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TRICKY RICKY

Penguins' leading goal scorer Rickard Rakell was named to Team Sweden's 4 Nations roster on Tuesday as a replacement for injured Vegas forward William Karlsson.

- Rakell, who has scored 24 goals this season including a goal in his last outing on Tuesday against New Jersey, has been on a heater since initially being left off Sweden's roster on December 4. Since then, he ranks second among Swedish players in goals and third in points:

Goals		Points	
Swedish Players Since Dec. 4		Swedish Players Since Dec. 4	
1. William Nylander	18	1. Filip Forsberg	34
2. Rickard Rakell	14	2. Lucas Raymond	31
3. Adrian Kempe	12	3. Rickard Rakell	30
3. Lucas Raymond	12	4. William Nylander	29
5. Filip Forsberg	10	5. Jesper Bratt	26

- This season, Rakell ranks second among Swedish players in goals and fifth in points:

Goals		Points	
Swedish Players in 2024-25		Swedish Players in 2024-25	
1. William Nylander	33	1. Jesper Bratt	61
2. Rickard Rakell	24	2. Lucas Raymond	58
2. Adrian Kempe	24	3. William Nylander	55
4. Lucas Raymond	21	4. Filip Forsberg	51
5. Filip Forsberg	19	5. Rickard Rakell	46

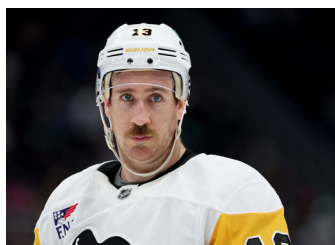
- This will mark Rakell's first time representing Sweden at the international level since the 2021 World Championship. He won gold and silver medals at the 2012 and '13 World Junior Championships, respectively, and a gold medal at the '18 World Championship with Sweden.

BIG HAYESY

Kevin Hayes tallied the game-tying goal on Tuesday against the New Jersey Devils for his ninth goal of the season.

- Hayes enters tonight's game one goal away from hitting the 10-goal mark for the 11th time in his career. He is looking to become the sixth Penguin this season to hit the mark.
- Hayes has scored five of his nine goals over the past 16 games after returning to the Penguins' lineup on a regular basis on January 3. In that span, only two Penguins have more goals than Hayes:

Goals	
Since Jan. 3	
1. Sidney Crosby	7
2. Rickard Rakell	7
3. Kevin Hayes	5
4. Bryan Rust	5
5. Michael Bunting	3



- Hayes spent the first five seasons of his career with the Rangers, tallying 216 points (87G-129A) in 361 games.

ROOKIE SENSATION

WBS Penguins forward and Pittsburgh prospect Ville Koivunen, who was a part of the Jake Guentzel trade last March, was named the AHL's Rookie of the Month for January.

- Koivunen posted nine goals and five assists for 14 points in 11 games during January, including two hat trick performances.
- The forward's explosive month led to him leading all AHL rookies in points (36) and ranking second and third in assists and points, respectively:

Goals		Assists	
AHL Rookies		AHL Rookies	
1. Jani Nyman	17	1. Collin Graf	22
2. Bradly Nadeau	16	2. Ville Koivunen	21
3. Ville Koivunen	15	2. Justin Hryckowian	21
4. Sam Colangelo	14	2. Justin Robidas	21
4. Jonathan Lekkerimaki	14	5. Stephen Halliday	20

Points	
AHL Rookies	
1. Ville Koivunen	36
2. Justin Hryckowian	34
3. Matthew Savoie	31
3. Stephen Halliday	31
3. Justin Robidas	31



- Koivunen ranks second on the WBS Penguins in goals and points this season, behind only Emil Bemstrom.

SHUT THE DOOR

Alex Nedeljkovic has been consistently shutting the door as of late, starting in seven of the last nine games and recording his first shutout of the season on February 1 (25 saves).

- In Pittsburgh's seven games since January 20, the Penguins have allowed only 16 goals against, which is the fourth fewest in the league in that span:

Goals Against	
Since Jan. 20	
1. New Jersey	14
2. Detroit	15
3. NY Islanders	15
4. Pittsburgh	16
4. Dallas	16



- In that same span, Nedeljkovic ranks third in the league in save percentage:

Save Percentage	
Since Jan. 20 (Min. 5 GP)	
1. Ilya Sorokin	.960
2. Cam Talbot	.944
3. Alex Nedeljkovic	.932
4. Sergei Bobrovsky	.931
4. Andrei Vasilevskiy	.931