



# NEW JERSEY DEVILS

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## GAME INFORMATION



New Jersey Devils (13-10-1) at Calgary Flames (11-12-3) • 4:00 PM ET • Scotiabank Saddledome • MSGSN/Listen: [DEVILS HOCKEY NET](#)

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~ 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 2**  
(13-10-1 – 27 PTS)

**Seattle Kraken 1**  
(8-13-6 – 22 PTS)

Three Stars: **1. A. Schmid** **2. T. Kartye** **3. S. Nemec**

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

Goals:

SEA: T. Kartye

NJD: O. Palat, S. Nemec (GWG)

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## CURRENT INJURIES/ILLNESS

PLAYER	INJURY/Illness	OUT SINCE	GAMES MISSED
Tomas Nosek	Upper-body	Nov. 22 (suffered 11/18)	8
Dougie Hamilton	Upper-body	Nov. 30 (suffered 11/28)	4

2023-24 Total Man-Games Lost : 61

## 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 Durand	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)
12/8	Nico Daws	Activated off I.R. (lower-body, non-active list)
		Reassigned to Utica (AHL)

### Pronunciation Guide

Kevin Bahl: (BAHL, KEH -vihn)

Nathan Bastian: (bash-T'YEHN, NAY-thuhn)

Jesper Bratt: (BRAHT, JEHS -puhr)

Dougie Hamilton: (HAM -ihl -tuhn, DUH -gee)

Erik Haula: (HAWL-la, AIR -ihk)

Tomas Nosek: (NOH -shehk, toh -MAHSH)

Nico Hischier: (HEE -shuhr, NEE -koh)

Alexander Holtz: (HOHLTZ, al -ehx -AN -duhr)

Jack Hughes: (HEWZ, JAK)

Luke Hughes: (HEWZ, LEWK)

Curtis Lazar: (lah -ZAHR, KUHR -tihs)

John Marino: (mah -REE -noh, JAWN)

Michael McLeod: (muh-KLOWD, MIGH-kuhl)

Timo Meier: (MIGH-uhr, TEE-moh)

Dawson Mercer: (MUHR-suhr, DAW-suhn)

Colin Miller: (MIH -luhr, KAW -lihn)

Simon Nemecek: (NHEM-etz, shee-MOHN)

Ondrej Palat: (pa -LAHT, AWN -dray)

Akira Schmid: (SHMIHD, a -KIHR -uh)

Jonas Siegenthaler: (SEE -gehn -thahl -uhr, YOH -nuhs)

Brendan Smith: (SMIHTH, BREHN -duhn)

Chris Tierney: (TEER -nee, KRIHS)

Tyler Toffoli: (tuh -FOH -lee, TIGH -luhr)

Vitek Vanecek: VA -nih -chek, 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**

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.

Tue. Dec. 19, vs PHI, 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.

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

### **Last Game**

The Devils improved to 2-0-0 on their four-game road trip, which began on Tue., Dec. 5, at Vancouver.

Thursday's matchup marked the first of two matchups against Seattle for the 2023-24 campaign, while the out-of-conference foes face-off again on Feb. 12, at Prudential Center (7:00 P.M. E.T.).

The Devils earned their first win in franchise history at Seattle (1-0-2).

Jersey's team improved to 9-1-1 when leading after two periods in a contest this season.

Tonight's contest marked New Jersey's third contest vs a Pacific Division opponent (2-1-0) for 2023-24. Jersey improved to 5-4-1 vs the Western Conference in 2023-24.

The Devils improved to 6-1-0 when scoring first in a contest this season.

Jersey's team also improved to 8-2-1 in games decided by one goal this season.

Jersey's team was outshot 38-17, but improved to 5-6-0 when outshot in a contest for the 2023-24. The 17 shots on goal marked the team's second-fewest shots on goal earned in a single contest this season (16 SOG, Nov. 22, at DE, 4-0, L).

The contest vs Seattle marked the first time this season that the Devils allowed fewer than two goals in a game played (2 goals against, five times).

