

23-28-9 PENGUINS & DENGUINS



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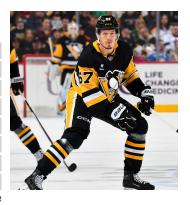
Rickard Rakell has been having his best season as a member of the Penguins. leading the team with 25 goals and ranking second behind only Sidney Crosby with 49 points.

- Rakell, who has points in six of his last eight games, enters tonight's game just two points away from hitting the 500 career point mark.
- With two more points, Rakell, who was drafted 30th overall in 2011, will become the 12th member of his draft class to reach 500 career points.
- Rakell is set to become the 37th Swede in NHL history to hit the 500-point mark, and just the 12th active Swede to do so. Among those 12 players, Rakell is looking to become the eighth fastest to hit the mark:

Games to 500 Points

Active Swedish-Born Players

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1.	Nicklas Backstrom	501
2.	William Nylander	574
3.	Filip Forsberg	601
4.	Erik Karlsson	613
5.	Mika Zibanejad	669
6.	Gabriel Landeskog	672
7.	Elias Lindholm	719
8.	Rickard Rakell	780*
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*Entering today's game

- Rakell enters tonight's game one point away from hitting the 50-point plateau for the fourth time in his career.
- Rakell has tallied 10 goals and 17 points in 19 career outings against the Flyers. His 0.89 points-per-game average against them is his third highest against any one team, behind only Nashville (1.04) and Montreal (0.90).

OFFENSIVE DEFENSEMEN

Kris Letang and Erik Karlsson have been two of the League's top producers among defensemen versus the Philadelphia Flyers throughout their careers.

- Letang leads all active defensemen with 12 goals, 41 assists and 53 points in 70 career games against the Flyers.
- In 39 career games against Philadelphia, Karlsson has tallied six goals, 23 assists and 29 points. His 23 assists are the third most among active defensemen, while his 29 points rank fourth.

Assists vs. PHI Active Defensemen 1. Kris Letang 41 2. John Carlson 31 3. Erik Karlsson 23 4. Victor Hedman 23 5. Brent Burns 17

Points vs. PHI

Active Defensemen

1.	Kris Letang	53
2.	John Carlson	36
3.	Victor Hedman	32
4.	Erik Karlsson	29
5.	Justin Faulk	24

■ Karlsson enters tonight's game with points in five-consecutive home games, which is his longest home point streak since a seven-game streak from Nov. 27-Dec. 29, 2022.

SIMPLY SID-SATIONAL

Sidney Crosby has points in seven of his last eight games played, including points in four-consecutive home games.

■ With two more goals, Crosby will record the 17th 20-goal season of his career, which will be the second most among active players and the seventh most in NHL history:

20-Goal Seasons

Active Players

1.	Alex Ovechkin	20
2.	Sidney Crosby	16
2.	Patrick Kane	16
4.	John Tavares	15
4.	Evgeni Malkin	15



- Crosby is the all-time leader in every major category against the Flyers in NHL history with 56 goals, 77 assists and 133 points in 88 games.
- Crosby's 133 points against Philadelphia are the second most he has recorded against any one team. He owns the three-highest point totals against a single franchise among all active players:

Points vs. One Team

Active Players			
1.	Sidney Crosby vs. NYI	136	
2.	Sidney Crosby vs. PHI	133	
3.	Sidney Crosby vs. NYR	109	
4.	Alex Ovechkin vs. CAR	105	
5.	Alex Ovechkin vs. WPG	101	



BIG HAYSEY

Kevin Hayes enters tonight's game with points in three of his last four games (3A) and has points in three-consecutive home contests at PPG Paints Arena (1G-3A).

- With a point tonight, Hayes can record his longest home point streak since a six-game streak from Nov. 8-29, 2022 as a member of the Flyers.
- Hayes has four points (1G-3A) over his last six total games and his four points in the month of February rank fifth on the Penguins.
- Stretching back further, only Sidney Crosby, Rickard Rakell, Bryan Rust and Erik Karlsson have more points than Hayes during the calendar year:

Points

Penguins In 2025

5.	Kevin Hayes	9
4.	Erik Karlsson	14
3.	Bryan Rust	15
2.	Rickard Rakell	18
1.	Sidney Crosby	19
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Hayes faces his former team tonight who he spent four seasons with between 2019-23. During his Flyers tenure, he ranked second on the team with 94 assists and 157 points in 253 games, while his 63 goals were third.