# GAME INFORMATION



Buffalo Sabres (5-11-4)\* at New Jersey Devils (8-9-1) • 7:00 PM ET • Prudential Center • MSGSN/MSG +/Listen: DEVILS HOCKEY NET

\*Buffalo played Fri., Nov. 24, vs PIT (P.M.)

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Pre-Game Availability \*subject to change

~ 11::30 a.m. E.T.. (approx.) – Media Availability for select players and Head Coach Lindy Ruff, please contact Devils PR for requests\*

#### Last Game:

 Columbus Blue Jackets 2
 New Jersey Devils 1

 (6-11-4 - 16 PTS)
 (8-9-1 - 17 PTS)

Three Stars: 1. E. Merzlikins 2. A. Schmid 3. E. Robinson

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

Goals:

CBJ: B. Jenner, E. Robinson (GWG)

NJD: A. Holtz

Game Summary | Event Summary

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

PLAYER	INJURY/IIIness	OUT SINCE	GAMES MISSED
Nico Hischier	Upper-body	Oct. 29	11
Timo Meier	Lower-body	Nov. 16 (suffered 11/14)	4
Tomas Nosek	Upper-body	Nov. 22 (suffered 11/18)	2

2023-24 Total Man-Games Lost : 44

# 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)
11/14	Colin Miller	Activated off I.R. (Lower-body)
11/14	Nico Hischier	Placed on I.R. retro-active to Oct. 27 (Upper-body)

#### **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-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)
Luke Hughes: (HEWZ, LEWK)	Brendan Smith: (SMIHTH, BREHN -duhn)
Curtis Lazar: (Iah -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 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.

#### **UPCOMING SCHEDULE**

Tue., Nov. 28, vs NYI, 7:00 P.M. E.T.

Thu. Nov. 30, at PHI, 7:00 P.M. E.T.

Fri. Dec. 1, vs SJS, 7:00 P.M. E.T.

Tue. Dec. 5, at VAN, 10:00 P.M. E.T.

Thu. Nov. 7, at SEA, 10:30 P.M. E.t.

#### The Week, Home at Home

The Devils were scheduled to play in three games this week, which entails a home-at-home set on Fri., Nov. 24, and Sat., Nov. 25. The team's first game resulted in a 4-0 shutout loss at Detroit.

The team opened its fourth back-to-back set for 2023-24, and second home-at-home, back-to-back set this season.

The last time the team experienced a home-at-home, back-to-back, set was Oct. 12-13, when the team defeated Detroit on Oct. 12 (4-3), but suffered a 4-3 shootout loss to Arizona on Oct. 13.

Friday's contest vs Columbus marked the team's first matinee game for the 2023-24 season (any puck drop prior to 5:00 P.M local time.). The team wore its alternate jersey for the second time this season on Fri., Nov. 24, but fell to 1-1-0 when wearing the third jersey in 2023-24.

The team fell to 3-1-0 in the first half of back-to-back sets, after a 2-1 loss to Columbus on Fri., Nov. 24.

The Devils enter Saturday's contest with an 0-2-1 record in second games played for back-to-back sets this season.

New Jersey recorded 39 shots on goal against Columbus on Friday, while the team's season-high is 41 shots on goal – earned on Nov. 5 at Chicago in a 4-2 win.

The team registered a season-high 20 shots on goal in a period, which was earned in the third period on Friday vs Columbus. The team's prior season-high for shots in a single period was 17, which the team logged twice, last earned on Nov. 14, at Winnipeg in the third period.

After three consecutive games with 11 forwards and seven defensemen, the Devils reverted back to 12 forwards and six blueliners on Friday vs Columbus. **Brendan Smith** slotted on the left side to start the contest with **Chris Tierney** and **Nate Bastian**. He also logged penalty-kill time as a defenseman.

Yet, **Curtis Lazar** did not return for the start of the second period on Friday, nor take a shift in the game's second frame. Lazar's TOI in the first period was 4:14 in the first period. Lazar did not return to the game. He still led the team with four hits.