### **Special Teams**

**PP: 0-3 | PK: 2-2**

New Jersey did not convert on the man advantage for the seventh time this season.

The team was 100% on penalty kill for the eighth time in 2023-24.

Per NHL Pr, "In 2022-23, two clubs posted a year-over-year increase of 40+ points in the same season for the first time in NHL history, with the Devils (+49) and Kraken (+40) combining for the feat."

### Man Advantage

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

The most power-play goals in franchise history after the team's opening 24 games from the start of a season:

Rk	Team	Season	PPG	GP	W	L	T	OTL	G
1	NJD	1986-87	30	24	12	10	2	0	97
2	NJD	2023-24	28	24	13	10	0	1	87
3	NJD	2005-06	28	24	12	10	0	2	77
4	NJD	1992-93	28	24	13	10	1	0	82
5	NJD	1987-88	28	24	13	8	3	0	86
6	CLR	1978-79	27	24	4	15	5	0	67
7	CLR	1980-81	27	24	9	11	4	0	80
8	NJD	1991-92	26	24	13	10	1	0	96
9	NJD	1988-89	24	24	8	12	4	0	77
10	NJD	1989-90	24	24	11	10	3	0	95

The team's 28 power-play goals this season ranked second in the NHL, while Tampa's 29 PPG were first, per Fri., Dec. 8.

New Jersey defensemen have combined for seven power-play goals this season, which ranks first in the NHL, per Fri. Dec. 8.

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 (tied w/ TBL) in the NHL behind Detroit's nine, per Fri., Dec. 8.

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

### **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.

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

Streak	Streak Started	Streak Ended	GP	W	L	T	OTL	G	PPG
111	1/5/1999	2/29/2000	111	64	28	14	5	342	75
106	2/25/1987	10/15/1988	106	46	53	7	0	401	130
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

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 second in the NHL for overall face-off% (62.6%), per Fri., Dec. 8.

He also ranked first for overall face-off% on the road (63.3%), per Fri., Dec. 8.

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 fifth in the NHL for overall face-off percentage (53.2%).

Entering Saturday's contest, the Devils ranked first in the NHL for defensive-zone face-offs at 57.3%, per Fri., Dec. 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 847 career regular season wins, which ranks fifth all-time for all NHL head coaches. He needs 3 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 111 career wins with New Jersey, which passed Doug Carpenter for fourth place all-time in franchise history for head coaches.

Ruff has coached 244 regular-season games with New Jersey, which are the fifth most for a head coach in franchise history. He'll pass Peter DeBoer for fourth place all-time in franchise history once he coaches in his 249<sup>th</sup> career regular-season game with New Jersey.

Devils All-Time Head Coaches: Leaderboard:

Jaques Lemaire	276 wins	1993-94-1997-98/ 2009-10/ 2010-11
John Hynes	150 wins	2015-16-2019-20
Peter Deboer	114 wins	2011-12-2014-15
<b>LINDY RUFF</b>	<b>111 wins</b>	<b>2020-21-PRESENT</b>
Doug Carpenter	100 wins	1984-85-1987-88

### **LOOKING AHEAD**

The Devils are scheduled to play in the 2024 Navy Federal Credit Union NHL Stadium Series game on Sat., Feb. 17, at MetLife Stadium vs the Philadelphia Flyers (8:00 P.M. E.T.). It marks the team's second Stadium Series contest (vs NYR, at Yankee Stadium, 7-3 loss).

New Jersey is also slated for 16 back-to-back sets this season, which are the most back-to-back games in the NHL for 2023-24. Washington and Minnesota rank second for this matter with 15 back-to-back sets during the 2023-24 campaign.

### **THE SWISS CONNECTION**

After road contest at Washington on March 9, 2023 for the first time in NHL history four Switzerland players on one team played in a game. New Jersey's **Nico Hischier**, **Timo Meier**, **Jonas Siegenthaler** and goaltender **Akira Schmid** played in the victory.

