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OCTOBER 28 - NOVEMBER 1, 2026

17 SELECTED MATCHUPS | FIVE-DAY WATCHLIST

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FLYERS AT CAPITALS

A Metropolitan test for both crease and coverage

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2026 | NHL REGULAR SEASON

USA: 19:30 EDT | 16:30 PDT

CENTRAL EUROPE: 29 OCT 00:30 CET | UK: 28 OCT 23:30 GMT

WHY THIS GAME MATTERS

This divisional meeting starts the watchlist with a practical question: can Philadelphia establish possession before Washington sets its defensive shape? The Flyers need a second wave around the slot, rather than a string of harmless shots from the boards. For the Capitals, the most valuable response would be clean exits and support underneath the puck. Watch whether the first pass creates controlled entries or simply returns possession to the visitors.

TACTICAL KEY & EDITORIAL LEAN

My edge goes to Washington at home, but it depends on a settled crease. Logan Thompson had resumed practice without a confirmed return for this game at the research cutoff. That uncertainty matters more than the teams' reputations. If the Capitals can absorb the first forechecker and move the puck quickly to the weak side, they should create enough close-range opportunities for a four-goal ceiling. An unusually strong Flyers goaltending performance is the clearest route to an upset.

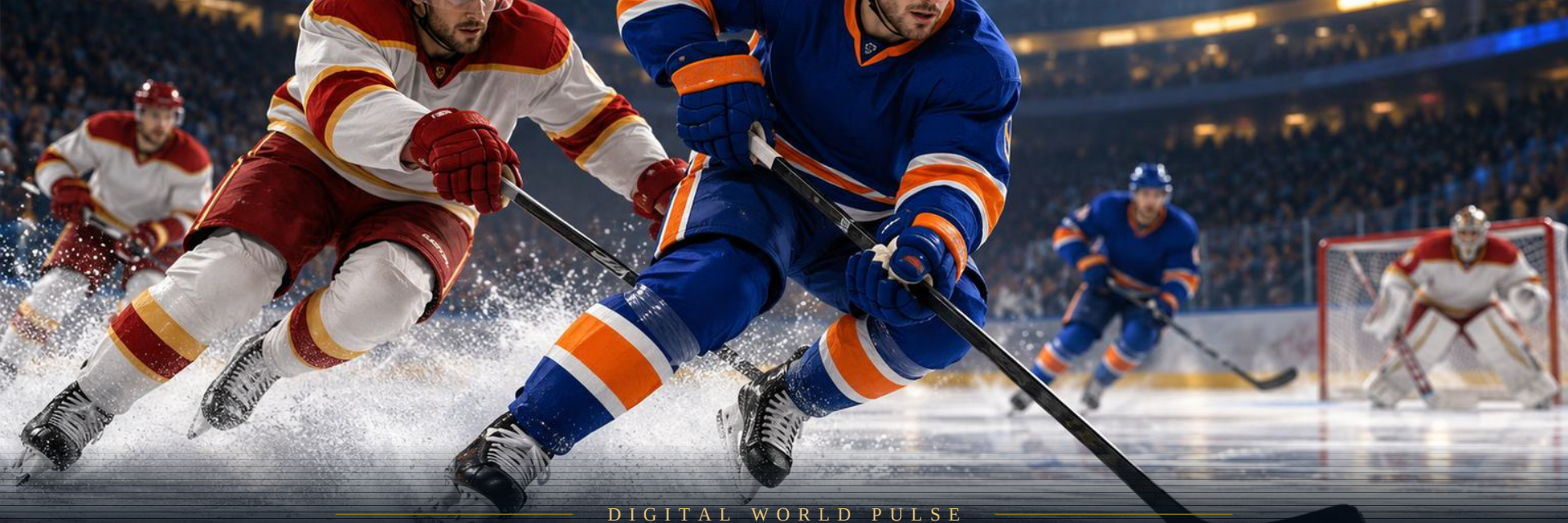
Reconfirm Washington's starting goalie and Philadelphia's defensive lineup.

OVERALL WINNER PICK

Capitals

PROJECTED SCORE

PHI 2 - WSH 4



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FLAMES AT OILERS

Battle of Alberta: momentum meets elite creation

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2026 | NHL REGULAR SEASON

USA: 20:30 EDT | 17:30 PDT

CENTRAL EUROPE: 29 OCT 01:30 CET | UK: 29 OCT 00:30 GMT

WHY THIS GAME MATTERS

Calgary has a useful recent statement: Monday's 5-2 win over Toronto extended its winning streak to four. That makes the Battle of Alberta more compelling than a familiar rivalry label alone. Edmonton, meanwhile, needs to manage the moments after gaining a lead. The ideal viewing lens is the space between the circles: can Calgary keep the puck outside while still leaving a forward available for the counterattack?

