



# NEW JERSEY DEVILS

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## GAME INFORMATION



New Jersey Devils (6-3-1) at Chicago Blackhawks (3-6-0)\* • 5:00 PM ET • United Center • MSGSN/MSG+/NHLN/Listen: [DEVILS HOCKEY NET](#)

\*CHI played on Sat., Nov. 4, vs FLA

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### News

*Pre-Game Availability \*subject to change*

*~ 12:30 p.m. E.T. (approx.) – Media Availability for select players and Head Coach Lindy Ruff, please contact Devils PR for requests\**

### Last Game:

**New Jersey Devils 1**  
**(6-3-1 – 13 PTS)**

**St. Louis Blues 4**  
**(4-4-1 – 9 PTS)**

Three Stars: 1. K. Hayes 2. J. Binnington 3. J. Neighbours

SCORE	1 <sup>ST</sup>	2 <sup>ND</sup>	3 <sup>RD</sup>	OT	SO	FINAL
St. Louis	0	2	2	-	-	4
<b>DEVILS</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1</b>

### Goals:

**STL:** J. Neighbours, K. Hayes, K. Hayes (ENG), R. Thomas (ENG)

**NJD:** C. Lazar

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## CURRENT INJURIES/ILLNESS

PLAYER	INJURY/Illness	OUT SINCE	GAMES MISSED
Tomas Nosek	Lower-body	Oct. 13	8
Colin Miller	Lower-body	Oct. 20	7
Nico Hischier	Upper-body	Oct. 29	3

2023-24 Total Man-Games Lost : 19

## TRANSACTIONS

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DATE	PLAYER	ACTION
10/29	Colin Miller	Placed on I.R. (Lower-body)
	Justin Dowling	Recalled from Utica (AHL)
10/30	Justin Dowling	Reassigned to Utica (AHL)

### Pronunciation Guide

Kevin Bahl: (BAHL, KEH -vihñ)

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 -ZAHR, 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 tied a franchise record 28 road wins (28-9-4) last season. Prior to 2023-24, the team won 28 road games (28-10-3) in 1998-99.

The Devils concluded their third back-to-back set for 2023-24 and are now 3-2-1 overall for back-to-back sets in 2023-24. The team is also 0-2-1 in the second half of a back-to-back set for the season.

Jersey's team was held to one goal in a contest for the first time this season. The last time that the Devils were held to one goal in a game was Apr. 8, 2023, after a 2-1 loss at Boston.

The Devils were held to one goal 11 times last season, and earned one victory when scoring just one goal in a game for 2022 -23 (Oct. 28, 2022, vs COL, 1-0, W).

The team witnessed its season-high three-game winning streak end, after the 4-1 loss at St. Louis.

New Jersey's road record fell to 3-1-0 for 2023-24. The team concludes its three game road trip on Tuesday at Colorado.

**Jack Hughes** fell and collided into the boards, after the forward created separation from two St. Louis defensemen entering the offensive zone, but then tripped over Blues' goaltender J. Binnington's stick (shot attempted ).

Hughes returned on the next shift on a power-play, but then exited the game after the shift. Hughes' left the ice with 8:25 remaining in the first period. Hughes did not return to the game (upper-body inj.).

Jersey's team recorded three power-play goals on Thursday night, which marked the sixth time this season that the team earned multiple power-play goals in a game. The most power-play goals that the team earned in a game this season was four, which was logged on Oct. 20, 2023, at the NY Islanders.

However, the team was 0/1 on the power play vs St. Louis on Fri., Nov. 3. It marked the second time this season that the team did not convert on the man advantage.

The team earned four multi-power-play goal games all of last season.

The most games in franchise history when the team recorded two, or more, power-play goals in a game:

Team	Season	Count	W	L	T
NJD	1987-88	30	20	10	0
CLR	1980-81	23	9	9	5
NJD	1992-93	22	16	4	2
NJD	2005-06	22	18	4	0
NJD	1986-87	21	10	9	2
NJD	2000-01	20	16	2	2

The most power-play goals in franchise history after the team's opening 10 games from the start of a season:

Team	Season	PPG	GP	W	L	T	OTL	G
NJD	1986-87	18	10	6	4	0	0	43
NJD	2023-24	17	10	6	3	0	1	39
NJD	1992-93	16	10	6	4	0	0	36

CLR	1977-78	14	10	4	3	3	0	45
CLR	1980-81	14	10	4	4	2	0	36
NJD	1997-98	14	10	6	4	0	0	30

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).