Columbus blocked 22 shots against New Jersey on Friday, which was tied for the second most against New Jersey this season. The most blocks that an opponent had against the Devils was 24 this season, which was logged on Oct. 20, at the New York Islanders...correction from 11.24.23 postgame notes\*

Jersey's team was 27 of 54 on face-offs (50%), which marks consecutive games that the Devils finished a contest at 50% in the dots.

The Devils killed off a double minor (A. Holtz, high-sticking) in the first period on Friday and only allowed one shot on goal on the 4:00 penalty.

#### Man Advantage

The teams own 23 power-play goals in 2023-24, after 18 games played. The 23 power-play goals are tied for the second most in franchise history after the team's opening 18 games from the start of a season:

The most power-play goals in franchise history after the team's opening 18 games from the start of a season:

Team	Season	PPG	GP	W	L	Т	OTL	G
	1986-							
NJD	87	24	18	9	7	2	0	69
	2023-							
NJD	24	23	17	8	8	0	1	59
	1992-							
NJD	93	23	18	11	7	0	0	63
	1987-							
NJD	88	23	18	11	5	2	0	66
	1980-							
CLR	81	22	18	8	6	4	0	66

The team's 23 power-play goals this season led the NHL this season, per Fri. Nov., 24. The team's power-play% (36.5%) also ranked first in the NHL, per Fri., Nov. 24. Tampa ranked second at 31.3% on the man advantage in 2023-24.

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

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

The eight games which the Devils recorded two, or more, power-play goals rank first in the NHL. Detroit, Tampa and Vancouver rank second for this matter with six multi power-play goal games in 2023-24, per Fri., Nov. 24.

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

Team	Season	Count	W	L	Т
	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

#### LIGHTING THE LAMP/STREAK ENDED

The Devils streak without suffering a shutout of 101 consecutive games ended, after a 4-0 loss at Detroit on Wed., Nov. 22.

The streak dated back to Apr. 24, 2022, which was also a 3-0 loss to Detroit but at Prudential Center.

The 101 consecutive games without suffering a shutout over multiple seasons was the third-longest stretch in franchise history.

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.

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
101	4/26/22	11/18/2023	101	60	31	0	10	358	72
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

The longest streaks in franchise history without suffering a shutout over multiple seasons:

New Jersey's 101 consecutive games without being shut out was the second-longest active streak currently in the NHL entering Wednesday's contest at Detroit, while Toronto ranked first at 162 games.

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

#### 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).

Keep an eye on...Michael McLeod ranked third in the NHL for overall face-off% (61.6.%), per Nov 24.

McLeod's owns the highest face-off percentage that a Devils skater logged this season (10 or more face-offs in a GP) was 86.7%, after McLeod won 13 of 15 face-offs against Montreal on Oct. 24.

McLeod earned a career-high 16 face-off wins, after Tue., Nov. 14<sup>th</sup>'s contest at Winnipeg. The 16 face-off wins also marked the most that a Devils skater earned this season.

The Devils ranked eighth in the NHL for overall face-off percentage (52.6%, per Nov. 24).

Per Nov. 24, the Devils ranked first in the NHL for defensive-zone face-offs at 58.8%.

#### 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 842 career regular season wins, which ranks fifth all-time for all NHL head coaches. He needs 8 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 owns 106 career wins with New Jersey, which passed Doug Carpenter for fourth place all-time in franchise history for head coaches.

Ruff has coached 238 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	106 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, 3.72	29 <sup>th</sup>
GF/GP, 3.33	13 <sup>th</sup>
SA/GP, 30.2	15 <sup>th</sup>
SF/GP, 31.9	11 <sup>th</sup>

(Per one day before game)

#### 2023-24 TEAM STATS

#### RECORD ON DAYS OF THE WEEK

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

Record in night games in 2023-24...8-8-1...home: 3-4-1...road: 5-4-0

Record in day games in 2023-24...0-1-0...home: 0-1-0...road: 0-0-0

#### 2023-24 Alternate jersey record...1-1-0

#### Alternate jersey schedule:

Fri., Oct. 27	Vs BUF	5-4, W	
Fri., Nov. 24	Vs CBJ	<u>2-, L</u>	
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: 2-4-0

ATL: 3-2-0

CEN: 3-3-1

PAC: 0-0-0

EAST: 5-6-0

WEST: 3-3-1

#### **RECORD WHEN SCORING FIRST**

Scoring first...2-1-0...Trailing first...6-8-1

The team's six wins when trailing first ranked (tied DAL) second in the NHL, per Nov. 24. Colorado ranked for this matter with seven wins.

