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HOW SWEDE IT IS

Erik Karlsson enters today's game one assist shy of becoming the first active defenseman with 700 career assists.

- Karlsson is set to become the 12th defenseman in NHL history to record 700 career assists. Among those 12 defensemen, he is looking to become the eighth fastest to accomplish the feat:

Games Played to 700 Assists

Defensemen in NHL History

1. Paul Coffey	768
2. Ray Bourque	891
3. Denis Potvin	954
4. Al MacInnis	983
5. Brian Leetch	1,021
6. Phil Housley	1,055
7. Larry Murphy	1,125
8. Erik Karlsson	1,131
9. Nicklas Lidstrom	1,217
10. Larry Robinson	1,224
11. Chris Chelios	1,259
12. Scott Stevens	1,583



- Karlsson will be the second Swedish-born defenseman, and sixth overall Swedish player, in NHL history to record 700 career assists.

ROOKIE SENSATION

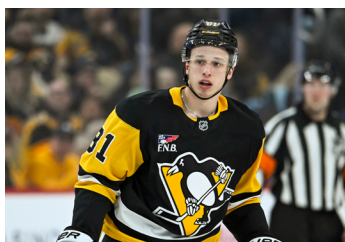
Ben Kindel has three goals over his last two games, bringing his total in his rookie season to 11 through 49 games played.

- Kindel's 11 goals on the year are the fourth most by an 18-year old in Penguins history:

Goals by an 18-Year Old

Penguins History

1. Sidney Crosby	39
2. Jordan Staal	29
3. Jaromir Jagr	18
4. Ben Kindel	11
5. Craig Simpson	7



- Kindel became the third 18-year-old over the past 35 years with goals in consecutive games for the Penguins. He joined Sidney Crosby (7x; longest: 5 GP in 2005-06) and Jordan Staal (4x; longest: 5 GP in 2006-07).

- Kindel, the youngest forward in the NHL this season, ranks fifth among rookies in goals:

Goals

Rookies in 2025-26

1. Beckett Sennecke	18	4. Matthew Schaefer	14
2. Oliver Kapanen	16	5. Ben Kindel	11
3. Fraser Minten	14		

ON A ROLL

The Penguins enter today's game with wins in five-consecutive games and points in eight-straight contests (6-0-2).

- Looking back further, Pittsburgh has points in 14 of their last 16 games dating back to the NHL's holiday break on December 27. In that span, the Penguins rank towards the top of the league in several categories:

NHL Ranks Since Dec. 27		
Category	Stat	Rank
Wins	12	T-3rd
Points	26	T-3rd
Goals For	65	3rd
Goals Against	33	1st
GAA	2.06	1st
SV%	.919	1st
Goal Differential	+32	1st
Penalty Kill %	90.5%	3rd

- Pittsburgh's five-game winning streak is tied for the longest active such streak in the league (Buffalo, 5).

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Since the NHL's holiday break concluded on December 27, the Penguins have points in 14 of their last 16 games due in large part to the play of the goaltenders.

- Stuart Skinner has been solid in net during this stretch, going 7-1-0 in his last eight starts with a 1.63 goals-against average and .934 save percentage.
- Since the holiday break, Skinner ranks in the top-5 in goals-against average and save percentage across the league (min. 4 GP):

GAA

Since Dec. 27

1. Alex Lyon	1.50
2. Igor Shesterkin	1.53
3. Andrei Vasilevskiy	1.55
4. Stuart Skinner	1.63
5. Devin Cooley	1.80

SV%

Since Dec. 27

1. Igor Shesterkin	.953
2. Alex Lyon	.948
3. Devin Cooley	.937
4. Ilya Sorokin	.936
5. Stuart Skinner	.934



- Pittsburgh's team goals-against average and save percentage both lead the league since Dec. 27.