

Officials in NHL Games with Prolific Player Scoring

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Introduction

In the NHL, are some officials more likely than others to have officiated a game with a prolific individual player performance? Utilizing regular season NHL game and player data spanning 2005-10-05 to 2020-03-11, we produce frequencies of officials in games where a player scored more than 4 or more goals.

Results

Table 1 shows game information for all games in our data where a player (name) scored 4 or more goals.

| date | officials | team | firstName | lastName | timeOnIce | goals |
|----------|--|---------------------|-----------|------------|-----------|-------|
| 20051029 | Blaine Angus;Eric Furlatt;Dan Schachte;Ryan Galloway | Ottawa Senators | Dany | Heatley | 19.43 | 4 |
| 20051102 | Dan Marouelli;Dave Jackson;Brad Kovachik;David Brisebois | Ottawa Senators | Daniel | Alfredsson | 16.17 | 4 |
| 20051102 | Dan Marouelli;Dave Jackson;Brad Kovachik;David Brisebois | Ottawa Senators | Martin | Havlat | 18.38 | 4 |
| 20051111 | Blaine Angus;Tim Peel;Dan Schachte;Thor Nelson | Atlanta Thrashers | Ilya | Kovalchuk | 20.17 | 4 |
| 20060125 | Mike Leggo;Greg Kimmerly;Brian Mach;Mark Shewchuk | Montreal Canadiens | Jan | Bulis | 12.15 | 4 |
| 20060411 | Dan Marouelli;Greg Kimmerly;Derek Nansen;Michel Cormier | Toronto Maple Leafs | Mats | Sundin | 25.30 | 4 |
| 20061203 | Kerry Fraser;Bill McCreary;Steve Miller;Jean Morin | New York Islanders | Viktor | Kozlov | 13.82 | 4 |
| 20071116 | Don Koharski;Mike Hasenfratz;Vaughan Rody;Brian Mach | Dallas Stars | Jussi | Jokinen | 11.07 | 4 |
| 20071220 | Dennis LaRue;Brad Meier;Mark Wheeler;Don Henderson | Minnesota Wild | Marian | Gaborik | 20.60 | 5 |
| 20071229 | Chris Rooney;Dave Jackson;Dan Schachte;Brian Murphy | Washington Capitals | Alex | Ovechkin | 21.35 | 4 |
| 20080123 | Don VanMassenhoven;Dean Warren;Pat Dapuzzo;Tony Sericolo | Washington Capitals | Alex | Ovechkin | 24.87 | 4 |
| 20081131 | Kelly Sutherland;Dennis LaRue;Derek Amell;Tim Nowak | New Jersey Devils | Dainius | Zubrus | 15.97 | 4 |
| 20090307 | Dan O'Rourke;Tim Peel;Brad Lazarowich;Jonny Murray | Carolina Hurricanes | Eric | Staal | 13.92 | 4 |
| 20090402 | Greg Kimmerly;Marc Joannette;Tim Nowak;David Brisebois | St. Louis Blues | David | Backes | 20.52 | 4 |
| 20100103 | Bill McCreary;Frederick L'Ecuier;Dan Schachte;Mark Pare | Ottawa Senators | Alex | Kovalev | 18.78 | 4 |
| 20100410 | Eric Furlatt;Dean Morton;Scott Driscoll;David Brisebois | Buffalo Sabres | Thomas | Vanek | 16.10 | 4 |
| 20110119 | Wes McCauley;Francois StLaurent;Tony Sericolo;Mark Shewchuk | New York Rangers | Marian | Gaborik | 17.47 | 4 |
| 20110202 | Mike Leggo;Kevin Pollock;Mark Wheeler;Vaughan Rody | Detroit Red Wings | Johan | Franzen | 18.47 | 5 |
| 20110306 | Stephen Walkom;Francois StLaurent;Scott Cherrey;Darren Gibbs | New York Rangers | Ryan | Callahan | 16.70 | 4 |
| 20111203 | Brad Meier;Dean Morton;Dan Schachte;Tim Nowak | New York Islanders | Matt | Moulson | 18.30 | 4 |
| 20120104 | Marc Joannette;Marcus Vinnerborg;Andy McElman;Brian Murphy | Montreal Canadiens | Lars | Eller | 15.83 | 4 |
| 20120202 | Chris Rooney;Gord Dwyer;Scott Cherrey;Jay Sharrers | Edmonton Oilers | Sam | Gagner | 17.47 | 4 |
| 20130203 | Kelly Sutherland;Tim Peel;Steve Barton;Matt MacPherson | Pittsburgh Penguins | Chris | Kunitz | 17.45 | 4 |
| 20131008 | Dave Jackson;Francois St-Laurent;Mark Wheeler;John Grandt | San Jose Sharks | Tomas | Hertl | 11.20 | 4 |
