

2018-19 NHL SEASON

Records.NHL.com, Offseason Changes, Milestones, Dates of Interest + More



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RECORDS.NHL.COM

On Sept. 17, the National Hockey League took another step in providing fans unprecedented access to its rich hockey history by introducing a new information website, records.nhl.com. The new site builds on last season's momentum with the online addition of one hundred years of statistical game data.

With this launch, all of the NHL's official records are updated daily and available digitally for the first time ever to provide users with access to all the latest information. Designed to utilize the League's entire historical statistical database, records.nhl.com provides hockey fans, media and broadcasters a user-friendly, one-stop platform to stay connected to the game.

[Click here](#) to watch a tutorial video on what's now available, including:

- Sortable and easy-to-use records for skaters, goaltenders and teams, with expanded lists for the regular season and playoffs;
- Up to thousands of results for each record with links to box scores and player pages;
- Sortable lists of historical skater milestones, including [500 goals](#) and [1,000 points](#);
- All-time playoff and regular-season standings, aggregated by franchise and updated daily;
- Extensive [franchise history](#), including sortable year-by-year records and all-time record vs. opponents, franchise records, lists of all-time captains, coaches, GMs, retired numbers, and more;
- In-depth history of all major NHL team and individual awards and trophies, including historic photography of [Stanley Cup](#) winners, and historic team logos;
- A history of the [progression of major scoring records](#), including most goals/season, most goals/career, most assists/season, most assists/career, most points/season and most points/career;
- Complete sortable, pick-by-pick history of the [NHL Draft](#) dating to 1963;
- Event-specific history including preseason games ([Hockeyville](#), [China Games](#), etc.), games held [outside North America](#), [All-Star Games](#) and [outdoor games](#);
- History Section: League-related history, [game attendance](#), historical [rule changes](#), playoff formats, Hockey Hall of Fame selections and current members of the NHL's Board of Governors.

NHL.com staff provide some background on the process and what fans can expect with the new site: "[NHL Unveils New Online Home for League History](#)"

The launch of the new site represents the first of a multi-phase rollout. Future enhancements will include additional integration of historic video and photos, coaching records and register, new records and record categories and additional means to search and sort information.

FAMILIAR FACES IN NEW PLACES

PLAYERS

Anaheim Ducks – G Jared Coreau, C Chase De Leo, C Brian Gibbons, RW Anton Rodin, RW Carter Rowney, D Luke Schenn, C Ben Street, D Andrej Sustr

Arizona Coyotes – RW Hudson Fasching, C Alex Galchenyuk, RW Michael Grabner, D Jacob Graves, LW Adam Helewka, C Vinnie Hinostroza, D Jordan Oesterle, D Robbie Russo, LW David Ullstrom

Boston Bruins – D Cody Goloubef, G Jaroslav Halak, D Steven Kampfer, C Mark McNeill, D John Moore, C Joakim Nordstrom, RW Chris Wagner

Buffalo Sabres – C Patrik Berglund, D Matt Hunwick, G Carter Hutton, LW Conor Sheary, C Jeff Skinner, C Vladimir Sobotka, C Tage Thompson, G Scott Wedgewood

Calgary Flames – C Austin Czarnik, C Tyler Graovac, D Noah Hanifin, C Elias Lindholm, LW James Neal, D Dalton Prout, C Alan Quine, RW Buddy Robinson, C Derek Ryan, LW Kerby Rychel

Carolina Hurricanes – D Calvin de Haan, LW Micheal Ferland, D Dougie Hamilton, LW Jordan Martinook, G Petr Mrazek, D Dan Renouf

Chicago Blackhawks – D Andrew Campbell, C Marcus Kruger, LW Chris Kunitz, D Brandon Manning, C Jordan Schroeder, G Cam Ward

Colorado Avalanche – LW Matt Calvert, D Ian Cole, G Philipp Grubauer, RW Scott Kosmachuk

Columbus Blue Jackets – G J-F Berube, D Adam Clendening, D Tommy Cross, LW Anthony Duclair, C Riley Nash, D Dillon Simpson

Dallas Stars – LW Blake Comeau, RW Erik Condra, D Joel Hanley, G Anton Khudobin, LW Michael Mersch, D Roman Polak

Detroit Red Wings – G Jonathan Bernier, C Wade Megan, G Harri Sateri, LW Chris Terry, LW Thomas Vanek

Edmonton Oilers – C Kyle Brodziak, D Kevin Gravel, D Jakub Jerabek, RW Tobias Rieder

Florida Panthers – RW Troy Brouwer, LW Mike Hoffman, G Michael Hutchinson

Los Angeles Kings – G Peter Budaj, LW Ilya Kovalchuk, RW Zack Mitchell

Minnesota Wild – D Matt Bartkowski, RW J.T. Brown, C Eric Fehr, G Andrew Hammond, C Matt Hendricks, LW, Mike Liambas, D Greg Pateryn, RW Matt Read

Montréal Canadiens – LW Kenny Agostino, RW Joel Armia, C Michael Chaput, LW Max Domi, D Xavier Ouellet, C Matthew Peca, C Tomas Plekanec, C Hunter Shinkaruk, LW Tomas Tatar

Nashville Predators – LW Connor Brickley, C Rocco Grimaldi, D Dan Hamhuis, C Zac Rinaldo, D Jarred Tinordi

New Jersey Devils – RW Kurtis Gabriel, D Eric Gryba, D John Ramage, C Kevin Rooney, D Steven Santini, LW Eric Tangradi

New York Islanders – C Valtteri Filppula, G Christopher Gibson, D Seth Helgeson, C Leo Komarov, RW Tom Kuhnhackl, G Robin Lehner, LW Matt Lorito, LW Matt Martin, RW Mike Sislo

New York Rangers – D Fredrik Claesson, G Marek Mazanec, D Adam McQuaid, G Dustin Tokarski

Ottawa Senators – C Chase Balisy, LW Mikkel Boedker, C Paul Carey, D Dylan DeMelo, G Mike McKenna, LW Adam Tambellini, C Chris Tierney

Philadelphia Flyers – D Christian Folin, LW James van Riemsdyk

Pittsburgh Penguins – C Matt Cullen, D Kevin Czuczman, D Stefan Elliott, C Derek Grant, RW Jimmy Hayes, D Jack Johnson

St. Louis Blues – C Tyler Bozak, G Chad Johnson, LW Pat Maroon, C Jordan Nolan, C Ryan O'Reilly, LW David Perron, RW Nikita Soshnikov, D Tyler Wotherspoon

San Jose Sharks – D Erik Karlsson

Tampa Bay Lightning – C Andy Andreoff, D Cameron Gaunce

Toronto Maple Leafs – RW Adam Cracknell, LW Tyler Ennis, RW Josh Jooris, D Jordan Subban, C John Tavares

Vancouver Canucks – C Jay Beagle, C Tanner Kero, LW Antoine Roussel, C Tim Schaller

Vegas Golden Knights – LW Daniel Carr, LW Curtis McKenzie, C Paul Stastny, D Nick Holden, LW Max Pacioretty

Washington Capitals – C Nic Dowd, C Jayson Megna, C Michael Sgarbossa

Winnipeg Jets – D Simon Bourque, G Laurent Brossoit, RW Dennis Everberg, C Seth Griffith, LW Nicolas Kerdiles

Notable Offseason Additions

HOCKEY OPERATIONS

NEW GM

Carolina Hurricanes – Don Waddell

Minnesota Wild – Paul Fenton

New York Islanders – Lou Lamoriello

Tampa Bay Lightning – Julien BriseBois

Toronto Maple Leafs – Kyle Dubas

NEW ASSISTANT GM

New York Islanders – Steve Pellegrini

Ottawa Senators – Peter MacTavish

St. Louis Blues – Bill Armstrong

San Jose Sharks – Tim Burke

Toronto Maple Leafs – Laurence Gilman, Brandon Pridham

NEW ASSISTANT GM/DIRECTOR OF SCOUTING

Arizona Coyotes – Lindsay Hofford

NEW SENIOR VP OF HOCKEY OPERATIONS

Carolina Hurricanes – Rick Dudley

NEW VP OF HOCKEY OPERATIONS

Carolina Hurricanes – Paul Krepelka

NEW VP OF HOCKEY MANAGEMENT AND STRATEGY

Carolina Hurricanes – Eric Tulsy

NEW SENIOR DIRECTOR OF PLAYER DEVELOPMENT

Toronto Maple Leafs – Scott Pellerin

NEW DIRECTOR OF HOCKEY OPERATIONS

St. Louis Blues – Ryan Miller

NEW DIRECTOR OF PLAYER DEVELOPMENT

Toronto Maple Leafs – Stephane Robidas

NEW DIRECTOR OF PLAYER PERSONNEL

Carolina Hurricanes – Darren Yorke

NEW DIRECTOR OF SCOUTING

San Jose Sharks – Doug Wilson, Jr.

NEW ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF PLAYER DEVELOPMENT

Toronto Maple Leafs – Hayley Wickenheiser

NEW SENIOR ADVISOR TO THE GM/HOCKEY OPERATIONS

New Jersey Devils – Chuck Fletcher

Tampa Bay Lightning – Steve Yzerman

NEW SENIOR ADVISOR

Vancouver Canucks – Doug Jarvis

NEW PLAYER DEVELOPMENT CONSULTANT

Detroit Red Wings – Brandon Naurato

NEW CHIEF AMATEUR SCOUT

Nashville Predators – Tom Nolan

Notable Offseason Additions

NEW HEAD COACH

Calgary Flames – Bill Peters
Carolina Hurricanes – Rod Brind'Amour
Dallas Stars – Jim Montgomery
New York Islanders – Barry Trotz
New York Rangers – David Quinn
Washington Capitals – Todd Reirden

NEW ASSOCIATE COACH

New York Islanders – Lane Lambert

NEW ASSISTANT COACH

Anaheim Ducks – Marty Wilford
Buffalo Sabres – Steve Smith
Calgary Flames – Ryan Huska, Geoff Ward
Carolina Hurricanes – Jeff Daniels, Dean Chynoweth
Dallas Stars – Rick Bowness, Todd Nelson
Detroit Red Wings – Dan Bylsma
Edmonton Oilers – Glen Gulutzan, Manny Viveiros, Trent Yawney
Minnesota Wild – Dean Evason
Montréal Canadiens – Dominique Ducharme, Luke Richardson
New Jersey Devils – Rick Kowalsky, Mike Grier
New York Islanders – John Gruden
New York Rangers – David Oliver, Greg Brown
St. Louis Blues – Mike Van Ryn
Tampa Bay Lightning – Jeff Halpern, Derek Lalonde
Washington Capitals – Scott Arniel, Reid Cashman

NEW GOALTENDING COACH

Columbus Blue Jackets – Manny Legace
New York Islanders – Piero Greco
Vancouver Canucks – Ian Clark

NEW GOALTENDING DEVELOPMENT COACH

Arizona Coyotes – Zac Bierk
Columbus Blue Jackets – Jim Corsi
Pittsburgh Penguins – Andy Chiodo

NEW DIRECTOR OF GOALTENDING

New York Islanders – Mitch Korn
Vancouver Canucks – Dan Cloutier

NEW PLAYER DEVELOPMENT COACH

Pittsburgh Penguins – Tom Kostopoulos

NEW DEVELOPMENT COACH

Ottawa Senators – Chris Kelly
St. Louis Blues – Glen Wesley

NEW SKATING AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT COACH

Pittsburgh Penguins – Ty Hennes

NEW SKATING COACH

Arizona Coyotes – Lars Hepso

NEW HEAD PERFORMANCE COACH

Boston Bruins – Kevin Neeld

Notable Offseason Additions

NEW ASSISTANT PERFORMANCE COACH

Boston Bruins – Ken Whittier

EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT

NEW PRESIDENT AND CEO

Arizona Coyotes – Ahron Cohen

NEW EXECUTIVE VP OF BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

New Jersey – Martin Brodeur

NEW CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER

Ottawa Senators – Nicolas Ruszkowski

NEW CHIEF MARKETING OFFICER

Ottawa Senators – Aimee Deziel

APPROACHING REGULAR SEASON MILESTONES IN 2018-19

NHL MILESTONE AWARDS

NHL Milestone Awards are presented by the League to players who achieve the following: 1,000 games, 400 goals, 600 assists and 1,000 points (skaters); 500 games and 40 shutouts (goaltenders); and 750 games (head coaches).

