

# **NEW JERSEY DEVILS**





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

## **Last Game:**

Washington Capitals 4 New Jersey Devils 2 (6-4-2 – 14 PTS) (7-5-1 – 15 PTS)

Three Stars: 1. N. Aube-Kubel 2. C. Lindgren 3. T. Meier

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

Goals:

WSH: N. Aube-Kubel, B. Malenstyn, E. Kuznetsov, E. Kuznetsov (ENG)

NJD: T. Meier, D. Mercer

**Game Summary** | Event Summary

#### **CURRENT INJURIES/ILLNESS**

PLAYER	INJURY/IIIness	OUT SINCE	GAMES MISSED
Colin Miller	Lower-body	Oct. 20	10
Nico Hischier	Upper-body	Oct. 29	6
Jack Hughes	Upper-body	Nov. 5	3

2023-24 Total Man-Games Lost: 30

# TRANSACTIONS

DATE	PLAYER	ACTION
10/29	Colin Miller	Placed on I.R. (Lower-body)
	Justin Dowling	Recalled from Utica (AHL)
10/30	Justin Dowling	Reasssigned to Utica (AHL)
11/4	Max Willman	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)

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)

Max Willman: MAX WIHL-muhn

# WHAT TO KNOW

New Jersey opened 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 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.

Jersey's team opens a two-game road trip starting in Winnipeg, which ends on Thu., Nov. 16, at Pittsburgh. The Devils own a 4-2-0 record on the road this season, while the team's power play away from the Rock is first in the NHL at 50% (12-24).

The team is experiencing its first losing streak, after dropping the last two contests at Colorado and then back in Jersey against Washington.

The Devils were held to two shots on goal in the first period in the team's last contest vs Washington, which tied a season-low for shots on a goal in a period (last: Oct. 25, vs WSH in the 1<sup>st</sup>, 6-4, L).

## **UPCOMING SCHEDULE**

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

Sat. Nov. 18, vs NYR, 7:00 P.M. E.T.

Wed. Nov. 22, at DET, 7:00 P.M. E.T.

Fri. Nov., 24, vs CBJ, 3:00 P.M. E.T.

Sat. Nov. 25, vs BUF, 7:00 P.M. E.T

**Jack Hughes** fell and collided into the boards on Fri., Nov. 3, at St. Louis, 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.).

Entering Tuesday's contest at Winnipeg, the Devils power play ranks first (38.5%) in the NHL.

The most power-play goals in franchise history after the team's opening 13 games from the start of a season:

Team	Season	PPG	GP	W	L	Т	OTL	G
	1986-							
NJD	87	21	13	6	6	1	0	50
	2023-							
NJD	24	20	13	7	5	0	1	48
	1978-							
CLR	79	18	13	2	9	2	0	36
	1992-							
NJD	93	18	13	7	6	0	0	44

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 seven times this season, while Jersey's team earned two, or more, power-play goals in a game four times 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
	1987-				
NJD	88	30	20	10	0
	1980-				
CLR	81	23	9	9	5

	1992-				
NJD	93	22	16	4	2
	2005-				
NJD	06	22	18	4	0
	1986-				
NJD	87	21	10	9	2
	2000-				
NJD	01	20	16	2	2

The team's seven games with two, or more, power-play goals scored rank first in the NHL this season, per Nov. 13.

Detroit ranked second with six games with two, or more power-play goals this season.

#### **LIGHTING THE LAMP**

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 Tuesday's contest vs Winnipeg with 98 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	т	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
98	4/26/22	PRESENT	98	59	29	0	10	347	69
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

New Jersey's 98 consecutive games without being shut out is the second-longest active streak currently in the NHL, while Toronto ranks first at 160 games.

The longest streak without experiencing a shutout all-time was Calgary – 264 consecutive games from Nov. 12, 1981, to Jan. 9, 1985.

#### ON THIS DATE IN DEVILS HISTORY:

Nov. 14, 2011, former Devils' forwards Doug Gilmour and Joe Nieuwendyk are among four players inducted into the Hockey Hall of Fame.

