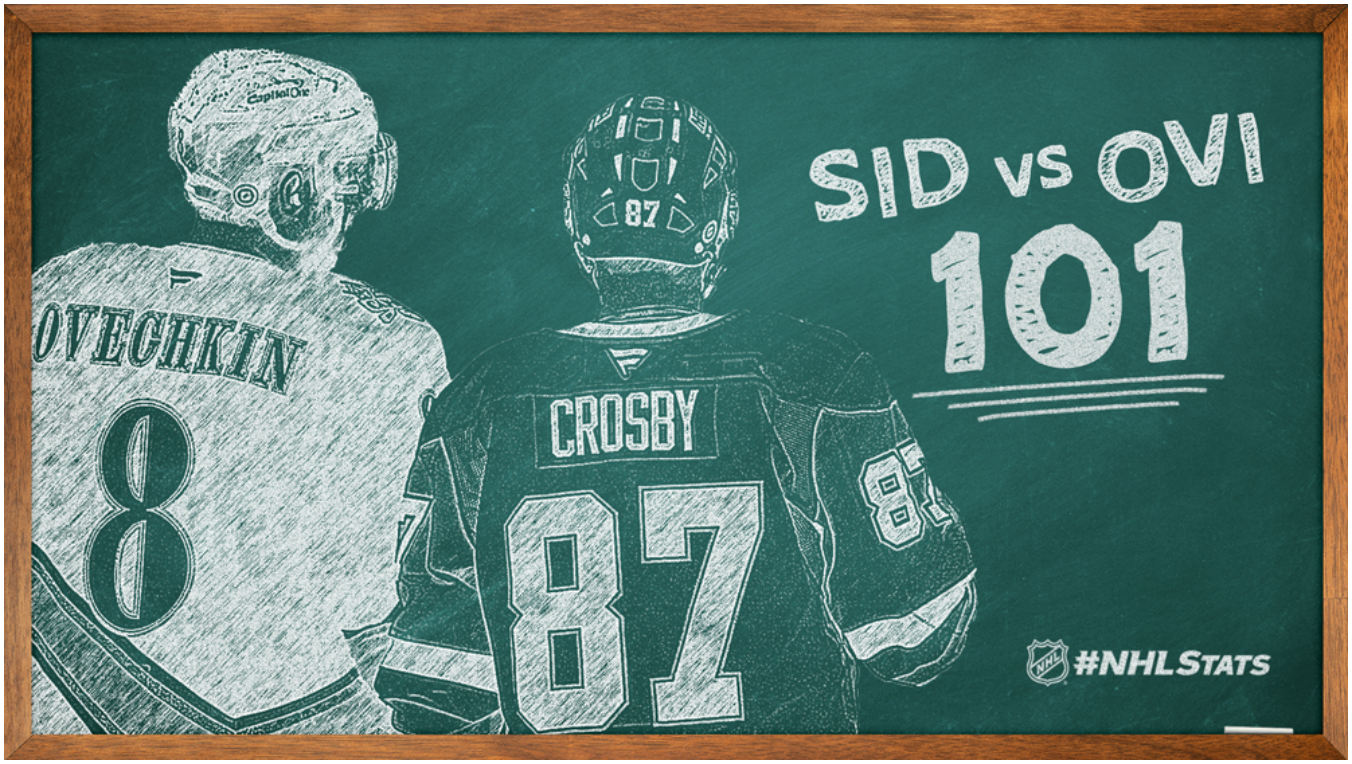


The final weekend of the 2025-26 NHL regular season will include the 100th and 101st all-time head-to-head meetings (including playoffs) between **Sidney Crosby** and **Alex Ovechkin**.

This will be the third time the rivals go head-to-head on consecutive days (also March 10-11, 2014 & Games 4-5 of 2009 CSF) – the first contest is in the middle of an ABC Hockey Saturday tripleheader and the second will be Sunday on TNT (both at 3 p.m. ET).

A few #NHLStats basics of their 21-season shared history:

Head-to-head games
Crosby (48-79—127; 56-39-4 record) and Ovechkin (53-50—103; 43-46-10 record) have combined for 230 points in 99 previous meetings, including 167 points in 74 regular-season contests (Crosby: 35-62—97; 43-27-4 record; Ovechkin: 38-32—70; 31-33-10 record).

* They both have scored a goal in 17 meetings (11 regular season, 6 playoffs) and both had a point 49 times (35 regular season, 14 playoffs).

