



# NEW JERSEY DEVILS

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## GAME INFORMATION



Buffalo Sabres (3-4-0) at New Jersey Devils (3-2-1) • 7:00 PM ET • Prudential Center • MSGSN/MSG+//Listen: [DEVILS HOCKEY NET](#)

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### Last Game:

Washington Capitals 6 New Jersey Devils 4  
(2-3-1 – 5 PTS) (3-2-1 – 7 PTS)

Three Stars: 1. D. Strome 2. T. Toffoli 3. J. Hughes

SCORE	1 <sup>ST</sup>	2 <sup>ND</sup>	3 <sup>RD</sup>	OT	SO	FINAL
Washington	3	0	3	-	-	6
DEVILS	0	4	0	-	-	4

### Goals:

WSH: A. Mantha, D. Strome, S. Milano, D. Strome (PPG), C. McMichael, A. Ovechkin (ENG)

NJD: T. Toffoli, T. Meier, N. Hischier, T. Toffoli

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## CURRENT INJURIES/ILLNESS

PLAYER	INJURY/Illness	OUT SINCE	GAMES MISSED
Tomas Nosek	Lower-body	Oct. 13	5
Colin Miller	Lower-body	Oct. 20	3

2023-24 Total Man-Games Lost : 9

## TRANSACTIONS

DATE	PLAYER	ACTION
10/2	Michael Vukojevic	Assigned to Utica (AHL)
	Kyle Criscuolo	Placed on waivers – intent for Utica (AHL) – <i>CLEARED on 10/3</i>
10/3	Daniil Misyul	Assigned to Utica (AHL)
	Graeme Clarke	Assigned to Utica (AHL)
	Chase Stillman	Assigned to Utica (AHL)
	Erik Kallgren (G)	Placed on waivers – intent for Utica (AHL) – <i>CLEARED on 10/4</i>
10/4	Cal Foote	Placed on waivers – intent for Utica (AHL) – <i>CLEARED ON 10/5</i>
10/5	Jeremy Brodeur (G)	Assigned to Utica (AHL)
10/7	Santeri Hatakka	Assigned to Utica (AHL)
	Isaac Poulter (G)	Assigned to Utica (AHL)
	Max Willman	Signed to 1-year, 2-way contract
	Max Willman	Placed on waivers – intent for Utica (AHL) – <i>Cleared on 10/8</i>
	Tyce Thompson	Placed on waivers – intent for Utica (AHL) – <i>Cleared on 10/8</i>
	Justin Dowling	Placed on waivers – intent for Utica (AHL) – <i>Cleared on 10/8</i>
	Shane Bowers	Placed on waivers – intent for Utica (AHL) – <i>Cleared on 10/8</i>
10/9	Simon Nemec	Assigned to Utica
	Nico Daws (G)	Placed on I.R. non-roster
	Keith Kinkaid (G)	Placed on I.R. non-roster
	Nolan Foote	Placed on I.R. non-roster
	Brian Halonen	Placed on I.R. non-roster
10/17	Keith Kinkaid (G)	Placed on waivers – intent for Chicago (AHL) – <i>Cleared on 10/18</i>
10/23	Tomas Nosek	Placed on I.R. (Lower-body)
	Cal Foote	Recalled from Utica (AHL)

### Pronunciation Guide

Kevin Bahl: (BAHL, KEH -vihn)

Michael McLeod: (muh-KLOWD, MIGH-kuhl)

Nathan Bastian: (bash-T'YEHN, NAY-thuhn)

Timo Meier: (MIGH-uhr, TEE-moh)

Jesper Bratt: (BRAHT, JEHS -puhr)

Dawson Mercer: (MUHR-suhr, DAW-suhn)

Cal Foote: KAL FUT

Dougie Hamilton: (HAM -ihl -tuhn, DUH -gee)

Colin Miller: (MIH -luhr, KAW -lihn)

Erik Haula: (HAWL-la, AIR -ihk)

Tomas Nosek: (NOH -shehk, toh -MAHSH)

Nico Hischier: (HEE -shuhr, NEE -koh)

Ondrej Palat: (pa -LAHT, AWN -dray)

Alexander Holtz: (HOHLTZ, al -ehx -AN -duhr)

Akira Schmid: (SHMIHD, a -KIHR -uh)

Jack Hughes: (HEWZ, JAK)

Jonas Siegenthaler: (SEE -gehn -thahl -uhr, YOH -nuhs)

Luke Hughes: (HEWZ, LEWK)

Brendan Smith: (SMIHTH, BREHN -duhn)

Curtis Lazar: (lah -ZÄHR, KUHR -tihs)

Chris Tierney: (TEER -nee, KRIHS)

John Marino: (mah -REE -noh, JAWN)

Tyler Toffoli: (tuh -FOH -lee, TIGH -luhr)

Vitek Vanecek: VA -nih -chehk, VIH -tehk)

## WHAT TO KNOW

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New Jersey opens its 41<sup>st</sup> season since relocating to the Garden State from Colorado in 1982-83.

