

## NHL MORNING SKATE – OCT. 30, 2024



**NHL** Morning Skate

Wednesday, October 30, 2024

- Ovechkin ramps up chase to Gretzky's all-time goals record with two-goal outing
- Kraken, Senators each erupt for eight-goal outbursts in victories
- Wednesday's six-game slate features Hughes brothers on SN1, Kings-Golden Knights on TNT

- \* A national broadcast on ESPN watched Capitals captain **Alex Ovechkin** score twice in a span of 1:47 to register his 82nd career multi-goal period and boost his all-time totals to 857 tallies in 1,434 games. He moved within 38 goals of passing **Wayne Gretzky** for the most in NHL history.
- \* The Kraken and Senators both erupted for eight goals in their respective wins Tuesday, with Seattle's **Brandon Montour** netting a natural hat trick in the process. With every hat trick this season, AstraZeneca will donate \$3,000 to the Hockey Fights Cancer Fund of the V Foundation up to \$300,000.
- \* Longtime teammates **Marc-Andre Fleury** and **Sidney Crosby** stole the spotlight in what was expected to be the former's final game at PPG Paints Arena. Serenaded by a standing ovation multiple times throughout the evening, Fleury [capped the heartfelt night](#) as the game's first star.



# RESULTS

TUESDAY

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## OVECHKIN SHINES FOR CAPITALS, CONTINUES CHASE TOWARD THE GREAT ONE

**Alex Ovechkin** (2-0—2) helped the Capitals (6-2-0, 12 points) build a first-period lead against the Rangers (6-2-1, 13 points), the first meeting between the two clubs since the 2024 First Round, and did so with his first multi-goal outing of the season. His performance on ESPN moved the Capitals icon within 38 goals of breaking [Wayne Gretzky's all-time record](#) (894).

\* Ovechkin, who helped the Capitals produce their most wins through eight games of a season since their Presidents' Trophy campaign in 2015-16 (6-2-0, 12 points), found the back of the net twice in a span of two minutes or fewer for the 14th time in his career and first since Dec. 7, 2022 (1:26).



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# MOST CAREER MULTI-GOAL PERIODS

NHL HISTORY

PLAYER	PERIODS
WAYNE GRETZKY	90
ALEX OVECHKIN	82
MARIO LEMIEUX	71
PHIL ESPOSITO	65
BRETT HULL	65
MAURICE RICHARD	61



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## KRAKEN, SENATORS SECURE WINS WITH EIGHT-GOAL ERUPTIONS

A pair of thrilling high-scoring games took center stage Tuesday as the Kraken (5-4-1, 11 points) and Senators (5-4-0, 10 points) both found the back of the net eight times to climb into Wild Card positions in their respective conferences.

## GOALS GALORE IN 2024-25

A team has scored eight goals in a game six times in 2024-25. The only other campaign with as many at this stage of a season (153 GP) in the past 30 years: 2006-07 (7).



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\* **Brandon Montour** (3-1—4) scored three of the Kraken's eight goals – four of which came in a span of 10:33 to [establish a franchise record](#) – as they skated to victory against the Canadiens at Bell Centre. It marked Seattle's sixth eight-goal game since entering the League in 2021-22, tied with Florida for the most among all teams over that span.

\* Montour became just the eighth defenseman in the past 40 years to score a natural hat trick. He joined **Al MacInnis** (Oct. 12, 1998 & Dec. 11, 1996), **Nikita Zadorov** (April 12, 2023), **Jared Spurgeon** (Feb. 21, 2020), **Justin Faulk** (Feb. 13, 2018), **Dustin Byfuglien** (Nov. 30, 2007), **Bryan Fogarty** (Dec. 1, 1990) and **Paul Reinhart** (Nov. 24, 1986).

\* **Brady Tkachuk** (2-0—2) scored twice and **Tim Stützle** (2-2—4) put on a four-point performance the Senators defeated the Blues and became the first team with multiple eight-goal showings this season. Tkachuk, who passed **Mike Fisher** to move into [sixth on the franchise's all-time goals list](#), and Stützle were two of three Ottawa players with multiple goals in the contest (also **Adam Gaudette**), giving the Senators nine multi-goal performances on the season – the most in the League.

