the 16th player in NHL history and second active skater to record 1,500 career points.



RESULTS

THURSDAY

3	◀ FINAL	1		6	◀ FINAL OT	5		4	◀ FINAL	0	
4	◀ FINAL	3		3	FINAL ▶	7		5	◀ FINAL SO	4	
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2	◀ FINAL	1									



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SHARKS SHOCK RED WINGS WITH FOUR-GOAL COMEBACK WIN

In a scoreless game heading into the second frame, the Sharks found themselves down 4-0 in a span of 4:35 but responded with four of their own within a timeframe of 5:29 – marking the first eight-goal period between two teams this season. San Jose once again trailed in the third period before **Tomas Hertl** (2-0—2) scored with 1:29 left in regulation to send the game into overtime where **Mikael Granlund** (1-2—3) potted the winner and completed the first four-goal comeback victory by a team in 2023-24.



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**GOAL, GOAL, GOAL
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The Red Wings and Sharks combined for six goals in a span of 3:01, one second shy of the NHL record for fastest six goals by both teams (3:00; QUE at WSH on Feb. 22, 1981).

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* San Jose's comeback was ignited by shorthanded goals 38 seconds apart by Hertl and **Fabian Zetterlund**. The club's only faster instance of consecutive shorthanded markers was 27 seconds on [March 15, 2011](#) at Dallas. Hertl finished the night with his second straight multi-goal outing following a hat trick Tuesday and became the seventh player in Sharks history to record two-plus goals in consecutive games multiple times in his career. He joined **Joe Pavelski** (4x), **Patrick Marleau** (4x), **Jonathan Cheechoo** (4x), **Owen Nolan** (2x), **Timo Meier** (2x) and **Jeff Friesen** (2x).

* The Sharks earned consecutive three-goal comeback wins for the first time in franchise history and became the sixth team in the past 40 years to achieve the feat, following Arizona (2 GP in 2021-22 & 2020-21), Florida (2 GP in 2021-22), Buffalo (2 GP in 2009-10) and Dallas (2 GP 2005-06).



KINGS KEEP ROLLING ON THE ROAD AND MAKE IT AN NHL RECORD

Anze Kopitar (0-3—3), **Trevor Moore** (1-0—1) and **Cam Talbot** (24 saves) all continued their road success to help the Kings blank the Canadiens and set an NHL record for [longest season-opening road winning streak](#) as they improved to 11-0-0 as visitors, besting the 2006-07 Sabres (10-0-0).

* Kopitar and Moore both extended their season-opening road point streak to 11 games, [tying the fourth-longest run in franchise history](#). They also became the fourth and fifth active players to post a season-opening road point streak of 11-plus games, joining **Filip Hronek** (11 GP in 2022-23), **Max Domi** (11 GP in 2018-19) and **Evgeni Malkin** (11 GP in 2008-09).

* Kopitar and Moore also became the second pair of teammates in NHL history to each have an 11-game road point streak to start a campaign, joining Edmonton's **Wayne Gretzky** and **Jari Kurri** (12 GP in 1984-84).

* Talbot was perfect Thursday as he became the eighth active goaltender (min. 1 GP in 2023-24) to record 30 career shutouts. It also marked his second of the season – the only netminder with more is Pittsburgh's **Tristan Jarry** (3).

TALBOT TIES NHL RECORD

Cam Talbot improved to 9-0-0 on the road in 2023-24 and tied the NHL record for longest season-opening road win streak by a goaltender, a distinction he shares with Chicago's Glenn Hall (9-0-0 in 1965-66).



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OVECHKIN HITS 1,500-POINT MILESTONE

Alex Ovechkin checked off yet another milestone Thursday, this time collecting his 1,500th career point to become the [16th player in NHL history](#) – and second active skater alongside **Sidney Crosby** – to reach the benchmark. The milestone moment came just hours after Ovechkin and the Capitals announced plans to auction off items from the celebration of his 802nd goal last season – which allowed him to pass **Gordie Howe** for second place on the NHL's all-time list – with proceeds being used to [fund a ball hockey rink](#).

* Ovechkin became the fifth player in NHL history to record 1,500 points while *skating with only one franchise* in their career, joining **Steve Yzerman** (1,755 w/ DET), **Mario Lemieux** (1,723 w/ PIT), **Joe Sakic** (1,641 w/ COL/QUE) and Crosby (1,529 w/ PIT).