* The highest single-game output either player has had in their head-to-heads is four points: Crosby on Jan. 25, 2006 and Jan. 16, 2017; Ovechkin on Feb. 7, 2010.

* They have three hat tricks in games between them: both scored one during Game 2 of the 2009 Conference Semifinals – their second-ever head-to-head playoff game – and Ovechkin the following season (Feb. 7, 2010).



Staples in the Stanley Cup Playoffs
Since 2005-06, at least one of the Penguins or Capitals has qualified for the Stanley Cup Playoffs 19 times (including 2026 after Crosby and PIT clinched Thursday). That span includes 13 years in which both Crosby and Ovechkin *played* in the postseason (there were 14 seasons with both PIT & WSH in the playoffs, but Crosby did not play in the 2011 SCP).

* The winner of their four head-to-head series has gone on to win the Stanley Cup each time: Crosby in 2009, 2016 and 2017, followed by Ovechkin in 2018.

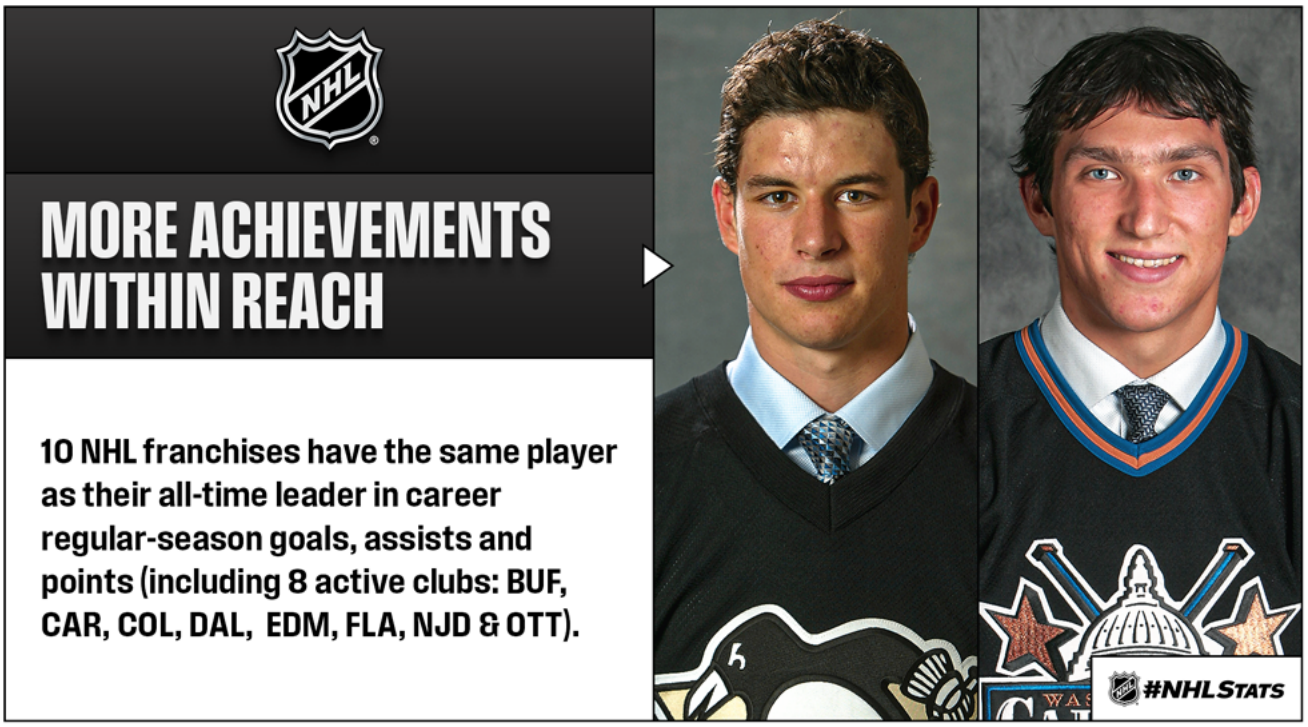
* Across their 25 head-to-head playoff games, only once were both players held off the score sheet (Game 2 of 2016 R2). They combined for 63 points across those games (Crosby: 13-17—30; 13-12 record, 3 series wins; Ovechkin: 15-18—33; 12-13 record, 1 series win).

