# GAME INFORMATION



New Jersey Devils (11-10-1) at Vancouver Canucks (16-8-1) • 10:00 PM ET • Rogers Arena • MSG/NHLN/MSG +/Listen: DEVILS HOCKEY NET

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#### **News**

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~ 11::00 a.m. local time.. (approx.) – Media Availability for select players and Head Coach Lindy Ruff, please contact Devils PR for requests\*

#### Last Game:

San Jose Sharks 6	New Jersey Devils 3
(6-16-2 – 14 PTS)	(11-10-1 – 23 PTS)

Three Stars: 1. A. Duclair 2. K. Kahkonen 3. J. MacDonald

SCORE	<b>1</b> <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>ND</sup>	3 <sup>RD</sup>	ОТ	SO	FINAL
San Jose	1	2	3	-	-	6
DEVILS	1	0	2	-	-	3

Goals:

SJS: J. MacDonald, J. MacDonald, A. Duclair, A. Duclair (GWG), M. Granlund, W. Eklund (ENG)

NJD: D. Mercer (PPG), J. Hughes, O. Palat

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

PLAYER	INJURY/IIIness	OUT SINCE	GAMES MISSED
Tomas Nosek	Upper-body	Nov. 22 (suffered 11/18)	6
Erik Haula	Lower-body	Nov. 28 (suffered 11/25)	3
Dougie Hamilton	Upper-body	Nov. 30 (suffered 11/28)	2

#### 2023-24 Total Man-Games Lost : 57

# TRANSACTIONS

DATE	PLAYER	ACTION
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)
11/15	Nico Hischier	Activated off I.R. (Upper-body)
	Tomas Nosek	Placed on I.R. (Upper-body)
11/25	Samuel Laberge	Signed 1-year, 2-way NHL contract
11/26	Arnaud Durandeau	Acquired from NYI via trade in exchange for T. Thompson
11/29	Samuel Laberge	Recalled from Utica (AHL)
12/2	Samuel Laberge	Reassigned to 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 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**

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

Sat. Nov. 9, at CGY, 4:00 P.M. E.T.

Sun. Nov. 10, at EDM, 4:00 P.M. E.T.

Wed., Nov, 13, vs BOS, 7:30 P.M. E.T.

Sat., Nov. 16, at CBJ, 7:00 P.M. E.T.

#### The Week

The Devils begin a four-game road trip, which features three games in Western Canada against Vancouver, Calgary and Edmonton. The team also faces Seattle on Thu., Nov. 7 for a 10:30 P.M. E.T. puck drop.

#### Last Game

New Jersey's season-high (tied) three-game winning streak concluded, after a 6-3 loss against San Jose at Prudential Center on Fri., Dec. 1.

The Devils recorded a season-high 47 shots on goal, while the team's prior season-high for shots on goal in a game was 41 (Nov. 5, at CHI, 4-2, W).

Jersey outshot the Teal, 47-18. The Devils allowed less than 20 shots against for the second time this season (last: 11/25/2023, 12 shots ,vs BUF, 7-2, W).

Jersey's team fell to 8-4-1 when outshooting an opponent in a contest this season.

The team is now 3-1-0 when recording 39, or more, shots on goal in a game for the 2023-24 campaign.

New Jersey fell to 7-9-1 when allowing the first goal in a game for 2023-24. Yet, the team's seven wins for this matter are tied for the most in the NHL with Colorado (7-5-0).

Friday's contest marked New Jersey's first game vs a Pacific Division opponent (0-1-0). Jersey fell to 3-4-1 vs the Western Conference in 2023-24.

The Devils completed the second half of a back-to-back (4-3 OT win vs PHI on Thu., Nov. 30), but fell to 1-3-1 in second half games played for the 2023-24 campaign.

The Devils witnessed 31 blocked shots from San Jose, which were the most that an opponent earned against them this season (Prior, 24 blocks, at NYI, Oct. 20, 5-4 OT-win).

#### **Special Teams**

#### PP: 1-2 | PK: 0-0

Friday's contest marked the first time this season that the Devils did not take a penalty.