GAMES – SKATERS (1,000)

- * **Tomas Plekanec** (MTL) needs 2
- * **Duncan Keith** (CHI) needs 5
- * **Ryan Suter** (MIN) needs 9
- * **Jason Spezza** (DAL) needs 11
- * **Ron Hainsey** (TOR) needs 13
- * **Jason Pominville** (BUF) needs 13
- * **Brooks Orpik** (WSH) needs 18
- * **Dion Phaneuf** (LAK) needs 19
- * **Trevor Daley** (DET) needs 29
- * **Chris Kunitz** (CHI) needs 34
- * **Thomas Vanek** (DET) needs 35
- * **Patrice Bergeron** (BOS) needs 37
- * **Brent Burns** (SJS) needs 39
- * **Corey Perry** (ANA) needs 43
- * **Ryan Kesler** (ANA) needs 59
- * **Mikko Koivu** (MIN) needs 75
- * **Anze Kopitar** (LAK) needs 78
- * **Andrew Ladd** (NYI) needs 80

GOALS – SKATERS (400)

- * **Joe Thornton** (SJS) needs 3
- * **Eric Staal** (MIN) needs 5
- * **Evgeni Malkin** (PIT) needs 30

ASSISTS – SKATERS (600)

- * **Patrick Marleau** (TOR) needs 6
- * **Nicklas Backstrom** (WSH) needs 10
- * **Jason Spezza** (DAL) needs 36
- * **Evgeni Malkin** (PIT) needs 40
- * **Anze Kopitar** (LAK) needs 62

POINTS – SKATERS (1,000)

- * **Evgeni Malkin** (PIT) needs 70
- * **Eric Staal** (MIN) needs 78

GAMES – GOALTENDERS (500)

- * **Jimmy Howard** (DET) needs 39
- * **Jaroslav Halak** (BOS) needs 51
- * **Tuukka Rask** (BOS) needs 51
- * **Antti Niemi** (MTL) needs 53
- * **Devan Dubnyk** (MIN) needs 77

SHUTOUTS – GOALTENDERS (40)

- * **Brian Elliott** (PHI) needs 3^
 - * **Mike Smith** (CGY) needs 4^
 - * **Antti Niemi** (MTL) needs 4^
 - * **Braden Holtby** (WSH) needs 8
 - * **Devan Dubnyk** (MIN) needs 11
- ^ *Received Milestone Award for 25th shutout.*

GAMES – HEAD COACHES (750)

- * **Peter DeBoer** (SJS) needs 10

OTHER APPROACHING NHL MILESTONES IN 2018-19

SKATERS

1,500 Games

- * **Joe Thornton** (SJS) needs 7
- * **Matt Cullen** (PIT) needs 55

1,200 Games

- * **Justin Williams** (CAR) needs 38

1,100 Games

- * **Eric Staal** (MIN) needs 7
- * **Marian Gaborik** (OTT) needs 65
- * **Dan Hamhuis** (NSH) needs 69

300 Goals

- * **Jonathan Toews** (CHI) needs 8
- * **Anze Kopitar** (LAK) needs 10
- * **Justin Williams** (CAR) needs 11
- * **Patrice Bergeron** (BOS) needs 11
- * **Jason Pominville** (BUF) needs 23
- * **John Tavares** (TOR) needs 28
- * **James Neal** (CGY) needs 37

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GOALTENDERS

800 Games

- * **Ryan Miller** (ANA) needs 63
- * **Marc-Andre Fleury** (VGK) needs 63

700 Games

- * **Cam Ward** (CHI) needs 32

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HEAD COACHES

1,600 Games

- * **Barry Trotz** (New York Islanders) needs 76

1,500 Games

- * **Paul Maurice** (Winnipeg Jets) needs 53

1,200 Games

- * **Mike Babcock** (Toronto Maple Leafs) needs 4
- * **John Tortorella** (Columbus Blue Jackets) needs 25

1,100 Games

- * **Peter Laviolette** (Nashville Predators) needs 13

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700 Assists

- * **Ryan Getzlaf** (ANA) needs 72

500 Assists

- * **Mikko Koivu** (MIN) needs 34
- * **Claude Giroux** (PHI) needs 37
- * **Duncan Keith** (CHI) needs 49
- * **Patrice Bergeron** (BOS) needs 55

1,200 Points

- * **Patrick Marleau** (TOR) needs 71
- * **Alex Ovechkin** (WSH) needs 78
- * **Sidney Crosby** (PIT) needs 84

600 Games

- * **Pekka Rinne** (NSH) needs 33
- * **Craig Anderson** (OTT) needs 36
- * **Carey Price** (MTL) needs 42
- * **Jonathan Quick** (LAK) needs 44
- * **Mike Smith** (CGY) needs 71

900 Wins

- * **Joel Quenneville** (Chicago Blackhawks) needs 16 wins to become the second coach in NHL history to reach 900 wins, following **Scotty Bowman** (1,244)

600 Wins

- * **Claude Julien** (Montréal Canadiens) needs 17
- * **John Tortorella** (Columbus Blue Jackets) needs 25
- * **Peter Laviolette** (Nashville Predators) needs 29

Approaching Milestones

GENERAL MANAGERS

* **Lou Lamoriello** (NYI; 2,386) needs 14 games to become the third general manager in NHL history to serve 2,400 games, joining David Poile (2,704; 1st) and Glen Sather (2,700; 2nd)

* **Jim Rutherford** (PIT; 1,818) needs 82 games to join Poile, Sather, Lamoriello, Harry Sinden (2,234; 4th), Cliff Fletcher (2,055; 5th) and Jack Adams (1,994; 6th) as the only general managers to serve 1,900 games

* **George McPhee** (VGK; 1,360) needs 40 games to become the 20th general manager to serve 1,400 games

* **Doug Armstrong** (STL; 999), **Bob Murray** (ANA; 957) and **Peter Chiarelli** (EDM; 950) each can reach the 1,000-game milestone, a feat achieved by 31 general managers in NHL history entering 2018-19

CLIMBING ALL-TIME NHL LISTS

SKATERS

Games

* Toronto Maple Leafs C **Patrick Marleau** (1,575) needs 37 games to tie Ray Bourque (1,612) for 10th place on the NHL's all-time games played list. If Marleau plays all 82 games, he would surpass Larry Murphy (1,615; 9th), Scott Stevens (1,635; 8th), Dave Andreychuk (1,639; 7th), Chris Chelios (1,651; 6th) and Mark Recchi (1,652; 5th).

* San Jose Sharks C **Joe Thornton** (1,493) needs two games to tie Phil Housley (1,495) for 20th place on the NHL's all-time games played list. If Thornton plays all 82 games, he would surpass Mike Modano (1,499; 19th), Steve Yzerman (1,514; 18th), Brendan Shanahan (1,524; 17th), Johnny Bucyk (1,540; t-15th), Shane Doan (1,540; t-15th), Alex Delvecchio (1,550; 14th), Jarome Iginla (1,554; 13th) and Nicklas Lidstrom (1,564; 12th).

* Pittsburgh Penguins C **Matt Cullen** (1,445) needs one game to surpass Tim Horton (1,445) for sole possession of 27th place on the NHL's all-time games played list. Players between Cullen and San Jose Sharks C Joe Thornton: Teemu Selanne (1,451; 26th), Glen Wesley (1,457; 25th), Doug Gilmour (1,474; 24th), Rod Brind'Amour (1,484; 23rd) and Wayne Gretzky (1,487; 22nd).

Goals

* Washington Capitals LW **Alex Ovechkin** (607) needs one goal to tie Dino Ciccarelli (608) for 18th place on the NHL's all-time goals list. A 50-goal season also would propel Ovechkin into 13th place in NHL history, moving him past Bobby Hull (610; 17th), Jarome Iginla (625; 16th), Joe Sakic (625; 15th), Dave Andreychuk (640; 14th) and Brendan Shanahan (656; 13th).

* Washington Capitals LW **Alex Ovechkin** (229; 10th) also can move up the NHL's all-time power-play goals list. If he scores 15 power-play goals, he will pass Dino Ciccarelli (232; 9th), Marcel Dionne (234; 8th), Mario Lemieux (236; 7th) and Brendan Shanahan (237; 6th) and be within reach of Phil Esposito (246; 5th) and Luc Robitaille (247; 4th).

* Toronto Maple Leafs C **Patrick Marleau** (103; 7th) and Washington Capitals LW **Alex Ovechkin** (102; 8th) can climb the NHL's all-time game-winning goals list. Marleau and Ovechkin each are within eight game-winning goals of Brendan Shanahan (109; 6th), Teemu Selanne (110; t-4th) and Brett Hull (110; t-4th).

* Los Angeles Kings LW **Ilya Kovalchuk** (14) ranks eighth on the NHL's all-time overtime goals list, one back of Mats Sundin (15), Marian Hossa (15) and Sergei Fedorov (15), who are tied for fifth place, and two behind Daniel Sedin (16) and Patrik Elias (16), who share third place.

Assists

* San Jose Sharks C **Joe Thornton** (1,030) needs three assists to tie Mario Lemieux (1,033) for 11th place on the NHL's all-time assists list. A 40-assist season also would propel Thornton into eighth place in NHL history, moving him past Marcel Dionne (1,040th; 10th), Gordie Howe (1,049; 9th) and Steve Yzerman (1,063; 8th), and within nine of tying Adam Oates (1,079; 7th).

Points

* San Jose Sharks C **Joe Thornton** (1,427) needs 30 points to tie Teemu Selanne (1,457) for 15th place on the NHL's all-time points list and 40 to tie Stan Mikita (1,467; 14th).

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GOALTENDERS

Games

* Florida Panthers G **Roberto Luongo** (1,001) needs 28 games to tie Patrick Roy (1,029) for second place on the NHL's all-time games played list among goaltenders, behind Martin Brodeur (1,266; 1st).

* New York Rangers G **Henrik Lundqvist** (805) needs 15 games to tie Sean Burke (820) for 13th place on the NHL's all-time games played list among goaltenders. A 60-game season also would move Lundqvist past Jacques Plante (837; 12th) and Gump Worsley (860; 11th) and within three of tying Grant Fuhr (868; 10th).

Wins

* Florida Panthers G **Roberto Luongo** (471) needs 13 wins to tie Ed Belfour (484) for third place on the NHL's all-time wins list, behind Patrick Roy (551; 2nd) and Martin Brodeur (691; 1st).

* New York Rangers G **Henrik Lundqvist** (431) needs six wins to tie Jacques Plante (437) for seventh place on the NHL's all-time wins list. Lundqvist also sits 14 wins shy of tying Terry Sawchuk (445; 6th) and 23 shy of equaling Curtis Joseph (454; 5th).

* Vegas Golden Knights G **Marc-Andre Fleury** (404) needs three wins to tie Glenn Hall (407) for 10th place on the NHL's all-time wins list and 19 to match Tony Esposito (423; 9th).

