# **NEW JERSEY DEVILS** GAME INFORMATION



New Jersey Devils (12-10-1) at Seattle Kraken (8-12-6) • 10:30 PM ET • Climate Pledge Arena • ESPN/Listen: <u>DEVILS HOCKEY</u> <u>NET</u>

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## <u>News</u>

Pre-Game Availability \*subject to change

~ 12::00 p.m. local time.. (approx.) – Media Availability for select players and Head Coach Lindy Ruff, please contact Devils PR for requests\*

# Last Game:

 New Jersey Devils 6
 Vancouver Canucks 5

 (12-10-1 - 25 PTS)
 (16-9-1 - 33 PTS)

Three Stars: 1. J. Hughes 2. B. Boeser 3. J. Bratt

SCORE	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>ND</sup>	3 <sup>RD</sup>	OT	SO	FINAL
Vancouver	2	0	3	-	-	5
DEVILS	4	1	1	-	-	6

Goals:

VAN: J. Miller (PPG), D. Joshua, B. Boeser, S. Lafferty, N. Hoglanderf

NJD: J. Bratt, E. Haula, J. Hughes, M. McLeod, L. Hughes (PPG), J. Bratt (GWG)

Game Summary | Event Summary

# **CURRENT INJURIES/ILLNESS**

PLAYER	INJURY/IIIness	OUT SINCE	GAMES MISSED
Tomas Nosek	Upper-body	Nov. 22 (suffered 11/18)	7
Dougie Hamilton	Upper-body	Nov. 30 (suffered 11/28)	3

# 2023-24 Total Man-Games Lost : 59

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

# WHAT TO KNOW

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

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

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

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

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

Sun. Dec. 17, vs ANA, 7:00 P.M. E.T.

## The Week

The Devils began a four-game road trip on Tuesday in Vancouver, which also 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.

Jersey is then scheduled for a back-to-back set against Calgary and Edmonton on Saturday and Sunday.

#### Last Game

The Devils opened a four-game road trip and played Vancouver for the first of two matchups this season.

Tuesday's matchup marked the first time that all three Hughes brothers played in the same NHL contest. Before the Dec. 5<sup>th</sup>, contest at Vancouver, Jack Hughes and the Devils owned a 5-1 record for the *Hughes Bowl*, which dates to Oct. 19, 2019.

Per NHL Pr, "The Hughes' became the second American family to have three or more brothers appear in the same NHL game. In 1989-90, Minnesotans Neal, Paul and Aaron Broten all skated together when the North Stars met the Rangers on Feb. 4, 1990 and March 10, 1990."

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

GAME DATE	GAME TYPE	TEAM	TEAM	BROTHERS	DETAILS
					Marian Stastny (QUE; 0-0-0) & Anton Stastny (QUE; 0-0-0) & Peter Stastny (QUE; 0-1-
1985-02-09	Regular Season	QUE	DIN	3	1)
					Marian Stastny (QUE; 0-0-0) & Anton Stastny (QUE; 0-1-1) & Peter Stastny (QUE; 0-0-
1984-12- <b>1</b> 5	Regular Season	DLN	QUE	3	0)
					Marian Stastny (QUE; 1-1-2) & Anton Stastny (QUE; 2-2-4) & Peter Stastny (QUE; 1-3-
1984-12-08	Regular Season	QUE	DIN	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	DLN	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)
			1992		Marian Stastny (QUE; 0-0-0) & Anton Stastny (QUE; 1-0-1) & Peter Stastny (QUE; 0-2-
1983-01-29	Regular Season	QUE	DIN	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)
			0.00		Marian Stastny (QUE; 1-2-3) & Anton Stastny (QUE; 0-3-3) & Peter Stastny (QUE; 2-0-
1982-11-13	Regular Season	QUE	DLN	3	2)

Per NHL Pr, the Hughes brothers became "the second trio of brothers in NHL history to each score in the same game. The only siblings to do so to date are Marian, Anton and Peter Stastny, last doing so nearly 39 years to the day – with the last of their 14 such outings occurring Dec. 8, 1984 vs. New Jersey."

The Devils recorded four goals in the first period, which marked the third time overall this season that the team netted four goals in a single period. The marker tied a season-high, but also nodded the second time that the team logged four goals in the game's opening frame for 2023-24 (Last: Nov. 25, vs BUF, 7-2, W).