MOST GOALS AT TIME OF 1,500TH CAREER POINT

NHL HISTORY

PLAYER	GP	GOALS
ALEX OVECHKIN	1,370	827
PHIL ESPOSITO	1,166	681
GORDIE HOWE	1,396	649
MARCEL DIONNE	1,078	629
MARIO LEMIEUX	747	615
JAROMIR JAGR	1,165	612
STEVE YZERMAN	1,199	599
JOE SAKIC	1,247	579
MARK RECCHI	1,591	567
MARK MESSIER	1,232	557
SIDNEY CROSBY	1,188	550



IF THOSE #NHLSTATS WEREN'T ENOUGH, HERE'S MORE

It was an #NHLStats-packed Thursday night, [with over 80 notes in Live Updates](#):

* **Filip Forsberg** scored the second of five unanswered Predators goals to help Nashville earn its ninth win in the past 11 games. Forsberg improved his team-leading totals to 14-16—30 (26 GP) – the only Predators player to reach the 30-point mark in fewer games was **Steve Sullivan** (22 GP in 2003-04).

* **Mathew Barzal** (2-2—4) posted his second four-point outing in his past three games while **Bo Horvat** (2-1—3) scored two goals in 20 seconds to help the Islanders put up a season-high seven markers. Horvat's tallies marked the [fastest two goals by an Islanders skater](#) in more than 20 years after **Alexei Yashin** scored two in 12 seconds on March 25, 2003.



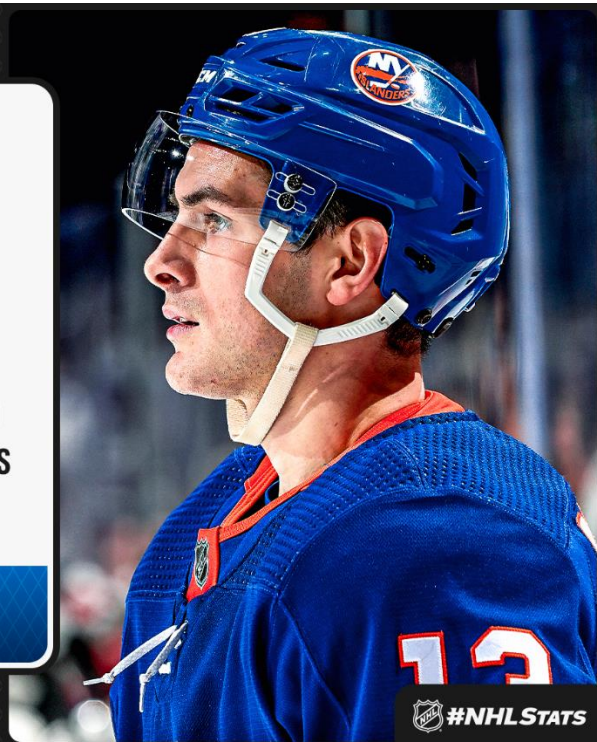
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BARZAL BRINGS THE HEAT

Mathew Barzal (4-7-11 in 4 GP) joined John Tavares (11 in 4 GP in 2017-18 & 2013-14) as the second Islanders player in the past 25 years to post at least 11 points over a four-game span



* **Blake Coleman** (1-1—2) scored one of his team's three straight goals in the final frame to help Calgary overcome a 2-0 deficit and secure a win against Carolina. It marked the Flames' sixth third-period comeback win of 2023-24, tied with the Ducks for the most among all clubs this season.

* **Nathan MacKinnon** (1-1—2) extended his point streak to 10 games, marking his seventh career double-digit run. The only players in Avalanche/Nordiques history with as many separate 10-game point streaks are **Joe Sakic** (10x), **Peter Stastny** (10x) and **Michel Goulet** (7x).

* **Simon Nemec** scored his first NHL goal, one that stood as the game winner, to help the Devils remain perfect in the second contest of a four-game Western Conference swing. Nemec (19 years, 295 days) became the seventh-youngest defenseman in Devils/Rockies/Scouts history at the time of his first NHL goal on a list that includes teammate **Luke Hughes** (6th; 19 years, 216 days).



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- * 2024 NHL Draft Diary: [Cole Eiserman](#)

WILD, OILERS TO CLOSE OUT FRIDAY NIGHT DOUBLEHEADER ON TVA SPORTS

Two clubs amid timely turnarounds will clash to close a three-game Friday as **Kirill Kaprizov** (8-15—23 in 24 GP) and the Wild visit a streaking Oilers team captained by **Connor McDavid** (8-24—32 in 21 GP), who has climbed into a tie for 10th in the NHL scoring race after collecting 4-15—19 during an active seven-game point streak. That contest closes a doubleheader on TVA Sports, which begins in Florida when the Penguins meet the Panthers (available nationally in the U.S. on NHL Network).



SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8

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