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26-29 NOVEMBER 2026

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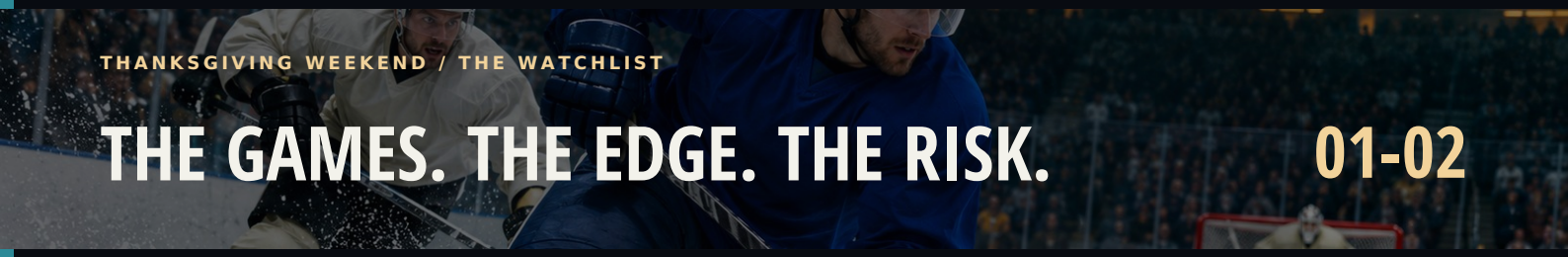
THE COMPLETE SLATE

Dates follow Eastern Time. All times are scheduled puck drops and can change. Thursday, 26 November: no NHL games scheduled.

#	AWAY AT HOME	ET	PT	GMT	CET
FRIDAY 27 NOVEMBER					15 GAMES
01	Flames at Devils	13:00	10:00	18:00	19:00
02	Maple Leafs at Bruins	13:00	10:00	18:00	19:00
03	Mammoth at Predators	13:00	10:00	18:00	19:00
04	Stars at Blues	14:00	11:00	19:00	20:00
05	Red Wings at Blue Jackets	15:00	12:00	20:00	21:00
06	Canucks at Flyers	15:00	12:00	20:00	21:00
07	Panthers at Capitals	15:00	12:00	20:00	21:00
08	Senators at Lightning	15:00	12:00	20:00	21:00
09	Kings at Ducks	16:00	13:00	21:00	22:00
10	Avalanche at Wild	16:00	13:00	21:00	22:00
11	Golden Knights at Sharks	16:00	13:00	21:00	22:00
12	Rangers at Blackhawks	17:30	14:30	22:30	23:30
13	Jets at Islanders	19:30	16:30	00:30+1	01:30+1
14	Penguins at Sabres	20:00	17:00	01:00+1	02:00+1
15	Kraken at Oilers	20:00	17:00	01:00+1	02:00+1
SATURDAY 28 NOVEMBER					13 GAMES
16	Canadiens at Golden Knights	16:00	13:00	21:00	22:00
17	Lightning at Panthers	18:00	15:00	23:00	00:00+1
18	Flames at Rangers	19:00	16:00	00:00+1	01:00+1
19	Capitals at Blues	19:00	16:00	00:00+1	01:00+1
20	Senators at Hurricanes	19:00	16:00	00:00+1	01:00+1
21	Jets at Devils	19:00	16:00	00:00+1	01:00+1
22	Predators at Red Wings	19:00	16:00	00:00+1	01:00+1
23	Maple Leafs at Penguins	19:00	16:00	00:00+1	01:00+1
24	Islanders at Flyers	19:30	16:30	00:30+1	01:30+1
25	Mammoth at Stars	20:00	17:00	01:00+1	02:00+1
26	Sharks at Avalanche	21:00	18:00	02:00+1	03:00+1
27	Ducks at Kings	21:00	18:00	02:00+1	03:00+1
28	Oilers at Kraken	22:00	19:00	03:00+1	04:00+1
SUNDAY 29 NOVEMBER					2 GAMES
29	Wild at Blackhawks	14:00	11:00	19:00	20:00
30	Canucks at Bruins	17:00	14:00	22:00	23:00

+1 = next calendar day. GMT uses London winter time; CET uses Paris winter time.

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THANKSGIVING WEEKEND / THE WATCHLIST

THE GAMES. THE EDGE. THE RISK. 01-02

27-29 NOV 2026 / AWAY AT HOME

2 GAMES / 2 ANALYSES

THE COMPLETE SLATE / NHL

01

CALGARY FLAMES AT NEW JERSEY DEVILS

FRI 27 NOV | 13:00 ET / 10:00 PT / 18:00 GMT / 19:00 CET

WINNER LEAN	SCORE (A-H)	CONFIDENCE
New Jersey Devils	**2-4**	**MEDIUM**

Why this pick: Calgary lost 4-3 in overtime to Chicago; New Jersey was involved in a 9-6 defeat at St. Louis. Both results underline the need for cleaner defensive decisions. The Devils' home setting and stronger season platform give them the lean, provided they stop turning an attacking game into repeated dangerous exchanges.

Match plan: New Jersey should support its defensemen on exits and attack through connected rushes. Calgary can keep it close by protecting the middle and forcing shots from outside. I expect the Devils to create more repeat pressure.

Main risk: Confirm New Jersey's available defensemen and both goalies. A leaky start would make the home pick fragile.

