

2026-27

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As of Sept. 11, 2026*



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SEPTEMBER 2026

Monday, Sept. 21

Kraft Hockeyville Game (2025 winning community: Saint-Boniface, Que.): Ottawa Senators vs. Montreal Canadiens at Colisée Vidéotron in Trois-Rivières, Que.

Tuesday, Sept. 29

Opening day of the 2026-27 regular season features an ESPN tripleheader. The Carolina Hurricanes will raise their Stanley Cup championship banner before hosting the Florida Panthers (5 p.m. ET). The New York Rangers will face off against the Boston Bruins (8 p.m. ET) and the Chicago Blackhawks will visit the Vegas Golden Knights (10:30 p.m. ET)

Sportsnet kickstarts the season with a doubleheader featuring the potential debut of Maple Leafs F **Gavin McKenna**, the No. 1 pick in the 2026 NHL Draft, when Toronto hosts the Montreal Canadiens (7 p.m. ET), followed by the Vancouver Canucks at Edmonton Oilers (10 p.m. ET)

New York Rangers head coach **Mike Sullivan** is expected to serve his 1,000th game when New York visits Boston, where his career began.

The NHL regular season [will start in September for the second time](#) (also 2007-08). The only other instance in League history where games were played in September (excluding preseason contests) was during the 2020 Stanley Cup Playoffs, when a total of 25 took place in the neutral-site “bubbles” at Rogers Place and Scotiabank Arena.

Wednesday, Sept. 30

NHL on TNT’s first broadcast of the season is a doubleheader featuring the Pittsburgh Penguins at Philadelphia Flyers (7:30 p.m. ET) and Los Angeles Kings visiting the Colorado Avalanche (10 p.m. ET)

Potential matchup between the past two first overall picks in the NHL Draft when **Matthew Schaefer** (No. 1 in 2025) and the New York Islanders visit **Gavin McKenna** (No. 1 in 2026) and the Toronto Maple Leafs.

OCTOBER 2026

Saturday, Oct. 3

Tampa Bay Lightning D **John Carlson** faces the Capitals for the first time since being traded last season. His first visit to Capital One Arena will be March 15.

Sunday, Oct. 4

Florida Panthers D **Radko Gudas** returns to Honda Center after spending his last three seasons with Anaheim (including two as captain).

Wednesday, Oct. 7

Pittsburgh Penguins F **Sidney Crosby** and Washington Capitals F **Alex Ovechkin** go head-to-head for the first of four meetings in 2026-27 (TNT). The two are also set to clash Jan. 18 (TNT), March 13 (ABC) and April 4 (ESPN). This game also marks the return to Capital One Arena for Penguins D **Trevor van Riemsdyk**, who spent the past six seasons with the Capitals.



