

NHL MORNING SKATE – OCT. 28, 2024



NHL **Morning Skate** Monday, October 28, 2024

- MacKinnon, Makar achieve rare feat by both extending season-opening point streaks
- Draisaitl puts up three-point performance as Oilers earn a win on his birthday
- Undefeated Jets set to clash with Maple Leafs on Prime Monday Night Hockey

* **Nathan MacKinnon** and **Cale Makar** both pushed their season-opening point streak to nine games and combined for a rare feat as the Avalanche earned their fifth straight win.

* **Leon Draisaitl** celebrated his 29th birthday by spearheading an Oilers comeback victory and climbing a franchise list with a three-point performance that included a game-tying tally and overtime winner.

* The undefeated Jets will look to join rare company when they host the Maple Leafs on Prime Monday Night Hockey while **Steven Stamkos** and the Predators face off against **Victor Hedman** and the Lightning on ESPN+, TVA Sports and Hulu.

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MacKINNON, MAKAR EXTEND POINT STREAKS AS AVALANCHE WIN FIFTH STRAIGHT

Nathan MacKinnon (1-1—2) and **Cale Makar** (0-1—1) each extended their season-opening point streak to nine games and helped the Avalanche (5-4-0, 10 points) withstand a third-period comeback attempt by the Senators en route to their fifth straight win. Colorado bounced back from a four-game losing streak with five straight wins for just the fourth time in franchise history, with the other instances occurring in 2010-11 (4 L, 6 W), 1985-86 (4 L, 6 W) and 1982-83 (5 L, 5 W).



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MAKE IT NINE FOR MACKINNON, MAKAR

Nathan MacKinnon and Cale Makar joined Bruins teammates Phil Esposito and Bobby Orr (both 15 GP in 1973-74) as the second *forward-defenseman duo* in NHL history to record simultaneous season-opening point streaks of nine games.

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* Makar became the sixth defenseman in NHL history to start a season with points in nine consecutive games, joining **Bobby Orr** (15 GP in 1973-74), **Doug Wilson** (10 GP in 1981-82), **Guy Lapointe** (10 GP in 1974-75), **John-Michael Liles** (9 GP in 2010-11) and **Randy Carlyle** (9 GP in 1979-80).

* Meanwhile, MacKinnon became the fourth player in NHL history to post at least three season-opening point streaks of nine-plus games (also 18 GP in 2019-20 & 15 GP in 2018-19). The others: **Wayne Gretzky** (5x; longest 51 GP in 1983-84), **Mario Lemieux** (3x; longest 14 GP in 1986-87) and **Ron Francis** (3x; longest 13 GP in 1994-95).

NO. 29 CELEBRATES HIS 29TH BIRTHDAY WITH THREE-POINT OUTING IN OILERS WIN

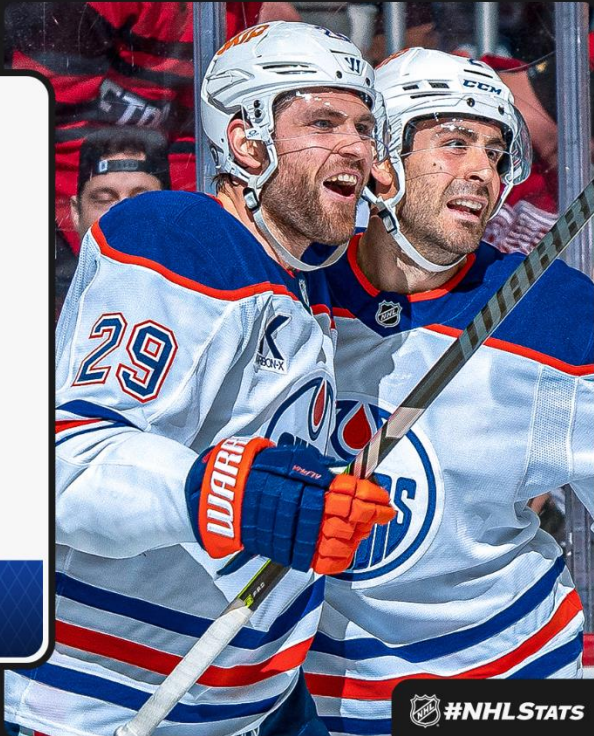
Leon Draisaitl (2-1—3) celebrated his birthday by factoring on two game-tying tallies and netting the overtime winner to lift the Oilers to a comeback victory against the Red Wings. He recorded his 92nd career three-point game and tied **Glenn Anderson** for the [fifth most in franchise history](#).

* Draisaitl, who turned 29, scored his 60th career game-tying goal and tied **Mark Messier** for the fourth most in Oilers history. The only players with more: **Jari Kurri** (82), **Wayne Gretzky** (78) and **Connor McDavid** (62).




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THREE-POINT BIRTHDAY FOR DRAISAITL

Leon Draisaitl (2-1-3) became the second Oilers player to record 3+ points on their birthday multiple times (also 2-1-3 in 2022), joining Wayne Gretzky (3-1-4 in 1985 & 2-1-3 in 1983).

