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Russian Hockey Star Ovechkin Reaches NHL Milestone

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Alexander Ovechkin

Russian sports star Alexander Ovechkin has become the fifth player in the history of North America's National Hockey League (NHL) to score at least 45 goals in seven seasons, the league reported this week.

The 29-year-old left winger currently leads the NHL in scoring with 15 games remaining in the regular season.

With his 45 goals and 25 assists, Ovechkin ranks second in the league in terms of points.

The only other NHLers to have scored at least 45 goals in seven seasons are retired legends Wayne Gretzky, Mario Lemieux, Mike Bossy and Marcel Dionne.

Ovechkin played professional hockey for Dinamo Moscow before being drafted first overall by the Washington Capitals in 2004. The Russian has scored 467 goals throughout his 10 seasons in the NHL. He is the four-time winner of the Maurice Richard Trophy, awarded

annually to the NHL's top goal scorer.

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