* Nearly half of the “dueling hat tricks” in Stanley Cup Playoffs history (3 of 7) have occurred in games with either Crosby or Ovechkin – or both, like in Game 2 of the 2009 Conference Semifinals.



Franchise Players
Seven No. 1 picks have spent their entire NHL career with the franchise that drafted them, as have 38 players who have skated 1,000+ games (these lists exclude all active players – including Crosby and Ovechkin – but include **Anze Kopitar**, who has announced his retirement after this season). Crosby and Ovechkin have met more than any No. 1 picks in League history and more than any players who currently occupy a top 10 spot on the all-time points list.

* Among each player's long list of records – detailed below at an NHL level – are long lists of franchise benchmarks, including goals and points for Ovechkin, and for Crosby assists and points. Both are within reach of claiming the outstanding major franchise scoring benchmark: Ovechkin for assists and Crosby for goals.

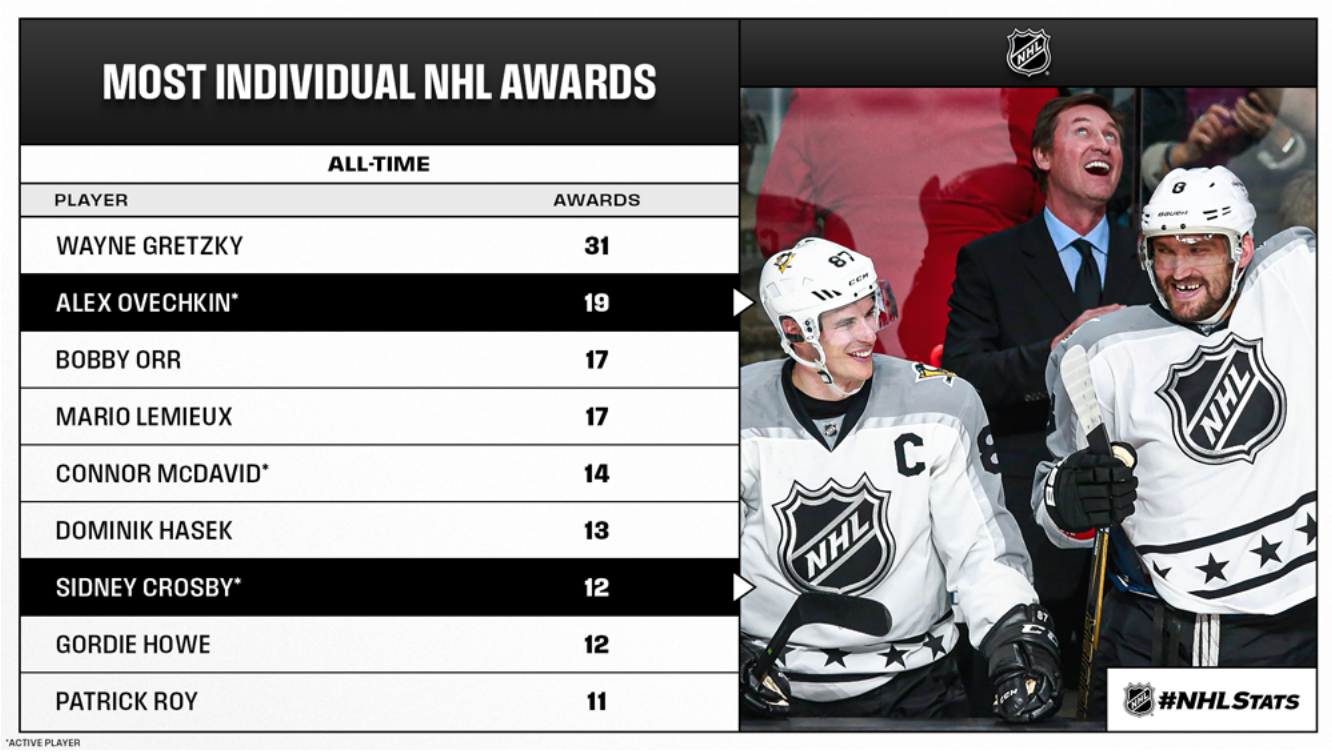


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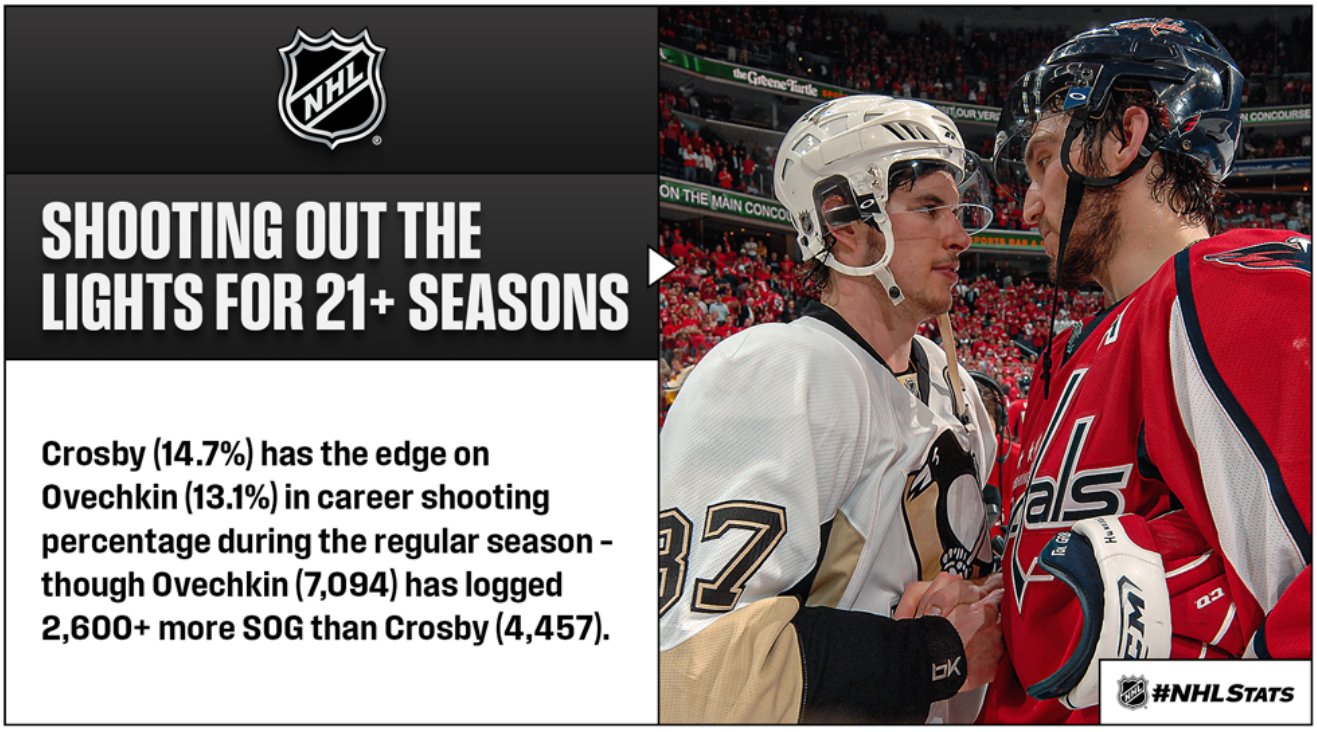
Crosby (19 seasons) and Ovechkin (17 seasons) are two of the top three longest-tenured captains in NHL history, with the former tied with **Steve Yzerman** (19 seasons w/ DET) atop that list. They have met 77 times while both wearing the "C" – with their first such clash occurring Jan. 21, 2010, just 16 days after Ovechkin received his captaincy.



Hardware
After entering the League together in 2005-06, Crosby and Ovechkin have combined for a total of 31 individual NHL Awards (Ovechkin: 19; Crosby: 12) – including six trophies they have both won – and four Stanley Cup wins. Together they have 11 Maurice "Rocket" Richard Trophies, six Ted Lindsay Awards, five Hart Trophies, three Art Ross Trophies, three Conn Smythe Trophies and two Mark Messier Leadership Awards. The only award that one has but the other doesn't is the Calder Trophy – Ovechkin claimed 124 of 129 first-place votes to claim the Rookie of the Year honor over Crosby after they teamed up for the second season in NHL history to feature multiple 100-point rookies.



Specialties
While dominating every aspect of the game at various stages, both players have honed their craft in a particular area as well. Ovechkin has been a power-play specialist (all-time PPG leader), a shooting machine (most SOG on record) and a physical force (third-most hits on record). Crosby has focused on the finer aspects of the game, including in the face-off circle (most face-off wins on record) and setting up teammates (7th-most primary assists; 1 to tie **Joe Thornton**, 2 to match **Jaromir Jagr**).