#### IN THE DOTS

New Jersey won a season-high 39 face-offs on Tue., November 7, at Colorado. The team's season-high face-off% in 2023-24 is 63.3%, which was earned on Oct. 24, at Montreal (38/60), and then also on Nov. 2 at Minnesota (31/49).

Michael McLeod ranked 7th in the NHL for overall face-off% (61.1%), per Nov. 13.

McLeod's owns 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 most face-offs that a Devils player won in a single game this season was 15, after **Nico Hischier** went 15/20 on face-offs via Oct. 16. vs Florida.

The Devils ranked sixth in the NHL for overall face-off percentage (52.9%, per Nov. 13).

Per Nov. 13, the Devils ranked second in the NHL for defensive-zone face-offs at 59.2%.

## **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 11<sup>th</sup>.

Ruff owns 841 career regular season wins, which ranks fifth all-time for all NHL head coaches. He needs 9 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 105 career wins with New Jersey, which passed Doug Carpenter for fourth place all-time in franchise history for head coaches.

Ruff has coached 233 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
LINDY RUFF	105 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, 3.69	29 <sup>th</sup>
GF/GP, 3.69	4 <sup>th</sup>
SA/GP, 30.6	17 <sup>th</sup>
SF/GP, 32.5	9 <sup>th</sup>

## WPG:

STAT	NHL RANK
GA/GP, 3.29	18 <sup>th</sup>
GF/GP, 3.50	10 <sup>th</sup>
SA/GP, 27.6	17 <sup>th</sup>
SF/GP, 33.1	7 <sup>th</sup>

(Per one day before game)

# **2023-24 TEAM STATS**

# RECORD ON DAYS OF THE WEEK

The Devils record on Tuesday in 2023-24...1-0-0

Record in night games in 2023-24...7-5-1...home: 3-3-1...road: 4-2-0

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. 24	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: 1-2-0

ATL: 3-1-0

CEN: 3-2-1

PAC: 0-0-0

EAST: 4-3-0

WEST: 3-2-1

## **RECORD WHEN SCORING FIRST**

Scoring first...2-1-0...Trailing first...5-4-1

The team's five wins when trailing first ranked first in the NHL, per Nov. 13.

## **OVERTIME/SHOOTOUT**

OT: 1-0

SO: 0-1

## **OUTSHOOTING OPP: 5-1-1**

**OUTSHOT: 2-4-0** 

**EVEN**: 0-0-0

Most shots in franchise history after the team's opening 13 games in a season:

Team	Season	SOG	GP	W	L	Т	OTL	G
	2022-							
NJD	23	489	13	10	3	0	0	47
	1993-							
NJD	94	447	13	10	3	0	0	49
	1996-							
NJD	97	439	13	7	5	1	0	31
	1992-							
NJD	93	435	13	7	6	0	0	44
	1984-							
NJD	85	434	13	3	8	2	0	44
	2000-							
NJD	01	430	13	6	4	3	0	50
	2023-							
NJD	24	423	13	7	5	0	1	48

