



2019-20 NHL DATES OF INTEREST

All Times Eastern

SEPTEMBER 2019

- Thursday, Sept. 5: Rookie camps open.
- Thursday, Sept. 12: Training camps open.
- Sunday, Sept. 15: Preseason schedule begins.
- Sept. 15 – Oct. 15: NHL celebrates **National Hispanic Heritage Month**.
- Tuesday, Sept. 17: NHL Board of Governors meeting (New York, N.Y.).
- Wednesday, Sept. 18: **2019 Kraft Hockeyville Canada** (Florida Panthers at Montreal Canadiens). The game honors the community of Renous, N.B., and will be played at K.C. Irving Regional Centre in Bathurst, N.B. (7 p.m., SN1, TVAS).
- Thursday, Sept. 26: **2019 Kraft Hockeyville USA** (St. Louis Blues at Detroit Red Wings). The game honors the community of Calumet, Mich., and will be played at Calumet Colosseum (7 p.m., NBCSN).
- Sunday, Sept. 29: **NHL Global Series Challenge** (Chicago Blackhawks at Eisbären Berlin). An exhibition game that will be played at Mercedes-Benz Arena in Berlin, Germany.
- Monday, Sept. 30: **NHL Global Series Challenge** (Philadelphia Flyers at Lausanne HC). An exhibition game that will be played at Vaudoise Arena in Lausanne, Switzerland.

OCTOBER 2019

- Tuesday, Oct. 1: Opening day playing rosters set (5 p.m.).
- Wednesday, Oct. 2: **Opening night of the 2019-20 NHL regular season** includes four games: the St. Louis Blues raise the franchise's first Stanley Cup banner prior to their home opener against the Washington Capitals on NBCSN (8 p.m.); the Ottawa Senators visit the Toronto Maple Leafs in the latest installment of the Battle of Ontario on Sportsnet (7 p.m.); the Edmonton Oilers play host to the Vancouver Canucks in an all-Canadian showdown on Sportsnet (10 p.m.); the Vegas Golden Knights open their season at home against the San Jose Sharks on NBCSN (10:30 p.m.) – the two Pacific Division rivals have met in each of the last two postseasons.

- Thursday, Oct. 3: Panthers D **Anton Stralman** returns to Tampa Bay for the first time. Stralman recorded 130 points and a +80 rating in 355 regular-season appearances with the Lightning from 2014-15 to 2018-19, and ranks fifth on the franchise's all-time list for points by a defenseman.
- New York Rangers D **Jacob Trouba** will face his former team for the first time when the Winnipeg Jets visit Madison Square Garden. Trouba, who the Jets selected with the No. 9 pick in the 2012 NHL Draft, spent his first six NHL seasons with Winnipeg, registering 42-137—179 in 408 regular-season appearances. New York will visit Winnipeg on Feb. 11.
- Friday, Oct. 4: **2019 NHL Global Series** (Chicago Blackhawks at Philadelphia Flyers). O2 Arena in Prague, Czech Republic, will play host to the first of three regular-season games played overseas in 2019-20 (2 p.m.).
- Saturday, Oct. 5: The Buffalo Sabres face off against the New Jersey Devils at KeyBank Center in Buffalo – the home opener for their 50th anniversary season (7 p.m.).
- The Washington Capitals play the Carolina Hurricanes in the first meeting between the teams since Carolina overcame a multi-goal deficit in Game 7 of the First Round of the 2019 Stanley Cup Playoffs to eliminate Washington in double-overtime. **Brock McGinn**'s game-winning tally at 11:05 of the second overtime concluded [the third-longest Game 7 in League history](#).
- Los Angeles Kings head coach **Todd McLellan** returns to Edmonton for the first time. McLellan served as Oilers head coach from 2015-16 to 2018-19, guiding the team to a 123-119-24 record in the regular season.
- Wednesday, Oct. 9: The Vancouver Canucks play host to the Los Angeles Kings at Rogers Arena in Vancouver – the home opener for their 50th anniversary season (10 p.m.; NBCSN, SNP). The date and opponent are the same as the franchise's NHL debut in 1970-71.
- New Jersey Devils F **Wayne Simmonds** returns to Philadelphia for the first time since the Flyers traded him to the Nashville Predators on Feb. 25. Simmonds recorded 203-175—378 in 584 regular-season contests with Philadelphia from 2011-12 to 2018-19 – no Flyers skater scored more goals than Simmonds over that span.
- Thursday, Oct. 10: On this date in 1987, Hartford Whalers C **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. 12: Arizona Coyotes F **Phil Kessel** is expected to skate in his 1,000th regular-season game. Entering the 2019-20 season, Kessel has appeared in 774 consecutive regular-season contests (Nov. 3, 2009 – April 6, 2019) – [the eighth longest Ironman streak](#) in NHL history.
- Thursday, Oct. 17: The New York Rangers visit the New Jersey Devils (7 p.m.) in what could be the first time the top two picks from the 2019 NHL Draft – New Jersey's **Jack Hughes** (No. 1) and New York's **Kaapo Kakko** (No. 2) – face each other in the regular season:
- Saturday, Oct. 19: The Boston Bruins visit the Toronto Maple Leafs in the first half of a home-and-home series – the first meeting between the teams since Boston eliminated Toronto in a First Round, seven-game series for the second consecutive postseason. The two teams meet again three days later, in Boston on Oct. 22.

