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TOP LINE TRIO

The Penguins' top line of Sidney Crosby, Bryan Rust and Rickard Rakell have been a driving force behind Pittsburgh's success as of late.

■ Since Pittsburgh's hot streak began on November 27, which was one game after the line was formed, the trio has combined for 54 points (21G-33A). The team has earned points in 10 of the 13 games (9-3-1) in that span.

Top Line's Stats Since November 27				
Player	Games	Goals	Assists	Points
Bryan Rust	13	10	9	19
Sidney Crosby	13	2	16	18
Rickard Rakell	13	9	8	17

■ Since November 27, Rust's 10 goals are the most in the league, while Crosby's 16 assists are the third most:

Goals

Since Nov. 27

1.	Bryan Rust	10		
1.	Zach Hyman	10		
1.	Valeri Nichushkin	10		
1.	Brayden Point	10		
1.	Jake Guentzel	10		
1.	Kirill Kaprizov	10		
7.	Rickard Rakell	9		

Assists

Since Nov. 27

1.	Quinn Hughes	18
2.	Connor McDavid	17
3.	Sidney Crosby	16
3.	Mitch Marner	16
5.	Nikita Kucherov	15

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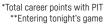
After a two-point night (1G-1A) on Monday against Philadelphia, Bryan Rust enters tonight's game just one point away from his 400th career point.

Rust will become just the ninth player in Penguins history to record his first 400 career points with the team:

Players to Record First 400 **Career Points with PIT**

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2.	Sidney Crosby	1,635
3.	Evgeni Malkin	1,325
4.	Jaromir Jagr	1,079
5.	Kris Letang	758
6.	Jean Pronovost	603
7.	Kevin Stevens	555*
8.	Jake Guentzel	466
9.	Bryan Rust	399**





■ Rust has been red hot as of late, recording 14 points (7G-7A) in his last eight games and 19 points (9G-10A) in his last 13 games.

COMING IN HOT

The Penguins are coming off of the NHL's holiday break on a hot streak. having earned points in 10 of their last 13 games, going 9-3-1.

■ Since Pittsburgh's hot streak began on November 27, only the 2024 Stanley Cup finalists have more wins and points than the Penguins:

Points Wins Since Nov. 27 Since Nov. 27 1. Florida 10 1. Florida 21 1. Edmonton 2. Edmonton 10 20 3. Pittsburgh 9 3. Pittsburgh 19 3. Boston 9 3. Boston 19 3. Washington 3. Washington

■ The Penguins' success is due in large part to their offensive output during this stretch. Since November 27, Pittsburgh leads the league in goals and ranks second in goals per game:

Goals

Since Nov. 27

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1.	Pittsburgh	53
2.	Tampa Bay	50
2.	Florida	50
4.	Edmonton	47
5.	Columbus	47

Goals Per Game

Since Nov. 27

1.	Tampa Bay	4.17
2.	Pittsburgh	4.08
3.	Edmonton	3.92
4.	Florida	3.57
5.	Utah	3.50

SIMPLY SID-SATIONAL

Sidney Crosby is coming off his second four-point performance in his last three games after tallying a goal and three assists on Monday against Philadelphia in the Penguins' last game before the NHL's holiday break.

■ With three assists on Monday, Crosby tied Mario Lemieux for the most assists in Penguins history with his 1,033rd:

Assists

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1. Sidney Crosby 1,033				
Mario Lemieux	1,033			
Evgeni Malkin	818			
Jaromir Jagr	640			
Kris Letang	585			
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Crosby has three three-assist games in his last six outings, tallying 10 helpers in that span. No player has more three-assist games than Crosby's four total this season:

Three-Assist Games

2024-25

1. Sidney Crosby	4	4. Mikko Rantanen	3
1. Nathan MacKinnon	4	4. Mitch Marner	3
1. Connor McDavid	4	4. Jack Hughes	3