Jersey's team improved to 8-1-1 when leading after two periods in a contest this season.

Tuesday's contest marked New Jersey's second contest vs a Pacific Division opponent (1-1-0). Jersey improved to 4-4-1 vs the Western Conference in 2023-24.

The Devils recorded six goals, or more, in a game for the second time this season; last: Nov. 25, 2023, vs Buffalo, 7-2 win.

Jersey's team was outshot 33-32, but improved to 4-6-0 when outshot in a contest for the 2023-24.

The Devils also improved to 15-2-2 vs Vancouver since 2013-14.

#### **Special Teams**

PP: 1-2 | PK: 3-4

## Man Advantage

The team owns 28 power-play goals in 2023-24, after 23 games played. The 28 power-play goals are tied for the most in franchise history after the team's opening 23 games from the start of a season:

The most power-pla	av goals in franchise histor	v after the team's opening 23	B games from the start of a season:

Rk	Team	Season	PPG	GP	W	L	Т	OTL	G
1		2023-							
1	NJD	24	28	23	12	10	0	1	85
2		2005-							
2	NJD	06	28	23	12	9	0	2	76
2		1987-							
3	NJD	88	28	23	13	8	2	0	84
		1980-							
4	CLR	81	27	23	9	10	4	0	79
5		1992-							
5	NJD	93	26	23	13	10	0	0	79

The team's 28 power-play goals this season were the most in the NHL, while Tampa's 27 PPG were second, per Wed., Dec. 6.

New Jersey defensemen have combined for seven power-play goals this season, which ranks first in the NHL, per Wed. Dec. 6.

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 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 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, 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% (62.3.%), per Wed., Dec. 6.

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. 14th'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 (53.3%).

Entering Thursday's contest, the Devils ranked first in the NHL for defensive-zone face-offs at 57.4%, per Wed., Dec. 6.

# 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 846 career regular season wins, which ranks fifth all-time for all NHL head coaches. He needs 4 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 110 career wins with New Jersey, which passed Doug Carpenter for fourth place all-time in franchise history for head coaches.

Ruff has coached 243 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	110 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).

# <u>THE RANKS</u>

# <u>NJD:</u>

STAT	NHL RANK
GA/GP, 3.78	31 <sup>st</sup>
GF/GP, 3.70	4 <sup>th</sup>
SA/GP, 29.5	11 <sup>th</sup>
SF/GP, 33.0	6 <sup>th</sup>

SEA:

STAT	NHL RANK
GA/GP, 3.42	23 <sup>rd</sup>
GF/GP, 2.69	29 <sup>th</sup>
SA/GP, 29.2	8 <sup>th</sup>
SF/GP, 30.5	18 <sup>th</sup>

# 2023-24 TEAM STATS

# **RECORD ON DAYS OF THE WEEK**

The Devils record on Thursday in 2023-24...4-0-0

Record in night games in 2023-24...12-9-1...home: 5-5-1...road: 7-4-0

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: 1-1-0

EAST: 8-6-0

WEST: 4-4-1

# **RECORD WHEN SCORING FIRST**

Scoring first...5-1-0...Trailing first...7-9-1

# **OVERTIME/SHOOTOUT**

OT: 2-0

SO: 0-1

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

OUTSHOT: 4-6-0

# 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: 197 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	26-27	-1	
2	26-25	+1	
3	31-35	-4	
ОТ	2-0	+2	
SO	0-1	-1	
TOTAL	85-87*	-2	

#### \*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: 5-4-1

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.
	vo i 11	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	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	7	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, 3x	Last: 12/5/23, at VAN, 1 <sup>st</sup> per., 6-5, W
Most goals allowed, period	3, 9x	Last: 12/5/23, at VAN, 3rd per., 6-5, W
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	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	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 s</u>

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

Next: vs Seattle, Feb. 12, 7:00 P.M. E.T.

The Devils were 1-0-1 vs Seattle last season.

ALL-TIME vs SEA

Record: 2-0-2

Home: 2-0-0

Road: 0-0-2

#### SINCE 1982-83...

The most goals that the Devils earned in a single game vs Seattle is four, which was earned on Oct. 19, 2021, in a 4-2 win at Prudential Center.

The most goals that the team allowed in a game in a game vs Seattle is four, which was logged on Jan. 19, 2023, in a 4-3 overtime loss at Seattle.