Impact Beyond the Ice
Crosby and Ovechkin's monumental impact on the hockey world has included introducing thousands of kids to the game.

* Crosby launched his Little Penguins Learn to Play Hockey Program in 2008 to make hockey more accessible. He outfits kids in hockey equipment and allows them to try the sport through 8-10 weeks of on-ice instruction with certified coaches. The Penguins captain also brings joy to the community through his 'Sidney Crosby Charity Suite,' which hosts over 30 local children's charities for games annually.

* Ovechkin has a longstanding partnership with the American Special Hockey Association (ASHA), an organization dedicated to serving those with intellectual, developmental and physical disabilities. Over the years, the Capitals captain has hosted multiple ASHA skating sessions, a street hockey event and donates 'Ovi's 8's' tickets to ASHA athletes and their families, totaling over 6,000 season tickets. Last season, Ovechkin launched an initiative to benefit Hockey Fights Cancer, The GR8 CHASE for Victory Over Cancer, in partnership with Hockey Fights Cancer, the V Foundation and Capitals as he pursued and broke **Wayne Gretzky**'s all-time record. To date, Ovechkin has raised over $256,000 for this cause.

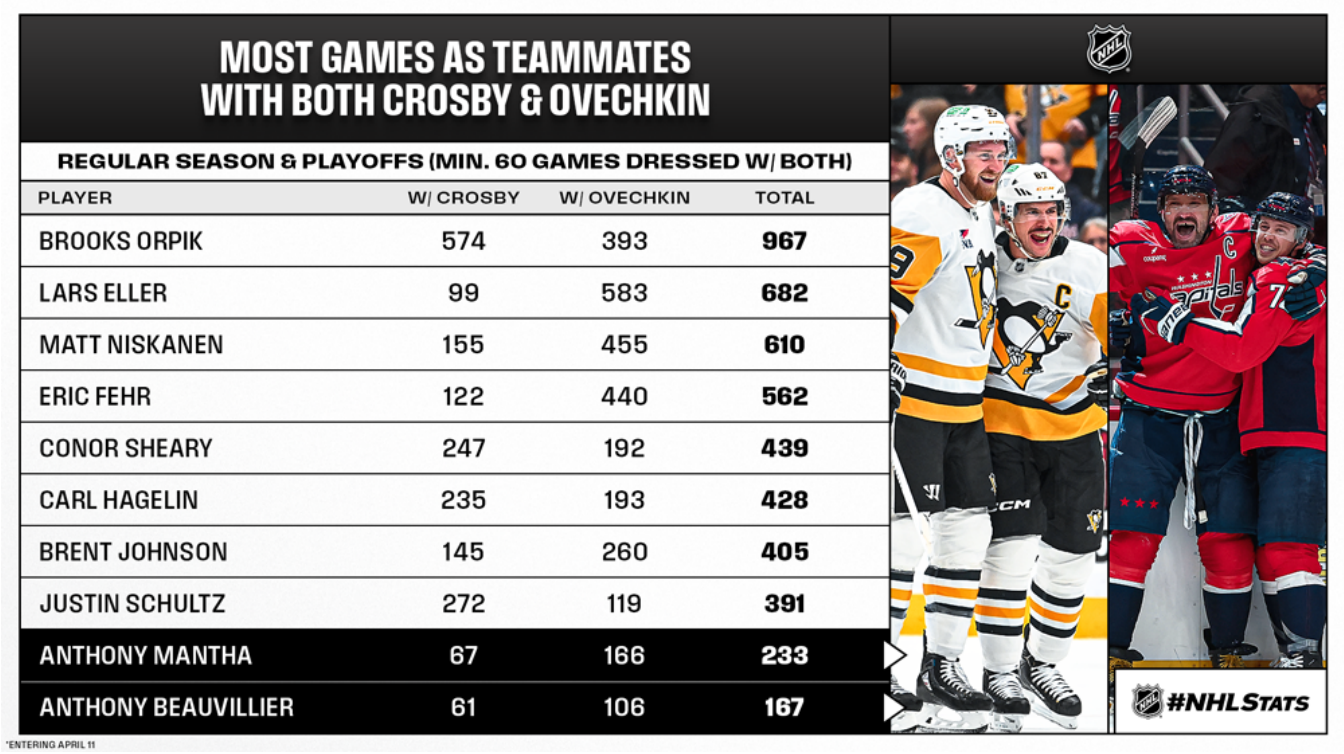


Age is Just a Number

The range of Crosby and Ovechkin accomplishments can also be segmented by age. Among the lengthy lists on that front are Crosby standing as both the only teenager in League history with multiple 100-point seasons and only player with three 90-point campaigns after age 35. For his part, Ovechkin is one of only four 50-goal rookies in League history and has the most goals in NHL history from age 30 onward.



