GAME INFORMATION



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Last Game:

 Buffalo Sabres 4
 New Jersey Devils 5

 (3-5-0 - 6 PTS)
 (4-2-1 - 9 PTS)

Three Stars: 1. E. Haula 2. J. Bratt 3. M. McLeod

SCORE	1 ST	2 ND	3 RD	OT	SO	FINAL
Buffalo	2	1	1	-	-	4
DEVILS	2	1	2	-	-	5

Goals:

BUF: J. Peterka, T. Thompson, Dahlin, Cozens

NJD: A. Holtz, J. Bratt, Haula (SHG), Haula, J. Hughes (PPG), E. Haula (GWG)

Game Summary | Event Summary

CURRENT INJURIES/ILLNESS

PLAYER	INJURY/IIIness	OUT SINCE	GAMES MISSED
Tomas Nosek	Lower-body	Oct. 13	6
Colin Miller	Lower-body	Oct. 20	4

2023-24 Total Man-Games Lost : 11

TRANSACTIONS

DATE	PLAYER	ACTION
10/2	Michael Vukojevic	Assigned to Utica (AHL)
	Kyle Criscuolo	Placed on waivers – intent for Utica (AHL) – CLEARED on 10/3
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) – CLEARED on 10/4
10/4	Cal Foote	Placed on waivers – intent for Utica (AHL) – CLEARED ON 10/5
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) – Cleared on 10/8
	Tyce Thompson	Placed on waivers – intent for Utica (AHL) – Cleared on 10/8
	Justin Dowling	Placed on waivers – intent for Utica (AHL) – Cleared on 10/8
	Shane Bowers	Placed on waivers – intent for Utica (AHL) – Cleared on 10/8
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) – Cleared on 10/18
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-Ia, 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) Brendan Smith: (SMIHTH, BREHN -duhn) Luke Hughes: (HEWZ, LEWK)

Curtis Lazar: (Iah -ZAHR, KUHR -tihs) John Marino: (mah -REE -noh, JAWN) Chris Tierney: (TEER -nee, KRIHS) Tyler Toffoli: (tuh -FOH -lee, TIGH -luhr) Vitek Vanecek: VA -nih -chehk, VIH -tehk)

WHAT TO KNOW

New Jersey opens its 41st 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 Sunday's contest vs Buffalo with 92 consecutive regular-season games without being shut out, which is tied for the fourth-longest stretch in franchise history:

Streak	Streak Started	Streak Ended	GP	w	L	т	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
92	4/26/2022	10/27/2023	92	56	26	0	10	328

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

Per NHL Pr, Friday night's win marked the second time in franchise history that each of the team's first four wins to start the season were in come-from-behind fashion (last: 1974-75).

The 12 power-play goals that the Devils earned this season mark the most that the team recorded in the first seven games from the start of the season for franchise history:

Team	Season	PPG	GP	W	L	Т	OTL
	2023-						
NJD	24	12	7	4	2	0	1
	2005-						
NJD	06	10	7	4	3	0	0
	2000-						
NJD	01	10	7	4	2	1	0
	1990-						
NJD	91	10	7	4	2	1	0
	1987-						
NJD	88	10	7	5	2	0	0
	1982-						
NJD	83	10	7	3	1	3	0

The Devils recorded four power-play goals in a game for the 17th 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. 24th 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 third in the NHL for face-offs at 62.7%, per Oct. 28

The most face-offs that a Devils player won in a game this season was 15, after Nico Hischier was 15/20 (75%) face-offs Oct. 16, vs FLA.

JERSEY

New Jersey wore its black alternate jerseys for the first time this season, after a 5-4 win against Buffalo on Oct. 27 (5-4 win). 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 11th.

Ruff owns 838 career regular season wins, which ranks fifth all-time for all NHL head coaches. He needs 12 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 100th career regular-season win with New Jersey, after Oct. 20th'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 102 career wins with New Jersey, which passed Doug Carpenter for fourth place all-time in franchise history for head coaches.