* Anaheim Ducks G **Ryan Miller** (370) needs two wins to tie Andy Moog (372) for 17th place on the NHL's all-time wins list and four to match John Vanbiesbrouck (374; 16th). A 20-win season also would leapfrog Miller ahead of Mike Vernon (385; 15th) and Dominik Hasek (389; 14th).

Shutouts

* Florida Panthers G **Roberto Luongo** (76) needs one shutout to surpass Tony Esposito (76) and Ed Belfour (76) into sole possession of ninth place on the NHL's all-time shutouts list. Alec Connell (81), Tiny Thompson (81) and Dominik Hasek (81) share sixth place, while Jacques Plante (82) stands alone in fifth place.

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HEAD COACHES

Wins

* **Barry Trotz** (NYI; 762) needs 20 wins to tie Al Arbour (782) for fourth place in NHL history. Trotz also sits 12 games shy of tying Ken Hitchcock (1,536) for fourth place and 82 shy of moving within one of Al Arbour (1,607) for third place.

* **Paul Maurice** (WPG; 648) needs 24 wins to tie Mike Keenan (672) for ninth place in NHL history.

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APPROACHING FRANCHISE RECORDS

Anaheim Ducks

* **Corey Perry** (957) needs nine games to tie Teemu Selanne (966) for the most in franchise history.

* **Cam Fowler** (53-196—249) needs seven goals, eight assists and 15 points to tie Scott Niedermayer (60-204—264) for franchise records by a defenseman in each category. Fowler (561) also needs 33 games to tie Ruslan Salei (594) for the most by a defenseman in franchise history. Fowler currently ranks second among Ducks defensemen for career assists and points, and sits third in goals and games played (Francois Beauchemin had 56 G in 592 GP w/ ANA, 2nd in both categories).

* **Hampus Lindholm** (42) ranks fifth in career goals by a Ducks defenseman, behind Niedermayer, Fowler and Oleg Tverdovsky (45; 4th).

Arizona Coyotes

* **Oliver Ekman-Larsson** (102) needs six goals to tie Teppo Numminen (108) for the most by a defenseman in franchise history.

Boston Bruins

* **Tuukka Rask** (238 W, 449 GP) needs 14 wins and 18 games to tie Tiny Thompson (252 W, 468 GP) as the franchise's all-time leader in both categories among goaltenders.

* **Zdeno Chara** (315) needs two assists to tie Brad Park (317) for third place on the franchise's all-time list for assists by a defenseman, behind Bobby Orr (624; 2nd) and Ray Bourque (1,111; 1st).

Calgary Flames

* **Mark Giordano** (755; 3rd) needs 71 games to tie Robyn Regehr (826) for the most by a defenseman in franchise history (Al MacInnis ranks 2nd w/ 803).

Carolina Hurricanes

* **Justin Faulk** (223; 3rd) needs 17 points to tie Dave Babych (240; 1st) for the most by a defenseman in franchise history (Glen Wesley ranks 2nd w/ 227). Faulk already is the franchise leader in goals by a defenseman (74) and ranks third in assists (149), behind Wesley (176; 2nd) and Babych (196; 1st).

Chicago Blackhawks

* **Brent Seabrook** (1,004; 2nd) and **Duncan Keith** (995; 3rd) both sit within 13 games of tying Bob Murray (1,008) for the most by a defenseman in franchise history.

Colorado Avalanche

* **Tyson Barrie** (61-187—248) is within reach of franchise records for goals, assists and points by a defenseman. He trails only Sandis Ozolinsh (72; 1st), John-Michael Liles (68; 2nd) and Rob Blake (62; 3rd) in goals; is behind Liles (207; 1st) and Adam Foote (203; 2nd) in assists; and is chasing Liles (275; 1st), Foote (259; 2nd) and Ozolinsh (253; 3rd) in points.

Columbus Blue Jackets

* **Seth Jones** (30; 5th) and **Zach Werenski** (27; 6th) each are within 14 goals of tying Rostislav Klesla (41) for the most by a defenseman in franchise history.

Florida Panthers

* **Aaron Ekblad** (53) is tied with Jay Bouwmeester for second place on the franchise's all-time list for goals by a defenseman, eight shy of matching Robert Svehla (61) for the franchise record.

Approaching Milestones – Franchise Records

Los Angeles Kings

* **Dustin Brown** (1,045) needs 32 games to tie Luc Robitaille (1,077) for second place on the franchise's all-time list and 66 to tie Dave Taylor (1,111) for the most in franchise history.

* **Drew Doughty** (320 A, 770 GP) needs 13 assists and 35 games to tie Rob Blake (333 A, 805 GP) for the most by a defenseman in franchise history in both categories. Doughty currently ranks second in assists by a Kings defenseman and third in games played (Mattias Norstrom ranks 2nd w/ 780).

Minnesota Wild

* **Devan Dubnyk** (20) needs eight shutouts to tie Niklas Backstrom (28) as the franchise's all-time leader.

* Three members of the Wild are among the top four in franchise history for goals by a defenseman. The top four: **Jared Spurgeon** (56), Brent Burns (55), **Matt Dumba** (44) and **Ryan Suter** (37).

Montréal Canadiens

* **Carey Price** (286) needs three wins to tie Patrick Roy (289) for second place on the franchise's all-time wins list and 28 to tie Jacques Plante (314) for the most in franchise history.

Pittsburgh Penguins

* **Sidney Crosby** (864) needs 51 games to tie Mario Lemieux (915) for the most in franchise history.

* **Kris Letang** (437 PTS, 96 G) needs three points and 12 goals to tie Paul Coffey (440 PTS, 108 G) for the most by a defenseman in franchise history in both categories. Letang (682) also needs 21 games to tie Brooks Orpik (703) for the franchise record among defensemen. Letang already leads Penguins defensemen in career assists (341).

Tampa Bay Lightning

* **Steven Stamkos** (348) is within reach of the franchise's all-time record for goals, sitting 17 behind Martin St. Louis (365; 2nd) and 35 back of Vincent Lecavalier (383; 1st). Stamkos (8; t-2nd) also needs two overtime goals to tie St. Louis (10) for the most in franchise history.

* **Victor Hedman** (626) needs 36 games to tie Pavel Kubina (662) for the most by a defenseman in franchise history.

* **Andrei Vasilevskiy** (12; t-3rd) needs two shutouts to tie Nikolai Khabibulin (14) for second place on the franchise's all-time list and five to tie Ben Bishop (17) as the franchise's all-time leader.

Vancouver Canucks

* **Alexander Edler** (84) needs nine goals to tie Mattias Ohlund (93) for the most by a defenseman in franchise history. Edler (758; 3rd) also needs 23 games to tie Harold Snepsts (781) for the most by a defenseman in franchise history (Ohlund ranks 2nd w/ 770).

Washington Capitals

* **Braden Holtby** (32) needs three shutouts to tie Olie Kolzig (35) for the most in franchise history.

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APPROACHING FRANCHISE MILESTONES

All-time regular-season records can be found at records.nhl.com/standings/all-time-standings, which will update three times daily throughout the season.

Seasons

The **Edmonton Oilers** will celebrate their 40th anniversary throughout 2018-19.

The **Anaheim Ducks** and **Florida Panthers** each will play their 25th season.

Games

* The **Boston Bruins** (3,115-2,349-954 in 6,418 GP) will play their 6,500th regular-season game in their 2018-19 finale, on Saturday, April 6, at home against the Tampa Bay Lightning

* Five teams will play their 4,000th regular-season games in 2018-19, all within a one-week span in December:

- Saturday, Dec. 22:
 - ❖ **Dallas Stars** (1,739-1,633-592 in 3,964 GP), on the road against the Minnesota Wild
 - ❖ **Los Angeles Kings** (1,673-1,724-567 in 3,964 GP), at home against the San Jose Sharks
 - ❖ **Pittsburgh Penguins** (1,782-1,669-513 in 3,964 GP), on the road against the Carolina Hurricanes
- Thursday, Dec. 27:
 - ❖ **Philadelphia Flyers** (1,976-1,371-617 in 3,964 GP), on the road against the Tampa Bay Lightning
- Saturday, Dec. 29:
 - ❖ **St. Louis Blues** (1,815-1,578-571 in 3,964 GP), at home against the Pittsburgh Penguins

* The **New Jersey Devils** (1,456-1,502-468 in 3,426 GP) will play their 3,500th regular-season game on Tuesday, March 19, at home against the **Washington Capitals** (1,575-1,406-345 in 3,426 GP), who will be on the ice for their 3,499th regular-season game. The Capitals will play their 3,500th regular-season game the next night, Wednesday, March 20, at home against the Tampa Bay Lightning.

* The **Ottawa Senators** (894-831-261 in 1,986 GP) and **Tampa Bay Lightning** (844-893-249 in 1,986 GP) will play their 2,000th regular-season games against each other, on Sunday, Nov. 4, in Ottawa

* The **Winnipeg Jets** (610-648-184 in 1,442 GP) will play their 1,500th regular-season game on Thursday, Feb. 14, at home against the Colorado Avalanche

Goals

- * **New York Rangers** (19,403): 97 for 19,500
- * **Chicago Blackhawks** (18,894): 106 for 19,000
- * **Buffalo Sabres** (11,912): 88 for 12,000
- * **Washington Capitals** (10,807): 193 for 11,000
- * **Colorado Avalanche** (9,788): 212 for 10,000
- * **Carolina Hurricanes** (8,972): 28 for 9,000
- * **San Jose Sharks** (5,868): 132 for 6,000
- * **Florida Panthers** (4,978): 22 for 5,000
- * **Vegas Golden Knights** (272): 228 for 500

^ Includes shootout-deciding goals

DATES OF INTEREST

SEPTEMBER 2018

- Thursday, Sept. 6** Rookie camps open.
- Thursday, Sept. 13** Training camps open.
- Saturday, Sept. 15** Pre-season games begin with the **2018 O.R.G. NHL China Games** as the Calgary Flames host the Boston Bruins at Shenzhen Universiade Sports Center in Shenzhen, China (2:30 a.m. ET, SN).
- Tuesday, Sept. 18** ***Kraft Hockeyville***
Ottawa Senators at Toronto Maple Leafs
The game honors the community of Lucan, ON, and will be played at the Lucan Community Memorial Centre (7:30 p.m. ET, SN1, TVAS).
- Wednesday, Sept. 19** The **2018 O.R.G. NHL China Games** conclude with the Boston Bruins hosting the Calgary Flames at Cadillac Arena in Beijing, China (7:30 a.m. ET, SN, NBCSN).

7th Annual USA Hockey All-American Prospects Game
Xcel Energy Center, Saint Paul, Minn.
- Tuesday, Sept. 25** ***Kraft Hockeyville USA***
Columbus Blue Jackets at Buffalo Sabres
The game honors the community of Clinton, NY, and will be played at Clinton Arena (7 p.m. ET, NBCSN).

OCTOBER 2018

- Monday, Oct. 1** ***NHL Global Series Challenge***
New Jersey Devils at SC Bern (National League)
PostFinance Arena in Bern, Switzerland will host the first of two preseason games featuring an NHL club against a European professional team (1:30 p.m. ET, SN).
- Tuesday, Oct. 2** ***NHL Board of Governors Meeting*** (New York, NY).

Opening night playing rosters set (5 p.m. ET).
- Wednesday, Oct. 3** ***NHL Global Series Challenge***
(1/2)
Edmonton Oilers at Kolner Haie (Deutsche Eishockey Liga)
Lanxess Arena in Cologne, Germany will host the second of two preseason games featuring an NHL club against a European professional team (10 a.m. ET, SN).

