



# NEW JERSEY DEVILS

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## GAME INFORMATION



New Jersey Devils (19-14-2) at Washington Capitals (17-11-6\*) • 7:30 PM ET • Capital One Arena •  
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\*Plays at Pittsburgh on 1/2/24

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~ 12::30 p.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 2**  
**(19-14-2 – 40 PTS)**

**Boston Bruins 5**  
**(21-7-6 – 48 PTS)**

Three Stars: 1. D. Pastrnak 2. B. Marchand 3. K. Shattenkirk

SCORE	1 <sup>ST</sup>	2 <sup>ND</sup>	3 <sup>RD</sup>	OT	SO	FINAL
Boston	0	4	1	-	-	5
<b>DEVILS</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	-	-	<b>2</b>

### Goals:

**BOS:** J. Debrusk, D. Pastrnak, D. Pastrnak (PPG), K. Shattenkirk, K. Shattenkirk (PPG)

**NJD:** N. Hischier (PPG), L. Hughes

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## CURRENT INJURIES/ILLNESS

PLAYER	INJURY/ILLNESS	OUT SINCE	GAMES MISSED
Tomas Nosek	Upper-body	Nov. 22 (suffered 11/18)	19
Dougie Hamilton	Upper-body	Nov. 30 (suffered 11/28)	15
Curtis Lazar	Lower-body	Dec. 27 (Suffered 12/23)	3

2023-24 Total Man-Games Lost : 88

## TRANSACTIONS

DATE	PLAYER	ACTION
12/2	<b>Samuel Laberge</b>	Reassigned to Utica (AHL)
12/8	<b>Nico Daws</b>	Activated off I.R. (lower-body, non-active list)
		Reassigned to Utica (AHL)
12/17	<b>Nico Daws</b>	Recalled from Utica (AHL)
12/20	<b>Nico Daws</b>	Reassigned to Utica (AHL)
12/27	<b>Nico Daws</b>	Recalled from Utica (AHL)
12/28	<b>Akira Schmid</b>	Assigned to Utica (AHL)
12/30	<b>Brian Halonen</b>	Activated off I.R. & assigned to Utica (AHL)

### Pronunciation Guide

Kevin Bahl: (BAHL, KEH -vihh)

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

Jesper Bratt: (BRAHT, JEHS -puhr)

Nico Daws (DAWS, NEE-koh)

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 -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

Fri. Jan. 5, vs CHI, 7:00 P.M. E.T.

Sat. Jan. 6, vs VAN, 7:00 P.M. E.T.

Jan. 11, at TBL, 7:00 P.M. E.T.

Jan. 13, at FLA, 6:00 P.M. E.T.

Jan. 15, at BOS, 1:00 P.M. E.T.

## The Week

The Devils are slated for three games, which begins on the road at Washington on Wednesday, January 3, 2024. The team then plays its ninth back-to-back set for 2023-24, and hosts Chicago and Vancouver over the weekend.

## Last Game

The Devils concluded their eighth back-to-back set for 2023-24, but fell to 1-6-1 in the second-half of back-to-back sets this season. The team is 8-7-1 overall for back-to-back sets in 2023-24.

The team's three-game winning-streak also concluded after the loss at Boston.

The team faced-off with Boston for the second of three matchups this season:

Next: Jan. 15, 2024, at Boston, 1:00 P.M. E.T.

The Devils scored the first goal in the contest, which marked the 10<sup>th</sup> time this season that the Devils scored first in a game – but fell to 7-2-1 when scoring first in a game for 2023-24.

The Devils allowed four goals in the second period, after taking a 2-0 lead. It marked the second time this season that the team allowed four goals in a single period (last: Dec. 21, 2023, vs EDM, 3 per., 6-3, L).

The Devils outshot Boston 33-31, but fell to 14-6-1 when outshooting an opponent in a game this season.

## **Special Teams**

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

## DHN Quiz Question

Which Devils player scored the team's first-ever goal at Prudential Center?

