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YOUNG GUN

Ben Kindel, who is the youngest forward in the league this season, scored his 17th goal of the season on Wednesday night in Carolina.

- Kindel's 17 goals this season are the fourth most by any rookie in the NHL:

Goals

Rookies in 2025-26

1. Matthew Schaefer	21	4. Ben Kindel	17
2. Beckett Sennecke	20	5. Fraser Minten	15
2. Oliver Kapanen	20		

- Kindel recorded his 32nd point of the season with his goal on Wednesday against Carolina. He surpassed Doug Bodger for the fourth-most points by a 18-year old in Penguins history in a single season:

Points in a Season by an 18-Year Old Penguin

Player	Season	Points
Sidney Crosby	2005-06	102
Jordan Staal	2006-07	42
Jaromir Jagr	1990-91	38
Ben Kindel	2025-26	32
Doug Bodger	1984-85	31

- Outside of Sidney Crosby (39) and Evgeni Malkin (33), only Jordan Staal (29) scored more goals than Kindel in their rookie season since 2005-06.

NO MONEY, NO PROBLEMS

Anthony Mantha is on a tear as of late, recording points in six-consecutive games entering today, accumulating five goals, three assists and eight points.

- Mantha is riding a career-long tying six-game point streak entering today's contest. With a point today, he will have the first seven-game point streak of his 11-season career:

Longest Point Streaks in Mantha's Career

Season	Games	Stats	Span
2025-26	6	5G-3A-8PTS	Mar. 8-Present
2018-19	6	7G-7A-14PTS	Mar. 23-Apr. 2, 2019
2016-17	6	5G-4A-9PTS	Dec. 17-Jan. 1, 2017
4 Instances	5	N/A	N/A

- Mantha's six-game point streak is the third-longest active streak in the league and second-longest on the team, following Rickard Rakell's career-long seven-game streak:

Longest Active Point Streaks in the NHL

Player	Games	Stats	Span
David Pastrnak	8	5G-7A-12PTS	Mar. 7-Present
Rickard Rakell	7	2G-7A-9PTS	Mar. 7-Present
Anthony Mantha	6	5G-3A-8PTS	Mar. 8-Present
Bryan Rust	5	5G-3A-8PTS	Mar. 10-Present

ON A ROLL

The Penguins enter today's game with points in 26 of their last 32 games dating back to the NHL's holiday break concluding on December 27.

- Since the NHL's holiday break, the Penguins rank near the top of the league in several categories:

NHL Ranks Since Dec. 27

Category	Stat	Rank
Wins	19	T-5th
Win %	.703	T-4th
Points	45	T-3rd
Goals For	125	2nd
Goals Against	86	5th
GAA	2.69	4th
Goal Differential	+39	2nd
Penalty Kill %	87.5%	1st

EK65

Erik Karlsson scored two goals and added an assist on Thursday for his second-consecutive three-point game and third-straight multi-point game.

- Karlsson has five multi-point games over his last six outings and six over his past 10 games. Since February 28, no defenseman has more points than Karlsson as he ranks second across the entire league in points:

Points

Since February 28

1. Nikita Kucherov	19	3. Jack Hughes	16
2. Erik Karlsson	17	3. Nathan MacKinnon	16
3. Nick Suzuki	16		

- With two points tonight, Karlsson will tie his career-long multi-point streak of four, previously recorded three times:

Multi-Point Streaks in Karlsson's Career

Season	Games	Stats	Span
2022-23	4	7G-5A-12PTS	Oct. 27-Nov. 3, 2022
2014-15	4	0G-8A-8PTS	Feb. 12-18, 2015
2011-12	4	4G-8A-12PTS	Feb. 20-26, 2012
2025-26	3	3G-5A-8PTS	Mar. 14-Present

- With three points tonight, Karlsson will have three-plus points in three-consecutive games for just the second time in his career (Feb. 20-25, 2012).
- Karlsson enters today's game tied with Zdeno Chara (209) for the third-most goals by a defenseman born outside of North America (Nicklas Lidstrom, 264; Sergei Gonchar, 220), as well as Daniel Alfredsson (713) for the fifth-most assists by a Swedish-born player (Nicklas Lidstrom, 878; Henrik Sedin, 830; Mats Sundin, 785; Nicklas Backstrom, 762).