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PRE PUCK DROP

[26-21-3] **PIT** VS **MIN** [26-17-5]

Young and the Restless

Casey DeSmith and **Jean-Sebastien Dea** have shined since being recalled from Wilkes-Barre/Scranton earlier this month

Casey DeSmith has had the strongest statistical three-start sequence of any Pittsburgh goaltender so far this season, going 2-1-0 and stopping 96 of 100 shots he faced during that span.

Jean-Sebastien Dea scored his first NHL goal in his fourth NHL game on 01.23 vs. CAR, which was also the game-winner. In his AHL career, 14 of Dea's 57 goals were game-winners (24.6%).

What you... Need To Know

b2b **Dominik Simon** scored his second goal of the season and of his career on 01.23 vs. CAR. This is the first time he's had points in back-to-back NHL games.

11 **Bryan Rust** notched an assist in his first game back after missing 11 games with an upper-body injury.

2nd With his assist against the Canes, **Sidney Crosby** tied **Jaromir Jagr** for second place on the Penguins career scoring list at 1,079 points.

Dad's Back!

Matt Cullen returns to Pittsburgh for the first time since signing with Minnesota as a free agent

In January, both **Phil Kessel** and **Matt Cullen** became the 27th and 28th American-born players to reach 700 points

Active American-Born Players with 700 Points

Patrick Kane	CHI	787
Phil Kessel	PIT	704
Matt Cullen	MIN	700