New Jersey earned a franchise record 52 wins and 112 points in the standings last season.

Jersey's team did not suffer a shutout in 2022-23, and the last time the team was shutout was on Apr. 24, 2022, in a 3-0 loss to Detroit at the Rock.

The 82 games played last season marked the longest stretch in franchise history for a single season that the team didn't suffer a shutout.

Prior to 2022-23, the longest stretch in a single season that the Devils did not suffer a shutout was 80 games, which were played from Oct. 9, 1987, to Apr. 3, 1988.

The team's longest stretch in franchise history over multiple seasons without experiencing a shutout against were 111 games played from Jan. 5, 1999, to Feb. 29, 2000. The team enters Friday night's contest vs Buffalo with 91 consecutive regular-season games without being shut out, which is the fifth-longest stretch in franchise history.

Streak	Streak Started	Streak Ended	GP	W	L	T	OTL	G
111	1/5/1999	2/29/2000	111	64	28	14	5	342
106	2/25/1987	10/15/1988	106	46	53	7	0	401
94	12/9/1975	1/7/1977	94	15	64	15	0	247
92	1/13/1989	2/9/1990	92	36	45	11	0	341
91	4/26/2022	10/25/2023	91	55	26	0	10	323

Jersey's team allowed the first goal of the game in all six games this season.

After Wednesday's 6-5 loss to Washington, New Jersey was outshot 25-22, and the 22 shots on goal marked the fewest amount of shots that the team recorded in a game this season. Prior to tonight's loss, the team's fewest shots in a game was 27, which was recorded in a 4-3 win vs Detroit on Oct. 12 (27 SOG).

New Jersey recorded two shots on goal in the first period on Wednesday vs Washington, which marked the fewest amount that the team recorded in a period this season.

The last time that the team recorded two shots on goal in a single period was Jan. 22, 2023, vs Pittsburgh (2<sup>nd</sup> period) in a 2-1 overtime win at the Rock.

Prior to Wednesday's game, the fewest shots on goal that the team recorded in a period was 6, which were logged in both the first and third period vs Detroit on Oct. 12 (4-3 win).

Jersey's team allowed three goals in the first period on Wednesday vs Washington, which also marked the most that the team surrendered in a single period this season. The team also allowed three goals in the third period.

Yet, the Devils bounced back in the second period and recorded four unanswered goals on Wednesday vs Washington, and three were recorded in 2:11.

The three fastest goals in a period for franchise history were recorded on Feb. 16, 1985, in a 6-3 win at Toronto. All three goals were scored in the second period: Tim Higgins (9:22), Uli Hiemer (9:43) & Phil Russell (10:04).

The four goals scored in the second period marked the most that the team scored in a period since Apr. 6, 2023, in an 8-1 win at Columbus (8-1 win). New Jersey also scored four goals in a period vs Philadelphia on Feb. 25, 2023 – both instances were earned in the third period of play.

Wednesday's contest vs Washington marked the first time this season that the team did not record a power-play goal in a contest.

The 11 power-play goals that the Devils earned this season mark the most that the team earned in the first six games from the start of the season for franchise history:

Season	PPG ▼	GP	W	L	T	OTL	G
2023-24	11	6	3	2	0	1	24
1990-91	10	6	3	2	1	0	24
2000-01	9	6	3	2	1	0	25

The Devils recorded four power-play goals in a game for the 17<sup>th</sup> time in franchise history, after the team's 5-4 overtime win vs NY Islanders on Oct. 20. The last time that the team scored four power-play goals in a game was March 1, 2014 at the New York Islanders in a 6-1 victory.

The most power-play goals that the franchise scored in a game was six, which was logged on Feb. 19, 1980, (CLR) vs Philadelphia in an 8-6 win at Colorado.

The most power-play goals earned in a game for Devils team history is five, which Jersey's team logged three times, last recorded: Jan. 22, 2008, at Philadelphia (7-3 win).

## **IN THE DOTS**

New Jersey won a season-high 38 of 60 face-offs (63%) on Tue., Oct. 24<sup>th</sup> vs Montreal. 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%). Tuesday's contest marked the first time this season that the team finished a game above 50% on face-offs.

**Michael McLeod** ranks seventh in the NHL for face-offs at 61.3%, per Oct. 26.

## **JERSEY**

New Jersey is scheduled to wear its black alternate jersey for the first time on Oct. 27, vs Buffalo. The team logged a 6-3-1 record last season when donning the alternate sweater.

## **COACH'S CORNER**

Head Coach **Lindy Ruff** enters his fourth season with New Jersey, after he signed a multi-year contract extension on Wednesday, October 11<sup>th</sup>.

Ruff owns 837 career regular season wins, which ranks fifth all-time for all NHL head coaches. He needs 13 wins to pass Ken Hitchcock (849 wins) for sole possession of fourth place for all-time wins that an NHL head coach earned.

