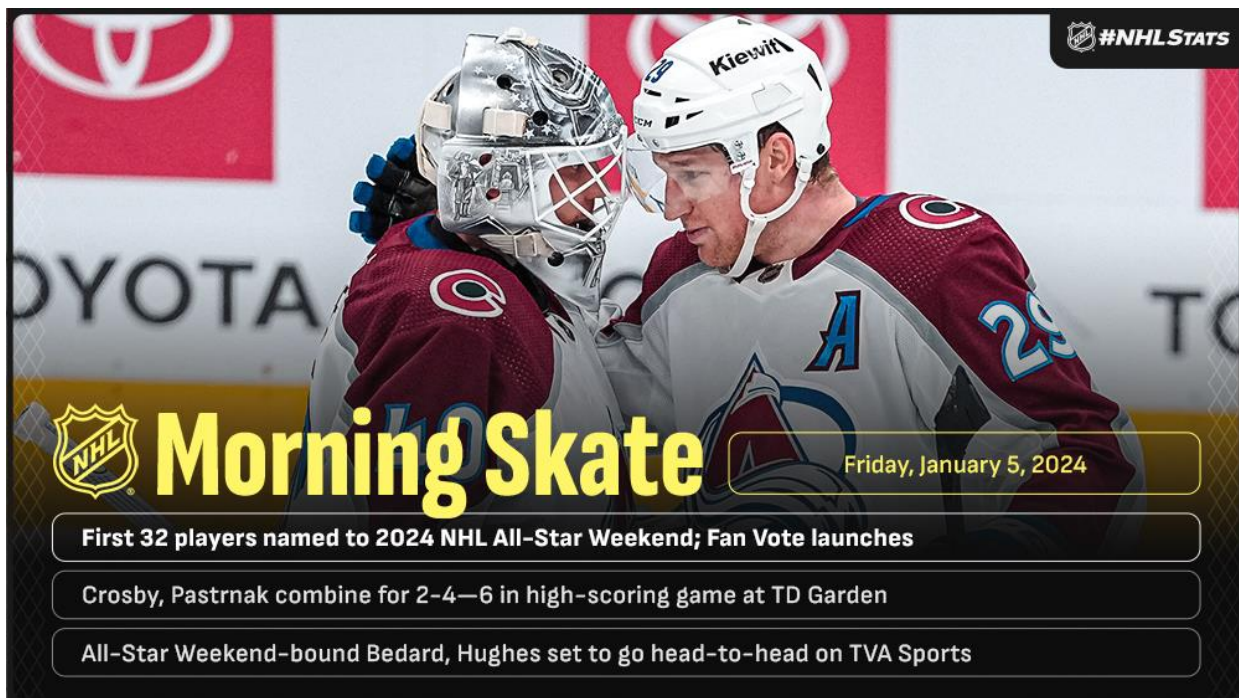


## NHL MORNING SKATE – JAN. 5, 2024



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**Morning Skate** Friday, January 5, 2024

First 32 players named to 2024 NHL All-Star Weekend; Fan Vote launches

Crosby, Pastrnak combine for 2-4-6 in high-scoring game at TD Garden

All-Star Weekend-bound Bedard, Hughes set to go head-to-head on TVA Sports

\* The NHL announced 32 players named to the *2024 NHL All-Star Weekend* in Toronto as well as the launch of the *2024 NHL All-Star Fan Vote presented by MassMutual*, which will enable fans to complete the rosters.


\* **Sidney Crosby** and **David Pastrnak** posted the first of their many points moments after being named to the *2024 NHL All-Star Weekend* as the Penguins and Bruins combined for 11 goals at TD Garden, including six in the first period.


























\* **Connor Bedard**, who is set to become the youngest in League history to play *for an NHL All-Star team*, is in action tonight when the Blackhawks visit fellow 2024 All-Star **Jack Hughes** and the Devils to open a TVA Sports doubleheader. Keep scrolling to see the company 18-year-old Bedard can join during NHL All-Star Weekend next month in Toronto (Feb. 1-3 on ESPN, Sportsnet and TVA Sports).





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 **RESULTS** THURSDAY

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### ALL-STARS WERE SELECTED . . .

The NHL unveiled the first 32 players named to the *2024 NHL All-Star Weekend*, a group that includes 13 returnees from last year's event in Sunrise, eight first-time All-Stars – including rookie **Connor Bedard** – and a pair of brothers who can skate in the event *together* for the first time (**Jack** and **Quinn Hughes**). The first version of the [#NHLStats Pack for All-Star](#) includes notes on each player named Thursday.

\* In conjunction with the announcement came the launch of the **2024 NHL All-Star Fan Vote presented by MassMutual**, which will enable fans to complete the All-Star rosters by selecting 12 additional All-Stars. Voting is now open at [NHL.com/vote](https://www.nhl.com/vote) through Jan. 11, and via X (formerly Twitter) and the NHL App. [Click here](#) for more information on voting.

