



# NEW JERSEY DEVILS

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## GAME INFORMATION



**Boston Bruins (18-5-3) at New Jersey Devils (14-11-1) • 7:30 PM ET • Prudential Center • TNT/MAX/MSGSN/MSG+/Listen: [DEVILS HOCKEY NET](#)**

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

### Last Game:

**New Jersey Devils 1**  
**(14-11-1 – 29 PTS)**

**Edmonton Oilers 4**  
**(12-13-3 – 27 PTS)**

Three Stars: 1. C. Pickard 2. C. McDavid 3. J. Bratt

SCORE	1 <sup>ST</sup>	2 <sup>ND</sup>	3 <sup>RD</sup>	OT	SO	FINAL
Edmonton	1	1	2	-	-	4
<b>DEVILS</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	-	-	<b>1</b>

### Goals:

**EDM:** D. Ryan, E. Bouchard (PPG), C. McDavid, E. Kane (ENG)

**NJD:** J. Bratt

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## CURRENT INJURIES/ILLNESS

PLAYER	INJURY/Illness	OUT SINCE	GAMES MISSED
Tomas Nosek	Upper-body	Nov. 22 (suffered 11/18)	10
Dougie Hamilton	Upper-body	Nov. 30 (suffered 11/28)	6
Erik Haula	Upper-body	Dec. 10 (suffered Dec. 9)	1

2023-24 Total Man-Games Lost : 66

## 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 -vihh)

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 Nemec (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 -chehk, VIH -tehk)

# WHAT TO KNOW

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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. 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.

Thu. Dec. 21, vs EDM, 7:30 P.M. E.T.

Sat. Dec. 23, DET, 7:00 P.M. E.T.

## **The Week**

The Devils concluded a four-game road trip (3-1-0), from Dec. 5, 2023, to Dec. 10. The team hosts Boston for an Eastern Conference clash on Wed., Dec. 13, and then visits Columbus on Sat., Dec. 16. Jersey's team will also host the Anaheim Ducks on Sun., Dec. 17.

## **Last Game**

The Devils concluded their four-game road trip, which began on Tue., Dec. 5, at Vancouver and finished the trip with a 3-1-0 record. The team's season-high (3 times) winning-streak concluded after Sunday's contest at Edmonton.

The team is now 1-4-1 in the second half of back-to-back sets this season, and 6-5-1 overall for the 2023-24 campaign.

New Jersey is also 3-2-0 North of the Border this season.

Sunday's contest marked the team's third matinee contest for 2023-24 (1-2-0).

Jersey's team is now 9-5-0 on the road this season.

The Devils surrendered the first goal of a game for the 19<sup>th</sup> time this season but fell to (8-10-1).

Jersey's team fell to 1-8-0 when trailing after the second period of play this season.

Jersey fell to 6-5-1 vs the Western Conference in 2023-24.

Jersey's team was outshot 30-27, and fell to 5-7-0 when outshot in a contest this season.

The Devils were held to one goal, or fewer, for the fourth time this season (last: Nov. 24, vs CBJ, 2-1, L).

## **Special Teams**

**PP: 0-4 | PK: 2-3**

Jersey's team did not convert on the man advantage and in a game for the ninth time in 2023-24.

The Devils challenged Edmonton's first goal just over 4:00 into the contest for goaltender interference and won the challenge. It marked New Jersey's second challenge for the 2023-24 season and are now 2/2 on coach's challenges (Oct. 25, 2023, vs WSH).

**Explanation:**

Video review determined Edmonton's Evander Kane impaired Akira Schmid's ability to play his position in the crease prior to Connor Brown's goal. The decision was made in accordance with Rule 69.1 which states, in part, "Goals should be disallowed only if: (1) an attacking player, either by his positioning or by contact, impairs the goalkeeper's ability to move freely within his crease or defend his goal..."

*The overriding rationale of this rule is that a goalkeeper should have the ability to move freely within his goal crease without being hindered by the actions of an attacking player. If an attacking player enters the goal crease and, by his actions, impairs the goalkeeper's ability to defend his goal, and a goal is scored, the goal will be disallowed."*

**Man Advantage**

The Devils have not converted on the power play in three consecutive games (0/9), which marks the team's longest stretch without converting on the man advantage this season.