**A:** Brian Gionta, which was earned on Oct. 27, 2007, vs Ottawa (4-1, L). Gionta played for New Jersey from 2001-02 to 2008-09, and then finished his career with Boston in 2017-18.

**Attendance: 17,850**

**Duration: 7:08 P.M. E.T. to 9:35 P.M. E.T.**

## Man Advantage

The team owns 33 power-play goals in 2023-24, after 34 games played (29.9%). The team's 32 power-play goals are tied for the third-most in the NHL with Colorado and Carolina. The team's power-play% ranks second in the NHL behind the NY Rangers (30.65).

The most power-play goals in franchise history after the team's opening 35 games from the start of a season:

Rk	Team	Season	PPG	GP	W	L	T	OTL	G
1	NJD	1988-89	37	35	13	15	7	0	121
2	NJD	1987-88	37	35	17	14	4	0	116
3	NJD	1992-93	37	35	18	16	1	0	117
4	NJD	2006-07	35	35	19	13	0	3	88
5	CLR	1980-81	35	35	12	17	6	0	121
6	NJD	1986-87	35	35	16	17	2	0	136
7	NJD	2023-24	33	35	19	14	0	2	121
8	NJD	1991-92	33	35	16	13	6	0	129
9	NJD	1989-90	33	35	16	16	3	0	141
10	CLR	1978-79	33	35	6	23	6	0	94

New Jersey is one of five teams with 33, or more, power-play goals this season, Tampa's 35 power-play goals ranked first in the NHL.

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

The Devils recorded four power-play goals in a game for the 17<sup>th</sup> time in franchise history, after the team's 5-4 overtime win vs NY Islanders on Oct. 20. The last time that the team scored four power-play goals in a game was March 1, 2014 at the New York Islanders in a 6-1 victory.

The most power-play goals that the franchise scored in a game was six, which was logged on Feb. 19, 1980, (CLR) vs Philadelphia in an 8-6 win at Colorado.

The most power-play goals earned in a game for Devils team history is five, which Jersey's team logged three times, last recorded: Jan. 22, 2008, at Philadelphia (7-3 win).

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

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 first in the NHL for overall face-off% (66.3%).

He also ranked first for overall face-off% on the road (67.0%), and first overall face-off% at (tied, V. Trocheck) home (65.3%).

McLeod owns the highest face-off percentage that a Devils skater logged this season (10 or more face-offs in a GP), which was 100.0%, after McLeod won 12/12 face-offs on Dec. 17, vs Anaheim.

The effort marked the second time (since face-offs were tracked) in franchise history that a player won 100% of his face-off attempts while taking 12, or more, face-offs in a single game. The last time it happened was also McLeod, which was logged on Jan. 22, 2023, vs Pittsburgh (13/13).

McLeod earned a career-high 17 face-off wins on Sat., Dec. 30, at Boston (17/20, 85%).

Nico Hischier won 17 face-offs (17/22) on Dec. 1, vs San Jose, which matched (M. McLeod) 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 (53.9%).

Entering Wednesday's contest, the Devils ranked first in the NHL for defensive-zone face-offs at 59.9%.

## **COACH'S CORNER**

Head Coach **Lindy Ruff** enters his fourth season with New Jersey, after he signed a multi-year contract extension on Wednesday, October 11<sup>th</sup>.

Ruff owns 853 career regular season wins, which now ranks fourth all-time for all NHL head coaches. He passed Ken Hitchcock (849 wins) for sole possession of fourth place for all-time wins that an NHL head coach earned. Barry Trotz ranks third all-time for the most wins that an NHL head coach earned with 914.

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 117 career wins with New Jersey, which passed Peter Deboer for the third most wins that a head coach earned all-time for franchise history. (2nd, J. Hynes, 150 wins).

Ruff has coached 255 regular-season games with New Jersey, which passed Peter Deboer for the fourth most games coached all-time in franchise history.

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
<b>LINDY RUFF</b>	<b>117 wins</b>	<b>2020-21-PRESENT</b>
Peter Deboer	114 wins	2011-12-2014-15
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.

