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EVEN-STRENGTH EXPERT

Sidney Crosby extended his point streak to eight-consecutive games on Tuesday in Tampa Bay with an assist on Bryan Rust's even-strength goal.

- Fifty-two of Crosby's 79 points this season have come at 5-on-5 play, which includes 13 goals and 39 assists. His 39 assists and 52 points at 5-on-5 lead the entire NHL:

5-on-5 Assists

2024-25

1. Sidney Crosby	39
2. Nathan MacKinnon	35
3. David Pastrnak	32
3. Pierre-Luc Dubois	32
5. Nikita Kucherov	31

5-on-5 Points

2024-25

1. Sidney Crosby	52
2. Leon Draisaitl	51
3. David Pastrnak	50
3. Nikita Kucherov	50
5. Aliaksei Protas	49

TRUST IN RUST

Bryan Rust scored the Penguins' lone goal on Tuesday in Tampa Bay for his 26th tally of the season.

- Rust currently sits two goals away from tying his career-high goal total of 28, which was set last year in 62 games.

Goals by Season

Rust's Career

1. 2023-24	28
2. 2019-20	27
3. 2024-25	26
4. 2021-22	24
5. 2020-21	22



- Rust enters tonight's game riding a three-game goal-scoring streak, tallying four goals in those three contests. With a goal tonight, he will have goals in four-consecutive games for the fourth time in his career:

Bryan Rust's Longest Career Goal Streaks

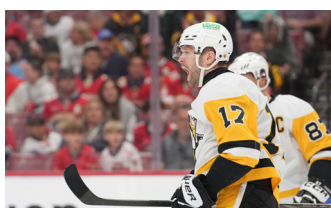
Season	GP	Span	Goals
2021-22	5	Jan. 30-Feb. 13	7
2021-22	4	Nov. 24-Jan. 6	8
2018-19	4	Dec. 15-20	5
2024-25	3	Mar. 21-Present	4
7 Times	3	N/A	N/A

- Since Rust's goal-scoring streak began on March 21, only Jack Eichel has more goals than his four:

Goals

Since March 21

1. Jack Eichel	5
2. Bryan Rust	4
2. Taylor Hall	4
2. Tomas Hertl	4



SURPASSING WAYNE

Sidney Crosby enters tonight's game one point shy of ensuring that he will average a point per game for the 20th time in his 20 NHL seasons, a feat that no player in NHL history has accomplished.

- Crosby, who has missed two games this season and can only play in a maximum of 80 games, sits one point shy of hitting the 80-point plateau for the 14th time in his career.
- Crosby is currently tied with Wayne Gretzky for the most point-per-game seasons in NHL history with 19:

Point-Per-Game Seasons

NHL History

1. Sidney Crosby	19
1. Wayne Gretzky	19
3. Gordie Howe	17
4. Evgeni Malkin	15
4. Mario Lemieux	15
4. Mark Messier	15
4. Marcel Dionne	15
4. Joe Sakic	15
4. Ron Francis	15



SIMPLY SID-SATIONAL

Sidney Crosby enters tonight's game on a hot streak, recording points in eight-consecutive games dating back to March 9.

- Crosby's current eight-game point streak is his longest streak of the season and tied for the longest active point streak in the league:

Active Point Streaks

Player	GP	Span	Stats
Sidney Crosby	8	Mar. 9-Present	6G-7A-13PTS
Dylan Holloway	8	Mar. 13-Present	4G-9A-13PTS
Nico Hischier	7	Mar. 11-Present	4G-4A-8PTS
Jordan Kyrou	7	Mar. 15-Present	7G-5A-12PTS

- Since Crosby's point streak began on March 9, his 13 points rank second in the league while his six goals rank third:

Goals

Since March 9

1. Tomas Hertl	7
1. Jordan Kyrou	7
3. Sidney Crosby	6
3. Eight Players	6

Points

Since March 9

1. Jack Eichel	15
2. Sidney Crosby	13
2. Jesper Bratt	13
2. Robert Thomas	12
5. Jordan Kyrou	12

- Crosby's hot streak has coincided with the team's success, as the Penguins have earned points in six of their last eight games (5-2-1).