The team announced on Fri., Dec. 1, that **Dougie Hamilton** was placed on I.R. prior to puck drop (torn left pectoral muscle) and had a successful surgery earlier in the day.

#### Man Advantage

The team owns 27 power-play goals in 2023-24, after 22 games played. The 27 power-play goals are tied for the second most in franchise history after the team's opening 22 games from the start of a season:

The most power-play goals in franchise history after the team's opening 22 games from the start of a season:

Rk	Team	Season	PPG	GP	¥	L	Т	OTL	G
1		2005-							
T	NJD	06	28	22	11	9	0	2	73
2		2023-							
2	NJD	24	27	22	11	10	0	1	79
3		1987-							
5	NJD	88	27	22	13	7	2	0	82
4		1980-							
4	CLR	81	26	22	9	9	4	0	78
E		1991-							
5	NJD	92	25	22	13	9	0	0	87

The team's 27 power-play goals this season were tied with Tampa for the most in the NHL, per Mon., Dec.4.

New Jersey defensemen have combined for six power-play goals this season, which ranks first in the NHL, per Mon. Dec. 4.

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 ranks second in the NHL behind Detroit's nine.

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 p layed 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, Nov. 22, 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 ranks third in the NHL for overall face-off% (62.7.%), per Mo., Dec. 4.

McLeod 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.

Nico Hischier won 17 face-offs (17/22) on Dec. 1, vs San Jose, which marked the most face-offs that a Devils skater won in a game this season.

The Devils ranked fourth in the NHL for overall face-off percentage (53.2%).

Entering Tuesday's contest, the Devils ranked first in the NHL for defensive-zone face-offs at 57.9%.

#### 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 845 career regular season wins, which ranks fifth all-time for all NHL head coaches. He needs 5 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 109 career wins with New Jersey, which passed Doug Carpenter for fourth place all-time in franchise history for head coaches.

Ruff has coached 242 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	109 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, 3.73	32 <sup>nd</sup>
GF/GP, 3.59	4 <sup>th</sup>
SA/GP, 29.4	10 <sup>th</sup>
SF/GP, 33.0	5 <sup>th</sup>

#### VAN:

STAT	NHL RANK
GA/GP, 2.56	5 <sup>th</sup>
GF/GP, 3.84	2 <sup>nd</sup>
SA/GP, 30.2	14 <sup>th</sup>
SF/GP, 28.9	27 <sup>th</sup>

#### 2023-24 TEAM STATS

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

The Devils record on Tuesday in 2023-24...2-2-0

Record in night games in 2023-24...11-9-1...home: 5-5-1...road: 6-4-0

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

# 2023-24 Alternate jersey record...1-2-0

### 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	<u>6-3, L</u>
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: 4-4-0

ATL: 4-2-0

CEN: 3-3-1

PAC: 0-1-0

EAST: 8-6-0

WEST: 3-4-1

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

Scoring first...4-1-0...Trailing first...7-9-1

#### **OVERTIME/SHOOTOUT**

#### OT: 2-0

SO: 0-1

#### **OUTSHOOTING OPP: 8-4-1**

OUTSHOT: 3-6-0

#### 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: 6'2" | W: 198 lbs | A: 27 years old

## PLAYERS BY COUNTRY

CAN-10

CHE-4

USA-3

CZE-3

SWE-2

SVK: 1

FIN-1

#### GOALS BY PERIOD

PERIOD	GOALS FOR/AGAINST	DIFFERENTIAL
1	22-25	-3
2	25-25	0
3	30-32	-2
ОТ	2-0	+2
SO	0-1	-1
TOTAL	79-82*	-3

#### \*Does not include shootout

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

1. 2000-01:+100

2. 1993-94: +86

#### BACK-TO-BACK GAME

#### Overall: 5-3-1

First game: 4-1-0 | home: 1-1-0 | road: 3-0-0

Second game: 1-3-1 | home: 1-2-1 | 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.