| 20131114 | Rob Martell;Tom Kowal;Mark Wheeler;Don Henderson | Dallas Stars | Tyler | Seguin | 14.65 | 4 |
| 20131210 | Greg Kimmerly;Brad Meier;Matt MacPherson;Andy McElman | Washington Capitals | Alex | Ovechkin | 22.87 | 4 |
| 20140118 | Mike Hasenfratz;Steve Kozari;Darren Gibbs;Michel Cormier | Tampa Bay Lightning | Martin | St. Louis | 24.77 | 4 |
| 20140124 | Mike Leggo;Brian Pochmara;Jay Sharrers;Andy McElman | Nashville Predators | Eric | Nystrom | 16.22 | 4 |
| 20150106 | Mike Leggo;Jean Hebert;Kiel Murchison;Bryan Panchich | St. Louis Blues | David | Backes | 15.45 | 4 |
| 20150113 | Francis Charron;Chris Lee;Kiel Murchison;Matt MacPherson | Winnipeg Jets | Mathieu | Perreault | 17.07 | 4 |
| 20150116 | Dan O'Rourke;Jean Hebert;Derek Nansen;Matt MacPherson | New York Islanders | Kyle | Okposo | 18.25 | 4 |
| 20160113 | Chris Rooney;Brad Meier;Ryan Gibbons;Lonnie Cameron | Calgary Flames | Sam | Bennett | 15.68 | 4 |
| 20161012 | Wes McCauley;Francis Charron;Matt MacPherson;Tony Sericolo | Toronto Maple Leafs | Auston | Matthews | 17.62 | 4 |
| 20161210 | Jon McIsaac;Wes McCauley;Shandon Alphonso;Steve Barton | Montreal Canadiens | Max | Pacioretty | 16.48 | 4 |
| 20170123 | Tim Peel;Steve Kozari;Scott Cherrey;Kiel Murchison | San Jose Sharks | Patrick | Marleau | 19.43 | 4 |
| 20171007 | Tom Chmielewski;Brad Watson;Greg Devorski;Devin Berg | Washington Capitals | Alex | Ovechkin | 17.73 | 4 |
| 20180106 | Brian Pochmara;Tom Chmielewski;Brandon Gawryletz;Kory Nagy | Boston Bruins | Patrice | Bergeron | 14.30 | 4 |
| 20180205 | Jon McIsaac;Kelly Sutherland;Scott Driscoll;Lonnie Cameron | Edmonton Oilers | Connor | McDavid | 20.22 | 4 |
| 20180316 | Brad Watson;Brad Meier;Mark Wheeler;Brian Murphy | San Jose Sharks | Evander | Kane | 18.58 | 4 |
| 20180322 | Frederick L'Ecuier;Steve Kozari;Vaughan Rody;Lonnie Cameron | Los Angeles Kings | Anze | Kopitar | 20.52 | 4 |
| 20180405 | Francis Charron;Dan O'Halloran;Lonnie Cameron;Jonny Murray | Los Angeles Kings | Dustin | Brown | 25.12 | 4 |
| 20180407 | Ian Walsh;Steve Kozari;Darren Gibbs;Mark Shewchuk | Calgary Flames | Mark | Jankowski | 15.80 | 4 |
| 20181124 | Ghislain Hebert;Steve Kozari;Steve Miller;Bryan Panchich | Winnipeg Jets | Patrik | Laine | 18.72 | 5 |
| 20190228 | Chris Schlenker;Gord Dwyer;Brian Mach;Bryan Panchich | Arizona Coyotes | Brad | Richardson | 16.12 | 4 |
| 20190303 | Dan O'Halloran;Ian Walsh;Derek Amell;Steve Miller | Winnipeg Jets | Blake | Wheeler | 18.38 | 4 |
| 20190325 | Jon McIsaac;Tim Peel;Devin Berg;Steve Miller | Toronto Maple Leafs | John | Tavares | 18.93 | 4 |
| 20191006 | Chris Schlenker;Trevor Hanson;David Brisebois;Kory Nagy | Detroit Red Wings | Anthony | Mantha | 19.45 | 4 |
| 20191008 | Trevor Hanson;Steve Kozari;Ryan Gibbons;Ryan Daisy | Edmonton Oilers | James | Neal | 20.98 | 4 |
| 20191014 | Eric Furlatt;Kendrick Nicholson;Pierre Racicot;Matt MacPherson | Boston Bruins | David | Pastrnak | 16.22 | 4 |
| 20191116 | Jake Brenk;Corey Syvret;Andrew Smith;Derek Amell | Buffalo Sabres | Jack | Eichel | 19.95 | 4 |
| 20200213 | Gord Dwyer;Jake Brenk;Brian Mach;Brian Murphy | St. Louis Blues | Zach | Sanford | 16.35 | 4 |
| 20200302 | Jon McIsaac;Kevin Pollock;Libor Suchanek;Tony Sericolo | Edmonton Oilers | Leon | Draisaitl | 17.95 | 4 |
| 20200305 | Kyle Rehman;Jake Brenk;Greg Devorski;Derek Amell | New York Rangers | Mika | Zibanejad | 24.93 | 5 |