TACTICAL KEY & EDITORIAL LEAN

I lean Edmonton in a one-goal game because sustained puck possession can draw penalties and turn a quiet stretch into two dangerous shifts. Calgary's best answer is to slow the next entry, win the first rebound and force repeat attacks to begin from deep. This is a conditional home pick rather than a forecast of comfortable control. A special-teams swing or an early goaltending change could erase the small margin behind the projected 4-3 finish.

Check the goaltending matchup and avoid assuming the current streak continues.

OVERALL WINNER PICK

Oilers

PROJECTED SCORE

CGY 3 - EDM 4



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DEVILS AT AVALANCHE

An immediate pressure test for New Jersey's new era

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2026 | NHL REGULAR SEASON

USA: 21:00 EDT | 18:00 PDT

CENTRAL EUROPE: 29 OCT 02:00 CET | UK: 29 OCT 01:00 GMT

WHY THIS GAME MATTERS

Connor Hellebuyck's acquisition gives this road game a fresh storyline, but his presence on the roster does not confirm who starts. New Jersey is scheduled to play in Dallas on Tuesday before travelling to Colorado, so this is the second night of a back-to-back. The visitors must keep their first pass simple and protect the middle when tired shifts begin to stretch. Colorado should test that support with pace through the neutral zone.

TACTICAL KEY & EDITORIAL LEAN

The Avalanche get a narrow home edge in my projection. Their own 6-2 loss in Nashville on Sunday is a reminder that attacking talent does not protect against weak puck management. I would watch the first ten minutes for how often New Jersey is forced into a full defensive reset. A confirmed Hellebuyck start, effective rebound control and disciplined Devils changes would make the road upset entirely plausible. The 4-3 call allows for a close finish rather than a one-sided response.

Verify the Devils' starter after Tuesday; do not assume a Hellebuyck debut date.

OVERALL WINNER PICK

Avalanche

PROJECTED SCORE

NJD 3 - COL 4



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MAPLE LEAFS AT KRAKEN

A late-window response game for Toronto

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2026 | NHL REGULAR SEASON

USA: 22:00 EDT | 19:00 PDT

CENTRAL EUROPE: 29 OCT 03:00 CET | UK: 29 OCT 02:00 GMT

WHY THIS GAME MATTERS

Toronto's 5-2 loss at Calgary on Monday provides the immediate backdrop, not proof of a broader collapse. Seattle's route is to make the visitors work through layers: one player pressures the puck while a second protects the inside pass. Watch Toronto's defensive support when its forwards attack below the goal line. If all three chase the same loose puck, Seattle can turn a routine clearance into a dangerous rush.

TACTICAL KEY & EDITORIAL LEAN

I prefer the Maple Leafs on the basis of their potential to create repeated chances, provided those chances come with a safety valve behind the play. A patient Seattle side can make this much closer by holding the middle and demanding extra passes before a shot. The projected two-goal margin can include a late empty-net goal; it does not imply sixty minutes of clear separation. Toronto's ability to recover the puck after its first attempt is the decisive viewing point.

Recheck Toronto's available skaters and both starting goalies.

OVERALL WINNER PICK

Maple Leafs

PROJECTED SCORE

TOR 4 - SEA 2



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JETS AT LIGHTNING

Winnipeg's reset reaches a demanding road stop

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2026 | NHL REGULAR SEASON

USA: 19:00 EDT | 16:00 PDT

CENTRAL EUROPE: 30 OCT 00:00 CET | UK: 29 OCT 23:00 GMT

WHY THIS GAME MATTERS

Winnipeg is adjusting after the Hellebuyck trade, so this is a chance to evaluate the team in front of its crease as much as the goaltender himself. Tampa Bay can make the Jets defend the full width of the zone, then attack the gap created by a late rotation. Watch the first pass after a Winnipeg recovery. A controlled exit gives the visitors time to change; an unsupported clearance invites another long shift.