### 2023-24: HIGHS & LOWS

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

Stat	НОМЕ	AWAY
Had a shutout	3/12/23, 3-0, W, vs CAR, V.	3/28/21, 1-0 at BOS, M.
	Vanecek, 32 saves	Blackwood, 40 saves
Were shutout	4/24/22, vs DET, 3-0, A.	11/22/23, 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
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 vs PIT	10/24/23, T. Toffoli vs C.
		Primeau in a 5-2 win at MTL
Allowed a hat-trick	4/3/22 J. Pageau vs.	1/31/22, A. Matthews vs.
	N. Daws in 4-3 loss vs. NYI	Akira Schmid in 6-4 loss @ TOR
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(Excludes overtime)

# TEAM:

LARGEST MARGIN OF VICTORY	5	11/25/23, vs BUF, 7-2, W
Largest margin of defeat	4	11/22/23 at DET, 4-0, L
MOST GOALS, GAME	6	11/25/23, vs BUF, 7-2, W
Most goals allowed, game	6, 4x	Last: 12/1/23, vs SJS, 6-3, L
MOST GOALS, PERIOD	4, twice	Last: 11/25/23, vs BUF, 7-2, W
Most goals allowed, period	3, 8x	Last: 12/1/23, vs SJS, 3 <sup>rd</sup> per., 6-3, L
FASTEST GOAL START GP	1:21	11/25/23, vs BUF, A. Holtz, 7-2, W
Fastest goal allowed, Start GP	1:51	11/5/23, at CHI, T. Hall, 4-2, W
FASTEST GOAL START OF A PERIOD Fastest Goal Allowed Start of a Period	0:21	10/20/23, at NYI, 2 <sup>nd</sup> per., T. Toffoli, 5-4, OT, W 10/25/23 vs WSH, 3 <sup>rd</sup> per., D. Strome, 6-
Fastest Goal Allowed Start of a Feriod		4, L
MOST SHOTS IN A GAME	47	12/1/23 vs SJS, 6-3, L
Most Shots Allowed in a Game	47	11/30/23, at PHI, 4-3, Wot
MOST SHOTS IN A PERIOD	23	12/1/23, vs SJS, 3 <sup>rd</sup> per., 6-3, L
Most Shots Allowed in a Period	25	11/30/23, at PHI, 2 <sup>nd</sup> per., 4-3, Wot
FEWEST SHOTS IN A GAME	16	11/22/23, at DET, 4-0, L
Fewest Shots allowed in a Game	12	11/25/23, vs BUF, 7-2, W
FEWEST SHOTS IN A PERIOD	2, 3x	Last: 11/22/23, at DET, 4-0, L
Fewest shots OPP, period	3, 3x	Last: 12/1/23, vs SJS, 2 <sup>nd</sup> per., 6-3, L
MOST PIM IN A GAME	21	10/27/23, vs BUF, 5-4, W
Most PIM Opp., Game	23	11/30/23, at PHI, 4-3, Wot
FEWEST PIM IN A GAME	0	12/1/23, vs SJS, 6-3, L
Fewest PIM Opp, Game	2, 3x	Last: 11/18/23, vs NYR, 5-3, L
LONGEST WINNING STREAK	3, twice	Last: 11/25/23-11/30/23
LONGEST POINTS STREAK	3 GP, (3-0-0), twice	11/25/23-11/30/23

LONGEST LOSING STREAK	3, twice	Last: 11/18/23-11/25/23
LONGEST WINLESS STREAK	2 (0-1-1)	10/13-10/16/23

#### <u>VS VAN</u>

The Devils and Vancouver face-off for the first of two matchups this season:

#### January 6, vs Vancouver, 7:00 P.M.

The Devils were 2-0-0 against the Canucks last season and are 14-2-2 against Vancouver since 2013-14. The team is 6-2-1 at Vancouver since 2013-14.

#### ALL-TIME vs VAN

Record: 45-54-17-4

Home: 29-23-6-3

Road: 16-31-11-1

#### SINCE 1982-83...

The most goals that the Devils earned in a single game vs Vancouver is nine, which was logged 12/5/90 at the Meadowlands (9-4).

The most goals that the team allowed in a game in a game is seven, which was logged on Mar. 9, 1993, at Vancouver in 7-5 loss.

