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FRANCHISE LEADER

With two first-period points [1G-1A] on Sunday night against Montreal, Sidney Crosby surpassed Mario Lemieux (1,723) to become the Penguins' new all-time points leader:

Points

Penguins History

1.	Sidney Crosby	1,724
2.	Mario Lemieux	1,723
3.	Evgeni Malkin	1,375
4.	Jaromir Jagr	1,079
5.	Kris Letang	789



Crosby became the Penguins' first new all-time points leader since January 20, 1989 when he was 17 months old. He is the seventh outright points leader in franchise history:

All-Time Point Leaders in Penguins History		
Player	Record-Setting Point	Span as Leader
Sidney Crosby	1,724	Current Leader
Mario Lemieux	637	1988-89 to 2025-26
Rick Kehoe	604	1983-84 to 1988-89
Jean Pronovost	237	1973-74 to 1983-84
Ken Schinkel	60	1968-69 to 1973-74
Andy Bathgate	29	1967-68 to 1968-69
Art Stratton	23	1967-68

Crosby became the ninth active player to lead a franchise in points:

Active Players to Lead a Franchise in Points		
Player	Franchise	Points
Sidney Crosby	Pittsburgh	1,724
Alex Ovechkin	Washington	1,654
Steven Stamkos	Tampa Bay	1,137
Mark Scheifele	Winnipeg	847
Aleksander Barkov	Florida	782
Roman Josi	Nashville	739
Jonathan Marchessault	Vegas	417
Jared McCann	Seattle	251
Clayton Keller	Utah	122

Not only did Crosby surpass Lemieux to become the Penguins' all-time points leader, he also now has sole possession of eighth place on the NHL's all-time points list, as well as third place on the NHL's all-time points list with a single franchise. Only Gordie Howe (1,809) and Steve Yzerman (1,755) have more points with one franchise than Crosby.

DISHIN' DEFENDER

Erik Karlsson recorded a helper on Sunday night against Montreal to increase his team-leading assist total to 23 on the season.

Karlsson has tallied 11 points through 11 games in December (2G-9A). Only three defensemen have recorded more points this month:

Points in December

Defensemen

1.	Zach Werenski	16
2.	Rasmus Dahlin	12
2.	Lane Hutson	12
4.	Erik Karlsson	11
4.	Cale Makar	11



Karlsson has been dominant against the Toronto Maple Leafs throughout his career. In 51 career games, he has tallied 12 goals, 35 assists and 47 points. He leads all active defensemen in all three categories against the Maple Leafs:

Goals vs. TOR

Active Defensemen

Active Deterisemen			
1.	Erik Karlsson	12	
2.	Victor Hedman	8	
2.	Jakob Chychrun	8	
4.	Shayne Gostisbehere	7	
4.	John Carlson	7	

Assists vs. TOR

Active Defensemen

Active Detelisement		
1.	Erik Karlsson	35
2.	John Carlson	29
3.	Victor Hedman	28
4.	Kris Letang	27
5.	Brent Burns	20

Points vs. TOR

Active Defensemen

1.	Erik Karlsson	47
2.	Victor Hedman	36
2.	John Carlson	36
4.	Kris Letang	32
5.	Jeff Petry	26



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Karlsson's assist and point totals against the Maple Leafs are his highest against any single team throughout his career.

OH CAPTAIN, MY CAPTAIN

Sidney Crosby reached the 20-goal mark for the 18th time in his career with his first-period goal on Sunday night against Montreal.

Only six players in NHL history have more 20-goal seasons than Crosby:

20-Goal Seasons

NHL History

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1. Gordie Howe	22	4. Brendan Shanahan
2. Alex Ovechkin	20	4. Dave Andreychuk
2. Ron Francis	20	7. Sidney Crosby
4. Jaromir Jagr	19	

The 38-year old is one of nine players to reach the 20-goal mark this season.