TACTICAL KEY & EDITORIAL LEAN

Tampa Bay is my home pick because the matchup offers a direct way to test Winnipeg's communication under pressure. The Jets need compact spacing and a forward close enough to help on contested retrievals. Their upset path is a low-event opening period followed by efficient transition chances. I would weaken the 4-2 projection if Winnipeg consistently reaches the offensive zone with support and avoids unnecessary penalties. Reconfirm the actual starter rather than applying assumptions from the club's previous goaltending era.

Follow Winnipeg's updated goalie rotation and the October 27 result.

OVERALL WINNER PICK

Lightning

PROJECTED SCORE

WPG 2 - TBL 4



D I G I T A L W O R L D P U L S E

ISLANDERS AT WILD

Can the Islanders slow Minnesota's transition?

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2026 | NHL REGULAR SEASON

USA: 20:00 EDT | 17:00 PDT

CENTRAL EUROPE: 30 OCT 01:00 CET | UK: 30 OCT 00:00 GMT

WHY THIS GAME MATTERS

Minnesota beat Vancouver 4-2 on Sunday, with Quinn Hughes reaching the 500-point milestone. The watchable contrast is between a defenseman who can advance possession and an Islanders side that must keep its forwards connected to the blue line. New York cannot afford to turn every blocked shot into an invitation to counterattack. Watch which team controls the next touch after a rebound, especially when a defenseman has stepped down the wall.

TACTICAL KEY & EDITORIAL LEAN

The Wild get my home lean, with a 4-2 projection that leaves room for a late empty-net goal. Minnesota's opportunity is to move the puck before the Islanders can set their coverage; New York's answer is to keep a third forward high and make entries predictable. This pick loses strength if the Islanders repeatedly force the home attack to dump the puck and retrieve it. The starting goalie and the quality of net-front protection should decide how much of the territorial pressure becomes scoring.

Reconfirm Minnesota's goalie and watch New York's transition coverage.

OVERALL WINNER PICK

Wild

PROJECTED SCORE

NYI 2 - MIN 4



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CANADIENS AT STARS

Dallas's attack tests Montreal's reshuffled center depth

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2026 | NHL REGULAR SEASON

USA: 20:00 EDT | 17:00 PDT

CENTRAL EUROPE: 30 OCT 01:00 CET | UK: 30 OCT 00:00 GMT

WHY THIS GAME MATTERS

Dallas had won five straight after its 6-3 result against the Islanders on Sunday. Montreal's challenge is shaped by Nick Suzuki's announced two-to-four-week absence. That combination makes the first shift after a defensive-zone faceoff especially revealing. Can the Canadiens exit with possession, or will Dallas recover the puck before Montreal gets fresh legs over the boards? Watch the support beneath the puck rather than treating every lost draw as the same problem.

TACTICAL KEY & EDITORIAL LEAN

My pick is Dallas, with the Stars' ability to extend a possession offering the clearest path to a multi-goal finish. Montreal can keep the game competitive by sending its first outlet into space and making the home defense turn. The visitors also need their available centers to share the defensive work instead of asking one line to solve every difficult matchup. A hot Canadiens goalie can overturn this read, so the projected 4-2 score remains a scenario, not a claim of inevitable control.

Check Montreal's current injury report and Dallas's available supporting forwards.

OVERALL WINNER PICK

Stars

PROJECTED SCORE

MTL 2 - DAL 4



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BRUINS AT BLUES

Boston's recent momentum meets a road test

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2026 | NHL REGULAR SEASON

USA: 20:00 EDT | 17:00 PDT

CENTRAL EUROPE: 30 OCT 01:00 CET | UK: 30 OCT 00:00 GMT

WHY THIS GAME MATTERS

Boston's 6-4 win over San Jose on Saturday supplies the recent form cue, but a strong finish in one game does not guarantee an easy night in St. Louis. This matchup is worth following for the battle over the first ten feet of the neutral zone. The Blues need to interrupt Boston's acceleration before the attack reaches the line. If they retreat too early, the visitors can enter with time to find a trailing skater.

TACTICAL KEY & EDITORIAL LEAN

I lean Boston in a close, potentially overtime game. The Bruins' most useful route is patient possession after the initial entry, while St. Louis can answer by closing the slot and creating chances from quick changes of direction. A 3-2 forecast should be read as a narrow lean: one rebound or a power-play sequence could reverse it. Watch whether Boston can pressure with two players without leaving the third forward too low. That balance matters more here than a rush to generate extra shots.

Update the assessment after Boston's October 27 game and confirm both starters.