The most shots that Jersey earned in a single game vs Vancouver is 46, which was earned on Oct. 30, 1997, in an 8-1 win at the Meadowlands.

The most shots that the Devils allowed against the Canucks is also 46, which was logged on Feb. 19, 1985, in a 7-5 loss.

The last time that the Devils shut out Vancouver was on Oct. 19, 2019, in a 1-0 win at Prudential Center (M. Blackwood, 25 saves).

The last time Vancouver shut out the Devils was Nov. 25, 2014, in a 2-0 loss at Vancouver (R. Miller, 20 saves).

# PLAYER NOTES

**Jack Hughes** was named the NHL Third Star of the Week (week ending on Dec. 3), after No. 86 recorded seven points (3g-4a), while also posting consecutive three points games. It marked the third time in Hughes' career that he was a Star of the Week, last earned: Weeke ending on Jan. 8, 2023.

Per NHL Pr, "Jack Hughes recorded his 30th point and required the third fewest games in a season to reach the mark among U.S-bom players, behind only Pat LaFontaine (11 GP in 1992-93) and Kevin Stevens (12 GP in 1992-93)."

Hughes also required the fewest amount of games played to reach the 30-point bench mark for franchise history. Per NHL Pr, Hughes surpassed the benchmark of 21 games (reach 30 PTS) set by **Paul Gardner** in 1977-78.

Hughes logged a career-high 27:16 TOI on Fri., Dec. 1, while his prior career-high was 26:13 TOI – vs New York Islanders on Dec. 9, 2022.

Hughes enters Tuesday night's contest riding a four-game point streak (3g-5a), while his season-high is a seven-game point streak via Oct. 12, 2023, to Oct. 27 (5g-13a). The youngster has also recorded five, or more, shots in all four games during the streak. His 29 total shots over the duration of the point streak (since Nov. 25) leads all NHL skaters.

Hughes is four goals (96) shy of 100 career tallies.

#### THE HUGHES BOWL

Jack Hughes and Quinn Hughes will face-off for the seventh time, while youngest brother Luke Hughes joins the party for the first time.

J. Hughes owns 10 PTS in six games vs Vancouver (6g-4a), and the Devils and J. Hughes are 5-1-0 against brother Quinn and Vancouver since 2019-20. Q. Hughes owns three assists in the Hughes Bowl.

Per NHL Pr, there are 532 games (regular season and playoffs) involving three or more brothers dating to the first one, Dec. 24, 1921 when the Senators played the Canadiens. There were three Boucher brothers involved in that game: Buck and Frank with the Senators, Billy with the Canadiens.

#### When was the last time three brothers played in the same game?

GAME DATE	GAME TYPE	TEAM	TEAM	BROTHERS	DETAILS
2023-05-24	Playoffs	FLA	CAR	3	Eric Staal (FLA; 0-1-1) & Jordan Staal (CAR; 0-0-0) & Marc Staal (FLA; 0-0- 0)
2025-05-24	Playons	FLA	CAN	2	
2023-05-22	Playoffs	FLA	CAR	3	Eric Staal (FLA; 0-0-0) & Jordan Staal (CAR; 0-0-0) & Marc Staal (FLA; 0-0- 0)
	e de		1		Eric Staal (FLA; 0-0-0) & Jordan Staal (CAR; 0-0-0) & Marc Staal (FLA; 0-0-
2023-05-20	Playoffs	CAR	FLA	3	0)
	12+00 +22	1110-004			Eric Staal (FLA; 0-0-0) & Jordan Staal (CAR; 0-0-0) & Marc Staal (FLA; 0-0-
2023-05-18	Playoffs	CAR	FLA	3	0)
					Eric Staal (FLA; 0-1-1) & Jordan Staal (CAR; 0-1-1) & Marc Staal (FLA; 0-0-
2023-04-13	Regular Season	FLA	CAR	3	0)