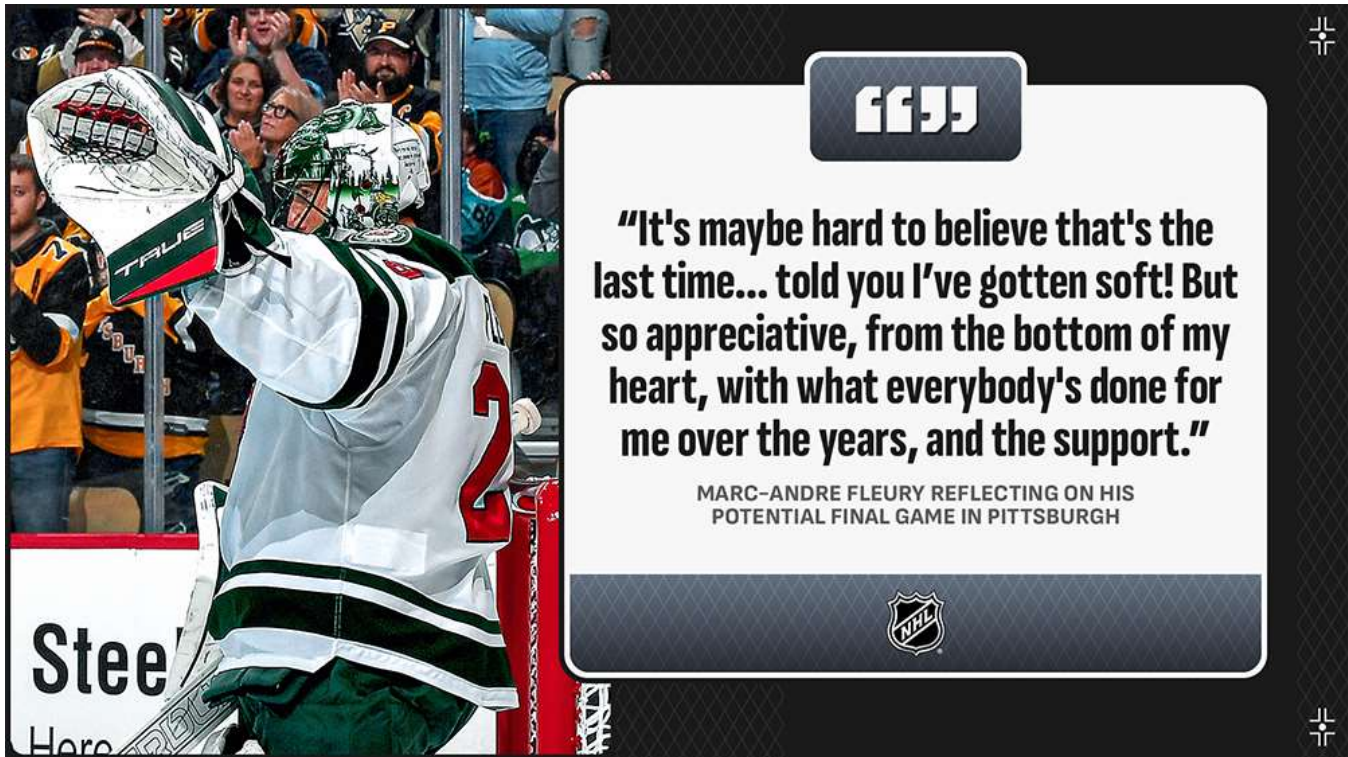
\* Stützle recorded the seventh four-point performance of his career and surpassed **Marian Hossa** (6) for the most by a Senators player age 24 or younger.

