

	SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13	
MORNING SKATE		
Mammoth, Blues pick up crucial wins in closely contested games		
Wild acquire Quinn Hughes from Canucks, Oilers and Penguins swap goaltenders on Friday		
McDavid set to take on Matthews when Oilers and Maple Leafs clash on Hockey Night in Canada		 #NHLStats

* The Mammoth and Blues each skated to wins in closely contested games on Friday as Utah's **Dylan Guenther** rose to the occasion for his club once again. His eight go-ahead goals are tied for the third most among all players this season.

* The Wild [acquired Quinn Hughes from the Canucks](#), who will become the first Norris Trophy winner to play for the franchise. Hughes and Minnesota general manager, **Bill Guerin**, will also collaborate with Team USA at the Olympic Winter Games Milano Cortina 2026 after the Orlando, Fla., native was one of the first six players named to the country's preliminary roster.

* **Connor McDavid**, who has shone in his hometown at both the professional and international level, returns to Scotiabank Arena as part of a four-game Hockey Night in Canada on Saturday. On Friday, Edmonton [traded for goaltender Tristan Jarry](#), who spent four seasons playing for the WHL's Edmonton Oil Kings and backstopped them to a WHL championship and Memorial Cup in 2013-14.



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CENTRAL DIVISION CLUBS EARN WINS IN CLOSELY CONTESTED GAMES

The Mammoth (15-15-3, 33 points) and Blues (12-14-7, 31 points) each edged out a tightly contested victory during Friday's two-pack of NHL action and moved closer to the playoff line in the Western Conference, where six teams are separated by four points.

* **Mason Marchment** scored twice for the Kraken, including a game-tying goal in the third period, but **Dylan Guenther** responded roughly five minutes later with his eighth go-ahead goal of the season to help Utah improve to 2-0-0 in home games against Seattle. Guenther's eight go-ahead goals are tied with **Morgan Geekie** and **Seth Jarvis** for the third most among all players this season, behind **Cole Caufield** (10) and **Bo Horvat** (9).

* **Connor Bedard** (0-2—2) factored on two Blackhawks goals en route to his 40th career multi-point game, but **Robert Thomas** (0-2—2) also collected two assists – including a helper on the game-winning goal – as the Blues improved to 8-2-0 in their past 10 home games against their longtime rival. Overall, Thomas (19-61—80) became the ninth player in franchise history to factor on 80 career game-winning goals.



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MOST CAREER ASSISTS ON A GAME-WINNING GOAL

FRANCHISE HISTORY

PLAYER	ASSISTS
BERNIE FEDERKO	86
BRETT HULL	66
PAVOL DEMITRA	62
ROBERT THOMAS	61
ALEX PIETRANGELO	61



FAMILIAR FACES ONTO NEW PLACES TO START THE WEEKEND

The Wild acquired **Quinn Hughes** from the Canucks in exchange for **Marco Rossi**, **Zeev Buium**, **Liam Öhgren** and a first-round pick in the 2026 NHL Draft, while the Oilers acquired **Tristan Jarry** and **Samuel Poulin** from the Penguins in exchange for **Stuart Skinner**, **Brett Kulak** and a second-round pick in the 2029 NHL Draft.



GUERIN AND HUGHES TEAMING UP AGAIN

Wild general manager, Bill Guerin, who also serves as the general manager for Team USA at the Olympic Winter Games Milano Cortina 2026, named Quinn Hughes one of the first six players to their preliminary roster.



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* Hughes, named captain of the Canucks in 2023-24, joins the Wild with 61-371—432 (459 GP; 0.94 P/GP) in his career since debuting in 2018-19 and owns the second-highest points per game among defensemen during that span (min. 5 GP) behind only **Cale Makar** (1.09 P/GP). The two-time NHL All-Star also owns a Norris Trophy (2023-24) on his resume and shares the distinction as the second-fastest American defenseman in League history to reach 400 career points (also **Gary Suter**: 421 GP), behind **Brian Leetch** (380 GP). Overall, Hughes will be the first Norris winner to play for the Wild.

* Jarry, who leaves Pittsburgh with the [longest shutout sequence in Penguins history](#) and the only goaltender in franchise history to score a goal, returns to the city of Edmonton after backstopping the Oil Kings to the Ed Chynoweth Cup as WHL champions and a Memorial Cup in 2013-14. Fast forward to 2025-26 and Jarry [ranks eighth in high-danger save percentage](#) (.848) among goaltenders to face 100 or more high-danger shots prior to the trade.

QUICK CLICKS

- * [Ducks' Cutter Gauthier goes deep at MLB Network's Studio 42](#)
- * [Colton Parayko a steady force for Blues despite goal drought this season](#)
- * [Heritage Classic in 2026 will celebrate Jets 2.0, Mark Chipman says](#)
- * [NHL Power Players youth advisory board announced for 7th season](#)
- * [NHL STREET will try to break Guinness World Records for largest one-day championship in Florida](#)



SATURDAY'S SCHEDULE HEADLINED BY FOUR HOCKEY NIGHT IN CANADA GAMES

Saturday's 13-game slate is highlighted by four Hockey Night in Canada contests, including an Original Six matchup at Madison Square Garden and a showdown between two superstars at Scotiabank Arena.



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* **Nick Suzuki** and the Canadiens are pitted against **Artemi Panarin** and the Rangers in one of two Original Six matchups Saturday. Suzuki has found the back of the net in each of his last four contests versus New York dating to [Oct. 22, 2024](#), and can become the first Montreal player in nearly 43 years with a five-game goal streak against the Rangers (**Steve Shutt**: 5 GP from [Oct. 25, 1981 – Jan. 27, 1983](#)).

