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HEJ IGEN, SWEDEN

- This weekend in Sweden, Pittsburgh will be playing in its fifth and sixth regular-season games outside of North America, and first since the team's trip to Sweden in 2008.
- The Penguins and Predators will become the first set of teams to meet in multiple regular-season games overseas, after splitting a two-game series during GAME ONE Japan in 2000.
 - This weekend will be the fifth and sixth regular-season games outside of North America for both the Penguins and Predators, tying for the most in NHL history [BUF/FLA/SJS/ANA/OTT w/6].
 - Pittsburgh [2-2-0] can join Ottawa [5-0-1] and Florida [4-2-0] as the only teams with at least four wins in regular-season NHL games played outside of North America.

PIT Regular-Season Games Played Outside of North America			
Date	Score	Location	Venue
Oct. 6, 2000 vs. NSH	3-1 L	Saitama, JPN	Saitama Super Arena
Oct. 7, 2000 vs. NSH	3-1 W	Saitama, JPN	Saitama Super Arena
Oct. 4, 2008 vs. OTT	4-3 W	Stockholm, SWE	Ericsson Globe
Oct. 5, 2008 vs. OTT	3-1 L	Stockholm, SWE	Ericsson Globe
Nov. 14, 2025 vs. NSH	TBD	Stockholm, SWE	Avicii Arena
Nov. 16, 2025 vs. NSH	TBD	Stockholm, SWE	Avicii Arena

- Pittsburgh's two games in 2008 marked the first time the NHL played regular-season games in continental Europe.
- 'The Big Three' of Sidney Crosby, Evgeni Malkin and Kris Letang all played in Sweden in 2008, splitting the two-game series with the Ottawa Senators. Penguins Assistant General Manager Jason Spezza played with the Senators at the time and collected three points in the two-game series [1G-2A].
- Eight Penguins players have experience playing regular-season games overseas in their NHL career:

Penguins Players with Overseas Experience			
Player	GP	Stats	Team[s]
Connor Clifton	2	0 PTS	BUF 2024 in CZE
Sidney Crosby	2	0G-2A-2PTS	PIT 2008 in SWE
Connor Dewar	2	0 PTS	MIN 2023 in SWE
Matt Dumba	2	0 PTS	DAL 2024 in FIN
Kevin Hayes	1	0 PTS	PHI 2019 in CZE
Erik Karlsson	4	0G-4A-4PTS	OTT 2017 in SWE, SJS 2022 in CZE
Kris Letang	2	0 PTS	PIT 2008 in SWE
Evgeni Malkin	2	1G-1A-2PTS	PIT 2008 in SWE

- Karlsson will become the sixth player to skate for three different NHL teams outside North America. He is one of six defensemen with at least four career points in such contests and can tie the NHL record for games played outside North America [6].

HOW SWEDE IT IS

- Erik Karlsson is set to skate in regular-season NHL games in his home country of Sweden for a second time after doing so with Ottawa in 2017 [2GP].
- Karlsson leads all active Swedish players in assists and points, while ranking in the top-10 in each category among all-time Swedish players.

Assists

Active Swedish Players

1. Erik Karlsson	681
2. Victor Hedman	635
3. Mika Zibanejad	431
4. Elias Lindholm	374
5. Filip Forsberg	370

Points

Active Swedish Players

1. Erik Karlsson	882
2. Victor Hedman	806
3. Mika Zibanejad	750
4. Filip Forsberg	695
5. William Nylander	636

- Karlsson enters today's game three points away from tying Peter Forsberg for the eighth-most points by a Swedish-born player in NHL history:

Points

Swedish Players in NHL History

1. Mats Sundin	1,349
2. Daniel Alfredsson	1,157
3. Nicklas Lidstrom	1,142
4. Henrik Sedin	1,070
5. Daniel Sedin	1,041
6. Nicklas Backstrom	1,033
7. Henrik Zetterberg	960
8. Peter Forsberg	885
9. Erik Karlsson	882
10. Markus Naslund	869



- Among all Swedish-born defensemen in NHL history, Karlsson, who has played 1,101 games, trails only Nicklas Lidstrom [264G-878A-1,412PTS in 1,564 GP] in goals [201], assists [681] and points [882].

FAST FACTS

- Rookie Ville Koivunen is looking to become the seventh player to score his first NHL goal in a game played outside North America. He would be the second Penguin to do so, joining Alex Goligoski who did so in Sweden in 2008.
- Rickard Rakell, originally from just 15 minutes from Stockholm in Sundbyberg, has the fifth-most goals among all active Swedes [239]. Despite currently being injured, only two Swedes have scored more goals than Rakell's 38 since the beginning of last season [William Nylander, 53; Adrian Kempe, 41].
- Filip Hallander, who is sidelined due to injury, is from Sundsvall, Sweden and previously played five seasons in the Swedish Hockey League. He was named the SHL's Player of the Year last season after ranking second in the league in goals [26] and points [53].