Thursday, Oct. 24: Dallas Stars F **Corey Perry** will face his former team for the first time when the Anaheim Ducks visit Dallas in what is expected to be the veteran forward's 1,000th career regular-season game. Perry, who spent his first 14 seasons with the Ducks and helped the franchise win its first Stanley Cup in 2007, ranks among the top three in team history in goals (372; 2nd), assists (404; 3rd) and points (776; 3rd). Dallas visits Anaheim Jan. 9.

The Washington Capitals visit the Edmonton Oilers (9 p.m.) in the first of two meetings between last season's two 50-goal scorers: Washington's **Alex Ovechkin** and Edmonton's **Leon Draisaitl**.

Saturday, Oct. 26: **2019 Tim Hortons Heritage Classic** (Calgary Flames at Winnipeg Jets). Mosaic Stadium in Regina, Sask. – home of the CFL's Saskatchewan Roughriders – will be the fifth regular-season outdoor game in the Heritage Classic series and first since 2016 at Investors Group Field in Winnipeg (10 p.m.; HNIC, NBCSN).

A rematch of the 2019 Stanley Cup Final – a seven-game series that saw the St. Louis Blues capture the franchise's first Stanley Cup – will see the defending champion visit the Boston Bruins in a game televised nationally in the U.S. (7 p.m., NBCSN).

NOVEMBER 2019

Friday, Nov. 1: **Hockey Fights Cancer Awareness Month** begins.

Sunday, Nov. 3: Anaheim Ducks F **Ryan Getzlaf** is expected to skate in his 1,000th career regular-season game. Getzlaf, who ranks first in franchise history in assists and second in points, would become the first player to reach 1,000 games in a Ducks uniform.

Monday, Nov. 4: Edmonton Oilers head coach **Dave Tippett** will face his former team for the first time when the Oilers play host to the Arizona Coyotes at Rogers Place. Tippett served as Coyotes head coach for eight seasons, from 2009-10 to 2016-17, guiding the team to a 282-257-83 record in the regular season and a trip 2012 Conference Finals. The two teams will meet in Arizona on Nov. 24.

Tuesday, Nov. 5: Boston Bruins D **Zdeno Chara** is expected to skate in his 1,500th career regular-season contest. He would become the [21st player](#) ([sixth defenseman](#)) to reach the 1,500-game milestone.

Friday, Nov. 8: **2019 NHL Global Series** (Tampa Bay Lightning at Buffalo Sabres). Ericsson Globe in Stockholm, Sweden, will host the first of an overseas home-and-home series between the teams (2 p.m.).