### **COMEBACK KIDS**

New Jersey led the NHL with 26 comeback wins last season, which set a new franchise record. The team passed the 2017-18 team's 23 comeback wins, which was the previous franchise record in a single season.

Per NHL Pr, the most comeback wins in a single season for NHL history is shared by the Panthers (29 in 2021-22) and Lightning (29 in 2018-19).

### **THE RANKS**

#### **NJD:**

STAT	NHL RANK
GA/GP, 3.67	31 <sup>st</sup>
GF/GP, 3.63	4 <sup>th</sup>

SA/GP, 29.9	12 <sup>th</sup>
SF/GP, 32.3	9 <sup>th</sup>

**CGY:**

STAT	NHL RANK
GA/GP, 3.31	21 <sup>st</sup>
GF/GP, 2.92	22 <sup>nd</sup>
SA/GP, 28.8	7 <sup>th</sup>
SF/GP, 31.7	13 <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...1-1-0**

Record in night games in **2023-24...13-9-1...home: 5-5-1...road: 8-4-0**

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	2-, L
Fri., Dec. 1	Vs SJS	6-3, L
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: 2-1-0**

**EAST: 8-6-0**

**WEST: 5-4-1**

**RECORD WHEN SCORING FIRST**

Scoring first...**6-1-0**...Trailing first...**7-9-1**

## OVERTIME/SHOOTOUT

OT: 2-0

SO: 0-1

OUTSHOOTING OPP: 8-4-1

OUTSHOT: 5-6-0

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	27-27	0
2	27-26	+1
3	31-35	-4
OT	2-0	+2
SO	0-1	-1
TOTAL	87-88*	-1

\*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	HOME	AWAY
Had a shutout	3/12/23, 3-0, W, vs CAR, V. Vanecek, 32 saves	3/28/21, 1-0 at BOS, M. Blackwood, 40 saves
Were shutout	4/24/22, vs DET, 3-0, A. Nedeljkovic, 17 saves	11/22/23, 4-0, at DET, A. Lyon, 16 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. Lundqvist, 5-2 W vs NYR	12/12/22, J. Hughes, denied, vs I. Shesterkin, 4-3 Lo, at NYR
Faced a penalty shot	2/8/20, A. Kopitar, unsuccessful vs. M. Blackwood in 3-0 win vs. LAK	4/2/23, M. Barron, scored, vs V. Vanecek in 6-1 L at WPG
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. N. Daws in 4-3 loss vs. NYI	1/31/22, A. Matthews vs. 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, 3 <sup>rd</sup> 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

<b>Fastest Goal Allowed Start of a Period</b>	<b>0:18</b>	<b>10/25/23 vs WSH, 3<sup>rd</sup> per., D. Strome, 6-4, L</b>
<b>MOST SHOTS IN A GAME</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>12/1/23 vs SJS, 6-3, L</b>
<b>Most Shots Allowed in a Game</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>11/30/23, at PHI, 4-3, Wot</b>
<b>MOST SHOTS IN A PERIOD</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>12/1/23, vs SJS, 3<sup>rd</sup> per., 6-3, L</b>
<b>Most Shots Allowed in a Period</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>11/30/23, at PHI, 2<sup>nd</sup> per., 4-3, Wot</b>
<b>FEWEST SHOTS IN A GAME</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>11/22/23, at DET, 4-0, L</b>
<b>Fewest Shots allowed in a Game</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>11/25/23, vs BUF, 7-2, W</b>
<b>FEWEST SHOTS IN A PERIOD</b>	<b>2, 3x</b>	<b>Last: 11/22/23, at DET, 4-0, L</b>
<b>Fewest shots OPP, period</b>	<b>3, 3x</b>	<b>Last: 12/1/23, vs SJS, 2<sup>nd</sup> per., 6-3, L</b>
<b>MOST PIM IN A GAME</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>10/27/23, vs BUF, 5-4, W</b>
<b>Most PIM Opp., Game</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>11/30/23, at PHI, 4-3, Wot</b>
<b>FEWEST PIM IN A GAME</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>12/1/23, vs SJS, 6-3, L</b>
<b>Fewest PIM Opp, Game</b>	<b>2, 3x</b>	<b>Last: 11/18/23, vs NYR, 5-3, L</b>
<b>LONGEST WINNING STREAK</b>	<b>3, twice</b>	<b>Last: 11/25/23-11/30/23</b>
<b>LONGEST POINTS STREAK</b>	<b>3 GP, (3-0-0), twice</b>	<b>11/25/23-11/30/23</b>
<b>LONGEST LOSING STREAK</b>	<b>3, twice</b>	<b>Last: 11/18/23-11/25/23</b>
<b>LONGEST WINLESS STREAK</b>	<b>2 (0-1-1)</b>	<b>10/13-10/16/23</b>

