



It started with the highly-anticipated debut of an 18-year-old No. 1 pick, was filled [from start to finish](#) by star-powered performances not seen in generations, spanned three countries (and [four continents](#) when including the preseason) and culminated with [“sweet, beautiful, end of the season mayhem”](#) that featured down-to-the-wire scoring and playoff races that had people calling 2023-24 the [“greatest regular season in NHL history.”](#)

A summary of #NHLStats from the **first season in 31 years with three 130-point players**, which saw the **highest goal total by any skater in 28 years**, produced **new records for century-old franchises**, witnessed veterans accelerate their **climbs up all-time NHL lists**, included a **nine-team battle for the No. 1 overall seed** [entering the last weekend](#) of play and featured a [dramatic playoff race](#) in which **five teams separated by three points battled for two remaining playoff spots** within their final two contests of the season – [decided over a two-minute span](#) within the last 16 games of 2023-24. Take a look back at a memorable six-month journey:



For a second straight season, 140 points was not enough to win a scoring title. **Nikita Kucherov** (44-100—144 in 81 GP) and **Nathan MacKinnon** (51-89—140 in 82 GP) both set franchise records for points in a season to make 2023-24 the [seventh campaign in League history](#) with multiple 140-point scorers, bumping **Connor McDavid** (32-100—132 in 76 GP) outside the top two in NHL scoring for the first time since his rookie campaign of 2015-16 – despite that he became the [seventh player in NHL history with consecutive 130-point campaigns](#).



TOP THREE SCORERS

NIKITA KUCHEROV

TAMPA BAY LIGHTNING



144 POINTS

FRANCHISE RECORD

NATHAN MacKINNON

COLORADO AVALANCHE



140 POINTS

FRANCHISE RECORD

CONNOR McDAVID

EDMONTON OILERS



130 POINTS

CONSECUTIVE 130-POINT SEASONS

* Kucherov became the third player in League history to notch [40 goals and 100 assists in the same season](#), following **Wayne Gretzky** (11x) and **Mario Lemieux**. In the process Kucherov became the fourth active player to win the Art Ross Trophy more than once, after McDavid (5x), **Sidney Crosby** (2x) and **Evgeni Malkin** (2x).

* Only three different players had recorded 100 assists in a season through the first 105 campaigns in League history but Kucherov and McDavid added their names to that list within a span of three days to join Gretzky (11x), Lemieux and **Bobby Orr** on the exclusive 100-assist list. McDavid and Kucherov joined Gretzky and Lemieux (1988-89) as the second set of players in NHL history to hit the mark in the same season.

* Kucherov factored on exactly half of Tampa Bay's 288 total goals (excluding shootout-deciding goals), marking the 12th instance in NHL history of a player registering points on at least 50 percent of his team's scoring within a single season – and just the third occasion this century.



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PLAYERS TO FACTOR ON HIGHEST PERCENTAGE OF TEAM'S GOALS			
SINGLE SEASON, SINCE 1925-26			
PLAYER	TEAM	SEASON	% OF GOALS
CONNOR McDAVID	OILERS	2020-21	57.4
MARIO LEMIEUX	PENGUINS	1988-89	57.3
MARIO LEMIEUX	PENGUINS	1987-88	52.7
JAROMIR JAGR	PENGUINS	1998-99	52.5
WAYNE GRETZKY	OILERS	1984-85	51.9
WAYNE GRETZKY	OILERS	1981-82	50.8
CONNOR McDAVID	OILERS	2018-19	50.7
WAYNE GRETZKY	OILERS	1985-86	50.5
NIKITA KUCHEROV	LIGHTNING	2023-24	50
WAYNE GRETZKY	OILERS	1980-81	50

* Only instances before 1925-26 were Joe Malone (53.6% 1919-20) and Babe Dye (51.1% in 1924-25)

* MacKinnon recorded 77 of his 140 total points (55.0%) during a historic 35-game home point streak that finished as the second longest in NHL history, totaling a point in 39 of 41 Colorado home games, and chased history alongside McDavid who had a lengthy home point streak of his own. His 140-point season would have been enough to win the scoring title in 89 of 106 seasons in League history.