SOURCES [01] [05] [21] [24] [28]

INCLUDES OT / SHOOTOUT

THE COMPLETE SLATE / NHL

02

TORONTO MAPLE LEAFS AT BOSTON BRUINS

FRI 27 NOV | 13:00 ET / 10:00 PT / 18:00 GMT / 19:00 CET

WINNER LEAN	SCORE (A-H)	CONFIDENCE
Boston Bruins	**2-4**	**MEDIUM**

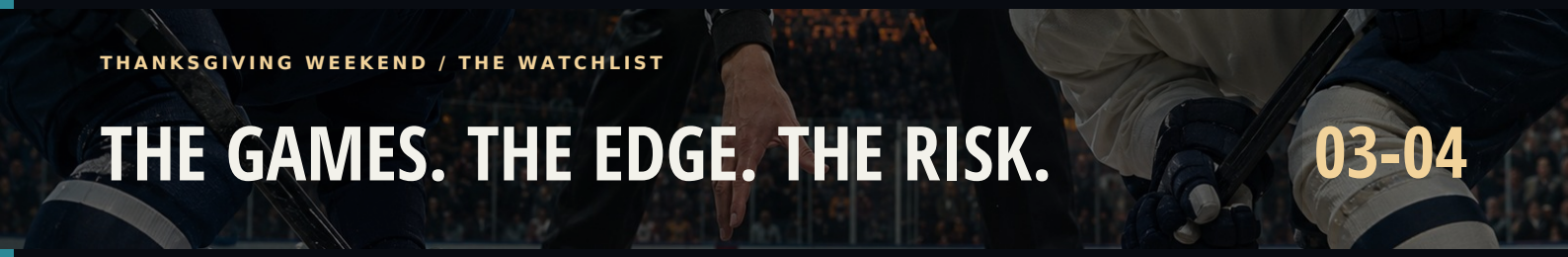
Why this pick: Boston beat Washington 7-5, while Toronto conceded twice late in a 4-3 loss to Columbus. The Bruins have the more convincing current platform, but their own recent defensive concessions deserve attention. This rivalry is worth watching for Toronto's response as much as for Boston's scoring threat.

Match plan: Boston should drive the puck below the dots and create traffic before shooting. Toronto needs cleaner exits and disciplined changes to avoid long defensive shifts. The home lean depends on controlling the game rather than simply trading chances.

Main risk: A confirmed goalie change or a much sharper Toronto start could narrow the edge. Refresh the Leafs' available forwards.

SOURCES [01] [05] [11] [20]

INCLUDES OT / SHOOTOUT



THANKSGIVING WEEKEND / THE WATCHLIST

THE GAMES. THE EDGE. THE RISK. 03-04

27-29 NOV 2026 / AWAY AT HOME

2 GAMES / 2 ANALYSES

THE COMPLETE SLATE / NHL 03

UTAH MAMMOTH AT NASHVILLE PREDATORS

FRI 27 NOV | 13:00 ET / 10:00 PT / 18:00 GMT / 19:00 CET

WINNER LEAN	SCORE (A-H)	CONFIDENCE
Nashville Predators	2-3	LOW

Why this pick: Utah beat Anaheim 3-2 and Nashville beat Pittsburgh 4-3 in their latest completed games. Neither recent score suggests a comfortable separation. I give the Predators a small home edge in a contest that should reward secure puck management and useful second chances around the crease.

Match plan: Nashville can lean on forecheck pressure to make Utah defend repeated possessions. The Mammoth needs support through the neutral zone, then traffic around the net. My projected one-goal finish leaves room for overtime.

Main risk: Goalie selection matters greatly in a narrow matchup. Do not convert a recent injury update into a confirmed Friday absence.

SOURCES [01] [05] [16] [17] INCLUDES OT / SHOOTOUT

SPOTLIGHT GAME / NHL 04

DALLAS STARS AT ST. LOUIS BLUES

FRI 27 NOV | 14:00 ET / 11:00 PT / 19:00 GMT / 20:00 CET

WINNER LEAN	SCORE (A-H)	CONFIDENCE
Dallas Stars	4-3	LOW

Why this pick: Dallas shut out Pittsburgh 1-0; St. Louis rallied past Edmonton 5-4 in a shootout. This is one of the strongest Friday watch choices because the teams arrive with different recent paths to winning. The Stars get a narrow lean through their more controlled latest defensive performance.

Match plan: Dallas should limit the Blues' transition chances and make every rush connected. St. Louis can turn crease traffic and recovered rebounds into sustained pressure. I expect a competitive game that may stay unsettled into the final minutes.

Main risk: Sunday's strong goaltending does not confirm Friday's starter. St. Louis can win if Dallas gives up too much net-front space.

SOURCES [01] [05] [08] [10] INCLUDES OT / SHOOTOUT



THANKSGIVING WEEKEND / THE WATCHLIST

THE GAMES. THE EDGE. THE RISK. 05-06

27-29 NOV 2026 / AWAY AT HOME 2 GAMES / 2 ANALYSES

THE COMPLETE SLATE / NHL 05

DETROIT RED WINGS AT COLUMBUS BLUE JACKETS

FRI 27 NOV | 15:00 ET / 12:00 PT / 20:00 GMT / 21:00 CET

WINNER LEAN	SCORE (A-H)	CONFIDENCE
Columbus Blue Jackets	2-3	LOW

Why this pick: Columbus won 4-3 at Toronto, while Detroit lost 3-2 to the Islanders. The Blue Jackets have a small home lean after showing they could finish a close game. This is a useful watch for the teams' ability to turn a competitive opening into a better final period.

Match plan: Columbus should make Detroit's defense turn and retrieve pucks rather than surrender easy possession at the blue line. The Red Wings need support around their breakout and fewer isolated rushes. One rebound or late penalty could decide it.

Main risk: Check both goalies and current center availability. The small projected margin offers little protection against an early special-teams swing.

SOURCES [01] [05] [19] [20] INCLUDES OT / SHOOTOUT

THE COMPLETE SLATE / NHL 06

VANCOUVER CANUCKS AT PHILADELPHIA FLYERS

FRI 27 NOV | 15:00 ET / 12:00 PT / 20:00 GMT / 21:00 CET

WINNER LEAN	SCORE (A-H)	CONFIDENCE
Philadelphia Flyers	2-4	MEDIUM

Why this pick: Vancouver lost 6-3 to Chicago; Philadelphia beat Montreal 4-3. The Flyers get the home lean because they have shown a more encouraging recent route to scoring enough in close contests. The Canucks need a response that starts with limiting the pressure on their own net.

Match plan: Philadelphia should use traffic and second efforts instead of relying only on clean rush chances. Vancouver can stay involved through safer exits and better puck support at the offensive blue line. I expect the Flyers to create the extra scoring sequence.