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Saturday, Oct. 10	The Vegas Golden Knights will play the first of five “Anniversary Knights” to mark their 10th NHL season. San Jose Sharks D Darnell Nurse faces his former team for the first time after spending his first 12 seasons with the Edmonton Oilers. His first visit to Rogers Place will be Jan. 13.
Tuesday, Oct. 13	NHL Frozen Frenzy returns for the fourth time, including a tripleheader on ESPN (New Jersey Devils at Detroit Red Wings; Colorado Avalanche at Dallas Stars; and Boston Bruins at San Jose Sharks) First of two 16-game days scheduled for the 2026-27 regular season (also April 10).
Friday, Oct 16	Colorado Avalanche F Nathan MacKinnon will face his longtime friend and fellow Nova Scotian Sidney Crosby for the first time this season. The other matchup is Jan. 12 in Pittsburgh (ESPN+).
Monday, Oct. 19	Potential matchup between the first two selections in the 2026 NHL Draft when F Gavin McKenna (No. 1) and the Toronto Maple Leafs host F Ivar Stenberg (No. 2) and the San Jose Sharks.
Wednesday, Oct. 21	Florida Panthers F Brady Tkachuk returns to Canadian Tire Centre for the first time after spending eight seasons with the Senators. Tkachuk ranks within the top five in goals and points in franchise history and served as Ottawa’s captain for the past five seasons.
Thursday, Oct. 22	Edmonton Oilers G Frederik Andersen, who won the 2026 Stanley Cup with the Carolina Hurricanes, can face his former team for the first time. They will also play in Raleigh on Nov. 21. Minnesota Wild F Blake Coleman returns to Scotiabank Saddledome after spending five seasons with the Calgary Flames.
Saturday, Oct. 24	Washington Capitals F Alex Tuch will face his former team for the first time after five seasons with the Buffalo Sabres. His first visit to KeyBank Center will be March 18.
Sunday, Oct. 25	2026 Tim Hortons NHL Heritage Classic (Montreal Canadiens at Winnipeg Jets; TNT): Princess Auto Stadium in Winnipeg will host the 46th NHL regular-season outdoor game and first of three in 2026-27. Minnesota Wild D Quinn Hughes will play his first game in Vancouver against the Canucks since being traded on Dec. 12, 2025. Hughes is the all-time franchise leader in assists and points by a defenseman and captained the club in three seasons.



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Saturday, Oct. 31

Ottawa Senators F **William Eklund** returns to SAP Center after spending five seasons with the Sharks. The teams play in Ottawa Oct. 22. Eklund topped all Sharks players in [assists](#) and ranked second in [points](#) during his tenure.

“Hockey Halloween” will include 10 games spanning 12 hours of continuous action, **the busiest Halloween slate since 2015** and sixth time ever with that much hockey Oct. 31 (also 11 GP in 2009; 10 GP in 2015, 1998, 1992 & 1981).

NOVEMBER 2026

Tuesday, Nov. 3

The two previous Norris Trophy winners go head-to-head for the first time in 2026-27 when Columbus Blue Jackets D **Zach Werenski** (2025-26) hosts Colorado Avalanche D **Cale Makar** (2024-25). This also will mark the first time Blue Jackets F **Valeri Nichushkin** faces his former team after winning the Stanley Cup in one of his seven seasons with the Avalanche. The teams will meet again Feb. 15 in Colorado.

Thursday, Nov. 5

Detroit Red Wings F **Keegan Kolesar** faces his former team for the first time after spending seven seasons with the Vegas Golden Knights. His first visit to T-Mobile Arena will be Feb. 15.

Nov. 7-9

Hockey Hall of Fame Induction Weekend in Toronto will welcome the Class of 2026: inductees **Patrice Bergeron**, **Cindy Curley**, **Carey Price**, **Pekka Rinne** and **Keith Tkachuk** in the Player category as well as **Brian Burke** in the Builder category.

Sunday, Nov. 8

Hockey Hall of Fame Game (New Jersey Devils at Toronto Maple Leafs)

Tuesday, Nov. 10

Former Montreal Canadiens G and 2026 Hockey Hall of Fame Inductee **Carey Price** will be honored at the Bell Centre before Montreal hosts the Minnesota Wild.

Nov. 12 & 14

2026 NHL Global Series Finland (Carolina Hurricanes vs. Seattle Kraken): Finland will host its 12th and 13th NHL regular-season games, the second most by a country outside North America. Helsinki will host its first NHL regular-season games since 2018-19, bringing their total to nine overall – tied with Prague (9) for the second-most of any European city behind Stockholm (18).

Saturday, Nov. 14

Colorado Avalanche D **Brent Burns** can skate in his 1,600th career regular-season game. He can become the 14th player in NHL history to reach the milestone.

Monday, Nov. 16

New York Rangers Centennial Game vs. Montreal Canadiens. The contest comes on the 100th anniversary of the Rangers' inaugural NHL game, a 1-0 victory against the Montreal Maroons at Madison Square Garden III.