## **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 team's 13 comeback wins in 2023-24 rank first (tied, DAL) in the NHL.

## **THE RANKS**

### **NJD:**

STAT	NHL RANK
GA/GP, 3.54	29 <sup>th</sup>
GF/GP, 3.46	8 <sup>th</sup>

SA/GP, 29.3	8 <sup>th</sup>
SF/GP, 31.8	12 <sup>th</sup>

**WSH:**

STAT	NHL RANK
GA/GP, 2.79	10 <sup>th</sup>
GF/GP, 2.29	31 <sup>st</sup>
SA/GP, 30.9	20 <sup>th</sup>
SF/GP, 28.1	28 <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...2-2-0**

Record in night games in **2023-24...18-11-2...home: 8-7-2...road: 10-5-0**

Record in day games in **2023-24...1-2-0...home: 0-1-0...road: 1-1-0**

**2023-24 Alternate jersey record...1-3-0**

**Alternate jersey schedule:**

Fri., Oct. 27	Vs BUF	5-4, W
Fri., Nov. 24	Vs CBJ	2-1, L
Fri., Dec. 1	Vs SJS	6-3, L
Sun., Dec. 17	VS ANA	5-1, L
Sat., Dec. 23	VS DET	3-2, W
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: 6-5-0**

**ATL: 6-3-0**

**CEN: 3-3-1**

**PAC: 4-4-0**

**EAST: 13-7-1**

**WEST: 6-7-1**

**RECORD WHEN SCORING FIRST**

Scoring first...**7-3-0**...Trailing first...**12-12-1**

## OVERTIME/SHOOTOUT

OT: 4-1

SO: 0-1

OUTSHOOTING OPP: 14-5-1

OUTSHOT: 5-8-0

EVEN: 0-0-1

The longest duration of a game this season: 2:43, Oct. 13, vs ARI (4-3, SOL)

Team's average: H: 6'1" | W: 197 lbs | A: 27 years old

## PLAYERS BY COUNTRY

CAN-10

CHE-3

USA-3

CZE-3

SWE-2

SVK-1

DEU-1

FIN-1

## GOALS BY PERIOD

PERIOD	GOALS FOR/AGAINST	DIFFERENTIAL
1	36-35	1
2	38-39	-1
3	43-49	-6
OT	4-1	+3
SO	0-1	-1
TOTAL	121-124*	-3

\*Does not include shootout

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

1. 2000-01: +100
2. 1993-94: +86

## BACK-TO-BACK GAME

Overall: 8-7-1

First game: 7-1-0 | home: 1-1-0 | road: 6-0-0

Second game: 1-6-1 | home: 1-3-1 | road: 0-3-0

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	12/16/23 @ CBJ, J. Hughes vs D. Tarasov in 6-3 win
<b>Allowed a hat-trick</b>	12/17/23, A. Henrique, vs A. Schmid in a 5-1 loss., vs ANA	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, twice</b>	<b>Last: 12/17/23, vs ANA, 5-1, 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, 5x</b>	<b>Last: 12/21/23, vs EDM, 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>4, twice</b>	<b>Last: 12/30/23, at BOS, 2<sup>nd</sup> per., 5-2, L</b>
<b>FASTEST GOAL START GP</b>	<b>0:47</b>	<b>12/16/23 at CBJ, J. Hughes, 6-3, W</b>
<b>Fastest goal allowed, Start GP</b>	<b>0:24</b>	<b>12/21/23, vs EDM, R. McLeod, 6-3, L</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>0:17</b>	<b>12/16/23, at CBJ, 2<sup>nd</sup> per., K. Marchenkov, 6-3, W</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>29</b>	<b>12/17/23, vs ANA, 5-1, L</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, 4x</b>	<b>Last: 12/23/23-12/29/23</b>
<b>LONGEST POINTS STREAK</b>	<b>3 GP, (3-0-0), 4x</b>	<b>Last: 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>3 (0-2-1)</b>	<b>12/17/23-12/21/23</b>

### VS WASHINGTON

The Devils and Washington face-off for the third time this season, after the Devils were defeated in the first meeting by a score of 6-4 on Oct. 25, at the Rock and then 4-2 at home on Nov. 10.