### VS CGY

The Devils and Calgary face-off for the first of two matchups in 2023-24.

**Next: vs Calgary, Feb. 8<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 P.M.**

The Devils were 2-0-0 last season against the Flames, which marked the first time since 1996-97 that the team was 2-0-0 vs Calgary in a single season.

### ALL-TIME vs CGY

**Record: 28-67-11-4**

**Home: 19-33-3-1**

**Road: 9-34-8-3**

### SINCE 1982-83...

The most goals that the Devils earned in a single game vs Calgary is seven, which was earned in a 7-5 win on Jan. 22, 1987, at the Meadowlands.

The most goals that the team allowed in a game in a game vs Calgary is nine (twice), and last logged on Mar. 12, 2019, after a 9-4 loss at Calgary.

The most shots that Jersey earned in a single game vs Calgary is 46, which was earned on Jan. 22, 1986, in a 6-6 tie at Calgary.

The most shots that the Devils allowed in a single game against the Flames is 46, which was logged on Nov. 16, 1985, in a 7-2 loss at Calgary.

The last time that the Devils shut out Calgary was on Dec. 23, 2007, in a 1-0 win at Calgary (M. Brodeur, 30 saves).

The last time that the Flames shut out New Jersey was on Apr. 7, 2014, in a 1-0 loss at the Rock (K. Ramo, 31 saves).

# PLAYER NOTES

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**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 Saturday's contest with 11 points (4g-7a) in the team's last six games dating to Nov. 24. He also owns 39 shots over that span, is recently witnessed his five-game point, and goal streak, end on Thu., Dec. 7, vs Seattle.

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

Per NHL Pr, Hughes " is on track to become the second-fastest in *franchise* history to reach the 100-goal milestone (behind **Wilf Paiement**, 228 GP w/ Colorado Rockies) and the *fastest to do so for the Devils* (since 1982-83; **Brian Gionta**, 284 GP, currently holds that mark)." Hughes has played in 263 career games with Jersey.

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 for a single season is 11, which Kirk Muller earned in 1987-88.

Hughes is averaging 1.74 points, per game, which ranked first in the NHL, per Fir. Dec. 8. Tampa's N. Kucherov ranked second at 1.63 P/GP.

Where Hughes' 33 points, and **Jesper Bratt's** 29 points, rank in franchise history after the *team's* first 24 games from the start of a season:

Rk	Player	PTS	Season	Team	GP	G	A	PTS
1	Paul Gardner	33	1977-78	CLR	24	21	12	33
2	Jack Hughes	33	2023-24	NJD	19	10	23	33
3	Wilf Paiement	31	1977-78	CLR	24	12	19	31
4	Zach Parise	30	2009-10	NJD	24	15	15	30
5	Jesper Bratt	29	2023-24	NJD	24	10	19	29
6	Claude Lemieux	29	1992-93	NJD	21	12	17	29
7	Kirk Muller	29	1986-87	NJD	24	10	19	29
8	Kirk Muller	29	1990-91	NJD	24	9	20	29
9	Jack Hughes	28	2022-23	NJD	24	12	16	28
10	Kirk Muller	28	1987-88	NJD	24	6	22	28

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 Paiement	CLR	1976-77	4
2	John MacLean	NJD	1990-91	4
3	Aaron Broten	NJD	1986-87	3
4	John MacLean	NJD	1988-89	3
5	Scott Stevens	NJD	1993-94	3
6	Patrik Elias	NJD	2000-01	3
7	Zach Parise	NJD	2008-09	3

Hughes recorded his fifth-career overtime game-winning goal after defeating the Islanders on Fri., Oct. 20.