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

Team's average: H: 6'1" | W: 197 lbs | A: 27 years old

## **PLAYERS BY COUNTRY**

**CAN-10** 

USA-4

CHE-4

CZE-3

SWE-2

FIN-1

## **GOALS BY PERIOD**

PERIOD	GOALS FOR/AGAINST	DIFFERENTIAL
1	10-15	-5
2	20-13	+7
3	17-20	-3
ОТ	1-0	+1
SO	0-1	-1
TOTAL	48-48*	+0

## \*Does not include shootout

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

2000-01: +100
 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
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 <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.	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	10/24/23, T. Toffoli vs C.
	A2 L11	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	3, twice	Last: 11/7/23, at COL, 6-3, L
MOST GOALS, GAME	5, 4x	Last: 11/2/23, at MIN, 5-3, W
Most goals allowed, game	6, twice	Last: 11/7/23, at COL, 6-3, L
MOST GOALS, PERIOD	4	10/25/23 vs WSH, 6-4, L
Most goals allowed, period	3, twice	Last: 11/7/23, at COL, 6-3, L
FASTEST GOAL START GP	3:20	11/2/23, at MIN, A. Holtz, 5-3, W
Fastest goal allowed, Start GP	1:51	11/5/23, at CHI, T. Hall, 4-2, W
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, 3rd per., D. Strome, 6-
		4, L
MOST SHOTS IN A GAME	41	11/5/23, at CHI, 4-2, W
Most Shots Allowed in a Game	35, twice	Last: 11/3/23, at STL, 4-1, L
MOST SHOTS IN A PERIOD	17	10/27/23, vs BUF, 3 <sup>rd</sup> per., 5-4, W
Most Shots Allowed in a Period	17	10/29/23, vs MIN, 2 <sup>nd</sup> per., 4-3, W
FEWEST SHOTS IN A GAME	22	10/25/23 vs WSH, 6-4, L
Fewest Shots allowed in a Game	25, twice	Last: 11/2/23, at MIN, 5-3 W
FEWEST SHOTS IN A PERIOD	2, twice	Last: 11/10/23, vs WSH, 4-2, L
Fewest shots OPP, period	4	10/27/23, vs BUF, 3 <sup>rd</sup> per., 5-4, W
MOST PIM IN A GAME	21	10/27/23, vs BUF, 5-4, W
Most PIM Opp., Game	21	11/7/23, at COL, 6-3, L
FEWEST PIM IN A GAME	4	11/2/23, at MIN, 5-3, W
Fewest PIM Opp, Game	2	10/25/23 vs WSH, 6-4, L
LONGEST WINNING STREAK	3	10/27/23 to 11/2/23
LONGEST POINTS STREAK	3 GP, (3-0-0)	10/27/23 to 11/2/23
LONGEST LOSING STREAK	2	10/7/23 to PRESENT
LONGEST WINLESS STREAK	2 (0-1-1)	10/13-10/16/23

## **VS WPG**

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

Remaining matchups:

Mar. 21, vs WPG, 7:00 P.M. E.T.

New Jersey logged a 1-1-0 record vs Winnipeg in 2022-23.

#### **ALL-TIME vs WPG/ATL**

Record: 34-24-3-8

Home: 17-11-1-6

Road: 17-13-2-2

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

The most goals in franchise history earned in a single game vs WPG/ATL is nine, which the team earned on Mar. 10, 2000, in a 9-0 win at Atlanta.

The most goals that the franchise allowed in a single game vs WPG/ATL was eight, which was recorded on Dec. 3, 2021, at Winnipeg in an 8-4 loss.

The most shots that the franchise earned in a single game vs WPG/ATL was 49, which was recorded on Jan. 24, 2022, at Atlanta after a 4-2 loss.

The most shots that the franchise allowed in a single game vs WPG/ATL was 40, twice, and last logged on Dec. 3, 2021, in an 8-4 loss at Winnipeg.

The last time that the Devils shut out WPG/ATL was Apr. 6, 2010, after a 3-0 win at Atlanta (M. Brodeur, 19 saves) The team has never shut out the opponent since the move to Winnipeg in 2011-12.

The last time that Winnipeg shut out the Devils was on Oct. 13, 2013, after a 3-0 loss at Winnipeg (A. Montoya, 24 saves).

# **PLAYER NOTES**

**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.).

Where Hughes' 20 points rank in franchise history after the team's first 13 games from the start of a season:

Player	PTS	Season	League	Team	GP	G	Α	PTS
Paul		1977-						
Gardner	21	78	NHL	CLR	13	12	9	21
Jack		2023-						
Hughes	20	24	NHL	NJD	10	5	15	20

Patrik		2001-						
Eliáš	20	02	NHL	NJD	13	11	9	20
Jesper		2023-						
Bratt	19	24	NHL	NJD	13	7	12	19
Peter		1991-						
Šťastný	19	92	NHL	NJD	13	6	13	19
Kirk		1986-						
Muller	19	87	NHL	NJD	13	8	11	19
Pat		1986-						
Verbeek	19	87	NHL	NJD	13	11	8	19
Wilf		1977-						
Paiement	19	78	NHL	CLR	13	9	10	19