Remaining matchups:

Feb. 20, at WSH, 7:00 P.M.

New Jersey logged a 3-1-0 record vs Washington in 2022-23, which marked the first time since 2013-14 that the team won a season series vs the Caps.

### ALL-TIME vs WSH

**Record: 96-120-13-6**

**Home: 55-51-7-4**

**Road: 41-69-6-2**

### DID YOU KNOW...

The most goals in franchise history earned in a single game vs Washington is eight, which was logged by the Colorado Rockies on Oct. 28, 1977, in an 8-1 win vs Washington.

The most goals in Devils team history earned in a single game vs Washington is seven, twice, and last logged on Dec. 28, 2005, in a 7-2 win at Jersey.

The most goals that the franchise allowed in a single game vs Washington was nine, four times, and last recorded on Jan. 1, 1993, in a 9-2 loss at Washington.

The most shots that the franchise earned in a single game vs Washington was 47 on Jan. 20, 1989, in a 6-5 win at Washington.

The most shots that the franchise allowed in a single game vs Washington was 51 on Nov. 18, 1980, in a 7-1 loss at Washington.

The most shots that the Devils (team history) allowed in a single game vs Washington was 47 on Apr. 10, 1993, in a 5-3 win at the Caps.

The last time that the Devils shut out Washington was on Oct. 11, 2018, in a 6-0 win (K. Kinkaid, 21 saves).

The last time that Washington shut out the Devils was on Mar. 26, 2021, in a 4-0 loss at Washington (I. Samsonov, 24 saves).

The Devils and Washington met in the Stanley Cup Playoffs twice, and last met in the postseason during the 1989-90 Division Semi-Finals – WSH eliminated NJD in six games.

## 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.

### RECENT SHIFTS

Hughes enters Wednesday's contest riding a four-game point streak (1g-5a).

Hughes owns five games with eight, or more, shots, which are tied for the most in the NHL with Boston's D. Pastrnak.

The 2019 No. 1 draft selection owns 12 multi-point games this season, which leads New Jersey,

The most multi-point games that a skater earned after the team's opening 35 games from the start of a season was 14, which John MacLean earned in 1988-89:

Most multi-point games after the team's 34 games played from the start of a season:

Rk	Player	Team	Season	Count
1	John MacLean	NJD	1988-89	14
2	John MacLean	NJD	1990-91	13
3	Aaron Broten	NJD	1986-87	12
4	Kirk Muller	NJD	1989-90	12
5	Zach Parise	NJD	2008-09	12
6	Patrik Elias	NJD	2008-09	12
7	Zach Parise	NJD	2009-10	12
8	Jack Hughes	NJD	2022-23	12
9	Jack Hughes	NJD	2023-24	12
10	Wilf Paiement	CLR	1977-78	11

11	Patrik Sundstrom	NJD	1989-90	11
12	Jesper Bratt	NJD	2023-24	11

Hughes has posted three, or more, points in a game nine times this season which is also his most for a single season (prior, 8 GP in 2022-23).

The most games with three, or more, points in a single season for franchise history:

Rk	Player	Team	Season	Count
1	Kirk Muller	NJD	1987-88	11
2	Aaron Broten	NJD	1987-88	10
3	John MacLean	NJD	1988-89	10
4	Claude Lemieux	NJD	1992-93	9
5	Patrik Elias	NJD	2000-01	9
6	Scott Gomez	NJD	2005-06	9
7	Ilya Kovalchuk	NJD	2011-12	9
8	Jack Hughes	NJD	2023-24	9
9	Wilf Paiement	CLR	1976-77	8
10	Merlin Malinowski	CLR	1980-81	8
11	Petr Sykora	NJD	2000-01	8
12	Zach Parise	NJD	2008-09	8
13	Jack Hughes	NJD	2022-23	8

Entering Wednesday night's contest, Hughes led the NHL with nine three-point efforts this season, per January 2, 2024.