Dates of Interest – October

Wednesday, Oct. 3
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Opening Night and Stanley Cup Banner Raising in Washington

A doubleheader on NBCSN begins with the Washington Capitals raising their first Stanley Cup banner to the rafters of Capital One Arena before hosting the Boston Bruins (7:30 p.m. ET; also on TVAS) and concludes with the Anaheim Ducks visiting the San Jose Sharks for the first of four matchups between the Pacific Division rivals (10:30 p.m. ET).

A doubleheader on SN starts with the Montréal Canadiens visiting the Toronto Maple Leafs for their 741st regular-season meeting (MTL: 355-288-97; TOR: 297-341-102), the first contest of the 2018-19 campaign (7 p.m. ET), and closes with the Calgary Flames renewing their rivalry with the Vancouver Canucks (10 p.m. ET).

Thursday, Oct. 4

The Pittsburgh Penguins play their season opener at home against the Washington Capitals (7 p.m. ET, TVAS), their first meeting since **Evgeny Kuznetsov** scored the series-clinching overtime goal for the visiting Capitals in Game 6 of the 2018 Second Round. It marks the first of four meetings between **Sidney Crosby** and **Alex Ovechkin** in 2018-19, who have tallied 20-43—63 and 28-20—48, respectively, in 45 head-to-head regular-season games (PIT: 27-16-2; WSH: 18-21-6). The other 2018-19 matchups: Wednesday, Nov. 7 at WSH (7:30 p.m. ET, NBCSN, SN), Wednesday, Dec. 19 at WSH (8 p.m. ET, NBCSN) and Tuesday, March 12 at PIT (7 p.m. ET, NBCSN).

Friday, Oct. 5

After playing five seasons in the KHL, F **Ilya Kovalchuk** is expected to make his regular-season debut with the Los Angeles Kings when the club opens its campaign against the San Jose Sharks (10:30 p.m. ET). Kovalchuk, 35, has collected 417-399—816 in 816 regular-season NHL games with the Atlanta Thrashers and New Jersey Devils.

Saturday, Oct. 6

2018 NHL Global Series

Edmonton Oilers at New Jersey Devils

Scandinavium in Gothenburg, Sweden will host the first of three regular-season games played overseas in 2018-19 (1 p.m. ET, SN).

One-year anniversary of the first regular-season game in Vegas Golden Knights history, a 2-1 victory at Dallas.

Montréal Canadiens F **Tomas Plekanec** (998 GP) is expected to play his 1,000th regular-season NHL game, on the road against the Pittsburgh Penguins (7 p.m. ET, HNIC, TVAS). On Thursday, Nov. 15 in Calgary, Plekanec is expected to become the sixth player to skate 1,000 regular-season games *with the Canadiens* (9 p.m. ET, SNW).

Wednesday, Oct. 10

A rematch of the 2018 Stanley Cup Final will see the defending champion Washington Capitals host the Vegas Golden Knights in a game televised nationally in the U.S. (8 p.m. ET, NBCSN). It will be just the third game of 2018-19 for the Capitals and fourth for the Golden Knights. Washington visits Vegas on Tuesday, Dec. 4 (10 p.m. ET).

On this date in 1987, forward **Doug Jarvis** extended his [NHL-record consecutive games played streak](#) to 964 games. It was the final game of his career, ending an unprecedented run that began with his League debut on Oct. 8, 1975.

Saturday, Oct. 13

Chicago Blackhawks D **Duncan Keith** (995 GP) is expected to play his 1,000th regular-season NHL game, at home against the St. Louis Blues (8:30 p.m. ET, NBCSCH). He would become the sixth player – and third defenseman – to skate at least 1,000 games for the franchise.

Dates of Interest – October

- Thursday, Oct. 18** San Jose Sharks F **Joe Thornton** (1,493 GP) is expected to play his 1,500th regular-season NHL game and become the 19th player in League history to reach the milestone. The Sharks host the Buffalo Sabres at 10:30 p.m. ET, their seventh game of 2018-19, in what will be the first meeting between the clubs since a Feb. 26 trade that sent F **Evander Kane** to the Sharks.
- Saturday, Oct. 20** St. Louis Blues F **Tyler Bozak** returns to Toronto for the first time, where he compiled 136-229—365 over his first nine NHL seasons from 2009-18 (7 p.m. ET, HNIC).
- Sunday, Oct. 21** Hockey Hall of Fame forward **Paul Kariya** will have his No. 9 retired by the Anaheim Ducks before their game against the Buffalo Sabres (8 p.m. ET). The franchise's first-ever selection in the NHL Draft (4th overall in 1993), Kariya collected 300-369—669 in 606 career games with the club from 1994-2003.
- Monday, Oct. 22** *NHL Alumni Awards Gala* (Toronto, Ont.)
Honorees: **Borje Salming**, **Mats Sundin**, **Nicklas Lidstrom** (Keith Magnuson Man of the Year); **Bob Cole** (Keith McCreary 7th Man); **Eddie Olczyk** (Ace Bailey Award of Courage); **Chris Hadfield** (Honorary Alumni)
- Wednesday, Oct. 24** The Toronto Maple Leafs and Winnipeg Jets meet for the first of two games in four days (7 p.m. ET, NBCSN, SN, TVAS), the only regular-season meetings between **Auston Matthews** and **Patrik Laine** in 2018-19. Both players are aiming to start their NHL career with a third straight 30-goal season, a feat achieved by only four players since the 1980s. The second contest goes Saturday, Oct. 27 in Toronto (7 p.m. ET, HNIC).
- Thursday, Oct. 25** Minnesota Wild D **Ryan Suter** (991 GP) is expected to play his 1,000th regular-season NHL game, at home against the Los Angeles Kings (8 p.m. ET).
- Friday, Oct. 26** Ottawa Senators F **Matt Duchene** returns to Colorado for the first time since being traded on Nov. 5, 2017 (9 p.m. ET). Duchene faced the Avalanche in each of his first two contests with the Senators, but both were played at Ericsson Globe in Stockholm, Sweden during the *2017 SAP NHL Global Series*. He started his career with Colorado, compiling 178-250—428 in 586 games from 2009-17.
- Friday, Oct. 26** **Peter DeBoer** (San Jose Sharks) is expected to serve his 750th regular-season NHL (continued) game as head coach (354-286-100 in 740 games), on the road against the Carolina Hurricanes (7:30 p.m. ET).
- Monday, Oct. 29** 81st anniversary of the founding of **USA Hockey**.
- Tuesday, Oct. 30** Dallas Stars F **Jason Spezza** (989 GP) is expected to play his 1,000th regular-season NHL game, on the road against the Montréal Canadiens (7:30 p.m. ET).

NOVEMBER 2018

- Thursday, Nov. 1** ***Hockey Fights Cancer Awareness Month*** begins.
- 2018 NHL Global Series***
Winnipeg Jets at Florida Panthers
Hartwall Arena in Helsinki, Finland will host the second of three regular-season games played overseas in 2018-19 (2 p.m. ET, NBCSN, TSN3).
- Vegas Golden Knights F **Paul Stastny**, who signed with the club in the offseason, returns to St. Louis for the first time since being traded to the Winnipeg Jets on Feb. 26 (8 p.m. ET). Stastny collected 56-119—175 in 267 games with the Blues from 2014-18.
- Toronto Maple Leafs D **Ron Hainsey** (987 GP) is expected to play his 1,000th regular-season NHL game, at home against the Dallas Stars (7 p.m. ET).
- Buffalo Sabres F **Jason Pominville** (987 GP) is expected to play his 1,000th regular-season NHL game, on the road against the Ottawa Senators (7:30 p.m. ET, RDS2, TSN5).
- Friday, Nov. 2** ***2018 NHL Global Series***
Florida Panthers at Winnipeg Jets
Hartwall Arena in Helsinki, Finland will host the last of three regular-season games played overseas in 2018-19 (2 p.m. ET, TSN3).
- Thursday, Nov. 8** The Chicago Blackhawks face the Carolina Hurricanes for the first time since signing G **Cam Ward** (8:30 p.m. ET, NBCSCH). Ward spent his first 13 NHL seasons with the Hurricanes and backstopped the club to its first Stanley Cup in his rookie season of 2005-06, claiming the Conn Smythe Trophy. Chicago visits Carolina four days later, on Monday, Nov. 12 (7 p.m. ET, NBCSCH).
- Friday, Nov. 9** ***Hockey Hall of Fame Game***
New Jersey Devils at Toronto Maple Leafs (7 p.m. ET, TVAS)
- Saturday, Nov. 10** Vegas Golden Knights F **Max Pacioretty** returns to Montréal for the first time since a Sept. 9 trade that sent F **Tomas Tatar**, F **Nick Suzuki** and a 2019 second-round pick to the Canadiens (7 p.m. ET, HNIC, TVAS).
- Sunday, Nov. 11** Florida Panthers F **Mike Hoffman** faces the Ottawa Senators for the first time since being traded twice (first to San Jose) on June 19 (5 p.m. ET, TVAS). Hoffman collected 107-123—230 in his first 342 NHL games with the Senators, including four straight 20-goal seasons from 2014-15 to 2017-18. Florida visits Ottawa eight days later, on Monday, Nov. 19 (7:30 p.m. ET).
- Monday, Nov. 12** ***Hockey Hall of Fame Induction Celebration***
Player Inductees: **Martin Brodeur, Jayna Hefford, Martin St. Louis, Alexander Yakushev**;
Builder Inductees: **Gary Bettman, Willie O'Ree**; Media Honorees: **Larry Brooks, Joe Bowen**
- Tuesday, Nov. 13** ***NHL General Mangers' Meeting*** (Toronto, Ont.).

Dates of Interest – November

- Wednesday, Nov. 14** The first of two meetings between **Alex Ovechkin** and **Patrik Laine**, the top two goal-scorers in 2017-18, takes place when the Washington Capitals visit the Winnipeg Jets (8 p.m. ET, SN, TVAS). Ovechkin (82) and Laine (80) rank first and second in goals since the latter entered the League in 2016-17. Capitals D **Brooks Orpik** (982 GP) is expected to play his 1,000th regular-season NHL game.
- Thursday, Nov. 15** Montréal Canadiens F **Tomas Plekanec** (981 GP w/ MTL) is expected to become the sixth player to skate 1,000 regular-season games *with the Canadiens*, on the road against the Calgary Flames (9 p.m. ET, SNW).
- Saturday, Nov. 17** Los Angeles Kings D **Dion Phaneuf** (981 GP) is expected to play his 1,000th regular-season NHL game, on the road against the Nashville Predators (8 p.m. ET).
- Monday, Nov. 19** Calgary Flames F **James Neal** faces the Vegas Golden Knights for the first time since helping the club reach the Stanley Cup Final in its inaugural campaign (9 p.m. ET, SNW). Neal returns to Vegas four days later when the Flames visit the Golden Knights on Friday, Nov. 23 (6 p.m. ET, SN1).
- Wednesday, Nov. 21** The 2018-19 regular season surpasses the quarter mark on a 14-game day leading into U.S. Thanksgiving.
- Friday, Nov. 23** **2018 Discover NHL Thanksgiving Showdown**
New York Rangers at Philadelphia Flyers (1 p.m. ET, NBC).
The annual showdown highlights the first 15-game day of 2018-19 (the 14th such day in NHL history; Los Angeles Kings not in action).
- Saturday, Nov. 24** Philadelphia Flyers F **James van Riemsdyk** returns to Toronto for the first time (7 p.m. ET, HNIC, NBCSP), where he compiled 154-140—294 in 413 games with the Maple Leafs, leading the team in goals and points (tied) from 2013-18.

