

NHL MORNING SKATE – DEC. 16, 2023



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Saturday, December 16, 2023

- Forsberg scores another opening-minute overtime goal
- Kreider, Pavelski climb all-time franchise, NHL lists in victories
- Saturday's slate set to feature five Hockey Night in Canada contests

* **Filip Forsberg** scored his second opening-minute overtime goal in as many games as Nashville notched a third consecutive victory.

* The Predators, Stars and Bruins earned multi-goal comeback wins to boost this season's total to 58, marking the fourth most through the first 460 games of a campaign in NHL history behind 1985-86 (64), 2018-19 (63) and 1986-87 (60).

* Saturday's 13-game slate is highlighted by five Hockey Night in Canada contests.



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FORSBERG FINDS BACK OF NET IN OVERTIME'S OPENING MINUTE ONCE AGAIN

Filip Forsberg (1-1—2) found the back of the net 33 seconds into extra time to record his second straight overtime winner and cap the Predators' multi-goal comeback victory.

* Forsberg (also 0:14 on [Nov. 28](#) & 0:18 on [Dec. 12](#)) matched the NHL mark for most opening-minute overtime goals in a season, also achieved by **Jonathan Toews** (3 in 2019-20), **Leon Draisaitl** (3 in 2018-19) and **Brad Marchand** (3 in 2017-18). Forsberg became the fourth player in League history to score an opening-minute overtime goal *in consecutive games*, joining Toews ([Oct. 24-26, 2015](#)), **Travis Konecny** ([Jan. 21-23, 2018](#)) and **Tom Poti** ([Dec. 29-30, 2003](#)).



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U.S.-BORN VETERANS CLIMB ALL-TIME FRANCHISE, NHL LISTS

Rangers forward **Chris Kreider** tallied twice to pass and tie **Adam Graves** on club lists, while Stars forward **Joe Pavelski** potted a goal and matched another former New York player on an all-time League leaderboard:

* Kreider (281-220—501 in 761 GP) leapfrogged Graves (280-227—507 in 772 GP) for sole possession of third place on the [franchise's all-time goals list](#) and eclipsed the 500-point milestone as the Metropolitan Division-leading Rangers (20-7-1, 41 points) hit 20 wins on the season. Kreider's second tally was also his 100th career power-play goal, pulling him even with Graves for [fourth place in club history](#).

* Pavelski (462-566—1,028 in 1,278 GP) helped Dallas earn a multi-goal comeback win and reached 1,028 points in his NHL career to tie **Brian Leetch** (247-781—1,028 in 1,205 GP) for eighth place on the [League's all-time list among U.S.-born players](#).



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U.S.-BORN PLAYERS. NHL HISTORY

A hockey player in a green Dallas Stars jersey and black helmet, holding a stick, with a blurred crowd in the background. The player is wearing a green jersey with a large white star logo on the front. He is also wearing a black helmet with a clear face shield and black gloves. The background is a blurred crowd of spectators in a stadium.

[Friday's edition of #NHLStats: Live Updates](#) featured more notes from the six-game slate. Some highlights include:

* **David Pastrnak** (1-1—2) potted the first of three game-tying goals by the Bruins, with the final two coming in the final 10 minutes of regulation en route to their shootout win against the Islanders. Boston earned a win after tallying two tying goals in the final 10 minutes of regulation for the third time in franchise history (also [Dec. 4, 1986](#) & [Dec. 22, 1934](#)).

* **Alex Tuch** assisted on the go-ahead goal by **Zach Benson** (1-1—2) and put the Sabres up 4-2 as Buffalo rallied past **Jack Eichel** and the reigning Stanley Cup champions. Tuch was traded to the Sabres by the Golden Knights on Nov. 4, 2021, in a blockbuster deal which saw Vegas acquire Eichel.

* **Connor Ingram** (21 saves) backstopped the Coyotes past the Sharks and recorded his third shutout of the season to tie **Thatcher Demko** and **Tristan Jarry** for [most in the NHL](#).



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- * [Fantasy spin: NHL EDGE stats this week](#)
- * [Tomas Tatar](#) traded to Kraken by Avalanche; [Jack Studnicka](#) traded to Sharks by Canucks
- * [All seven Canadian NHL teams partner to support ALS Super Fund](#)
- * [Bruce Cassidy](#) loves 'Rudolph' movie, can't believe media members haven't seen it
- * [2023 Year in Review by #NHLStats \(through Dec. 14\)](#)



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SATURDAY'S SLATE SET TO FEATURE FIVE HOCKEY NIGHT IN CANADA CONTESTS

Saturday's 13-game schedule is highlighted by the Penguins-Maple Leafs, Islanders-Canadiens, Avalanche-Jets, Lightning-Flames and Panthers-Oilers on Hockey Night in Canada.