The team owns 28 power-play goals in 2023-24, after 26 games played.

The most power-play goals in franchise history after the team's opening 26 games from the start of a season:

Rk	Team	Season	PPG	GP	W	L	T	OTL	G
1	NJD	1986-87	31	26	13	11	2	0	104
2	CLR	1980-81	30	26	10	12	4	0	90
3	NJD	1992-93	30	26	14	11	1	0	91
4	CLR	1978-79	29	26	4	17	5	0	72
5	NJD	1991-92	29	26	15	10	1	0	106
6	NJD	2023-24	28	26	14	11	0	1	92
7	NJD	2005-06	28	26	13	11	0	2	81
8	NJD	1987-88	28	26	14	9	3	0	92
9	NJD	1988-89	27	26	8	14	4	0	82
10	NJD	1989-90	25	26	11	12	3	0	102

The team's 28 power-play goals this season ranked second in the NHL, while Tampa's 29 PPG were first, per Tue., Dec. 12.

New Jersey defensemen have combined for seven power-play goals this season, which ranks (tied, EDM) first in the NHL, per Tue., Dec. 12.

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 Tue., Dec. 12.

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% (63.0%), per Tue., Dec. 12.

He also ranked first for overall face-off% on the road (63.38%), per Tue., Dec. 12.

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%), per Tue., Dec. 12.

Entering Wendy's contest, the Devils ranked first in the NHL for defensive-zone face-offs at 57.5%, per Tue., Dec. 12.

## **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 848 career regular season wins, which ranks fifth all-time for all NHL head coaches. He needs two 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 112 career wins with New Jersey, which passed Doug Carpenter for fourth place all-time in franchise history for head coaches.

Ruff has coached 246 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>112 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, 3.62	31 <sup>st</sup>
GF/GP, 3.54	4 <sup>th</sup>
SA/GP, 29.7	11 <sup>th</sup>
SF/GP, 32.0	11 <sup>th</sup>

**BOS:**

STAT	NHL RANK
GA/GP, 2.50	3 <sup>rd</sup>
GF/GP, 3.31	11 <sup>th</sup>
SA/GP, 32.0	25 <sup>th</sup>
SF/GP, 31.7	12 <sup>th</sup>

(Per one day before game)

**2023-24 TEAM STATS****RECORD ON DAYS OF THE WEEK**

The Devils record on Wednesday in **2023-24...0-2-0**

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...1-2-0...home: 0-1-0...road: 1-1-0**

**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: 3-2-0**

**EAST: 8-6-0**

**WEST: 6-5-1**

**RECORD WHEN SCORING FIRST**

Scoring first...**6-1-0**...Trailing first...**8-10-1**

**OVERTIME/SHOOTOUT**

**OT: 2-0**

**SO: 0-1**

**OUTSHOOTING OPP: 9-4-1**

**OUTSHOT: 5-7-0**

**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**

<b>PERIOD</b>	<b>GOALS FOR/AGAINST</b>	<b>DIFFERENTIAL</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>27-29</b>	<b>-2</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>29-27</b>	<b>+2</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>34-38</b>	<b>-4</b>
<b>OT</b>	<b>2-0</b>	<b>+2</b>
<b>SO</b>	<b>0-1</b>	<b>-1</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>92-94*</b>	<b>-2</b>