LONGEST HOME POINT STREAKS			
NHL HISTORY			
PLAYER	TEAM	SEASON	GP
WAYNE GRETZKY*	LAK	1988-89	40
NATHAN MacKINNON*	COL	2023-24	35
WAYNE GRETZKY	EDM	1985-86	33
GUY LAFLEUR	MTL	1978-79	32
MARIO LEMIEUX	PIT	1995-96	31
BRYAN TROTTIER	NYI	1981-82	31
WAYNE GRETZKY	EDM	1979-80	28
GUY LAFLEUR	MTL	1979-80	27
CONNOR McDAVID	EDM	2023-24	26
BRETT HULL	STL	1989-90	26
MARIO LEMIEUX	PIT	1989-90	26

*From start of the season



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MATTHEWS WINS "ROCKET" WITH 69 GOALS



Auston Matthews (69-38—107 in 81 GP) held the outright goals lead for 122 consecutive days (Dec. 19 onward) to claim his [third career Maurice "Rocket" Richard Trophy](#). Matthews' [franchise-record](#) 69 goals bested **Alex Ovechkin** (65 in 2007-08) for the most in a campaign by an active player and marked the [highest single-season total by any skater since 1995-96](#) (**Mario Lemieux**: 69).

* Matthews opened the season by becoming the fifth player in League history – and second since the NHL's inaugural campaign – to record back-to-back hat tricks, before concluding 2023-24 as the 10th different player to score at least six hat tricks in one season (last, **Mario Lemieux**: 6 in 1995-96). Overall, he had 18 multi-goal outings, found the back of the net in 45 of 81 contests (55.6%) – highlighted by a career-high eight-game goal streak and became [the eighth different player in NHL history](#) with 51+ *even-strength* goals in a single campaign.

MOST SEASONS AS NHL'S OUTRIGHT GOALS LEADER	
LEAGUE'S MODERN ERA (SINCE 1943-44)	
PLAYER	SEASONS
ALEX OVECHKIN	8
PHIL ESPOSITO	6
BOBBY HULL	6
WAYNE GRETZKY	5
GORDIE HOWE	5
MAURICE RICHARD	4
AUSTON MATTHEWS	3
PAVEL BURE	3
MARIO LEMIEUX	3
BRETT HULL	3



* Matthews topped a list that included four 50-goal scorers, with **Sam Reinhart** (57-37—94 in 82 GP), **Zach Hyman** (54-23—77 in 80 GP) and **Nathan MacKinnon** (51-89—140 in 82 GP) all setting career highs. The 2023-24 campaign became 16th in NHL history, and second in as many seasons (4 in 2022-23), to include at least three first-time 50-goal scorers, while Matthews' 12-goal gap over Reinhart marked the largest between the NHL's top two goal-scorers since 2007-08, when Ovechkin (65) finished 13 ahead of **Ilya Kovalchuk** (52).

* Reinhart became the [second 50-goal scorer in franchise history](#) and the second player in League history with at least [25 power-play goals and five shorthanded goals](#) in the same season, joining Lemieux (2x). Hyman tallied 44 of his goals from the high-danger zone – tops among all players according to [NHL EDGE](#) – and became the fourth player in NHL history to record his first career 50-goal season [at age 31 or older](#). MacKinnon became the [sixth 50-goal scorer in Avalanche franchise history](#), hitting the mark with his [team record-tying](#) third hat trick of the season.



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* The top four goal scorers combined for 14 of the 115 total hat tricks in 2023-24, the fourth most in a season in NHL history. A total of 85 players scored a hat trick this season, second most all time behind 1981-82 (86). The first 100 hat tricks in 2023-24 garnered a [\\$500,000 donation by AstraZeneca](#) to Hockey Fights Cancer Fund of the V Foundation.

MOST HAT TRICKS IN A SEASON NHL HISTORY			
SEASON	HAT TRICK LEADER(S)	PLAYERS W/ HAT TRICK	HAT TRICKS
1981-82	WAYNE GRETZKY (10)	86	139
1980-81	MIKE BOSSY (9)	84	133
1988-89	MARIO LEMIEUX (9)	74	119
2023-24	AUSTON MATTHEWS (6)	85	115
1985-86	M. BOSSY/G. ANDERSON (4)	75	114
1987-88	J. CARSON/M. LEMIEUX/H. LOOB (5)	66	113
1984-85	WAYNE GRETZKY (6)	70	113
1983-84	WAYNE GRETZKY (10)	71	113
1992-93	ALEXANDER MOGILNY (7)	72	112
1982-83	L. McDONALD/K. NILSSON (5)	73	108

TOP 20 COULD HAVE WON '14-15 SCORING TITLE

The [NHL's top 20 scorers](#) had at least 88 points in 2023-24, which would have been enough to secure the Art Ross Trophy [less than a decade ago](#). That group of 20 included nine players with at least 100 points, individuals born in seven different countries, 16 players under the age of 30 – **Quinn Hughes**, 24, was the youngest and the highest-scoring defenseman – and a quartet of No. 1 NHL Draft picks that featured 36-year-old **Sidney Crosby**, the oldest of the 20-player bunch.

