

NHL MORNING SKATE – JAN. 25, 2024



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Thursday, January 25, 2024

- MacKinnon records another four-goal game, extends lengthy home point streak
- Panthers pot six goals as Maurice climbs NHL's all-time games coached list
- Oilers can earn 15th straight win on Sportsnet ONE, TVA Sports tonight

* **Nathan MacKinnon** matched a single-game career high with four goals and established a franchise record by extending his home point streak to 24 contests, while **Cale Makar** took sole possession of the [most goals by a defenseman in club history](#).

* **Pius Suter** also scored a hat trick Wednesday. With every hat trick this season, AstraZeneca will donate \$5,000 to the Hockey Fights Cancer Fund of the V Foundation up to \$500,000. [Click here](#) for more information.

* The Oilers can extend their franchise-record winning streak to 15 games when they host the Blackhawks on Sportsnet ONE and TVA Sports tonight.

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RESULTS

WEDNESDAY

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

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MacKINNON MAKES MORE MAGIC WITH SECOND FOUR-GOAL OUTING OF 2023-24

Cale Makar (1-2—3) opened the scoring with his 76th career goal, but **Nathan MacKinnon** (4-1—5) and **Mikko Rantanen** (1-4—5) then erupted for five points apiece to propel the Avalanche to their NHL-leading 19th home win of the season. MacKinnon, who found the back of the net [three times in a span of 6:37](#) during the second period, joined **Michel Goulet** (2x in 1985-86) as the second player in franchise history with multiple four-goal games in a single season.

MOST FOUR-GOAL GAMES IN A SEASON

SINCE 1988-89

PLAYER	TEAM	SEASON	INSTANCES
MARIO LEMIEUX	PIT	1992-93	3
NATHAN MacKINNON	COL	2023-24	2
ALEX OVECHKIN	WSH	2007-08	2
PETER BONDRA	WSH	1995-96	2
MARIO LEMIEUX	PIT	1995-96	2
BERNIE NICHOLLS	CHI	1994-95	2
ALEXANDER MOGILNY	BUF	1992-93	2
JOE MULLEN	PIT	1991-92	2
MARIO LEMIEUX	PIT	1988-89	2
JOE MULLEN	CGY	1988-89	2



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* MacKinnon (30-52—82 in 48 GP), who established a [franchise record with a 24-game home point streak](#) and joined **Joe Sakic** (March 13, 2003) as just the second player in *Avalanche team history* with a natural hat trick, once again overtook **Nikita Kucherov** (31-49—80 in 47 GP) for the League lead in scoring. The 2023-24 season marked the first since 1995-96 (**Mario Lemieux**: 31 GP, **Jaromir Jagr**: 37 GP & **Ron Francis**: 44 GP) to feature multiple players reaching the 80-point mark in 48 games or fewer.

* Makar became the eight defensemen in NHL history with 28 career three-point games at age 25 or younger. The others are **Paul Coffey** (86), **Bobby Orr** (86), **Denis Potvin** (53), **Ray Bourque** (46), **Phil Housley** (35), **Brian Leetch** (28) and **Paul Reinhart** (28).

PANTHERS SCORE EARLY AND OFTEN IN MAURICE'S MILESTONE GAME

Matthew Tkachuk (2-1—3), **Carter Verhaeghe** (0-3—3) and **Sam Reinhart** (1-1—2) propelled the Panthers (29-14-4, 62 points) to victory on the night **Paul Maurice** (1,813 GC) passed **Barry Trotz** (1,812 GC) for sole possession of the [second-most games coached in NHL history](#). The win moved Florida within five points of the Atlantic Division-leading Bruins (29-9-9, 67 points).



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* Tkachuk (10-11—21 in 11 GP) has produced [21 points since Jan. 1](#), a stretch that comes on the heels of 4-16—20 in 28 contests from Nov. 1 to Dec. 31, 2023. His 10 goals this month are the [tied for the fourth most among all skaters](#) behind only Reinhart (12 in 11 GP), **Elias Pettersson** (12 in 12 GP) and **Nathan MacKinnon** (11 in 11 GP).