**\*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: 6-5-1**



**First game: 5-1-0 | home: 1-1-0 | road: 3-0-0**

**Second game: 1-4-1 | home: 1-2-1 | road: 0-2-0**

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
<b>Had a shutout</b>	3/12/23, 3-0, W, vs CAR, V. Vanecek, 32 saves	3/28/21, 1-0 at BOS, M. Blackwood, 40 saves
<b>Were shutout</b>	4/24/22, vs DET, 3-0, A. Nedeljkovic, 17 saves	11/22/23, 4-0, at DET, A. Lyon, 16 saves
<b>Scored 10 goals</b>	N/A	N/A
<b>Scored 9 goals</b>	3/23/93, 9-3, vs TB	10/28/00, 9-0, at PIT
<b>Scored 8 goals</b>	4/6/23, 8-1, vs CBJ	3/14/18, 8-3, at VGK
<b>Allowed 10 goals</b>	10/25/84, 11-2, vs NYR	12/4/85, 10-7, at TOR
<b>Allowed 9 goals</b>	1/18/85, 9-6, vs NYR	3/12/19, 9-4, at CGY
<b>Allowed 8 goals</b>	11/11/92, 8-3, vs MTL	3/31/22, 8-1, at BOS
<b>Had 50 shots in a game</b>	10/30/22, 53, vs CBJ, 7-1 W	3/3/23, 50, at VGK, 4-3, Lso
<b>Allowed 50 shots</b>	2/16/20, 55 vs CBJ, 4-3 Wso	1/19/21, 50 at NYR, 4-3 W
<b>Had no shots in a period</b>	1/7/83, 3 <sup>rd</sup> per. Vs BOS, 2-2 T	N/A
<b>Allowed no shots in a period</b>	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
<b>Allowed 1 shot in a period</b>	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
<b>Had 1 shot in a period</b>	1/31/15, 2 <sup>nd</sup> per., vs FLA	1/15, 2015, 2 <sup>nd</sup> per. At ANA
<b>Had a penalty shot</b>	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
<b>Faced a penalty shot</b>	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
<b>Had a hat-trick</b>	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
<b>Allowed a hat-trick</b>	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:**

<b>LARGEST MARGIN OF VICTORY</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>11/25/23, vs BUF, 7-2, W</b>
<b>Largest margin of defeat</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>11/22/23 at DET, 4-0, L</b>
<b>MOST GOALS, GAME</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>11/25/23, vs BUF, 7-2, W</b>
<b>Most goals allowed, game</b>	<b>6, 4x</b>	<b>Last: 12/1/23, vs SJS, 6-3, L</b>
<b>MOST GOALS, PERIOD</b>	<b>4, 3x</b>	<b>Last: 12/5/23, at VAN, 1<sup>st</sup> per., 6-5, W</b>

<b>Most goals allowed, period</b>	<b>3, 9x</b>	<b>Last: 12/5/23, at VAN, 3<sup>rd</sup> per., 6-5, W</b>
<b>FASTEST GOAL START GP</b>	<b>1:21</b>	<b>11/25/23, vs BUF, A. Holtz, 7-2, W</b>
<b>Fastest goal allowed, Start GP</b>	<b>1:51</b>	<b>11/5/23, at CHI, T. Hall, 4-2, W</b>
<b>FASTEST GOAL START OF A PERIOD</b>	<b>0:21</b>	<b>10/20/23, at NYI, 2<sup>nd</sup> per., T. Toffoli, 5-4, OT, W</b>
<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, 3x</b>	<b>12/5/23-12/9/23</b>
<b>LONGEST POINTS STREAK</b>	<b>3 GP, (3-0-0), 3x</b>	<b>12/5/23-12/9/23</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 Boston**

The Devils and Boston face-off for the first of three matchups in 2023-24:

**Next:** at Boston, Dec. 30, 7:00 P.M. E.T.

At Boston, Jan. 15, 1:00 P.M. E. T.

The Devils were 0-3-0 against Boston last season. The Bruins were one of four teams that New Jersey failed to defeat in 2022-23 (MIN, STL, NSH) and the only Eastern Conference opponent that the Devils did not earn a win against last season.

The last time that the Devils earned a victory against Beantown was on May 4, 2021, after a 4-3 overtime win. The contest also witnessed former Devil, and now current Bruins forward Pavel Zacha, net the game-winner.

### **ALL-TIME vs BOS**

**Record: 58-88-19-10**

**Home: 29-42-11-4**

**Road: 29-46-8-6**

### **SINCE 1982-83...**

The most goals that the Devils earned in a single game vs Boston is eight (twice), which was last logged Mar. 19, 1994, in an 8-6 win at Boston.

The most goals that the team allowed in a game in a game vs Boston is eight (twice), which was last logged on Mar. 31, 2022, in an 8-1 loss at Boston.