Vancouver Canucks D **Tyler Myers** returns to Winnipeg for the first time. Myers recorded 29-85—114 in 270 regular-season games with the Jets from 2014-15 to 2018-19.

Saturday, Nov. 9: **2019 NHL Global Series** (Buffalo Sabres at Tampa Bay Lightning). The final of three regular-season games to be contested in Europe this season will take place at Ericsson Globe in Stockholm, Sweden (1 p.m.).

Chicago Blackhawks D **Olli Maatta** returns to Pittsburgh for the first time. Maatta, who spent his first six NHL seasons with the Penguins after they selected him with the No. 22 pick in the 2012 NHL Draft, helped Pittsburgh capture back-to-back Stanley Cups in 2016 and 2017.

Friday, Nov. 15: **Hockey Hall of Fame Game** (Boston Bruins at Toronto Maple Leafs; 7 p.m.).

- Saturday, Nov. 16: First of two 15-game slates of the 2019-20 season (also final day of regular season on Saturday, April 4). This marks the 17th 15-game day in League history – only the Columbus Blue Jackets are idle.
- Los Angeles Kings F **Jeff Carter** is expected to skate in his 1,000th career regular-season game.
- Monday, Nov. 18: **Hockey Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony** (Toronto, Ont.): Inductees: **Guy Carbonneau, Vaclav Nedomansky, Hayley Wickenheiser** and **Sergei Zubov** (Player category); **Jim Rutherford, Jerry York** (Builder category); **Frank Brown, Jim Hughson** (Media honorees).
- Tuesday, Nov. 19: NHL General Managers meeting (Toronto, Ont.).
- The 2019-20 regular season surpasses the quarter-mark on a 13-game day.
- Tampa Bay Lightning F **Pat Maroon** returns to St. Louis for the first time since winning the Stanley Cup with his hometown Blues. Maroon contributed a pair of game-winning goals during St. Louis' run to the championship, including a memorable double-overtime winner in Game 7 of the Second Round against the Dallas Stars to propel the Blues to the Western Conference Final.
- Saturday, Nov. 23: Toronto Maple Leafs D **Tyson Barrie** and F **Alexander Kerfoot** return to Colorado for the first time. Barrie, who ranked seventh among NHL defensemen with 14-45—59 in 2018-19, holds the Avalanche franchise record for points by a blueliner (75-232—307 in 484 GP).
- Additionally, Colorado Avalanche F **Nazem Kadri** will face his former team for the first time when Toronto visits Colorado. Kadri spent his first 10 NHL seasons with the Maple Leafs, totaling 161-196—357 in 561 regular-season games. Colorado visits Toronto 11 days later on Dec. 4.
- Monday, Nov. 25: Minnesota Wild F **Mats Zuccarello** returns to New York for the first time since the Rangers traded him to the Dallas Stars on Feb. 23. Zuccarello recorded 113-239—352 in 509 regular-season games with the Rangers from 2010-11 to 2018-19 – the highest assist total and second-highest point total of any Rangers skater over that span.
- Tuesday, Nov. 26: **NHL Founders Day (1917)**. Six teams are in action on the 102nd anniversary of the League's founding, including an all-Original Six matchup between the Boston Bruins and Montreal Canadiens (7 p.m.).
- Friday, Nov. 29: **2019 NHL Thanksgiving Showdown** (New York Rangers at Boston Bruins, 1 p.m., NBC). The annual showdown highlights a 12-game slate to cap the U.S. Thanksgiving holiday.

DECEMBER 2019

- Sunday, Dec. 1: Signing deadline for Group 2 free agents (5 p.m.).
- Minnesota Wild F **Mikko Koivu** is expected to skate in his 1,000th career regular-season game. Koivu, who holds franchise records for games played, assists and points, will become the first player to appear in 1,000 games for the franchise.
- Tuesday, Dec. 3: The Vancouver Canucks will induct **Alex Burrows** into the team's Ring of Honour prior to hosting the Ottawa Senators (10 p.m.). A fan-favorite during his time in Vancouver, Burrows recorded 193-191—384 in 822 regular-season games with the franchise and added 19-15—34 in 70 postseason appearances.