* Reinhart (35-25—60 in 47 GP) [extended his point streak to 11 games](#) via his [50th career power-play goal with the Panthers](#) and [18th of the season](#). He became the fifth player in franchise history to reach the 60-point mark in 50 games or fewer, joining **Pavel Bure** (44 GP in 1999-00), **Jonathan Huberdeau** (45 GP in 2021-22 & 2019-20), Tkachuk (46 GP in 2022-23) and **Aleksander Barkov** (46 GP in 2021-



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MORE HAT TRICKS, 2024 NHL ALL-STARS FEATURED IN #NHLSTATS: LIVE UPDATES

[Wednesday's edition of #NHLStats: Live Updates](#) featured more notes from the seven-game slate, including another hat trick and several involving *2024 NHL All-Star Weekend*-bound players:

* **Pius Suter** scored three third-period goals to tie the [franchise record for most in a single frame](#) and help the Canucks force overtime, while **Quinn Hughes** had two assists and became the eighth-fastest defenseman in NHL history to reach the 300-point mark.


* **Sebastian Aho** (0-2—2) factored on two of Carolina's three goals to help the Hurricanes (7-0-1 in 8 GP) extend their road point streak to eight games, which trails only the Kings (11-0-1 in 12 GP), Oilers (9-0-0 in 9 GP; active) and Flyers (6-0-3 in 9 GP) for the longest in the NHL this season. Aho recorded his 133rd career multi-point game and surpassed **Kevin Dineen** (132) for sole possession of third place on the [Hurricanes/Whalers franchise's all-time list](#).

* **Auston Matthews** scored at 4:13 of overtime to move one goal shy of 40 on the season and **Ilya Samsonov** stopped all 32 shots he faced as the Maple Leafs (24-14-8, 56 points) blanked the Jets to move back into third place in the Atlantic Division. Samsonov, who secured his second shutout of the second (also [Dec. 9](#)), made two of his saves in highlight-reel fashion by denying **Adam Lowry** and **Morgan Barron** on a 2-on-0 during the second period.




QUICK CLICKS

- * [NHL statement on the Smith Entertainment Group](#)
- * [Salt Lake City group formally requests NHL to initiate expansion process](#)
- * [Ninth NHL Mascot Showdown presented by Upper Deck coming to 2024 NHL All-Star Game](#)
- * [Auston Matthews, William Nylander have Toronto teammates divided over All-Star Skills](#)
- * [Tate McRae to headline 2024 NHL All-Star Game entertainment](#)



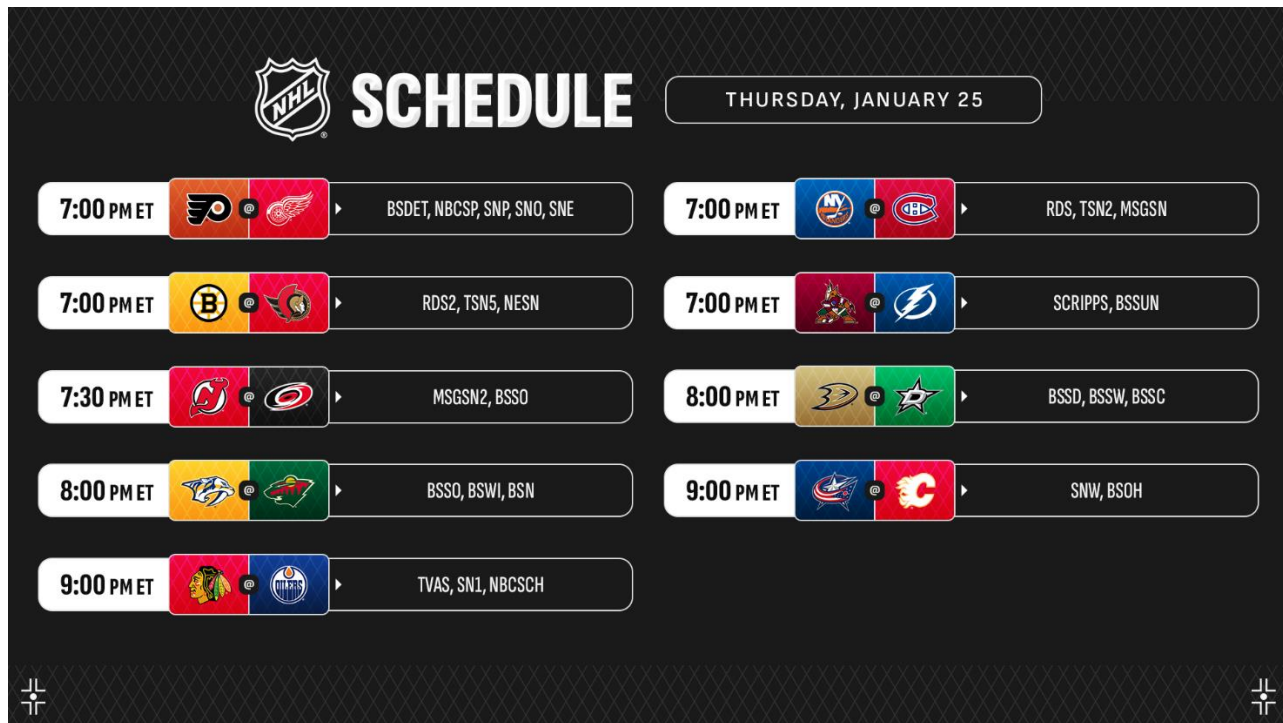
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THURSDAY HAS OILERS LOOKING TO STRETCH STREAK, ROY BACK IN MONTREAL

