



# NEW JERSEY DEVILS

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## GAME INFORMATION



New Jersey Devils (21-15-2) at Tampa Bay Lightning (20-17-5) • 7:00 PM ET • Amalie Arena • 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:

**Vancouver Canucks 6**                      **New Jersey Devils 4**  
(25-11-3– 53 PTS)                      (21-15-2 – 44 PTS)

Three Stars: 1. E. Pettersson 2. J. Miller 3. C. Miller

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

### Goals:

**VAN:** E. Pettersson, J. Miller, J. Miller. C. Garland, E. Pettersson, D. Joshua (ENG)

**NJD:** C. Miller. E. Haula, C. Miller, B. Smith

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## CURRENT INJURIES/ILLNESS

PLAYER	INJURY/Illness	OUT SINCE	GAMES MISSED
Tomas Nosek	Upper-body	Nov. 22 (suffered 11/18)	22
Dougie Hamilton	Upper-body	Nov. 30 (suffered 11/28)	18
Timo Meier	Lower-body	Jan. 4 (suffered 12/30)	3
Ondrej Palat	Lower-body	Jan. 4	3
Jack Hughes	Upper-body	Jan. 6 (suffered 1/5)	1
Jonas Siegenthaler	Lower-body	Jan. 7 (suffered 1/6)	0

2023-24 Total Man-Games Lost : 113

## 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)
1/3	<b>Graeme Clarke</b>	Recalled from Utica (AHL)
1/6	<b>Timo Meier</b>	Placed on I.R. (lower-body)
1/7	<b>Graeme Clarke</b>	Reassigned to Utica (AHL)
1/9	<b>Jonas Siegenthaler</b>	Placed on I.R. (lower-body; broken foot)
	<b>Shane Bowers</b>	Recalled from Utica (AHL)
	<b>Cal Foote</b>	Recalled from Utica (AHL)
	<b>Jonas Siegenthaler</b>	Placed on I.R. (lower-body, broken foot)

### Pronunciation Guide

Kevin Bahl: (BAHL, KEH -vihñ)

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

Shane Bowers (BOW-uhrs, SHAYN)

Jesper Bratt: (BRAHT, JEHS -puhr)

Nico Daws (DAWS, NEE-koh)

Cal Foote (FUT, KAL)

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)**

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

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

**Simon Nemeč: (NHEM-etz, shee-MOHN)**

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

**Brendan Smith (SMIHTH, BREHN-duhn)**

**Chris Tierney (TEER-nee, KRHIS)**

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

**Vitek Vaneček (va-NIH-chehk, VEE-tehk)**

**Max Willman (WIHL-muhn, MAX)**

## **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**

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

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

Jan. 17, vs MTL, 7:00 P.M. E.T.

Jan. 19, at CBJ, 7:00 P.M. E.T.

### **The Week Ahead**

The Devils travel to the Sunshine State, while also opening a three-game road trip. The team visits Tampa on Thu., Jan. 11, Florida on Sat. Jan 13, and then Boston for a matinee contest on Mon., Jan. 15.

### **Last Game**

- The Devils concluded their ninth back-to-back set for the 2023-24 campaign and fell to 1-7-1 in the second half of back-to-back sets for 2023-24.
- The team is 9-8-1 overall for back-to-back sets in 2023-24.
- New Jersey and the Canucks also concluded their 2023-24 season series (1-1-0).
- The team is now 6-2-0 against Vancouver since 2019-20 (J. Hughes' rookie season).
  
- Jersey's team allowed the first goal of the game for the 27<sup>th</sup> occasion this season, but fell to 13-13-1 when suffering the game's first goal in 2023-24.
- The Devils were outshot 42-25, which marked the second time this season that the team allowed 40, or more, shots in a single game (last: Nov. 30, 2023, at PHI, 4-2, Wot).
- The team is now 5-9-0 when outshot in a contest this season.
- The team allowed four goals in a period for the third time this season (last: 2<sup>nd</sup> period, Dec. 30, at BOS, 5-2, L).

The Devils and head coach Lindy Ruff challenged a Vancouver goal early in the first period for goaltender interference and won the challenge – goal overturned. It marked the third time that Ruff and the Devils challenged an opposition’s goal, and won the challenge.

**Special Teams**

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

**DHN Quiz Question**

Can you name the only player all-time who served as team captain for both the Canucks and Devils?

