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MILESTONE MALKIN

Evgeni Malkin, who is in his 19th season with the Penguins, is on the verge of several major milestones as the 2024-25 season continues tonight against the Maple Leafs in Toronto.

- Malkin enters tonight's game two goals away from becoming the fourth active player and 48th player in NHL history to score 500 career goals.
- Malkin is set to join Mario Lemieux and teammate Sidney Crosby as the only Penguins to score 500 career goals. The Penguins will become just the second team in NHL history to have three 500-goal scorers:

Teams with Three 500-Goal Scorers

NHL History

Guy Lafleur, Jean Belliveau & Maurice Richard
Mario Lemieux, Sidney Crosby & Evgeni Malkin*

*Needs two goals to record 500 career goals

- Malkin, who became the third active player to record 800 career assists with a two-assist night in Detroit on Thursday, sits just two points away from becoming the third active player with 1,300 career points, joining Crosby (1,598) and Alex Ovechkin (1,550).
- Once Malkin hits those milestones, he will be just the second active (Crosby) and 20th player in NHL history to record 500 goals, 800 assists and 1,300 points.

Players with 500 Goals, 800 Assists and 1,300 Points NHL History - Ranked by Points

1. Wayne Gretzky	2,857
2. Jaromir Jagr	1,921
3. Mark Messier	1,887
4. Gordie Howe	1,850
5. Ron Francis	1,798
6. Marcel Dionne	1,771
7. Steve Yzerman	1,755
8. Mario Lemieux	1,723
9. Joe Sakic	1,641
10. Sidney Crosby	1,598

11. Phil Esposito	1,590
12. Mark Recchi	1,533
13. Stan Mikita	1,467
14. Bryan Trottier	1,425
15. Dale Hawerchuk	1,409
16. Mike Modano	1,374
17. Johnny Bucyk	1,369
18. Pierre Turgeon	1,327
19. Gilbert Perreault	1,326
20. Evgeni Malkin	1,298*

*Needs two goals and two points

MULTI-POINT MANIA

Evgeni Malkin and Sidney Crosby both recorded two assists on Thursday night in Detroit en route to the Penguins' first win of the season.

- Thursday marked Crosby's 242nd career multi-assist night which ranks 10th in NHL history, while it was Malkin's 161st career multi-assist game.
- The duo ranks first and fourth among active players in multi-assist games:

Multi-Assist Games

Active Players

1. Sidney Crosby	242
2. Connor McDavid	179
3. Nicklas Backstrom	163

4. Evgeni Malkin	161
4. Patrick Kane	161
6. Claude Giroux	156

CAPTAIN CROSBY

After a two-assist game on Thursday night in Detroit, Sidney Crosby enters tonight's game two points away from hitting the 1,600-point milestone.

Crosby, who is entering his 1,275th career game tonight, is looking to become the fifth-fastest player to record 1,600 points:

Games Played to 1,600 PTS NHL History

1. Wayne Gretzky	667
2. Mario Lemieux	812
3. Marcel Dionne	1,164
4. Jaromir Jagr	1,274
5. Sidney Crosby	1,275*
6. Steve Yzerman	1,294
7. Joe Sakic	1,329
8. Mark Messier	1,332
9. Ron Francis	1,456
10. Gordie Howe	1,482



*Including tonight's game

■ Crosby enters tonight's game ranking 10th on the NHL's all-time points list. He has the opportunity to crack into the NHL's top-10 assists list with 44 more assists this season and needs eight tallies to become the second active player with 600 career goals.

IN FULL BLOOM

Joel Blomqvist, who was drafted in the second round [52nd overall] of the 2020 NHL Draft by Pittsburgh, made his NHL debut on Thursday in Detroit.

Blomqvist became the 33rd goaltender to make his NHL debut with the Penguins, and just the 11th to earn his first NHL win in his first career start:

Penguins Goaltenders to Win First Career Start			
Goaltender	Game	Saves	
Joel Blomqvist	Oct. 10, 2024 @ DET	29	
Casey DeSmith	Jan. 18, 2018 @ LAK	28	
Brad Thiessen	Feb. 26, 2012 vs. CBJ	22	
Sebastien Caron	Jan. 13, 2003 @ BOS	26	
Johan Hedberg	Mar. 16, 2001 @ FLA	41	
Patrick Lalime	Dec. 7, 1996 vs. ANA	33	
Philippe DeRouville	Apr. 10, 1995 @ OTT	24	
Gord Laxton	Oct. 7, 1975 @ WSH	26	
Gary Inness	Jan. 18, 1974 @ VAN	35	
Denis Herron	Oct. 14, 1972 vs. CGS	22	
Cam Newton	Mar. 24, 1971 vs. DET	22	

At 22 years and 274 days old, only six Penguins goaltenders were younger when they recorded their first NHL win in their first career start.