Thursday's nine-game slate is highlighted by **Stuart Skinner** and the Oilers looking to extend their lengthy winning streaks on Sportsnet ONE and TVA Sports as well as **Patrick Roy** returning to Montreal for the first time since being named head coach of the Islanders.



NHL SCHEDULE		THURSDAY, JANUARY 25			
7:00 PM ET		BSDET, NBCSP, SNP, SNO, SNE	7:00 PM ET		RDS, TSN2, MSGSN
7:00 PM ET		RDS2, TSN5, NESN	7:00 PM ET		SCRIPPS, BSSUN
7:30 PM ET		MSGSN2, BSSO	8:00 PM ET		BSSD, BSSW, BSSC
8:00 PM ET		BSSO, BSWI, BSN	9:00 PM ET		SNW, BSOH
9:00 PM ET		TVAS, SN1, NBCSCH			

* Skinner, who [received praise from former Edmonton goaltender Grant Fuhr](#) after breaking his

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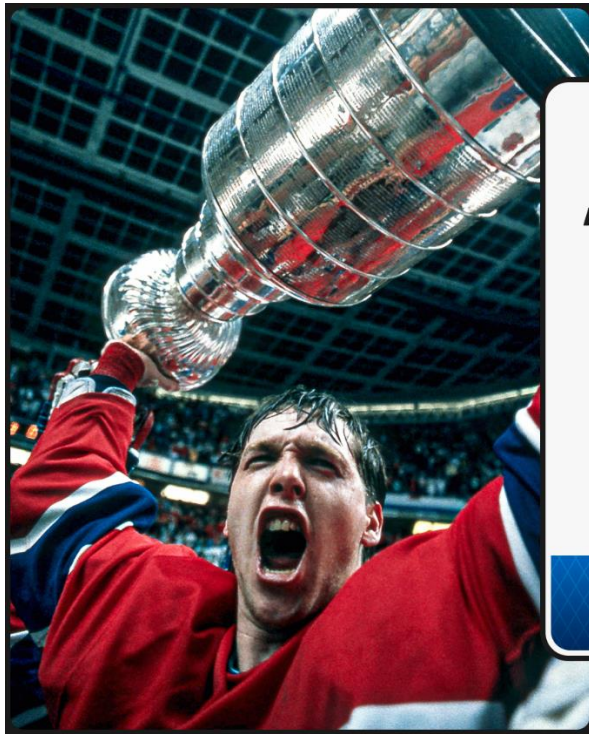
[franchise record for longest winning streak](#), can improve to 12-0-0 in his last 12 appearances should he get the nod Thursday. The Oilers can become the [fifth team in NHL history](#) with a 15-game winning streak.

LONGEST WINNING STREAKS
GOALTENDERS, NHL HISTORY

GOALTENDER	TEAM	SEASON	GP
SERGEI BOBROVSKY	CBJ	2016-17	14
JONAS HILLER	ANA	2013-14	14
TOM BARRASSO	PIT	1992-93	14
TINY THOMPSON	BOS	1929-30	14
CHRIS OSGOOD	DET	1995-96	13
EDDIE JOHNSTON	BOS	1970-71	13
ANDREI VASILEVSKIY	TBL	2020-21	12
MARTIN BRODEUR	NJD	1997-98	12
ROSS BROOKS	BOS	1973-74	12

^Stuart Skinner (11-0-0 in 11 GP) can join this list

* Roy was selected by the Canadiens with the No. 51 pick in the 1984 NHL Draft and spent parts of his first 12 NHL seasons with Montreal, with included backstopping the club to a Stanley Cup as a rookie in [1986](#) and capturing another championship in [1993](#) while winning the Conn Smythe Trophy in each year. Roy went 3-3-0 including 1-2-0 on the road against the Canadiens as head coach of the Avalanche from 2013-14 to 2015-16.



QUOTE

"They retired my jersey. I had 10 good years there, three Stanley Cup finals, two Stanley Cups. Yeah, it is special going there."

PATRICK ROY ON RETURNING TO MONTREAL



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