Ruff has coached 227 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 249th 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
LINDY RUFF	102 wins	2020-21-PRESENT
Doug Carpenter	100 wins	1984-85-1987-88

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:

STAT	NHL RANK
GA/GP, 3.71	28 th
GF/GP, 4.14	3 rd
SA/GP, 33.0	9 th
SF/GP, 30.1	14 th

MIN:

STAT	NHL RANK
GA/GP, 4.13	31 st
GF/GP, 3.63	10 th
SA/GP, 34.9	30 th
SF/GP, 31.1	17 th

(Per one day before game)

2023-24 TEAM STATS

RECORD ON DAYS OF THE WEEK

The Devils record on Sunday in 2023-24...0-0-0

Record in night games in 2023-24...4-2-1...home: 2-2-1...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...1-0-0

Alternate jersey schedule:

Fri., Oct. 27	Vs BUF	5-4, W	
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: 3-1-0

CEN: 0-0-1

PAC: 0-0-0

EAST: 4-2-0

WEST: 0-0-1

RECORD WHEN SCORING FIRST

Scoring first...**0-0-0**...Trailing first...**4-2-1**

OVERTIME/SHOOTOUT

OT: 1-0-0

SO: 0-0-1

OUTSHOOTING OPP: 3-1-1

OUTSHOT: 1-1-0

EVEN: 0-0-0

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

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

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. Tue. Nov. 7, at COL, 10:00 P.M. E.T.

PLAYERS BY COUNTRY

CAN-10
CHE-4
USA-4
CZE-3
SWE-2
FIN-1

GOALS BY PERIOD

PERIOD	GOALS FOR/AGAINST	DIFFERENTIAL
1	4-10	-6
2	13-6	+7
3	11-10	+1
ОТ	1-0	+1
SO	0-1	-1
TOTAL	29-26*	+3

*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	НОМЕ	AWAY		
Had a shutout	3/12/23, 3-0, W, vs CAR, V.	3/28/21, 1-0 at BOS, M.		
	Vanecek, 32 saves	Blackwood, 40 saves		
Were shutout	4/24/22, vs DET, 3-0, A.	11/2/21, at ANA, 4-0, J. Gibson,		
	Nedeljikovic,	28 saves		
	17 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 rd per. Vs BOS, 2-2 T	N/A		
Allowed no shots in a period	1/6/17, 3 rd per. Vs TOR, 4-2 L	10/10/98, 1 st per. At CHI, 2-1 L		

Allowed 1 shot in a period	4/5/22, 2 nd per. 3-1, L vs NYR	2/13/11, 3 rd per. 3-2 SO win @		
		FLA		
Had 1 shot in a period	1/31/15, 2 nd per., vs FLA	1/15, 2015, 2 nd per. At ANA		
Had a penalty shot	4/3/18, T. Hall, scored, vs H.	12/12/22, J. Hughes, denied, vs		
	Lundqvist, 5-2 W vs NYR	I. Shesterkin, 4-3 Lo, at NYR		
Faced a penalty shot	2/8/20, A. Kopitar, unsuccessful vs.	4/2/23, M. Barron, scored, vs V.		
	M. Blackwood in 3-0 win vs. LAK	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.		
	VS PIT	Primeau in a 5-2 win at MTL		
Allowed a hat-trick	4/3/22 J. Pageau vs.	1/31/22, A. Matthews vs.		
N. Daws in 4-3 loss vs. NYI		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, 3x	Last: 10/27/23 vs BUF, 5-4, 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 st & 3 rd 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 nd per., T. Toffoli, 5-4, OT, W
Fastest Goal Allowed Start of a Period	0:18	10/25/23 vs WSH, 3 rd per., D. Strome, 6- 4, L
MOST SHOTS IN A GAME	39, 2x	Last: 10/27/23, vs BUF, 5-4, W
Most Shots Allowed in a Game	35	10/12/23, vs DET, 4-3, W
MOST SHOTS IN A PERIOD	17	10/27/23, vs BUF, 3 rd per., 5-4, W
Most Shots Allowed in a Period	14, twice	Last: 10/13/23, vs ARI, 1 st per., 4-3, Lso
FEWEST SHOTS IN A GAME	22	10/25/23 vs WSH, 6-4, L
Fewest Shots allowed in a Game	25	10/25/23 vs WSH, 6-4, L
FEWEST SHOTS IN A PERIOD	2	10/25/23 vs WSH, 1 st per., 6-4, L
Fewest shots OPP, period	4	10/27/23, vs BUF, 3 rd per., 5-4, W
MOST PIM IN A GAME	21	10/27/23, vs BUF, 5-4, W
Most PIM Opp., Game	16	10/27/23, vs BUF, 5-4, W
FEWEST PIM IN A GAME	6, 3x	Last: 10/25/23 vs WSH, 6-4, L
Fewest PIM Opp, Game	2	10/25/23 vs WSH, 6-4, L
LONGEST WINNING STREAK	2	10/20/23 to 10/24/23
LONGEST POINTS STREAK	2 GP, twice	Last: 10/20/23 to 10/24/23
LONGEST LOSING STREAK	N/A	
LONGEST WINLESS STREAK	2 (0-1-1)	10/13-10/16/23