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
<b>Nico Hischier</b>	<b>6</b>
John Moore	6
<b>Jack Hughes</b>	<b>5</b>
Taylor Hall	5
Brian Gionta	5
Ilya Kovalchuk	5
Stephen Richer	5

NJD Multi-point game leaderboard:

Rk	Player	Season	Count
1	Jack Hughes	2023-24	10
2	Jesper Bratt	2023-24	8
3	Tyler Toffoli	2023-24	5
4	Luke Hughes	2023-24	4
5	Dougie Hamilton	2023-24	4

6	Erik Haula	2023-24	3
7	Dawson Mercer	2023-24	2
8	Timo Meier	2023-24	2
9	Curtis Lazar	2023-24	2
10	Nico Hischier	2023-24	2
11	Jonas Siegenthaler	2023-24	1
12	Ondřej Palát	2023-24	1
13	Simon Nemec	2023-24	1
14	Michael McLeod	2023-24	1
15	Alexander Holtz	2023-24	1
16	Kevin Bahl	2023-24	1

## **THE BRATT-MAN**

**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 (7g-15a=22 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 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:

PLAYER NAME	SEASONS	TEAMS	START DATE	CHECKPOINT DATE	PLAYER GP	G	A	P
Kirk Muller	1984-85 to 1988-89	New Jersey Devils	10/12/1984	11/11/1988	332	111	189	300
Wilf Paiement	1974-75 to 1978-79	Kansas City Scouts, Colorado 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.

## FINDING NIMO

**Simon Nemeč** logged his NHL debut on Fri., Dec. 1, vs San Jose and wasted no time inking his name onto an NHL score sheet. Nemeč 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		Opp	Result	G	A	PTS
1	Will Butcher	3	10/7/2017	22-274	NJD		COL	W 4-1	0	3	3
2	Jesper Bratt	2	10/7/2017	19-069	NJD		COL	W 4-1	1	1	2
3	Pavel Zacha	2	4/9/2016	19-003	NJD		TOR	W 5-1	0	2	2
4	Zach Parise	2	10/5/2005	21-069	NJD		PIT	W 5-1	1	1	2
5	Mike Rupp	2	1/13/2003	23-000	NJD		FLA	W 6-2	2	0	2
6	Scott Pellerin	2	12/6/1992	22-332	NJD	@	BUF	W 7-3	1	1	2
7	Mitch Wilson	2	10/12/1984	22-240	NJD		NYI	W 7-2	0	2	2
8	Doug Buhr	2	2/6/1975	25-222	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).

Nemeč earned his first-career NHL goal on Thu., Dec. 7, at Seattle.

Nemeč became the first *rookie defenseman* who was also Slovakian-born and earned a goal in a game for the Devils.

Per NHL dot com, the other Slovakian-born natives who were rookies and earned a goal in a game for the Devils all-time:

**Jiri Bicek: 2001-02-2002-03**

**Zdeno Ciger: 1990-91**

**Marian Studenic: 2020-21-2021-22**

Per NHL PR, Nemeč “became the second-youngest Slovakian-born defenseman to score an NHL goal, behind Kristian Kudroc (19 years, 256 days on Feb. 1, 2001 w/ TBL).”

Per NHL PR, Nemec “became the seventh-youngest defensemen in Devils/Rockies/Scouts history at the time of his first NHL goal behind **Craig Wolanin** (18 years, 135 days), **Joe Cirella** (18 years, 160 days), **Adam Larsson** (18 years, 364 days), **Scott Niedermayer** (19 years, 68 days), **Ken Daneyko** (19 years, 196 days) and **Luke Hughes** (19 years, 216 days).”