Table 1: NHL games in data where player scored more than 4 goals.

| official | numGames |
|---------------------|----------|
| Matt MacPherson | 6 |
| Steve Kozari | 6 |
| Brad Meier | 5 |
| Dan Schachte | 5 |
| David Brisebois | 5 |
| Mark Wheeler | 5 |
| Tim Peel | 5 |
| Brian Mach | 4 |
| Brian Murphy | 4 |
| Dave Jackson | 4 |
| Derek Amell | 4 |
| Greg Kimmerly | 4 |
| Jon McIsaac | 4 |
| Lonnie Cameron | 4 |
| Mike Leggo | 4 |
| Steve Miller | 4 |
| Tony Sericolo | 4 |
| Andy McElman | 3 |
| Bryan Panchich | 3 |
| Chris Rooney | 3 |
| Dan Marouelli | 3 |
| Darren Gibbs | 3 |
| Eric Furlatt | 3 |
| Francis Charron | 3 |
| Gord Dwyer | 3 |
| Jake Brenk | 3 |
| Kelly Sutherland | 3 |
| Kiel Murchison | 3 |
| Mark Shewchuk | 3 |
| Scott Cherrey | 3 |
| Tim Nowak | 3 |
| Vaughan Rody | 3 |
| Wes McCauley | 3 |
| Bill McCreary | 2 |
| Blaine Angus | 2 |
| Brad Kovachik | 2 |
| Brad Watson | 2 |
| Brian Pochmara | 2 |
| Chris Schlenker | 2 |
| Dan O'Halloran | 2 |
| Dan O'Rourke | 2 |
| Dean Morton | 2 |
| Dennis LaRue | 2 |
| Derek Nansen | 2 |
| Devin Berg | 2 |
| Don Henderson | 2 |
| Francois StLaurent | 2 |
| Frederick L'Ecuyer | 2 |
| Greg Devorski | 2 |
| Ian Walsh | 2 |
| Jay Sharrers | 2 |
| Jean Hebert | 2 |
| Jonny Murray | 2 |
| Kevin Pollock | 2 |
| Kory Nagy | 2 |
| Marc Joannette | 2 |
| Michel Cormier | 2 |
| Mike Hasenfratz | 2 |
| Ryan Gibbons | 2 |
| Scott Driscoll | 2 |
| Steve Barton | 2 |
| Tom Chmielewski | 2 |
| Trevor Hanson | 2 |
| Andrew Smith | 1 |
| Brad Lazarowich | 1 |
| Brandon Gawryletz | 1 |
| Chris Lee | 1 |
| Corey Syvret | 1 |
| Dean Warren | 1 |
| Don Koharski | 1 |
| Don VanMassenhoven | 1 |
| Francois St-Laurent | 1 |
| Ghislain Hebert | 1 |
| Jean Morin | 1 |
| John Grandt | 1 |
| Kendrick Nicholson | 1 |
| Kerry Fraser | 1 |
| Kyle Rehman | 1 |
| Libor Suchanek | 1 |
| Marcus Vinnerborg | 1 |
| Mark Pare | 1 |
| Pat Dapuzzo | 1 |
| Pierre Racicot | 1 |
| Rob Martell | 1 |
| Ryan Daisy | 1 |
| Ryan Galloway | 1 |
| Shandor Alphonso | 1 |
| Stephen Walkom | 1 |
| Thor Nelson | 1 |
| Tom Kowal | 1 |

Table 2:
Frequency of officials who have officiated games where a player scored more than 3 goals
(see Table 1)

Table 2: 90 unique officials have officiated the 53 games in our data in which a player scored more than 4 or more goals (see Table 1). Of these, Matt MacPherson and Steve Kozari have officiated the most, each with 6.

| date | team | firstName | lastName | goals |
|----------|---------------------|-----------|-----------|-------|
| 20130203 | Pittsburgh Penguins | Chris | Kunitz | 4 |
| 20131210 | Washington Capitals | Alex | Ovechkin | 4 |
| 20140118 | Tampa Bay Lightning | Martin | St. Louis | 4 |
| 20150113 | Winnipeg Jets | Mathieu | Perreault | 4 |
| 20150116 | New York Islanders | Kyle | Okposo | 4 |
| 20161012 | Toronto Maple Leafs | Auston | Matthews | 4 |
| 20170123 | San Jose Sharks | Patrick | Marleau | 4 |
| 20180322 | Los Angeles Kings | Anze | Kopitar | 4 |
| 20180407 | Calgary Flames | Mark | Jankowski | 4 |
| 20181124 | Winnipeg Jets | Patrik | Laine | 5 |
| 20191008 | Edmonton Oilers | James | Neal | 4 |
| 20191014 | Boston Bruins | David | Pastrnak | 4 |

Table 3: High Player Scoring games in which Either Matt MacPherson or Steve Kozari officiated.