Main risk: Recheck Elias Pettersson's availability and the starting goalies. A strong Vancouver goaltending performance can change the projected margin.

SOURCES [01] [05] [09] [23] [26] INCLUDES OT / SHOOTOUT



THANKSGIVING WEEKEND / THE WATCHLIST

THE GAMES. THE EDGE. THE RISK. 07-08

27-29 NOV 2026 / AWAY AT HOME

2 GAMES / 2 ANALYSES

THE COMPLETE SLATE / NHL 07

FLORIDA PANTHERS AT WASHINGTON CAPITALS

FRI 27 NOV | 15:00 ET / 12:00 PT / 20:00 GMT / 21:00 CET

WINNER LEAN	SCORE (A-H)	CONFIDENCE
Florida Panthers	**4-2**	**MEDIUM**

Why this pick: Florida beat Buffalo 4-3, while Washington gave up seven in Boston. The Panthers have the steadier recent case, although an away game still requires patience and disciplined puck management. Washington's route back into the contest begins with making its defensive possessions much less chaotic.

Match plan: Florida should pressure retrievals and create traffic without losing a third forward above the puck. The Capitals need cleaner breakouts and enough possession to avoid repeated defending. My forecast favors Florida eventually creating more sustained pressure.

Main risk: Aleksander Barkov's possible return needs confirmation. Refresh the Panthers' lineup and avoid assuming a reported recovery means he will play.

SOURCES [01] [05] [11] [14] [27] INCLUDES OT / SHOOTOUT

SPOTLIGHT GAME / NHL 08

OTTAWA SENATORS AT TAMPA BAY LIGHTNING

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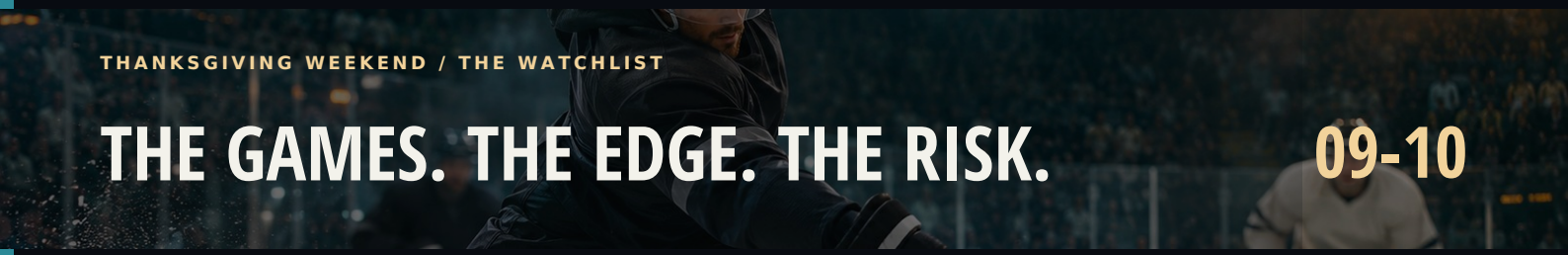
WINNER LEAN	SCORE (A-H)	CONFIDENCE
Ottawa Senators	**4-3**	**LOW**

Why this pick: Ottawa beat Los Angeles 4-2; Tampa Bay lost 6-2 to Buffalo. The Senators get a small road lean, but the Lightning's ability to respond at home makes this a premium Friday watch. The outcome should depend more on execution against pressure than on copying either previous scoreline.

Match plan: Ottawa needs support beneath the puck and a connected forecheck. Tampa Bay should protect the middle and force the visitors to work for entries. A controlled special-teams sequence could provide the decisive extra goal.

Main risk: Verify the goalie assignments and top-line availability. A sharp Tampa Bay response can overturn this narrow Ottawa pick.

SOURCES [01] [05] [07] [18] INCLUDES OT / SHOOTOUT



THANKSGIVING WEEKEND / THE WATCHLIST

THE GAMES. THE EDGE. THE RISK. 09-10

27-29 NOV 2026 / AWAY AT HOME

2 GAMES / 2 ANALYSES

THE COMPLETE SLATE / NHL 09

LOS ANGELES KINGS AT ANAHEIM DUCKS

FRI 27 NOV | 16:00 ET / 13:00 PT / 21:00 GMT / 22:00 CET

WINNER LEAN	SCORE (A-H)	CONFIDENCE
Anaheim Ducks	2-3	LOW

Why this pick: The Kings lost 4-2 at Ottawa, while Anaheim fell 3-2 to Utah. Both teams need a cleaner response, and the first of two consecutive meetings gives the Ducks a modest home edge. The immediate return game in Los Angeles makes this rivalry especially interesting to follow.

Match plan: Anaheim should try to create quick support around recovered pucks rather than attack alone. Los Angeles needs a reliable cycle and enough net-front presence to make low-danger shots useful. I expect a tight opening leg.

Main risk: Rivalry volatility and goalie selection can erase a small home edge. This pick does not assume the outcome of Saturday's return game.

SOURCES [01] [05] [16] [18] INCLUDES OT / SHOOTOUT

SPOTLIGHT GAME / NHL 10

COLORADO AVALANCHE AT MINNESOTA WILD

FRI 27 NOV | 16:00 ET / 13:00 PT / 21:00 GMT / 22:00 CET

WINNER LEAN	SCORE (A-H)	CONFIDENCE
Minnesota Wild	2-3	LOW

Why this pick: Minnesota's strong early-season record makes this one of the weekend's essential watches; Colorado also brings a credible winning platform. The Wild earns only a small home lean because the quality of the opponent and uncertainty around defensive availability make a confident margin hard to justify.

Match plan: Minnesota should make the first pass clean and keep its forwards close enough to support exits. Colorado can threaten through quick counters when a play breaks down. I expect the middle of the ice and net-front coverage to decide a close game.

Main risk: Quinn Hughes was being evaluated after an injury. Confirm Minnesota's defense and both starters before relying on the home lean.

