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**MO MONEY, MO PROBLEMS**

Anthony Mantha continues his career year, setting new career highs in assists and points while tying his career-high goal total of 25 with his fourth goal in his last four games on Saturday in Utah.

- Much of the Penguins' success this season is due in large part to the play of Kyle Dubas' new additions. Three of the Penguins' top-five goal scorers were not on the roster last season:

**Goals**  
2025-26

1. Sidney Crosby	27
2. <b>Anthony Mantha</b>	<b>25</b>
3. Bryan Rust	24
4. Justin Brazeau	16
4. Ben Kindel	16



- Mantha has already set new career highs in assists and points this season, while his next tally will also set a new career high in goals in a season:

**Assists in a Season**  
Mantha's Career

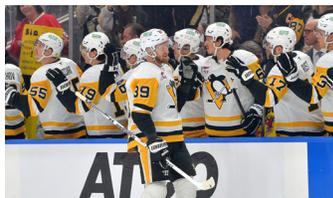
1. <b>2025-26</b>	<b>26</b>
2. 2017-18	24
3. 2018-19	23
4. 2019-20	22

**Points in a Season**  
Mantha's Career

1. <b>2025-26</b>	<b>51</b>
2. 2018-19	48
2. 2017-18	48
4. 2023-24	44

**Goals in a Season**  
Mantha's Career

1. <b>2025-26</b>	<b>25</b>
1. 2018-19	25
3. 2017-18	24
4. 2023-24	23



**LETANG 800**

Kris Letang enters tonight's game one point away from becoming the fourth active defenseman to record 800 career points.

- Letang, who was drafted in the third round (62nd overall) of the 2005 draft, is looking to become the fourth member of his draft class to hit the milestone, joining longtime teammate Sidney Crosby.
- The Penguins will become just the sixth team in NHL history to have multiple picks from the same draft class record 800 or more points for the franchise:

Two Picks from Same Draft Class to Record 800 PTS with Team		
Team	Players	Draft
VAN	Daniel Sedin (1041 PTS) & Henrik Sedin (1070 PTS)	1999
DET	Nicklas Lidstrom (1142 PTS) & Sergei Federov (954 PTS)	1989
CHI	Denis Savard (1096 PTS) & Steve Larmer (923 PTS)	1980
EDM	Mark Messier (1034 PTS) & Glenn Anderson (906 PTS)	1979
MTL	Guy Lafleur (1246 PTS) & Larry Robinson (883 PTS)	1971

**ON A ROLL**

The Penguins enter today's game with points in 24 of their last 30 games dating back to the NHL's holiday break concluding on December 27.

- Since the NHL's holiday break, the Penguins rank near the top of the league in several categories:

NHL Ranks Since Dec. 27		
Category	Stat	Rank
Wins	18	T-5th
Win %	.700	5th
Points	42	4th
Goals For	113	2nd
Goals Against	78	T-3rd
GAA	2.60	1st
Goal Differential	+35	2nd
Penalty Kill %	87.8%	1st

**YOUNG GUN**

Ben Kindel, who is the youngest forward in the league this season, ranks fourth on the Penguins with 16 goals on the year after his latest tally in Vegas on Thursday night.

- Kindel's 16 goals this season are the fourth most by any rookie in the NHL:

**Goals**

Rookies in 2025-26

1. Matthew Schaefer	20
1. Beckett Sennecke	20
1. Oliver Kapanen	20
4. <b>Ben Kindel</b>	<b>16</b>
5. Fraser Minten	15



- Kindel's 31 points are the seventh most among all rookie this season. He is tied with Doug Bodger for the fourth-most points by an 18-year old in Penguins history in a single season:

Points in a Season by an 18-Year Old Penguin		
Player	Season	Points
Sidney Crosby	2005-06	102
Jordan Staal	2006-07	42
Jaromir Jagr	1990-91	38
<b>Ben Kindel</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>31</b>
Doug Bodger	1984-85	31

- Kindel's 16th goal is the most a rookie has scored for the Penguins since Jake Guentzel also had 16 tallies in 2016-17.
- Outside of Sidney Crosby (39) and Evgeni Malkin (33), only Jordan Staal (29) scored more goals than Kindel in their rookie season since 2005-06.