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Tuesday, Nov. 17

Quarter Mark of the 2026-27 regular season (4th contest on 11-game day; 336 GP).

Chicago Blackhawks Centennial Game vs. Toronto Maple Leafs. The contest comes on the 100th anniversary of the Blackhawks' inaugural NHL game, a 4-1 victory versus the Toronto St. Patricks at Chicago Coliseum.

The **Minnesota Wild** will contest the 2,000th regular-season game in franchise history, at home against the Nashville Predators.

St. Louis Blues F **Mason McTavish** faces his former team for the first time after spending his first five seasons with the Anaheim Ducks. His first visit to Honda Center will be Jan. 14.

Wednesday, Nov. 18

Detroit Red Wings Centennial Game vs. Boston Bruins. The contest comes on the 100th anniversary of Detroit's inaugural NHL game (then known as the Detroit Cougars), a 2-0 defeat against the Bruins at Border Cities Arena in Windsor, Ont., as they [awaited construction](#) of Olympia Stadium – their home from 1927-28 to 1979-80. The club's first game in Detroit was Nov. 22, 1927 (2-1 L vs. original Ottawa Senators).

Thursday, Nov. 19

Edmonton Oilers F **Connor McDavid** and Tampa Bay Lightning F **Nikita Kucherov** meet as the Art Ross Trophy winners from each of the past six seasons (and nine of the past 10) go head-to-head (ESPN+). They will also meet Jan. 11 in Edmonton.

Thursday, Nov. 19

Vancouver Canucks D **Jamie Oleksiak** returns to Climate Pledge Arena after being part of the Seattle Kraken's inaugural roster and spending the past five seasons with club.

Saturday, Nov. 21

Edmonton Oilers G **Frederik Andersen** can return to Lenovo Center after spending five seasons with the Carolina Hurricanes, a tenure that included the 2021-22 William M. Jennings Trophy and 2026 Stanley Cup.

Monday, Nov. 23

The **Columbus Blue Jackets** will contest the 2,000th regular-season game in franchise history, on the road against the New Jersey Devils.

Friday, Nov. 27

NHL on TNT's Thanksgiving Showdown doubleheader (New York Rangers at Chicago Blackhawks and Pittsburgh Penguins at Buffalo Sabres)

First of two 15-game days scheduled for the 2026-27 regular season (also Feb. 13). Only the Carolina Hurricanes and Montreal Canadiens are idle. .

Saturday, Nov. 28

Washington Capitals F **Jordan Kyrrou** returns to Enterprise Center for the first time after spending his first eight seasons with the Blues. Kyrrou led St. Louis in goals in three of the past four seasons. St. Louis Blues F **Connor McMichael**, part of the Kyrrou trade, will face his former club for the first time. The teams meet again Dec. 19 in Washington.



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Monday, Nov. 30

Philadelphia Flyers G **Joseph Woll** can return to Scotiabank Arena after spending his first five seasons with the Toronto Maple Leafs.

DECEMBER 2026

Tuesday, Dec. 1

Former Boston Bruins captain and 2026 Hockey Hall of Fame Inductee **Patrice Bergeron** will have his No. 37 retired before their game against the Colorado Avalanche (TNT). Bergeron, who won the Stanley Cup with Boston, will become the 14th player in [franchise history](#) to have his number retired.

Thursday, Dec. 3

Toronto Maple Leafs G **Sergei Bobrovsky** can face the Florida Panthers for the first time after seven seasons with the club. The teams also play March 6 and April 1 in Florida, as well as March 15 in Toronto.

Los Angeles Kings F **Mats Zuccarello** faces his former team for the first time after spending seven seasons with the Minnesota Wild. His first visit to Grand Casino Arena will be Dec. 22.

Friday, Dec. 4

The **Chicago Blackhawks** will contest the 7,000th regular-season game in franchise history, on the road against the St. Louis Blues.

