

NHL MORNING SKATE – DEC. 13, 2017

TUESDAY'S RESULTS

Home Team in Caps

BUFFALO 3, Ottawa 2
NEW JERSEY 5, Los Angeles 1
PHILADELPHIA 4, Toronto 2
WASHINGTON 5, Colorado 2
Edmonton 7, COLUMBUS 2
Tampa Bay 3, ST. LOUIS 0
MINNESOTA 2, Calgary 1 (SO)
CHICAGO 3, Florida 2 (OT)
Carolina 3, VEGAS 2 (SO)

McDAVID HAS FOUR POINTS IN OILERS' SEVEN-GOAL OUTBURST

Connor McDavid (1-3—4) factored on four of seven goals to lead the Oilers to victory against the Metropolitan Division-leading Blue Jackets. Edmonton scored at least seven goals in a game for the third time this season, tied with Winnipeg for the most such outings in 2017-18.

* McDavid recorded his second career game with at least four points (2-3—5 on Feb. 11, 2016 vs. TOR) to move into third place in the NHL with 12-27—39 this season (31 GP).

* Elias notes that McDavid – who captured the Art Ross Trophy with 30-70—100 last season (82 GP) – leads all players with 40 *multi-point* games since the beginning of 2016-17, three more than the next-closest player in that span (**Nikita Kucherov**: 37).



LIGHTNING BLANK BLUES FOR FIFTH STRAIGHT WIN

Andrei Vasilevskiy turned aside all 32 shots he faced to backstop the League-leading Lightning (22-6-2, 46 points) past the Western Conference-leading Blues (21-9-2, 44 points) and to their fifth straight victory, the longest active win streak in the NHL.

* Vasilevskiy recorded his third shutout of the season and improved to 20-4-1 in 25 appearances (2.15 GAA, .933 SV%, 3 SO), becoming the first goaltender to reach the 20-win mark in 2017-18. Elias notes that Vasilevskiy became the sixth goaltender in NHL history to reach the 20-win mark within his first 25 appearances of a season.



GP	Goaltender	Season
23	TINY THOMPSON	1929-30 w/ BOS
24	ANDREW HAMMOND	2014-15 w/ OTT
25	BILL DURMAN	1943-44 w/ MTL
25	PETE PEETERS	1979-80 w/ PHI
25	BRADEN HOLTBY	2015-16 w/ WSH
25	ANDREI VASILEVSKIY	2017-18 w/ TBL

* Vasilevskiy leads the League with 32 wins since taking over as Tampa Bay's starter on Feb. 27 – four more than the next-closest netminders in that span (**Jake Allen** and **Braden Holtby**: 28 apiece).

* **Nikita Kucherov** (21-21—42 in 30 GP) scored to move into a tie for the most goals (w/ **Alex Ovechkin**) and points (w/ **Steven Stamkos**) in the NHL this season. **Brayden Point** (1-1—2) scored for the fourth consecutive contest (4-2—6), including his second straight game-winning goal.


FLYERS EXTEND WIN STREAK TO FOUR GAMES


The Flyers tied the game in third period and **Sean Couturier** (1-1—2) scored the go-ahead goal with 2:55 remaining in regulation to lift Philadelphia to its fourth consecutive win on the heels of a 10-game skid (0-5-5).

* Elias notes that the Flyers became the 12th team in NHL history – and fifth in the past 20 years – to post four or more consecutive wins immediately following a *winless* stretch of at least 10 games. The other teams over the last 20 years: the 1998-99 Canadiens, 2002-03 Penguins, 2005-06 Sharks and 2009-10 Bruins.


WARD REACHES 300-WIN MILESTONE

Hurricanes goaltender **Cam Ward** made 22 saves through 65 minutes and denied four shootout attempts to become the 32nd goaltender in NHL history (fifth active) to reach the 300-win milestone.



 **300+ WINS**
ACTIVE GOALIES

ROBERTO LUONGO	– 459
HENRIK LUNDQVIST	– 419
MARC-ANDRE FLEURY	– 378
RYAN MILLER	– 361
CAM WARD	– 300

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MARLEAU REACHES 1,100-POINT MILESTONE, CLIMBS GAMES PLAYED LIST

Maple Leafs forward **Patrick Marleau** scored to become the fourth active player to reach the 1,100-point milestone. The goal was the 519th of Marleau's career, moving him ahead of **Dale Hawerchuk** (518) into sole possession of 37th place on the NHL's all-time list. Marleau also skated in his 1,525th career game to surpass **Brendan Shanahan** (1,524) for sole possession of 16th place in NHL history.



 **1,100+ POINTS**
ACTIVE PLAYERS


JAROMIR JAGR		766-1,155	—	1,921
JOE THORNTON		389-1,023	—	1,412
MARIAN HOSSA		525-609	—	1,134
PATRICK MARLEAU		519-581	—	1,100









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