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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 45 points (18G-27A). The team has earned points in nine of the 12 games (8-3-1) in that span.

Top Line's Stats Since November 27				
Player	Games	Goals	Assists	Points
Bryan Rust	12	9	8	17
Sidney Crosby	12	1	13	14
Rickard Rakell	12	8	6	14

- Since November 27, Rust's nine goals are the most in the league, while Rakell is only one goal back of the league lead:

Goals

Since Nov. 27

1. Bryan Rust	9
1. Jake Guentzel	9
1. Zach Hyman	9
1. Valeri Nichushkin	9
1. William Nylander	9
1. Jake DeBrusk	9
1. Brayden Point	9
1. Kirill Kaprizov	9
9. Rickard Rakell	8



TRUSTY RUSTY

Bryan Rust enters tonight's game just three points 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	6. Jean Pronovost	603
2. Sidney Crosby	1,631	7. Kevin Stevens	555*
3. Evgeni Malkin	1,323	8. Jake Guentzel	466
4. Jaromir Jagr	1,079	9. Bryan Rust	397**
5. Kris Letang	758		

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

- Rust has been red hot as of late, recording 12 points (6G-6A) in his last seven games and 17 points (8G-9A) in his last 12 games.
- Rust has 10 goals, 13 assists and 23 points in 32 career games against the Philadelphia Flyers. His 23 points are his second most against any one team in his career, behind the New Jersey Devils (31PTS in 36GP).
- Rust enters tonight's game on a five-game point streak against the Flyers, tallying three goals and eight points in that span dating back to April 2, 2023.

COMING IN HOT

The Penguins have earned points in nine of their last 12 games (8-3-1) since November 27, which includes points in five of their last six home games entering tonight (5-1-0).

- Since Pittsburgh's hot streak began on November 27, the Penguins rank fourth and fifth in wins and points, respectively:

Wins

Since Nov. 27

1. Florida	9
1. Edmonton	9
1. Ottawa	9
4. Pittsburgh	8
4. Los Angeles	8

Points

Since Nov. 27

1. Florida	19
1. Ottawa	19
3. Los Angeles	18
3. Edmonton	18
5. Pittsburgh	17

- 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 third in goals per game:

Goals

Since Nov. 27

1. Pittsburgh	46
1. Florida	46
3. Edmonton	44
3. Tampa Bay	44
5. Toronto	42

Goals Per Game

Since Nov. 27

1. Tampa Bay	4.40
2. Edmonton	4.00
3. Pittsburgh	3.83
3. Florida	3.83
5. Utah	3.60

SIMPLY SID-SATIONAL

Sidney Crosby and the Penguins face off against their cross-state rival for the first of four matchups this season.

- Crosby is the all-time leader in every major category against the Flyers in NHL history with 55 goals, 74 assists and 129 points in 87 games.
- Crosby's 129 points against Philadelphia are the second most he has recorded against any one team. He owns the three-highest point totals against a single franchise among all active players:

Points vs. One Team

Active Players

1. Sidney Crosby vs. NYI	135	4. Alex Ovechkin vs. CAR	105
2. Sidney Crosby vs. PHI	129	5. Alex Ovechkin vs. WPG	100
3. Sidney Crosby vs. NYR	108		

- Crosby enters tonight's game just three assists away from tying Mario Lemieux for the most assists in Penguins history:

Assists

Penguins History

1. Mario Lemieux	1,033
2. Sidney Crosby	1,030
3. Evgeni Malkin	818
4. Jaromir Jagr	640
5. Kris Letang	585