OVERALL WINNER PICK

Bruins

PROJECTED SCORE

BOS 3 - STL 2



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DEVILS AT GOLDEN KNIGHTS

An early start with a new-goaltending storyline

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2026 | NHL REGULAR SEASON

USA: 18:00 EDT | 15:00 PDT

CENTRAL EUROPE: 30 OCT 23:00 CET | UK: 30 OCT 22:00 GMT

WHY THIS GAME MATTERS

New Jersey reaches the third stop of its scheduled Dallas-Colorado-Vegas road sequence. The viewing appeal is whether its defensive communication holds together as the trip progresses. Vegas can test that communication by moving the puck below the goal line and sending a second attacker into the slot. Hellebuyck's arrival is relevant to the Devils' outlook, but there is no confirmed start assignment for this game in this guide. Follow the actual lineup announcement.

TACTICAL KEY & EDITORIAL LEAN

My tentative choice is New Jersey in a one-goal finish, based on the visitors protecting the middle and generating clean transition chances. The pick becomes less attractive if the trip has required heavy defensive minutes or the available goalie is carrying an unusual workload. Vegas has an obvious home route: pressure the first outlet and turn the next retrieval into a contested puck. This is one of the guide's closer calls, and a 3-2 result could require overtime or a shootout.

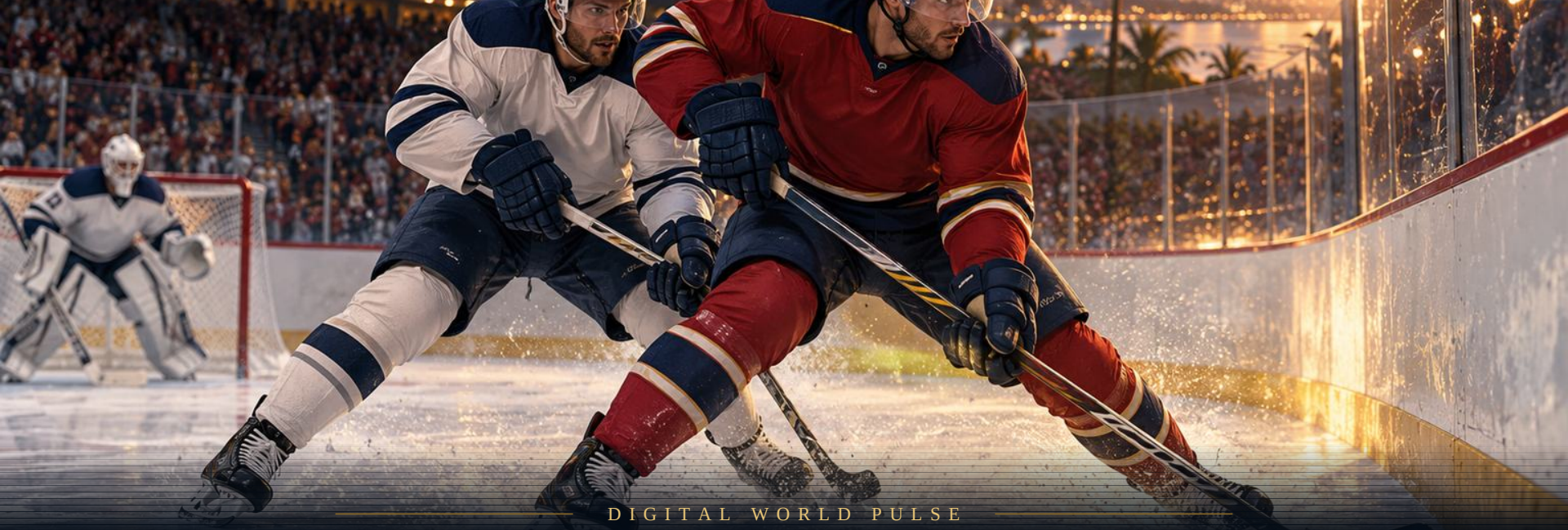
Confirm the Devils' goalie and review the October 28 performance before using this lean.