The most points that a player earned in the team's opening 14 games from the start of a season:

Player	PTS▼	Season	Team	GP	G	Α	PTS
Paul		1977-					
Gardner	22	78	CLR	14	13	9	22
Jack		2023-					
Hughes	20	24	NJD	10	5	15	20
Patrik		2001-					
Eliáš	20	02	NJD	14	11	9	20
Peter		1991-					
Šťastný	20	92	NJD	14	6	14	20
Jesper		2023-					
Bratt	19	24	NJD	13	7	12	19
Kirk		1986-					
Muller	19	87	NJD	14	8	11	19
Pat		1986-					
Verbeek	19	87	NJD	14	11	8	19
Wilf		1977-					
Paiement	19	78	CLR	14	9	10	19

Hughes' seven-game point streak from the start of the season ended after Sunday, Oct. 29th'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			
1	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

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

**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. 13.

Bratt: 4g-10a=14 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.

**Dougle Hamilton** earned his 36<sup>th</sup> career goal with New Jersey on Tue., Nov. 7<sup>th</sup>, at Colorado, which tied him for 10<sup>th</sup> place all-time in franchise history for goals scored by a defenseman.

## Franchise All-Time Goal-Scoring Leaders for Defensemen:

Player	G	А	Р
Scott Niedermayer	112	364	476
Scott Stevens	93	337	430
Bruce Driver	83	316	399
Damon Severson	58	205	263
Joe Cirella	50	159	209
Andy Greene	49	197	246
Brian Rafalski	44	267	311
Rob Ramage	41	91	132
Barry Beck	37	71	108
Ken Daneyko	36	142	178
Dougie Hamilton	36	78	114

New Jersey defensemen have combined for five power-play goals this season, which ranks first in the NHL.

Fellow blueliner John Marino is riding a four-game point, and assist, streak (0g-4a).

Marino's longest point-streak for his career is six games, which he earned with Pittsburgh from Nov. 16, 2019, to Nov. 27 (1g-6a). The is his longest with New Jersey.

The streak also marks Marino's longest assist streak for his career.

The longest assist streak that a defenseman earned in franchise history belongs to Brian Rafalski (2006-07) and Barry Beck (1977-78), which was eight games.

Michael McLeod extended his point streak to three games, after the forward earned the primary assist on **Timo Meier's** third-period goal on Friday vs Washington.

The streak marks the fourth time that the forward earned a point streak of three, or more, games, while his career-high point streak is four games – earned from Oct. 30, 2022, to Nov. 5 (1g-3a).

McLeod has averaged 16:04 TOI since Nico Hischier's absence (Oct. 29). Prior to Oct. 29, McLeod's ATOI was 12:41.

**Dawson Mercer** logged his second goal for the season on Fri., Nov. 10, vs Washington, which also marked his 100<sup>th</sup> career point. At age 22, 14 days, Mercer became the 14<sup>th</sup> youngest Devil in franchise history who earned his 100<sup>th</sup> career point.

Kirk Muller, 20 years, 12 days, was the youngest Devil who earned all 100 of his career points (34g-66a) with the franchise.

Per Nov. 10, **Luke Hughes**' seven points, and six assists, were ranked second for all NHL rookie defensemen (P. Minytukov, ANA, 10 PTS, 1g-9a).

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**

Ondrej Palat earned 299th career helper on Tue., Nov. 7, at Colorado. He can become one of 27 Czechia natives all-time who earned 300, or more, assists.

**Dougie Hamilton** leads New Jersey in ATOI (22:14), per game. He led the team in TOI in the team's last four games, after he logged 25:08 (tied season hight) TOI on Friday. Hamilton's also logged 25:08 TOI in a game on Oct. 16, 2023, vs Florida.