The Devils recorded two, or more, power-play goals in a game five times this season, while Jersey's team earned two, or more, power-play goals in a game four times last season.

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NJD	1986-87	21	10	9	2
NJD	2000-01	20	16	2	2

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 Chicago with 95 consecutive regular-season games without being shut out, which is the third longest stretch in franchise history:

Streak	Streak Started	Streak Ended	GP	W	L	T	OTL	G	PPG
111	1/5/1999	2/29/2000	111	64	28	14	5	342	75
106	2/25/1987	10/15/1988	106	46	53	7	0	401	130
95	4/26/22	PRESENT	95	58	27	0	10	338	66
94	12/9/1975	1/7/1977	94	15	64	15	0	247	50

92	1/13/1989	2/9/1990	92	36	45	11	0	341	87
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### **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%).

**Michael McLeod** was 10 of 12 (83.3%) on face-off against Minnesota on Thursday, Nov. 2. Yet, the highest face-off percentage that a Devils skater logged this season (10 or more in a GP) was 86.7%, after McLeod won 13 of 15 face-offs against Montreal on Oct. 24.

The Devils rank seventh in the NHL for overall face-off percentage (53.4%, per Nov. 4).

McLeod ranked sixth in the NHL for overall face-off percentage (61.4%, per Nov. 4).

Per Nov. 4, the Devils ranked first in the NHL for defensive-zone face-offs at 61.2%.



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 11<sup>th</sup>.

Ruff owns 840 career regular season wins, which ranks fifth all-time for all NHL head coaches. He needs 10 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 104 career wins with New Jersey, which passed Doug Carpenter for fourth place all-time in franchise history for head coaches.

Ruff has coached 230 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>104 wins</b>	<b>2020-21-PRESENT</b>
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, 3.60	28 <sup>th</sup>
GF/GP, 3.90	3 <sup>rd</sup>
SA/GP, 30.5	17 <sup>th</sup>
SF/GP, 33.3	7 <sup>th</sup>

#### **CHI:**

STAT	NHL RANK
GA/GP, 3.56	27 <sup>th</sup>
GF/GP, 2.11	29 <sup>th</sup>
SA/GP, 34.2	26 <sup>th</sup>
SF/GP, 26.3	30 <sup>th</sup>

(Per one day before game)

### **2023-24 TEAM STATS**

#### **RECORD ON DAYS OF THE WEEK**

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

Record in night games in **2023-24...6-3-1...home: 3-2-1...road: 3-1-0**

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: 2-1-1**

**PAC: 0-0-0**

**EAST: 4-2-0**

**WEST: 2-1-1**

**RECORD WHEN SCORING FIRST**

Scoring first...**2-0-0**...Trailing first...**4-3-1**

**OVERTIME/SHOOTOUT**

**OT: 1-0-0**

**SO: 0-0-1**

**OUTSHOOTING OPP: 4-1-1**

**OUTSHOT: 2-2-0**

**EVEN: 0-0-0**

**Most shots in franchise history after the team's opening 10 games in a season:**

Team	Season	SOG	GP	W	L	T	OTL	G
NJD	2022-23	391	10	7	3	0	0	36
NJD	1996-97	359	10	4	5	1	0	23
NJD	1984-85	352	10	3	6	1	0	36
NJD	2000-01	340	10	6	2	2	0	45
NJD	1993-94	340	10	8	2	0	0	39
NJD	1992-93	334	10	6	4	0	0	36
NJD	2023-24	333	10	6	3	0	1	39

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

**Team's average: H: 6'2" | W: 198 lbs | A: 27 years old**

**UPCOMING SCHEDULE**

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

Fri. Nov. 10, vs WSH, 7:00 P.M. E.T.

Tue. Nov. 14, at WPG, 8:00 P.M. E.T.