* **Connor McDavid** and the Oilers (3-0-1 since Dec. 4) put their four-game point streak on the line when they visit **Auston Matthews** and the Maple Leafs (4-0-2 since Nov. 29). McDavid (1.52 P/GP) and Matthews (0.63 G/GP), who played together with Team North America during the 2016 World Cup of Hockey, are the active leaders in career [points](#) and [goals per game](#), respectively, and rank among the top three in NHL history for each category (min. 500 GP).



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McDAVID HAS 18 POINTS IN HOMETOWN

Connor McDavid has 4-14-18 in 11 career games at Scotiabank Arena, including a highlight-reel goal on Jan. 6, 2020. He also played at the venue during the 2016 World Cup of Hockey and 2015 World Junior Championship.



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* **Alex Ovechkin** can add to his highest career goal total against one franchise when the Capitals clash with **Mark Scheifele** and the Jets, who look to snap a three-game slide. Ovechkin has 58 career tallies versus Winnipeg (including 30 from when the club was known as the Atlanta Thrashers) and can become the first player to score his 60th goal against a single franchise since **Jaromir Jagr** ([March 1, 2012](#) vs. NYI).

* **Nazem Kadri** and the Flames can record their fourth win in five games when they face **Anze Kopitar** and the Kings during a Pacific Division duel. Kopitar needs six points to reach 1,300 in his career and tie longtime Calgary captain **Jarome Iginla** on the [NHL's all-time list](#) as well as 14 to dethrone **Marcel Dionne** (1,307) for the [most in franchise history](#).

* Saturday is set to feature several more head-to-head games between No. 1 picks including **Macklin Celebrini** visiting **Sidney Crosby** during one of two matinees on Sportsnet, **Connor Bedard** hosting **Patrick Kane** in the latter's return to United Center as well as **Steven Stamkos** following up his four-goal night against Art Ross Trophy race leader **Nathan MacKinnon**. Crosby has 1,497 career points as a *captain* and can become the third player in NHL history with 1,500 while donning the "C" after **Wayne Gretzky** (1,731) and **Steve Yzerman** (1,537).



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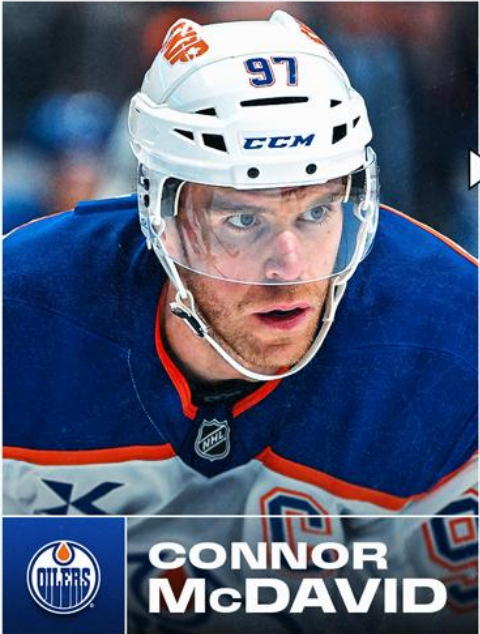
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McDAVID'S COMMUNITY EFFORTS HIGHLIGHTED AHEAD OF GAME IN HOMETOWN

Connor McDavid will be making his return to Toronto, just over 30 miles from where he grew up playing minor hockey. McDavid's impact on the game of hockey has gone well beyond the ice and into the Edmonton community, starting with the bond he created with Oilers superfan **Ben Stelter**.



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Connor McDavid is not only a key part of the Oilers lineup but is also an important member of the Edmonton community. McDavid's efforts have been inspired by his friendship with Ben Stelter, an Oilers superfan who battled glioblastoma, a type of brain cancer, and passed away at the age of 6.

The Oilers captain is involved with the **Ben Stelter Foundation**, which focuses on creating special experiences for kids with cancer, along with providing funds for medical equipment and research. McDavid pledged **\$100,000** towards the foundation when it launched in 2022 and helps promote various fundraising events by making appearances.







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NHL PODCASTS WEEKLY ROUNDUP

- * **100% Hockey with Millard & Shannon** (Dec. 12): [Chris Pronger on the Bruins' Direction, Toews' Reality, and the Skinner Deal](#)
- * **NHL Fantasy on Ice** (Dec. 11): [Canadiens recall Fowler; guest: Top Cheddar Picks](#)
- * **NHL Unscripted with Virk and Demers** (Dec. 11): [Russ Courtnall's Epic Interview: Quinn Hughes Drama, Ovi Surging and Mammoth Struggling](#)
- * **NHL @TheRink** (Dec. 10): [Bill Guerin joins; Olympics, Class of NHL: Avs & Stars, Quinn Hughes rumors](#)
- * **100% Hockey with Millard & Shannon** (Dec. 10): [Rick Tocchet Breaks Down Flyers' Play, Zegras' Fit, Michkov's Development & The Team's Progress](#)
- * **Energy Line with Nate and JSB finale** (Dec. 9): [Quinn Hughes Trade Rumors, Olympic Rink Tension, and Are the Maple Leafs Back?](#)
- * **Never Offside with Julie and Cat** (Dec. 9): [Lauren Kyle McDavid joins; Multipreneurship, Ty's tumble, Hockey Christmas](#)
- * **100% Hockey with Millard & Shannon** (Dec. 8): [John Davidson on the "Mushy Middle," Prospect Timing & His Return to Broadcasting](#)



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