The most shots that Jersey earned in a single game vs Seattle is 33, which was earned in a 4-2 win on Oct. 19, 2021 at Prudential Center.

The most shots that the Devils allowed against the Kraken is 40, which was logged in a 4-3 overtime loss on Jan. 19, 2023, at Seattle.

There has never been a shutout recorded for both teams against each other.

# 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-born 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 Thursday's contest riding a five-game point streak (4g-7a), while his season-high point streak is seven games (Oct. 12-Oct. 27, (5g-13a).

Hughes is three goals (97) shy of 100 career tallies.

The 2019 No. 1 overall draft selection has recorded three, or more, points in a game seven times this season, which ranks first in the NHL. Boston's D. Pastrnak and Vancouver's J. Miller rank second for this matter with six games earning three, or more, points in a contest this season.

The most three-point games that Hughes logged in a single season was eight, which he earned in 2022-23.

The most three-point games that a Devils player recorded in franchise history is 11, which Kirk Muller earned in 1987-88.

Hughes is averaging 1.83 points, per game, which ranked first in the NHL, per Wed. Dec. 6. Tampa's N. Kucherov ranked second at 1.68 P/GP.

Rk	Player	PTS▼	Season	Team	GP	G	Α	PTS
1	Jack Hughes	33	2023- 24	NJD	18	10	23	33
2	Paul Gardner	32	1977- 78	CLR	23	20	12	32
3	Wilf Paiement	30	1977- 78	CLR	23	12	18	30
4	Zach Parise	29	2009- 10	NJD	23	14	15	29
5	Jesper Bratt	28	2023- 24	NJD	23	10	18	28
6	Kirk Muller	28	1990- 91	NJD	23	8	20	28
7	Kirk Muller	28	1986- 87	NJD	23	10	18	28
8	Zach Parise	27	2008- 09	NJD	23	14	13	27
9	Brian Gionta	27	2005- 06	NJD	23	16	11	27
10	Stéphane Richer	27	1993- 94	NJD	23	10	17	27

Where Hughes' 33 points, and **Jesper Bratt's** 28 points, rank in franchise history after the *team's* first 23 games from the start of a season:

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			
T	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 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

NJD Multi-point game leaderboard:

Rk	Player	Season	Count
1		2023-	
T	Jack Hughes	24	10
2		2023-	
2	Jesper Bratt	24	8
3		2023-	
3	Tyler Toffoli	24	5
4		2023-	
4	Luke Hughes	24	4
5	Dougie	2023-	
5	Hamilton	24	4
6		2023-	
O	Erik Haula	24	3
7	Dawson	2023-	
/	Mercer	24	2
8		2023-	
0	Timo Meier	24	2

9		2023-	
9	Curtis Lazar	24	2
10		2023-	
10	Nico Hischier	24	2
11	Jonas	2023-	
11	Siegenthaler	24	1
12	Ondřej	2023-	
12	PalÃit	24	1
13		2023-	
13	Simon Nemec	24	1
14	Michael	2023-	
14	McLeod	24	1
15	Alexander	2023-	
12	Holtz	24	1
16		2023-	
10	Kevin Bahl	24	1

Jesper Bratt (4g-12a) ranks third in the NHL behind J. Miller (7g-10=17 PPP) and N. Kucherov's with 20 power-play points (6g-14a=20 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.

Bratt's four game-winning goals lead New Jersey this season. The Swedish forward is one of seven skaters this season with four, or more, game-winning goals. K. Connor led the NHL with five game-winners, per Wed., Dec. 6.

Bratt's career-high is six game-winning goals in a season, which was earned in 2021-22.

Bratt earned his 300th 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.

Entering Thursday's contest, Bratt owns three multi-goal game this season. The most multi-goal games that Bratt earned in a single season are six (GP), which was logged in 2022-23.

Simon Nemec logged his NHL debut on Fri., Dec. 1, vs San Jose and wasted no time inking his name onto an NHL 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-							
Т	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).

# HAUL IN

**Erik Haula** earned his seventh goal for the season on Tue., Dec. 5, at Vancouver. The game against Vancouver marked Haula's 19<sup>th</sup> game played for the 2023-24 campaign, while the Finnish native recorded one goal in his opening 19 games played last season with the Devils.

# THE FORCE IS STRONG WITH LUKE

Luke Hughes' 15 points (4g-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).