Thu. Nov, 16, at PIT, 7:00 P.M. E.T.

Sat. Nov. 18, vs NYR, 7:00 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	7-11	-4
2	18-10	+8
3	13-15	-2
OT	1-0	+1
SO	0-1	-1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>39-32*</b>	<b>+3</b>

**\*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 GAME

**Overall: 3-2-1**

**First game: 3-0-0 | home: 1-0-0 | road: 2-0-0**

**Second game: 0-2-1 | home: 0-1-1 | road: 0-1-0**

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. 24-25, CBJ/BUF

### 2023-24: HIGHS & LOWS

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

Stat	HOME	AWAY
<b>Had a shutout</b>	3/12/23, 3-0, W, vs CAR, V. Vanecek, 32 saves	3/28/21, 1-0 at BOS, M. Blackwood, 40 saves



<b>Were shutout</b>	4/24/22, vs DET, 3-0, A. Nedeljikovic, 17 saves	11/2/21, at ANA, 4-0, J. Gibson, 28 saves
<b>Scored 10 goals</b>	N/A	N/A
<b>Scored 9 goals</b>	3/23/93, 9-3, vs TB	10/28/00, 9-0, at PIT
<b>Scored 8 goals</b>	4/6/23, 8-1, vs CBJ	3/14/18, 8-3, at VGK
<b>Allowed 10 goals</b>	10/25/84, 11-2, vs NYR	12/4/85, 10-7, at TOR
<b>Allowed 9 goals</b>	1/18/85, 9-6, vs NYR	3/12/19, 9-4, at CGY
<b>Allowed 8 goals</b>	11/11/92, 8-3, vs MTL	3/31/22, 8-1, at BOS
<b>Had 50 shots in a game</b>	10/30/22, 53, vs CBJ, 7-1 W	3/3/23, 50, at VGK, 4-3, Lso
<b>Allowed 50 shots</b>	2/16/20, 55 vs CBJ, 4-3 Wso	1/19/21, 50 at NYR, 4-3 W
<b>Had no shots in a period</b>	1/7/83, 3 <sup>rd</sup> per. Vs BOS, 2-2 T	N/A
<b>Allowed no shots in a period</b>	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
<b>Allowed 1 shot in a period</b>	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
<b>Had 1 shot in a period</b>	1/31/15, 2 <sup>nd</sup> per., vs FLA	1/15, 2015, 2 <sup>nd</sup> per. At ANA
<b>Had a penalty shot</b>	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
<b>Faced a penalty shot</b>	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
<b>Had a hat-trick</b>	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
<b>Allowed a hat-trick</b>	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:**

<b>LARGEST MARGIN OF VICTORY</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>10/24/23, at MTL, 5-2, W</b>
<b>Largest margin of defeat</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>11/3/23, at STL, 4-1, L</b>
<b>MOST GOALS, GAME</b>	<b>5, 4x</b>	<b>Last: 11/2/23, at MIN, 5-3, W</b>
<b>Most goals allowed, game</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>10/25/23 vs WSH, 6-4, L</b>
<b>MOST GOALS, PERIOD</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>10/25/23 vs WSH, 6-4, L</b>
<b>Most goals allowed, period</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>10/25/23 vs WSH, 1<sup>st</sup> &amp; 3<sup>rd</sup> per., 6-4, L</b>
<b>FASTEST GOAL START GP</b>	<b>3:20</b>	<b>11/2/23, at MIN, A. Holtz, 5-3, W</b>
<b>Fastest goal allowed, Start GP</b>	<b>3:54</b>	<b>10/16/23 vs FLA, S. Reinhart, 4-3, L</b>
<b>FASTEST GOAL START OF A PERIOD</b>	<b>0:21</b>	<b>10/20/23, at NYI, 2<sup>nd</sup> per., T. Toffoli, 5-4, OT, W</b>
<b>Fastest Goal Allowed Start of a Period</b>	<b>0:18</b>	<b>10/25/23 vs WSH, 3<sup>rd</sup> per., D. Strome, 6-4, L</b>
<b>MOST SHOTS IN A GAME</b>	<b>39, 2x</b>	<b>Last: 10/27/23, vs BUF, 5-4, W</b>
<b>Most Shots Allowed in a Game</b>	<b>35, twice</b>	<b>Last: 11/3/23, at STL, 4-1, L</b>
<b>MOST SHOTS IN A PERIOD</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>10/27/23, vs BUF, 3<sup>rd</sup> per., 5-4, W</b>
<b>Most Shots Allowed in a Period</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>10/29/23, vs MIN, 2<sup>nd</sup> per., 4-3, W</b>
<b>FEWEST SHOTS IN A GAME</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>10/25/23 vs WSH, 6-4, L</b>
<b>Fewest Shots allowed in a Game</b>	<b>25, twice</b>	<b>Last: 11/2/23, at MIN, 5-3 W</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>