PLAYER	GP	TOTAL
SIDNEY CROSBY	371	18
CONNOR MCDAVID	334	11
NICKLAS BACKSTROM	268	10
EVGENI MALKIN	242	9
TIM STÜTZLE	294	7
JACK EICHEL	298	7
ALEX OVECHKIN	245	7

**FLEURY BACKSTOPS WILD TO VICTORY IN HIS FINAL PIT STOP IN PITTSBURGH**

It was only fitting **Sidney Crosby** (0-3—3) and **Marc-Andre Fleury** (26 saves) produced dueling performances in what is expected to be the latter's final game at PPG Paints Arena – a venue in which he captured [his 138th career win](#). Crosby suited up alongside Fleury for 720 regular-season games (409-236-75), the most among all teammates in the goaltender's career.

\* Fleury, treated with flowers [upon arriving at the arena](#) in honor of his nickname and treated to a [standing ovation following a video tribute](#) in the first period, was named the contest's first star and welcomed an [embrace from Crosby and Kris Letang](#) following his final salute to the crowd.



\* Crosby, who boosted his career totals to 2-5—7 in seven career games against Fleury, recorded his 180th career three-point game and moved within three of tying **Phil Esposito** and **Mark Messier** for the fifth-most in [NHL history](#). His 64th career three-assist game tied **Ray Bourque** and Messier for the [sixth most in NHL history](#).

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Notes were aplenty throughout a seven-game Tuesday. [Click here](#) for the latest edition of #NHLStats: Live Updates.

\* The Bruins hosted their annual [Hockey Fights Cancer Awareness night](#) and entered the contest with a 16-0-4 record at home against the Flyers dating to March 17, 2012, but **Samuel Ersson** turned aside all 23 shots he faced and became just the third Flyers goaltender to post [a shutout in Boston](#). He joined **Antero Niittymaki** (27 saves on Jan. 2, 2006) and **Brian Boucher** (21 saves on March 4, 2000).

\* Another means to raise funds for Hockey Fight Cancer made its way across NHL social platforms Tuesday. [Click here](#) to watch a feature on Rangers captain **Jacob Trouba** and his 'Body Check' paintings – an instrument he uses to spread awareness of body checks as a crucial defensive tactic to help stay ahead of cancer.

\* **Jake Walman** (1-2—3) lifted the Sharks to their second win in as many days and did so with a second consecutive three-point outing. He joined **Erik Karlsson** (2 GP from Jan. 7-8, 2019), **Alex Pietrangelo** (2 GP from March 17-18, 2018) and **Kris Letang** (2 GP from Feb. 11-12, 2012) as the fourth active defenseman to register three-plus points *in consecutive days*.



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LIVE UPDATES

## QUICK CLICKS

- \* [Hockey Fights Cancer daily digest](#)
- \* [Roope Hintz](#) of Stars delivers smiles during children's hospital visit in Finland
- \* [Panthers GM Bill Zito](#) calls playing, living in Finland 'greatest experience ever'
- \* [Olli Maatta](#) traded to Utah by Red Wings for draft pick
- \* [Gus Bodnar](#) set amazing NHL record with Maple Leafs 81 years ago today

## HUGHES BROTHERS GO HEAD-TO-HEAD ON SN1

After the three brothers graced the [cover of EA Sports NHL 25](#) leading into the season, **Quinn**, **Jack** and **Luke Hughes** will all be on the ice together for the first time in 2024-25 when the Devils visit the Canucks to close out a doubleheader on SN1. [Click here](#) for an NHL.com feature on the brothers leading into tonight's showdown.



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WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30