SOURCES [01] [05] [06] [12] [25] INCLUDES OT / SHOOTOUT



THANKSGIVING WEEKEND / THE WATCHLIST

THE GAMES. THE EDGE. THE RISK. 11-12

27-29 NOV 2026 / AWAY AT HOME

2 GAMES / 2 ANALYSES

THE COMPLETE SLATE / NHL 11

VEGAS GOLDEN KNIGHTS AT SAN JOSE SHARKS

FRI 27 NOV | 16:00 ET / 13:00 PT / 21:00 GMT / 22:00 CET

WINNER LEAN	SCORE (A-H)	CONFIDENCE
Vegas Golden Knights	**4-3**	**LOW**

Why this pick: Vegas beat Winnipeg 5-4 in a shootout; San Jose beat Seattle 4-3. Those results support an entertaining matchup, with the Golden Knights getting a small edge through their broader season platform. The Sharks have enough recent attacking encouragement to make a narrow visiting pick uncomfortable.

Match plan: Vegas should protect the puck through the neutral zone and create traffic before shooting. San Jose needs quick support after offensive-zone recoveries to keep the visitors defending. I expect chances at both ends without assuming another shootout.

Main risk: San Jose can reverse the pick through its power play or a stronger goalie performance. Check Friday's confirmed netminders.

SOURCES [01] [05] [15] [22] INCLUDES OT / SHOOTOUT

SPOTLIGHT GAME / NHL 12

NEW YORK RANGERS AT CHICAGO BLACKHAWKS

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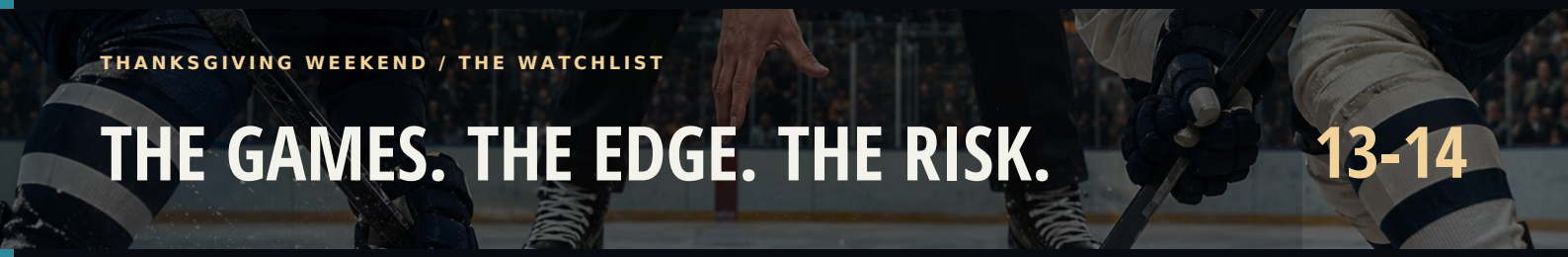
WINNER LEAN	SCORE (A-H)	CONFIDENCE
New York Rangers	**4-3**	**LOW**

Why this pick: Chicago beat Vancouver 6-3; the Rangers lost 5-2 to Carolina. That contrast gives this nationally featured game a useful tension: the stronger season profile meets a home team with fresh attacking confidence. I still give New York a modest edge, with a much closer game than the standings alone might suggest.

Match plan: The Rangers need firm control of the slot and a disciplined third forward when defensemen join the play. Chicago should make puck recoveries productive instead of settling for isolated shots. I expect New York to create one extra sustained scoring chance.

Main risk: Refresh Rangers depth after reported absences for Oliver Bjorkstrand and Alberts Smits. Chicago's recent scoring makes this a fragile road lean.

SOURCES [01] [05] [09] [13] [27] [29] INCLUDES OT / SHOOTOUT



THANKSGIVING WEEKEND / THE WATCHLIST

THE GAMES. THE EDGE. THE RISK. 13-14

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2 GAMES / 2 ANALYSES

THE COMPLETE SLATE / NHL 13

WINNIPEG JETS AT NEW YORK ISLANDERS

FRI 27 NOV | 19:30 ET / 16:30 PT / 00:30+1 GMT / 01:30+1 CET

WINNER LEAN	SCORE (A-H)	CONFIDENCE
New York Islanders	2-3	LOW

Why this pick: The Islanders beat Detroit 3-2, while Winnipeg lost 5-4 in a shootout to Vegas. Both recent games were close, which suits a modest home lean rather than a confident margin. Watch whether New York can turn a structured opening into the longer periods of pressure that decide a tight game.

Match plan: The Islanders should protect their exits and make Winnipeg defend the next wave after an initial shot. The Jets need to avoid overcommitting in pursuit of offense. My forecast has New York winning a close finish.

Main risk: Goaltending and a single power-play goal can reverse this projection. Recheck the selected defensive pairs and late scratches.

SOURCES [01] [05] [19] [22] INCLUDES OT / SHOOTOUT

SPOTLIGHT GAME / NHL 14

PITTSBURGH PENGUINS AT BUFFALO SABRES

FRI 27 NOV | 20:00 ET / 17:00 PT / 01:00+1 GMT / 02:00+1 CET

WINNER LEAN	SCORE (A-H)	CONFIDENCE
Buffalo Sabres	2-4	MEDIUM

Why this pick: Buffalo scored six at Tampa Bay, while Pittsburgh was shut out in Dallas. The Sabres get a home lean in the second half of the Thanksgiving Showdown broadcast. The contrast is useful evidence for the watchlist, but Pittsburgh's next response still depends on the lineup that actually takes the ice.

Match plan: Buffalo should create pressure through speed and second chances rather than force a scoring race immediately. Pittsburgh needs a more reliable attacking cycle and fewer shifts spent chasing the puck. I expect the Sabres to generate the extra finishing opportunity.

Main risk: Recheck Evgeni Malkin's day-to-day status and both goalies. A stronger Pittsburgh lineup could make this much closer.