The most shots that Jersey earned in a single game vs Boston is 48, which was recorded on Oct. 29, 1996, in a 5-2 win at Boston.

The most shots that the Devils allowed in a single game against Boston is also 48, which was logged on Mar. 31, 2021, after a 5-4 shootout loss.

The last time that the Devils shut out Boston was on Mar. 28, 2021, in a 1-0 win at Boston (M. Blackwood, 40 saves).

The last time that the Bruins shut out New Jersey was on May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021, in a 3-0 loss vs Boston (T. Rask, 20 saves).

## PLAYER NOTES

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### RUN HOME, JACK...HOME RUN, JACK!

**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 Wednesday's contest without a point in three consecutive games, which marks the youngster's longest stretch this season without recording a point. The last time Hughes experienced three consecutive games without earning a point was from Mar. 18, 2023, to Mar. 21 (3 GP).

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 265 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 tied for first in the NHL with Boston's D. Pastrnak.

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 1.57 points, per game, which was tied with C. McDavid for second in the NHL, per Dec. 11. Tampa's N. Kucherov ranked first at 1.68 P/GP.

Where Hughes' 33 points, and **Jesper Bratt's** 32 points, rank in franchise history after the *team's* first 26 games from the start of a season:

Rk	Player	PTS	Season	Team	GP	G	A	PTS
1	Paul Gardner	35	1977-78	CLR	26	23	12	35
2	Wilf Paiement	34	1977-78	CLR	26	13	21	34

<b>3</b>	Jack Hughes	33	2023-24	NJD	21	10	23	33
<b>4</b>	Zach Parise	33	2008-09	NJD	26	16	17	33
<b>5</b>	Jesper Bratt	32	2023-24	NJD	26	12	20	32
<b>6</b>	Kirk Muller	32	1990-91	NJD	26	9	23	32
<b>7</b>	Jack Hughes	31	2022-23	NJD	26	13	18	31
<b>8</b>	Kirk Muller	30	1986-87	NJD	26	11	19	30
<b>9</b>	Zach Parise	30	2009-10	NJD	26	15	15	30
<b>10</b>	Peter Šťastný	30	1991-92	NJD	26	14	16	30

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
<b>1</b>	Wilf Paiement	CLR	1976-77	4
<b>2</b>	John MacLean	NJD	1990-91	4
<b>3</b>	Aaron Broten	NJD	1986-87	3
<b>4</b>	John MacLean	NJD	1988-89	3
<b>5</b>	Scott Stevens	NJD	1993-94	3
<b>6</b>	Patrik Elias	NJD	2000-01	3
<b>7</b>	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. Hirschier	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 Hirschier</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	Team	Season	Count
1	Jack Hughes	NJD	2023-24	10
2	Jesper Bratt	NJD	2023-24	9
3	Tyler Toffoli	NJD	2023-24	5
4	Luke Hughes	NJD	2023-24	4
5	Dougie Hamilton	NJD	2023-24	4
6	Nico Hischier	NJD	2023-24	3
7	Erik Haula	NJD	2023-24	3
8	Dawson Mercer	NJD	2023-24	2
9	Timo Meier	NJD	2023-24	2
10	Curtis Lazar	NJD	2023-24	2
11	Jonas Siegenthaler	NJD	2023-24	1
12	Ondrej Palt	NJD	2023-24	1
13	Simon Nemec	NJD	2023-24	1
14	Michael McLeod	NJD	2023-24	1
15	Alexander Holtz	NJD	2023-24	1
16	Kevin Bahl	NJD	2023-24	1

### **THE BRATT-MAN**

**Jesper Bratt** (4g-12a) is one of six skaters in the NHL with 16, or more, power-play points in 2023-24.

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 10 skaters this season with four, or more, game-winning goals. K. Connor led the NHL with five game-winners, per Tue., Dec. 12.

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

The 2016 sixth-round draft pick enters Wednesday's contest riding a five-game point streak (4g-3a). Selected with the 162<sup>nd</sup> overall pick in the 2016 NHL Draft, Bratt has recorded the second most points for players selected after the first round from that draft class (A. Debrincat, 398 PTS, 39<sup>th</sup> overall).