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### ... AND THEN ALL-STARS SHONE


Several players named to the *2024 NHL All-Star Weekend* shone Thursday:

\* **Sidney Crosby** (1-2—3) and **David Pastrnak** (1-2—3) posted three points apiece as the Penguins and Bruins combined for [five of the game's 11 goals in the opening 7:21](#). Crosby can become the fourth Pittsburgh player to skate in the NHL All-Star Game at least six times, following **Mario Lemieux** (10x), **Jaromir Jagr** (6x) and **Kris Letang** (6x). Pastrnak is set to become the fifth Czechia-born player to skate in the NHL All-Star Game at least four times, following **Jaromir Jagr** (10x), **Dominik Hasek** (6x), **Patrik Elias** (4x) and **Tomas Kaberle** (4x).

# MOST GAMES WITH 3+ POINTS

NHL HISTORY

PLAYER	TOTAL
WAYNE GRETZKY	459
MARIO LEMIEUX	272
MARCEL DIONNE	202
JAROMIR JAGR	195
MARK MESSIER	183
PHIL ESPOSITO	183
SIDNEY CROSBY	173
STEVE YZERMAN	172



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\* **Nikita Kucherov** (27-37—64 in 39 GP) had an assist to reach 64 points on the season, while **Nathan MacKinnon** (22-42—64 in 39 GP) scored his [second straight overtime goal](#) to complete the Avalanche's third-period comeback win and tie Kucherov for the [League scoring lead](#). Kucherov is set to tie teammate **Andrei Vasilevskiy** (5) for the third-most NHL All-Star Game appearances by a Lightning player behind **Steven Stamkos** (7) and **Martin St. Louis** (6), while MacKinnon can become the sixth player in franchise history to play in five or more career NHL All-Star Games.

## LEADERS OF THE PACK

Nikita Kucherov and Nathan MacKinnon now co-lead the NHL in points. The 2023-24 campaign is the third in 30 years to feature multiple players each register 64+ points prior to their 40th game following 1995-96 (Mario Lemieux, Jaromir Jagr & Ron Francis) and 1993-94 (Sergei Fedorov & Wayne Gretzky).




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\* **Mathew Barzal** (115-286—401 in 457 GP) had two assists to eclipse 400 points in his NHL career and help the Islanders (18-10-10, 46 points) strengthen their grip on third place in the Metropolitan Division. Barzal is set to become the seventh three-time All-Star in franchise history and first since **John Tavares** (5x)

## FEWEST GAMES TO 400 CAREER NHL POINTS

FRANCHISE HISTORY

PLAYER	DATE	GP
MIKE BOSSY	FEB. 3, 1981	283
BRYAN TROTTIER	MARCH 13, 1979	296
DENIS POTVIN	APRIL 4, 1978	392
PAT LAFONTAINE	NOV. 21, 1989	404
JOHN TAVARES	APRIL 11, 2015	432
BRENT SUTTER	FEB. 12, 1988	443
MATHEW BARZAL	JAN. 4, 2024	457
JOHN TONELLI	OCT. 27, 1984	457



\* **Connor Hellebuyck**, whose 19 wins are the second most by any goaltender in 2023-24, turned aside 27 of 28 shots to extend his personal point streak to 11 games. He is expected to set a franchise benchmark for All-Star appearances among Jets/Thrashers players – he is currently tied with **Ilya Kovalchuk** (3, all w/ ATL) and **Dustin Byfuglien** (3; 1 w/ ATL, 2 w/ WPG).



**HELLEBUYCK SOARING TO NEW HEIGHTS**

Connor Hellebuyck extended his personal point streak to a franchise-record 11 games dating to Dec. 2, 2023 (9-0-2). His 2023-24 streak and previous stretches of 10 games (6-0-4 in 2021-22 & 8-0-2 in 2017-18) were tied with Michael Garnett (7-0-3 in 2005-06 w/ ATL).

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\* **Robert Thomas** (1-1—2) tallied the [70th multi-point game of his NHL career](#) to help the Blues beat the Pacific Division-leading Canucks. Thomas wasn't the only player who learned that he would be playing in his first career NHL All-Star Game on Thursday – Ducks forward **Frank Vatrano** found out he was headed to the festivities in Toronto [from his infant daughter, Ophelia](#), while Kraken forward **Oliver Bjorkstrand** was told by head coach **Dave Hakstol** to [cancel his vacation plans](#).