- Thursday, Dec. 5: New York Rangers F **Artemi Panarin** returns to Columbus for the first time. Panarin compiled 55-114—169 in 160 regular-season appearances with the Blue Jackets from 2017-18 to 2018-19, setting single-season franchise records for assists and points last season (28-59—87 in 79 GP).
- Friday, Dec. 6: Arizona Coyotes F **Phil Kessel** returns to Pittsburgh for the first time. Kessel posted 303 points (110 goals, 193 assists) in 328 regular-season games with the Penguins across four seasons and added 20-36—56 in 65 postseason appearances – helping Pittsburgh capture back-to-back Stanley Cups in 2016 and 2017.
- Saturday, Dec. 7: Florida Panthers G **Sergei Bobrovsky** will face his former team for the first time when the Columbus Blue Jackets visit Florida. In seven seasons with Columbus, Bobrovsky set franchise marks for wins (213) and shutouts (33) while capturing the Vezina Trophy twice (2012-13 and 2016-17). Florida visits Columbus on Dec. 31.
- New Jersey Devils D **P.K. Subban** returns to Nashville for the first time. Subban recorded 35-95—130 in 211 games with the Predators from 2016-17 to 2018-19 and helped the franchise reach the Stanley Cup Final for the first time in 2017.
- Sunday, Dec. 8: The first of two meetings in 2019-20 between Edmonton Oilers C **Connor McDavid** and Buffalo Sabres C **Jack Eichel**, the top two picks from the 2015 NHL Draft, takes place as the Oilers play host to the Sabres (8 p.m.). The teams face off in Buffalo on Jan. 2.
- Dec. 9-10: NHL Board of Governors meeting (Pebble Beach, Calif.).
- Thursday, Dec. 12: **U.S. Hockey Hall of Fame Induction** in Washington, D.C. Inductees: **Gary Bettman, Brian Gionta, Neal Henderson, Tim Thomas** and **Krissy Wendell**. Lester Patrick recipient: **Dr. Jack Blatherwick**.
- San Jose Sharks F **Joe Thornton** is expected to skate in his 1,600th career regular-season game. He would become [the 12th player in NHL history](#) to reach the 1,600-game milestone.
- Saturday, Dec. 14: San Jose Sharks D **Marc-Edouard Vlasic** is expected to skate in his 1,000th career regular-season game. Vlasic, who has spent his entire NHL career with San Jose, would become the third player to appear in 1,000 games with the franchise (also **Patrick Marleau** and **Joe Thornton**).
- Thursday, Dec. 19: **102nd Anniversary of the first games in NHL history**, with 10 games on the schedule.
- 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).
- Friday, Dec. 20: Dallas Stars F **Joe Pavelski** is expected to skate in his 1,000th career regular-season game – the second of three Dallas skaters within reach of the milestone in 2019-20 (also **Corey Perry** and **Andrew Cogliano**).
- Saturday, Dec. 21: St. Louis Blues F **Alexander Steen** is expected to skate in his 1,000th career regular-season game.