Ruff earned his 100<sup>th</sup> career regular-season win with New Jersey, after Oct. 20<sup>th</sup>'s 5-4 overtime victory at the NY Islanders. His 100 career wins with New Jersey tied him with Doug Carpenter (1985-1988) for the fourth most wins that a head coach earned with the franchise.

Ruff now owns 101 career wins with New Jersey, which passed Doug Carpenter for fourth place all-time in franchise history for head coaches.

Ruff has coached 226 regular-season games with New Jersey, which are the fifth most for a head coach in franchise history. He'll pass Peter DeBoer for fourth place all-time in franchise history once he coaches in his 249<sup>th</sup> career regular-season game with New Jersey.

Devils All-Time Head Coaches: Leaderboard:

Jaques Lemaire	276 wins	1993-94-1997-98/ 2009-10/ 2010-11
John Hynes	150 wins	2015-16-2019-20
Peter Deboer	114 wins	2011-12-2014-15
<b>LINDY RUFF</b>	<b>101 wins</b>	<b>2020-21-PRESENT</b>
Doug Carpenter	100 wins	1984-85-1987-88

Ruff is Buffalo's all-time wins leader for head coaches: 571-432-78-84

### **LOOKING AHEAD**

The Devils are scheduled to play in the 2024 Navy Federal Credit Union NHL Stadium Series game on Sat., Feb. 17, at MetLife Stadium vs the Philadelphia Flyers (8:00 P.M. E.T.). It marks the team's second Stadium Series contest (vs NYR, at Yankee Stadium, 7-3 loss).

New Jersey is also slated for 16 back-to-back sets this season, which are the most back-to-back games in the NHL for 2023-24. Washington and Minnesota rank second for this matter with 15 back-to-back sets during the 2023-24 campaign.

### **THE SWISS CONNECTION**

After road contest at Washington on March 9, 2023 for the first time in NHL history four Switzerland players on one team played in a game. New Jersey's **Nico Hischier**, **Timo Meier**, **Jonas Siegenthaler** and goaltender **Akira Schmid** played in the victory.

### **COMEBACK KIDS**

New Jersey led the NHL with 26 comeback wins last season, which set a new franchise record. The team passed the 2017-18 team's 23 comeback wins, which was the previous franchise record in a single season.

Per NHL Pr, the most comeback wins in a single season for NHL history is shared by the Panthers (29 in 2021-22) and Lightning (29 in 2018-19).

### **THE RANKS**

#### **NJD:**

<b>STAT</b>	<b>NHL RANK</b>
GA/GP, 3.67	26 <sup>th</sup>
GF/GP, 4.00	6 <sup>th</sup>
SA/GP, 30.7	20 <sup>th</sup>
SF/GP, 32	13 <sup>th</sup>

**BUF:**

STAT	NHL RANK
GA/GP, 3.14	15 <sup>th</sup>
GF/GP, 2.71	23 <sup>rd</sup>
SA/GP, 30.1	16 <sup>th</sup>
SF/GP, 30.6	17 <sup>th</sup>

(Per one day before game)

**2023-24 TEAM STATS****RECORD ON DAYS OF THE WEEK**

The Devils record on Friday in **2023-24...1-0-1**

Record in night games in **2023-24...3-2-1...home: 1-2-1...road: 2-0-0**

Record in day games in **2023-24...0-0-0...home: 0-0-0...road: 0-0-0**

**2023-24 Alternate jersey record...0-0-0****Alternate jersey schedule:**

Fri., Oct. 27	Vs BUF	
Fri., Nov. 27	Vs CBJ	
Fri., Dec. 1	Vs SJS	
Sun., Dec. 17	VS ANA	
Sat., Dec. 23	VS DET	
Sat., Jan. 6	VS VAN	
Sat., Mar. 9	VS CAR	
Sat., Mar. 23	Vs OTT	
Sun., Apr. 7	Vs NSH	
Mon., Apr. 15	Vs NYI (Home finale)	

**RECORD BY DIVISION/CONFERENCE:**

**MET: 1-1-0**

**ATL: 2-1-0**

**CEN: 0-0-1**

**PAC: 0-0-0**

**EAST: 3-2-0**

**WEST: 0-0-1**

**RECORD WHEN SCORING FIRST**

Scoring first...**0-0-0**...Trailing first...**3-2-1**

**OVERTIME/SHOOTOUT**

**OT: 1-0-0**

**SO: 0-0-1**

**OUTSHOOTING OPP: 2-1-1**

**OUTSHOT: 1-1-0**

**EVEN: 0-0-0**

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The longest duration of a game this season: 2:43, Oct. 13, vs ARI (4-3, SOL)

Team's average: H: 6'1" | W: 198 lbs | A: 27 years old

**PLAYERS BY COUNTRY**

CAN-10

CHE-4

USA-4

CZE-3

SWE-2

FIN-1

**GOALS BY PERIOD**

PERIOD	GOALS FOR/AGAINST	DIFFERENTIAL
1	2-8	-6
2	12-5	+7
3	9-9	0
OT	1-0	+1
SO	0-1	-1
TOTAL	24-22*	+2

\*Does not include shootout

Note: The team's +65 goal differential in 2022-23 was the team's third highest in franchise history:

1. 2000-01: +100
2. 1993-94: +86

**BACK-TO-BACK GAMES**

Overall: 2-1-1

First game: 2-0-0 | home: 1-0-0 | road: 1-0-0

Second game: 0-1-1 | home: 0-1-1 | road:

New Jersey logged a 15-8-1 record in back-to-back games last season. The Devils were 6-5-1 in first half games played and 9-3-0 in second half games played for this matter in 2022-23.