*Side note*...Bratt has played in 112 consecutive games which ranks (tied, E. Malkin & J. Johnson) 48<sup>th</sup> in the NHL for all active skaters.

## 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 in his NHL debut, 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, Nemeč "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)."

Nemeč 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

Since logging his NHL debut, Nemeč is averaging 20:30 TOI per game, which ranks fourth on New Jersey.

*Fun fact...*Nemeč is the first defenseman in franchise history who dons No. 17 (21 skaters).

### **THE FORCE IS STRONG WITH LUKE**

**Luke Hughes'** 16 points (4g-12a) 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 (tied, B. Brink), 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).

L. Hughes' 16 points are ranked tied for second in the NHL for rookie skaters with CBJ's A. Fantilli, while CHI's C. Bedard ranks first (11g-10a).



## **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.

Palat owns three points (2g-1a) over his last five games played dating to Dec. 1, 2023, vs San Jose, and his plus/minus rating (+4) leads all Devils skaters since that time.

## **QUICK HITS**

**Tyler Toffoli** ranks second New Jersey with 86 shots on goal in 2023-24, while **J. Hughes** ranks first with 103 shots (21 GP). Last season, Hughes owned 88 shots after his opening 21 games played.

**Kevini Bahl** leads Jersey with 53 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 51 hits.

**Jonas Siegenthaler** leads New Jersey with 44 blocks in 2023-24. **John Marino** rank second with 34 blocked shots this season.

## **TIMELESS...**

**Dawson Mercer** has played in 190 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 190 consecutive games played currently ranks (tied, C. Coyle) 13<sup>th</sup> in the NHL for all active skaters.

Mercer's 190 consecutive games played ranks 15<sup>th</sup> all-time in franchise history. He passed 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 156 consecutive games, which ranks 22<sup>nd</sup> for all active skaters in the NHL.

## **BETWEEN THE PIPES**

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**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 tied Craig Billington (43 wins) for ninth place all-time in franchise history for career wins.

Schmid is one of four goaltenders this season with two assists, which leads the NHL.

**UPCOMING MILESTONES**

<b>Player</b>	<b>Current Status</b>	<b>Potential Milestone</b>
Kevin Bahl	92 career/NJD GP	100 career/NJD GP
Nathan Bastian	187 career GP	200 career GP
Jesper Bratt	194 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	396 career/NJD GP	400 career/NJD GP
	183 career/NJD assists	200 career/NJD assists
	298 career/NJD points	300 career/NJD points
Alexander Holtz	54 career/NJD GP	100 career/NJD GP
Jack Hughes	265 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	477 career GP	500 career GP
John Marino	279 career GP	300 career GP
	94 career points	100 career points
	79 career assists	100 career assists
Michael McLeod	267 career/NJD GP	300 career/NJD GP
	76 career/NJD points	100 career/NJD points
Timo Meier	491 career GP	500 career GP
	168 career goals	200 career goals
	173 career assists	200 career assists
	341 career points	400 career points
	40 career NJD GP	100 career NJD GP
Dawson Mercer	190 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	478 career GP	500 career GP
Ondrej Palat	459 career points	500 career points
	75 career NJD GP	100 career NJD GP
Jonas Siegenthaler	281 career GP	300 career GP
	184 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	759 career GP	800 career GP
	248 career assists	300 career assists
	487 career points	500 career points
Vitek Vanecek	84 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, 1 <sup>ST</sup> OVERALL
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

**UTICA REPORT:** Utica began its third season as the Devils AHL affiliate since 2021-22 and with head coach Kevin Dineen. Utica is 10-8-3-0 this season. The team defeated Bridgeport on Fri. Dec. 8, by a score of 4-3 and played on Saturday night at Syracuse (4-3, win). The team then extended its winning-streak to four games, after a 4-1 win vs Syracuse on Sun., Dec. 10. The team plays next on Fri., Dec. 15, vs Wilkes-Barre.

Graeme Clarke (9g-9aa=18 PTS) and Xavier Parent (7g-10a=17 PTS) lead the team.