A: Don Lever, who was the team’s first-ever captain, and who also served as Vancouver’s captain from 1977-1979.

**Attendance: 16,157**

**Duration: 7:15 P.M. E.T. to 9:51 P.M. E.T.**

**Man Advantage**

The team owns 34 power-play goals in 2023-24, after 38 games played (28.6%). The team’s 34 power-play goals rank (tied, BOS) sixth in the NHL. The team’s power-play% ranks fourth in the NHL.

The most power-play goals in franchise history after the team’s opening 38 games from the start of a season:

Rk	Team	Season	PPG	GP	W	L	T	OTL	G	PPG
1	NJD	1987-88	43	38	18	16	4	0	128	43
2	NJD	1992-93	42	38	18	17	3	0	124	42
3	NJD	1988-89	38	38	13	18	7	0	129	38
4	NJD	2006-07	37	38	22	13	0	3	97	37
5	NJD	1991-92	37	38	18	14	6	0	142	37
6	CLR	1980-81	36	38	13	19	6	0	134	36
7	NJD	1984-85	36	38	13	21	4	0	133	36
8	NJD	2005-06	36	38	16	17	0	5	106	36
9	NJD	1986-87	36	38	16	19	3	0	143	36
10	CLR	1978-79	35	38	7	25	6	0	106	35
11	NJD	2023-24	34	38	21	15	0	2	135	34
12	NJD	1990-91	34	38	19	13	6	0	149	34
13	NJD	1989-90	34	38	17	17	4	0	149	34
14	NJD	1982-83	34	38	7	24	7	0	104	34

New Jersey is one of seven teams with 34, or more, power-play goals this season, Carolina’s 39 power-play goals rank first in the NHL, per Jan. 10.

New Jersey defensemen have combined for seven power-play goals this season, which ranks (tied, EDM) first in the NHL, per Jan. 10.

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 39 face-offs on Jan. 3, at Washington (39/68, 57%), which tied a season-high, prior: Nov. 7, 2023, at COL.

Keep an eye on...**Michael McLeod** ranks first in the NHL for overall face-off% (66.2%).

He also ranked first for overall face-off% on the road (67.3%), and first overall face-off% at home (65.2%).

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 rank second in the NHL for overall face-off percentage (54.4%).

Entering Thursday's contest, the Devils ranked first in the NHL for defensive-zone face-offs at 59.8%.

## 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 855 career regular season wins, which 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 119 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 258 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>119 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 14 comeback wins in 2023-24 rank first in the NHL, per Jan. 10.

## THE RANKS

### NJD:

STAT	NHL RANK
GA/GP, 3.55	28 <sup>th</sup>
GF/GP, 3.55	5 <sup>th</sup>
SA/GP, 29.4	8 <sup>th</sup>
SF/GP, 31.5	12 <sup>th</sup>

### TBL:

STAT	NHL RANK
GA/GP, 3.45	27 <sup>th</sup>
GF/GP, 3.24	14 <sup>th</sup>
SA/GP, 30.2	17 <sup>th</sup>
SF/GP, 30.1	20 <sup>th</sup>

(Per one day before game)

## 2023-24 TEAM STATS

### RECORD ON DAYS OF THE WEEK

The Devils record on Thursday in **2023-24...5-1-0**

Record in night games in **2023-24...20-13-2...home: 9-8-2...road: 11-5-0**

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

### 2023-24 Alternate jersey record...2-4-0

#### 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	6-4, L
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: 7-4-1**

**ATL: 7-3-0**

**CEN: 4-3-1**

**PAC: 3-5-0**

**EAST: 14-7-1**

**WEST: 7-8-1**

**RECORD WHEN SCORING FIRST**

Scoring first...**8-2-1**...Trailing first...**13-13-1**

**OVERTIME/SHOOTOUT**

**OT: 4-1**

**SO: 0-1**

**OUTSHOOTING OPP: 16-6-1**

**OUTSHOT: 5-9-0**

**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: 6'2" | W: 197 lbs | A: 27 years old

**PLAYERS BY COUNTRY**

**CAN-11**

**USA-5**

**CHE-3**

**CZE-3**

**SWE-2**

**SVK-1**

**DEU-1**

**FIN-1**

**GOALS BY PERIOD**

<b>PERIOD</b>	<b>GOALS FOR/AGAINST</b>	<b>DIFFERENTIAL</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>38-37</b>	<b>+1</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>43-46</b>	<b>-3</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>50-51</b>	<b>-1</b>
<b>OT</b>	<b>4-1</b>	<b>+3</b>
<b>SO</b>	<b>0-1</b>	<b>-1</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>135-135*</b>	<b>0</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: 9-8-1**