#### **OVERTIME/SHOOTOUT**

OT: 1-0

SO: 0-1

#### **OUTSHOOTING OPP: 6-3-1**

OUTSHOT: 2-6-0

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: 197 lbs | A: 27 years old

#### PLAYERS BY COUNTRY

CAN-10

USA-4

CHE-4

SWE-2

FIN-1

# GOALS BY PERIOD

PERIOD	GOALS FOR/AGAINST	DIFFERENTIAL	
1	14-23	-9	
2	23-18	+5	
3	22-26	-4	
ОТ	1-0	+1	
SO	0-1	-1	
TOTAL	60-67*	-7	

## \*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: 3-3-1

First game: 3-1-0 | home: 1-1-0 | 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.	11/22/23, 4-0, at DET, A. Lyon,
	Nedeljikovic,	16 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

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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.
	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. twice	Last: 11/16/23, at PIT, 5-2, W
Largest margin of defeat	4	11/22/23 at DET, 4-0, L
MOST GOALS, GAME	5, 5x	Last: 11/16/23, at PIT, 5-2, W
Most goals allowed, game	6, 3x	Last: 11/14/23, at WPG, 6-3, L
MOST GOALS, PERIOD	4	10/25/23 vs WSH, 2 <sup>nd</sup> per., 6-4, L
Most goals allowed, period	3, 6x	Last: 11/22/23, at DET, 4-0, 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, 3 <sup>rd</sup> 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, 3x	Last: 11/18/23, vs NYR, 5-3, L
MOST SHOTS IN A PERIOD	20	11/24/23, vs CBJ, 3 <sup>rd</sup> per., 2-1, L
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	16	11/22/23, at DET, 4-0, L
Fewest Shots allowed in a Game	25, twice	Last: 11/2/23, at MIN, 5-3 W
FEWEST SHOTS IN A PERIOD	2, 3x	Last: 11/22/23, at DET, 4-0, 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, 3x	Last: 11/18/23, vs NYR, 5-3, 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	3, twice	Last: 11/18/23-PRESENT
LONGEST WINLESS STREAK	2 (0-1-1)	10/13-10/16/23

## VS BUF

The Devils and Buffalo face-off for the second of three matchups this season, after Jersey's team defeated the Sabres on Dec. 27, by a score of 5-4.

Remaining matchup:

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

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

#### **ALL-TIME vs Buffalo**

Record: 73-75-17-9

Home: 38-36-9-3

Road: 35-39-8-6

#### THE MOST/LAST TIME...

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

# 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.

Where Hughes' 22 points, and **Jesper Bratt's** 23 points, rank in franchise history after the *team's* first 18 games from the start of a season:

Player	PTS ▼	Season	Team	GP	G	Α	PTS
Paul		1977-					
Gardner	28	78	CLR	18	17	11	28
Wilf		1977-					
Paiement	26	78	CLR	18	12	14	26
		2023-					
Jesper Bratt	23	24	NJD	18	8	15	23
		2001-					
Patrik Eliáš	23	02	NJD	18	12	11	23

Peter		1991-					
Šťastný	23	92	NJD	18	9	14	23
Jack		2023-					
Hughes	22	24	NJD	13	6	16	22
		2022-					
Jesper Bratt	22	23	NJD	18	7	15	22
		2009-					
Zach Parise	22	10	NJD	18	10	12	22
		1987-					
Kirk Muller	22	88	NJD	18	5	17	22
Pat		1987-					
Verbeek	22	88	NJD	18	15	7	22
		1986-					
Kirk Muller	22	87	NJD	18	8	14	22

The most points that a player earned for franchise history after the team's opening 19 games from the start of a season:

Rk	Player	PTS ▼	Season	Lg	Team	GP	G	Α	PTS
1	Paul		1977-						
-	Gardner	28	78	NHL	CLR	19	17	11	28
2	Wilf		1977-						
-	Paiement	27	78	NHL	CLR	19	12	15	27
3	Jesper		2022-						
5	Bratt	24	23	NHL	NJD	19	8	16	24
4	Zach		2009-						
-	Parise	24	10	NHL	NJD	19	11	13	24
5	Patrik		2001-						
5	Eliáš	24	02	NHL	NJD	19	13	11	24
6	Peter		1991-						
0	Šťastný	24	92	NHL	NJD	19	10	14	24
7	Jesper		2023-						
'	Bratt	23	24	NHL	NJD	18	8	15	23
8	Zach		2008-						
0	Parise	23	09	NHL	NJD	19	12	11	23
9	Kirk		1987-						
9	Muller	23	88	NHL	NJD	19	5	18	23
10	Kirk		1986-						
10	Muller	23	87	NHL	NJD	19	8	15	23
11	Jack		2023-						
11	Hughes	22	24	NHL	NJD	13	6	16	22

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

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			
2	MacLean	NJD	1990-91	4
3	Aaron			
3	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

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

Hughes recorded his seventh multi-point game (1g-1a) for 2023-24 on Nov. 18, vs the New York Rangers, which ranks first on New Jersey this season.

NJD Multi-point game leaderboard:

Player	Team	Season	Count
		2023-	
Jack Hughes	NJD	24	7
		2023-	
Jesper Bratt	NJD	24	6
		2023-	
Tyler Toffoli	NJD	24	3
		2023-	
Luke Hughes	NJD	24	3
		2023-	
Erik Haula	NJD	24	3
Dougie		2023-	
Hamilton	NJD	24	3
		2023-	
Timo Meier	NJD	24	2
Jonas		2023-	
Siegenthaler	NJD	24	1
		2023-	
Curtis Lazar	NJD	24	1

Hughes logged eight shots on Sat., Nov. 21, vs the New York Rangers, which marked a team-high for 2023-24. Hughes' career-high for shots on goal in a single game is 10, which he earned twice, last: Mar. 21, 2023, vs MIN. Hughes again logged eight shots on goal via Fri., Nov. 24, vs Columbus.

Yet, the youngster was held to one shot on goal via Wed., Nov. 22, at Detroit, which marked the third time this season he recorded just one shot on goal, last: Nov. 3, at St. Louis (left early, upper-body inj.).

Jesper Bratt leads the NHL with 16 power-play points (4g-12a) in 2023-24, per Nov 24. Q. Hughes & N. Kucherov rank second with 14 power-play points.

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.

Bratt's three game-winning goals lead New Jersey this season.

Bratt is fresh off a season-high five shots on goal vs. Columbus on Friday.

Bratt is one point shy of 300 career points.

Bratt can become one of 43 players all-time who were drafted in the sixth round (exactly) and earn 300 career points. Brett Hull's 1,391 points are the most earned by an NHL player who was selected in the sixth round of the NHL draft.

Bratt can become the third player in franchise history who was drafted by the franchise in the sixth-round and earned 300 career points with the team:

Bruce Driver: 399 PTS, draft by CLR in 1981

The trio of players would be the only three draft picks in franchise history who were drafted in the sixth-round or later and earned 300 career points with the organization.

The fewest games required for players in franchise history to reach 300 career points:

PLAYE <mark>R NAME</mark>	SEASONS	TEAMS	START DATE	CHECKPOINT DATE	PLAYER GP	G	A	Р
Kirk Muller	1984-85 to 1988-89	New Jersey Devils	10/12/1984	11/11/1988	332	111	189	300
		Kansas City Scouts, Colorado						
Wilf Paiement	1974-75 to 1978-79	Rockies	10/9/1974	3/13/1979	347	141	160	301
Patrik Elias	1995-96 to 2001-02	New Jersey Devils	10/7/1995	1/23/2002	364	131	169	300
Zach Parise	2005-06 to 2009-10	New Jersey Devils	10/5/2005	1/14/2010	371	142	158	300
Petr Sykora	1995-96 to 2000-01	New Jersey Devils	10/7/1995	4/6/2001	371	124	178	302
Scott Gomez	1999-00 to 2003-04	New Jersey Devils	10/2/1999	3/28/2004	391	68	234	302
John MacLean	1983-84 to 1989-90	New Jersey Devils	10/5/1983	11/1/1989	401	138	162	300
Pat Verbeek	1982-83 to 1988-89	New Jersey Devils	10/5/1982	1/23/1989	432	159	141	300

Bratt has played in 407 career games played.

