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**PENGUINS**

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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

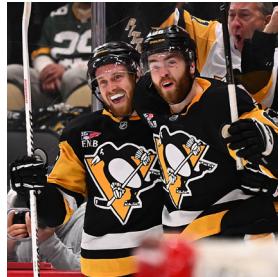
1. 2025-26	11
1. 2024-25	11
3. 2023-24	5

■ 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**

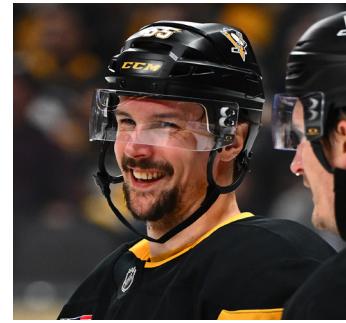
Erik Karlsson has tallied a team-leading 23 assists on the season with nine of them coming in the month of December.

- 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