SOURCES [01] [05] [07] [08] [26] [29] INCLUDES OT / SHOOTOUT



THANKSGIVING WEEKEND / THE WATCHLIST

THE GAMES. THE EDGE. THE RISK. 15-16

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THE COMPLETE SLATE / NHL 15

SEATTLE KRAKEN AT EDMONTON OILERS

FRI 27 NOV | 20:00 ET / 17:00 PT / 01:00+1 GMT / 02:00+1 CET

WINNER LEAN	SCORE (A-H)	CONFIDENCE
Edmonton Oilers	**3-4**	**MEDIUM**

Why this pick: Seattle lost 4-3 in San Jose, and Edmonton surrendered a late lead before losing 5-4 in a shootout at St. Louis. The Oilers still have the stronger current season case, giving them a home lean. The immediate return game in Seattle adds another layer to the weekend.

Match plan: Edmonton should attack with support while keeping a forward above the puck. Seattle needs secure exits and enough time in the offensive zone to reduce repeat pressure. My forecast favors the Oilers creating more sustained high-quality chances.

Main risk: Refresh Edmonton's available forwards and the goalie plan. A late defensive lapse can undo a game the home side otherwise controls.

SOURCES [01] [05] [10] [15] INCLUDES OT / SHOOTOUT

SPOTLIGHT GAME / NHL 16

MONTREAL CANADIENS AT VEGAS GOLDEN KNIGHTS

SAT 28 NOV | 16:00 ET / 13:00 PT / 21:00 GMT / 22:00 CET

WINNER LEAN	SCORE (A-H)	CONFIDENCE
Vegas Golden Knights	**2-3**	**LOW**

Why this pick: Montreal does not play Friday, while Vegas returns from a game in San Jose. That gives the Canadiens a scheduling angle worth watching. The Golden Knights get only a narrow home lean, with the final goalie assignments and Friday workload capable of changing the balance.

Match plan: Vegas needs clean changes and a controlled opening instead of chasing every rush. Montreal can test the hosts' response by sustaining pressure after recoveries and moving the puck quickly across the zone. A patient start favors a competitive finish.

Main risk: Do not assume the Friday result or Saturday starter. A heavier Vegas workload would strengthen Montreal's upset route.

SOURCES [02] [05] [04] [06] [22] [23] INCLUDES OT / SHOOTOUT



THANKSGIVING WEEKEND / THE WATCHLIST

THE GAMES. THE EDGE. THE RISK. 17-18

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2 GAMES / 2 ANALYSES

SPOTLIGHT GAME / NHL 17

TAMPA BAY LIGHTNING AT FLORIDA PANTHERS

SAT 28 NOV | 18:00 ET / 15:00 PT / 23:00 GMT / 00:00+1 CET

WINNER LEAN	SCORE (A-H)	CONFIDENCE
Florida Panthers	3-4	LOW

Why this pick: Both teams play Friday, with Tampa Bay hosting Ottawa and Florida visiting Washington. The rivalry gets a slight Panthers home lean, but their Friday results and workloads are still unknown at this cut-off. This is one of the best Saturday games to revisit once the actual lineups are available.

Match plan: Florida should use forecheck pressure without handing Tampa Bay open-ice counters. The Lightning needs cleaner puck support and disciplined defensive spacing. I expect a close game with special teams carrying an unusually large share of the outcome.

Main risk: Refresh both goalies and the Panthers' returning players. A rivalry game on consecutive days makes a firm margin difficult to trust.

SOURCES [02] [05] [04] [07] [14] INCLUDES OT / SHOOTOUT

THE COMPLETE SLATE / NHL 18

CALGARY FLAMES AT NEW YORK RANGERS

SAT 28 NOV | 19:00 ET / 16:00 PT / 00:00+1 GMT / 01:00+1 CET

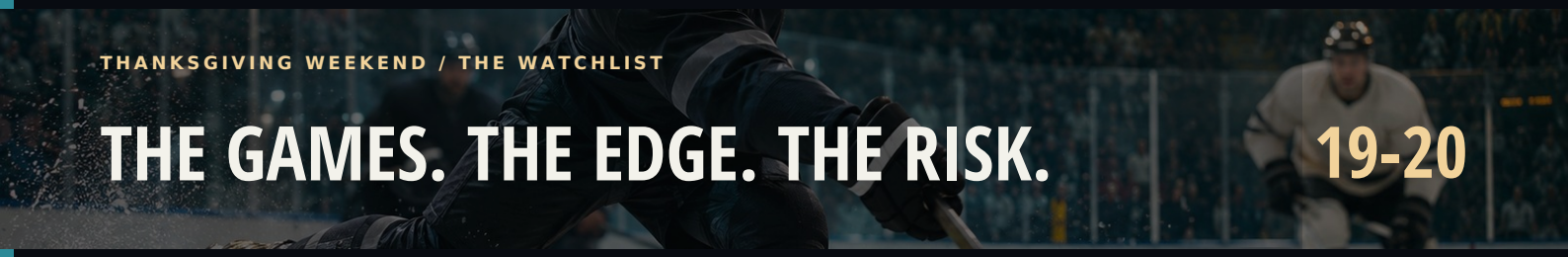
WINNER LEAN	SCORE (A-H)	CONFIDENCE
New York Rangers	2-3	MEDIUM

Why this pick: Calgary plays in New Jersey on Friday, while the Rangers visit Chicago. Both therefore begin the second half of a back-to-back. I favor New York at home, but Calgary's shorter scheduled move between nearby arenas is a useful reason to avoid treating travel as an automatic advantage for the hosts.

Match plan: The Rangers should make the opening minutes about clean exits and supported entries. Calgary needs a consistent forecheck and traffic to disrupt New York's first pass. A controlled home game is more persuasive than a fast exchange of chances.

Main risk: Friday minutes, injuries and goalie rotation may alter the lean. Neither preceding result is assumed here.

SOURCES [02] [05] [04] [13] [24] INCLUDES OT / SHOOTOUT



THANKSGIVING WEEKEND / THE WATCHLIST

THE GAMES. THE EDGE. THE RISK. 19-20

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THE COMPLETE SLATE / NHL 19

WASHINGTON CAPITALS AT ST. LOUIS BLUES

SAT 28 NOV | 19:00 ET / 16:00 PT / 00:00+1 GMT / 01:00+1 CET

WINNER LEAN	SCORE (A-H)	CONFIDENCE
St. Louis Blues	2-4	MEDIUM

Why this pick: St. Louis recently beat New Jersey and Edmonton in high-scoring games, while Washington gave up seven in Boston. That supports a Blues home lean, with a clear warning attached: scoring heavily does not prove defensive control. Both teams also play Friday before this Saturday matchup.