#### Instances when three brothers played in the same game involving the Devils:

GAME DATE	GAME TYPE	TEAM	TEAM	BROTHERS	DETAILS
1005 00 00		0.115			Marian Stastny (QUE; 0-0-0) & Anton Stastny (QUE; 0-0-0) & Peter Stastny (QUE; 0-1-
1985-02-09	Regular Season	QUE	NJD	3	1)
					Marian Stastny (QUE; 0-0-0) & Anton Stastny (QUE; 0-1-1) & Peter Stastny (QUE; 0-0-
1984-12-15	Regular Season	NJD	QUE	3	0)
	1.000				Marian Stastny (QUE; 1-1-2) & Anton Stastny (QUE; 2-2-4) & Peter Stastny (QUE; 1-3-
1984-12-08	Regular Season	QUE	NJD	3	4)
					Marian Stastny (QUE; 0-0-0) & Anton Stastny (QUE; 0-1-1) & Peter Stastny (QUE; 1-0-
1984-02-04	Regular Season	QUE	DUN	3	1)
					Marian Stastny (QUE; 1-1-2) & Anton Stastny (QUE; 1-1-2) & Peter Stastny (QUE; 0-2-
1983-10-14	Regular Season	DIN	QUE	3	2)
		8	22.25		Marian Stastny (QUE; 0-0-0) & Anton Stastny (QUE; 1-0-1) & Peter Stastny (QUE; 0-2-
1983-01-29	Regular Season	QUE	NJD	3	2)
					Marian Stastny (QUE; 0-1-1) & Anton Stastny (QUE; 0-1-1) & Peter Stastny (QUE; 2-0-
1983-01-10	Regular Season	DIN	QUE	3	2)
					Marian Stastny (QUE; 1-2-3) & Anton Stastny (QUE; 0-3-3) & Peter Stastny (QUE; 2-0-
1982-11-13	Regular Season	QUE	NJD	3	2)

#### (Credit NHL PR)

Where Hughes' 31 points, and **Jesper Bratt's** 26 points, rank in franchise history after the *team's* first 22 games from the start of a season:

			1977-					
1	Paul Gardner	31	78	CLR	22	19	12	31
2			2023-					
_	Jack Hughes	30	24	NJD	17	9	21	30
2			1977-					
3	Wilf Paiement	30	78	CLR	22	12	18	30
			2009-					
4	Zach Parise	28	10	NJD	22	13	15	28
5			1987-					
5	Kirk Muller	27	88	NJD	22	6	21	27
6			2023-					
6	Jesper Bratt	26	24	NJD	22	8	18	26
7			2005-					
/	Brian Gionta	26	06	NJD	22	15	11	26

8	Stéphane Richer	26	1993- 94	NJD	22	10	16	26
9	Peter Šťastný	26	1991- 92	NJD	22	11	15	26
10	Pat Verbeek	26	1987- 88	NJD	22	17	9	26

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			
-	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 18 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

Rk	Player	Team	Season	Count
1			2023-	
1	Jack Hughes	NJD	24	9
2			2023-	
2	Jesper Bratt	NJD	24	7
3			2023-	
5	Tyler Toffoli	NJD	24	5
4			2023-	
4	Luke Hughes	NJD	24	4
5	Dougie		2023-	
5	Hamilton	NJD	24	4
6			2023-	
0	Erik Haula	NJD	24	3
7	Dawson		2023-	
	Mercer	NJD	24	2
8			2023-	
0	Timo Meier	NJD	24	2
9			2023-	
5	Curtis Lazar	NJD	24	2
10			2023-	
10	Nico Hischer	NJD	24	2
11	Jonas		2023-	
	Siegenthaler	NJD	24	1
12	Ondřej		2023-	
12	PalÃit	NJD	24	1
13	Michael		2023-	
13	McLeod	NJD	24	1
14	Alexander		2023-	
14	Holtz	NJD	24	1
15			2023-	
13	Simon Nemec	NJD	24	1

Jesper Bratt (4g-12a) ranks second (tied, J. Miller) in the NHL behind N. Kucherov's with 20 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 earned his 300<sup>th</sup> career point, after earning two assists on Sat., Nov. 25, vs Buffalo.

