

NHL MORNING SKATE – DEC. 9, 2023



The graphic features three Edmonton Oilers players in their blue and red jerseys celebrating on the ice. The NHL logo is in the top left, and the hashtag #NHLSTATS is in the top right. A date box on the right says "Saturday, December 9, 2023". Below the main title are three text boxes with news items.

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- Bouchard matches NHL's longest active point streak at 10 games
- Blue Jackets' youth Chinakhov, Greaves lead team to victory
- Hockey Night in Canada to broadcast four games on Sportsnet

* **Evan Bouchard** put up a three-point performance and matched the NHL's longest active point streak as the Oilers defeated the Wild to earn their sixth straight victory.

* Columbus' youth carried the club to victory Friday, with **Kirill Marchenko**, **Adam Fantilli** and **Yegor Chinakhov** each finding the back of the net while goaltender **Jet Greaves** set a franchise record in his first career win.

* Saturday's Hockey Night in Canada slate on Sportsnet features the Predators-Maple Leafs, Canadiens-Sabres, Senators-Red Wings and Hurricanes-Canucks.

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BOUCHARD, McDAVID, OILERS ALL EXTEND STREAKS FRIDAY


Evan Bouchard (2-1—3) factored on three goals and extended his point streak to 10 games – matching the NHL's longest active run – while **Connor McDavid** (1-1—2) lengthened a point streak of his own as the Oilers stars showed up yet again to push the League's longest active win streak to six games.

* Bouchard became the sixth defenseman in Oilers history with at least three multi-goal games, joining **Paul Coffey** (39x), **Risto Siltanen** (4x), **Boris Mironov** (4x), **Don Jackson** (3x) and **Charlie Huddy** (3x). His seven goals this season trail only **Quinn Hughes** (9) for the [most among defensemen](#).




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BOUCHARD'S STREAK TOUCHES 10 GAMES

Evan Bouchard joined Paul Coffey (7x) as the only defensemen in Oilers history with a run of at least that length



* McDavid also extended his own point streak to eight games and has been pivotal in helping Edmonton go 6-0-0 in their past six contests. The Oilers captain has posted 3-15—18 dating to the beginning of the team's run on Nov. 24 – the [most points among all players through that span](#).

BLUE JACKETS YOUTH PROPEL CLUB TO VICTORY AGAINST BLUES

The Blue Jackets' youth powered the club to victory Friday as **Kirill Marchenko** (1-0—1), **Adam Fantilli** (1-0—1) and **Yegor Chinakhov** (2-1—3) each found the back of the net against the Blues, while **Jet Greaves** made 41 saves for his first career win.


* Marchenko's goal marked the 30th of his career (86 GP). Among players to debut with the franchise, he became the fastest to reach the mark, besting **Rick Nash** (96 GP) who previously held the distinction.

* Fantilli, who was coming off a three-point night Thursday, boosted his season totals to 8-8—16 – second in the rookie scoring race behind only **Connor Bedard** (11-10—21).





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BLUE JACKETS YOUTH LEAD THE WAY

The Blue Jackets have 30 goals scored this season by players age 23 or younger – the most among all teams. The next-closest club is the Devils with 28.

* Greaves' 41 stops were the most in Blue Jackets history for a goaltender's first career win, while his 87 career saves are the most on record (since 1955-56) through a netminder's first two games, besting the previous benchmark set by **Ken Wregget** (86 from Dec. 8-10, 1983).



LUNDELL SPOTLIGHTED IN FRIDAY'S #NHLSTATS: LIVE UPDATE

The Friday edition of [#NHLStats: Live Updates](#) saw several young players put up noteworthy performances, including **Anton Lundell** (0-2—2) posting his ninth career multi-assist game as the Panthers defeated the Penguins at Amerant Bank Arena.

MOST MULTI-ASSIST GAMES BEFORE AGE 23


FRANCHISE HISTORY

PLAYER	TOTAL
ALEKSANDER BARKOV	29
JONATHAN HUBERDEAU	23
NATHAN HORTON	15
MICHAEL FROLIK	13
ROB NIEDERMAYER	13
ANTON LUNDELL	9
AARON EKBLAD	9


TOEWS SUPPORTS COMMUNITY THROUGH SERVICE DOGS

The work Avalanche defenseman **Devon Toews** is doing to support his community is highlighted ahead of Colorado's Military Appreciation Night on Saturday. Toews has found a way to share his passion for dogs by raising money for Freedom Service Dogs of America, an organization that supports veterans with PTSD as well as children with disabilities.