Match plan: The Blues should force Washington to defend net-front traffic while keeping their own changes disciplined. The Capitals need a steadier breakout and enough possession to break repeated pressure. I expect St. Louis to create the stronger attacking stretches.

Main risk: Goalie assignments and Friday workload matter. Washington can upset the lean if the Blues keep turning possession into open-ice trades.

SOURCES [02] [05] [04] [10] [11] [21] INCLUDES OT / SHOOTOUT

SPOTLIGHT GAME / NHL 20

OTTAWA SENATORS AT CAROLINA HURRICANES

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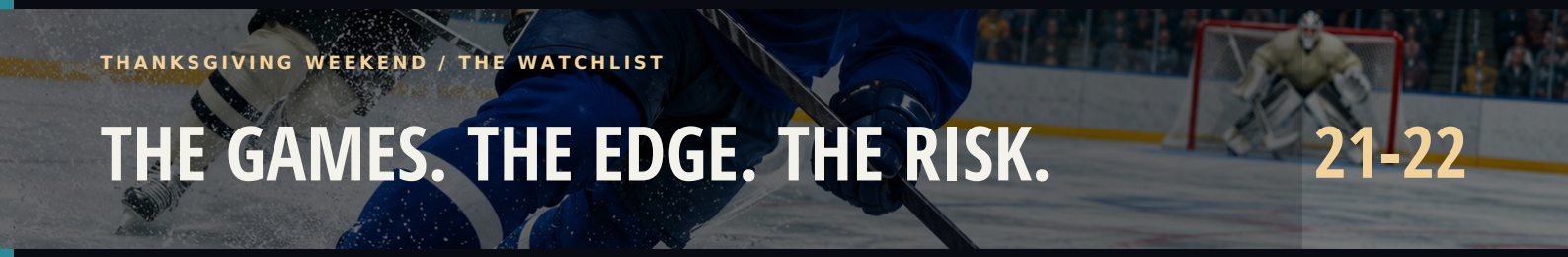
WINNER LEAN	SCORE (A-H)	CONFIDENCE
Carolina Hurricanes	2-3	MEDIUM

Why this pick: Carolina is off Friday; Ottawa plays at Tampa Bay. The Hurricanes' strong early-week form and this rest pattern give them a home lean, but the Senators bring enough current quality to make this a leading Saturday watch. The score forecast is deliberately much tighter than a mismatch narrative.

Match plan: Carolina should sustain pressure through retrievals and quick support around the puck. Ottawa needs disciplined exits that avoid handing possession back immediately. I expect the Hurricanes' territorial pressure to create one more useful scoring sequence.

Main risk: A strong Senators goalie performance can change the game. Confirm the starters and Ottawa's actual Friday workload.

SOURCES [02] [05] [04] [06] [13] [18] INCLUDES OT / SHOOTOUT



THANKSGIVING WEEKEND / THE WATCHLIST

THE GAMES. THE EDGE. THE RISK. 21-22

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THE COMPLETE SLATE / NHL 21

WINNIPEG JETS AT NEW JERSEY DEVILS

SAT 28 NOV | 19:00 ET / 16:00 PT / 00:00+1 GMT / 01:00+1 CET

WINNER LEAN	SCORE (A-H)	CONFIDENCE
New Jersey Devils	3-4	LOW

Why this pick: Winnipeg plays at the Islanders on Friday while New Jersey hosts Calgary. The Devils retain a small home edge, but their recent defensive problems make a comfortable forecast unconvincing. The Jets can turn this into a genuine test if they keep the puck away from avoidable high-risk exchanges.

Match plan: New Jersey should support the puck through its own end before trying to attack at speed. Winnipeg can pressure the first pass and create chances from recovered pucks. My projection favors the hosts by one goal.

Main risk: Confirm available Devils defensemen and both goalies. The Friday games may change the expected lineup and the strength of this lean.

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THE COMPLETE SLATE / NHL 22

NASHVILLE PREDATORS AT DETROIT RED WINGS

SAT 28 NOV | 19:00 ET / 16:00 PT / 00:00+1 GMT / 01:00+1 CET

WINNER LEAN	SCORE (A-H)	CONFIDENCE
Nashville Predators	3-2	MEDIUM

Why this pick: Nashville hosts Utah on Friday; Detroit visits Columbus. The Predators get a modest road lean based on the more convincing early-week platform, though both teams must manage consecutive games. The important watch is whether Nashville can produce a controlled road performance rather than rely on another loose finish.

Match plan: The Predators should put pucks behind Detroit's defense and build the next possession through support. The Red Wings need a cleaner first pass and enough presence at the crease to make limited chances count.

Main risk: Check the goalies after Friday and watch for lineup changes. A road back-to-back reduces confidence in the exact margin.

SOURCES [02] [05] [04] [17] [19] INCLUDES OT / SHOOTOUT



THANKSGIVING WEEKEND / THE WATCHLIST

THE GAMES. THE EDGE. THE RISK. 23-24

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THE COMPLETE SLATE / NHL 23

TORONTO MAPLE LEAFS AT PITTSBURGH PENGUINS

SAT 28 NOV | 19:00 ET / 16:00 PT / 00:00+1 GMT / 01:00+1 CET

WINNER LEAN	SCORE (A-H)	CONFIDENCE
Toronto Maple Leafs	**3-2**	**LOW**

Why this pick: Toronto plays in Boston on Friday, while Pittsburgh visits Buffalo. Their early-week results point to a meeting between teams needing a steadier response, not an obvious favorite. I give the Maple Leafs a small scoring lean, but this is one of the weekend's least secure winner calls.

Match plan: Toronto needs better support at the attacking blue line and fewer turnovers that expose its defense. Pittsburgh should try to establish a patient cycle instead of chasing a rush-only game. One power-play finish could separate them.

