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## LEADING THE WAY

Rickard Rakell enters the final game of the regular season with a team-leading and career-high 35 goals on the season.

- Rakell is looking to become the fourth Penguin not named Sidney Crosby or Evgeni Malkin to lead the team in goals since 2005-06:

### Seasons Leading PIT in Goals

Since 2005-06

1. Sidney Crosby	10
2. Evgeni Malkin	5
3. Jake Guentzel	3
4. Chris Kunitz	1
4. Bryan Rust	1
4. Rickard Rakell	1*

\*Leads team entering tonight's final game



- Crosby enters tonight's game leading the Penguins in assists and points with 57 and 89, respectively. This will mark his franchise-record 12th and 15th time leading the team in assists and points, respectively:

### Seasons Leading PIT in Assists

Penguins History

1. Sidney Crosby	12*
2. Mario Lemieux	11
3. Syl Apps	5
3. Jaromir Jagr	5
5. Evgeni Malkin	4
5. Kris Letang	4

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### Seasons Leading PIT in Points

Penguins History

1. Sidney Crosby	14*
2. Mario Lemieux	11
3. Jaromir Jagr	6
4. Evgeni Malkin	5
5. Syl Apps	3
5. Rick Kehoe	3

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## KRAL-ING TO PIT

The Penguins recalled defenseman Filip Kral from the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins on Tuesday and he is looking to make his Penguins debut tonight.

- Kral has played in 59 games for the WBS Penguins this season and recorded seven goals, 22 assists and 29 points. His goal, assist and point totals are all career highs at the AHL level.
- Kral's seven goals are the most among team defensemen, while his 22 assists and 29 points rank second behind Mac Hollowell:

### Goals

WBS Penguins Defensemen

1. Filip Kral	7
2. Owen Pickering	2
2. Nate Clurman	2
2. Nikolai Knyzhov	2
5. Five Players	1

### Points

WBS Penguins Defensemen

1. Mac Hollowell	31
2. Filip Kral	29
3. Jack St. Ivany	16
4. Sebastian Aho	14
5. Owen Pickering	13

- Kral has played in two career NHL games with the Toronto Maple Leafs during the 2022-23 season.

## DIRTY THIRTY

Pittsburgh has two 30-goal scorers this season in Rickard Rakell (35) and Sidney Crosby (32), while Bryan Rust sits one goal away from joining them as a 30-goal scorer.

- Rust, who set a new career high with his 29th goal of the season on Friday, is one goal from the 30-goal mark for the first time in his career. He is looking to become just the sixth Penguin not named Crosby or Evgeni Malkin to score 30 goals since 2006-07:

### 30-Goal Seasons

Penguins Since 2006-07

1. Sidney Crosby	11
2. Evgeni Malkin	6
3. Jake Guentzel	3
4. Rickard Rakell	1
4. Phil Kessel	1
4. Chris Kunitz	1
4. James Neal	1



- With one more goal from Rust, the Penguins will have three 30-goal scorers in one season for the first time since 2000-01 (Jaromir Jagr, Alex Kovalev, Robert Lang & Mario Lemieux).

## SID THE KID VS. THE GREAT 8

Tonight will mark the 73rd career matchup between Sidney Crosby and Alex Ovechkin since the two made their NHL debuts in the 2005-06 season. This is the final of four matchups between Crosby and Ovechkin this season.

- Crosby and the Penguins have gone 41-27-4 through the first 72 head-to-head matchups:

### Crosby & Ovechkin's Head-to-Head Stats

Category	Crosby	Ovechkin
Team Record	41-27-4	31-31-10
Goals	32	37
Assists	61	30
Points	93	67
Points Per Game	1.29	0.93

- Crosby and Ovechkin are the top-two point getters among active players and sit ninth and 11th on the NHL's all-time points list, respectively.

### NHL's All-Time Points List

League History

8. Mario Lemieux	1,723
9. Sidney Crosby	1,685
10. Joe Sakic	1,641
11. Alex Ovechkin	1,622
12. Phil Esposito	1,590

