

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 4 or more goals.

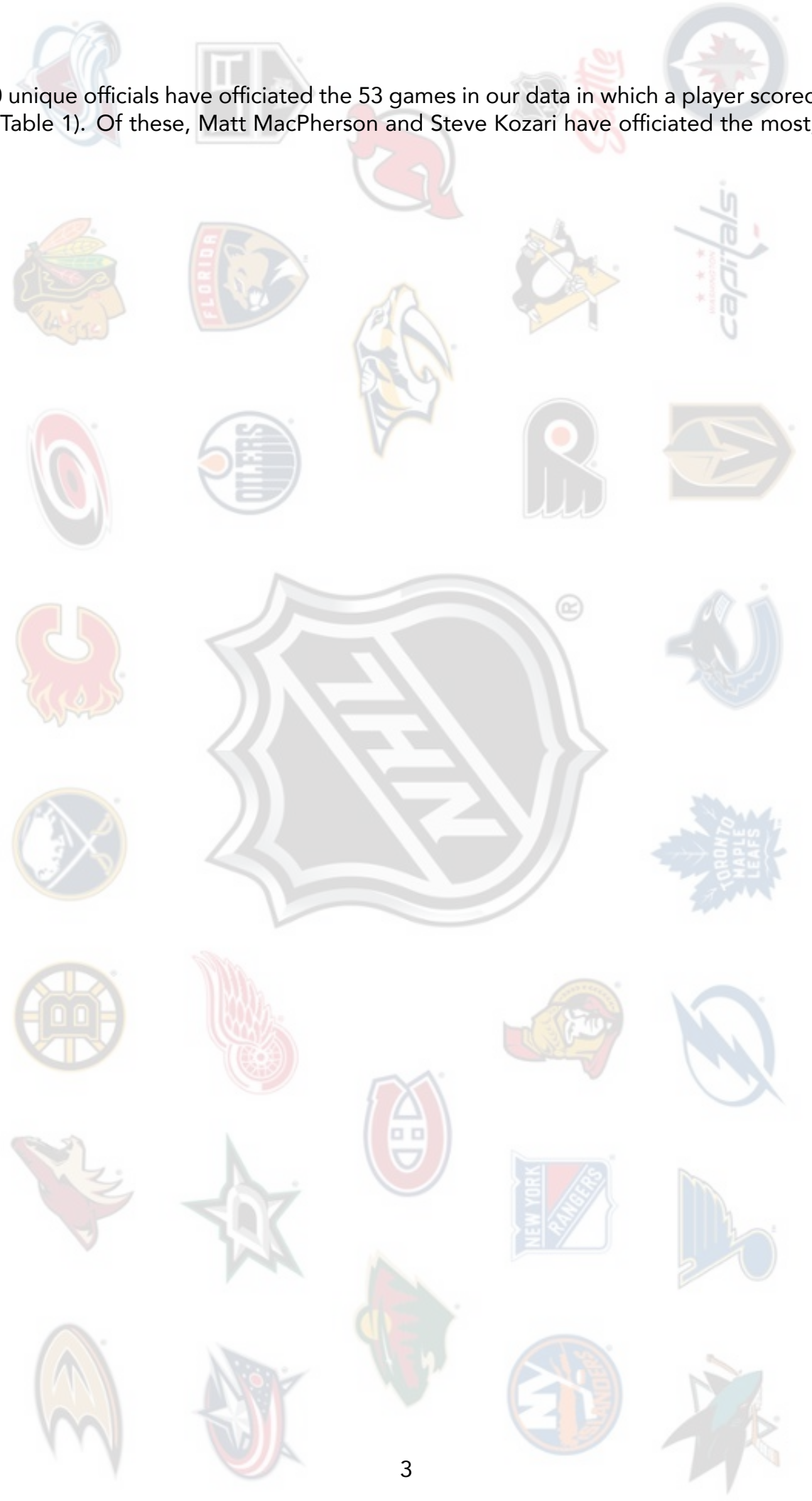
Results

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

official	numGames
Matt MacPherson	6
Steve Kozari	6
Brad Meier	5
Dan Schachte	5
David Brisebois	5
Mark Wheler	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 Pancich	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'Ecuier	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