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

Aaron Broten: 469 PTS, drafted by CLR in 1980

Bruce Driver: 399 PTS, draft by CLR in 1981

The trio of players are 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	Α	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 earned his 300 career points in 408 career games which required the eighth fewest games played in franchise history.

**Simon Nemec** logged his NHL debut on Fri., Dec. 1, vs San Jose and wasted no time inking his name onto an NLH score sheet. Nemec collected two assists in his debut, which marked the ninth instance in franchise history that a player earned a multi-point game in their NHL debut:

Rk	Player	PTS	Date 🔻	Age	Team		Орр	Result	G	Α	PTS
1	Will			22-							
T	Butcher	3	10/7/2017	274	NJD		COL	W 4-1	0	3	3
2	Jesper			19-							
2	Bratt	2	10/7/2017	069	NJD		COL	W 4-1	1	1	2
3	Pavel			19-							
3	Zacha	2	4/9/2016	003	NJD		TOR	W 5-1	0	2	2
4	Zach			21-							
4	Parise	2	10/5/2005	069	NJD		PIT	W 5-1	1	1	2
5	Mike			23-							
5	Rupp	2	1/13/2003	000	NJD		FLA	W 6-2	2	0	2
6	Scott			22-							
0	Pellerin	2	12/6/1992	332	NJD	@	BUF	W 7-3	1	1	2
7	Mitch			22-							
/	Wilson	2	10/12/1984	240	NJD		NYI	W 7-2	0	2	2
8	Doug			25-							
•	Buhr	2	2/6/1975	222	KCS		TOR	W 3-2	0	2	2

The 2022 second overall draft selection also logged 22:38 TOI, which ranks second in franchise history for players logging their NHL debut with the team (since TOI was documented). Scott Gomez logged the highest total TOI for any player in franchise history during their NHL debut (Oct. 2, 1999, at ATL, 23:30).

**Nico Hischier** won 17 face-offs on Friday vs San Jose (17/22, 77.3%), which marks the seventh time in his career that he won 17, or more face-offs in a game. The captain's career-high for most face-off wins in a game is 19, which he logged against Philadelphia on Nov. 1, 2019.

Tyler Toffoli witnessed a three-game point streak end (3g-2a), after Fri., Dec. 1, contest vs San Jose. Toffoli played in 10 regularseason games for Vancouver in 2019-20.

Alex Holtz earned his seventh goal for the season on Thursday at Philadelphia. Per NHL Pr, "**Alexander Holtz** (49 GP) became the fourth Devils player in the past 10 years to score his 10th NHL goal before his 50th career game, joining **Jesper Bratt** (33 GP), **Yegor Sharangovich** (41 GP) and **Dawson Mercer** (47 GP)."

Holtz owns three goals in his last five games played.

Luke Hughes' 14 points (3g-11a) are ranked for the most points that a rookie defenseman earned this season.

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 22:53 TOI on Tuesday vs the Islanders which is his second-highest TOI for the season (Nov. 3, at STL also 22:53).

Hughes' seven power-play points (2g-5a) ranks second for all NHL rookie skaters this season (L Cooley, 1g-8a=9 PPP).

Hughes' four multi-point games lead all NHL rookies this season, while three others earned three multi-point games in 2023-24.

Brotherly Love...J. and L. Hughes have factored in together on five Devils goals this season.

Hughes earned his second-career overtime goal, after Thursday's win at Philadelphia (vs WSH, Apr. 13, 2023).

Per NHL Pr, Luke Hughes became the first rookie in franchise history to score multiple overtime goals after netting his first on April 13.

Per NHL Pr, Luke Hughes became the seventh rookie defenseman in NHL history with multiple overtime goals. He joined Shayne Gostisbehere (4), Moritz Seider (2), Cam Fowler (2), P.K. Subban (2), Jamie McBain (2) and Brent Seabrook (2).

**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 enters Tuesday's contest riding a four-game points streak (3g-3a), which marks a season-high for the youngster.

#### **QUICK HITS**

**Ondrej Palat** earned his third goal for the season on Friday vs San Jose, and logged six shots on goal. The six shots on goal mark his most in a game since joining the Devils last season. Palat's career-high is eight shots on goal, which was logged on Mar. 25, 2016, vs the New York Islanders.