Teammates
Crosby (315) and Ovechkin (248) have had a combined 541 teammates in the NHL (min. 1 game dressed in regular season or playoffs) – with 22 of them having an opportunity to play with both players.



Opponents
Division rivals for 13 consecutive seasons dating to 2013-14, Crosby and Ovechkin have combined for eight division titles in that span (Crosby: 2; Ovechkin: 6).

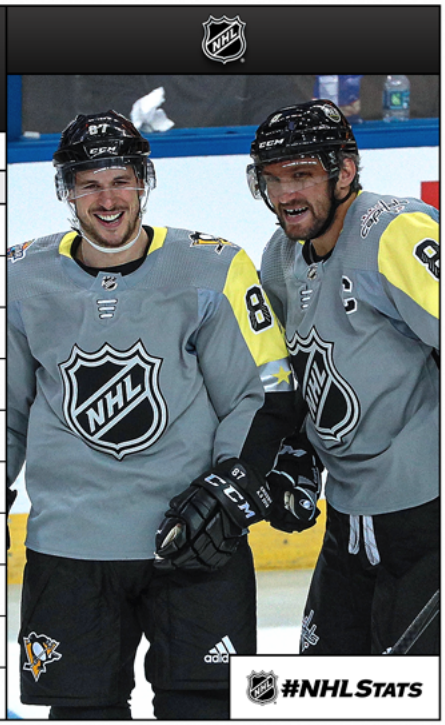
* Individually they both have at least 100 career points against at least five different franchises (Crosby vs. PHI, NYI, NYR, WSH & NJD; Ovechkin vs. CAR, PIT, TBL, WPG/ATL & PHI; includes playoffs). Together they have 200+ combined points against three clubs: 275 versus the Flyers and 238 against both the Islanders and Rangers.

* They have faced a combined 256 total goaltenders, including 149 who have allowed a goal against both players. In fact, only two goaltenders who faced both Crosby and Ovechkin multiple times have escaped without ever allowing a goal: **Mike Condon** (7 GP vs. each) and **Manny Fernandez** (2 GP vs. each).

