

NEW YORK ISLANDERS



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GAME PREVIEW ISLANDERS (38-24-5), 3rd in Metropolitan vs. MAPLE LEAFS (29-27-12), 7th in Atlantic 3.17.2026 7:00PM ET SCOTIABANK

PLAYER SPOTLIGHT

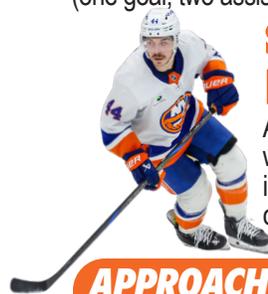
SIMON HOLMSTRÖM #92



Simon Holmström recorded his second multi-goal game of the season (including one shorthanded) on March 14 vs. Calgary, and first since January 10 in Minnesota. His second goal was his fourth game-winning goal of the season, extending his career high. He is one of 13 players in the league this season with four or more shorthanded points and is the second Islander this season to record multiple shorthanded goals (also Jean-Gabriel Pageau). Since the return of NHL play from the Olympic break, Holmström has recorded a +7 rating along with six points (three goals, three assists) in nine games. In 65 games with the Islanders this season, Holmström has tallied 35 points (16 goals, 19 assists), a team-leading +15 rating, and a career-high 16 PIM. The Islanders are 11-1-2 when Holmström has scored a goal this season and 18-4-3 when he has recorded a point. Holmström has 17 points (eight goals, nine assists) over his last 24 games dating back to January 6, as well as 26 points over his last 37 games. Since entering the league in 2022-23, Holmstrom's 19.9 shot percentage is the fifth-best in the NHL out of the 717 skaters who have attempted 100+ shots in that span. In seven games against the Toronto Maple Leafs, Holmström has recorded three points (one goal, two assists), including two points in his last two games.

SHORTHANDED POINTS LEADER

Among all NHL skaters, Jean-Gabriel Pageau leads with seven shorthanded points this season, his most in a season as an Islander and the second best of his career, trailing only his nine SHP in 2015-16.

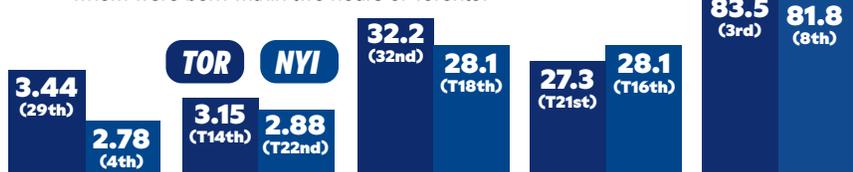


APPROACHING MILESTONES + STREAK

- **Mat Barzal** has an active nine-game point streak against the Maple Leafs, totaling 13 points in the span dating back to November 21, 2022. His point streak against Toronto is the longest active streak by any active player against the club and the longest since Mats Naslund's 10-game point streak vs. the Leafs from 1987-90.
- **Ryan Pulock** is one goal shy of tying Kenny Jonsson (57) for the third-most goals by a franchise defenseman
- With his next power-play goal, **Matthew Schaefer** can break a tie with Vladimir Malakhov (7) for the most power-play goals by a rookie defenseman in franchise history
- **Anders Lee** is one goal away from passing Clark Gillies (304) for the fourth-most in franchise history and one game-winning goal away from passing Brock Nelson (47) for the third-most in franchise history. Lee is currently tied with Bob Bourne (542) for the 11th-most points by an Islander

HOMETOWN FACEOFF

Tonight, Matthew Schaefer returns to Toronto to face the Maple Leafs in front of family and friends. A native of Hamilton, Ontario, Schaefer grew up just an hour from the city. The last time he faced Toronto, he scored twice for the second multi-goal game of his career, including the overtime winner. Since then, he has recorded 20 points (eight goals, 12 assists) and a +6 rating. He enters tonight's matchup alongside teammates Casey Cizikas, Cal Ritchie, Bo Horvat, and Adam Pelech, all whom were born within two hours of Toronto.



ALL-TIME RECORDS vs. TOR

OVERALL	85-72-7-8
HOME	48-30-3-4
AWAY	37-42-4-4



ILYA SOROKIN

BETWEEN THE PIPES:

- Leads the NHL with 17 wins on the road this season. His 25 road appearances as well as five road shutouts also lead the league
- In 2026, has gone 10-3-0 on the road (2 SO) with a .914 SV% and 2.40 GAA
- 5-2-0 in his last seven games against the Toronto Maple Leafs, making 205 saves out of 222 shots faced for a .923 SV% and a 2.44 GAA (since 3/21/23)
- A win tonight would mark his 150th career win, becoming the third Islanders goaltender to achieve the feat
- His next shutout will tie for the most in a single-season in franchise history (7)

TEAMLEADERS

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LEAFS

Bo Horvat (28)	GOALS	Auston Matthews (27)
Mat Barzal (42)	ASSISTS	William Nylander (40)
Mat Barzal (60)	POINTS	William Nylander (63)
Scott Mayfield (74)	PIM	Max Domi (63)
Bo Horvat (6)	GWG	Three players (3)
Matthew Schaefer (24:21)	TOI/GP	Jake McCabe (22:24)
Simon Holmström (+15)	+/-	Jake McCabe (+10)

CAREER LEADERS VS. OPPONENT

Ondrej Palat (13)	GOALS	Auston Matthews (14)
Barzal/Pageau (14)	ASSISTS	William Nylander (14)
Ondrej Palat (24)	POINTS	William Nylander (23)