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Alex Nedeljkovic looks to earn the Penguins points in four-consecutive starts tonight if he faces his former team, the Carolina Hurricanes, who he spent the first four seasons of his NHL career with from 2016-21.

- Nedeljkovic has been very successful when facing his former team, going 5-2-0 with a 1.98 goals-against average, .939 save percentage and one shutout in his career against Carolina.
- Among all active goaltenders with at least five games played versus the Hurricanes, Nedeljkovic ranks second and third in save percentage and goals-against average, respectively:

SV% vs. CAR

Active Goaltenders

1. Calvin Pickard	.962
2. Alex Nedeljkovic	.939
2. Matt Murray	.939
4. Jake Oettinger	.933
5. Petr Mrazek	.932

GAA vs. CAR

Active Goaltenders

1. Calvin Pickard	1.08
2. Matt Murray	1.96
3. Alex Nedeljkovic	1.98
4. Jake Oettinger	1.98
5. Vitek Vanecek	2.01



- Nedeljkovic's goals-against average versus Carolina is his fifth best against any one team, while his save percentage is fourth best.

OFFENSIVE DEFENSEMEN

Defensemen Erik Karlsson and Kris Letang have been red hot in their careers against the Carolina Hurricanes, recording 23 and 20 points, respectively.

- Karlsson has four goals, 19 assists and 23 points in 40 games against the Hurricanes in his career, with his 23 points ranking third among all active defensemen.
- Letang has tallied five goals, 15 assists and 20 points in 43 games versus Carolina, with his 20 points ranking fourth among all active blueliners.

Points vs. CAR

Active Defensemen

1. John Carlson	41
2. Victor Hedman	33
3. Erik Karlsson	23
4. Kris Letang	20
4. Ryan McDonagh	20



- Tonight's game features the top-three highest scoring active defensemen in the NHL in Carolina's Brent Burns (886 career points), Karlsson (825 career points) and Letang (747 career points).

600 WATCH

Sidney Crosby enters tonight's game just three goals away from becoming the 21st player in NHL history to score 600 career goals.

- Crosby is set to join Mario Lemieux (690) as the only two Penguins to score 600 goals with the franchise.
- He will become just the seventh player in NHL history to score 600 career goals with one team:

600 Career Goals With One Franchise

NHL History

	Alex Ovechkin	860
	Gordie Howe	786
	Steve Yzerman	692
	Mario Lemieux	690
	Joe Sakic	625
	Bobby Hull	604
	Sidney Crosby	598



- The Penguins will become just the second team in NHL history to have multiple 600-goal scorers in the history of their franchise, joining the Detroit Red Wings (Gordie Howe & Steve Yzerman).

TOP LINE TRIO

The top line of Sidney Crosby, Evgeni Malkin and Rickard Rakell have been red hot since Head Coach Mike Sullivan put the trio together on October 29.

- Crosby, Malkin and Rakell all factored into the Penguins' opening goal on Tuesday on Long Island, and the trio combined for five points (2G-3A) in the overtime loss.
- Since the top line was put together on October 29, the trio has combined for 15 points (8G-7A) in four games:

Crosby, Malkin & Rakell Point Breakdown Since Oct. 29

Player	GP	G	A	PTS
Sidney Crosby	4	5	3	8
Rickard Rakell	4	2	3	5
Evgeni Malkin	4	1	1	2

- Since the top line formed on October 29, Crosby leads the league with five goals in four games:

Goals

Since Oct. 29

1. Sidney Crosby	5
1. Alex Ovechkin	5
3. William Nylander	4
3. Nikolaj Ehlers	4
3. Adam Gaudette	4
3. Connor McMichael	4
3. Alex Laferriere	4