New Jersey's next back-to-back set is scheduled for Nov. 2 at MIN/ Nov. 3 at STL

**2023-24: HIGHS & LOWS**

THE LAST TIME IN THE REGULAR SEASON THE DEVILS...

Stat	HOME	AWAY
Had a shutout	3/12/23, 3-0, W, vs CAR, V. Vanecek, 32 saves	3/28/21, 1-0 at BOS, M. Blackwood, 40 saves
Were shutout	4/24/22, vs DET, 3-0, A. Nedeljkovic, 17 saves	11/2/21, at ANA, 4-0, J. Gibson, 28 saves
Scored 10 goals	N/A	N/A
Scored 9 goals	3/23/93, 9-3, vs TB	10/28/00, 9-0, at PIT
Scored 8 goals	4/6/23, 8-1, vs CBJ	3/14/18, 8-3, at VGK
Allowed 10 goals	10/25/84, 11-2, vs NYR	12/4/85, 10-7, at TOR
Allowed 9 goals	1/18/85, 9-6, vs NYR	3/12/19, 9-4, at CGY
Allowed 8 goals	11/11/92, 8-3, vs MTL	3/31/22, 8-1, at BOS
Had 50 shots in a game	10/30/22, 53, vs CBJ, 7-1 W	3/3/23, 50, at VGK, 4-3, Lso
Allowed 50 shots	2/16/20, 55 vs CBJ, 4-3 Wso	1/19/21, 50 at NYR, 4-3 W
Had no shots in a period	1/7/83, 3 <sup>rd</sup> per. Vs BOS, 2-2 T	N/A
Allowed no shots in a period	1/6/17, 3 <sup>rd</sup> per. Vs TOR, 4-2 L	10/10/98, 1 <sup>st</sup> per. At CHI, 2-1 L
Allowed 1 shot in a period	4/5/22, 2 <sup>nd</sup> per. 3-1, L vs NYR	2/13/11, 3 <sup>rd</sup> per. 3-2 SO win @ FLA
Had 1 shot in a period	1/31/15, 2 <sup>nd</sup> per., vs FLA	1/15, 2015, 2 <sup>nd</sup> per. At ANA
Had a penalty shot	4/3/18, T. Hall, scored, vs H. Lundqvist, 5-2 W vs NYR	12/12/22, J. Hughes, denied, vs I. Shesterkin, 4-3 Lo, at NYR
Faced a penalty shot	2/8/20, A. Kopitar, unsuccessful vs. M. Blackwood in 3-0 win vs. LAK	4/2/23, M. Barron, scored, vs V. Vanecek in 6-1 L at WPG
Had a hat-trick	4/4/23, D. Mercer vs T. Jarry in a 5-1 win vs PIT	10/24/23, T. Toffoli vs C. Primeau in a 5-2 win at MTL
Allowed a hat-trick	4/3/22 J. Pageau vs. N. Daws in 4-3 loss vs. NYI	1/31/22, A. Matthews vs. Akira Schmid in 6-4 loss @ TOR

*(Excludes overtime)*

#### TEAM:

LARGEST MARGIN OF VICTORY	3	10/24/23, at MTL, 5-2, W
Largest margin of defeat	2,	10/25/23 vs WSH, 6-4, L
MOST GOALS, GAME	5, twice	Last: 10/24/23, at MTL, 5-2, W
Most goals allowed, game	6	10/25/23 vs WSH, 6-4, L
MOST GOALS, PERIOD	4	10/25/23 vs WSH, 6-4, L
Most goals allowed, period	3	10/25/23 vs WSH, 1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> per., 6-4, L
FASTEST GOAL START GP	N/A	
Fastest goal allowed, Start GP	3:54	10/16/23 vs FLA, S. Reinhart, 4-3, L
FASTEST GOAL START OF A PERIOD	0:21	10/20/23, at NYI, 2 <sup>nd</sup> per., T. Toffoli, 5-4, OT, W
Fastest Goal Allowed Start of a Period	0:18	10/25/23 vs WSH, 3 <sup>rd</sup> per., D. Strome, 6-4, L
MOST SHOTS IN A GAME	39,	10/20/23, at NYI, 5-4, OT, W
Most Shots Allowed in a Game	35	10/12/23, vs DET, 4-3, W
MOST SHOTS IN A PERIOD	16	10/16/23, vs FLA, 3 <sup>rd</sup> per., 4-3, L
Most Shots Allowed in a Period	14, twice	Last: 10/13/23, vs ARI, 1 <sup>st</sup> per., 4-3, Lso
FEWEST SHOTS IN A GAME	22	10/25/23 vs WSH, 6-4, L



