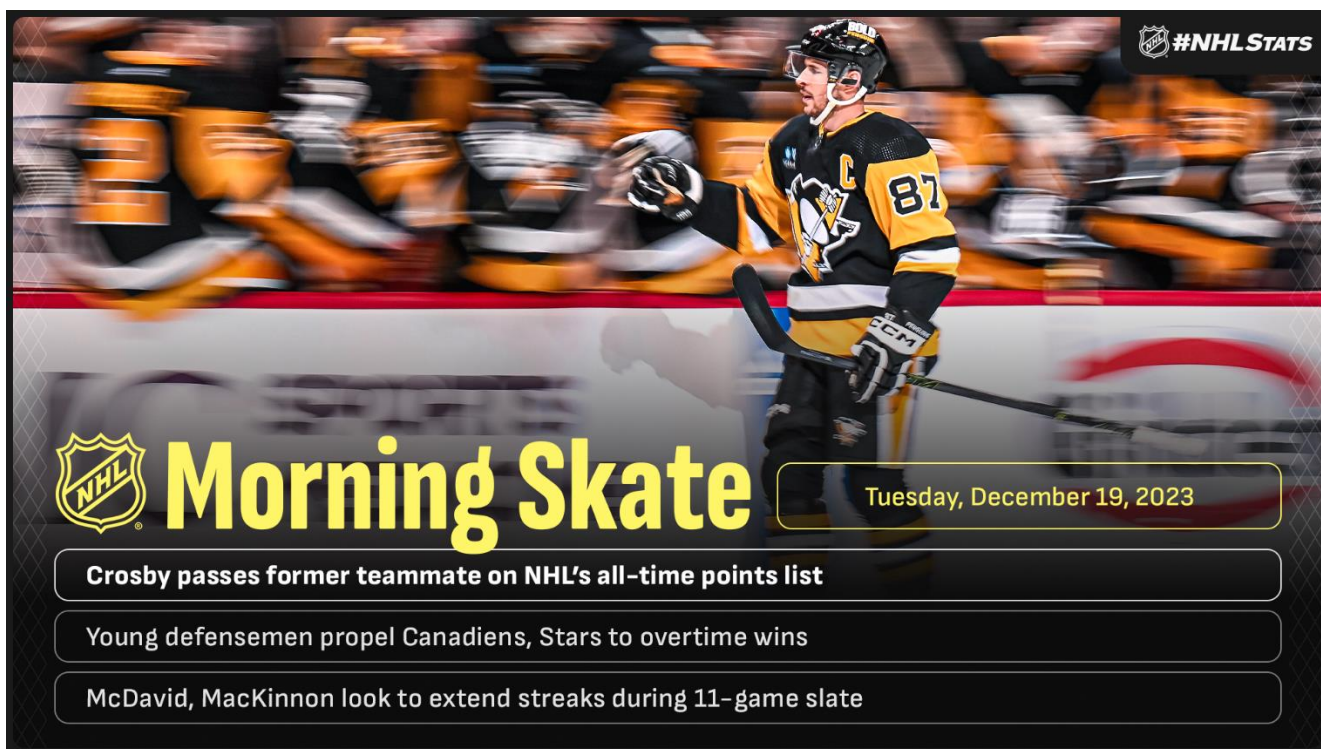


NHL MORNING SKATE – DEC. 19, 2023



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Morning Skate

Tuesday, December 19, 2023

- Crosby passes former teammate on NHL's all-time points list
- Young defensemen propel Canadiens, Stars to overtime wins
- McDavid, MacKinnon look to extend streaks during 11-game slate

* **Sidney Crosby** scored the game-winning goal for the Penguins and climbed a couple NHL lists – most notably surpassing former teammate **Mark Recchi** on the all-time points leaderboard.

* Twenty-two-year-old defensemen **Justin Barron** and **Thomas Harley** scored overtime goals to help the Canadiens and Stars withstand third-period rallies.

* **Connor McDavid** aims to extend the lengthiest assist streak by an Oilers player in nearly 30 years while **Nathan MacKinnon** puts the NHL's longest active point streak on the line during an 11-game Tuesday.

* [Click here](#) to read the #NHLStats Pack for the *2024 Discover NHL Winter Classic*, which features the Kraken hosting the reigning Stanley Cup-champion Golden Knights at the home of the MLB's Seattle Mariners, T-Mobile Park, on Jan. 1 (12 p.m. PT / 3 p.m. ET on TNT, MAX, SN, TVAS). All stats are through games played Dec. 17 and will be updated after the Kraken's game on Dec. 29.