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* **Sidney Crosby** (567-966—1,533 in 1,218 GP) needs one point to pass former Pittsburgh forward **Mark Recchi** (577-956—1,533 in 1,652 GP) for sole possession of 13th place on the [NHL's all-time list](#), while League goals leader **Auston Matthews** (23-12—35 in 27 GP) can become the second-fastest



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Toronto player during the modern era (since 1943-44) to reach 25 in a season behind **Wendel Clark** (27 GP in 1993-94). Matthews recorded his second straight multi-goal game and fourth over his last six appearances as the Maple Leafs rallied from a 5-0 third-period deficit to force overtime against assistant coach Recchi and the Blue Jackets on Thursday.

* **Mathew Barzal** (5-10—15 in 8 GP) can extend his road point streak to a career-high nine games as New York visits **Cole Caufield** and Montreal, which looks to hand the visitors its first regulation loss since Nov. 28. Barzal can become the first Islanders player with a road point streak of at least nine contests since **Alexei Yashin** from Nov. 14 to Dec. 19, 2002 (1-13—14 in 10 GP).

* **Nathan MacKinnon** (6-15—21 in 13 GP) can extend his point streak to 14 games when Colorado clashes with **Josh Morrissey** and Winnipeg, which has earned wins in five of its last six contests. MacKinnon can record a [point streak of at least 14 contests](#) for the third time in his NHL career – the only player in Avalanche/Nordiques franchise history with three or more runs of that length is **Peter Stastny** (5x).

* **Nikita Kucherov** (20-30—50 in 30 GP) can add to his League-leading point total and **Steven Stamkos** can follow up his four-goal performance Thursday when Tampa Bay takes on **Nazem Kadri** and Calgary. Kadri returned to the Avalanche's lineup and scored the overtime winner against Kucherov, Stamkos and the Lightning in [Game 4 of the 2022 Stanley Cup Final](#) as the eventual champions took a 3-1 series lead.

* **Evan Bouchard** (5-15—20 in 13 GP) and **Connor McDavid** (7-20—27 in 11 GP) can extend their point streak to 14 and 12 games, respectively, when Edmonton hosts **Sam Reinhart** and Florida. Bouchard owns the [second longest point streak by a defenseman in franchise history](#) and would be halfway to matching the [club and NHL record](#) set by **Paul Coffey** from Nov. 27, 1985 to Jan. 25, 1986 (16-39—55 in 28 GP).

LONGEST POINT STREAKS			
DEFENSEMEN, SINCE 1988-89			
PLAYER	TEAM	SEASON	GP
BRIAN LEETCH	NYR	1991-92	17
SHAYNE GOSTISBEHERE	PHI	2015-16	15
CHRIS CHELIOS	CHI	1995-96	15
STEVE DUCHESNE	QUE	1992-93	15
ERIK KARLSSON	SJS	2022-23	14
DOUGIE HAMILTON	CAR	2020-21	14
BRIAN LEETCH	NYR	1996-97	14
PHIL HOUSLEY	WIN	1992-93	14
BRIAN LEETCH	NYR	1991-92	14
PHIL HOUSLEY	BUF	1989-90	14

^Evan Bouchard (5-15—20 in 13 GP) can join this list

SIXTEEN OTHER TEAMS IN ACTION INCLUDING CANUCKS-WILD ON NHL NETWORK

Saturday features eight other games, with the slate opening at 2 p.m. ET when Canucks forward **Brock**



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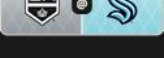
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Boeser returns to his hometown to face the Wild on NHL Network.

 SCHEDULE			SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16		
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7:00 PM ET		MSGSN, BSOH	7:00 PM ET		TVAS, CITY, SNE, MSGSN2
7:00 PM ET		BSDETX, NBCSP	7:00 PM ET		CBC, SNO, SNP, SN-PIT
7:00 PM ET		SN360, SNW, ALT2	8:00 PM ET		NHLN, MNMT, BSSO
8:00 PM ET		BSMW, TXA 21	9:00 PM ET		SCRIPPS, MSG-B
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