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HISCHIER, SUZUKI SPOTLIGHTED IN #NHLSTATS: LIVE UPDATES

The Sunday edition of [#NHLStats: Live Updates](#) featured a number of notes from the four-game slate, including **Nico Hischier** taking the League lead in goals and **Nick Suzuki** extending his point streak to seven games with another multi-point performance.

* The Devils skated to victory with the help of Hischier, who scored his League-leading ninth tally of the season. He became the second skater in Devils/Rockies/Scouts history to lead the NHL outright in goals (min. 5 goals), following **Paul Gardner** from Nov. 2-9, 1977 (w/ CLR).

* Suzuki (1-1—2) factored on two of the Canadiens' four goals as they fended off a late Flyers comeback attempt and extended his point streak to seven games in the process (3-8—11). He became the fifth player in franchise history to record a streak of at least that length four times at age 25 or younger, following **Steve Shutt** (6x), **Guy Lafleur** (6x), **Shayne Corson** (4x) and **Bernie Geoffrion** (4x).




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MOST CAREER MULTI-POINT GAMES AT AGE 25 OR YOUNGER

FRANCHISE HISTORY

PLAYER	GP
GUY LAFLEUR	161
STEVE SHUTT	102
HENRI RICHARD	99
STEPHANE RICHER	91
BERNIE GEOFFRION	83
MARIO TREMBLAY	80
JEAN BELIVEAU	77
NICK SUZUKI	74
MAURICE RICHARD	74



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QUICK CLICKS

- * [Jets showing 'no complacency' amidst 8-game win streak](#)
- * [Flyers' Garnet Hathaway fined for elbowing](#)
- * [NHL Buzz: Aleksander Barkov expected to return for Panthers on Monday](#)
- * [Sweden projected roster for 2025 4 Nations Face-Off](#)

UNDEFEATED JETS FACE MAPLE LEAFS IN PRIME MONDAY NIGHT HOCKEY DEBUT

The third installment of Prime Monday Night Hockey will see the undefeated Jets (8-0-0, 16 points) host the Maple Leafs (4-4-1, 9 points) in the first all-Canadian matchup on Prime Video Canada. The Jets, who will appear on Prime Monday Night Hockey for the first time, would be in rarified air with another victory as only the 1993-94 Maple Leafs (10-0-0), 2006-07 Sabres (10-0-0), 2015-16 Canadiens (9-0-0) and 2021-22 Hurricanes (9-0-0) have started a season with [nine or more consecutive victories](#).



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William Nylander **TORONTO MAPLE LEAFS** VS **WINGPINNETS** Mark Scheifele

prime **MONDAY NIGHT HOCKEY**

- * Jets forward **Kyle Connor** (6-4—10 in 8 GP) has recorded a point in every game this season, tying

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Blake Wheeler (8 GP in 2015-16) for the longest season-opening point streak in franchise history. The [longest point streak of Connor's career](#) is 10 games, which he achieved in 2022-23 and 2021-22.

* The Jets' strong start to the season has included a 4-0-0 mark at Canada Life Centre where they have outscored their opponents by an 18-8 mark. Winnipeg can win each of its first five home games of a season for the first time in franchise history (also 4-0-0 in 2021-22).



The Jets (4-0-0), Golden Knights (6-0-0), Stars (5-0-0) and Kings (2-0-0) are the only teams who have yet to suffer a loss on home ice in 2024-25.

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* The Maple Leafs have won five consecutive games against the Jets dating to March 31, 2022, with the Golden Knights (6-0-0 dating to Oct. 20, 2022) the only franchise with a longer active win streak versus Winnipeg. **Auston Matthews** has [led all Maple Leafs skaters](#) across those five games against the Jets with 5-4—9.

STAMKOS MAKES HIS RETURN TO TAMPA BAY ON ESPN+, HULU

After being selected with the first overall pick by the Lightning in 2008 and playing his first 16 seasons in Tampa Bay that included captaining the franchise to two Stanley Cup championships and a pair of Maurice "Rocket" Richard Trophies (2009-10 & 2011-12), **Steven Stamkos** will enter Amalie Arena as a visitor for the first time when the Predators visit the Lightning exclusively on ESPN+ and Hulu in the U.S. as well as on TVA Sports in Canada.



SCHEDULE

MONDAY, OCTOBER 28

7:00 PM ET



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ESPN+, HULU, TVAS

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PRIME VIDEO CANADA

9:00 PM ET



CHSN, ALT

9:00 PM ET



UTAH16, NBCSCA

10:00 PM ET



SNP, FDSNSO

10:00 PM ET



TVAS, SNW, SCRIPPS

* Stamkos, who captained the Lightning from 2014-15 to 2023-24, returns still holding a multitude of franchise records including all-time regular-season [games played](#) (1,082), [goals](#) (555), [points](#) (1,137), [power-play goals](#) (214) and [hat tricks](#) (13).

* [Click here](#) for an NHL.com story ahead of Stamkos' return, in which he states: *"That's going to be probably the toughest part, emotionally, is just the relationships that my family has had with everyone. The workers in the rink, the staff, everyone within the organization, the friends we've made away from the game. That's the part that gets you, I think."* The story also includes quotes from long-time teammates **Victor Hedman** and **Tyler Johnson**.



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