<u>VS MIN</u>

The Devils and Minnesota face-off for the first of two matchups and in consecutive games for the Devils.

New Jersey was 0-0-2 vs Minnesota last season, and hasn't won a season series against the Wild since 2016-17 (2-0-0).

ALL-TIME vs THE STATE OF HOCKEY (Wild)

Record: 15-9-2-3

Home: 8-4-1-2

Road: 7-5-1-1

DID YOU KNOW...

The most goals in franchise history earned in a single game vs Minnesota is seven, which was logged on Mar. 17, 2016, in a 7-4 win at the Rock.

The most goals that the franchise allowed in a single game vs Minnesota is six, which was recorded on Mar. 10, 2015, in a 6-2 loss at 'Sota.

The most shots that the franchise earned in a single game vs Minnesota is 48, which was earned in a 2-1 overtime loss on Mar. 21, 2023, at the Rock.

The most shots that the franchise allowed in a single game vs Minnesota is 39, which was logged on Dec. 3, 2005, in a 2-2 shootout win at Continental Airlines Arena.

The last, and only, time that the Devils shut out Minnesota was on Mar. 20, 2009, in a 4-0 win at the Rock (M. Brodeur, 35 saves).

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

The Devils and Wild's first-ever matchup was on Jan. 21, 2001, at Minnesota, after a 4-2 win.

PLAYER NOTES

Jack Hughes has recorded 18 PTS (5g-13a) in the team's opening seven games this season. Hughes' 18 points are the most that a player earned in the team's first seven games from the start of a season:

Player	PTS ▼	Season	Team	GP	G	Α	PTS
Jack		2023-					
Hughes	18	24	NJD	7	5	13	18
Patrik		2001-					
Eliáš	13	02	NJD	7	5	8	13
Jesper		2022-					
Bratt	12	23	NJD	7	3	9	12
John		1988-					
MacLean	12	89	NJD	7	4	8	12
Jesper		2023-					
Bratt	11	24	NJD	7	4	7	11
Kyle		2018-					
Palmieri	11	19	NJD	7	7	4	11
Brian		2006-					
Gionta	11	07	NJD	7	6	5	11
Alexander		2000-					
Mogilny	11	01	NJD	7	3	8	11
Peter		1990-					
Šťastný	11	91	NJD	7	3	8	11
Paul		1977-					
Gardner	11	78	CLR	7	7	4	11

Hughes' 13 assists are also the most earned by a Devils player all-time for the team's first seven games to open a season:

Player	PTS	Season	Team	GP	G	A▼
Jack		2023-				
Hughes	18	24	NJD	7	5	13
Jesper		2022-				
Bratt	12	23	NJD	7	3	9
Taylor		2018-				
Hall	10	19	NJD	7	1	9