OVERALL WINNER PICK

Devils

PROJECTED SCORE

NJD 3 - VGK 2



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JETS AT PANTHERS

A back-to-back asks Winnipeg to protect the middle

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2026 | NHL REGULAR SEASON

USA: 19:00 EDT | 16:00 PDT

CENTRAL EUROPE: 31 OCT 00:00 CET | UK: 30 OCT 23:00 GMT

WHY THIS GAME MATTERS

Winnipeg is scheduled to play at Tampa Bay on Thursday and at Florida on Friday. That sequence makes the Jets' changes and defensive support part of the attraction. Florida's 3-2 win in Chicago on Sunday offers a recent example of a game decided late, although this preview does not assume the same pattern repeats. Watch whether the Panthers can keep possession below the faceoff dots without losing their protection against the first Winnipeg breakout.

TACTICAL KEY & EDITORIAL LEAN

I give Florida a small home edge, with a projected 3-2 finish. The argument is the schedule and the potential to make Winnipeg defend successive long possessions, not a claim that every tired team loses. The Jets can flip the script by shortening shifts and forcing the Panthers to retrieve pucks in their own end. Any confirmed goalie rotation after Thursday deserves attention. If Florida turns the game into repeated end-to-end rushes, much of the practical advantage behind this pick disappears.

Check Friday's goalie assignments after the Tampa Bay game.

OVERALL WINNER PICK

Panthers

PROJECTED SCORE

WPG 2 - FLA 3



D I G I T A L W O R L D P U L S E

OILERS AT ISLANDERS

A Saturday matinee with very different routes to goal

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2026 | NHL REGULAR SEASON

USA: 14:00 EDT | 11:00 PDT

CENTRAL EUROPE: 31 OCT 19:00 CET | UK: 31 OCT 18:00 GMT

WHY THIS GAME MATTERS

This is one of the best European viewing slots in the selection: a 14:00 Eastern faceoff is 19:00 in Central Europe and 18:00 in the UK on Saturday. The hockey question is whether the Islanders can make Edmonton establish every attack from a standstill. New York's defensive spacing has to stay intact after the first challenge. One failed step in the neutral zone can let a skilled puck carrier attack a retreating defense.

TACTICAL KEY & EDITORIAL LEAN

Edmonton gets a narrow road lean in a projected 4-3 game. I would watch the second forward arriving above the puck, because that support can either keep an Oilers possession alive or stop an Islanders counterattack. New York's upset path is to keep the score level long enough for net-front traffic and special teams to decide it. The forecast is not a demand for a wide-open game. A careful first period can still produce a busy finish once a team has to chase.

Reconfirm both starters; distinguish an overall winner lean from a regulation-only pick.

OVERALL WINNER PICK

Oilers

PROJECTED SCORE

EDM 4 - NYI 3



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PENGUINS AT CANADIENS

Two injury-affected attacks on a Saturday night

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2026 | NHL REGULAR SEASON

USA: 19:00 EDT | 16:00 PDT

CENTRAL EUROPE: 01 NOV 00:00 CET | UK: 31 OCT 23:00 GMT

WHY THIS GAME MATTERS

The main storyline is lineup adaptation. Montreal announced a two-to-four-week absence for Suzuki, while Pittsburgh said Rust would be reevaluated in six weeks. Those are the reported timelines at publication, not fresh game-day confirmations. Watch which team can progress through the middle without exposing its defense to a quick counter. A replacement line does not need to imitate the missing player; it needs clear roles on retrievals, exits and the next supporting pass.

TACTICAL KEY & EDITORIAL LEAN

My lean is Montreal at home in a tight 3-2 game. The Canadiens' route is to spread the work across their available centers and get traffic to the crease before the shot arrives. Pittsburgh can reverse the matchup by forcing low-risk dump-ins, winning the first recovery and attacking the space behind an aggressive forecheck. The score projection allows for overtime or a shootout. Revisit the lean if further absences reduce either team's ability to hold possession through a full shift.