**Dougie 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	82	118

Hamilton's 118 career points with the Devils ranks 15<sup>th</sup> all-time in franchise history for defensemen, and he is one point shy of tying Alexei Kasatonov for 14<sup>th</sup> place all-time for defensemen in franchise history.

Ondrej Palat witnessed his three-game point-streak conclude on Wed., Nov. 22, at Detroit.

He previously extended his point-streak to three games (1g-2a), after the Czechia native earned his first goal of the season 19:12 into the first period on Sat., Nov. 18, vs the New York Rangers. The marker was also earned on the power-play, which nodded Palat's second-career power-play goal with New Jersey.

The streak marked the third time that Palat logged a three-game point streak since joining the Devils last season. Palat's career-high point-streak with the Devils is four games, which the forward earned from Feb. 6, 2023, to Feb. 14 (2g-4a).

He earned his seventh helper for the season, after earning the primary assist on **Alexander Holtz'** first-period goal on Friday vs Columbus. Palat's helper marked his fourth point (1g-3a) in his last five games played dating to Nov. 14 at Winnipeg.

Luke Hughes' 10 points (1g-9a) are ranked second behind Anaheim's Pavel Mintyukov for the most points that a rookie defensemen earned this season, per Nov. 24.

Hughes season-high/career-high TOI in a game this season was logged on Oct. 25, 2023, vs WSH (23:56 TOI). The youngster logged 22:33 TOI on Fri., Nov. 24, vs Buffalo which is his third-highest for the season.

Michael McLeod has averaged 16:27 TOI since Nico Hischier's absence (Oct. 29). Prior to Oct. 29, McLeod's ATOI was 12:41.

McLeod was 15/20 on face-offs (75%) on Thu. Nov. 16, while his 15 face-off wins led all skaters from the contest. The effort marked the second time this season, and in consecutive games, that McLeod won 15, or more, face-offs in a contest. His 16 face-off wins in the team's contest on Nov. 14, at Winnipeg marked a career-high for a single game played.

**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.

Mercer owns four points (3g-1a) in his last five games played dating to Nov. 5 at Chicago.

Mercer also led the team with 22:00 TO on Thu., Nov. 16,, which marked a season-high and career-high. Mercer's prior career-high for TOI in a single game was logged on Dec. 9, 2022, at NYI (21:55 TOI).

Alex Holtz is fresh off logging his fifth goal for the season (Fri. vs CBJ) and his second in his last four games played dating to Nov. 16 at Pittsburgh.

Holtz recorded a career-high five shots on goal via Fri., Nov. 24, vs Columbus, while his previous career-high was four shots in a game, logged twice, last: Oct. 27, 2023, vs BUF.

Jonas Siegenthaler logged a season-high five blocked shots via Fri., nov. 24, vs Columbus. Siegenthaler's career-high is seven blocked shots, which he earned with Washington on Jan. 15, 2019, at Nashville.

#### **QUICK HITS**

Tyler Toffoli leads New Jersey with 62 shots on goal in 2023-24.

Kevini Bahl leads Jersey blueliners with 35 hits this season, while Curtis Lazar leads all Devils skaters with 37 hits for 2023-24.

Jonas Siegenthaler leads New Jersey with 32 blocks in 2023-24. D. Hamilton and J. Marino rank second with 24 blocked shots this season.

Defenseman **Colin Miller** logged his season debut on Thu., Nov. 16 at Pittsburgh (17:30 TOI). Miller has played in the team's last four games and logged 14:57 ATOI.

**Kevin Bahl** recorded a career-high eight hits on Sat., Nov. 18, while his prior career-high was seven hits: May 8, 2021, at NY Islanders. The eight hits are the most that a Devils skater earned this season (B. Smith, 6, Nov. 10, vs WSH), and marks the most hits that a New Jersey skater earned in a game since N. Okhotiuk on Jan. 13, 2023, at Anaheim.

