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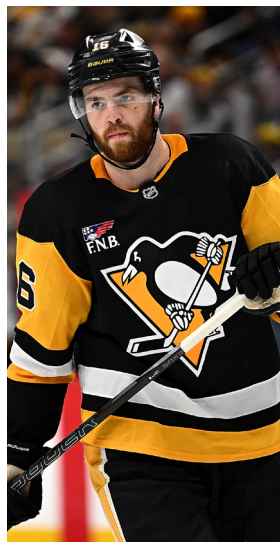
## HATS OFF TO BRAZ

Justin Brazeau scored his first career hat trick on Sunday night in Chicago, which was also the first hat trick by a Penguin in 2025-26.

- Brazeau became the fourth undrafted player to record a hat trick for the Penguins in the last 30 years, joining:

### Hat Tricks by Undrafted Players Penguins Over Last 30 Years

1. Justin Brazeau	12.28.25
2. Evan Rodrigues	01.02.22
3. Chris Kunitz	3x, Last: 03.10.13
4. Pascal Dupuis	12.11.08



- Brazeau's three goals on Sunday increased his season total to 11 through just 23 games played, tying his single-season career high set in 76 games last season:

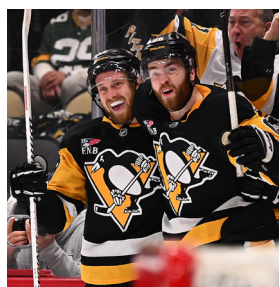
### Goals by Season Brazeau's Career

1. 2025-26	11
1. 2024-25	11
3. 2023-24	5

- Brazeau's career-high 11 goals are the fifth most by a player on a new team this season, despite missing 14 games due to injury:

### Goals by a Player on a New Team 2025-26

1. Trevor Zegras	PHI	15
2. JJ Peterka	UTA	14
3. Chris Kreider	ANA	13
4. Anthony Mantha	PIT	12
4. Emil Heineman	NYI	12
6. Justin Brazeau	PIT	11



## APPLE PICKING

Ryan Shea recorded three assists on Sunday night in Chicago for his first career three-point/assist game.

- Only seven other Penguins defensemen in the last 10 years have recorded three assists in a single game:

### Three-Assist Games

Penguins Defensemen Since 2016-17

1. Kris Letang	10	4. Chad Ruhwedel	1
2. Erik Karlsson	3	4. P.O Joseph	1
3. Justin Schultz	2	4. Marcus Pettersson	1
4. Trevor Daley	1	4. Ryan Shea	1

- This season, the defenseman has more than tripled his career high in points, going from recording five points (2G-3A) in 39 games last season to 16 points (2G-14A) through 37 games so far in 2025-26.

## DISHIN' DEFENDER

Erik Karlsson has tallied a team-leading 23 assists on the season with nine of them coming in the month of December.

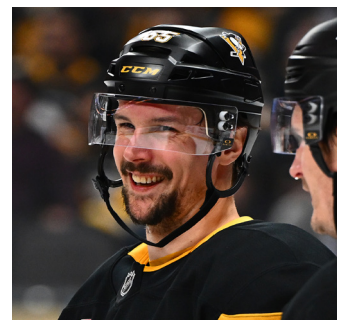
- Karlsson has points in six of his last 10 games (2G-6A) and has 11 points in 13 games this month (2G-9A).

- Only six defensemen have more points than Karlsson in December:

### Points in December

Defensemen

1. Zach Werenski	16
1. Lane Hutson	16
3. Evan Bouchard	15
4. Moritz Seider	14
5. Miro Heiskanen	12
5. Rasmus Dahlin	12
7. Erik Karlsson	11



- Karlsson enters tonight's game with 896 career points and sits one point away from surpassing Brad Park for sole possession of the 14th-most points by a defenseman in NHL history:

### Points by a Defenseman

NHL History

13. Scott Stevens	908
14. Erik Karlsson	896
14. Brad Park	896
16. Gary Suter	844
17. Doug Wilson	827



- He also sits four points away from becoming the second active defenseman and 18th active skater with 900 career points.

## TRADE ALERT

The Penguins acquired forward Yegor Chinakhov from the Columbus Blue Jackets yesterday in exchange for Danton Heinen, a 2026 second-round draft pick and a 2027 third-round draft pick.

- Chinakhov is signed through the 2025-26 campaign, and his contract carries an average annual value of \$2.1 million.
- The 24-year old has spent his entire five-year professional career with the Columbus Blue Jackets, recording 37 goals, 40 assists and 77 points in 204 NHL games. This season, he has accumulated six points (3G-3A) in 29 games.

### Stats by Season - Chinakhov's Career

Season	Games	Goals	Assists	Points
2021-22	62	7	7	14
2022-23	30	4	9	13
2023-24	53	16	13	29
2024-25	30	7	8	15
2025-26	29	3	3	6