Saturday, Dec. 5

The **Detroit Red Wings** will contest the 7,000th regular-season game in franchise history, on the road against the Boston Bruins.

Washington Capitals F **Alex Ovechkin** can skate in his 1,600th career game. He can become the 15th player in NHL history to reach the milestone and second in 2026-27 (Brent Burns: projected Nov. 14).

Monday, Dec. 7

The **New York Rangers** will contest the 7,000th regular-season game in franchise history, at home against the New Jersey Devils.

Thursday, Dec. 10

Nashville Predators F **Nils Hoglander** returns to Rogers Arena where he spent the first six seasons of his career with the Vancouver Canucks

Tuesday, Dec. 15

The **Utah Mammoth** will contest the 200th regular-season game in franchise history, at home against the New York Islanders. This also will mark the first time Mammoth F **Anders Lee** faces his former team – he spent his first 14 seasons with the Islanders including the past eight as captain. His first visit to UBS Arena will be Feb. 15.

Dec. 18 & 20

2026 NHL Global Series Germany (Ottawa Senators vs. Chicago Blackhawks): The Germany city of Düsseldorf will host NHL regular-season games for the first time, with two contests at PSD Bank Dome. It will be the second time overall that Germany hosts NHL regular-season action ([also Oct. 8, 2011, in Berlin](#)), with more [already slated for 2027-28](#).



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Saturday, Dec. 19	St. Louis Blues F Connor McMichael returns to Capital One Arena, where he spent the first six seasons of his career with the Washington Capitals. Toronto Maple Leafs D Darren Raddysh and F Nick Paul will face their former team for the first time after each spending the past five seasons with the Tampa Bay Lightning. Their first visit to Benchmark International Arena will be Feb. 20.
Sunday, Dec. 20	Colorado Avalanche F Jaden Schwartz will face his former team for the first time after being part of the Seattle Kraken's inaugural roster and spending the past five seasons with club. His first visit to Climate Pledge Arena will be March 19.
Monday, Dec. 21	Rematch of the 2026 Stanley Cup Final when the Vegas Golden Knights host the Carolina Hurricanes at T-Mobile Arena, 190 days after the visitors hoisted the Stanley Cup there. The clubs will also meet Jan. 17 in Carolina.
Tuesday, Dec. 22	Final day of games before the Holiday Break with 22 teams in action. Los Angeles Kings F Mats Zuccarello returns to Grand Casino Arena after spending seven seasons with the Minnesota Wild (ESPN+).
Dec. 23-25	Holiday Break (no scheduled practices; dressing rooms closed).
Saturday, Dec. 26	The NHL will play games Boxing Day for the first time since 2015. The 11-game slate is highlighted by the Montreal Canadiens hosting the Toronto Maple Leafs. The Original Six rivals have met a dozen times previously on Dec. 26, most recently in 2009. Montreal Canadiens F Nick Suzuki can match Billy Harris (576 GP) for the fourth-longest consecutive games played to begin an NHL career.
Monday, Dec. 28	Winnipeg Jets D Mario Ferraro faces his former team for the first time after spending his first seven seasons with the San Jose Sharks. His first visit to SAP Center will be Feb. 15.
Thursday, Dec. 31	Discover NHL Winter Classic (Colorado Avalanche at Utah Mammoth; TNT): Rice-Eccles Stadium will host the 18th Winter Classic and 47th NHL regular-season outdoor game, with Utah set to become the 32nd franchise to play outdoors – meaning every active club will have played in at least one. It will be the second outdoor game played on New Year's Eve (also Dec. 31, 2024: STL at CHI). Washington Capitals F Boone Jenner returns to Nationwide Arena for the first time after spending a franchise-high 13 seasons with the Columbus Blue Jackets, including the past five campaigns as captain. Jenner is the franchise leader in games played and ranks among the top three in goals, assists, points, power-play goals and game-winning goals. It will be the second time in six days that Jenner faces his former club (also Dec. 26 in Washington).



