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## HOW SWEDE IT IS

Erik Karlsson enters today's game one assist shy of becoming the first active defenseman with 700 career assists.

- Karlsson is set to become the 12th defenseman in NHL history to record 700 career assists. Among those 12 defensemen, he is looking to become the eighth fastest to accomplish the feat:

### Games Played to 700 Assists

Defensemen in NHL History

1. Paul Coffey	768
2. Ray Bourque	891
3. Denis Potvin	954
4. Al MacInnis	983
5. Brian Leetch	1,021
6. Phil Housley	1,055
7. Larry Murphy	1,125
<b>8. Erik Karlsson</b>	<b>1,130</b>
9. Nicklas Lidstrom	1,217
10. Larry Robinson	1,224
11. Chris Chelios	1,259
12. Scott Stevens	1,583



## YOUNG GUN

Rookie Ben Kindel scored two goals in his first NHL game in his hometown of Vancouver on Sunday with 192 family and friends in attendance.

- Kindel, the youngest forward in the NHL this season at 18 years and 285 days old, became the ninth rookie to hit the 10-goal plateau this season. He ranks eighth in goals and ninth in points in 2025-26.
- Kindel became just the fourth Penguin to score double digits in goals at age 18:

### Goals at Age 18 in Penguins History

Player	Season	Games	Goals
Sidney Crosby	2005-06	81	39
Jordan Staal	2006-07	81	29
Jaromir Jagr	1990-91	58	18
<b>Ben Kindel</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>10</b>

- Sunday marked Kindel's second multi-goal game of the season. He became the fourth Penguins rookie to have multiple multi-goal games as an 18-year old in franchise history:

### Multi-Goal Games

At Age 18 in PIT History

1. Sidney Crosby	6
2. Jaromir Jagr	4
<b>3. Ben Kindel</b>	<b>2</b>
3. Jordan Staal	2



## ON A ROLL

The Penguins return home tonight riding a four-game winning streak after sweeping their Seattle/Western Canada road trip, 4-0.

- Looking back further, Pittsburgh has points in 13 of their last 15 games dating back to the NHL's holiday break on December 27. In that span, the Penguins rank towards the top of the league in several categories:

### NHL Ranks Since Dec. 27

Category	Stat	Rank
Wins	11	T-3rd
Points	24	T-3rd
Goals For	59	3rd
Goals Against	31	1st
GAA	2.07	1st
SV%	.919	1st
Goal Differential	+28	1st
Penalty Kill %	90.0%	3rd

## STUUUUUU!

Since the NHL's holiday break concluded on December 27, the Penguins have points in 13 of their last 15 games due in large part to the play of the goaltenders.

- Stuart Skinner has been solid in net during this stretch, going 7-1-0 in his last eight starts with a 1.63 goals-against average and .934 save percentage.
- Since the holiday break, Skinner ranks in the top-5 in goals-against average and save percentage across the league (min. 4 GP):

### GAA

Since Dec. 27

1. Devin Cooley	1.50
2. Igor Shesterkin	1.53
3. Daniil Tarasov	1.56
4. Andrei Vasilevskiy	1.60
<b>5. Stuart Skinner</b>	<b>1.63</b>

### SV%

Since Dec. 27

1. Igor Shesterkin	.953
2. Devin Cooley	.950
3. Ilya Sorokin	.935
<b>4. Stuart Skinner</b>	<b>.934</b>
4. Daniil Tarasov	.934



- Pittsburgh's team goals-against average and save percentage both lead the league since Dec. 27.