* Players from three Original Six clubs hit the 100-point mark in the same season for the first time [since 1993-94 \(4\)](#) as **Artemi Panarin** (49-71—120 in 82 GP) nearly matched the [Rangers record for points](#) in a season, **David Pastrnak** (47-63—110 in 82 GP) became [the first Bruins player in 30 years with consecutive 100-point campaigns](#) and **Auston Matthews** (69-38—107 in 81 GP) posted the [highest point total by a Maple Leafs player in 30 years](#).

* Three Western Conference players rounded out the remaining triple-digit scorers as **Leon Draisaitl** (41-65—106 in 81 GP) [hit the mark for the fifth time](#), **Mikko Rantanen** (42-62—104 in 80 GP) became the third Finnish player with [consecutive 100-point campaigns](#) (after **Jari Kurri** and **Teemu Selanne**) and **J.T. Miller** (37-66—103 in 81 GP) posted the [highest point total by a Canucks player in a dozen years](#).

* The two highest-scoring defensemen also hailed from the West as Hughes (17-75—92 in 82 GP) became the first Canucks defenseman to lead all blueliners in points in a season, edging **Cale Makar** (21-69—90 in 77 GP), after both players broke their own franchise records for points in a season by a defenseman. Makar also became the Avalanche franchise leader for career [goals](#), [assists](#) and [points](#) by a defenseman, while Hughes climbed into the top two among Canucks blueliners for career [assists](#) (tied) and [points](#). It was the third straight season that at least one [defenseman hit 90 points](#) – a first in the NHL since a 12-season run ended 30 years ago – and the fourth all-time in which multiple blueliners hit the mark.

**HUGHES & MAKAR
MAKE HISTORY**

Quinn Hughes and Cale Makar became the fourth set of defensemen in NHL history to have 90+ points in the same season. The others:

- 1990-91: Al MacInnis, Ray Bourque & Paul Coffey
- 1989-90: Paul Coffey & Al MacInnis
- 1983-84: Paul Coffey & Ray Bourque

The graphic includes two action shots: Quinn Hughes in a blue Vancouver Canucks jersey and Cale Makar in a red Colorado Avalanche jersey. The NHL logo is at the bottom left, and the #NHLSTATS hashtag is at the bottom right.

VETERAN PRESENCE: CROSBY, OVECHKIN & FLEURY

The two highest-scoring active players and longest-tenured active netminder made significant moves during the 2023-24 campaign as **Sidney Crosby** became the [first player in more than 16 years to enter the League's top 10 in career points](#), **Alex Ovechkin** set an NHL record for career 30-goal seasons in his pursuit of **Wayne Gretzky's** all-time goals benchmark and **Marc-Andre Fleury** became the second-winningest goaltender in League history.

* None of the top 20 scorers in 2023-24 were in the League when Crosby posted his first point-per-game season in 2005-06, but they all watched as he joined Gretzky as the second player in League history to maintain that scoring rate in 19 seasons. Crosby tallied 42-52—94 to match the [third-highest single-season point total](#) and the fourth-highest goal count *by a player at age 36 or older*. Crosby ranked second in League scoring [during the final three weeks of the season](#) – while also notching his [1,000th career assist](#) during that span – to spur a Penguins push for a playoff spot after the club [faced a nine-point deficit](#) entering its final 11 games.

MOST GOALS IN A SEASON BY A PLAYER AGE 36 OR OLDER NHL HISTORY			
PLAYER	TEAM	SEASON	GOALS
ALEX OVECHKIN	CAPITALS	2021-22	50
TEEMU SELANNE	DUCKS	2006-07	48
GORDIE HOWE	RED WINGS	1968-89	44
SIDNEY CROSBY	PENGUINS	2023-24	42
ALEX OVECHKIN	CAPITALS	2022-23	42
PHIL ESPOSITO	RANGERS	1978-89	42
BRENDAN SHANAHAN	RED WINGS	2005-06	40
JOHNNY BUCYK	BRUINS	1972-73	40



* Ovechkin (31-34—65 in 79 GP) recorded his 18th career 30-goal season to overtake **Mike Gartner** (17) for the [most in League history](#), reaching the mark despite netting only nine goals before the All-Star break (44 GP). He tallied 22 times in 35 games from Feb. 5 onward, [top five in the League during that span](#), including an All-Star break-spanning six-game goal streak that allowed him to tie **Johnny Buyck** (6 GP in 1974-75) for the second-longest ever by a player at age 38 or older, behind **Brett Hull** (7 GP in 2003-04). He is one of six different players in League history to collect at least [30 goals in a season as a 38-year-old](#), with his 31st and final tally of 2023-24 coming in a playoff spot-clinching win in a Capitals season finale and putting him 41 back of tying Gretzky for the [most goals in NHL history](#). The 38-year-old also topped all forwards and ranked second in the NHL with [68 shots that registered at 90+ mph](#).