Hughes owns five multi-point games this season, which ranks (tied, E. Pettersson) first for all NHL skaters, per Oct. 28. 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			2017-	
2	Taylor Hall	NJD	18	27
3			1987-	
3	Kirk Muller	NJD	88	26
4			2005-	
4	Scott Gomez	NJD	06	26
5			2005-	
5	Brian Gionta	NJD	06	26
6			2008-	
0	Zach Parise	NJD	09	26
7			2000-	
/	Patrik EliĆ PÅ P	NJD	01	25
8			2009-	
•	Zach Parise	NJD	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
	-	2022-23	001. 13, 2022	1100. 3, 2022	11
Tim Higgins	F	1984-85	Oct. 12, 1984	Nov. 2, 1984	10
Jack Hughes	F	2023-24	Oct. 12, 2023	PRESENT	7
Claude Lemieux	F	1992-93	Oct. 6, 1992	Oct. 17, 1992	6
David Clarkson	F	2012-13	Jan. 19, 2013	Jan. 31, 2013	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 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			
L	Paiement	CLR	1976-77	4
2	John			
2	MacLean	NJD	1990-91	4
3	Aaron			
5	Broten	NJD	1986-87	3
4	John			
4	MacLean	NJD	1988-89	3
5	Scott			
5	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	Date	PTS ▼	Season	Lg	Team	GP	G	Α	PTS
Mario			1988-						
Lemieux		26	89	NHL	PIT	7	13	13	26
Mario			1992-						
Lemieux		22	93	NHL	PIT	7	8	14	22
Mike			1984-						
Bossy		22	85	NHL	NYI	7	11	11	22
Wayne			1986-						
Gretzky		21	87	NHL	EDM	7	5	16	21
Brent			1984-						
Sutter		21	85	NHL	NYI	7	7	14	21
Wayne			1984-						
Gretzky		21	85	NHL	EDM	7	10	11	21
Wayne			1983-						
Gretzky		20	84	NHL	EDM	7	10	10	20
Babe			1922-						
Dye		20	23	NHL	TRS	7	13	7	20
Mario			1986-						
Lemieux		19	87	NHL	PIT	7	10	9	19
Marcel			1979-						
Dionne		19	80	NHL	LAK	7	6	13	19
Guy			1975-						
Lafleur		19	76	NHL	MTL	7	8	11	19
Phil			1973-						
Esposito		19	74	NHL	BOS	7	10	9	19
Gilbert			1972-						
Perreault		19	73	NHL	BUF	7	6	13	19
Corb			1919-						
Denneny		19	20	NHL	TRS	7	11	8	19

Newsy		1918-						
Lalonde	19	19	NHL	MTL	7	13	6	19
Су		1917-						
Denneny	19	18	NHL	OTS	7	16	3	19
Kevin		1992-						
Stevens	18	93	NHL	PIT	7	9	9	18
Peter		1987-						
Šťastný	18	88	NHL	QUE	7	8	10	18
Jack		2023-						
Hughes	18	24	NHL	NJD	7	5	13	18

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 DeCrincat 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. Hischier	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
Nico Hischier	6
John Moore	6
Jack Hughes	5
Taylor Hall	5
Brian Gionta	5
Ilya Kovalchuk	5
Stephen Richer	5

Timo Meier enters Sunday's contest riding a four-game point streak (1g-5a), and a four-game assist streak. Meier's longest assist streak for single season is five games, which he earned with San Jose from Nov. 5, 2019, to Nov. 14 (3g-6a).

Meier's longest career point-streak for a single season is nine games (8g-5a), which he earned from Oct. 9, 2018, to Oct. 30.

The current four-game point-streak marks Meier's longest with New Jersey.

Jesper Bratt enters Sunday's contest riding a six-game point-streak (4g-7a), while the Swedish forward has also earned a career-high five-game assist streak over that span, which ended after Oct. 27th's contest vs Buffalo.

Bratt's longest career point-streak is 11 games (5g-12a), which he earned from Oct. 13, 2022, to Nov. 3, 2022. His second longest point-streak is seven games, which he earned three times and last logged from Apr. 1, 2023, to Apr. 13 (1g-6a).

Luke Hughes earned his second career multi-point game, after Friday night's contest vs Buffalo (0g-2a), which also marked his first career multi-assist game. Hughes has led in the team in TOI over New Jersey's last two contests:

10/25: 23:56

10/27: 22:33

The 23:56 TOI that L. Hughes logged on Oct. 25, marked a career-high.

Erik Haula recorded his eighth-career shorthanded goal on Friday vs Buffalo, and earned his first career multi-goal game (regular-season) with New Jersey. Haula's three shorthanded goals since last season are tied with Hischier for the most on the Devils.

Haula owns two-game winning goals, while the Finnish native did not record a GWG last season with the Devils. The two game-winners this season lead Jersey's team.

QUICK HITS

Nico Hischier suffered a high hit from Buffalo blueliner Connor Clifton in the first period on Friday, and then left the game and returned after the second period started. Yet, Hischier did not return for the third period, nor game.