Nemec became the 22<sup>nd</sup> player in franchise history whose first-career NHL goal was also a game-winning tally:

DATE	Tm		Opp		Scorer	Age	Cr. Goal #
4/13/2023	NJD	@	WSH	OT	Luke Hughes	19-216	1
1/16/2021	NJD		BOS	OT	Yegor Sharangovich	22-224	1
10/19/2019	NJD		VAN		Jack Hughes	18-158	1
1/14/2019	NJD		CHI		Kevin Rooney	25-238	1
11/15/2018	NJD	@	PHI		Joey Anderson	20-149	1
2/7/2014	NJD		EDM	OT	Jonathon Merrill	22-004	1
4/10/2011	NJD		BOS		Alexander Urbom	20-111	1
10/5/2005	NJD		PIT		Zach Parise	21-069	1
3/7/1998	NJD		NYR		Krzysztof Oliwa	24-329	1
12/16/1997	NJD		NYR		Sheldon Souray	21-156	1
10/12/1995	NJD		WIN		Denis Pederson	20-032	1
2/27/1995	NJD		MTL		Brian Rolston	22-006	1
3/4/1992	NJD	@	NYR		Jarrod Skalde	21-007	1
3/25/1990	NJD	@	BUF		Eric Weinrich	23-096	1
10/5/1989	NJD	@	PHI		Janne Ojanen	21-179	1
11/10/1987	NJD	@	NYR		Brendan Shanahan	18-291	1
12/9/1985	NJD	@	MNS		Craig Wolanin	18-135	1
10/31/1981	CLR		WSH		Aaron Broten	20-351	1

2/6/1977	CLR		PIT		Ron Delorme	21-156	1
2/23/1975	KCS		MNS		Claude Houde	27-107	1
2/6/1975	KCS		TOR		Gary Coalter	24-213	1

### **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.

The most multi-point games that a rookie blueliner earned in a single season for franchise history:

<b>Rk</b>	<b>Player</b>	<b>Team</b>	<b>Season</b>	<b>Count</b>
<b>1</b>	Barry Beck	CLR	1977-78	13
<b>2</b>	Viacheslav Fetisov	NJD	1989-90	10
<b>3</b>	Will Butcher	NJD	2017-18	9
<b>4</b>	Tom Edur	CLR	1976-77	6
<b>5</b>	Rob Ramage	CLR	1979-80	6
<b>6</b>	Tapio Levo	CLR	1981-82	6
<b>7</b>	Scott Niedermayer	NJD	1992-93	6
<b>8</b>	Murray Brumwell	NJD	1982-83	5
<b>9</b>	Eric Weinrich	NJD	1990-91	5
<b>10</b>	Jaroslav Modry	NJD	1993-94	5
<b>11</b>	Paul Martin	NJD	2003-04	5
<b>12</b>	Damon Severson	NJD	2014-15	5



*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).

## **NO MERCY**

**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.

## **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**

**Jonas Siegenthaler** earned the secondary assist on Nemeč's second-period goal on Thu., Dec. 7, which also marked points in consecutive games (0g-2a) for the Swiss blueliner. The effort marked the first time this season that Siegenthaler earned points in consecutive games.

Siegenthaler's career-high point streak is three games, which he's earned twice and last recorded from Dec. 6, 2022, to Dec. 12 (0g-4a).

**Jon Marino** collected the primary assist on Palat's first-period goal on Thursday at Seattle, which also snapped a nine-game drought without recording a point for the blueliner.

## **QUICK HITS**

**Tyler Toffoli** ranks second New Jersey with 82 shots on goal in 2023-24, while **J. Hughes** ranks first with 91 shots.

**Kevini Bahl** leads Jersey with 50 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 49 hits.

**Jonas Siegenthaler** leads New Jersey with 41 blocks in 2023-24. **John Marino** rank second with 32 blocked shots this season.

Siegenthaler has led the team in TOI over the past two games (26:55 on Dec. 5/ 22:27 on Dec. 7). His 26:55 TOI logged on Dec. 5, at Vancouver marked a career-high.