CROSBY & OVECHKIN COMBINED GOALS VS. GOALTENDERS

REGULAR SEASON & PLAYOFFS

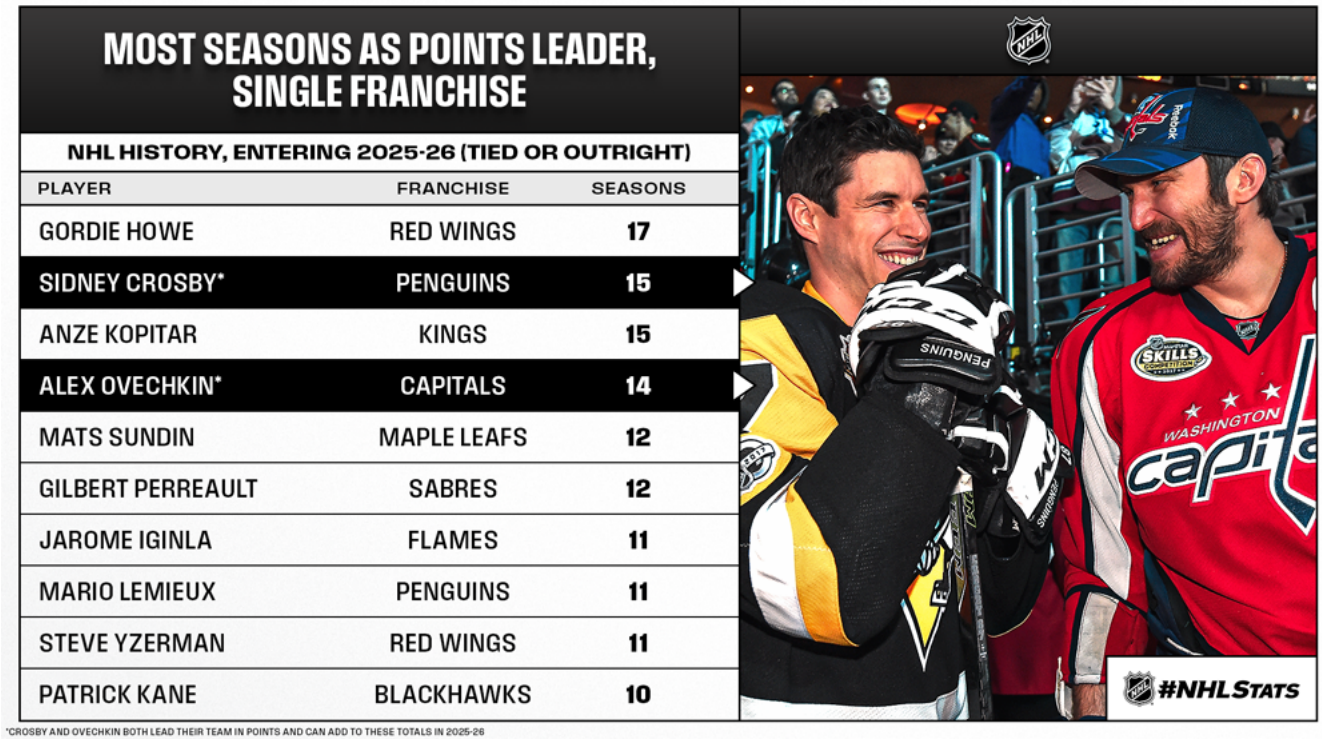
GOALTENDER	CROSBY	OVECHKIN	COMBINED
HENRIK LUNDQVIST	29	37	**66**
MARC-ANDRE FLEURY	3	41	**44**
CAREY PRICE	12	25	**37**
SERGEI BOBROVSKY	11	22	**33**
KARI LEHTONEN	10	22	**32**
RYAN MILLER	11	19	**30**
BRIAN ELLIOTT	18	11	**29**
JAROSLAV HALAK	15	14	**29**
ONDREJ PAVELEC	10	18	**28**
CAM WARD	9	19	**28**



All-Time Scoring

More than 20 years after their first-ever meeting (Nov. 22, 2005 at Mellon Arena), the two have combined for 1,730 goals, 2,063 assists and 3,793 points (including playoffs). Together they have 39 seasons with 20+ goals, 33 seasons with 30+ goals, 17 seasons with 40+ goals and 10 seasons with 50+ goals. They also total 10 campaigns with 100+ points – including three in which both hit the benchmark (2005-06, 2008-09 & 2009-10) – and 35 averaging at least a point-per-game (Crosby: 21; Ovechkin: 14).

* They have led their teams (tied or outright) in goals 30 times (Crosby: 10; Ovechkin: 20), assists 15 times (Crosby: 12; Ovechkin: 3) and points 29 times (Crosby: 15; Ovechkin: 14). Both are in contention to add to one or more of those counts in 2025-26. Ovechkin's 20 seasons as a team's goals leader are by far the most in NHL history (**Gordie Howe**: 15), while Crosby and **Anze Kopitar** (all w/ LAK) trail only **Wayne Gretzky** (19x; 9 w/ EDM, 7 w/ LAK, 3 w/ NYR) and Howe (17x, all w/ DET) for the most seasons as *any team's* points leader – with Ovechkin right behind them. From a single franchise perspective, Crosby can move within one campaign of matching Howe's mark set with Detroit.



List of All-Time Regular Season Ranks (Entering April 11, 2026)

Sidney Crosby		Alex Ovechkin
39th	Games Played	15th
15th	Goals	1st
8th	Assists	49th
7th	Points	10th
9th	Game-Winning Goals	1st
2nd	Overtime Goals	1st
T-1st	Overtime Points	T-7th
23rd	Power-Play Goals	1st
T-11th	Power-Play Points	9th
7th	20-Goals Seasons	2nd
T-7th	30-Goal Seasons	1st
T-69th	40-Goal Seasons	1st
T-49th	50-Goal Seasons	T-1st
T-7th	100-Point Seasons	T-22nd
19th	Multi-Goal Games	2nd
7th	Multi-Assist Games	69th
3rd	Multi-Point Games	11th