Hughes owns **three multi-goal games** for the 2023-24 campaign. Hughes' career-high for the most **multi-goal games** in a single season is 10, which he earned in 2022-23.

Hughes became the fastest player who earned **100 career goals** in Devils team history (since 1982-83, previously B. Gionta, 284 GP), after nodding the tally in his 267<sup>th</sup> career NHL contest with New Jersey.

-Wilf Paiement was the fastest to 100 career goals, after the forward earned the marker in 228 GP w/ the Colorado Rockies.

Hughes is averaging 1.47 points, per game, which sits fourth in the NHL behind N. Kucherov (1.65, 1<sup>st</sup>).

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

NJD Multi-point game leaderboard:

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

## THE BRATT-MAN

**Jesper Bratt** (6g-14a) is one of nine skaters in the NHL with 20, or more, power-play points in 2023-24. This list also includes J. Hughes (5g-15a).

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.

## WINNA', WINNA'

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

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

The Swedish native owns five points (1g-4a) in his last two games.

*Side note*...Bratt has played in 121 consecutive games which ranks for (tied) 43<sup>rd</sup> in the NHL for all active skaters.

-Bratt earned his 200<sup>th</sup> career assist, after Friday, December 29<sup>th</sup>'s win at Ottawa. Bratt became one of 16 skaters all-time in franchise history who earned 200, or more, career assists. D. Severson ranks 15<sup>th</sup> all-time with 205 career assists in a Devils sweater.

The Swedish forward also recorded his sixth game (1g-3a) with three, or more, points in 2023-24, after Friday night's win at Ottawa.

That marker noted above also marks his most three-point games in a single season (prior, 5 GP, 2021-22).

The effort marked Bratt's second career four-point game, which he last logged earlier this season on Nov. 2, at Minnesota (1g-3a).

## FINDING NEMO

**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.

Nemec 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, Nemec “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		Jarrold 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 20:51 TOI per game, which ranks third on New Jersey since that date.

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

Nemeč logged seven blocked shots on Dec. 27, 2023, vs Columbus, which marked a season-high for all Devils skaters.

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

**Luke Hughes'** 21 points (7g-14a) are ranked first for the most points that a rookie blueliner 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).

Friday night's effort vs Ottawa also marked the second time in L. Hughes' career that he earned two power-play points in a single contest (10/29/23 vs MIN, 0g-2a).

Hughes provided the team with its sixth goal of the game 17:28 into the third period, which marked the youngster's first-career three-point game. The contest marked L. Hughes' first-career goal-scoring streak.

Per NHL Pr, "the fourth rookie defenseman in franchise history to record [three or more points in a road game](#), joining **Craig Wolanin** on Dec. 9, 1985 (1-2—3 w/ NJD), **Tapio Levo** on Nov. 7, 1981 (1-2—3 w/ CLR) and **Jim McElmury** on Dec. 21, 1974 (1-2—3 w/ KCS)."

### **THE STREAK**

L. Hughes enters Wednesday's contest riding a three-game goal scoring streak, which is the longest stretch that a rookie defenseman earned in Devils team history since 1982-83.

The longest goal-scoring streak that a rookie defenseman earned in franchise history:

Rk	Player	Team	Streak	Streak Started	Streak Ended	Active
1	Barry Beck	CLR	6	12/3/1977	12/17/1977	
2	Barry Beck	CLR	3	3/30/1978	4/4/1978	
3	Luke Hughes	NJD	3	12/27/2023	PRESENT	*
4	Will Butcher	NJD	2	11/18/2017	11/20/2017	