Pittsburgh Penguins D **Jack Johnson** faces Columbus for the first time (7 p.m. ET), with whom he compiled 36-118—154 in 445 games from 2012-18 – among the top three in franchise history for goals (3rd), assists (2nd), points (2nd) and games played (3rd) by a defenseman. Pittsburgh visits Columbus for the first time on Tuesday, Feb. 26 (7 p.m. ET).
- Monday, Nov. 26** *NHL Founders Day* (1917)
Ten teams are in action on the 101st anniversary of the League's founding, including four members of the Original Six (noted in **bold**):
- **Boston Bruins** at **Toronto Maple Leafs** (7 p.m. ET, TVAS)
 - New Jersey Devils at Florida Panthers (7 p.m. ET)
 - Washington Capitals at New York Islanders (7 p.m. ET)
 - Ottawa Senators at **New York Rangers** (7 p.m. ET)
 - Columbus Blue Jackets at **Detroit Red Wings** (7:30 p.m. ET, FS-D)
- Islanders head coach **Barry Trotz** will face the Capitals for the first time since leading the club to its first Stanley Cup in June. The Islanders visit Washington on Friday, Jan. 18 (7:30 p.m. ET).
- Tuesday, Nov. 27** San Jose Sharks F **Evander Kane** returns to Buffalo for the first time since being traded on Feb. 26 (7 p.m. ET). He had three straight 20-goal seasons with the Sabres from 2015-16 to 2017-18.

Dates of Interest – November / December

Thursday, Nov. 29 The Boston Bruins will retire **Rick Middleton's** No. 16 before their game against the New York Islanders (7 p.m. ET). Middleton, who will become the 11th Bruins player to have his number honored, ranks among the top six in franchise history in goals (402; 3rd), assists (496; 6th) and points (898; 4th).

DECEMBER 2018

Saturday, Dec. 1 Signing deadline for Group 2 free agents (5 p.m. ET)

San Jose Sharks D **Erik Karlsson** returns to Ottawa for the first time, where he compiled 126-392—518 in 627 games over his first nine NHL seasons from 2009-18 (1 p.m. ET, TVAS, TSN5, NBCSCA). Karlsson ranks third in franchise history in assists and points by any player, and is the club's all-time leader for goals, assists and points by a defenseman.

Sunday, Dec. 2 Forward **Vic Hadfield** will have his No. 11 retired by the New York Rangers before their game against the Winnipeg Jets (6 p.m. ET, TSN3). Hadfield played parts of 13 seasons with the Rangers from 1961-62 to 1973-74 and ranks among the top 10 in franchise history in goals (262; 5th), power-play goals (83; 5th), game-winning goals (40; 5th), games played (841; 7th), points (572; 9th) and assists (310; 10th).

Dec. 3-4 **NHL Board of Governors Meetings** (TBA)

Tuesday, Dec. 4 The Washington Capitals return to Vegas for the first time since June 7, when they defeated the Golden Knights 4-3 in Game 5 of the Stanley Cup Final to clinch the first championship in franchise history (10 p.m. ET).

Thursday, Dec. 6 Los Angeles Kings F **Ilya Kovalchuk** will face the New Jersey Devils for the first time since departing for the KHL after the 2012-13 season (10:30 p.m. ET). Kovalchuk collected 89-112—201 in 222 games with the Devils from 2010-13 and helped the club reach the 2012 Stanley Cup Final (a six-game series won by the Kings). Los Angeles visits New Jersey on Tuesday, Feb. 5 (7 p.m. ET).

Detroit Red Wings D **Trevor Daley** (971 GP) is expected to play his 1,000th regular season NHL game, on the road in his hometown of Toronto (7 p.m. ET, FS-D).

Wednesday, Dec. 12 *U.S. Hockey Hall of Fame Induction and Celebration of Lester Patrick Award* (Nashville)
Inductees: **Gordon "Red" Berenson, Natalie Darwitz, Leland "Hago" Harrington, David Poile** and **Paul Stewart**; Lester Patrick Award recipient: **Jim Johannson** (posthumously)

Friday, Dec. 14 Chicago Blackhawks F **Chris Kunitz** (966 GP) is expected to play his 1,000th regular-season NHL game, at home against the Winnipeg Jets (8:30 p.m. ET, TSN3, NBCSCH).

Tuesday, Dec. 18 Detroit Red Wings F **Thomas Vanek** (965 GP) is expected to play his 1,000th regular-season NHL game, on the road against the Philadelphia Flyers (7 p.m. ET, FS-D, NBCSP).

Wednesday, Dec. 19 101st anniversary of the first games in NHL history, with two games on the schedule: the Pittsburgh Penguins visit the Washington Capitals (8 p.m. ET, TVAS, NBCSN) and the Montréal Canadiens visit the Colorado Avalanche (8:30 p.m. ET, SN).

Dates of Interest – December

- Dec. 19-27** Holiday roster freeze in effect: For all players on an NHL active roster, injured reserve, or with non-roster and injured non-roster status as of midnight (local time) Dec. 19, a roster freeze shall apply through midnight (local time) Dec. 27, with respect to waivers, trades and loans, subject to the exceptions provided for in CBA Article 16.5 (d).
- Thursday, Dec. 20** The Montréal Canadiens and Arizona Coyotes meet for the first time, at 9 p.m. ET in Arizona, following an offseason trade that sent F **Max Domi** to Montréal and F **Alex Galchenyuk** to Arizona. The clubs face off again on Wednesday, Jan. 23 in Montréal (7:30 p.m. ET, SN).
- Sunday, Dec. 23** Boston Bruins F **Patrice Bergeron** (963 GP) is expected to play his 1,000th regular-season NHL game, on the road against the Carolina Hurricanes (5 p.m. ET). Bergeron would become the fifth player to skate at least 1,000 games with the franchise.
- Dec. 24-26** Christmas break (no scheduled practices; dressing rooms closed)
- Dec. 26-Jan. 5** *IIHF World Junior Championship* (Vancouver and Victoria, B.C.)
- Thursday, Dec. 27** St. Louis Blues F **Ryan O'Reilly** faces the Buffalo Sabres for the first time (8 p.m. ET), with whom he posted three straight 20-goal seasons from 2015-16 to 2017-18. St. Louis visits Buffalo on Sunday, March 17 (5 p.m. ET).
- San Jose Sharks D **Brent Burns** (961 GP) is expected to play his 1,000th regular-season NHL game, at home against the Anaheim Ducks (10:30 p.m. ET).
- Friday, Dec. 28** Toronto Maple Leafs F **Patrick Marleau** (1,575 GP) is expected to surpass **Ray Bourque** (1,612 GP) into 10th place on the NHL's all-time games played list, on the road against the Columbus Blue Jackets (7 p.m. ET).
- Saturday, Dec. 29** F **John Tavares** faces the New York Islanders for the first time since signing a seven-year contract with the Toronto Maple Leafs (7 p.m. ET, HNIC), headlining the second 15-game day of 2018-19 (and 15th in NHL history; only CBJ not in action). Tavares was selected first overall by the Islanders in 2009 and compiled 272-349—621 in 669 career games with the club, serving as captain from 2013-18.
- Monday, Dec. 31** The final day of the 2018 calendar year features 13 games. The day begins with a showdown between the 2017-18 Presidents' Trophy winning Nashville Predators and the 2018 Stanley Cup champion Washington Capitals (12:30 p.m. ET, TVAS) and closes with two games at 9 p.m. ET, including a head-to-head meeting between Winnipeg Jets F **Patrik Laine** and Edmonton Oilers F **Connor McDavid** (TSN3, SNW).
- 30th anniversary of **Mario Lemieux** becoming the first player in NHL history to score five goals in five different ways.

JANUARY 2019

- Tuesday, Jan. 1** **2019 Bridgestone NHL Winter Classic**
Boston Bruins at Chicago Blackhawks (1 p.m. ET, NBC, TVAS)
Notre Dame Stadium in South Bend, Ind., will host the 26th regular-season outdoor game – the sixth involving the Blackhawks (1-4) and third for the Bruins (1-1).
- Saturday, Jan. 5** The 2018-19 regular season surpasses the halfway mark on a nine-game day.
- Sunday, Jan. 6** On this date in 1980, the Philadelphia Flyers extended their [NHL-record unbeaten streak](#) to 35 games (25-0-10) – the longest such run in professional sports – with a 4-2 victory at the Buffalo Sabres. The Flyers' streak ended the next night, with a 7-1 loss at the Minnesota North Stars.
- Tuesday, Jan. 8** **USHL/NHL Top Prospects Game** (Ice Box, Lincoln, Neb.)
- Friday, Jan. 11** Buffalo Sabres F **Jeff Skinner** returns to Carolina for the first time (7:30 p.m. ET), where he compiled 204-175—379 over his first eight NHL seasons (2010-18).
- Monday, Jan. 14** The first of two meetings between **Connor McDavid** and **Jack Eichel**, the top two picks in the 2015 NHL Draft, takes place as the Edmonton Oilers host the Buffalo Sabres (9 p.m. ET, SNW). The teams face off in Buffalo on Monday, March 4 (7 p.m. ET, SN1, TVAS).
- Friday, Jan. 18** On this date in 1958, **Willie O'Ree** became the first black player in League history.
- Saturday, Jan. 19** **Bye Weeks begin.** The Buffalo Sabres are first to begin their break, followed by nine other clubs on Jan. 20. All 10 of those clubs conclude their break on either Jan. 27 or 28. The remaining 21 clubs begin their break on either Jan. 22, 23 or 24, with all of those ending on Jan. 31.
- Week of 21st** **NHL Central Scouting Mid-Season Rankings** released.
- Tuesday, Jan. 22** The Calgary Flames and Carolina Hurricanes meet for the first time, at 9 p.m. ET in Calgary (SNW), following an offseason trade that sent D **Noah Hanifin** and F **Elias Lindholm** to Calgary and D **Dougie Hamilton** and F **Micheal Ferland** to Carolina. It also marks the first time that Flames head coach **Bill Peters** will face the Hurricanes, whom he led from 2014-18. The clubs meet again on Sunday, Feb. 3 in Carolina (SN1).
- Wednesday, Jan. 23** **CHL/NHL Top Prospects Game** (ENMAX Centrium, Red Deer, AB)
- Jan. 24-27** NHL All-Star Break (no games played)
- **Jan. 24-26:** No scheduled practices; dressing rooms closed
 - **Jan. 25:** **2019 NHL All-Star Skills Competition** (SAP Center at San Jose)
 - **Jan. 26:** **2019 NHL All-Star Game** (SAP Center at San Jose)
- Jan. 27-28** **2019 AHL All-Star Classic** (MassMutual Center, Springfield, Mass.)

Dates of Interest – January / February

Monday, Jan. 28 The NHL regular season resumes with two games, both at 7 p.m. ET in Pennsylvania: Winnipeg Jets at Philadelphia Flyers (7 p.m. ET, NBCSN, TSN3, NBCSP) and New Jersey Devils at Pittsburgh Penguins (7 p.m. ET).

Thursday, Jan. 31 On this date in 1920, Quebec Bulldogs F **Joe Malone** [set an NHL record](#) with seven goals in a 10-6- win against the Toronto Maple Leafs.

FEBRUARY 2019

Saturday, Feb. 2 Pittsburgh Penguins F **Sidney Crosby** (864 GP) is expected to surpass **Mario Lemieux** (915 GP) as the all-time franchise leader in regular-season games played, on the road against the Toronto Maple Leafs (7 p.m. ET, HNIC).

On this date in 1977, Toronto Maple Leafs D **Ian Turnbull** set an NHL record for goals in a game by a defenseman, scoring five times on five shots in a 9-1 win against the Detroit Red Wings.