**PLAYERS MAKE CASE FOR 2024 NHL ALL-STAR FAN VOTE PRESENTED BY MASSMUTUAL**

Notable players eligible for the *2024 NHL All-Star Fan Vote presented by MassMutual* made their case for a roster spot:

\* **Chris Kreider's** lone goal of the contest marked his [101st career power-play tally](#) and [42nd career game winner](#), helping the Rangers (26-10-1, 53 points) leapfrog the Bruins (23-8-6, 52 points) for top spot in the NHL standings. Kreider (20-15—35 in 37 GP) recorded his [ninth career 20-goal campaign](#) and became the second New York player to reach the mark this season, joining **Artemi Panarin** (24-29—53 in 37 GP). Panarin [announced post-game](#) that he and his wife, **Alisa**, are expecting their second baby and would miss the festivities in Toronto, but encouraged fans to vote for his teammates.

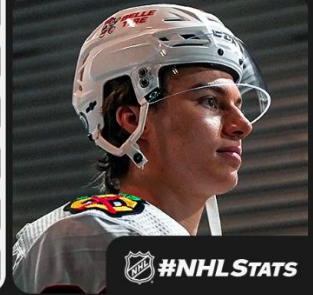
\* **Jeff Skinner** (1-3—4) became the second Sabres player this season with a four-point game and joined **Casey Mittelstadt** (1-1—2) and newly named All-Star **Rasmus Dahlin** (1-1—2) as the third Buffalo player to surpass the 30-point mark this season. Thirteen years ago, Skinner became the youngest player in League history to play *for an NHL All-Star team* – though Blackhawks forward **Connor Bedard** is set to displace him on that list in a month.

\* Bedard (18 years, 201 days on Feb. 3, 2024) is set to become the youngest player in League history to *play for an NHL All-Star team* and the second youngest ever to *play in the event* behind **Fleming MacKell** (18 years, 166 days) who skated *with the reigning Stanley Cup champion Maple Leafs* at the inaugural showcase in 1947.

# YOUNGEST PLAYERS TO PLAY IN NHL ALL-STAR GAME

NHL HISTORY

PLAYER	NHL TEAM	YEAR	TEAM FOR ALL-STAR GAME	AGE (YEARS, DAYS)
FLEMING MACKELL	MAPLE LEAFS	1947	MAPLE LEAFS	18, 166
LARRY HILLMAN	RED WINGS	1955	RED WINGS	18, 239
JEFF SKINNER	HURRICANES	2011	TEAM STAAL	18, 259
STEVE YZERMAN	RED WINGS	1984	CAMPBELL CONFERENCE	18, 267
PATRIK LAINE	JETS	2017	CENTRAL DIVISION	18, 285
DALE HAWERCHUK	JETS (1979)	1982	CAMPBELL CONFERENCE	18, 311
AARON EKBLAD	PANTHERS	2015	TEAM TOEWS	18, 352
KIRK MULLER	DEVILS	1985	WALES CONFERENCE	19, 4
WAYNE GRETZKY	OILERS	1980	CAMPBELL CONFERENCE	19, 10



\*Connor Bedard (18 years, 201 days on Feb. 3, 2024) can join this list; Of note: MacKell and Hillman played for NHL teams when the event involved reigning Stanley Cup champions

## KRAKEN, DACCORD EXTENDING POINT STREAKS FEATURED IN LIVE UPDATES

Thursday's edition of [#NHLStats: Live Updates](#) featured more notes from the 13-game slate, including **Joey Daccord** (32 saves) helping the Kraken earn their [sixth straight win](#) and extend their [franchise-record point streak to 10 games](#) (8-0-2 dating to Dec. 12). Daccord improved to 7-0-2 in his last nine appearances and recorded a [franchise-record shutout sequence of 158:34](#) before Senators forward **Parker Kelly** tallied in the third period Thursday.

## QUICK CLICKS

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- \* [“The Jackie Redmond Show” premieres on NHL’s YouTube channel](#)
- \* [Auston Matthews seizes moment for 8th consecutive 30-goal season with Maple Leafs](#)
- \* [Stars spend day with young fan from Make-A-Wish Foundation](#)
- \* [Will Ferrell, Mookie Betts fire up Kings fans on Dodgers night in L.A.](#)
- \* [2024 NHL All-Star Fan Vote presented by MassMutual – Vote through Jan. 11](#)



**FRIDAY FEATURES DOUBLEHEADER ON TVA SPORTS**

Friday’s three-game slate is highlighted by a doubleheader on TVA Sports, which opens with **Connor Bedard** and the Blackhawks visiting **Jack Hughes** and the Devils followed by **Frank Vatrano** and the Ducks hosting fellow 2024 NHL All-Star **Connor Hellebuyck** and the Jets.



# SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, JANUARY 5

7:00 PM ET



▶ TVAS, SNP, SNW, MSGSN, NBCSCH

7:00 PM ET



▶ MNMT, BSSO

10:00 PM ET



▶ TVAS, BSW, TSN3

[#NHLStats Pack: 2024 NHL All-Star Weekend](#) (will be updated regularly ahead of Feb. 1)



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