- Monday, Dec. 23: Carolina Hurricanes D **Jake Gardiner** returns to Toronto for the first time. He spent his first eight NHL seasons with the Maple Leafs, compiling 45-200—245 in 551 regular-season games from 2011-12 to 2018-19 – no Toronto blueliner produced more points over that span.
- Philadelphia Flyers head coach **Alain Vigneault** will face his former team for the first time when the Flyers play host to the New York Rangers. Vigneault served as New York's bench boss from 2013-14 to 2017-18, amassing a 226-147-37 record during the regular season while leading the franchise to the 2014 Stanley Cup Final. The two teams will meet in New York on March 1.
- Dec. 24-26: Holiday break (no scheduled practices; dressing rooms closed).
- Dec. 26 – Jan. 5: IIHF World Junior Championship (Ostrava/Trinec, Czech Republic).
- Friday, Dec. 27: Calgary Flames G **Cam Talbot** and F **Milan Lucic** will return to Edmonton for the first time. Talbot appeared in 227 regular-season games for the Oilers across four seasons from 2015-16 to 2018-19, compiling a 104-95-19 record (2.74 GAA, .912 SV%, 12 SO) – ranking fifth on the franchise's all-time wins list. Lucic recorded 39-65—104 in 243 regular-season contests with Edmonton from 2016-17 to 2018-19.
- Additionally, Edmonton Oilers goaltender **Mike Smith** is set to face his former team for the first time when the Oilers play host to the Flames. Smith posted a 48-38-8 mark across two seasons with Calgary (2.68 GAA, .909 SV%, 5 SO). Edmonton visits Calgary on Jan. 11.
- Tuesday, Dec. 31: The final day of the 2019 calendar year features 13 games, beginning with two games at 1 p.m. (BOS at NJD and NYI at WSH) and closing with four contests that start at 9 p.m. (PHI at LAK; CHI at CGY; NYR at EDM; STL at ARI).
- On this date in 1988, Pittsburgh Penguins C **Mario Lemieux** became the first player in NHL history to score five goals in five different ways.
- JANUARY 2020**
- Wednesday, Jan. 1: **2020 Bridgestone NHL Winter Classic** (Nashville Predators at Dallas Stars, 2 p.m., NBC). The historic Cotton Bowl in Dallas-Fort Worth will host the NHL's 29th regular-season outdoor game – the first-ever outdoor appearance for both franchises.
- Thursday, Jan. 2: The 2019-20 regular season surpasses the halfway mark on a 12-game day.
- Monday, Jan. 6: New York Islanders G **Semyon Varlamov** will face his former team for the first time when the Islanders play host to the Colorado Avalanche. Varlamov ranks second in Avalanche franchise history with 183 regular-season wins, behind only **Patrick Roy** (262). New York will visit Colorado on Feb. 19.
- 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.
- Saturday, Jan. 11: Dallas Stars F **Joe Pavelski** returns to San Jose for the first time. Pavelski spent his first 13 NHL seasons with the Sharks, serving as captain from 2015-16 to 2018-19. He ranks among the top three in franchise history in goals (355; 2nd), assists (406; 3rd) and points (761; 3rd).
- Week of Jan. 13: NHL Central Scouting Mid-Season Rankings released.

- Thursday, Jan. 16: CHL/NHL Top Prospects Game (FirstOntario Centre, Hamilton, Ont.).
- Saturday, Jan. 18: On this date in 1958, Boston Bruins LW **Willie O'Ree** became the first black player to appear in an NHL game.
- Bye weeks begin. The Anaheim Ducks and Tampa Bay Lightning are first to begin their break, followed by 15 other teams on Jan. 19. The remaining 14 teams begin their breaks Jan. 21-23.
- Monday, Jan. 20: USA Hockey's annual All-American Prospects Game (USA Hockey Arena, Plymouth, Mich.).
- Tuesday, Jan. 21: Florida Panthers head coach **Joel Quenneville** returns to Chicago for the first time. Quenneville, who ranks second in NHL history with 890 wins, coached the Blackhawks to a 452-249-96 record in the regular season from 2008-09 to 2018-19 while leading the franchise to three Stanley Cups in a six-year span (2010, 2013, 2015).
- Jan. 23-26: **NHL All-Star Break** (no games played):
- Jan. 23-25: No scheduled practices; dressing rooms closed
 - Friday, Jan. 24: **2020 NHL All-Star Skills** at Enterprise Center in St. Louis, Mo. (8 p.m. on NBCSN, SN, CBC, TVAS)
 - Saturday, Jan. 25: **2020 Honda NHL All-Star Game** at Enterprise Center in St. Louis, Mo. (8 p.m. on NBCSN, SN, CBC, TVAS)
- Jan. 26-27: 2020 AHL All-Star Classic (Citizens Business Bank Arena, Ontario, Calif.).
- Monday, Jan. 27: The NHL regular season resumes after the All-Star break with six games, including a national broadcast in the U.S. (Tampa Bay Lightning at Dallas Stars, 8 p.m., NBCSN).
- Wednesday, Jan. 29: Toronto Maple Leafs F **Jason Spezza** returns to Dallas for the first time. Spezza recorded 81-147—228 in 379 regular-season appearances with the Stars from 2014-15 to 2018-19.
- Thursday, Jan. 31: Detroit Red Wings F **Valtteri Filppula** is expected to skate in his 1,000th career regular-season game. Entering the 2019-20 season, only six Finnish-born players have reached the 1,000-game milestone: **Teemu Selanne** (1,451), **Teppo Numminen** (1,372), **Jari Kurri** (1,251), **Olli Jokinen** (1,231), **Saku Koivu** (1,124) and **Kimmo Timonen** (1,108).
- On this date in 1920, Quebec Bulldogs C **Joe Malone** set [an NHL record](#) with seven goals in a 10-6 win against the Toronto Maple Leafs.