Tuesday, Feb. 5 **Paul Maurice** (Winnipeg Jets) is expected to serve his 1,500th regular-season NHL game as head coach (648-589-210 in 1,447 games), at home against the San Jose Sharks (8 p.m. ET, TSN3).

Thursday, Feb. 7 On this date in 1976, Toronto Maple Leafs F **Darryl Sittler** (6-4—10) [set an NHL record](#) for points in a game, collecting 10 points in an 11-4 win against the Boston Bruins.

Saturday, Feb. 9 *Hockey Day in Canada (Hockey Canada)* and *19th Annual Scotiabank Hockey Day in Canada*, hosted in Swift Current, SK. Hockey Night in Canada will feature matchups involving all seven Canadian teams:

- Winnipeg Jets at Ottawa Senators (2 p.m. ET)
- San Jose Sharks at Edmonton Oilers (7 p.m. ET)
- Toronto Maple Leafs at Montréal Canadiens (7 p.m. ET)
- Calgary Flames at Vancouver Canucks (10 p.m. ET)

Pittsburgh Penguins F **Matt Cullen** is expected to play his 1,500th regular-season NHL game, on the road against the Tampa Bay Lightning (7 p.m. ET). Cullen, the oldest active NHL player, will celebrate his 42nd birthday on Nov. 2, 2018 and would become the 20th player in NHL history to skate at least 1,500 games (San Jose Sharks F **Joe Thornton** needs 7 GP to reach the mark).

Monday, Feb. 11 The Philadelphia Flyers host the Pittsburgh Penguins for their second meeting of 2018-19 (7 p.m. ET, NBCSN, TVAS, NBCSP) and final matchup before the **2019 Coors Light NHL Stadium Series**, which will be played 12 days later, outdoors at Lincoln Financial Field in Philadelphia.

Sunday, Feb. 17 Hockey Hall of Fame defenseman **Scott Niedermayer** will have his No. 27 retired by the Anaheim Ducks. He captained the Ducks to their first Stanley Cup in 2007, winning the Conn Smythe Trophy, and is currently the all-time franchise leader in goals (60), assists (204), points (264) and power-play goals (39) by a defenseman.

Anaheim Ducks F **Ryan Kesler** (941 GP) is expected to play his 1,000th regular-season NHL game, at home against the Washington Capitals (9 p.m. ET).

Dates of Interest – February / March

- Sunday, Feb. 17-24** *Hockey Week Across America* features 11 games on NBC Sports, including:
- A triple-header on Sunday, Feb. 17: NYR @ PIT (12:30 p.m. ET, NBC, TVAS), STL @ MIN (3 p.m. ET, NBC) and PHI @ DET (6 p.m. ET, NBCSN)
 - A doubleheader on Wednesday, Feb. 20: CHI @ DET (7:30 p.m. ET, NBCSN, TVAS) and BOS @ VGK (10 p.m. ET, NBCSN)
 - **2019 Coors Light NHL Stadium Series** on Feb. 23: PIT @ PHI (8 p.m. ET, NBC, TVAS2)
- Monday, Feb. 18** On this date in 1918, Montréal Canadiens G **Georges Vezina** recorded the first shutout in NHL history, a 9-0 win against the Toronto Arenas. It came two months less a day after the first games in League history (Dec. 19, 1917).
- Saturday, Feb. 23** **2019 Coors Light NHL Stadium Series**
Pittsburgh Penguins at Philadelphia Flyers (8 p.m. ET, NBC, TVAS2)
Lincoln Financial Field in Philadelphia will host the 27th regular-season outdoor game, a rematch of the 2017 Coors Light NHL Stadium Series won by the Penguins at Heinz Field in Pittsburgh (PIT 4, PHI 2). It will be the fifth outdoor game for the Penguins (2-2) and fourth for the Flyers (0-2-1).

The 2018-19 regular season enters its final quarter.
- Sunday, Feb. 24** Forward **Shane Doan** will have his No. 19 retired by the Arizona Coyotes before their game against the Winnipeg Jets (9 p.m. ET, TSN3). Doan, who began his career with the original Jets, is the all-time franchise leader in goals (402), assists (570), points (972), games played (1,540), power-play goals (128) and game-winning goals (69). He spent his entire 21-season NHL career with the franchise, serving as captain for the final 13 campaigns.
- Monday, Feb. 25** **2019 NHL Trade Deadline** (3 p.m. ET)
- Thursday, Feb. 28** Toronto Maple Leafs F **John Tavares** returns to Barclays Center to face the New York Islanders for the first time as a visitor (7 p.m. ET).
- MARCH 2019**
- Monday, March 4-6** **NHL General Managers' Meeting** (Boca Raton, Fla.)
- Thursday, March 7** Los Angeles Kings F **Dustin Brown** (1,045 GP) is expected to surpass **Dave Taylor** (1,111 GP) as the all-time franchise leader in regular-season games played, at home against the St. Louis Blues (10:30 p.m. ET).
- Sunday, March 17** On this date in 2009, New Jersey Devils G **Martin Brodeur** recorded his 552nd career victory to become the NHL's all-time wins leader, passing **Patrick Roy**. Brodeur finished his career with 691 wins. In the same game, Devils F **Patrik Elias** recorded his 702nd career point to become the all-time franchise leader in points, breaking a tie with John MacLean. Elias finished his career with 1,025 points, all with the Devils.

Dates of Interest – March / April

Friday, March 22 Minnesota Wild F **Mikko Koivu** (925 GP) is expected to play his 1,000th regular-season NHL game, on the road against the Washington Capitals (7 p.m. ET, TVAS). Koivu, who is already the franchise leader in assists (466), points (659) and games played, would become the first player to skate 1,000 games with the franchise.

Saturday, March 23 On this date in 1994, Los Angeles Kings F **Wayne Gretzky** scored his 802nd career goal to surpass Gordie Howe as the [NHL's all-time leader](#). Gretzky finished his career with 894 goals.

Sunday, March 24 **Barry Trotz** (NYI) is expected to serve his 1,600th regular-season NHL game as head coach (762-568-194 in 1,524 games), at home against the Arizona Coyotes (3 p.m. ET).

Friday, March 29-31 NCAA Regionals

Saturday, March 30 Los Angeles Kings F **Anze Kopitar** (922 GP) is expected to play his 1,000th regular-season NHL game, at home against the Chicago Blackhawks (10:30 p.m. ET, NBCSCH). Kopitar, who has worn the “C” for the Kings since 2016, would become the fourth player to skate 1,000 NHL games with the franchise.

APRIL 2019

Monday, April 1 New York Islanders F **Andrew Ladd** (920 GP) is expected to play his 1,000th regular-season NHL game, at home against the Toronto Maple Leafs (7 p.m. ET).

Saturday, April 6 **Last day of 2018-19 regular season**
30 teams are in action on the final day of the season, with only the Anaheim Ducks having completed their 82-game slate. It marks the 16th 15-game day in League history and third of 2018-19 (also Friday, Nov. 23 and Saturday, Dec. 29).

Wednesday, April 10 **2019 Stanley Cup Playoffs** begin.

April 11-13 *NCAA Frozen Four* (KeyBank Center, Buffalo, NY)

Week of 15th **NHL Central Scouting Final Rankings** released.

Thursday, April 18 20th anniversary of **Wayne Gretzky's** final NHL game. The League's all-time leading scorer recorded an assist and one shot for the New York Rangers, in 22:30 of ice time against the Pittsburgh Penguins, to finish his career with 894-1,963—2,857 in 1,487 games.

April 18-28 *IIHF Under-18 World Championship* (Örnköldsvik/Umeå, Sweden)

TBA **2019 NHL Draft Lottery**

Dates of Interest – May / June / July / August

MAY 2019

- May 10-21** *IIHF World Championship* (Bratislava/Košice, Slovakia)
- May 17-26** *2019 CHL Memorial Cup* (Scotiabank Centre, Halifax, N.S.)
- May 27-June 1** *2019 NHL Scouting Combine* (Buffalo, NY)

JUNE 2019

- Wednesday, June 5** On this date in 1963, the first NHL Draft (then known as the NHL Amateur Draft) was held at the Queen Elizabeth Hotel in Montréal. The Canadiens selected forward **Garry Monahan** first overall.
- Saturday, June 15** Last possible day for *2019 Stanley Cup Final*
- TBA** *2019 NHL Awards* (Las Vegas, Nev.)
- Thursday, June 20** *NHL General Managers' Meeting* (Vancouver, B.C.)
- June 21-22** *2019 NHL Draft* (Rogers Arena, Vancouver, B.C.)

JULY 2019

- Monday, July 1** Free agency begins (12 p.m. ET)
- Friday, July 5** Deadline for player-elected salary arbitration notification (5 p.m. ET)
- Saturday, July 6** Deadline for club-elected salary arbitration notification (5 p.m. ET)
- July 20-Aug. 4** Salary arbitration hearings held

AUGUST 2019

- Tuesday, Aug. 6** Deadline for salary arbitration decisions to be rendered.

SCHEDULE MATRIX

Eastern Conference (Atlantic and Metropolitan Divisions – 8 Teams)

Within Conference (Division): 28 games

* 7 Teams: 2 Home / 2 Away

* $7 \times 4 = 28$ games

Within Conference (Non-Division): 24 games

* 4 Teams: 2 Home / 1 Away

* 4 Teams: 1 Home / 2 Away

* $4 \times 3 = 12$ games

* $4 \times 3 = 12$ games

Non-Conference: 30 games

* 15 Home / 15 Away

* $2 \times 15 = 30$

Western Conference (Central Division – 7 Teams)

Within Conference (Division): 26 games

* 4 Teams: 2 Home / 2 Away

* 1 Team: 3 Home / 2 Away

* 1 Team: 2 Home / 3 Away

* $4 \times 4 = 16$

* $1 \times 5 = 5$

* $1 \times 5 = 5$

Within Conference (Non-Division): 24 games

* 4 Teams: 2 Home / 1 Away

* 4 Teams: 1 Home / 2 Away

* $4 \times 3 = 12$ games

* $4 \times 3 = 12$ games

Non-Conference: 32 games

* 16 Home / 16 Away

* $2 \times 16 = 32$ games

Western Conference (Pacific Division – 8 Teams)

Within Conference (Division): 29 games

* 6 Teams: 2 Home / 2 Away

* 1 Team: 3 Home / 2 Away

* $6 \times 4 = 24$ games

* $1 \times 5 = 5$ games

Within Conference (Non-Division): 21 games

* 4 Teams: 2 Home / 1 Away

* 3 Teams: 1 Home / 2 Away

* $4 \times 3 = 12$ games

* $3 \times 3 = 9$ games

Non-Conference: 32 games

* 16 Home / 16 Away

* $2 \times 16 = 32$ games

BYE WEEKS

For the third consecutive season, the League schedule includes a five-day 'bye week' for all NHL teams that consists of five consecutive days without games. For teams whose five-day break begins after the All-Star break, all days off up until their first game back are counted. For teams whose five-day break begins before the All-Star break, all days off up until a day before their first game back are counted.

