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## NED! NED! NED!

Alex Nedeljkovic scored his first career NHL goal last night and became the fifth NHL goaltender in the last 10 years to light the lamp.

- Last night marked Nedeljkovic's first career NHL goal, but the fourth professional goal of his career. He is the first goaltender to score a goal at the NHL, AHL and ECHL levels:

Alex Nedeljkovic's Goalie Goals			
League	Date	Team	Opponent
NHL	Jan. 17, 2025	Pittsburgh	Buffalo
AHL	Nov. 17, 2023	Wilkes-Barre/Scranton	Providence
	Mar. 10, 2018	Charlotte	Hartford
ECHL	Dec. 30, 2016	Florida	Atlanta

- In addition to his goal, Nedeljkovic also recorded an assist last night to become the first goaltender in NHL history to have a goal and an assist in the same game.
- Nedeljkovic became the fourth goaltender in Penguins history to record two points in a game, and the first goalie in the NHL to do so since Pyotr Kochetkov did so on December 22, 2024 [2A].

Two-Point Games by Penguins Goaltenders		
League	Date	Stat
Alex Nedeljkovic	Jan. 17, 2025	1G-1A
Tom Barrasso	Jan. 5, 1999	2A
Wendell Young	Feb. 20, 1990	2A
Michel Dion	Jan. 31, 1983	2A

- Nedeljkovic joins Tristan Jarry (Nov. 30, 2023) as the only goalies in Penguins history to score a goal. Pittsburgh is just the second team in NHL history to have multiple netminders with a goal, joining the Nashville Predators (Pekka Rinne on Jan. 9, 2020 and Chris Mason on Apr. 15, 2006).
- Nedeljkovic also made 40 saves in the 5-2 win, marking the most he has made in a Penguins sweater (also 40 saves on Jan. 9, 2025 vs. EDM).

## THE GRZELER

Matt Grzelcyk recorded his fourth multi-point game of the season last night in Buffalo with two helpers on the power play in the 5-2 win.

- Grzelcyk's two assists give him 23 on the season, marking a new career high, surpassing his previous high of 22 set in 2022-23.
- The defenseman's two assists on the power play increased his season total to eight points on the man advantage, which is also a new career high (previous career high was six power-play points in 2019-20 & '20-21).

- Grzelcyk now sits just two points away from tying his career-high point total of 26 set during the 2022-23 season with Boston.



## POWERED UP

The Penguins' power play has been clicking as of late, scoring on the man advantage in nine of the last 12 games dating back to Dec. 23, going 15-for-38 (39.5%).

- Stretching back further, the Penguins have 23 power-play goals over their last 22 games dating back to Nov. 30. In that span, the Penguins' 23 power-play goals lead the league and their 33.8 success rate ranks second:

### Power-Play Percentage

Since Nov. 30

1. Pittsburgh	33.8%
2. Winnipeg	32.8%
3. Detroit	31.3%
4. Edmonton	30.8%
5. Tampa Bay	29.3%

### Power-Play Goals

Since Nov. 30

1. Pittsburgh	23
2. Winnipeg	20
2. Detroit	20
4. Florida	17
4. Tampa Bay	17



## HOW SWEDE IT IS

Rickard Rakell scored his team-leading 23rd goal of the season last night in Buffalo, which is the fourth-highest goal total of his career.

- Rakell has been on a tear since he was left off of Team Sweden's Four Nations roster on December 4. Since then, Rakell leads all Swedish-born players in goals and points:

### Goals

Swedish Players Since Dec. 4

1. Rickard Rakell	13
2. William Nylander	11
3. Adrian Kempe	9
3. Lucas Raymond	9
5. Victor Olofsson	6

### Points

Swedish Players Since Dec. 4

1. Rickard Rakell	23
2. Lucas Raymond	22
3. Filip Forsberg	21
3. William Nylander	21
5. Adrian Kempe	17

- Rakell has been a leading force behind Pittsburgh's strong play since November 27. In that span, Pittsburgh's 83 goals are the second most in the NHL and Rakell has accounted for 16 which lead the entire league in that span:

### Goals

Since Nov. 27

1. Rickard Rakell	16
2. Leon Draisaitl	15
2. Mark Scheifele	15
4. Brayden Point	14
5. Tom Wilson	13