Palat's next contest marks his 700<sup>th</sup> career game played, and will be one of 41 Czechia natives all-time who played in 700, or more, career regular-season NHL games.

Tyler Toffoli ranks second New Jersey with 77 shots on goal in 2023-24, while J. Hughes ranks first with 81 shots.

Kevini Bahl leads Jersey D-Man with 44 hits this season.

He 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.

Curtis Lazar leads the Devils with 47 hits.

Jonas Siegenthaler leads New Jersey with 37 blocks in 2023-24. John Marino rank second with 30 blocked shots this season.

#### TIMELESS...

**Dawson Mercer** has played in 186 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 186 consecutive games played currently ranks tied 15<sup>th</sup> in the NHL for all active skaters.

Mercer's 186 consecutive games played rank (tied)  $16^{th}$  all-time in franchise history. Zach Parise is one spot ahead of Mercer at 186 consecutive games played (12/28/07 - 2/8/10).

# **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 41 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 owns two assists for the season and his career. His two assists this season lead all NHL netminders.

Schmid played Philadelphia for the fourth time in his career via Thursday, Nov. 30, and recorded a shutout streak of 95:14 without a allowing a goal against Philadelphia in parts of three games played dating to Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022.

Schmid then started again in the second half of a back-to-back on Fri., Dec. 1, vs San Jose, but suffered the loss.

Player	Current Status	Potential Milestone
Kevin Bahl	88 career/NJD GP	100 career/NJD GP
Nathan Bastian	184 career GP	200 career GP
Jesper Bratt	192 career/NJD assists	200 career/NJD assists
Dougie Hamilton	771 career GP	800 career GP
	461 career points	500 career points
	164 career NJD GP	200 career NJD GP
	84 career NJD assists	100 career NJD assists
Erik Haula	293 career points	300 career points
Nico Hischier	392 career/NJD GP	400 career/NJD GP
	180 career/NJD assists	200 career/NJD assists
	293 career/NJD points	300 career/NJD points
Alexander Holtz	50 career/NJD GP	100 career/NJD GP
Jack Hughes	261 career/NJD GP	300 career/NJD GP
	96 career/NJD goals	100 career/NJD goals
	237 career/NJD points	300 career/NJD points
Curtis Lazar	473 career GP	500 career GP
John Marino	275 career GP	300 career GP
	92 career points	100 career points
	77 career assists	100 career assists
Michael McLeod	264 career/NJD GP	300 career/NJD GP
	75 career/NJD points	100 career/NJD points
Timo Meier	487 career GP	500 career GP
	168 career goals	200 career goals

#### **UPCOMING MILESTONES**

	173 career assists	200 career assists
	341 career points	400 career points
	36 career NJD GP	100 career NJD GP
Dawson Mercer	186 career/NJD GP	200 career/NJD GP
	50 career/NJD goals	100 career/NJD goals
	58 career/NJD assists	100 career/NJD assists
Colin Miller	474 career GP	500 career GP
Ondrej Palat	699 career GP	700 career GP
	457 career points	500 career points
	71 career NJD GP	100 career NJD GP
Jonas Siegenthaler	277 career GP	300 career GP
	180 career NJD GP	200 career NJD GP
Brendan Smith	653 career GP	700 career GP
	92 career assists	100 career assists
	79 career NJD GP	100 career NJD GP
Tyler Toffoli	755 career GP	800 career GP
	248 career assists	300 career assists
	487 career points	500 career points
Vitek Vanecek	82 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
Jesper Bratt	300 career NHL PTS	11/25/23 vs BUF

# 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
NICOHISCHIER	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
SIMON NEMEC	2022, NJD, 1 <sup>ST</sup> ROUND, 2 <sup>ND</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 7-8-3-0 this season. The team split a back-to-back with Cleveland from Sat. Dec 2, to Sun., Dec. 3, after falling in the first contest 4-2 and then winning the second game by a score of 7-6. The team plays next on Fri. Dec. 8, vs Bridgeport.