* Fleury (561 wins in 1,025 career games) became the fourth goaltender in NHL history to appear in at least 1,000 [career games](#), overtook **Patrick Roy** (551) – who began his second NHL head coaching stint in January – for the second most [wins in NHL history](#) behind **Martin Brodeur** (691) and moved within one of the top 10 in [career shutouts](#). The 39-year-old finished the campaign by signing a one-year extension with the Wild.

INSIDE EDGE: TRACKING DATA LAUNCHED TO FANS

The [launch of NHL.com/EDGE](#) during the 2023-24 season provided fans with new access to the game and its players and supported unique alternative broadcasts. Those animated endeavors included the [NHL Big City Greens Classic 2](#) (during which **David Pastrnak** hit 40 goals), [Tommy Hawk's birthday party](#) that featured the final goal of **Connor Bedard's** rookie season and a clash between the past two Stanley Cup winners in the first-ever [MultiVersus NHL Face-Off](#) (featuring a three-goal comeback win by the reigning champions). A look at the NHL EDGE leaders from 2023-24:

* **Nathan MacKinnon** was the only player to eclipse 300 miles skated this season, logging 300.15 miles – equivalent to more than 11 marathons during the six-month season – to edge **Rasmus Dahlin** (299.29 miles) atop the list. [MacKinnon](#) was in the 95th percentile or higher in more than a dozen NHL EDGE stats in 2023-24.

* **Owen Tippett** clocked in at [24.21 mph in the dying seconds of overtime on Jan. 10](#) to record the NHL's fastest max skating speed this season and also clocked a 99.97 mph shot on Oct. 12 (5th among forwards). He is the only player in the NHL to finish 2023-24 within the top five *among forwards* in max speed for both skating and shooting.

* **Colin Miller** unleashed a 102.59 mph shot Jan. 20 to best **Darren Raddysh** on the list of hardest shots in 2023-24, just two days after Raddysh had registered a 102.40 mph shot on Jan. 18. For the third consecutive season, all campaigns for which EDGE data is available, **Tage Thompson** clocked in with the hardest shot among forwards (102.08 mph on Jan. 23).

* **Connor Hellebuyck** had a League-best 39 appearances with a save percentage greater than .900 en route to his [William M. Jennings Trophy win](#) – achieving the feat while ranking above the 95th percentile for both high-danger shots against (96th) and saves (97th). [Hellebuyck](#) yielded three or fewer goals in 50 of his 60 total appearances – including a pair of 10-game streaks with two or fewer goals against as he became the ninth different goaltender in NHL history to post multiple such stretches within a single season (and third to do so in the modern era, since 1943-44).

OTHER STORYLINES FROM 2023-24 SEASON

* **Connor Bedard** (22-39—61 in 68 GP) completed his rookie season as the Blackhawks leader in goals (tied), assists and points despite missing 14 games due to injury. He registered the [fifth five-point game by an 18-year-old in NHL history](#) and became the third player all-time to lead a team in points at age 18 or younger, joining **Sidney Crosby** (2005-06) and **Steve Yzerman** (1983-84). Of note, **Dale Hawerchuk** potted 45-58—103 in 1981-82, but celebrated his 19th birthday on Winnipeg's final game of the season (April 4, 1982).

MOST POINTS IN A SEASON				
PLAYERS AGE 18 OR YOUNGER, NHL HISTORY				
PLAYER	TEAM	SEASON	GP	POINTS
DALE HAWERCHUK	WIN	1981-82	79	103
SIDNEY CROSBY	PIT	2005-06	81	102
STEVE YZERMAN	DET	1983-84	80	87
JIMMY CARSON	LAK	1986-87	80	79
WAYNE GRETZKY	EDM	1979-80	45	69
BOBBY CARPENTER	WSH	1981-82	80	67
BRIAN BELLOWS	MNS	1982-83	78	65
PATRIK LAINE	WPG	2016-17	73	64
NATHAN MACKINNON	COL	2013-14	82	63
JEFF SKINNER	CAR	2010-11	82	63
CONNOR BEDARD	CHI	2023-24	68	61



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* Bedard (22-39—61 in 68 GP) led all rookies in [goals](#), [assists](#) (tied) and [points](#) despite missing 14 games and also paced all teenagers in scoring, besting **Logan Cooley** (20-24—44 in 82 GP) and **Juraj Slafkovsky** (15-26—41 in 72 GP). The No. 1 selection from the 2023 NHL Draft became the seventh first-overall selection since 1980-81 to lead his team in points during the season following the Draft and joined **Auston Matthews** (2016-17), **John Tavares** (2009-10), **Patrick Kane** (2007-08), **Sidney Crosby** (2005-06), **Alex Ovechkin** (2005-06), **Mario Lemieux** (1984-85) and Hawerchuk (1981-82).