## TIMELESS...

**Dawson Mercer** has played in 188 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 188 consecutive games played currently ranks 14<sup>th</sup> in the NHL for all active skaters.

Mercer's 188 consecutive games played ranks 16<sup>th</sup> all-time in franchise history. He passed Zach Parise's 186 consecutive games played (12/28/07 – 2/8/10). He'll tie John Madden's 189 consecutive games played (1/31/01 – 3/24/03) for 15<sup>th</sup> place all-time in franchise history.

**Tyler Toffoli** has played in 154 consecutive games, which ranks 22<sup>nd</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.

Vanecek is fresh off his 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.

Schmid started in the team's last game played (Dec. 7, at Seattle), and recorded 37 saves (38 shots), which tied his second-most saves earned in a single game (Mar. 18, 2023, at FLA). Schmid recently recorded a career-high 44 saves at Philadelphia on Nov. 30.

## UPCOMING MILESTONES

Player	Current Status	Potential Milestone
Kevin Bahl	90 career/NJD GP	100 career/NJD GP
Nathan Bastian	185 career GP	200 career GP
Jesper Bratt	193 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	394 career/NJD GP	400 career/NJD GP
	182 career/NJD assists	200 career/NJD assists
	295 career/NJD points	300 career/NJD points
Alexander Holtz	52 career/NJD GP	100 career/NJD GP
Jack Hughes	263 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	475 career GP	500 career GP
John Marino	277 career GP	300 career GP
	93 career points	100 career points
	78 career assists	100 career assists
Michael McLeod	266 career/NJD GP	300 career/NJD GP
	76 career/NJD points	100 career/NJD points
Timo Meier	489 career GP	500 career GP
	168 career goals	200 career goals
	173 career assists	200 career assists
	341 career points	400 career points
	38 career NJD GP	100 career NJD GP
Dawson Mercer	188 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	476 career GP	500 career GP
Ondrej Palat	458 career points	500 career points
	73 career NJD GP	100 career NJD GP
Jonas Siegenthaler	279 career GP	300 career GP
	182 career NJD GP	200 career NJD GP
Brendan Smith	653 career GP	700 career GP
	92 career assists	100 career assists
	82 career NJD GP	100 career NJD GP
Tyler Toffoli	757 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

<b>Tomas Nosek</b>	<b>400 career NHL GP</b>	<b>10/13/23 vs ARI</b>
<b>HC Lindy Ruff</b>	<b>100 career NJD wins</b>	<b>10/20/23 at NYI</b>
<b>Chris Tierney</b>	<b>600<sup>th</sup> career NHL GP</b>	<b>11/2/23 at MIN</b>
<b>Jesper Bratt</b>	<b>400<sup>th</sup> career NHL GP</b>	<b>11/5/23 at CHI</b>
<b>Dawson Mercer</b>	<b>100<sup>th</sup> career NHL PTS</b>	<b>11/10/23 vs WSH</b>
<b>Ondrej Palat</b>	<b>300 career NHL assists</b>	<b>11/14/23 at WPG</b>
<b>Curtis Lazar</b>	<b>100<sup>th</sup> career NHL PTS</b>	<b>11/16/23 at PIT</b>
<b>Jesper Bratt</b>	<b>300 career NHL PTS</b>	<b>11/25/23 vs BUF</b>
<b>Ondrej Palat</b>	<b>700 career NHL GP</b>	<b>12/5/23 at VAN</b>

## **HOW THEY WERE BUILT**

NATE BASTIAN	2016, NJD, 2 <sup>ND</sup> ROUND, 41 <sup>ST</sup> OVERALL
JESPER BRATT	2016, NJD, 6 <sup>TH</sup> ROUND, 162 <sup>ND</sup> OVERALL
NICO HISCHIER	2017, NJD, <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 played on Fri. Dec. 8, vs Bridgeport and then plays on Sat., Dec. 9, at Syracuse.