**First game: 8-1-0 | home: 2-1-0 | road: 6-0-0**

**Second game: 1-7-1 | home: 1-4-1 | 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>
Largest margin of defeat	4, twice	Last: 12/17/23, vs ANA, 5-1, L
<b>MOST GOALS, GAME</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>11/25/23, vs BUF, 7-2, W</b>
Most goals allowed, game	6, 6x	Last: 1/6/24, vs VAN, 6-4, L
<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>
Most goals allowed, period	4, 3x	Last: 1/6/24, vs VAN, 2 <sup>nd</sup> per., 6-4, L
<b>FASTEST GOAL START GP</b>	<b>0:47</b>	<b>12/16/23 at CBJ, J. Hughes, 6-3, W</b>
Fastest goal allowed, Start GP	0:24	12/21/23, vs EDM, R. McLeod, 6-3, L
<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>
Fastest Goal Allowed Start of a Period	0:17	12/16/23, at CBJ, 2 <sup>nd</sup> per., K. Marchenkov, 6-3, W
<b>MOST SHOTS IN A GAME</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>12/1/23 vs SJS, 6-3, L</b>
Most Shots Allowed in a Game	47	11/30/23, at PHI, 4-3, Wot
<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>
Most Shots Allowed in a Period	25	11/30/23, at PHI, 2 <sup>nd</sup> per., 4-3, Wot
<b>FEWEST SHOTS IN A GAME</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>11/22/23, at DET, 4-0, L</b>
Fewest Shots allowed in a Game	12	11/25/23, vs BUF, 7-2, W
<b>FEWEST SHOTS IN A PERIOD</b>	<b>2, 3x</b>	<b>Last: 11/22/23, at DET, 4-0, L</b>
Fewest shots OPP, period	3, 3x	Last: 12/1/23, vs SJS, 2 <sup>nd</sup> per., 6-3, L
<b>MOST PIM IN A GAME</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>1/5/24, vs CHI, 4-2, W</b>
Most PIM Opp., Game	38	1/5/24, vs CHI, 4-2, W
<b>FEWEST PIM IN A GAME</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>12/1/23, vs SJS, 6-3, L</b>
Fewest PIM Opp, Game	2, 3x	Last: 11/18/23, vs NYR, 5-3, L
<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>

**INDIVIDUAL**

<b>MOST GOALS, GAME</b>	<b>3, twice</b>	<b>Last: 12/16/23, J. Hughes, vs CBJ</b>
Most goals, game opponent	3	12/17/23, A. Henrique, ANA
<b>MOST ASSISTS, GAME</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>10/24/23, J. Hughes, at MTL</b>
Most assists, game opponent	4	11/14/23, J. Morrissey, WPG
<b>MOST POINTS, GAME</b>	<b>4, 4X</b>	<b>Last: 12/29/23, J. Bratt, at OTT</b>
Most Points, game opponent	4	11/14,23, J. Morrissey, WPG
<b>MOST SHOTS, GAME</b>	<b>9, 3X</b>	<b>Last: 1/5/24, J. Bratt, vs CHI</b>
Most shots, game opponent	9	11/18/23, A. Panarin, NYR
<b>MOST PIM, GAME</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>10/27/23, O. Palat, vs BUF</b>
Most PIM, game opponent	20	10/27/23, C. Clifton, BUF

**VS TAMPA BAY**

The Devils and Tampa Bay face-off for the first of three matchups this season.

**Next: Jan. 27, at TBL, 7:00 P.M. E.T.**

**Feb. 25, vs TBL, 1:00 P.M. E.T.**

Jersey's team was 1-1-1 against the Bolts last season. **Timo Meier** (2g-2a) and **Nico Hischier** (1g-3a) led the Devils with four points against Tampa last season. **Jesper Bratt** recorded his first career hat-trick on Mar. 19, 2023, at Tampa.