2018-19 BYE WEEK SCHEDULE

Team	Break Dates	Days B/W Games	1st Game After Break
Anaheim Ducks	Jan. 7-12	8	Feb. 2 at WPG
Arizona Coyotes	Jan. 7-11	8	Feb. 2 at SJS*
Boston Bruins	Jan. 8-12	8	Jan. 29 vs. WPG
Buffalo Sabres	Jan. 12-17	9	Jan. 29 at CBJ*
Calgary Flames	Jan. 15-19	9	Feb. 1 at WSH*
Carolina Hurricanes	Jan. 15-19	8	Feb. 1 vs. VGK*
Chicago Blackhawks	Jan. 15-19	9	Feb. 1 at BUF
Colorado Avalanche	Jan. 7-12	8	Feb. 2 vs. VAN*
Columbus Blue Jackets	Jan. 13-17	8	Jan. 29 vs. BUF*
Dallas Stars	Jan. 7-12	9	Jan. 30 vs. BUF
Detroit Red Wings	Jan. 8-12	9	Feb. 1 vs. TOR*
Edmonton Oilers	Jan. 14-19	9	Feb. 2 at PHI
Florida Panthers	Jan. 13-18	10	Feb. 1 vs. NSH*
Los Angeles Kings	Jan. 7-12	10	Feb. 2 at NYI
Minnesota Wild	Jan. 15-19	8	Feb. 1 at DAL
Montréal Canadiens	Jan. 8-12	8	Feb. 2 vs. NJD
Nashville Predators	Jan. 10-15	8	Feb. 1 at FLA*
New Jersey Devils	Jan. 8-12	8	Jan. 28 at PIT*
New York Islanders	Jan. 8-12	9	Feb. 1 vs. TBL
New York Rangers	Jan. 8-12	8	Jan. 29 vs. PHI
Ottawa Senators	Jan. 11-17	9	Feb. 1 at PIT
Philadelphia Flyers	Jan. 8-12	8	Jan. 28 vs. WPG*
Pittsburgh Penguins	Jan. 8-12	8	Jan. 28 vs. NJD*
San Jose Sharks	Jan. 8-12	9	Feb. 2 vs. ARI*
St. Louis Blues	Jan. 10-15	8	Feb. 2 at CBJ
Tampa Bay Lightning	Jan. 12-17	9	Jan. 30 at PIT
Toronto Maple Leafs	Jan. 11-15	8	Feb. 1 at DET*
Vancouver Canucks	Jan. 15-19	8	Feb. 2 at COL*
Vegas Golden Knights	Jan. 8-12	8	Feb. 1 at CAR*
Washington Capitals	Jan. 13-17	8	Feb. 1 vs. CGY*
Winnipeg Jets	Jan. 14-19	8	Jan. 28 at PHI*

* Opponent also resuming schedule

. . . Breakdown of previous bye weeks included on following pages . . .

2017-18 NHL BYE WEEKS

Team	3 GP Before Break	Break Dates	1st Game After Break	3 GP After Break
Anaheim	1-1-1	Jan. 7-12	4-2 W at LAK*	2-1-0
Arizona	1-1-1	Jan. 7-11	4-2 L vs. EDM	0-1-2
Boston	2-0-1	Jan. 8-12	4-3 W at MTL*	2-0-1
Buffalo	1-2-0	Jan. 12-17	4-3 L at NYR	1-2-0
Calgary	3-0-0	Jan. 15-19	2-1 OTL vs. WPG*	0-0-3
Carolina	1-2-0	Jan. 15-19	3-1 W at DET	1-2-0
Chicago	1-2-0	Jan. 15-19	7-3 L vs. NYI	0-2-1
Colorado	3-0-0	Jan. 7-12	4-1 W at DAL*	3-0-0
Columbus	1-2-0	Jan. 13-17	2-1 W vs. DAL	2-1-0
Dallas	2-1-0	Jan. 7-12	4-1 L vs. COL*	2-1-0
Detroit	2-1-0	Jan. 8-12	4-1 L at PIT*	1-2-0
Edmonton	2-1-0	Jan. 14-19	5-2 W vs. VAN*	2-1-0
Florida	1-1-1	Jan. 13-18	4-3 W vs. VGK†	1-2-0
Los Angeles	1-2-0	Jan. 7-12	4-2 L vs. ANA*	0-3-0
Minnesota	2-0-1	Jan. 15-19	5-2 W vs. TBL	2-1-0
Montréal	2-1-0	Jan. 8-12	4-3 OTL vs. BOS*	0-1-2
Nashville	2-0-1	Jan. 10-15	1-0 W vs. VGK	3-0-0
New Jersey	0-1-2	Jan. 8-12	5-3 L vs. PHI*	2-1-0
NY Islanders	1-2-0	Jan. 8-12	7-2 W at NYR*	2-1-0
NY Rangers	1-2-0	Jan. 8-12	7-2 L vs. NYI*	1-2-0
Ottawa	2-1-0	Jan. 11-17	4-1 L vs. STL	0-3-0
Philadelphia	3-0-0	Jan. 8-12	5-3 W at NJD*	2-1-0
Pittsburgh	2-1-0	Jan. 8-12	4-1 W vs. DET*	2-1-0
San Jose	0-1-2	Jan. 8-12	6-5 W vs. ARI†	3-0-0
St. Louis	0-2-1	Jan. 10-15	2-1 W at TOR*	2-1-0
Tampa Bay	2-1-0	Jan. 12-17	4-1 L vs. VGK	1-2-0
Toronto	1-1-1	Jan. 11-15	2-1 OTL vs. STL*	1-0-2
Vancouver	2-1-0	Jan. 15-19	5-2 L at EDM*	1-2-0
Vegas	2-1-0	Jan. 8-12	3-2 OTL vs. EDM^†	1-1-1
Washington	2-1-0	Jan. 13-17	4-3 OTL at NJD	0-1-2
Winnipeg	1-2-0	Jan. 14-19	2-1 W at CGY*	3-0-0
Total			15-11-5 (89 GF/95 GA)	

* Opponent also resuming schedule

^ Opponent entering break

† Opponent played day before

2016-17 NHL BYE WEEKS

Team	3 GP Before Break	Break Dates	1st Game After Break	3 GP After Break
Anaheim	1-2-0	Feb. 26 – March 3	5-2 W vs. TOR [†]	2-1-0
Arizona	1-1-1	Jan. 8-12	4-3 W vs. WPG	1-2-0
Boston	3-0-0	Feb. 13-17	2-1 W at SJS ^{^†}	2-1-0
Buffalo	2-1-0	Feb. 20-24	5-3 L at COL	0-2-1
Calgary	2-1-0	Feb. 8-12	5-0 L vs. ARI	1-1-1
Carolina	1-2-0	Feb. 12-16	2-1 OTL vs. COL [†]	0-2-1
Chicago	3-0-0	Feb. 13-17	3-1 L vs. EDM	2-1-0
Colorado	1-2-0	Jan. 7-11	4-1 L vs. ANA	0-3-0
Columbus	2-1-0	Feb. 20-24	7-0 W vs. NYI	2-0-1
Dallas	1-2-0	Feb. 19-23	5-2 W vs. ARI [†]	2-1-0
Detroit	2-1-0	Feb. 22-26	3-2 W at VAN	1-1-1
Edmonton	1-2-0	Feb. 6-10	5-1 L vs. CHI ^{^†}	2-1-0
Florida	3-0-0	Feb. 4-8	6-3 L vs. LAK [^]	2-1-0
Los Angeles	1-2-0	Feb. 10-14	5-3 L vs. ARI	0-3-0
Minnesota	2-1-0	Feb. 22-26	5-4 W vs. LAK	2-1-0
Montréal	1-2-0	Feb. 13-17	3-1 L vs. WPG	1-2-0
Nashville	1-2-0	Feb. 13-17	5-2 L at MIN	1-1-1
New Jersey	2-0-1	Feb. 7-11	4-1 L vs. SJS [†]	1-2-0
NY Islanders	2-1-0	Jan. 1-5	2-1 OTL at COL [^]	0-1-2
NY Rangers	2-1-0	Jan. 8-12	4-2 L vs. TOR [*]	0-3-0
Ottawa	0-2-1	Jan. 2-6	1-0 L vs. WSH	2-1-0
Philadelphia	1-2-0	Jan. 16-20	4-1 L vs. NJD [†]	2-1-0
Pittsburgh	3-0-0	Jan. 1-5	6-2 W vs. TBL [†]	1-2-0
San Jose	1-0-2	Feb. 20-24	4-1 W at VAN [*]	3-0-0
St. Louis	1-2-0	Feb. 21-25	4-2 L at CHI	0-3-0
Tampa Bay	2-0-1	Feb. 12-16	4-3 OTL at DAL [^]	2-0-1
Toronto	1-1-1	Jan. 8-12	4-2 W at NYR [*]	3-0-0
Vancouver	1-2-0	Feb. 20-24	4-1 L vs. SJS [*]	0-2-1
Washington	3-0-0	Feb. 12-16	3-2 OTL at DET	1-1-1
Winnipeg	2-0-1	Feb. 22-26	6-5 L vs. MIN [†]	2-1-0
Total			10-16-4 (79 GF/98 GA)	

* Opponent also resuming schedule

^ Opponent entering break

† Opponent played day before

APPROVED RULE CHANGES

The NHL has instituted the following rule changes effective for the 2018-19 season. The [official rule book](#) is available for download at records.nhl.com under the "History" tab.

Rule 10.2 Goalkeeper's stick: *(Added to existing rule)*

Requests for an exemption to the length of the paddle (only) may be submitted in writing to and must be approved by the League's Hockey Operations Department prior to any stick being approved for use. Only players 6'6" tall or more will be considered for exemption. Maximum length of a stick paddle granted exemption under this rule is twenty-six inches (26").

Rule 11.3 Chest and Arm Pads:

The chest and arm protector worn by each goalkeeper must be anatomically proportional and size specific based on the individual physical characteristics of that goalkeeper.

No raised ridges are allowed on the front edges or sides of the chest pad, the inside or outside of the arms, or across the shoulders. Layering at the lateral edge of the torso is permitted to add rib protection, however, said thickness shall not exceed the thickness of the blocks on the front of the chest and, provided further, that the flank protection must wrap around the contour of the player's torso.

Layering at the elbow ("elbow floater" is permitted to add protection but not to add stopping area, such that:

On each side, the elbow floaters shall:

- Not exceed six inches (6") in width across the front of the elbow;
- Not exceed seven inches (7") in depth;
- Have a total length that does not exceed six and one-half inches (6 ½") when measured from the proximal end of the biceps segment to the distal end of the forearm segment;
- Be symmetrically positioned relative to the underlying elbow;

On each side, the arm protection shall taper such that:

- The upper portion of the bicep pad shall not exceed five and one-half inches (5 ½");
- The lower portion of the bicep pad shall not exceed four and one-half inches (4 ½");
- The upper portion of the forearm pad shall not exceed four and one-half inches (4 ½"); and
- The lower portion of the forearm pad shall not exceed four inches (4").

On each side, the clavicle floaters shall:

- Have a maximum thickness that does not exceed one inch (1");
- Not exceed five and one-half inches (5 ½") in width when measured at the widest point of the clavicle/floater pad;
- Not project/extend beyond the lateral edge of the player's shoulder;
- Not project/extend beyond the armpit at the level of the axilla;
- Not project/extend beyond the lateral edge of the player's torso below the level of the chest;
- Not project/extend vertically above the player's shoulder more than two inches (2") when measured at its lateral edge;
- Not project/extend vertically above the player's shoulder more than one and one-half inches (1 ½") when measured at the midpoint of its width; and
- Not project/extend vertically above the player's shoulder more than one-half inch (½") when measured at its medial edge.

On each side the shoulder caps shall:

- Follow the contour of the player's shoulder without becoming a projection/extension above the shoulder; and
- Not project/extend laterally beyond the player's shoulder more than one and one-half inches (1 ½").

The chest and arm pad may not be worn in a manner such that the unit is forced upward or remains above the goalkeeper's shoulder beyond the limits previously defined in this rule when the goalkeeper drops to a butterfly or kneeling position.

Rule Changes

No additional pads, straps, laces or attachments may be added to the chest and arm pad after it has been inspected and approved by the League's Hockey Operations Department. Any alteration requests to the chest and arm pad must be filed with an application to the Hockey Operations Department before any modifications or additions are made.