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NHL RESULTS



MONDAY

 **4** ‹ FINAL **3** 

 **3** FINAL ‹ **4** 

 **3** ‹ FINAL OT **2** 

 **3** FINAL OT ‹ **4** 

 **1** FINAL ‹ **3** 

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CROSBY CLIMBS ALL-TIME POINTS LIST IN PENGUINS WIN

Familiar faces led the way for Pittsburgh as **Sidney Crosby** (1-1—2) and **Evgeni Malkin** (1-1—2) notched multi-point outings to help the Penguins (14-13-3, 31 points) stave off a Wild three-goal comeback. The captain (18-15—33 in 30 GP), on pace for a 90-point campaign, continued his climb up the [NHL's all-time points list](#), this time surpassing former teammate **Mark Recchi** for sole possession of 13th place.

MOST CAREER POINTS

NHL HISTORY

RANK	PLAYER	POINTS
5	RON FRANCIS	1,798
6	MARCEL DIONNE	1,771
7	STEVE YZERMAN	1,755
8	MARIO LEMIEUX	1,723
9	JOE SAKIC	1,641
10	PHIL ESPOSITO	1,590
11	RAY BOURQUE	1,579
12	JOE THORNTON	1,539
13	SIDNEY CROSBY	1,535
14	MARK RECCHI	1,533



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* Crosby also notched his 89th career game-winning goal and tied **Luc Robitaille** for [24th place in NHL history](#). It also was the 254th time he has factored on a decisive tally (89-165—254) – only five players in NHL history have factored on as many: **Wayne Gretzky** (91-239—330), **Jaromir Jagr** (135-180—315), **Gordie Howe** (121-162—283), **Ron Francis** (79-196—275) and **Phil Esposito** (118-146—264).

* Monday marked the 119th time Crosby and Malkin scored in the same regular-season game, with the Penguins improving to 104-10-5 in those contests.

YOUNG DEFENSEMEN DELIVER IN OVERTIME FOR CANADIENS, STARS

The Canadiens (14-13-4, 32 points) and Stars (18-8-4, 40 points) both survived third-period rallies to pick up victories Monday, courtesy of overtime goals by young defensemen:

* After the Canadiens surrendered a two-goal lead to the Jets, **Justin Barron** scored the overtime winner with his parents in the stands and his brother, **Morgan**, skating opposite of him at Canada Life Centre. Barron (22 years, 33 days) became the fourth-youngest defenseman in Canadiens history to score an overtime goal (regular season & playoffs), following **P.K. Subban** (21 years, 249 days on Jan. 17, 2011 & 21 years, 327 days on April 5, 2011), **Kaiden Guhle** (21 years, 297 days on Nov. 11, 2023) and **Larry Robinson** (21 years, 319 days on April 17, 1973).

* **Matt Duchene** (2-1—3), with seven points in his past four games, helped the Stars build a 3-1 lead only to watch **Eeli Tolvanen** (59:38) score the latest game-tying goal by a Kraken skater. The Dallas forward then collected his third point of the night with a primary assist on 22-year-old **Thomas Harley**'s game-winning goal 2:16 into overtime – his ninth career tally and eighth of 2023-24.

YOUNGEST DEFENSEMEN TO SCORE OVERTIME GOAL

FRANCHISE HISTORY

DEFENSEMAN	DATE	AGE (Y, D)
JULIUS HONKA	APRIL 4, 2017	21, 122
BOB ROUSE	FEB. 6, 1986	21, 233
MIRO HEISKANEN	OCT. 14, 2021	22, 88
THOMAS HARLEY	DEC. 18, 2023	22, 121
NILS LUNDKVIST	DEC. 10, 2022	22, 136
TREVOR DALEY	APRIL 15, 2006	22, 188
ESA LINDELL	DEC. 23, 2016	22, 214
JOHN KLINGBERG	MARCH 28, 2015	22, 226

OTHER NOTABLE PERFORMANCES HIGHLIGHTED IN #NHLSTATS: LIVE UPDATES

[The latest edition of #NHLStats: Live Updates](#) featured notes from the rest of Monday's five-game slate as players posted noteworthy performances for their clubs.

* **Mikael Backlund** scored the game winner with his 17th career shorthanded goal and surpassed **Kent Nilsson** (16) for sole possession of the [second most in Flames history](#), behind only **Theo Fleury** (28).

* **Adam Henrique** (1-1—2) followed up his hat trick Sunday with another multi-point performance as Anaheim withstood a late Detroit comeback attempt en route to victory. Henrique became the fourth player in Ducks history to score at least four goals through a span of consecutive days, joining **Teemu Selanne** (7x; most: 5 from March 21-22, 1998), **Paul Kariya** (3x; most recent: 4 from March 29-30, 2001) and **Vinny Prospal** (4 from Jan. 23-24, 2004).

* **Alex DeBrincat** (2-0—2) recorded his 400th career point and became the fifth player in Red Wings history to score multiple times on his birthday, joining **Steve Yzerman** (2-0—2 on May 9, 1999), **Bill Lochead** (2-0—2 on Oct. 13, 1974), **Steve Wojciechowski** (2-1—3 on Dec. 25, 1944) and **Mud Bruneteau** (2-1—3 on Nov. 28, 1943).