<b>Fewest Shots allowed in a Game</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>10/25/23 vs WSH, 6-4, L</b>
<b>FEWEST SHOTS IN A PERIOD</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>10/25/23 vs WSH, 1<sup>st</sup> per., 6-4, L</b>
<b>Fewest shots OPP, period</b>	<b>7, 3x</b>	<b>Last: 10/25/23 vs WSH, 2<sup>nd</sup> per., 6-4, L</b>
<b>MOST PIM IN A GAME</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>10/13/23, vs ARI, Lso</b>
<b>Most PIM Opp., Game</b>	<b>12, 4x</b>	<b>Last: 10/20/23, at NYI, 5-4, OT, W</b>
<b>FEWEST PIM IN A GAME</b>	<b>6, 3x</b>	<b>Last: 10/25/23 vs WSH, 6-4, L</b>
<b>Fewest PIM Opp, Game</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>10/25/23 vs WSH, 6-4, L</b>
<b>LONGEST WINNING STREAK</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>10/20/23 to 10/24/23</b>
<b>LONGEST POINTS STREAK</b>	<b>2 GP, twice</b>	<b>Last: 10/20/23 to 10/24/23</b>
<b>LONGEST LOSING STREAK</b>	<b>N/A</b>	
<b>LONGEST WINLESS STREAK</b>	<b>2 (0-1-1)</b>	<b>10/13-10/16/23</b>

## **VS BUF**

The Devils and Buffalo face-off for the first of three matchups this season.

**Nov. 25, vs BUF, 7:00 P.M.**

Mar. 29, at BUF, 7:00 P.M.

New Jersey was 2-1-0 vs Buffalo last season and outscored the Sabres 13-8. The Devils are 8-5-1 against Buffalo since 2020-21. The last time that Jersey's lost a season series vs Buffalo was in 2019-20: 0-2-0

## **ALL-TIME vs Buffalo**

**Record: 72-75-17-9**

**Home: 37-36-9-3**

**Road: 35-39-8-6**

## **DID YOU KNOW...**

The most goals in franchise history earned in a single game vs Buffalo was eight, twice, and last earned on Feb. 25, 2004, in an 8-2 win at Continental Airlines Arena.

The most goals that the franchise allowed in a single game vs Buffalo was eight, four times, and last logged on Jan. 15, 1992, in an 8-8 tie at the Meadowlands.

The most shots that the franchise earned in a single game vs Buffalo 54 on Dec. 29, 1990, in a 4-4 tie at the Meadowlands.

The most shots that the franchise allowed in a single game vs Buffalo was on Feb. 2, 1975, in an 8-1 loss at Buffalo (KCS).

The shots that the Devils (team history) allowed in a single game vs Buffalo was on 46 on Mar. 25, 2019, in a 3-1 loss at Jersey.

The last time that the Devils shut out Buffalo was on Dec. 15, 2015, in a 2-0 win at Buffalo (C. Schneider, 22 saves).

The last time that Buffalo shut out the Devils was on Mar. 26, 2011, in a 2-0 loss at Buffalo (R. Miller, 28 saves).

The Devils and Buffalo met in the Stanley Cup Playoffs once, which was in 1993-94 when Jersey eliminated the Sabres in seven games.

## UPCOMING SCHEDULE

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

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

Fri. Nov. 3, at STL, 8:00 P.M. E.T.

Sun. Nov. 5, at CHI, 7:00 P.M. E.T.

## **PLAYER NOTES**

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**Jack Hughes** has recorded 17 PTS (4g-13a) in the team's opening six games this season. Hughes' 17 points are the most that a player earned in the team's first six games from the start of a season:

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

Rk	Player	PTS▼	Season	GP	G	A	PTS
1	Jack Hughes	17	2023-24	6	4	13	17
2	Patrik Eliáš	11	2001-02	6	4	7	11
3	John MacLean	10	1988-89	6	4	6	10
4	Jesper Bratt	10	2023-24	6	3	7	10
5	Alexander Mogilny	10	2000-01	6	2	8	10
6	Tyler Toffoli	9	2023-24	6	6	3	9
7	Jason Arnott	9	2001-02	6	5	4	9
8	Peter Šťastný	9	1991-92	6	3	6	9
9	Peter Šťastný	9	1990-91	6	2	7	9
10	Scott Stevens	9	1993-94	6	2	7	9
11	Jesper Bratt	9	2022-23	6	1	8	9
12	Zach Parise	9	2007-08	6	1	8	9
13	Will Butcher	9	2017-18	6	0	9	9

Hughes' 14 assists are also the most earned by a Devils player all-time for the team's first six games to open a season:

Rk	Player	G	PTS	Season	Lg	Team	GP	G	A▼	PTS
1	Jack Hughes	4	17	2023-24	NHL	NJD	6	4	13	17
2	Will Butcher	0	9	2017-18	NHL	NJD	6	0	9	9
3	Alexander Mogilny	2	10	2000-01	NHL	NJD	6	2	8	10
4	Jesper Bratt	1	9	2022-23	NHL	NJD	6	1	8	9

5	Zach Parise	1	9	2007-08	NHL	NJD	6	1	8	9
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Hughes owns five multi-point games this season, which ranks first for all NHI skaters, per Oct. 26.