5	Paul Martin	NJD	2	2/15/2004	2/17/2004	
6	Brian Rafalski	NJD	2	2/9/2000	2/13/2000	
7	Scott Niedermayer	NJD	2	3/5/1993	3/7/1993	
8	Scott Niedermayer	NJD	2	2/25/1993	2/27/1993	
9	Myles O'Connor	NJD	2	1/12/1991	1/14/1991	
10	Eric Weinrich	NJD	2	12/1/1990	12/3/1990	
11	Eric Weinrich	NJD	2	3/25/1990	3/27/1990	
12	Alexei Kasatonov	NJD	2	3/20/1990	3/22/1990	
13	Alexei Kasatonov	NJD	2	1/26/1990	1/28/1990	
14	Bruce Driver	NJD	2	2/3/1985	2/7/1985	
15	Bruce Driver	NJD	2	1/19/1985	1/23/1985	
16	Bruce Driver	NJD	2	12/29/1984	12/31/1984	
17	Murray Brumwell	NJD	2	3/17/1983	3/21/1983	
18	Joe Cirella	CLR	2	12/12/1981	12/13/1981	
19	Rob Ramage	CLR	2	12/26/1979	12/27/1979	
20	Barry Beck	CLR	2	2/24/1978	2/25/1978	
21	Barry Beck	CLR	2	1/28/1978	1/31/1978	

Longest goal-scoring streaks that a defenseman earned in franchise history:

Rk	Player	Team	Streak	Streak Started	Streak Ended	Active	G	A	PTS
1	Barry Beck	CLR	6	12/3/1977	12/17/1977		9	3	12
2	Tom Edur	CLR	5	10/19/1977	10/28/1977		5	1	6
3	Sami Vatanen	NJD	3	10/25/2019	11/1/2019		3	1	4
4	Tommy Albelin	NJD	3	12/29/1988	1/6/1989		3	1	4
5	Tom Kurvers	NJD	3	12/27/1988	12/31/1988		3	1	4
6	Tom Kurvers	NJD	3	12/3/1988	12/10/1988		4	0	4
7	Jack O'Callahan	NJD	3	10/23/1988	11/1/1988		3	1	4
8	Dave Pichette	NJD	3	12/19/1984	12/22/1984		5	1	6
9	Barry Beck	CLR	3	12/12/1978	12/16/1978		3	1	4
10	Barry Beck	CLR	3	3/30/1978	4/4/1978		3	2	5
11	Luke Hughes	NJD	3	12/27/2023	PRESENT	*	3	2	5

L. Hughes' three-game goal-scoring streak is also tied with five other players for the longest stretch that a defenseman earned in team history (seen above).

Hughes' 10 power-play points (3g-7a) ranks (tied) first for all NHL rookie skaters this season (L Cooley, 2g-8a=10 PPP).

Hughes' five multi-point games ranks second for all NHL rookies this season while C. Bedard ranks first for this matter with six multi-point games in 2023-24, per January 2, 2024.

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

Rk	Player	Team	Season	Count
1	Barry Beck	CLR	1977-78	13
2	Viacheslav Fetisov	NJD	1989-90	10
3	Will Butcher	NJD	2017-18	9
4	Tom Edur	CLR	1976-77	6
5	Rob Ramage	CLR	1979-80	6
6	Tapio Levo	CLR	1981-82	6
7	Scott Niedermayer	NJD	1992-93	6
8	Murray Brumwell	NJD	1982-83	5
9	Eric Weinrich	NJD	1990-91	5
10	Jaroslav Modry	NJD	1993-94	5
11	Paul Martin	NJD	2003-04	5
12	Damon Severson	NJD	2014-15	5
13	Luke Hughes	NJD	2023-24	5

Hughes earned his second-career overtime goal, after Thu., Nov. 30, 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).

### **NIEDERMAYER-LIKE**

Hughes skated coast-to-coast in Wednesday, December 27<sup>th</sup>'s contest vs Columbus and tied the game at 3-3 and at 18:35 into the third period. Per NHL Pr, "Only one Devils defenseman has scored a later game-tying goal in the past 10 years: **Dougie Hamilton** (58:50 on Jan. 24, 2023)."

Hughes is one of four rookie Devils defensemen in the last 10 seasons who netted five, or more goals, in a single season:

W. Butcher: 5g in 2017-18

D. Severson: 5g in 2014-15

E. Gelinas: 7g in 2013-14

### **No. 13, The Captain**

**Nico Hischier** not only recorded his fourth multi-point game (1g-1a) for 2023-24 via Sat., Dec. 16 at CBJ, but his seventh goal of the season. The tally marked his 300<sup>th</sup> career point. Hischier is now one of 21 skaters all-time in franchise history who earned 300, or more, career points with the organization (S. Brylin, 20<sup>th</sup>, 308 career PTS).