QUICK CLICKS

- * [D.J. Smith fired as Senators coach, replaced by Jacques Martin](#)
- * [Matthew Poitras of Bruins to play for Canada at 2024 World Junior Championship](#)
- * [Jake Oettinger out week to week for Stars with lower-body injury](#)
- * [Marc-Andre Fleury entertains young fan in Pittsburgh with shared middle name](#)
- * [Women in Hockey: Suzanne Borchert](#)



  SUZANNE BORCHERT COLORADO AVALANCHE	JOB TITLE
	Executive Director of Hockey Operations
	EDUCATION
	Undergrad at Syracuse University (Sport Management and Magazine Journalism), Grad school at The College of William and Mary (JD & MBA)
	YEARS OF HOCKEY EXPERIENCE
4 years	
Q & A	
<i>What motivates you to keep pushing and be successful?</i>	
I have an internal motivation to always challenge myself and improve. I also love seeing the joy sports bring to people – being a small part of that is deeply satisfying. Finally, as a tribute to the women who came before me, I hope to continue to pave a way for other women in the sports industry.	



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McDAVID, MacKINNON CAN EXTEND STREAKS DURING 11-GAME TUESDAY

An 11-game Tuesday features two of the NHL's hottest stars looking to continue their streaks of success when **Connor McDavid** (11-30—41 in 26 GP) and the Oilers (13-14-1, 27 points) visit the Islanders (14-8-8, 36 points) at 7:30 p.m. ET in the first game of an ESPN+ and Hulu doubleheader, then **Nathan MacKinnon** (14-33—47 in 31 GP) and the Avalanche (19-10-2, 40 points) face off against **Connor Bedard** (12-14—26 in 30 GP) and the Blackhawks (9-20-1, 19 points).

The image shows the NHL schedule for Tuesday, December 19. It features the NHL logo and the word "SCHEDULE" in large white letters. To the right, a rounded rectangle contains the date "TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19". Below this, there are two columns of game listings. Each listing includes a time slot, the logos of the two teams, and the broadcast channels. The games are as follows:

Time (ET)	Home Team	Away Team	Broadcast Channels
7:00 PM	Carolina Hurricanes	Edmonton Oilers	BSWIX, BSN, NESN, SNO, SNE, TVAS
7:00 PM	Vancouver Canucks	Columbus Blue Jackets	SCRIPPS, BSSO
7:00 PM	Pittsburgh Penguins	Florida Panthers	MSGSN, NBCSP
7:00 PM	St. Louis Blues	Tampa Bay Lightning	BSSUN, BSMW
7:00 PM	San Jose Sharks	Toronto Maple Leafs	TSN4, MSG
7:30 PM	Edmonton Oilers	New York Islanders	HULU, ESPN+, SNW
8:00 PM	Calgary Flames	Winnipeg Jets	BSSO, SNP
8:30 PM	Washington Capitals	Chicago Blackhawks	NBCSCH, ALT, TVAS-D, SN1
9:00 PM	Montreal Canadiens	Colorado Avalanche	SCRIPPS, TSN5, RDS
10:30 PM	Los Angeles Kings	San Jose Sharks	HULU, ESPN+, TVAS

* McDavid has posted 7-21—28 during his 12-game run dating to Nov. 20 – leading all players in assists and points through that span. Should he find the score sheet twice Tuesday, McDavid will have recorded 30 points during a point streak for the third time in his career – the most among all active players.

MOST POINTS DURING A POINT STREAK

ACTIVE PLAYERS



PLAYER	TEAM	SEASON	STREAK GP	POINTS
SIDNEY CROSBY	PIT	2010-11	25	50
PATRICK KANE	CHI	2018-19	20	43
PATRICK KANE	CHI	2015-16	26	40
CONNOR MCDAVID	EDM	2022-23	17	37
JASON ROBERTSON	DAL	2022-23	18	34
STEVEN STAMKOS	TBL	2009-10	18	33
MITCHELL MARNER	TOR	2022-23	23	32
CONNOR MCDAVID	EDM	2021-22	17	32
JACK EICHEL	BUF	2019-20	17	31
SIDNEY CROSBY	PIT	2007-08	19	30
DAVID PASTRNAK	BOS	2019-20	13	30



* Meanwhile, MacKinnon enters action with the NHL's longest active point streak (8-19—27 in 15 GP) and can extend his stretch to 16 consecutive contests for the first time in his career – a length only **Mats Sundin** (30 GP in 1992-93), **Paul Stastny** (20 GP in 2006-07), **Peter Stastny** (5x; best: 19 GP in 1983-84) and **Alex Tanguay** (16 in 2002-03) [have hit for the franchise](#). MacKinnon (124) also holds a slight edge over McDavid (122) for most points among all players during the [2023 calendar year](#) – a distinction the Oilers captain has captured for the past two years. For more notes about the past 12 months, check out the [2023 Year in Review](#).



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