Devon Toews is a dog lover and has decided to share his passion by raising money for Freedom Service Dogs of America (FSD), an organization that partners people in need, such as veterans or children with disabilities, with custom-trained assistance dogs. He has campaigned to raise funds for FSD, educating fans on what they do and encouraging them to donate. Toews understands how important dogs are to his family and wants to help people who need it more like people with PTSD, traumatic injuries, or people with neurocognitive and physical disabilities; through FSD he is able to do so.

NHL PODCASTS WEEKLY ROUNDUP

- * NHL Fantasy on Ice (12/4): [Fantasy waiver wire pickups: Week 9](#)
- * NHL Fantasy on Ice (12/4): [NHL/Action Network collab: Patrick Kane to Detroit betting angles](#)
- * NHL @TheRink (12/6): [Jim Fox joins; Kings success, Board of Governors recap and more](#)
- * The Chirp (12/7): [Clayton Keller joins; Connor Ingram's success and more](#)
- * NHL Fantasy on Ice (12/7): [Steven Ellis joins for Week 9 mailbag; keeper/dynasty leagues](#)

QUICK CLICKS

- * [NHL EDGE stats: Patrick Kane's outlook with Red Wings](#)
- * [Devon Levi creates new memory at TD Garden with Sabres in NHL return](#)
- * [Robert Bortuzzo traded to Islanders by Blues](#)
- * [Brendan Smith, Austin Watson fined for actions in games Thursday](#)
- * [Matty Beniers geared up for Winter Classic with Kraken despite struggles](#)

FOUR-GAME HOCKEY NIGHT IN CANADA SLATE HIGHLIGHTS SATURDAY'S SCHEDULE

Saturday's 12 games include four Hockey Night in Canada contests, with the Maple Leafs and Canucks hosting the Predators and Hurricanes as well as the Canadiens and Senators visiting the Sabres and Red Wings.



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SPORTSNET

* **Brock Boeser** (18-13—31 in 27 GP) carries a six-game point streak into Saturday's contest against **Sebastian Aho** and the Hurricanes. Boeser, who has tallied five of his League-leading 18 goals during the run, can become the first NHL player to reach 20 this season.

FEWEST GAMES TO 20-GOAL MARK

FRANCHISE HISTORY

PLAYER	SEASON	GP
PAVEL BURE	1992-93	19
TONY TANTI	1983-84	21
ALEXANDER MOGILNY	1995-96	23
BO HORVAT	2022-23	26
DARCY ROTA	1983-84	27
MARKUS NASLUND	2002-03	30
GREG ADAMS	1989-90	30
RON SEDLBAUER	1978-79	30



^ Brock Boeser (18-13—31 in 27 GP) can join this list

SIXTEEN OTHER TEAMS IN ACTION INCLUDING KINGS LOOKING TO EXTEND NHL RECORD

Saturday features 16 other teams hitting the ice, including Los Angeles looking to extend its [League-](#)

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[record season-opening road winning streak](#) and match the [NHL record for longest at any point in a campaign](#), a mark set by the Red Wings in 2005-06 and equaled by the Wild in 2014-15.

* **Anze Kopitar** (6-9—15 in 11 GP) and **Trevor Moore** (8-8—16 in 11 GP) can become the second and third NHL players in the last 30 years with at least one point in each of their team's first 12 road games from the start of a season, joining **Brendan Shanahan** with the Rangers in 2006-07 (9-8—17 in 12 GP).

NHL SCHEDULE		SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9			
1:00 PM ET		SN, NHLN, SCRIPPS, NESN	4:00 PM ET		SN, MSGSN
4:00 PM ET		SCRIPPS, BSSW, TVAS-D	7:00 PM ET		CBC, SN360, TVAS, MSG-B
7:00 PM ET		CITY, TVAS2, BSDET	7:00 PM ET		SN, NHLN, BSSO
7:00 PM ET		MNMT, MSG	7:30 PM ET		MSGSN, BSW
8:00 PM ET		BSMW, NBCSCH	9:00 PM ET		NBCSP, ALT
10:00 PM ET		TVAS2, ROOT-NW, BSSUN	10:00 PM ET		CBC, SN, CITY, BSSO

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