The captain is also the sixth Switzerland native all-time who earned 300, or more, career NHL points. Fellow teammate **Timo Meier** ranks fifth all-time for this matter with 345 career points.

Per NHL Pr, Hischier "(398 GP) became the seventh player in franchise history to reach 300 NHL points within his first 400 career games, following **Kirk Muller** (332 GP), **Wilf Paiement** (347 GP), **Patrik Elias** (364 GP), **Zach Parise** (371 GP), **Petr Sykora** (371 GP) and **Scott Gomez** (391 GP). "

Hischier has collected points in consecutive games (1g-1a) and is fresh off earning his third power-play goal for 2023-24.

### **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.

Mercer's next contest marks his 200<sup>th</sup> career game played.

### **MEI KINDA' GUY**

**Timo Meier** earned his fifth-career overtime goal after Wed. Dec. 27<sup>th</sup>'s win vs Columbus. Yet, it marked his first-career overtime goal in a Devils sweater.

Meier logged one shift during the third period of the team's last outing on Sat., Dec. 30<sup>th</sup>, at Boston (inj) and left the game. Meier did not return, but the contest also marked Meier's 500<sup>th</sup> career game played.

Meier became one of six Switzerland native who played in 500, or more, career NHL games. Roman Josi leads all Swiss natives with 864 career games played.

### **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 earned his fifth goal for the season after Wednesday's overtime win vs Columbus. Palat now owns 156 career goals, which ranks 28<sup>th</sup> all-time for Czechia born skaters (27<sup>th</sup>, M. Frolik, 159g). Palat's 710 career games played ranks third for all active Czechia NHL skaters (R. Gudas – 713, J. Voracek – 1,058).

### **SMITH**

**Brendan Smith** recorded his first goal of the season on Fri. December 29<sup>th</sup>, at Ottawa, which also marked blueline's first goal since he signed with the Devils during the 2022 off-season. The defenseman exited the penalty box and received a stretch pass for a breakaway, while then deking Ottawa's Joonas Korpi with a forehand to backhand move.

The tally marked the veteran's first regular-season goal since Apr. 24, 2022, as a member of Carolina in a game at the New York Islanders.

### **QUICK HITS**

**Kevin Bahl** played in his 100<sup>th</sup> career NHL game and with New Jersey, after Friday's contest at Ottawa. The 6-foot-6 blueliner is the 70<sup>th</sup> defenseman all-time in franchise history who played in 100 career regular-season games.

**Tyler Toffoli** ranks second on New Jersey with 103 shots, while J. Hughes ranks first with 135 shots on goal. Toffoli owns points in consecutive games (1g-2a) and is fresh off logging his seventh multi-point (0g-2a) game for 2023-24.

**Michael McLeod** is averaging 14:34 TOI this season, while his career-high ATOI entering 2023-24 was 13:49 in 2020-21.

**Erik Haula** recorded a career-high seven hits via Tue., Dec. 19, vs Philadelphia. His prior career-high for hits in a single game was four (12 times).

**Kevini Bahl** leads all Jersey blueliners and skaters with 70 hits, while **Michael McLeod** and **Nathan Bastian** lead all Devils forwards with 64 hits this season.

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

**Jonas Siegenthaler** leads New Jersey with 55 blocks in 2023-24. **John Marino** ranks second with 47 blocked shots this season. The most blocked shots that a Devils skater earned in a single season was Andy Greene in 2018-19 with 208.

Marino also ranks first on New Jersey (active skaters) for ATOI (20:56).

## **TIMELESS...**

**Dawson Mercer** has played in 199 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 199 consecutive games played currently ranks (tied, C. Coyle & B. Coleman) 11<sup>th</sup> in the NHL for all active skaters.