Main risk: Refresh both lineups and goalies after Friday. Pittsburgh's forward availability could justify reversing this narrow road pick.

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THE COMPLETE SLATE / NHL 24

NEW YORK ISLANDERS AT PHILADELPHIA FLYERS

SAT 28 NOV | 19:30 ET / 16:30 PT / 00:30+1 GMT / 01:30+1 CET

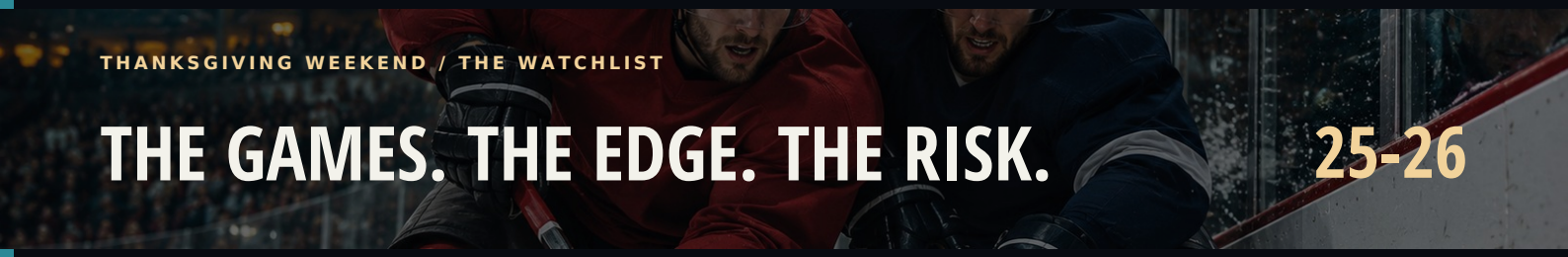
WINNER LEAN	SCORE (A-H)	CONFIDENCE
New York Islanders	**3-2**	**LOW**

Why this pick: Both teams play at home Friday before the Islanders travel to Philadelphia. The Islanders' recent 3-2 win in Detroit and the Flyers' close victory in Montreal suggest another contest where small defensive details matter. New York gets a narrow lean, with little basis for a comfortable separation.

Match plan: The Islanders should protect the slot and use recovered pucks to extend shifts in the attacking zone. Philadelphia needs bodies near the crease and clean changes to avoid leaving a defender isolated. I expect a low-margin finish.

Main risk: A hot home goalie or one decisive rebound can reverse the forecast. Confirm both lineups after Friday's games.

SOURCES [02] [05] [04] [19] [23] INCLUDES OT / SHOOTOUT



THANKSGIVING WEEKEND / THE WATCHLIST

THE GAMES. THE EDGE. THE RISK. 25-26

27-29 NOV 2026 / AWAY AT HOME

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THE COMPLETE SLATE / NHL 25

UTAH MAMMOTH AT DALLAS STARS

SAT 28 NOV | 20:00 ET / 17:00 PT / 01:00+1 GMT / 02:00+1 CET

WINNER LEAN	SCORE (A-H)	CONFIDENCE
Dallas Stars	2-3	MEDIUM

Why this pick: Utah plays in Nashville on Friday, and Dallas visits St. Louis. The Stars get the home lean for Saturday through the stronger early-week case, but neither Friday result is known yet. This is a useful test of whether Dallas can preserve its structure while managing the second game in two days.

Match plan: Dallas should maintain support through the middle and avoid giving Utah quick counterattacks from high-risk pinches. The Mammoth needs net-front traffic and reliable exits to stay close. I expect the Stars to earn the extra scoring chance.

Main risk: Starter selection and Friday workload can narrow the edge. Recheck Utah's returning players before treating the projected lineup as settled.

SOURCES [02] [05] [04] [08] [16] INCLUDES OT / SHOOTOUT

THE COMPLETE SLATE / NHL 26

SAN JOSE SHARKS AT COLORADO AVALANCHE

SAT 28 NOV | 21:00 ET / 18:00 PT / 02:00+1 GMT / 03:00+1 CET

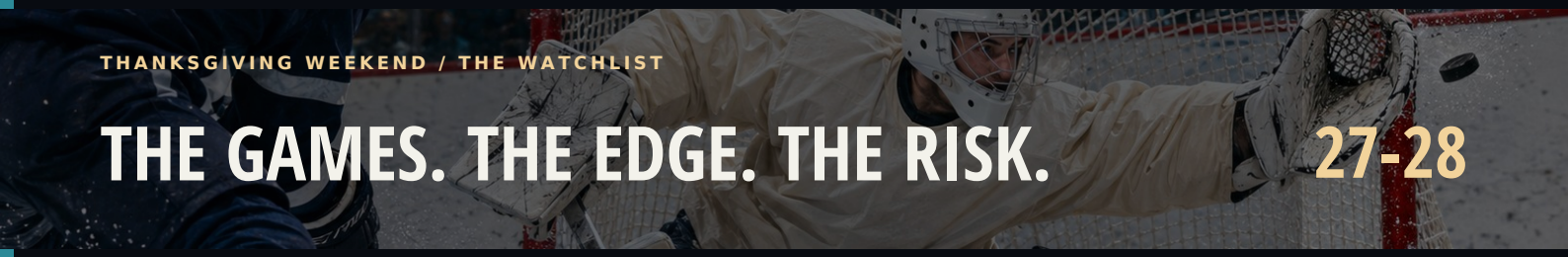
WINNER LEAN	SCORE (A-H)	CONFIDENCE
Colorado Avalanche	2-4	MEDIUM

Why this pick: San Jose hosts Vegas on Friday, while Colorado plays at Minnesota. The Avalanche gets the home lean, with the caution that both teams enter after a game and travel. The Sharks' recent win over Seattle is a reminder that Colorado must create pressure without gifting transition opportunities.

Match plan: Colorado should use connected possession and make the Sharks defend sustained sequences. San Jose needs quick support around the puck and enough traffic to make its shots difficult to track. I expect the home side's pressure to build over the game.

Main risk: Friday minutes and goalie changes could affect the margin. A strong Sharks special-teams performance is a credible upset route.

