

## Keeping Score

### Hockey's One-on-One Showdowns

Shootouts, introduced this year by the National Hockey League to resolve tie games, are one-on-one contests in which a single shooter skates in on the goalie and tries to score. Other rules changes have opened up the game, resulting in more penalty shots, awarded when a player is dragged down from behind on a breakaway. We looked into how shooters and goalies have fared in these battles so far this year.

#### Overall one-on-one results

SEASON	ATTEMPTS	GOALS	SUCCESS RATE
Penalty shots, 2003-04	57	18	31.6%
Penalty shots, 2005-06	37	12	32.4%
Shootout attempts, 2005-06	247	79	32.0%

#### Best goalies in shootouts and penalty shots—2005-06 (minimum five attempts)

GOALIE	TEAM	ATTEMPTS FACED	GOALS	SAVE PERCENTAGE
<b>Marty Turco</b>	Stars	7	0	1.000
<b>Dominik Hasek</b>	Senators	5	0	1.000
<b>Martin Prusek</b>	Blue Jackets	8	1	0.875

#### Best shooters in shootouts and penalty shots—2005-06 (minimum three attempts)

SHOOTER	TEAM	ATTEMPTS	GOALS	SHOOTING PCT.
<b>Alexander Ovechkin</b>	Capitals	5	4	80.0%
<b>Sidney Crosby</b>	Penguins	3	2	66.7%
<b>Brian Gionta</b>	Devils	3	2	66.7%
<b>Dany Heatley</b>	Senators	3	2	66.7%
<b>Ales Hemsky</b>	Oilers	3	2	66.7%
<b>Paul Kariya</b>	Predators	3	2	66.7%
<b>Ryan Smyth</b>	Oilers	3	2	66.7%

Sources: Stats LLC and WSJ research