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VASILEVSKIY, HINTZ AND SUZUKI NAMED NHL 'THREE STARS' OF THE WEEK PRESENTED BY GEICO

NEW YORK (March 3, 2025) – Tampa Bay Lightning goaltender **Andrei Vasilevskiy**, Dallas Stars center **Roope Hintz** and Montreal Canadiens center **Nick Suzuki** have been named the NHL's "Three Stars" presented by GEICO for the week ending March 2.

FIRST STAR - ANDREI VASILEVSKIY, G, TAMPA BAY LIGHTNING

Vasilevskiy stopped 71 of the 73 shots he faced, going 3-0-0 with a 0.67 goals-against average, .973 save percentage and one shutout as he and the Lightning (35-20-4, 74 points) both extended their winning streaks to eight games dating to Feb. 4 (1.63 GAA, .945 SV%, 1 SO). Vasilevskiy turned aside 23 of 24 shots, including each of the last 17, in a 4-1 victory against the Edmonton Oilers Feb. 25. He then made 24 saves for his 38th career shutout – tied for the third-most in the NHL since his debut in 2014-15 – in a 3-0 win over the Calgary Flames Feb. 27. Vasilevskiy finished the week with 20 stops, yielding his lone goal with 3:59 remaining in regulation, in a 3-1 triumph versus the Eastern Conference-leading Washington Capitals March 1. The 30-year-old Vasilevskiy, who additionally owns a 10-game point streak dating to Jan. 30 (9-0-1, 1.61 GAA, .947 SV%, 2 SO), shares second place in the NHL with 29 wins through 47 total appearances this season (29-15-3). The Vezina Trophy (2018-19) and Conn Smythe Trophy (2020-21) winner also places among the 2024-25 League leaders (minimum: 21 GP) in goals-against average (2nd; 2.18), shutouts (t-2nd; 4) and save percentage (3rd; .923).

SECOND STAR - ROOPE HINTZ, C, DALLAS STARS

Hintz topped the NHL with seven assists and nine points overall (2-7—9) – as well as five power-play assists/points – in three contests to propel the Stars (39-19-2, 80 points) to a pair of wins. He scored once in a 6-4 loss to the Columbus Blue Jackets Feb. 25. Hintz then compiled 1-7—8 over his next two outings, establishing a career high with four assists in a 6-2 victory against the Los Angeles Kings Feb. 28 before adding his sixth career four-point performance with 1-3—4 (including his 33rd career gamewinning goal) in a 6-3 triumph versus the St. Louis Blues March 2. He became the second Stars/North Stars player in the past 40 years to register consecutive four-point games, following **Tyler Seguin** from Oct. 6-9, 2018 (3-5—8), as well as the fourth player in franchise history with at least seven assists over two contests. The 28-year-old Hintz has played in 56 total games this season (24-23—47), ranking among the top five on Dallas in game-winning goals (t-1st; 6), goals (3rd; 24), power-play assists (3rd; 9), points (4th; 47), power-play goals (4th; 5), power-play points (4th; 14) and assists (t-5th; 23).

THIRD STAR - NICK SUZUKI, C, MONTREAL CANADIENS

Suzuki placed second in the NHL with 3-4—7 across three games as the Canadiens (29-26-5, 63 points) completed a perfect week to move within three points of the final playoff spot in the Eastern Conference. Suzuki collected three points in each of his first two outings, notching 1-2—3 in a 4-0 win over the Carolina Hurricanes Feb. 25 before picking up 2-1—3 (including the primary assist on **Cole Caufield**'s overtime winner) in a 4-3 victory against the San Jose Sharks Feb. 27. He then added one helper in a 4-2 triumph versus the Buffalo Sabres March 1 as Montreal extended its winning streak to four games (its longest of the season) dating to Feb. 22. The 25-year-old Canadiens captain paces the team with 18-43—61 through 60 total appearances in 2024-25. He also sits among the Montreal leaders in assists (1st; 43), power-play points (1st; 20), overtime goals (1st; 4), game-winning goals (t-1st; 5), plus/minus (t-1st; +7), goals (2nd; 18), power-play assists (2nd; 17) and power-play goals (t-4th; 3).

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