Fewest shots OPP, period	4	10/27/23, vs BUF, 3 <sup>rd</sup> per., 5-4, W
<b>MOST PIM IN A GAME</b>	21	10/27/23, vs BUF, 5-4, W
Most PIM Opp., Game	16	10/27/23, vs BUF, 5-4, W
<b>FEWEST PIM IN A GAME</b>	4	11/2/23, at MIN, 5-3, W
Fewest PIM Opp, Game	2	10/25/23 vs WSH, 6-4, L
<b>LONGEST WINNING STREAK</b>	3	10/27/23 to 11/2/23
<b>LONGEST POINTS STREAK</b>	3 GP, (3-0-0)	10/27/23 to 11/2/23
<b>LONGEST LOSING STREAK</b>	N/A	
<b>LONGEST WINLESS STREAK</b>	2 (0-1-1)	10/13-10/16/23

## **VS CHI**

The Devils and Chicago face-off for the first of two matchups this season.

New Jersey recorded a 2-0-0 record vs Chicago last season, which marked the first time since 2017-18 that the team swept Chicago in a regular-season series.

The Devils are 9-5-4 against Chicago since 2013-14, and 4-4-1 on the road against the Blackhawks since that time.

### **ALL-TIME vs THE WINDY CITY**

**Record: 46-46-21-6**

**Home: 28-17-11-4**

**Road: 18-29-10-2**

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

The most goals in franchise history earned in a single game vs Chicago is eight, three times, and last logged on Jan. 14, 2019, vs Chicago at the Rock.

The most goals that the franchise allowed in a single game vs Chicago is 10, which was logged in a 10-0 loss at Chicago on Nov. 15, 1981.

The most goals that the Devils allowed in team history (since 1982-83) vs Chicago is eight, which was logged on Feb. 25, 2022, at Chicago in an 8-5 loss.

The most shots that the franchise earned in a single game vs Chicago is 45 in a 4-4 tie at Chicago on Apr. 5, 1978.

The most shots that the Devils earned in a single game since 1982-83 is 44, after a 7-1 win on Dec. 23, 2019, at Chicago.

The most shots that the franchise allowed vs the Blackhawks is 56, which was recorded on Jan. 17, 1979 at Chicago in a 2-1 loss (CLR).

The most shots that the Devils allowed in a single game vs Chicago since 1982-83 is 50, after a 5-3 loss at Chicago on Nov. 23, 1986.

The last time the Devils shut out Chicago was on Dec. 6, 2022, after a 3-0 win at the Rock (V. Vanecek, 24 saves).

The last time Chicago shut out the Devils was on Dec. 31, 1995, after a 5-0 loss at Chicago in a 5-0 loss.

# PLAYER NOTES

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**Jack Hughes** was named the NHL's First Star of the Month for October, after the 22-year-old recorded 18 points (5g-13a) in eight games.

The feat marked the second time in Hughes' career that he was named the NHL's First Star of the Month, after he earned the nod in January of 2023.

As noted, Hughes left Friday night's contest on Nov. 3, during the first period with 8:25 remaining on the clock. Hughes did not return (upper-body inj.).

Hughes' 20 points are the most that a player earned in the *team's* first 10 games from the start of a season in franchise history:

Player	PTS	Season	Team	GP	G	A	PTS▼
Jack Hughes	20	2023-24	NJD	10	5	15	20
Paul Gardner	19	1977-78	CLR	10	12	7	19
Jesper Bratt	18	2023-24	NJD	10	7	11	18
Pat Verbeek	17	1986-87	NJD	10	10	7	17
Kirk Muller	17	1986-87	NJD	10	8	9	17
Aaron Broten	17	1986-87	NJD	10	4	13	17

Hughes owns six multi-point games this season.