Mercer's 199 consecutive games played ranks 10<sup>th</sup> place all-time in franchise history, while Damon Severson's 208 consecutive games (4/7/18 – 5/10/21) ranks ninth for franchise history.

**Tyler Toffoli** has played in 165 consecutive games, which ranks 20<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.

Vanecek earned his 46<sup>th</sup> career win with the Devils in his most recent outing against Columbus on Dec. 27 (4-3, Wot), which ranks ninth place all-time in franchise history. Alain Chevrier ranks eighth all-time in franchise history with 53 career wins in a Devils sweater.

Vanecek is one of 10 NHL netminders with 13, or more, wins this season.

**Nico Daws** was recalled from Utica (AHL) on Dec. 27, while **Akira Schmid** was assigned to Utica (AHL) on Dec. 28.

After Friday night's win at Ottawa, **Daws** recorded his first start for the 2023-24 season, which also marked the 23-year-old's first NHL start since Apr. 16, 2022, at Seattle (4-3, SO-L).

Daws displayed a number of timely saves and denied numerous breakaways against Ottawa in the winning effort. The victory marked the youngster's first NHL win since Apr. 12, 2022, at Arizona.

**UPCOMING MILESTONES**

<b>Player</b>	<b>Current Status</b>	<b>Potential Milestone</b>
Nathan Bastian	196 career GP	200 career GP
	184 career <b>NJD</b> GP	200 career/NJD GP
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	297 career points	300 career points
Nico Hischier	186 career/NJD assists	200 career/NJD assists
Alexander Holtz	63 career/NJD GP	100 career/NJD GP
Jack Hughes	274 career/NJD GP	300 career/NJD GP
	251 career/NJD points	300 career/NJD points
Curtis Lazar	483 career GP	500 career GP
John Marino	288 career GP	300 career GP
	94 career points	100 career points
	79 career assists	100 career assists
Michael McLeod	277 career/NJD GP	300 career/NJD GP
	80 career/NJD points	100 career/NJD points
Timo Meier	172 career goals	200 career goals
	173 career assists	200 career assists
	345 career points	400 career points
	48 career NJD GP	100 career NJD GP
Dawson Mercer	<b>199 career/NJD GP</b>	<b>200 career/NJD GP</b>
	54 career/NJD goals	100 career/NJD goals
	62 career/NJD assists	100 career/NJD assists
Colin Miller	482 career GP	500 career GP
Ondrej Palat	460 career points	500 career points
	84 career NJD GP	100 career NJD GP
Jonas Siegenthaler	290 career GP	300 career GP
	193 career NJD GP	200 career NJD GP
Brendan Smith	659 career GP	700 career GP
	92 career assists	100 career assists
	88 career NJD GP	100 career NJD GP
Tyler Toffoli	768 career GP	800 career GP
	251 career assists	300 career assists
	493 career points	500 career points
Vitek Vanecek	87 career wins	100 career wins

## Accomplished Milestones By Date

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
Nico Hischier	300 <sup>th</sup> career NHL PTS	12/16/23 at CBJ
Jack Hughes	100 <sup>th</sup> career NHL goal	12/16/23 at CBJ
HC Lindy Ruff	850 <sup>th</sup> career NHL win (4 <sup>th</sup> all-time)	12/16/23 at CBJ
Nico Hischier	400 <sup>th</sup> career NHL GP	12/19/23 vs PHI
Kevin Bahl	100 <sup>th</sup> career NHL GP	12/29/23 at OTT
Jesper Bratt	200 <sup>th</sup> career NHL assist	12/29/23 at OTT
Timo Meier	500 <sup>th</sup> career NHL GP	12/30/23 at BOS

## 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 DAWS	2020, NJD, 3 <sup>RD</sup> ROUND, 84 <sup>TH</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

**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 10-13-3-1 this season. The team suffered a 3-2 shootout loss on Dec. 30, 2023, against Rochester. Utica plays next on Fri., Jan. 5, vs Laval.

Xavier Parent (9g-13a=22 PTS) & Graeme Clarke (11g-10a=21) lead the team.

