

Headline: Sid-tacular!: Proof Penguins Can Fly

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Social: The Golden Boy continues to cement his golden legacy

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For every Pittsburgh Penguins fan or hockey enthusiast, there are the three greats to don the black and gold — Mario Lemieux, Jaromír Jágr and now Sidney Crosby. Sure, to many sports fans, the rule of thumb is mainly to not label one as the greatest until it's all said and done. But when you hit nearly every milestone there is to offer in the National Hockey League or your own franchise's history, the story changes.

“The Next One” is no longer a nickname dubbed for Crosby's talent. That nickname now labels the next record he plans on breaking. Let's look at the past week, shall we? In this short period of time Crosby has done the following — broken the record for the most faceoff wins in NHL history against the Columbus Blue Jackets after winning his 15,183rd since the NHL started tracking the stat in the 1997-98 season, surpassing Patrice Bergeron.

He has collected his 1,643rd career point against the Edmonton Oilers, passing Hall-of-Famer Joe Sakic for ninth on the NHL's all-time scoring list and fifth on the League's all-time list for most points with one franchise. With 1,723 points, Penguins legend Mario “Le Magnifique” Lemieux is the next name above Crosby on the career scoring list. And lastly, he snatched an assist against the Tampa Bay Lightning which helped him tie with Hall-of-Famer Marcel Dionne for the 11th-most assists in NHL history with 1,040 apples.

The future bona fide first-ballot Hall-of-Famer continues to solidify his greatness as one of the greatest to ever do it, and we hockey fans get to witness these record-breaking performances for a few more years before the captain calls it quits. What's next for the two-time Hart Memorial Trophy recipient?

Only time will tell. Maybe we even get to see the return of Playoff Crosby this season, as the Pens sit on the edge of a wild-card spot ahead of the All-Star break come February.