



NEW JERSEY DEVILS

GAME INFORMATION



New Jersey Devils Postgame Notes: October 24, at Montreal Canadiens

New Jersey Devils 5
(3-1-1 – 7 PTS)

Montreal Canadiens 2
(3-2-1 – 9 PTS)

Three Stars: **1. J. Hughes 2. T. Toffoli 3. M. Barron**

SCORE	1 ST	2 ND	3 RD	OT	SO	FINAL
Montreal	1	0	1	-	-	2
DEVILS	1	1	3	-	-	5

Goals:

MTL: J. Barron, M. Matheson

NJD: A. Holtz, T. Toffoli, N. Hischier (PPG), T. Toffoli (PPG), T. Toffoli (ENG)

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WHAT TO KNOW

The Devils opened up their second back-to-back set for 2023-24, which also marked the team's second road contest for the season.

New Jersey improved to 2-0-0 in a first half of back-to-back sets for 2023-24.

Jersey's team allowed the first goal of the game in all five games this season, and improved to 3-1-1 when allowing the first goal in a contest this season.

Head coach Lindy Ruff earned his 101st career win with New Jersey and passed Doug Carpenter for fourth place all-time in franchise history. Devils all-time coaching leaderboard:

Jacques Lemaire: 276 wins

John Hynes: 150 wins

Peter Deboer: 114 wins
Lindy Ruff: 101 wins
Doug Carpenter: 100 wins

Special Teams

PP: 2-4 | PK: 4-4

New Jersey scored a power-play goal in all four games played to start the 2023-24 season.

The franchise record for consecutive games scoring a power-play goal is 12, which was earned from March 5, 1987 to March 27 (19 PPG), yet the team's record over that span was 4-8-0.

Tonight's victory marked the second time this season that the Devils did not surrender a power-play goal.

New Jersey won a season-high 38 of 60 face-offs (63%). The last time that the team won 38, or more, face-offs in a game was Mar. 25, 2023, vs Ottawa (39/68, 57.4%).

The Devils are now 2-1-0 vs the Atlantic Division and 3-1-0 vs Eastern Conference teams.

Nico Hischier had a goal reviewed early in the first period, which was then overturned and in favor of no goal.

DHN Quiz Question

Stephane Richer was one of two players all-time who led both the Canadiens (1989-90) and Devils (1994-95) in points, but who was the other player?

A: Kirk Muller led New Jersey in points for the 1989-90 and 1987-88 seasons, while he led Montreal in 1991-92.

Attendance: 21,105

Duration: 7:23 P.M. E.T. to 9:55 P.M.

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

Wed. Oct. 25, vs WSH, 7:30 P.M. E.T.

Fri., Oct. 27, vs BUF, 7:00 P.M. E.T.

Sun., Oct. 29, vs MIN, 5:00 P.M. E.T.

Thu. Nov. 2, at MIN, 8:00 P.M. E.T.

PLAYER NOTES

Alexander Holtz inked his name into the goal column for the first time this season, after the youngster buried a rebound opportunity with a backhand that never left the ice sheet.

The tally also marked Holtz's fourth-career goal. Three of Holtz's career goals were all earned on the road.

Dougie Hamilton extended his point streak to five games (3g-3a), after he earned the secondary assist on Holtz's first-period goal.

The longest point streak from the start of a season in franchise history belongs to Jesper Bratt (11 GP, 2022-23). Yet, Hamilton became the second defenseman who earned a point streak of five, or more, games from the start a season (Ty Smith, 2020-21, 5 GP).

Hamilton's longest point streak of his career is 14 games (2g-14a), which the blueliner earned with Carolina from Feb. 27, 2021, to Mar. 27, 2021.

The longest point streak that a defenseman earned in a single season for franchise history is 12 games, which Scott Stevens earned from Mar. 5, 1995, to Mar. 27 (4g-14a).

Timo Meier earned points in consecutive games (0g-3a), after earning the primary helper on Holtz's first-period goal.

Tyler Toffoli earned goals in consecutive games, after the veteran forward provided the Devils with a 2-1 lead 18:22 into the second period. The righthanded shot has recorded a point in four of the team's five games to start the 2023-24. Toffoli did not earn a point vs Florida on Oct. 16.