FEBRUARY 2020

- Feb. 1-29: NHL celebrates **Black History Month**.
- Sunday, Feb. 2: On this date in 1977, Toronto Maple Leafs D **Ian Turnbull** set an NHL record for goals in one game by a defenseman, scoring five times on five shots in a 9-1 win against the Detroit Red Wings.
- Friday, Feb. 7: Minnesota Wild F **Zach Parise** is expected to skate in his 1,000th career regular-season game.
- On this date in 1976, Toronto Maple Leafs C **Darryl Sittler** (6-4—10) set an NHL record for points in one game, collecting 10 in an 11-4 win against the Boston Bruins.

- Saturday, Feb. 8: **Hockey Day in Canada** (Hockey Canada) and the **20th Annual Scotiabank Hockey Day in Canada**, hosted in Yellowknife, N.W.T. "Hockey Night in Canada" will feature matchups involving all seven Canadian teams:
- Ottawa Senators at Winnipeg Jets (2 p.m.)
 - Nashville Predators at Edmonton Oilers (7 p.m.)
 - Toronto Maple Leafs at Montreal Canadiens (7 p.m.)
 - Calgary Flames at Vancouver Canucks (10 p.m.)
- Monday, Feb. 10: The Columbus Blue Jackets play host the Tampa Bay Lightning in the first meeting between the teams since the First Round of the 2019 Stanley Cup Playoffs, when Columbus became the first team in NHL history to sweep a best-of-seven series in the opening round against the team with the best regular-season record.
- New York Islanders F **Andrew Ladd** is scheduled to skate in his 1,000th career regular-season game.
- Tuesday, Feb. 11: Dallas Stars F **Andrew Cogliano** is expected to skate in his 1,000th career regular-season game – he is slated to be the third member of the Stars to reach the milestone in 2019-20, following **Corey Perry** and **Joe Pavelski**.
- Wednesday, Feb. 12: The Vancouver Canucks will retire the Nos. 22 and 33 of franchise icons **Daniel and Henrik Sedin** prior to facing the Chicago Blackhawks (10:30 p.m.; SN). The brothers are the only two players in Canucks history to record more than 1,000 points with the franchise.
- Saturday, Feb. 15: **2020 NHL Stadium Series** (Los Angeles Kings at Colorado Avalanche, 8 p.m., NBC, HNIC). U.S. Air Force Academy's Falcon Stadium in Colorado Springs, Colo., will host the NHL's 30th regular-season outdoor game and second to take place at a U.S. Service Academy, following Navy-Marine Corps Memorial Stadium in Annapolis, Md., in 2018 (TOR at WSH).
- Sunday, Feb. 16: Pittsburgh Penguins F **Sidney Crosby** is expected to skate in his 1,000th career regular-season game. He will become the first player in Penguins history to appear in 1,000 games with the franchise.
- Tuesday, Feb. 18: On this date in 1918, Montreal 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).
- Feb. 16-23: USA Hockey celebrates **Hockey Week Across America**, starting with a "**Hockey Day in America**" tripleheader on Sunday, Feb. 16th:
- Detroit Red Wings at Pittsburgh Penguins (12:30 p.m., NBC)
 - Boston Bruins at New York Rangers (3:30 p.m., NBC)
 - St. Louis Blues at Nashville Predators (6:00 p.m., NBCSN)
- Saturday, Feb. 22: The 2018-19 regular season enters its final quarter on an 11-game day.
- Monday, Feb. 24: **2020 NHL Trade Deadline** (3 p.m.).