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JANUARY 2027

Sunday, Jan. 3

Halfway Mark of the 2026-27 regular season (4th contest on 5-game day; 672 GP).

Wednesday, Jan. 13

San Jose Sharks D **Darnell Nurse** returns to Rogers Place for the first time after spending his first 12 seasons with the Edmonton Oilers. Nurse is the second-longest tenured blueliner in Oilers history and ranks among the top five in [goals](#), [assists](#) and [points](#) by a defenseman for the club.

Thursday, Jan. 14

Olympic gold medalists take center stage on ESPN as F **Matthew Tkachuk** and F **Brady Tkachuk** lead the Florida Panthers against D **Quinn Hughes**, F **Matt Boldy** and D **Brock Faber** and the Minnesota Wild.

St. Louis Blues F **Mason McTavish** returns to Honda Center after spending five seasons with the Anaheim Ducks.

Saturday, Jan. 16

ABC Hockey Saturday returns with an Original Six matchup between the Boston Bruins and New York Rangers, launching a schedule of 16 Saturday games on ABC through the remainder of the regular season.

Sunday, Jan. 17

Winnipeg Jets G **Stuart Skinner** can return to Rogers Place for the first time after spending parts of six seasons with the Oilers – including consecutive trips to the Stanley Cup Final (2024 and 2025). Winnipeg also visits Edmonton April 10 (their regular-season finale).

Monday, Jan. 18

NHL on TNT's Martin Luther King Jr. Day doubleheader (Tampa Bay Lightning at Boston Bruins and Washington Capitals at Pittsburgh Penguins)

Saturday, Jan. 30

Chicago Blackhawks F **Connor Bedard** and San Jose Sharks F **Macklin Celebrini** will meet for the first time in 2026-27 in the first half of a back-to-back in San Jose buffering each club's break (also Feb. 10 on TNT). The North Vancouver natives will also meet March 16 in Chicago (ESPN+).

Former Anaheim Ducks captain **Ryan Getzlaf** will have his [No. 15 retired](#) before the Ducks host the Nashville Predators. He is the franchise leader in [games played](#), [assists](#) and [points](#). Getzlaf, the longest-tenured captain in franchise history and member of their only Stanley Cup-winning team to date, will be the fourth player to have his [number retired by the Ducks](#).

FEBRUARY 2027

Monday, Feb. 1

Vancouver Canucks F **Brendan Gallagher** faces his former team for the first time after spending his first 14 seasons with the Montreal Canadiens. His first visit to Bell Centre will be March 6.

Feb. 4-7

All-Star Break (no regular-season games)