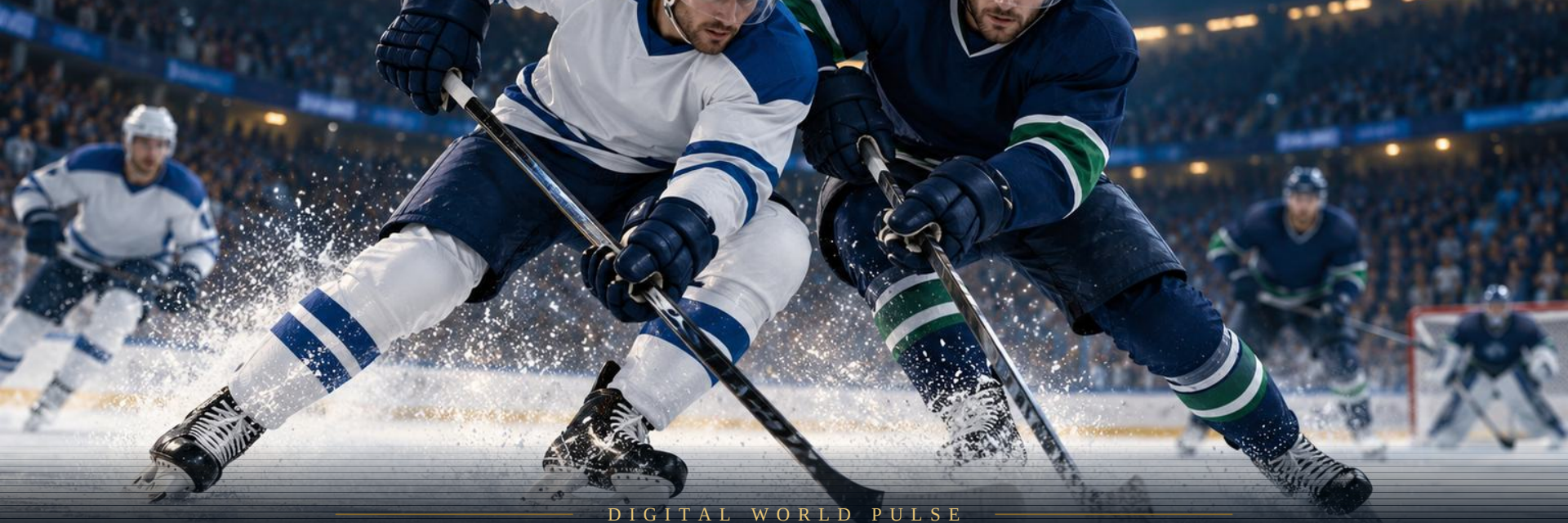
Review updated injury lists and confirm which forwards are actually available.

OVERALL WINNER PICK

Canadiens

PROJECTED SCORE

PIT 2 - MTL 3



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MAPLE LEAFS AT CANUCKS

A high-profile Canadian meeting with a reset opportunity

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2026 | NHL REGULAR SEASON

USA: 19:00 EDT | 16:00 PDT

CENTRAL EUROPE: 01 NOV 00:00 CET | UK: 31 OCT 23:00 GMT

WHY THIS GAME MATTERS

Vancouver was 2-10-1 after Sunday's loss to Minnesota, so the home side needs a complete performance rather than one encouraging stretch. Toronto's appeal is the opportunity to create through movement before Vancouver organizes its coverage. Watch the space above the circles when a Canucks defenseman follows an attacker below the goal line. If the supporting forward arrives late, a routine cycle can create an unmarked shooting lane in the middle.

TACTICAL KEY & EDITORIAL LEAN

I prefer Toronto in a projected 4-2 finish, while leaving room for Vancouver to make the game uncomfortable through disciplined puck placement. The Canucks can improve their chance by turning offensive-zone possession into safe changes and denying the Maple Leafs the first counterattack. Toronto should avoid forcing cross-ice passes simply because a team's recent record looks vulnerable. The visitors' pick rests on repeatable entries and recovery work. A late empty-net goal could create the final margin in an otherwise close game.

Use the latest Vancouver results and Toronto availability, not the October 26 baseline alone.

OVERALL WINNER PICK

Maple Leafs

PROJECTED SCORE

TOR 4 - VAN 2



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FLAMES AT AVALANCHE

A schedule edge at the end of Calgary's busy stretch

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2026 | NHL REGULAR SEASON

USA: 22:00 EDT | 19:00 PDT

CENTRAL EUROPE: 01 NOV 03:00 CET | UK: 01 NOV 02:00 GMT

WHY THIS GAME MATTERS

Calgary is scheduled to host Seattle on Friday before visiting Colorado on Saturday. That is a concrete workload issue worth watching, especially when an away team has to defend long possessions. Colorado's approach should be to make the first forechecker move, then find a supporting skater with speed. Calgary can resist by keeping its defense and forwards close enough for short outlets rather than gambling on a pass through the entire neutral zone.