The most multi-point games that a player recorded in the team's first 10 games from the start of a season for franchise history:

Player	Team	Season	Count
Jack Hughes	NJD	2023-24	6
Wilf Paiement	CLR	1977-78	5
Paul Gardner	CLR	1977-78	5
Pat Verbeek	NJD	1986-87	5
Aaron Broten	NJD	1986-87	5
Peter Å ÅstnĀ½	NJD	1990-91	5
Alexander Mogilny	NJD	2000-01	5
Patrik EliĀĀ	NJD	2001-02	5
Kyle Palmieri	NJD	2018-19	5

Jesper Bratt	NJD	2022-23	5
Jesper Bratt	NJD	2023-24	5

Per Nov. 4, Hughes ranked second in the NHL with six multi-point games. Elias Pettersson (VAN) leads the NHL with seven multi-point games in 2023-24.

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

Hughes' seven-game point streak from the start of the season ended after Sunday, Oct. 29<sup>th</sup>'s contest vs Minnesota. It marked the only game in October that Hughes did not register a point in a game.

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
Jack Hughes	F	2023-24	Oct. 12, 2023	Oct. 29, 2023	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 Paiment	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

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

**Jesper Bratt's** eight-game point streak concluded after Friday's contest vs St. Louis on Nov. 3. Bratt tallied 18 PTS (7g-11a) from Oct. 23, to Nov.2, which was tied with J. Hughes (3g-15a) for the most points in the NHL over that time frame.

The most recent eight game point streak is Bratt's second-longest stretch for his career.

Bratt's longest career point-streak is 11 games (5g-12a), which he earned from Oct. 13, 2022, to Nov. 3, 2022.

Bratt and J. Hughes lead the NHL in power-play points, per Nov. 4.

**Bratt: 4g-9a=13 PPP**

**J. Hughes: 3g-9a=12 PPP**

Keep in mind that Bratt earned a career-high 22 power-play points (8g-14a) last season.

The most power-play points that a player earned in a single season for franchise history is 39, which Rob Ramage earned with Colorado in 1980-81. The most power-play points earned in Devils team history for a single season is 37, which Taylor Hall earned in 2017-18 and then Kirk Muller recorded in 1987-88.

Thursday's effort (Nov. 2) marked Bratt's third-career three-assist night – last earned: Oct. 20, 2023, at NY Islanders (0g-3a).

Bratt's game-winner on Thursday night vs Minnesota was also a power-play goal, which marked his fourth for the season. Bratt's career-high for power-play goals in a single season is eight, which the forward earned last season in 82 games played.

Jesper Bratt's next game played marks his 400<sup>th</sup> career regular-season game. Bratt's 294 career points rank eighth in franchise history for players playing in 400, or fewer, career games with the team:

Player	PTS▼	From	To	GP	G	A	PTS
Kirk Muller	367	1984-85	1989-90	400	136	231	367
Wilf Paiement	336	1974-75	1979-80	392	153	183	336
Zach Parise	327	2005-06	2009-10	400	157	170	327
Patrik Eliáš	323	1995-96	2002-03	400	143	180	323
Petr Sýkora	318	1995-96	2001-02	400	129	189	318
Scott Gomez	309	1999-00	2005-06	400	70	239	309
John MacLean	299	1983-84	1989-90	400	138	161	299
Jesper Bratt	294	2017-18	2023-24	399	109	185	294
Nico Hischier	288	2017-18	2023-24	388	111	177	288
Pat Verbeek	283	1982-83	1988-89	400	148	135	283

**Timo Meier's** six-game point streak also concluded on Friday night vs St. Louis. It marked his longest stretch in a Devils sweater.

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.

Meier recorded a season-high seven shots on goal via Fri., Nov. 3, at St. Louis, which also marked his most since joining the Devils in March of 2023.