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Feb. 5 & 6	Honda NHL All-Star Weekend will take place at UBS Arena on Long Island, N.Y., with a new format rooted in international exhibition. - Friday, Feb. 5: 2027 NHL All-Star Skills (ESPN, SN) - Saturday, Feb. 6: 2027 Honda NHL All-Star Game (ABC, SN)
Monday, Feb. 8	The regular season schedule resumes for the playoff push, with 62 consecutive days of NHL action to round out the 2026-27 campaign and determine the 16-team bracket for the 2027 Stanley Cup Playoffs.
Saturday, Feb. 13	Second and final 15-game day of the 2026-27 regular season. Only the New York Rangers and Utah Mammoth are idle. Colorado Avalanche D Brent Burns can match Phil Kessel (1,064 GP) for the longest consecutive games played streak in NHL history (at TBL).
Monday, Feb. 15	Colorado Avalanche D Brent Burns can pass Phil Kessel (1,064 GP) for the longest consecutive games played streak in NHL history , at home against the Columbus Blue Jackets. This game also marks the return to Ball Arena for Blue Jackets F Valeri Nichushkin , who won the Stanley Cup in one of his seven seasons with the Avalanche.
Monday, Feb. 15	Utah Mammoth F Anders Lee returns to UBS Arena after spending his first 14 seasons with the Islanders. Lee captained the club over the past eight seasons and ranks among the top 10 in franchise history for games played , goals and points .
Monday, Feb. 15	Winnipeg Jets D Mario Ferraro returns to SAP Center after spending his first seven seasons with the San Jose Sharks.
Monday, Feb. 15	Detroit Red Wings F Keegan Kolesar returns to T-Mobile Arena for the first time after spending seven seasons with the Vegas Golden Knights, a tenure that included a Stanley Cup win and two trips to the Final.
Saturday, Feb. 20	2027 Navy Federal Credit Union NHL Stadium Series (Vegas Golden Knights at Dallas Stars; ABC): Two teams that have combined for five Conference Finals appearances over the past four seasons will meet at AT&T Stadium in Arlington, Texas. The 18th Stadium Series contest and 48th NHL regular-season outdoor game (the third and final on the 2026-27 calendar) will cap the first ABC Hockey Saturday tripleheader of the season (also New York Rangers at Philadelphia and Minnesota Wild at Chicago Blackhawks). The two previous Calder Trophy winners go head-to-head for the first time in 2026-27 when Montreal Canadiens D Lane Hutson (2024-25) hosts New York Islanders D Matthew Schaefer (2025-26). They also will meet March 9 and April 4, both on Long Island. Toronto Maple Leafs D Darren Raddysh and F Nick Paul return to Benchmark International Arena for the first time after each spending the past five seasons with the Tampa Bay Lightning.



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- Sunday, Feb. 21 **Sunday NHL on TNT coverage** ramps up for the playoff push, with this being the first of five consecutive Sundays on the network's slate (New York Rangers at Carolina Hurricanes and Buffalo Sabres at Detroit Red Wings)
- Monday, Feb. 22 Seven players from Team USA's Olympic team are in action on the one-year anniversary of their gold medal win: **Zach Werenski** (CBJ), **Jake Sanderson** (OTT), **Jack Eichel** (VGK), **Noah Hanifin** (VGK), **Brock Nelson** (COL), **Charlie McAvoy** (BOS) and **Jeremy Swayman** (BOS).
- Wednesday, Feb. 24 Former Los Angeles Kings captain **Anze Kopitar** will have his No. 11 retired [and a bronze statue unveiled](#) before the Kings host the Montreal Canadiens. Kopitar won two Stanley Cups with Los Angeles and captained them for 10 seasons. He holds franchise records in [games played](#), [assists](#) and [points](#). Kopitar will become the eighth player in [franchise history](#) to have his number retired.
- Buffalo Sabres head coach **Lindy Ruff** is expected to serve his [2,000th game in that capacity](#) when his club visits the Philadelphia Flyers (TNT).
- Thursday, Feb. 25 **Three-Quarter Mark of the 2026-27 regular season** (5th contest on 8-game day; 1,008 GP).
- Sunday, Feb. 28 Consecutive national doubleheaders in the U.S., starting with the NHL on TNT (New York Rangers at Pittsburgh Penguins and New Jersey Devils at Minnesota Wild) and closing on ESPN (Colorado Avalanche at Chicago Blackhawks and Dallas Stars at St. Louis Blues).
- This also marks the first of two "Hughes Bowl" games during the 2026-27 regular season (both on TNT; also March 31). **Jack** and **Luke Hughes** of the New Jersey Devils visit **Quinn** and the Minnesota Wild for the initial meeting (their 4th in the NHL).

MARCH 2027

Monday, March 1

2027 NHL Trade Deadline (3 p.m. ET)

Saturday, March 6

Toronto Maple Leafs G **Sergei Bobrovsky** returns to Amerant Bank Arena for the first time after winning two Stanley Cups across his seven seasons with the Florida Panthers. He ranks second on the franchise wins list.

