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#### POWERED UP

The Penguins' power play has been clicking as of late, scoring two goals on the man advantage on Sunday against the New York Islanders.

■ Michael Bunting scored his career-high-tying and team-leading seventh power-play goal, with all seven coming since November 15. In that span, only Montreal's Patrik Laine has more goals on the man advantage than Bunting's seven:

# **Power-Play Goals**

Since Nov. 15

1. Patrik Laine		8
2.	Michael Bunting	7
3.	Brayden Point	6
3.	Jake DeBrusk	6
3.	Jake Guentzel	6



■ The Penguins have six power-play goals in their last three games and stretching back further have 14 power-play goals over their last 13 games dating back to November 30. In that span, the Penguins' 35.9 power-play percentage leads the league:

# **Power-Play Percentage**

Since Nov. 30

1.	Pittsburgh	35.9%
2.	Edmonton	33.3%
2.	Tampa Bay	33.3%
2.	Florida	33.3%
5.	Winnipeg	31.8%



■ Bunting has scored a power-play goal in three-consecutive games. With a power-play goal tonight, he will have the first four-game power-play goal streak by a Penguin since Michel Ouellet scored in five-consecutive games from December 31, 2005 to January 7, 2006:

Power-Play Goal Streaks by a Penguin				
Player	Games	Season	Span	PPG
Michel Ouellet	5	2005-06	Dec. 31-Jan. 7, 2006	6
Jaromir Jagr	5	1995-96	Nov. 1-10, 1995	6
Rob Brown	4	1998-99	Mar. 28-Apr. 3, 1999	4
Rick Tocchet	4	1992-93	Nov. 27-Dec. 3, 1992	4
Mario Lemieux	4	1989-90	Feb. 2-8, 1990	6
Mario Lemieux	4	1986-87	Oct. 25-Nov. 1, 1986	4
Mario Lemieux	4	1984-85	Jan. 12-19, 1985	4
Paul Gardner	4	1982-83	Feb. 4-15, 1983	4
Michael Bunting	3	2024-25	Dec. 23-Present	3

■ With a goal tonight, Bunting will have the first four-game goal scoring streak of his career. He has 20 points (11G-9A) over his last 25 games after recording just one assist in his first 12 games this season.

## COMING IN HOT

The Penguins begin tonight's three-game road trip in Detroit having earned points in 11 of their last 15 games, going 10-4-1.

■ Since November 27, Pittsburgh ranks second in the league with 10 wins and third with 21 points:

<b>Wins</b>   Since Nov. 27		Points   Since Nov. 27		
1. Vegas	11	1. Vegas	23	
2. Pittsburgh	10	2. Los Angeles	22	
2. Boston	10	3. Pittsburgh	21	
2. Los Angeles	10	3. Boston	21	
2. Washington	10	3. Washington	21	

■ 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:

			<b>Goals</b>   Since Nov. 27	
1.	Tampa Bay	4.14	1.	Pittsburg
2.	Pittsburgh	3.93	2.	Tampa B
3.	Edmonton	3.79	3.	Edmonto
4.	Los Angeles	3.43	3.	Columbu
5.	Montreal	3.40	5.	Montreal

■ During Pittsburgh's hot streak, Rickard Rakell and Bryan Rust are leading the way with a team-leading 10 goals and 19 points apiece.

#### TRUSTY RUSTY

Bryan Rust enters tonight's game against the Detroit Red Wings 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**

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9.	Bryan Rust	399**
8.	Jake Guentzel	466
7.	Kevin Stevens	555*
6.	Jean Pronovost	603
5.	Kris Letang	758
4.	Jaromir Jagr	1,079
3.	Evgeni Malkin	1,327
2.	Sidney Crosby	1,636
1.	Mario Lemieux	1,723

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



59

58

53 53 51

■ Rust enters tonight with a four-game point streak against Detroit (3G-3A) and 12 points (4G-8A) in his last nine games versus the Red Wings.