* New Jersey's **Luke Hughes** (9-38—47 in 82 GP) and Minnesota's **Brock Faber** (8-39—47 in 82 GP) each finished with an NHL-best 47 points among rookie defensemen in 2023-24. Hughes finished with the second-most points in a season by a [rookie blueliner in franchise history](#), while Faber established a franchise record in that scenario and did so with [17 more points than the previous mark](#). The 2023-24 season became just the [fifth in NHL history to feature multiple rookie defensemen](#) each register 47+ points and just the second in the past 30 years following 2019-20 (**Quinn Hughes**: 53 & **Cale Makar**: 50).

* This was the third consecutive season to average at least 6.0 goals per game (6.2 G/GP in 2023-24), the League's longest stretch since a 24-season run from 1970-71 to 1993-94. Overall, five of the past six campaigns have been at 6.0 goals-per-game or higher.

* Thrilling games from start to finish saw 41% of games in 2023-24 result in a comeback win, the third-highest rate in League history (tied). The Rangers accounted for 28 of the 539 comeback wins – including the 2024 Navy Federal Credit Union Stadium Series – which fell one shy of the single-season NHL record for one club. The 150 multi-goal comeback wins set an NHL record, while the 228 third-period comeback wins matched one (also 228 in 2006-07).

MOST COMEBACK WINS IN A SEASON		
NHL HISTORY		
TEAM	SEASON	WINS
FLORIDA PANTHERS	2021-22	29
TAMPA BAY LIGHTNING	2018-19	29
NEW YORK RANGERS	2023-24	28
WASHINGTON CAPITALS	2015-16	28
NEW YORK RANGERS	2021-22	27
CALGARY FLAMES	1990-91	27
EDMONTON OILERS	1983-84	27



* Nine teams were in contention for the Presidents' Trophy entering the final weekend of the season before the Rangers eventually clinched first place in the NHL's overall standings in the 82nd game (the fourth-last day of the season).

* Four teams, separated by two points, jockeyed for the final playoff spot with three days left in the season. Wild Card 2 in the Eastern Conference was occupied by three teams in the span of an hour on April 13, while a team clinched a postseason position in its 82nd and final game for the second straight season and seventh time since the Wild Card format was introduced in 2013-14.

* Winnipeg (52-24-6, 110 points), Vancouver (50-23-9, 109 points), Edmonton (49-27-6, 104 points) and Toronto (46-26-10, 102 points) finished with 100 or more standings points, marking the first season in NHL history that four or more Canadian-based teams concluded a campaign with a triple-digit total. It was also the first season since [1992-93](#) (5) where five Canadian-based teams finished among the top 10 in the League standings.



* The 2023-24 campaign was the most-watched regular season since 2015-16 and the most-watched regular season on U.S. cable in 30 years (with cable ratings across ESPN and TNT up 8% YOY; 410,000 average viewers). Overall, **more than 58.6 million fans across North America** tuned into NHL games in 2023-24.

* More fans experienced live the 2023-24 regular season than any other in the League's 106-year history, with the total [attendance figure](#) reaching 22,873,142 (1,312 GP). The [record was set April 15](#) during an eight-game slate, surpassing the previous high set in 2022-23. NHL games were played to 97% capacity at the 36 host venues, which included the 32 home arenas plus **Commonwealth Stadium** in Edmonton, **Avicii Arena** in Stockholm, **T-Mobile Park** in Seattle and **MetLife Stadium** in East Rutherford, N.J.





NHL, NHLPA INVESTED \$14M+ IN COMMUNITIES



More than [\\$14 million was invested in cities across the U.S. and Canada](#) this season through numerous community impact programs and initiatives. On the ice, more than 40,000 boys and girls, a record-number, tried hockey for the first time. In arenas, more than 350 in-game awareness nights were celebrated with fans. And in the locker room, the first-ever Leaguewide inclusion educational tour was completed.

\$14 MILLION+
INVESTED IN COMMUNITIES THIS SEASON

Investments supported 170+ local and national organizations, foundations and hockey programs for all 32 Clubs



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