Vancouver Canucks F **Brendan Gallagher** returns to Bell Centre for the first time after spending 14 seasons with the Montreal Canadiens. A fan-favorite, Gallagher served as alternate captain for 11 seasons and amassed 246-241—487 in 911 games, a tenure which included three Conference Finals and one Stanley Cup Final appearance.



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Sunday, March 7	Consecutive national doubleheaders in the U.S., starting with the NHL on TNT (Pittsburgh Penguins at New York Islanders and St. Louis Blues at Philadelphia Flyers) and closing on ESPN (Vegas Golden Knights at New York Rangers and Washington Capitals at Minnesota Wild).
	New York Rangers F Pavel Dorofeyev faces his former team for the first time after back-to-back 30-goal seasons and a trip to the 2026 Stanley Cup Final with the Vegas Golden Knights (ESPN). His first visit to T-Mobile Arena will come less than a week later (March 13).
Monday, March 15	Tampa Bay Lightning D John Carlson returns to Capital One Arena for the first time after spending 17 seasons with the Washington Capitals. He holds franchise records for goals , assists and points by a defenseman and was part of the Capitals' Stanley Cup-winning team in 2018.
Thursday, March 18	Washington Capitals F Alex Tuch returns to KeyBank Center for the first time after spending five seasons with the Buffalo Sabres (ESPN+). Tuch ranked within the top three for goals , assists and points during his tenure with Buffalo, including three 30-goal campaigns.
Friday, March 19	Colorado Avalanche F Jaden Schwartz returns to Climate Pledge Arena after being part of the Seattle Kraken's inaugural roster and spending the past five seasons with the club.

APRIL 2027

Saturday, April 3	The second ABC Hockey Saturday tripleheader of the season will feature an all-Eastern Conference slate (Florida Panthers at New York Rangers; Tampa Bay Lightning at Boston Bruins; and Philadelphia Flyers at Pittsburgh Penguins). Buffalo Sabres general manager Jarmo Kekäläinen is expected to serve his 1,000th game in that capacity when his club visits the Toronto Maple Leafs.
Sunday, April 4	Consecutive national doubleheaders in the U.S., starting with the NHL on TNT (Colorado Avalanche at Minnesota Wild and Florida Panthers at New Jersey Devils) and closing on ESPN (Pittsburgh Penguins at Washington Capitals and St. Louis Blues at San Jose Sharks).
Sunday, April 4	Pittsburgh Penguins F Sidney Crosby and Washington Capitals F Alex Ovechkin renew one of hockey's greatest rivalries on ESPN during Washington's final home game of the 2026-27 regular season.
Tuesday, April 6	An ESPN doubleheader featuring the Pittsburgh Penguins at New York Rangers followed by the St. Louis Blues at Vegas Golden Knights will include a special playoff push whip-around show delivering live looks and highlights during a pivotal night of action.



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Saturday, April 10

The **final day of the regular season** will also mark the second and **final 16-game day of 2026-27**. The NHL season will conclude with every team in action for the fifth time in the expansion era (also 2014-15 and 2011-12, both 15 GP; and 1976-77 and 1975-76, both 9 GP). The potentially pivotal slate will include 12 games between divisional opponents, tying the highest single-day total in NHL history (also 12 GP on [Dec. 27, 2023](#); excluding the 2020-21 season which was exclusively intradivisional play). Three of those divisional rivalries will air across the third **ABC Hockey Saturday tripleheader** of the season (Washington Capitals at Philadelphia Flyers; Minnesota Wild at Colorado Avalanche; and Boston Bruins at Tampa Bay Lightning).

Tuesday, April 13

2027 Stanley Cup Playoffs begin

JUNE 2027

Saturday, June 19

Last possible day of 2027 Stanley Cup Final, which will be broadcast exclusively on TNT Sports platforms in the United States as well as Sportsnet and TVA Sports in Canada.

June 25 & 26

2027 NHL Draft



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