Hughes earned 32 multi-point games last season, which set a new franchise record:

Rk	Player	Team	Season	Count
1	Jack Hughes	NJD	2022-23	32
2	Taylor Hall	NJD	2017-18	27
3	Kirk Muller	NJD	1987-88	26
4	Scott Gomez	NJD	2005-06	26
5	Brian Gionta	NJD	2005-06	26
6	Zach Parise	NJD	2008-09	26
7	Patrik Eliáš	NJD	2000-01	25
8	Zach Parise	NJD	2009-10	25

The longest point streaks from the start of a season in franchise history:

PLAYER	POS	SEASON	START DATE	END DATE	STREAK
Jesper Bratt	F	2022-23	Oct. 13, 2022	Nov. 3, 2022	11
Tim Higgins	F	1984-85	Oct. 12, 1984	Nov. 2, 1984	10
Claude Lemieux	F	1992-93	Oct. 6, 1992	Oct. 17, 1992	6
David Clarkson	F	2012-13	Jan. 19, 2013	Jan. 31, 2013	6
Jack Hughes	F	2023-24	Oct. 12, 2023	PRESENT	6
Mel Bridgeman	F	1986-87	Oct. 9, 1986	Oct. 18, 1986	5
Brendan Shanahan	F	1990-91	Oct. 4, 1990	Oct. 11, 1990	5
Bobby Holik	F	1992-93	Oct. 6, 1992	Oct. 14, 1992	5
Valeri Zelepukin	F	1993-94	Oct. 6, 1993	Oct. 16, 1993	5
Michael Cammalleri	F	2014-15	Oct. 9, 2014	Oct. 18, 2014	5
Kyle Palmieri	F	2018-19	Oct. 6, 2018	Oct. 18, 2018	5
Ty Smith	D	2020-21	Jan. 14, 2021	Jan. 24, 2021	5
Dougie Hamilton	D	2023-24	Oct. 12, 2023	Oct. 24, 2023	5

J. Hughes is also riding a three-game multi-point streak. The longest multi-point streak in franchise history is five games:

PLAYER	SEASON	STREAK START	STREAK END	STREAK	PTS TOTAL
Jack Hughes	2022-23	Jan. 22, 2023	Feb. 6, 2023	5	6g-5a=11
Scott Gomez	2005-06	Dec. 28, 2005	Jan. 5, 2006	5	6g-7a=13
Kirk Muller	1987-88	Jan. 7, 1988	Jan. 15, 1988	5	9g-3a=12

J. Hughes has recorded two four-point games this season, while the most four-point games earned in a single season for franchise history is four:

Rk	Player	Team	Season	Count
1	Wilf Paiement	CLR	1976-77	4
2	John MacLean	NJD	1990-91	4
3	Aaron Broten	NJD	1986-87	3
4	John MacLean	NJD	1988-89	3
5	Scott Stevens	NJD	1993-94	3
6	Patrik Elias	NJD	2000-01	3
7	Zach Parise	NJD	2008-09	3

The most points that an NHL player earned after their team's first six games to start a season:

Player	PTS ▼	Season	Team	GP	G	A	PTS
Mario Lemieux	22	1988-89	PIT	6	11	11	22
Mike Bossy	20	1984-85	NYI	6	10	10	20
Mario Lemieux	19	1992-93	PIT	6	7	12	19
Babe Dye	19	1922-23	TRS	6	13	6	19
Wayne Gretzky	18	1983-84	EDM	6	8	10	18
Cy Denneny	18	1917-18	OTS	6	15	3	18
Jack Hughes	17	2023-24	NJD	6	4	13	17
Wayne Gretzky	17	1993-94	LAK	6	4	13	17
Mario Lemieux	17	1986-87	PIT	6	8	9	17
Brent Sutter	17	1984-85	NYI	6	4	13	17
Wayne Gretzky	17	1984-85	EDM	6	8	9	17
Guy Lafleur	17	1975-76	MTL	6	8	9	17
Bobby Hull	17	1965-66	CBH	6	11	6	17

Corb Denneny	17	1919- 20	TRS	6	9	8	17
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Per NHL Pr, “**Jack Hughes** became the third player in NHL history to record three assists in a single period *on consecutive days*. The others: **Wayne Gretzky** (Oct. 10-11, 1986 w/ EDM) and **Dan Daoust** (Jan. 1-2, 1983 w/ TOR).”

