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ROOKIE SENSATIONS

The Penguins have recalled two of their top prospects, Ville Koivunen and Rutger McGroarty, from the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins.

- Koivunen, who is looking to make his NHL debut tonight, was acquired by Pittsburgh as part of the Jake Guentzel trade last March. The forward is having an outstanding rookie season in Wilkes-Barre/Scranton, leading all AHL rookies in points and ranking sixth across the entire league:

Points

AHL Rookies

1. Ville Koivunen	55
1. Justin Hryckowian	55
3. Bradly Nadeau	48
3. Tristan Luneau	48
5. Luca Cagnoni	47



Points

AHL

1. Andrew Poturalski	73
2. Matej Blumel	64
3. Seth Griffith	62
4. Chris Terry	59
5. Matthew Peca	58
6. Ville Koivunen	55

- McGroarty, who was acquired from Winnipeg in exchange for Brayden Yager last August, played three games for Pittsburgh at the beginning of the season. He ranks 11th among all AHL rookies in points and fourth overall on Wilkes-Barre/Scranton with 39 points in 60 games:

Points

WBS Penguins

1. Ville Koivunen	55
2. Boris Katchouk	48
3. Emil Bemstrom	46
4. Rutger McGroarty	39
4. Avery Hayes	39



- Since February 15, no Wilkes-Barre/Scranton player has more points than McGroarty's 18:

Points

Since Feb. 15

1. Rutger McGroarty	18
2. Ville Koivunen	16
3. Avery Hayes	15
4. Valtteri Puustinen	15
5. Sam Poulin	15



STREAKIN' SIDNEY

Sidney Crosby enters tonight's game on a hot streak, recording points in nine-consecutive games dating back to March 9.

- Crosby's current nine-game point streak is his longest streak of the season and tied for the longest active point streak in the league:

Active Point Streaks			
Player	GP	Span	Stats
Sidney Crosby	9	Mar. 9-Present	7G-7A-14PTS
Dylan Holloway	9	Mar. 13-Present	6G-9A-15PTS
Nikita Kucherov	7	Mar. 15-Present	4G-9A-13PTS

- Since Crosby's point streak began on March 9, his seven goals rank second in the league while his 14 points are fourth in the league:

Goals

Since March 9

1. Nazem Kadri	8
2. Sidney Crosby	7
2. Six Others	7

Points

Since March 9

1. Jack Eichel	16
2. Robert Thomas	15
3. Dylan Holloway	15
4. Sidney Crosby	14

- Crosby also enters tonight's game on a 12-game home point streak dating back to February 1. In that span he has tallied seven goals, 11 assists and 18 points and has the second-longest active home point streak in the league:

Active Home Point Streaks			
Player	GP	Span	Stats
Nathan MacKinnon	23	Dec. 12-Present	14G-23A-37PTS
Sidney Crosby	12	Feb. 1-Present	7G-11A-18PTS
Dylan Holloway	8	Feb. 23-Present	5G-7A-12PTS
Jordan Kyrou	8	Feb. 23-Present	3G-8A-11PTS
Jack Eichel	8	Feb. 27-Present	3G-12A-15PTS

EVEN-STRENGTH EXPERT

Sidney Crosby extended his point streak to nine-consecutive games on Thursday with an even-strength goal against Buffalo.

- Fifty-three of Crosby's 80 points this season have come at 5-on-5 play, which includes 14 goals and 39 assists. His 39 assists and 53 points at 5-on-5 lead the entire NHL:

5-on-5 Assists

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1. Sidney Crosby	39
2. Nathan MacKinnon	35
3. Nikita Kucherov	33
4. David Pastrnak	32
4. Pierre-Luc Dubois	32

5-on-5 Points

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1. Sidney Crosby	53
1. Nikita Kucherov	53
3. Leon Draisaitl	51
4. David Pastrnak	50
4. Brandon Hagel	50