The League's Hockey Operations Department will determine the maximum size for each goalkeeper's chest and arm protector based on measurements obtained by the League's Hockey Operations Department which will include, but not be limited to, measurements for shoulder width, torso width/length and arm length. Any chest and arm protector deemed by the Hockey Operations Department to be too large for a goalkeeper will be considered illegal equipment for that goalkeeper, regardless of whether or not it would have fallen within previous equipment maximums.

Rule 11.4 Pants:

The pants worn by each goalkeeper must be anatomically proportional and size-specific based on the individual physical characteristics of that goalkeeper.

Each goalkeeper will be assigned a pant size appropriate for their waist size and based on the following waist circumference measurement ranges, measured in inches:

32-34.49

34.5-36.49

36.5-38.49

38.5-40.49

40.5+

All measurements made by NHL Hockey Operations will be at the maximum circumference and/or width of the waist and thigh/leg opening.

All measurements shall be made with a cloth tape.

The waist on the pant may not exceed six inches (6") in height as circumference of the thigh/leg opening may not exceed thirty-two inches (32") in length.

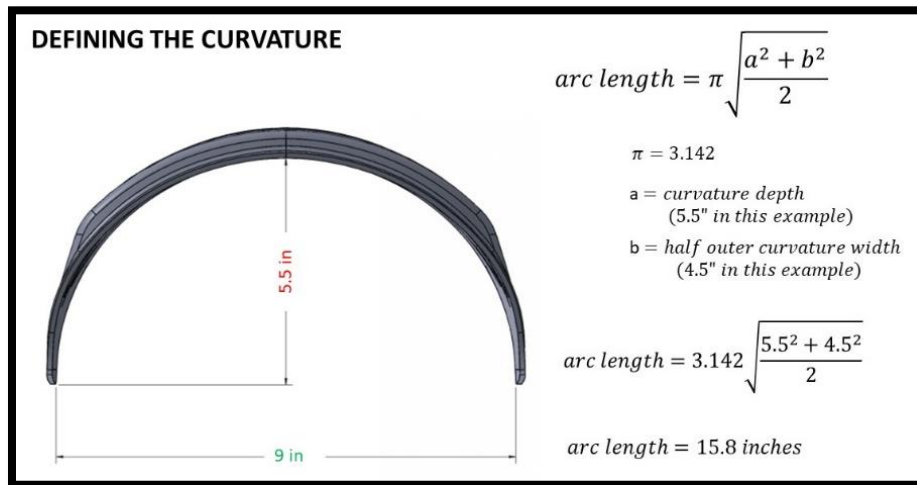
No internal or external padding is permitted on the pant leg or waist beyond that which is required to provide protection (i.e., no outside or inside ridges).

No lacing, rib knit, belts or eyelet may be worn in a manner that allows for an increase in the waist circumference beyond a reasonable amount above the goalkeeper's assigned size.

The thigh guard measurement shall be taken while the goalkeeper is in an upright standing position and this measurement shall be made five inches (5") up from the bottom of the pant. If the pant includes groin and/or hip pads, they must not extend beyond the edge of the front thigh pad. Groin/hip pads will be included as part of the 9-inch thigh guard measurement referenced below.

Each thigh guard shall comply with the following:

- A constant outer and inner curvature must be maintained and the outer width may not exceed nine inches (9"). The curvature depth must be at least four and one-half inches (4 ½") and not greater than five and one-half inches (5 ½")
- The inner arc length shall be determined by the actual thigh guard depth and width using the attached formula, and shall be between fourteen and sixteen inches (14"-16")
- The length of the thigh guard shall be at least eight inches (8") and not greater than eleven inches (11")
- The thickness of the thigh guard may not exceed one and three-eighths inches (1 3/8") at its widest point
- Padding on the inside or outside thigh cradle may not exceed one inch (1"); it must be attached to the inside of the curved thigh guard; and it cannot create a seam, ridge, or extend beyond or increase the width of the curvature of the thigh guard.



The League's Hockey Operations Department will determine the maximum size for each goalkeeper's pant based on measurements obtained by the League's Hockey Operations Department, which will include, but not be limited to, measurements for waist circumference, thigh circumference, hip circumference, and length of the thigh. Any pant deemed by the Hockey Operations Department to be not compliant with this Rule will be considered illegal equipment for that goalkeeper, regardless of whether or not it would have fallen within previous equipment maximums.

Any alteration request must be filed with an application to the Hockey Operations Department before any modifications or additions are made.

Rule 25.1 Awarded Goal:

Awarded Goal – A goal will be awarded to the attacking team when the opposing team has taken their goalkeeper off the ice and an attacking player has possession and control of the puck (or would have gained possession and control) in the neutral or attacking zone, without a defending player between himself and the opposing goal, and he is prevented from scoring as a result of an infraction committed by the defending team (see 25.3 Infractions – When Goalkeeper is Off the Ice, below).

Rule 36.1 – Goal Judge:

General Duties – The Goal Judge shall signal, normally by means of red light, a decision as to whether the puck passed between the goal posts and entirely over the goal line. The only decision is whether the puck actually entered the net, not how or when it went in. The light must be illuminated for a period of five (5) seconds each time the puck enters the net regardless of circumstances. It is up to the Referees and/or Video Goal Judge to decide if it is a goal.

CAPTAINS

Three clubs named a new captain for the 2018-19 season. Current NHL captains, by tenure:

Team	Player	First Season as Captain	Tenure [^]
Boston Bruins	Zdeno Chara	2006-07	13th season
Pittsburgh Penguins	Sidney Crosby	2007-08	12th season
Chicago Blackhawks	Jonathan Toews	2008-09	11th season
Minnesota Wild	Mikko Koivu	2009-10	10th season
Anaheim Ducks	Ryan Getzlaf	2010-11	9th season
Washington Capitals	Alex Ovechkin	2010-11	9th season
Colorado Avalanche	Gabriel Landeskog	2012-13	7th season
Philadelphia Flyers	Claude Giroux	2012-13	7th season
Calgary Flames	Mark Giordano	2013-14	6th season
Dallas Stars	Jamie Benn	2013-14	6th season
Tampa Bay Lightning	Steven Stamkos	2014-15	5th season
Columbus Blue Jackets	Nick Foligno	2015-16	4th season
New Jersey Devils	Andy Greene	2015-16	4th season
San Jose Sharks	Joe Pavelski	2015-16	4th season
Edmonton Oilers	Connor McDavid	2016-17	3rd season
Los Angeles Kings	Anze Kopitar	2016-17	3rd season
St. Louis Blues	Alex Pietrangelo	2016-17	3rd season
Winnipeg Jets	Blake Wheeler	2016-17	3rd season
Nashville Predators	Roman Josi	2017-18	2nd season
Arizona Coyotes	Oliver Ekman-Larsson	2018-19	1st season
Carolina Hurricanes	Justin Williams	2018-19	1st season
Florida Panthers	Aleksander Barkov	2018-19	1st season
Montréal Canadiens	Shea Weber	2018-19	1st season

[^]Includes 2018-19

* Boston's **Zdeno Chara** will become the sixth player in League history to serve at least 13 consecutive seasons as captain or co-captain of one franchise. The others: **Steve Yzerman** (19 w/ DET), **Joe Sakic** (16 w/ COL/QUE), **Ray Bourque** (15 w/ BOS), **Daniel Alfredsson** (13 w/ OTT) and **Shane Doan** (13 w/ ARI).

* Pittsburgh's **Sidney Crosby** will become the 10th player in League history to serve at least 12 consecutive seasons as captain or co-captain of one franchise. The others: Yzerman, Sakic, Bourque, Alfredsson, Doan, Chara, **Alex Delvecchio** (12 w/ DET), **Scott Stevens** (12 w/ NJD) and **George Armstrong** (12 w/ TOR).

* Eight clubs enter 2018-19 without a captain: Buffalo Sabres, Detroit Red Wings, New York Islanders, New York Rangers, Ottawa Senators, Toronto Maple Leafs, Vancouver Canucks and Vegas Golden Knights.

THIRD JERSEYS

Third jerseys [unveiled by clubs](#) ahead of the 2018-19 NHL season:

The **Anaheim Ducks** will debut their [official third jersey](#) during the home opener of their 25th anniversary season, on Monday, Oct. 8 against the Detroit Red Wings (10 p.m. ET, PRIME, FS-D).

The **Arizona Coyotes** will debut their [official third jersey](#) during their home opener on Saturday, Oct. 6 against the Anaheim Ducks (9 p.m. ET, FS-A, PRIME). Overall, they will wear the new jersey for 13 “Kachina Saturday” home games and on Friday, Nov. 23 against the Colorado Avalanche.

The **Calgary Flames** will wear their [retro jersey](#) on 12 occasions in 2018-19, including their home opener on Saturday, Oct. 6 against the Vancouver Canucks (10 p.m. ET, HNIC, SN360).

The **Carolina Hurricanes** will wear their [official third jersey](#) on 14 occasions in 2018-19, including all 11 Friday home games. They will debut the jerseys on Sunday, Oct. 7 against the New York Rangers (5 p.m. ET, MSG). The Hurricanes also will honor their heritage by wearing [Whalers throwback sweaters](#) during on Sunday, Dec. 23 against the Boston Bruins, an old Hartford rival, and on Tuesday, March 5, in Boston.

The **Colorado Avalanche** will wear their [official third jersey](#) during 12 home games in 2018-19, all against Central Division opponents. The first date is set for Wednesday, Nov. 7 against the Nashville Predators (10 p.m. ET, NBCSN).

The **Columbus Blue Jackets** will wear its [signature cannon logo jersey](#) during 12 home games in 2018-19, including Thursday, Oct. 18 against the Philadelphia Flyers (7 p.m. ET, FS-O, NBCSP).

The **Edmonton Oilers** will wear their [retro jersey](#) during four games in 2018-19, all against former Smythe Division opponents. They will debut the jerseys on Thursday, Nov. 29 against the Los Angeles Kings (9 p.m. ET, SNW).

The **New Jersey Devils** will wear their [heritage jersey](#) during four home games this season.

The **New York Islanders** will wear an [official third jersey](#) in 2018-19.

The **Philadelphia Flyers** will wear their official third jersey, which debuted during the 2017 Coors Light NHL Stadium Series, [on 12 occasions in 2018-19](#), including Saturday, Oct. 13 against the Vegas Golden Knights (1 p.m. ET, SN, NBCSP, ATTSN-RM).

The **San Jose Sharks** will wear their [new “stealth” jersey](#) during all home games on Thursday and Friday nights in 2018-19, as well as Saturday, Nov. 3 against the Philadelphia Flyers. The Sharks will debut the jersey on Thursday, Oct. 18 against the Buffalo Sabres (10:30 p.m. ET, NBCSCA).

The **St. Louis Blues** will wear their [heritage jersey](#) during Saturday home games in 2018-19, beginning with their home opener on Saturday, Oct. 6 against the Chicago Blackhawks (8 p.m. ET, NBCSCH).

The **Washington Capitals** will wear their [official third jersey](#) during 12 home games in 2018-19, including Sunday, Nov. 11 against the Arizona Coyotes (5 p.m. ET, NBCSWA, FS-A).

The **Winnipeg Jets** will wear their [official third jersey](#) on 14 occasions in 2018-19.

Miscellaneous

NEW ARENA NAMES

New York Islanders – 21 home games at Barclays Center, 20 home games at NYCB LIVE/Nassau Coliseum

St. Louis Blues – Enterprise Center

Toronto Maple Leafs – Scotiabank Arena

NEW SALARY RANGE

Lower Limit -- \$58.8 million

Adjusted Midpoint -- \$69.15 million

Upper Limit -- \$79.5 million

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