MARCH 2020

- March 1-31: NHL celebrates **Gender Equality Month**.

- March 2-4: NHL General Managers meeting (Boca Raton, Fla.).
- Saturday, March 14: Boston Bruins F **David Backes** is scheduled to skate in his 1,000th career regular-season game.
- Tuesday, 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.
- Thursday, March 19: Montreal Canadiens D **Shea Weber** is scheduled to skate in his 1,000th career regular-season game.
- Saturday, March 21: Tampa Bay Lightning D **Braydon Coburn** is scheduled to skate in his 1,000th career regular-season game.
- Monday, March 23: On this date in 1994, Los Angeles Kings C **Wayne Gretzky** scored his 802nd career goal to surpass RW **Gordie Howe** as the NHL's all-time leader. Gretzky finished his career with 894 goals.
- March 27-29: NCAA Regionals.
- Saturday, March 28: New Jersey Devils F **Travis Zajac** is scheduled to skate in his 1,000th career NHL game. He would become the fourth player to appear in 1,000 games with the franchise, joining **Ken Daneyko** (1,283), **Martin Brodeur** (1,259) and **Patrik Elias** (1,240).
- Vancouver Canucks F **Loui Eriksson** is scheduled to skate in his 1,000th career NHL game.

APRIL 2020

- April 1-30 NHL celebrates **Earth Month**.
- Saturday, April 4: **Last day of 2019-20 regular season.** Thirty teams are in action on the final day of the season, with only the Columbus Blue Jackets having completed their 82-game slate. It marks the 18th 15-game day in League history and second of 2019-20 (also Saturday, Nov. 16).
- Week of April 6: **NHL Central Scouting Final Rankings** released.
- Wednesday, April 8: **2020 Stanley Cup Playoffs** begin.
- April 9-11: NCAA Frozen Four (Little Caesars Arena, Detroit, Mich.).
- Saturday, April 18: On this date in 1999, C **Wayne Gretzky** appeared in his final NHL game. The League's all-time leading scorer recorded an assist and one shot on goal 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 16-26: IIHF Under-18 World Championship (Ann Arbor/Plymouth, Mich.).
- TBA: **2020 NHL Draft Lottery**.

MAY 2020

May 8-24: IIHF World Championship (Zurich/Lausanne, Switzerland).

May 22-31: 2020 CHL Memorial Cup (Prospera Place, Kelowna, B.C.).

JUNE 2020

June 1-30: NHL celebrates **Pride Month**.

June 1-6: **2020 NHL Scouting Combine** (Buffalo, N.Y.).

Friday, 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 Montreal. The Canadiens selected LW **Gerry Monahan** first overall. The 2020 NHL Draft will be hosted by the Montreal Canadiens at the Bell Centre from June 26-27.

Wednesday, June 17: **2020 NHL Awards** (Las Vegas, Nev.).

June 26-27: **2020 NHL Draft** (Bell Centre, Montreal, Que.).

JULY 2020

Wednesday, July 1: **Free agency** begins (12 p.m.).

Sunday, July 5: Deadline for player-elected salary arbitration notification (5 p.m.).

Monday, July 6: Deadline for club-elected salary arbitration notification (5 p.m.).

July 20 – Aug. 4: Salary arbitration hearings held.

AUGUST 2020

Thursday, Aug. 6: Deadline for salary arbitration decisions to be rendered.

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