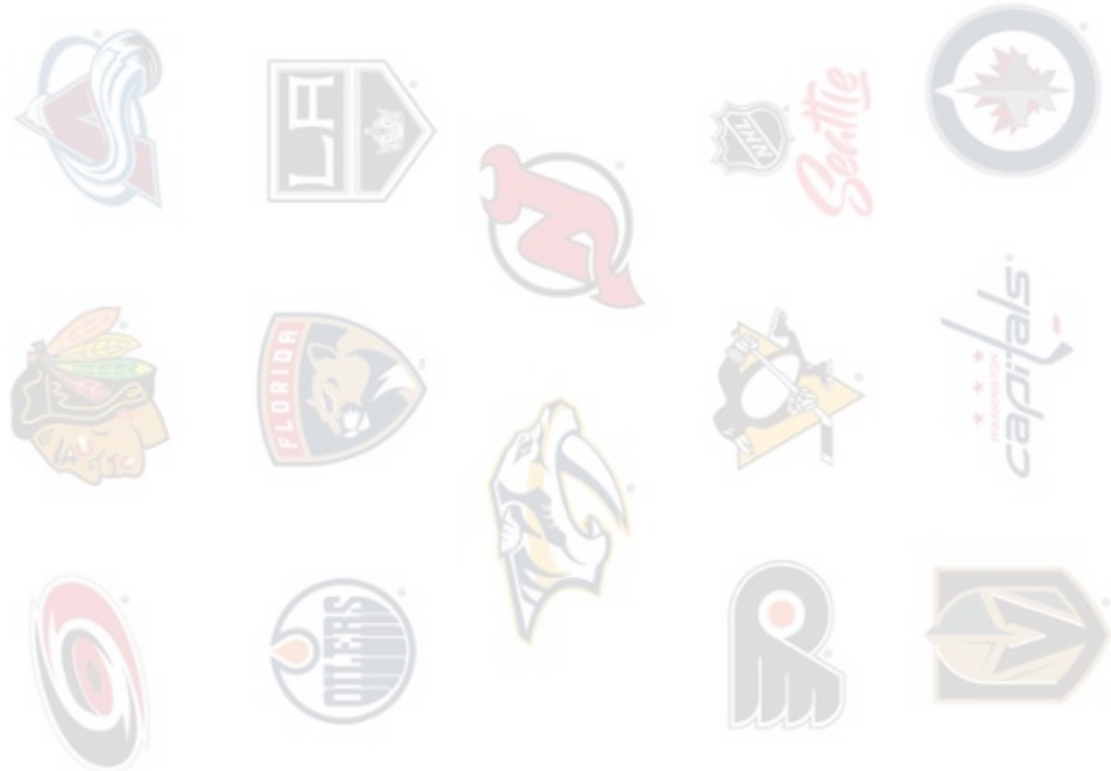
Table 2:
Frequency of officials who have officiated games where a player scored 4 or more goals (see Table 1)

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



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 Wheler;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
20080131	Don VanMassenhoven;Dean Warren;Pat Dapuzzo;Tony Sericolo	Washington Capitals	Alex	Ovechkin	24.87	4
20081123	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'Ecuyer;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 Wheler;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 Wheler;John Grandt	San Jose Sharks	Tomas	Hertl	11.20	4
20131114	Rob Martell;Tom Kowal;Mark Wheler;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 Pancich	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;Shandor 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 Wheler;Brian Murphy	San Jose Sharks	Evander	Kane	18.58	4
20180322	Frederick L'Ecuyer;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 Pancich	Winnipeg Jets	Patrik	Laine	18.72	5
20190228	Chris Schlenker;Gord Dwyer;Brian Mach;Bryan Pancich	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 3 or more goals.



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.