TACTICAL KEY & EDITORIAL LEAN

My home pick is Colorado, with a projected 4-2 margin. The Avalanche must still protect the puck: their earlier loss in Nashville shows why a talent advantage should not excuse risky plays at either blue line. Calgary can turn the matchup if it wins retrievals cleanly and forces Colorado's skilled attackers to restart from deep. I would watch the Flames' third-period shift length and the announced goalie rotation after Friday. Those details could tighten or widen a projection built around schedule pressure.

Check Calgary's Friday workload and Saturday starter before relying on the margin.

OVERALL WINNER PICK

Avalanche

PROJECTED SCORE

CGY 2 - COL 4



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JETS AT HURRICANES

A European-friendly start against a demanding host

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 01, 2026 | NHL REGULAR SEASON

USA: 13:00 EST | 10:00 PST

CENTRAL EUROPE: 01 NOV 19:00 CET | UK: 01 NOV 18:00 GMT

WHY THIS GAME MATTERS

Sunday's 13:00 Eastern start lands at 19:00 in Central Europe and 18:00 in the UK because North America has now moved to standard time. Winnipeg finishes a scheduled Tampa Bay-Florida-Carolina sequence, so attention belongs on its defensive communication and available goaltenders. Carolina can make this an uncomfortable afternoon by sustaining pressure after the first shot, forcing another recovery and making the visitors exit through traffic. Watch who wins the second puck.

TACTICAL KEY & EDITORIAL LEAN

I lean Carolina in a projected 4-2 game. The home route is to keep a safe layer above the attack and prevent Winnipeg from turning a broken possession into an odd-man rush. The Jets have a clear counter: keep shifts short and use a close supporting outlet before trying to stretch the ice. Carolina's available forwards still need a game-day check. Final roster news and the week's accumulated workload can materially change this forecast.

Confirm both goalies and Sunday's lineup; ET is EST, not EDT.

OVERALL WINNER PICK

Hurricanes

PROJECTED SCORE

WPG 2 - CAR 4



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WILD AT CAPITALS

Minnesota's puck movement against Washington's home structure

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 01, 2026 | NHL REGULAR SEASON

USA: 15:30 EST | 12:30 PST

CENTRAL EUROPE: 01 NOV 21:30 CET | UK: 01 NOV 20:30 GMT

WHY THIS GAME MATTERS

Minnesota brings an intriguing possession challenge to Washington: can the home side pressure the first carrier without opening the next lane? This is a good game for watching how a team moves together without the puck. The Capitals need one player to close space and another to protect what that pressure leaves behind. If both chase the same target, the Wild can work the next pass toward the middle and change the angle of the shot.

TACTICAL KEY & EDITORIAL LEAN

My slight preference is Minnesota in a 3-2 finish. Washington can easily overturn that lean with strong goaltending, disciplined changes and traffic around the visiting crease. Washington's starter remains a game-day check. Watch how many Minnesota entries become sustained possessions instead of a single attempt. If Washington repeatedly clears the first rebound and exits under control, this should be treated as an even closer game than the narrow score projection suggests.

Check Washington's goalie status and the current results through Saturday.

OVERALL WINNER PICK

Wild

PROJECTED SCORE

MIN 3 - WSH 2



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OILERS AT RANGERS

A star-attraction finish with a workload caveat

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 01, 2026 | NHL REGULAR SEASON

USA: 18:00 EST | 15:00 PST

CENTRAL EUROPE: 02 NOV 00:00 CET | UK: 01 NOV 23:00 GMT

WHY THIS GAME MATTERS

The final watchlist game places Edmonton on the second night of its New York back-to-back after Saturday's Islanders visit. The Rangers' 6-3 loss to Los Angeles on Monday provides a recent warning about early defensive gaps, but they have several days to change that picture before this matchup. Watch the first five minutes: New York needs clean coverage immediately, while Edmonton must resist extending shifts simply to create one more chance.

TACTICAL KEY & EDITORIAL LEAN

I give the Oilers a small edge in a projected 4-3 finish, with more caution than in a rested road spot. The Rangers' best route is sustained forechecking that forces Edmonton's defense to turn and retrieve, followed by direct traffic around the crease. The Oilers need short support passes and disciplined changes to preserve their attacking quality. A different goalie matchup or a heavy Saturday workload could reverse this call. Reassess after the Islanders game before treating the final score as a useful expectation.

Confirm the Rangers' starter and Edmonton's rotation after Saturday; allow for OT/SO.

OVERALL WINNER PICK

Oilers

PROJECTED SCORE

EDM 4 - NYR 3

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SCOPE & EDITORIAL NOTE

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