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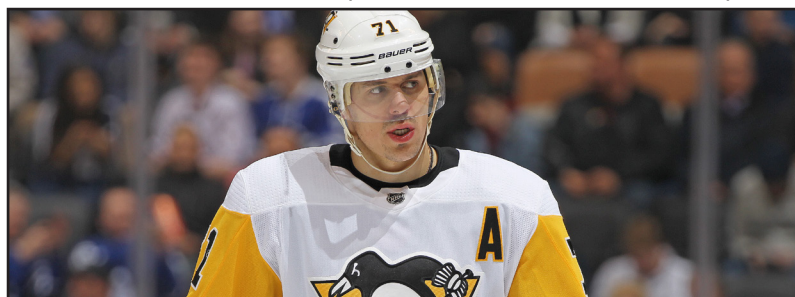


**NYR**

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## Written in the Stars

**Evgeni Malkin** was named the NHL's 'Third Star' for the week ending 03.11. Malkin was also named the league's 'First Star' for January and 'Second Star' for February. He was the NHL's 'First Star' for the first week of February.



### Season League Points Leaders

Rank	GP	Player	PTS
1	67	Nikita Kucherov (TBL)	34G-54A-88PTS
2	66	Evgeni Malkin (PIT)	39G-48A-87PTS
3	68	Connor McDavid (EDM)	33G-51A-84PTS

\*Going into Tuesday's games.

### League Points Leaders for March

Rank	GP	Player	PTS
1t	6	Evgeni Malkin (PIT)	3G-8A-11PTS
1t	7	Evgenii Dadonov (FLA)	4G-7A-11PTS
1t	6	Patrik Laine (WPG)	10G-1A-11PTS
1t	5	Brad Marchand (BOS)	5G-6A-11PTS

### League Points Leaders for February

Rank	GP	Player	PTS
1t	12	Evgeni Malkin (PIT)	10G-11A-21PTS
1t	14	Connor McDavid (EDM)	13G-8A-21PTS
1t	13	Eric Staal (MIN)	13G-8A-21PTS

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## Need To Know

**15-6**

The Pens' 15-6 record against the Metropolitan Division is the best intra-division record in the league.

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**Patric Hornqvist** hit the 20-goal plateau for the eighth time in his 10 NHL seasons. This is his fourth time reaching that mark with Pittsburgh.

**2A**

**Sidney Crosby's** two assists against Dallas put him just two away from 700. He'll be just the third active player to reach 700 assists.

## Spring to Defense

Pens defensemen have scored at least once in 12 of the last 16 games played.

Player	Goals
Olli Maatta	4
Kris Letang	3 (1PPG)
Justin Schultz	2
Jamie Oleksiak	2
Brian Dumoulin	1
Matt Hunwick	1
Chad Ruhwedel	1
Ian Cole (since traded)	1

They have 15 goals total over that span. Prior to that stretch, the Pens' defensemen scored at least once only 16 times in 54 games (19 goals total).