**Brendan Smith** logged a season-high six hits on Fri., Nov. 10, vs Washington, while his prior high was four (Oct. 16, vs FLA). The six hits also tied a career-high, which logged two other times and last earned on Apr. 13, 2023, at Washington.

Chris Tierney played in his 600<sup>th</sup> career game on Thu., Nov. 2, at Minnesota, and has played in the team's last four games.

Nathan Bastian leads the team with 26 hits this season.

Kevin Bahl leads all New Jersey defensemen with 22 hits.

Jonas Siegenthaler leads the team with 22 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 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 177 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 177 consecutive games played currently ranks (tied, B. Coleman) 14th in the NHL for all active skaters, per Nov. 13.

Tyler Toffoli has played in 143 consecutive games, which ranks 24th for all active skaters in the NHL.

## 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.

Vanecek owns 39 career wins with New Jersey, which ranks 10<sup>th</sup> all-time in franchise history. Craig Billington ranks ninth for this matter with 43 career wins.

Vanecek was pulled for the first time this season in his last start on Friday vs Washington, after allowing two goals on five shots in the span of 0:15 in the first period. Vanecek played in the first period's opening 10:37.

Schmid relieved Vanecek. Schmid recorded 18 saves on 19 shots.

Schmid also earned his second assist for the season and his career. His two assists this season lead all NHL netminders.

#### **UPCOMING MILESTONES**

Player	Current Status	Potential Milestone
Kevin Bahl	79 career/NJD GP	100 career/NJD GP
Nathan Bastian	175 career GP	200 career GP
Jesper Bratt	186 career/NJD assists	200 career/NJD assists
	295 career/NJD points	300 career/NJD points
Dougie Hamilton	764 career GP	800 career GP
	455 career points	500 career points
	157 career NJD GP	200 career NJD GP
	78 career NJD assists	100 career NJD assists
Erik Haula	288 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	41 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	464 career GP	500 career GP
	97 career PTS	100 career PTS
John Marino	266 career GP	300 career GP
	91 career points	100 career points
	77 career assists	100 career assists
Michael McLeod	255 career/NJD GP	300 career/NJD GP
	72 career/NJD points	100 career/NJD points
Timo Meier	485 career GP	500 career GP
	167 career goals	200 career goals
	173 career assists	200 career assists
	340 career points	400 career points
	34 career NJD GP	100 career NJD GP
Dawson Mercer	177 career/NJD GP	200 career/NJD GP
Dawson Wercer	46 career/NJD goals	100 career/NJD goals
	54 career/NJD assists	100 career/NJD assists
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Colin Miller	466 career GP	500 career GP
Ondrej Palat	690 career GP	700 career GP
Palat	299 career assists	300 career assists
	450 career points	500 career points
	62 career NJD GP	100 career NJD GP
Jonas Siegenthaler	268 career GP	300 career GP
	170 career NJD GP	200 career NJD GP
Brendan Smith	644 career GP	700 career GP
	90 career assists	100 career assists
	72 career NJD GP	100 career NJD GP
Tyler Toffoli	746 career GP	800 career GP
	245 career assists	300 career assists
	480 career points	500 career points
Vitek Vanecek	80 career wins	100 career wins

# **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
Chris Tierney	600 <sup>th</sup> career NHL GP	11/2/23 at MIN
Jesper Bratt	400 <sup>th</sup> career NHL GP	11/5/23 at CHI

Dawson Mercer	100 <sup>th</sup> career NHL PTS	11/10/23 vs WSH
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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>1ST OVERALL</b>
ALEVANDED HOLTZ	OCCO NUR ASTROLINIR ATH OVERALL
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>
JACK HOGHES	2019, NOD 1 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 & Max Willman

**UTICA REPORT:** Utica began its third season as the Devils AHL affiliate since 2021-22 and with head coach Kevin Dineen. Utica is 4-2-0 this season, Utica is fresh off a 6-0 win against Rochester on Sat., Nov. 11<sup>th</sup>. The team plays next on Fri., Nov. 17, at Springfield. Xavier Parent leads the squad with 11 PTS (5g-6a).

