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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 |

TRUSTY RUSTY

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

Penguins History

| | |
|-------------------|-------|
| 1. Mario Lemieux | 1,723 |
| 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** |

*Total career points with PIT
**Entering tonight's game



- 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:

Wins

Since Nov. 27

| | |
|---------------|----|
| 1. Florida | 10 |
| 1. Edmonton | 10 |
| 3. Pittsburgh | 9 |
| 3. Boston | 9 |
| 3. Washington | 9 |

Points

Since Nov. 27

| | |
|---------------|----|
| 1. Florida | 21 |
| 2. Edmonton | 20 |
| 3. Pittsburgh | 19 |
| 3. Boston | 19 |
| 3. Washington | 19 |

- 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

| | |
|---------------|----|
| 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

Penguins History

| | |
|------------------|-------|
| 1. Sidney Crosby | 1,033 |
| 1. Mario Lemieux | 1,033 |
| 3. Evgeni Malkin | 818 |
| 4. Jaromir Jagr | 640 |
| 5. Kris Letang | 585 |



- 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 |