Hughes earned three helpers in the second period against Washington on Wednesday and then three assists in the third period vs Montreal on Tuesday.

Hughes recorded his fifth-career overtime game-winning goal after defeating the Islanders on Fri., Oct. 20.

There are 15 other NHL skaters who have recorded more overtime goals than Hughes since his rookie season in 2019-20 – one of which is **Dougie Hamilton** who has six overtime winners since that time. Alex DeCincat ranks first for this matter with 10 overtime goals since 2019-20, while Connor McDavid ranks second with eight.

Hughes’ five overtime goals since 2019-20 also lead all skaters who’ve played for the Devils since that time:

PLAYER	OVERTIME GOALS
J. Hughes	5
N. Hirschier	3
P. Zacha	3
D. Hamilton	3

The most overtime goals all-time in franchise history: Leaderboard:

Player	OTG
Patrik Elias	16
Scott Niedermayer	8
Zach Parise	7
<b>Nico Hirschier</b>	<b>6</b>
John Moore	6
<b>Jack Hughes</b>	<b>5</b>
Taylor Hall	5
Brian Gionta	5
Ilya Kovalchuk	5
Stephen Richer	5

**Tyler Toffoli** enters Friday night’s contest riding a three-game point-streak (5g-1a). Toffoli also owns consecutive multi-goal games after the forward earned his fifth career hat-trick on Tuesday vs Montreal and then two goals on Wednesday vs Washington.

The multi-goal game streak tied a career-high, which Toffoli earned once from Jan. 20, 2021 to Jan. 21, 2021 (5g-1a).

The longest multi-goal game streak in franchise history is three games:

Player	Streak	Streak Started	Streak Ended	Active	G	A	PTS
Kyle Palmieri	3	10/6/2018	10/14/2018		6	0	6
Jamie Langenbrunner	3	1/27/2009	1/30/2009		6	1	7
Patrik Eliáš	3	2/21/2004	2/25/2004		6	5	11
Alexander Mogilny	3	3/27/2001	3/31/2001		6	1	7

## QUICK HITS

**Nico Hischier** owns goals in consecutive games played.

**Jesper Bratt** is riding a five-game point streak (3g-7a). Bratt's longest career point-streak is 11 games, which he earned in the team's opening 11 games last season.

**Timo Meier** is fresh off scoring his first goal of the season on Wednesday, and is riding a three-game point-streak (1g-4a). Meier has recorded an assist in all three games, while his longest assist streak is five games: Nov. 5, 2019 to Nov. 14, with SJS (3g-6a).

**Jack Hughes'** 17 points led the NHL, per Oct. 26. His eight takeaways were tied for the seventh most in the NHL, per Oct. 26.

**Kevin Bahl** leads the Devils with 15 hits.

**Jonas Siegenthaler** leads the Devils with nine blocks.

### **EVERYBODY'S TALKING 'BOUT THE NEW KIDS IN TOWN**

**Timo Meier** enters his first full season with New Jersey, after the forward earned a career-high 40 goals in 2022-23. Meier earned nine goals and five assists for 14 points in 21 regular-season contests with the Devils last season.

Meier also changed his number from 96 to 28, and became the 28<sup>th</sup> player in franchise history to wear the number.

**Luke Hughes** made his NHL debut late last season (Apr. 11 vs BUF), and enters his official rookie campaign. Hughes netted the overtime-winning goal in his second career game (Apr. 13, at WSH), and became the third player in franchise history whose first career NHL goal was earned in overtime (Y. Sharangovich & J. Merrill).

**Tyler Toffoli** was acquired in an offseason trade from Calgary and is fresh off career-highs for goals (34), assists (39) and points (73). Additionally, the forward netted a career-high 10 PPG in 2022-23, and also netted four game-winning goals. Toffoli is the first player in franchise history to wear No. 73.

Veteran skaters **Tomas Nosek**, **Chris Tierney** and **Colin Miller** also joined the fold. Miller and Nosek were teammates together in 2017-18 with Vegas – which advanced to the 2017-18 Stanley Cup Final.

### **TIMELESS...**

**Dawson Mercer** has played in 170 consecutive games since he began his NHL career in 2021-22. Mercer owns the franchise record for the most consecutive games played to start an NHL career, after he passed Scott Gomez 140 consecutive games played from the start of an NHL career.

Mercer's 170 consecutive games played currently ranks (tied, B. Coleman, C. Coyle) 17<sup>th</sup> in the NHL for all active skaters.

## **BETWEEN THE PIPES**

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**Vitek Vanecek** recorded 33 wins last season and become the second netminder in franchise history who earned 30, or more, wins in a single season. Prior to 2022-23, Martin Brodeur was the only netminder in franchise history who earned 30-or-more wins in a single season with the Devils, which he logged 14 times.

**Akira Schmid** shined in the 2022-23 playoffs, and earned his first-career postseason shutout (vs NYR) and became the third rookie netminder in franchise history who earned a shutout in the Stanley Cup Playoffs. The Swiss native was the first rookie netminder in franchise history who earned two shutouts in a single postseason.

