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HEJ IGEN, SWEDEN

This weekend's two-game series against the Predators in Sweden are the Penguins' fifth and sixth regular-season games outside of North America, and first since the team's trip to Sweden in 2008.

- The Penguins and Predators are the first set of teams to meet in multiple regular-season games overseas, after splitting a two-game series during GAME ONE Japan in 2000.
- Today is the sixth regular-season game outside of North America for both the Penguins and Predators, tying for the most in NHL history (BUF/FLA/SJS/ANA/OTT w/6).
- Below is a look at Pittsburgh's history in overseas games:

PIT Regular-Season Games Played Outside of North America			
Date	Score	Location	Venue
10/6/00 vs. NSH	3-1 L	Saitama, JPN	Saitama Super Arena
10/7/00 vs. NSH	3-1 W	Saitama, JPN	Saitama Super Arena
10/4/08 vs. OTT	4-3 W	Stockholm, SWE	Ericsson Globe
10/5/08 vs. OTT	3-1 L	Stockholm, SWE	Ericsson Globe
11/14/25 vs. NSH	2-1 OTL	Stockholm, SWE	Avicii Arena
11/16/25 vs. NSH	TBD	Stockholm, SWE	Avicii Arena

SWEDE ESCAPE

Erik Karlsson is skating in his third NHL Global Series this weekend and is set to play in his sixth game overseas today in his career.

- Karlsson became the sixth player to skate for three different NHL teams outside North America when he suited up on Friday at Avicii Arena. Karlsson is set to tie the NHL record for games played overseas in his sixth career outing today in his native country.
- He is one of six defensemen with at least four career points in contests played outside of North America. With a point today, Karlsson will tie Cale Makar and Erik Johnson for the most points by a defenseman in games overseas:

Points Outside of North America

Defensemen in NHL History

1. Cale Makar	5
1. Erik Johnson	5
3. Erik Karlsson	4
3. Devon Toews	4
3. Keith Yandle	4
3. Dustin Byfuglien	4

Games Outside of North America

NHL History

1. J.T. Compher	6
1. Matt Duchene	6
1. Erik Johnson	6
1. Ryan McDonagh	6
5. Erik Karlsson	5



HOW SWEDE IT IS

Erik Karlsson is skating in regular-season NHL games in his home country of Sweden for a second time after doing so with Ottawa in 2017 (2GP).

- Karlsson leads all active Swedish players in assists and points, while ranking in the top-10 in each category among all-time Swedish players.

Assists

Active Swedish Players

1. Erik Karlsson	681
2. Victor Hedman	635
3. Mika Zibanejad	431
4. Elias Lindholm	374
5. Filip Forsberg	370

Points

Active Swedish Players

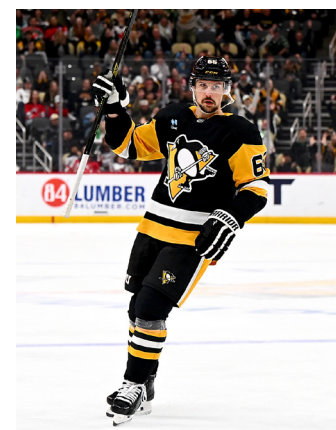
1. Erik Karlsson	882
2. Victor Hedman	806
3. Mika Zibanejad	750
4. Filip Forsberg	696
5. William Nylander	637

- Karlsson enters today's game three points away from tying Peter Forsberg for the eighth-most points by a Swedish-born player in NHL history:

Points

Swedish Players in NHL History

1. Mats Sundin	1,349
2. Daniel Alfredsson	1,157
3. Nicklas Lidstrom	1,142
4. Henrik Sedin	1,070
5. Daniel Sedin	1,041
6. Nicklas Backstrom	1,033
7. Henrik Zetterberg	960
8. Peter Forsberg	885
9. Erik Karlsson	882
10. Markus Naslund	869



- Among all Swedish-born defensemen in NHL history, Karlsson, who has played 1,102 games, trails only Nicklas Lidstrom (264G-878A-1,412PTS in 1,564 GP) in goals (201), assists (681) and points (882).

TURNING BACK THE CLOCK

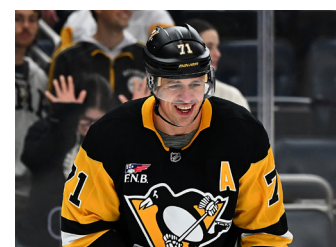
Evgeni Malkin scored the Penguins' lone goal on Friday at Avicii Arena, 17 years after scoring in his first NHL game overseas in Sweden on October 4, 2008.

- Malkin's goal increased his team-leading point total to 22 on the season (4G-18A). The 39-year old has only been held off the scoresheet three times in 18 games in 2025-26.
- A goal in today's game would give Malkin sole possession of 40th place on the NHL's all-time list after tying Dale Hawerchuk with his tally on Friday:

Goals

NHL History

37. Marian Hossa	525
38. Bryan Trottier	524
39. Pat Verbeek	522
40. Evgeni Malkin	518
40. Dale Hawerchuk	518



- Malkin leads the Penguins in assists (18) and points (22), while ranking third in the NHL in helpers this season.