Toffoli finished the night with three goals, one power-play goal, which marked his first multi-goal game in a Devils sweater. It also marked Toffoli's fifth-career hat-trick – the last time Toffoli earned a hat-trick was Jan. 20, 2021, at Vancouver, while he was a member of Montreal.

Jack Hughes earned an assist on Toffoli's goal, which extended his point streak to five games. Hughes and Hamilton are 1 of 13 players who've earned a five, or more, game point streak from the start of a season.

Entering the contest Hughes' 10 points were the most after four games played from the start of a season for franchise history, and 10 points were the most after five games played from the start of a season.

Hughes later assisted on Nico Hirscher's first goal of the season (PPG), which provided the Devils with a 3-1 lead 0:34 into the third period. It also marked Hughes' fourth multi-point game for 2023-24. Entering Oct. 24's contest, Sam Reinhart and Elias Pettersson led the league with four multi-point games this season.

Hughes finished the night with a career-high four assists. He also tied a career-high four points in a game, which he last earned on Oct. 20, 2023, at NY Islanders (2g-2a).

The most points that a Devils player earned in the team's first five games from a start of a season:

Rk	Player	PTS ▼	Season	GP	G	A	PTS
1	Jack Hughes	12	2023-24	5	4	10	14
2	John MacLean	10	1988-89	5	4	6	10
3	Patrik Eliáš	9	2001-02	5	3	6	9
4	Jesper Bratt	8	2023-24	5	3	6	9

5	Jesper Bratt	8	2022-23	5	0	8	8
6	Kyle Palmieri	8	2018-19	5	7	1	8
7	Will Butcher	8	2017-18	5	0	8	8
8	Brian Gionta	8	2006-07	5	4	4	8
9	Jason Arnott	8	2001-02	5	4	4	8
10	Alexander Mogilny	8	2000-01	5	2	6	8
11	Scott Stevens	8	1993-94	5	2	6	8
12	Peter Šťastný	8	1991-92	5	3	5	8
13	Mark Johnson	8	1988-89	5	3	5	8

The most points all-time that an NHL player earned in a team's first five games played from the start of a season:

player	POSITION	team	goals	assists	points
Mario Lemieux	C	Pittsburgh Penguins	9	10	19
Mike Bossy	R	New York Islanders	9	9	18
Mario Lemieux	C	Pittsburgh Penguins	6	11	17
Babe Dye	R	Toronto St. Patricks	11	5	16

3 players tied with 15 PTS
(Per NHL Pr)

Per NHL Pr, "**Jack Hughes** collected his 127th career assist and surpassed Brendan Shanahan (126) for the fourth most by a player age 22 or younger in franchise history. The list is topped by **Kirk Muller** (210), **Scott Gomez** (152) and **Wilf Paiement** (131)."

Per NHL Pr, Hughes became the first player in franchise history with nine assists in five games played from the start of a season (Totaled 10 assists on the year).

QUICK HITS

Jesper Bratt collected the secondary assist on Hirschier's third-period goal, which extended Bratt's point streak to four games (3g-6a).

Michael McLeod led all skaters with 13 face-off wins. McLeod's career-high is 15 face-off wins, which he logged on Dec. 14, 2021, at Philadelphia (15/23, 65.2%).

BETWEEN THE PIPES

Vitek Vanecek logged his 3rd start for 2023-24 and displayed some timely saves late in the third period. Vanecek improved to 3-1-0 in his career against the Habs.

STATISTICS

Record	3-1-1 (7 PTS)
Road record	2-0-0 (4 PTS)
All-time record vs MTL	77-73-10-7
All-time road record vs MTL	37-38-6-3

Shots	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	OT	TOTAL
MTL	10	7	12	-	29
Devils	8	14	12	-	34

Devils Leaders

Shots	Tyler Toffoli – 6
Faceoff Wins	Michael McLeod – 13 (87%)
Faceoff Percentage	Curtis Lazar (4/4) – 100%
Hits	Michael McLeod – 3
Blocked Shots	Brendan Smith - 3
Takeaways	Dawson Mercer – 2
TOI	Jack Hughes – 21:58

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