Schmid became the first netminder in franchise history who won his first-three career postseason appearances.

Schmid started on Wednesday, but was relieved after the first period (3 GA) and in favor of Vanecek, who earned the win against Montreal the night before. It marked the first time this season that the Devils pulled their goaltender in favor of the other.

### UPCOMING MILESTONES

Player	Current Status	Potential Milestone
Kevin Bahl	72 career/NJD GP	100 career/NJD GP
Nathan Bastian	168 career GP	200 career GP
Jesper Bratt	395 career/NJD GP	400 career/NJD GP
	181 career/NJD assists	200 career/NJD assists
	286 career/NJD points	300 career/NJD points
Dougie Hamilton	757 career GP	800 career GP
	451 career points	500 career points
	150 career NJD GP	200 career NJD GP
	76 career NJD assists	100 career NJD assists
Erik Haula	284 career points	300 career points
Nico Hischier	387 career/NJD GP	400 career/NJD GP
	177 career/NJD assists	200 career/NJD assists
	288 career/NJD points	300 career/NJD points
Alexander Holtz	34 career/NJD GP	100 career/NJD GP
Jack Hughes	250 career/NJD GP	300 career/NJD GP
	91 career/NJD goals	100 career/NJD goals
	224 career/NJD points	300 career/NJD points
Curtis Lazar	457 career GP	500 career GP
	95 career goals	100 career goals
John Marino	259 career GP	300 career GP
	85 career points	100 career points
	71 career assists	100 career assists
Michael McLeod	248 career/NJD GP	300 career/NJD GP
	67 career/NJD points	100 career/NJD points
Timo Meier	478 career GP	500 career GP
	164 career goals	200 career goals
	171 career assists	200 career assists
	335 career points	400 career points
	27 career NJD GP	100 career NJD GP
Dawson Mercer	170 career/NJD GP	200 career/NJD GP
	44 career/NJD goals	100 career/NJD goals
	54 career/NJD assists	100 career/NJD assists
	98 career/NJD points	100 career/NJD points

Colin Miller	466 career GP	500 career GP
Ondrej Palat	683 career GP	700 career GP
Palat	297 career assists	300 career assists
	448 career points	500 career points
	55 career NJD GP	100 career NJD GP
Jonas Siegenthaler	261 career GP	300 career GP
	164 career NJD GP	200 career NJD GP
Brendan Smith	637 career GP	700 career GP
	90 career assists	100 career assists
	66 career NJD GP	100 career NJD GP
Chris Tierney	598 career GP	600 career GP
Tyler Toffoli	739 career GP	800 career GP
	242 career assists	300 career assists
	475 career points	500 career points
Vitek Vanecek	76 career wins	100 career wins

#### Accomplished Milestones

<b>Tomas Nosek</b>	<b>400 career NHL GP</b>	<b>10/13/23 vs ARI</b>
<b>HC Lindy Ruff</b>	<b>100 career NJD wins</b>	<b>10/20/23 at NYI</b>

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#### HOW THEY WERE BUILT

NATE BASTIAN	2016, NJD, 2 <sup>ND</sup> ROUND, 41 <sup>ST</sup> OVERALL
JESPER BRATT	2016, NJD, 6 <sup>TH</sup> ROUND, 162 <sup>ND</sup> OVERALL
NICO HISCHIER	2017, NJD, <b>1<sup>ST</sup> OVERALL</b>
ALEXANDER HOLTZ	2020, NJD, 1 <sup>ST</sup> ROUND, 7 <sup>TH</sup> OVERALL
JACK HUGHES	2019, NJD <b>1<sup>ST</sup> OVERALL</b>
LUKE HUGHES	2021, NJD, 1 <sup>ST</sup> ROUND, 4 <sup>TH</sup> OVERALL
MICHAEL MCLEOD	2016, NJD, 1 <sup>ST</sup> ROUND, 12 <sup>TH</sup> OVERALL
DAWSON MERCER	2020, NJD, 1 <sup>ST</sup> ROUND, 18 <sup>TH</sup> OVERALL
AKIRA SCHMID	2018, NJD, 5 <sup>TH</sup> ROUND, 136 <sup>TH</sup> OVERALL

**Trade:** Kevin Bahl, Erik Haula, Curtis Lazar, John Marino, T. Meier, Colin Miller, Jonas Siegenthaler, Tyler Toffoli & Vitek Vanecek

**UFA:** Cal Foote, Dougie Hamilton, Tomas Nosek, Ondrej Palat, Brendan Smith & Chris Tierney

**UTICA REPORT:** Utica began its third season as the Devils AHL affiliate since 2021-22 and with head coach Kevin Dineen. The Comets are fresh off a 2-1 overtime loss at Bridgeport on Oct. 21. The team plays next on Fri., Oct. 27 at Syracuse. Max Willman (2g-1a) and Justin Dowling (0g-3a) lead Utica ith 3 PTS.



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