Hischier did not participate at practice on Saturday and the team announced that he will not play on Sunday vs Minnesota.

The NHL suspended Clifton two games - announced on Saturday (Illegal check to the head).

Alexander Holtz played on a line with Michael McLeod and Nate Bastian to start Friday's game vs Buffalo, and the youngster cashed in his second goal for the season. McLeod also earned an assist in the outing.

Kevin Bahl earned his first point of the season on Friday, which was an assist. Bahl leads the Devils with 16 hits for 2023-24.

John Marino recorded an assist in consecutive games (0g-2a), which tied a career-high that he's now achieved four times in his career. The blueliner's longest career point-streak is three games (1g-2a), which he earned with New Jersey from Oct. 30, 2022, to Nov. 3.

Jonas Siegenthaler leads the Devils with 12 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 28th 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 171 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 171 consecutive games played currently ranks (tied, B. Coleman, C. Coyle) 57th in the NHL for all active skaters, per Oct. 28.

BETWEEN THE PIPES

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 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.

Vancecek started on Friday night and earned his third win for 2023-24.

Player	Current Status	Potential Milestone
Kevin Bahl	73 career/NJD GP	100 career/NJD GP
Nathan Bastian	169 career GP	200 career GP
Jesper Bratt	396 career/NJD GP	400 career/NJD GP
	181 career/NJD assists	200 career/NJD assists
	287 career/NJD points	300 career/NJD points
Dougie Hamilton	758 career GP	800 career GP
	451 career points	500 career points
	151 career NJD GP	200 career NJD GP
	76 career NJD assists	100 career NJD assists
Erik Haula	286 career points	300 career points
Nico Hischier	388 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	35 career/NJD GP	100 career/NJD GP
Jack Hughes	251 career/NJD GP	300 career/NJD GP
	92 career/NJD goals	100 career/NJD goals

UPCOMING MILESTONES

	225 career/NJD points	300 career/NJD points
Curtis Lazar	458 career GP	500 career GP
	95 career goals	100 career goals
John Marino	260 career GP	300 career GP
	86 career points	100 career points
	72 career assists	100 career assists
Michael McLeod	249 career/NJD GP	300 career/NJD GP
	68 career/NJD points	100 career/NJD points
Timo Meier	479 career GP	500 career GP
	164 career goals	200 career goals
	172 career assists	200 career assists
	336 career points	400 career points
	28 career NJD GP	100 career NJD GP
Dawson Mercer	171 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	684 career GP	700 career GP
Palat	297 career assists	300 career assists
	448 career points	500 career points
	56 career NJD GP	100 career NJD GP
Jonas Siegenthaler	262 career GP	300 career GP
	165 career NJD GP	200 career NJD GP
Brendan Smith	638 career GP	700 career GP
	90 career assists	100 career assists
	67 career NJD GP	100 career NJD GP
Chris Tierney	598 career GP	600 career GP
Tyler Toffoli	740 career GP	800 career GP
	242 career assists	300 career assists
	475 career points	500 career points
Vitek Vanecek	77 career wins	100 career wins
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Accomplished Milestones

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

HOW THEY WERE BUILT

NATE BASTIAN	2016, NJD, 2 ND ROUND, 41 ST OVERALL
JESPER BRATT	2016, NJD, 6 TH ROUND, 162 ND OVERALL
NICO HISCHIER	2017, NJD, 1ST OVERALL
ALEXANDER HOLTZ	2020, NJD, 1 St ROUND, 7 TH OVERALL
JACK HUGHES	2019, NJD 1 ST OVERALL
LUKE HUGHES	2021, NJD, 1 ST ROUND, 4 TH OVERALL
MICHAEL MCLEOD	2016, NJD, 1 ST ROUND, 12 TH OVERALL
DAWSON MERCER	2020, NJD, 1 ST ROUND, 18 TH OVERALL
AKIRA SCHMID	2018, NJD, 5 TH ROUND, 136 TH 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. Utica defeated Syracuse by a score of 4-2 on Friday night in the road contest. The team is 1-1-2-0 this season, while forward Max Wilman (3g-2a) leads the team with five points. The team played on Oct. 28, at home vs Rochester.