Alexander Holtz logged a career-high four hits in a game, after Wed., Nov. 22, contest at Detroit. His prior career-high for hits in a single game was two, logged twice, last earned: Dec. 20, 2022, at Carolina.

**Tomas Nosek** left the game in the first period on Sat., Nov. 18, and did not return after suffering a hit from Jacbo Trouba in the offensive zone (2:55 TOI). Nosek did not play in the team's last game on Nov. 22, at Detroit.

Dougie Hamilton leads the team in TOI/GP (21:26) in 2023-24.

#### TIMELESS...

**Dawson Mercer** has played in 182 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 182 consecutive games played currently ranks 15<sup>th</sup> in the NHL for all active skaters, per Nov. 24.

Mercer's 182 consecutive games played rank (tied) 18<sup>th</sup> all-time in franchise history with David Clarkson's 182 consecutive games (3/2/10-3/31/2012).

Tyler Toffoli has played in 148 consecutive games, which ranks 24<sup>th</sup> 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 40 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.

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

Schmid recorded 26 saves on 28 shots on Fri., Nov. 24, vs Columbus at home.

Vanek owns a 9-2-1 career record vs Buffalo, plus a 2.42 GAA and .920 save%. His nine career wins vs Buffalo are his most vs any opponent all-time.

Player	Current Status	Potential Milestone
Kevin Bahl	84 career/NJD GP	100 career/NJD GP
Nathan Bastian	180 career GP	200 career GP
Jesper Bratt	189 career/NJD assists	200 career/NJD assists
	299 career/NJD points	300 career/NJD points
Dougie Hamilton	769 career GP	800 career GP
	459 career points	500 career points
	162 career NJD GP	200 career NJD GP
	82 career NJD assists	100 career NJD assists

#### **UPCOMING MILESTONES**

Erik Haula	292 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	46 career/NJD GP	100 career/NJD GP
Jack Hughes	257 career/NJD GP	300 career/NJD GP
	93 career/NJD goals	100 career/NJD goals
	229 career/NJD points	300 career/NJD points
Curtis Leser	470	
Curtis Lazar John Marino	470 career GP 271 career GP	500 career GP 300 career GP
	92 career points	100 career points
	77 career assists	100 career assists
Michael McLeod	260 career/NJD GP	300 career/NJD GP
	72 career/NJD points	100 career/NJD points
Timo Meier	486 career GP	500 career GP
	168 career goals	200 career goals
	173 career assists	200 career assists
	341 career points	400 career points
	35 career NJD GP	100 career NJD GP
Dawson Mercer	182 career/NJD GP	200 career/NJD GP
	47 career/NJD goals	100 career/NJD goals
	55 career/NJD assists	100 career/NJD assists
Colin Miller	470 career GP	500 career GP
Ondrej Palat	695 career GP	700 career GP
	454 career points	500 career points
	67 career NJD GP	100 career NJD GP
Jonas Siegenthaler	273 career GP	300 career GP
	176 career NJD GP	200 career NJD GP
Brendan Smith	649 career GP	700 career GP
	90 career assists	100 career assists
	75 career NJD GP	100 career NJD GP
Tyler Toffoli	751 career GP	800 career GP
	246 career assists	300 career assists
	481 career points	500 career points
Vitek Vanecek	81 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
Ondrej Palat	300 career NHL assists	11/14/23 at WPG
Curtis Lazar	100 <sup>th</sup> career NHL PTS	11/16/23 at PIT

#### HOW THEY WERE BUILT

NATE BASTIAN	2016, NJD, 2 <sup>ND</sup> ROUND, 41 <sup>ST</sup> OVERALL
	2016, NJD, 6 <sup>TH</sup> ROUND, 162 <sup>ND</sup> OVERALL
JESPER BRATT	2016, NJD, 6 <sup>111</sup> ROUND, 162 <sup>10</sup> OVERALL
NICO HISCHIER	2017, NJD, <b>1ST OVERALL</b>
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: 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 6-4-3-0 this season. The team is fresh off a 4-1 win on Wed., Nov. 22, against Syracuse, and played on Fri., Nov. 24, at Syracuse.

Note...Simon Nemec earned a 4 PTS (2g-2a) night vs Rochester on Nov. 11.