SOURCES [02] [05] [04] [06] [15] INCLUDES OT / SHOOTOUT



THANKSGIVING WEEKEND / THE WATCHLIST

THE GAMES. THE EDGE. THE RISK. 27-28

27-29 NOV 2026 / AWAY AT HOME

2 GAMES / 2 ANALYSES

SPOTLIGHT GAME / NHL 27

ANAHEIM DUCKS AT LOS ANGELES KINGS

SAT 28 NOV | 21:00 ET / 18:00 PT / 02:00+1 GMT / 03:00+1 CET

WINNER LEAN	SCORE (A-H)	CONFIDENCE
Los Angeles Kings	2-3	LOW

Why this pick: The teams meet in Anaheim on Friday, then move to Los Angeles for the return. This second-leg pick favors the Kings narrowly, with the preceding score and any new injuries still pending. The short geographic move means goalie rotation and tactical adjustments deserve more attention than a generic travel-fatigue story.

Match plan: Los Angeles should use the lessons of Friday's game to improve its first pass and crease presence. Anaheim can counter through quick support after recoveries. I expect the home side to create one more useful scoring sequence.

Main risk: A dominant Friday performance by either side should prompt a fresh review. The two forecasts do not assume a split has to occur.

SOURCES [02] [05] [04] [16] [18] INCLUDES OT / SHOOTOUT

SPOTLIGHT GAME / NHL 28

EDMONTON OILERS AT SEATTLE KRAKEN

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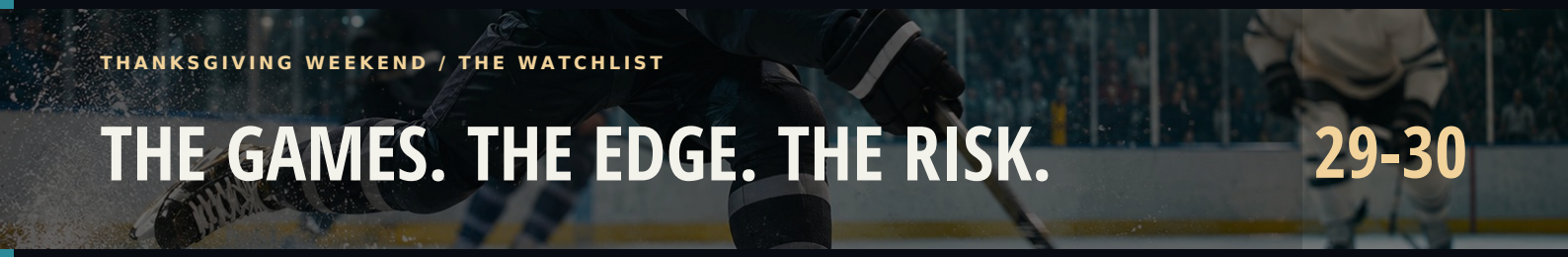
WINNER LEAN	SCORE (A-H)	CONFIDENCE
Edmonton Oilers	4-3	LOW

Why this pick: Edmonton hosts Seattle on Friday, then the teams meet again in Seattle. The Oilers keep a small winner lean through their stronger early-week season case, but changing arenas and possible goalie rotation make the return a separate problem. This is a strong late-night watch for the tactical adjustment.

Match plan: Edmonton needs support behind its attacking plays and better control of the next defensive shift. Seattle can use its home setting to build pressure from recoveries and net-front traffic. My forecast remains close rather than copying Friday's script.

Main risk: Recheck Friday's workload, available forwards and the starters. Seattle's response can reverse the pick if Edmonton gives away too much transition space.

SOURCES [02] [05] [04] [10] [15] INCLUDES OT / SHOOTOUT



THANKSGIVING WEEKEND / THE WATCHLIST

THE GAMES. THE EDGE. THE RISK. 29-30

27-29 NOV 2026 / AWAY AT HOME

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THE COMPLETE SLATE / NHL 29

MINNESOTA WILD AT CHICAGO BLACKHAWKS

SUN 29 NOV | 14:00 ET / 11:00 PT / 19:00 GMT / 20:00 CET

WINNER LEAN	SCORE (A-H)	CONFIDENCE
Minnesota Wild	4-2	MEDIUM

Why this pick: Both clubs play Friday and are off Saturday. Minnesota has the stronger early-week platform, while Chicago's recent 6-3 win over Vancouver supplies an attacking warning for the visitors. The Wild gets a road lean, with the expectation that it must earn control rather than assume the gap will appear.

Match plan: Minnesota should make its first pass secure and avoid giving Chicago repeated transition chances. The Blackhawks need traffic and productive recoveries to keep the game near one score. I expect the visitors to generate the extra sustained pressure.

Main risk: Check Minnesota's available defensemen and the starting goalies. Chicago can threaten an upset if its recent finishing carries into Sunday.

SOURCES [03] [05] [04] [06] [09] [12] INCLUDES OT / SHOOTOUT

THE COMPLETE SLATE / NHL 30

VANCOUVER CANUCKS AT BOSTON BRUINS

SUN 29 NOV | 17:00 ET / 14:00 PT / 22:00 GMT / 23:00 CET

WINNER LEAN	SCORE (A-H)	CONFIDENCE
Boston Bruins	2-4	HIGHER

Why this pick: Both teams are off Saturday after Friday games. Boston's stronger early-week position supports one of the guide's firmer winner leans, while Vancouver must stabilize the defensive game after conceding six to Chicago. The Bruins still need to show better control than their own high-scoring win against Washington.

Match plan: Boston should establish crease traffic and keep its defense connected behind the forecheck. Vancouver needs clean exits and longer attacking shifts to limit repeated pressure. I expect the Bruins to create separation through sustained possession.

Main risk: Higher confidence is comparative, not a probability. Confirm the Canucks' available forwards and both goalies; a hot visiting starter can change the margin.

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THE LAST CHECK BEFORE PUCK DROP

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Consecutive games: update Saturday picks after Friday results, goalie workload, travel and any new injury information are known.

Schedule: use the official date page for final puck-drop changes. No future result or lineup is treated as settled in this edition.



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