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PENGUINS

VS



32-18-6

MO MONEY, MO PROBLEMS

Anthony Mantha has six goals in the past six outings and has 11 points over his last eight games (6G-5A).

■ Mantha became the second Penguin to score 20 goals this season with his goal on Long Island on Tuesday and hit the 20-goal plateau for the fourth time in his career:

Goals in a Season

Mantha's Career

1. 2018-19	25
2. 2017-18	24
3. 2023-24	23
4. 2025-26	20



■ Mantha became the first player to score 20 goals in his first season with the Penguins since Phil Kessel scored 26 in 2015-16.

■ Since the Sidney Crosby era began in 2005-06, Mantha is only the seventh player to score 20 goals in his first season with the team:

20 Goals in First Season with PIT Since 2005-06

Player	Season	Goals
Anthony Mantha	2025-26	20
Phil Kessel	2015-16	26
Patric Hornqvist	2014-15	25
Petr Sykora	2007-08	28
Evgeni Malkin	2006-07	33
Jordan Staal	2006-07	29
Sidney Crosby	2005-06	39

■ Mantha became the first free agent signing to score 20 goals in his first season with the Penguins since Petr Sykora scored 28 in 2007-08.

GREAT ADDITION

Egor Chinakhov scored his eighth goal as a member of the Penguins on Tuesday night on Long Island, increasing his season total to 11 in 2025-26.

■ Chinakhov has eight goals in 17 games with the Penguins after scoring three goals in 29 games with the Columbus Blue Jackets prior to his trade.

■ Since his Penguins debut, no Penguin has more goals than Chinakhov's eight:

Goals

Penguins Since Jan. 1

1. Egor Chinakhov	8
2. Connor Dewar	7
3. Sidney Crosby	6
3. Rickard Rakell	6
3. Anthony Mantha	6
6. Evgeni Malkin	5



■ Since Chinakhov's debut, the Penguins have earned points in 13 of their 16 games, going 11-3-3.

ON A ROLL

The Penguins enter tonight's game with points in 16 of their last 19 games dating back to the NHL's holiday break concluding on December 27.

■ Since the NHL's holiday break, the Penguins rank towards the top of the league in several categories:

NHL Ranks Since Dec. 27		
Category	Stat	Rank
Wins	13	3rd
Win %	.763	2nd
Points	29	3rd
Goals For	77	2nd
Goals Against	46	3rd
GAA	2.42	2nd
Goal Differential	+31	1st
Penalty Kill %	90.4%	1st

IN RUST WE TRUST

Bryan Rust returned to the lineup on Tuesday against the New York Islanders and potted his 19th goal of the season.

■ Rust enters tonight's game one goal away from joining Sidney Crosby and Anthony Mantha with 20 goals on the year. This would mark Rust's seventh season with 20-plus goals.

■ Only six players in Penguins history have recorded more than seven 20-goal seasons with the team:

20-Goal Seasons

Penguins History

1. Sidney Crosby	18	5. Rick Kehoe	9
2. Evgeni Malkin	15	5. Jean Pronovost	9
3. Mario Lemieux	12	7. Jake Guentzel	7
4. Jaromir Jagr	11	8. Bryan Rust	6

■ Rust is looking to become the sixth Penguin in franchise history to have seven-consecutive 20-goal seasons:

Consecutive 20-Goal Seasons in Franchise History

Player	Seasons	Start Season	End Season
Jaromir Jagr	11	1990-91	2000-01
Rick Kehoe	9	1974-75	1982-83
Jean Pronovost	9	1969-70	1977-78
Evgeni Malkin	7	2013-14	2019-20
Jake Guentzel	7	2017-18	2023-24
Bryan Rust	6	2019-20	2024-25
Sidney Crosby	6	3 Instances	
Mario Lemieux	6	1984-85	1989-90