7:00 PM ET



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7:30 PM ET



SN1, SN+, FDSNDET

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10:30 PM ET



SN1, SN+, MSGSN

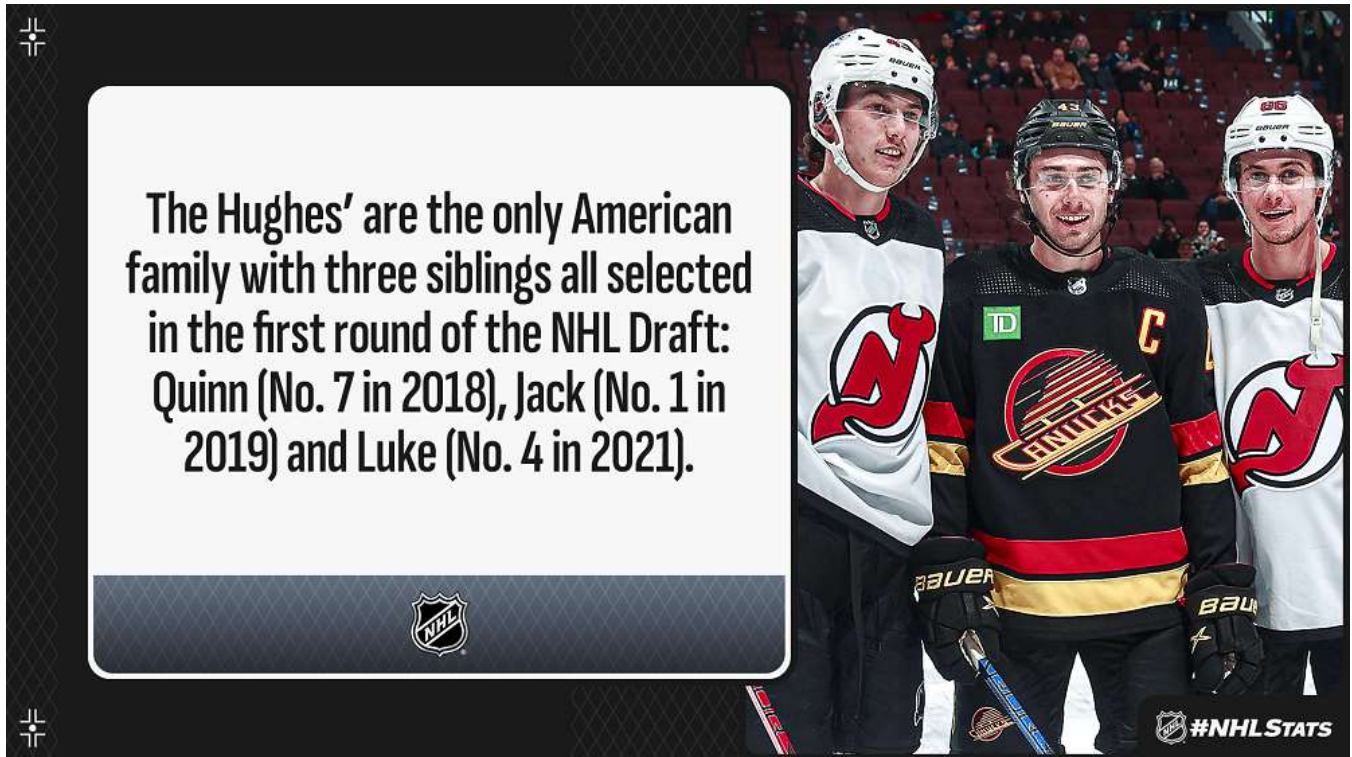
\* The only previous time all three brothers appeared in the same game, they all hit the score sheet in a [6-5 Devils](#) win at Rogers Arena. Jack (1-2—3) and Luke (1-0—1) both scored for New Jersey, while Quinn (0-2—2) had a pair of assists for Vancouver.

\* Jack (7-6—13 in 7 GP) has a 6-1-0 record in head-to-head games against Quinn, while averaging nearly two points per game in those contests (Quinn: 1-5-1; 0-5—5 in 7 GP). Luke (1-1—2 in 2 GP) has an even 1-1-0 mark when facing off against older brother Quinn.



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The Hughes' are the only American family with three siblings all selected in the first round of the NHL Draft: Quinn (No. 7 in 2018), Jack (No. 1 in 2019) and Luke (No. 4 in 2021).



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### **WESTERN CONFERENCE FRONTRUNNERS ON TNT TONIGHT**

The top two teams in the Pacific Division will go head-to-head exclusively on TNT, TruTV and Max when the Golden Knights (7-2-1, 15 points) visit the Kings (5-3-2, 12 points) at Crypto.com Arena. Los Angeles will look to keep its perfect home record intact (2-0-0), while high-scoring Vegas has scored five or more goals in a franchise-best four consecutive games and can become the first team since Ottawa (5 GP from Feb. 25 – March 4, 2023) to extend that run to five contests.



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