The seven shots on goal also tied the most shots in a single game this season for Devils skaters. **Dougie Hamilton** recorded seven shots on Oct. 20, at NY Islanders.

**Tyler Toffoli** made headlines across the league, after the veteran forward was named the NHL's First Star of the Week for the week ending on Oct. 29.

Toffoli netted his fifth career hat-trick on Oct. 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at Montreal, and then followed up the performance with a three-point night (2g-1a) against Washington on Oct. 25.

Toffoli recorded his seventh goal for the season on Sun., Oct. 29<sup>th</sup>, vs Minnesota, and then earned an assist on Thu., Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup>, against Minnesota. Toffoli has earned a point in all but three games this season with New Jersey.

**Curtis Lazar** opened the scoring for the Devils (16:39, 2<sup>nd</sup> period) on Friday night at St. Louis. The tally marked Lazar's first career regular-season goal, and point, with New Jersey.

The point marked Lazar's 96<sup>th</sup> career point (39g-57a).

**Alexander Holtz** earned the primary assist on Lazar's second-period tally via Friday night, which also marked the 21-year-old's first career point-streak (1g-1a). Holtz scored his third goal of the season in the team's prior game on Nov. 2, at Minnesota.

The Swedish forward now owns five points (3g-2a) in his last eight games played dating to Oct. 16, vs Florida.

Defenseman **John Marino** hasn't been a stranger to the score sheet, after the right-handed shot earned his sixth assist for the season on Lazar's second-period goal via Friday at St. Louis. Marino has earned four assists in the team's last five games played dating to Oct. 25, vs Washington.

**Luke Hughes'** career-high four-game point streak (0g-6a) concluded after Friday night's contest vs St. Louis.

The longest point-streaks that a rookie earned in a single season for franchise history:

Player	Team	Streak	Streak Started	Streak Ended	G	A	PTS
Barry Beck	CLR	10	1/11/1978	1/31/1978	2	9	11
Barry Beck	CLR	10	11/26/1977	12/21/1977	10	6	16
Travis Zajac	NJD	8	3/15/2007	3/30/2007	3	6	9
Scott Gomez	NJD	8	11/12/1999	12/1/1999	2	9	11
Kevin Todd	NJD	8	2/8/1992	2/21/1992	3	5	8
Adam Henrique	NJD	7	11/25/2011	12/8/2011	2	7	9

Scott Gomez	NJD	7	2/15/2000	2/27/2000	2	7	9
Wilf Paiement	KCS	7	10/23/1974	11/7/1974	6	1	7

Longest point streaks in franchise history for rookie defensemen:

Player	Team	Streak	Streak Started	Streak Ended	G	A	PTS	+/-
Barry Beck	CLR	10	1/11/1978	1/31/1978	2	9	11	-7
Barry Beck	CLR	10	11/26/1977	12/21/1977	10	6	16	4
Ty Smith	NJD	5	1/14/2021	1/24/2021	1	5	6	5
Will Butcher	NJD	5	3/23/2018	3/31/2018	1	6	7	-1
Adam Larsson	NJD	5	11/19/2011	11/26/2011	1	4	5	-1
Scott Niedermayer	NJD	5	10/31/1992	11/13/1992	1	5	6	0
Bruce Driver	NJD	5	1/14/1985	1/23/1985	3	2	5	-3

L. Hughes (per Nov. 4) is one of five rookies this season that earned seven, or more, points. Bobby Brink (PHI) and Logan Cooley (ARI) owned eight points, per Nov. 4).

Per Nov. 4, L. Hughes' seven points were tied for the league lead for all NHL rookie defensemen (P. Minytukov, ANA).

The most points that a rookie defenseman recorded in a single season for franchise history was 60, after Barry Beck nodded 22g-38a with Colorado in 1977-78.

The most points that a rookie defenseman recorded in a single season for Devils team history (since 1982-83) was 44, after Will Butcher earned 5g-39a in 2017-18.

## 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.

The NHL suspended Clifton two games – announced on Saturday, Oct. 28<sup>th</sup>. (Illegal check to the head).

Hischier has missed the team's last two games.