Hughes' eight power-play points (3g-5a) ranks second for all NHL rookie skaters this season (L Cooley, 2g-8a=10 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 six 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 scored New Jersey's first-ever goal against the Kraken on Oct. 19, 2021, in a 4-2 win. It also marked Mercer's first-career NHL goal.

## 700 CLUB

**Ondrej Palat** played in his 700<sup>th</sup> career NHL game VIA Tue., Dec. 5, at Vancouver, and became the 41<sup>st</sup> Czechia native who played in 700, or more, NHL contests all-time.

## **CHIPPING IN**

**Nate Bastian** earned his third point of the season, after collecting the primary assist on **Michael McLeod's** first-period goal on Tue., Dec. 5, at Vancouver. No. 14 snapped a seven-game point drought.

Blueliners **Kevin Bahl** and **Jonas Siegenthaler** both earned an assist on Tuesday at Vancouver, which marked Bahl's fourth helper and Siegenthaler's fifth assist for the season.

Bahl later finished the night with two helpers, after he collected the secondary assist on Bratt's game-winner 19:26 into the third period. It marked Bahl's third-career multi-point game, which tied a career-high; last earned: Mar. 24, 2023, at Buffalo, 1g-1a.

Tuesday's contest at Vancouver also marked the first time in Bahl's career that he earned two assists in a game.

Siegenthaler logged 26:55 TOI on Tuesday at Vancouver, which marked a career-high (Prior, 26:53, Dec. 30, 2022, at PIT).

**Curtis Lazar** returned to Vancouver, after playing in 45 games with the Canucks last season. Lazar earned one helper, which marked his seventh point for the season. Keep in mind that Lazar earned five points (3g-2a) all of last season while playing for Vancouver and then the Devils (4 GP).

# **QUICK HITS**

Tyler Toffoli ranks second New Jersey with 81 shots on goal in 2023-24, while J. Hughes ranks first with 87 shots.

Kevini Bahl leads Jersey with 48 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 forwards with 47 hits.

Jonas Siegenthaler leads New Jersey with 40 blocks in 2023-24. John Marino rank second with 30 blocked shots this season.

# TIMELESS...

**Dawson Mercer** has played in 187 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 187 consecutive games played currently ranks 15th in the NHL for all active skaters.

Mercer's 187 consecutive games played ranks  $16^{th}$  all-time in franchise history. He passed Zach Parise's 186 consecutive games played (12/28/07 - 2/8/10).

Tyler Toffoli has played in 153 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 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 are tied with three other goaltenders for the most in the NHL.

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.

Vanecek is fresh off is ninth win for the season, after a 6-5 win at Vancouver on Tuesday. The Czechia native's 42 career wins with the Devils ranks 10<sup>th</sup> all-time for franchise history. His next win will tie Craig Billington (43 wins) for ninth place all-time for Franchise history.

Player	Current Status	Potential Milestone
Kevin Bahl	89 career/NJD GP	100 career/NJD GP
Nathan Bastian	185 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	294 career points	300 career points
Nico Hischier	393 career/NJD GP	400 career/NJD GP
	181 career/NJD assists	200 career/NJD assists
	294 career/NJD points	300 career/NJD points
Alexander Holtz	51 career/NJD GP	100 career/NJD GP
Jack Hughes	262 career/NJD GP	300 career/NJD GP
	97 career/NJD goals	100 career/NJD goals
	240 career/NJD points	300 career/NJD points
Curtis Lazar	474 career GP	500 career GP
John Marino	276 career GP	300 career GP

# **UPCOMING MILESTONES**

	92 career points	100 career points
	77 career assists	100 career assists
Michael McLeod	265 career/NJD GP	300 career/NJD GP
	76 career/NJD points	100 career/NJD points
Timo Meier	488 career GP	500 career GP
	168 career goals	200 career goals
	173 career assists	200 career assists
	341 career points	400 career points
	37 career NJD GP	100 career NJD GP
Dawson Mercer	187 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	475 career GP	500 career GP
Ondrej Palat	457 career points	500 career points
	72 career NJD GP	100 career NJD GP
Jonas Siegenthaler	278 career GP	300 career GP
	181 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	756 career GP	800 career GP
	248 career assists	300 career assists
	487 career points	500 career points
Vitek Vanecek	83 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
Ondrej Palat	700 career NHL GP	12/5/23 at VAN

# 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>

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>
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

**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.

