THURSDAY'S RESULTS
Home Team in Caps
Washington 4, BOSTON 2
Toronto 4, NEW JERSEY 2
NY Islanders 4, NY RANGERS 3
PHILADELPHIA 2, Dallas 1
COLUMBUS 4, Nashville 3 (OT)
TAMPA BAY 3, Carolina 1
ST. LOUIS 4, Montreal 1
MINNESOTA 3, Winnipeg 2
EDMONTON 4, Florida 3 (SO)
Arizona 4, VANCOUVER 3 (OT)
San Jose 3, VEGAS 2
Ottawa 4, LOS ANGELES 1

OVECHKIN CLIMBS INTO TOP 50 ON ALL-TIME POINTS LIST
Alex Ovechkin (2-0—2) registered his 128th multi-goal game to boost his career point total to 639-532—1,171 and surpass **Bobby Hull** (610-560—1,170) for sole possession of 50th place on the NHL's all-time points list.

* Sharks forward **Joe Thornton** (16th; 405-1,042—1,447) is the only other active NHL player to rank in the top 50, while longtime rival **Sidney Crosby** (52nd; 431-738—1,169) is the next closest to cracking the top 50 among active skaters.

* Ovechkin leads the League with 32 goals this season as he aims to break a tie with Hull for the most seasons as the NHL's goal-scoring leader – both have led the League in goals on seven occasions.

* Ovechkin also moved past **Mike Bossy** (127) and **Jaromir Jagr** (127) for the ninth-most multi-goal games in NHL history, three back of tying **Teemu Selanne** (131) for eighth. **Wayne Gretzky** holds the NHL record for multi-goal outings with 189.

BARZAL SHINES AS ISLANDERS TOP RANGERS

Mathew Barzal (1-2—3) factored on three of four goals to lift the Islanders (24-14-4, 52 points) to their 10th win in 12 contests and a victory in the first game of a home-and-home series with the Rangers. The two will meet again on Saturday at Barclays Center.

* The Islanders, who collected their seventh win in their last eight contests, leapfrogged the idle Sabres (23-14-6, 52 points) and Canadiens (23-17-5, 51 points) to move into the first Wild Card spot in the Eastern Conference.

* Barzal posted his 12th career game with three or more points to eclipse the 40-point mark in 2018-19 (13-28—41 in 42 GP), after reaching the benchmark in his 44th appearance in 2017-18. Only four players in Islanders franchise history have recorded more three-point outings prior to their 22nd birthday.

* **Robin Lehner** turned aside 27 shots in the contest and has now won each of his last eight decisions dating to Dec. 18 at Arizona. In his first season on Long Island, Lehner became just the fourth netminder in franchise history to string together an eight-game win streak.

LONGEST WINNING STREAKS BY A GOALTENDER

FRANCHISE HISTORY

11 JAROSLAV HALAK
NOV. 5 - DEC. 4, 2014

10 BILLY SMITH
JAN. 23 - FEB. 25, 1982

8 ROBIN LEHNER
DEC. 18, 2018 - PRESENT

8 MARK FITZPATRICK
DEC. 16, 1989 - JAN. 17, 1990

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POINT PROPELS LIGHTNING IN FINAL FRAME TO EXTEND HOME STREAK

Brayden Point collected 2-1—3 in the third period to propel the League-leading Lightning (34-8-2, 70 points) to their ninth straight victory at Amalie Arena, one contest shy of the longest home winning streak in franchise history (10-0-0 from Dec. 11, 2014 - Jan. 31, 2015).

* Tampa Bay required the fewest games in club history to reach the 70-point mark in a season (44 GP), besting the previous mark set in 2017-18 (49 GP).

* Point has collected three or more points in consecutive team games for the first time in his career and has now posted a multi-point outing in four of his last five contests. He improved his 2018-19 totals to 28-32—60 (44 GP) to move within six points of matching his career high set in 2017-18 (32-34—66 in 82 GP).

McDAVID'S LATE-GAME HEROICS CAPS THREE-POINT EVENING
Connor McDavid (2-1—3) tied the game with eight seconds remaining in regulation and scored again in the shootout to lift the Oilers to victory. Since McDavid entered the League in 2015-16, he leads the NHL with 37 three-point outings. The next closest: Chicago's **Patrick Kane** (31).

* Edmonton recorded the sixth instance of a team scoring a game-tying goal in the final 10 seconds of regulation this season. Those clubs hold a 4-0-2 record in 2018-19.

MILESTONES & BENCHMARKS
* **John Tortorella** of the Blue Jackets became the first U.S.-born head coach to reach 600 wins. He is the 19th in NHL history to reach the milestone and sixth active head coach, joining **Ken Hitchcock** (835), **Barry Trotz** (786), **Paul Maurice** (675), **Mike Babcock** (673) and **Claude Julien** (606).

JOHN TORTORELLA

MILESTONE

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CAREER WINS

* Maple Leafs forward **John Tavares** (301-370—671) scored twice to become the first player from the 2009 NHL Draft Class to reach 300 career goals. Only two players have scored more goals since Tavares entered the League in 2009-10: **Alex Ovechkin** (420) and **Steven Stamkos** (348). Hurricanes forward **Justin Williams** also reached the 300-goal milestone.

* **Henrik Lundqvist** of the Rangers appeared in his 837th career game to tie **Jacques Plante** for 12th on the all-time list by a goaltender and **Pekka Rinne** of the Predators became the 48th goaltender (sixth active) to reach the 600-game milestone.

* **Brent Burns** (33 years, 307 days) picked up an assist to reach the 50-point mark on the season (8-42—50). He became the fourth defenseman age 33 or older to record 50 points in 46 or fewer appearances.

* **Alex Tuch** collected an assist to extend his point streak to eight contests dating to Dec. 27 (2-7—9). He joined **David Perron** and **Erik Haula** as the only Golden Knights players to earn at least one point in eight straight games, after they simultaneously did so from Jan. 18 - Feb. 2, 2018.

QUICK CLICKS

* NHL, NHLPA agree to continue partnership with Upper Deck
* **Johnny Gaudreau** reaching new heights with Flames en route to fifth All-Star Game
* Seattle to host All-Star Game within seven years of inaugural season
* **Jeff Skinner** has Carolina on his mind as he prepares for return
* Capitals earn 14th straight win over Bruins

SNEAK PEEK AT FRIDAY'S ACTION

TONIGHT'S SCHEDULE — **FRIDAY, JANUARY 11TH**

SABRES | 7:30 PM | HURRICANES
NHLN, FS-CR, MSG-B

PANTHERS | 9:00 PM | FLAMES
SNW, FS-F

RED WINGS | 8:00 PM | JETS
TVAS, TSN3, FS-D

PENGUINS | 10:00 PM | DUCKS
SN360, SN, SNO, SNP, PRIME, ATTSN-PT

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SKINNER RETURNS TO CAROLINA FOR FIRST TIME AS SABRE

Jeff Skinner (29-13—42) returns to Raleigh for the first time as a member of the Sabres (23-14-6, 52 points) when the club travels to PNC Arena to face off against the Hurricanes (20-18-5, 45 points).

* During his tenure in Carolina from 2010-11 to 2017-18, Skinner posted three 30-goal seasons while also pacing his teammates in goals (204), points (379), power-play goals (45) and game-winning goals (28).

* Skinner can become the fourth different Sabres player to score their 30th goal prior to their 45th appearance of a season, led by **Alexander Mogilny**'s franchise-best 1992-93 campaign which saw the forward collect 30 goals by his 30th appearance.