**Michael McLeod** has averaged 15:32 TOI since Hischier departed the lineup with an upper-body injury (last played Oct. 27). Prior to Oct. 29, McLeod's ATOI was 12:41.

**Nate Bastian** earned his first point for the season, after collecting an assist on Thur., Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup>, at Minnesota.

**Ondrej Palat** earned his 298<sup>th</sup> career assist on McLeod's first-period goal on Thur. at Minnesota. The veteran forward also snapped a four-game drought without a point earned in a game.



**Kevin Bahl, Bastian** and **Curtis Lazar** all lead New Jersey with 17 hits this season.

**Jonas Siegenthaler** leads the team with 17 blocked shots for 2023-24.

## **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 174 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 174 consecutive games played currently ranks (tied, B. Coyle) 13<sup>th</sup> in the NHL for all active skaters, per Nov. 4.

## **BETWEEN THE PIPES**

**Vitek Vanecek** recorded 33 wins last season and became 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.

Vanecek is currently riding a three-game winning streak, which dates to Oct. 27, vs Buffalo.

Vanecek's last victory on Thu., Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup>, marked his 38<sup>th</sup> career win with New Jersey, which is tied for the 10<sup>th</sup> most in franchise history with Johan Hedberg.

Craig Billington ranks ninth for this matter with 43 career regular-season wins in franchise history.

Vanecek's 79 career NHL wins are tied with David Rittich for the eighth most victories all-time for Czechia netminders. Michal Neuvirth ranks seventh all-time for Czechia netminders with 105 wins.

## **UPCOMING MILESTONES**

<b>Player</b>	<b>Current Status</b>	<b>Potential Milestone</b>
Kevin Bahl	76 career/NJD GP	100 career/NJD GP

Nathan Bastian	172 career GP	200 career GP
Jesper Bratt	399 career/NJD GP	400 career/NJD GP
	185 career/NJD assists	200 career/NJD assists
	294 career/NJD points	300 career/NJD points
Dougie Hamilton	761 career GP	800 career GP
	452 career points	500 career points
	154 career NJD GP	200 career NJD GP
	76 career NJD assists	100 career NJD assists
Erik Haula	287 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	38 career/NJD GP	100 career/NJD GP
Jack Hughes	254 career/NJD GP	300 career/NJD GP
	92 career/NJD goals	100 career/NJD goals
	227 career/NJD points	300 career/NJD points
Curtis Lazar	461 career GP	500 career GP
	96 career goals	100 career goals
John Marino	263 career GP	300 career GP
	88 career points	100 career points
	74 career assists	100 career assists
Michael McLeod	252 career/NJD GP	300 career/NJD GP
	69 career/NJD points	100 career/NJD points
Timo Meier	482 career GP	500 career GP
	165 career goals	200 career goals
	173 career assists	200 career assists
	338 career points	400 career points
	31 career NJD GP	100 career NJD GP
Dawson Mercer	174 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	687 career GP	700 career GP
Palat	298 career assists	300 career assists
	449 career points	500 career points
	59 career NJD GP	100 career NJD GP
Jonas Siegenthaler	265 career GP	300 career GP
	168 career NJD GP	200 career NJD GP
Brendan Smith	641 career GP	700 career GP

	90 career assists	100 career assists
	70 career NJD GP	100 career NJD GP
Tyler Toffoli	743 career GP	800 career GP
	243 career assists	300 career assists
	477 career points	500 career points
Vitek Vanecek	79 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>
<b>Chris Tierney</b>	<b>600<sup>th</sup> career NHL GP</b>	<b>11/2/23 at MIN</b>

#### 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, 1 <sup>ST</sup> OVERALL
ALEXANDER HOLTZ	2020, NJD, 1 <sup>ST</sup> ROUND, 7 <sup>TH</sup> OVERALL
JACK HUGHES	2019, NJD 1 <sup>ST</sup> OVERALL
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. Utica is 3-2-2-0, and is fresh off a 4-3 overtime win at Rochester on Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup>. Xavier Parent earned the game-winner on Nov. 3. Parent leads the team with 9 PTS (5g-4a), while Max Willman ranks second (4g-3a=7 PTS) on Utica. The team played on Sat. Nov. 4, vs Hartford.