### ALL-TIME vs TBL

**Record: 61-32-7-8**

**Home: 35-15-2-4**

**Road: 26-17-5-4**

### SINCE 1982-83...

The most goals that the Devils earned in a single game vs Tampa was nine, which was logged on Mar. 23, 1993, after a 9-3 win at the Meadowlands.

The most goals that the team allowed in a game vs Tampa was eight, which was recorded on Oct. 30, 2018, in an 8-3 loss at the Rock.

The most shots that Jersey earned in a single game vs the Lightning is 45, which was recorded on Nov. 23, 2018, in a 7-3 win at Tampa.

The most shots that the Devils allowed against the Bolts was 51, which was logged on Feb. 17, 2018, after a 4-3 win at Tampa.

The last time that the Devils shut out Tampa was on Dec. 14, 2013, after a 3-0 win at the Rock (M. Brodeur, 33 saves).

The last time Tampa shut out the Devils was on Feb. 26, 2016, in a 4-0 loss at the Rock (B. Bishop, 21 saves).

## PLAYER NOTES

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### JACK HUGHES

- After Wed., Jan. 3, night's effort at Washington: Per NHL Pr, Hughes "recorded his 30th assist of the season in his 31st game and became the fastest player in Devils/Rockies/Scouts history to reach the mark, besting **Zach Parise's** pace in 2008-09 (33 GP). **Aaron Broten** (35 GP in 1987-88) is the only other player in franchise history to do so in fewer than 35 games."
- Hughes owns five games with eight, or more, shots, which are tied for the most in the NHL with Boston's D. Pastrnak, Toronto's Auston Matthews & NY Rangers' A. Panarin
  - The most games that a player recorded in franchise history with eight, or more, shots on goal in a single season is 10: Zach Parise, 2008-09.
- 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 38 games from the start of a season was 15, which John MacLean earned in 1988-89.

Rk	Player	Team	Season	Count
1	John MacLean	NJD	1988-89	15
2	John MacLean	NJD	1990-91	14
3	Jack Hughes	NJD	2022-23	14
4	Aaron Broten	NJD	1986-87	13
5	Kirk Muller	NJD	1989-90	13

6	Zach Parise	NJD	2008-09	13
7	Patrik Elias	NJD	2008-09	13
8	Zach Parise	NJD	2009-10	13
9	Guy Charron	KCS	1975-76	12
10	Jack Hughes	NJD	2023-24	12

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

- While Hughes is out of the lineup entering Thursday night's contest, Hughes led (tied, D. Pastrnak & N. Kucherov) the NHL with nine three-point efforts this season.
- 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 1.41 points, per game, which sits eighth in the NHL behind N. Kucherov (1.63, 1<sup>st</sup>).

J. Hughes and **Jesper Bratt** have 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	Dawson Mercer	NJD	2023-24	5
5	Luke Hughes	NJD	2023-24	5
6	Nico Hischier	NJD	2023-24	5
7	Erik Haula	NJD	2023-24	5
8	Dougie Hamilton	NJD	2023-24	4
9	Timo Meier	NJD	2023-24	3
10	Michael McLeod	NJD	2023-24	3
11	Alexander Holtz	NJD	2023-24	3
12	Simon Nemec	NJD	2023-24	2
13	Curtis Lazar	NJD	2023-24	2

14	Brendan Smith	NJD	2023-24	1
15	Jonas Siegenthaler	NJD	2023-24	1
16	Ondrej Palat	NJD	2023-24	1
17	Colin Miller	NJD	2023-24	1
18	Kevin Bahl	NJD	2023-24	1

## THE BRATT-MAN

- **Jesper Bratt** (6g-14a) is one of 14 skaters in the NHL with 20, or more, power-play points in 2023-24. This list also includes J. Hughes (5g-16a).
  - 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.
- *Side note*...Bratt has played in 124 consecutive games which ranks for (tied) 44<sup>th</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.
- Bratt enters Thursday's contest with 204 career assists.
- The Swedish forward also owns six games with three, or more, points in 2023-24.
  - That marker noted above also marks his most three-point games in a single season (prior, 5 GP, 2021-22).
- Bratt recorded a career-high nine shots on goal via Fri., Jan. 5<sup>th</sup>, contest vs Chicago.

## 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.
- 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 20:50 TOI per game, which ranks second on New Jersey since that date.
  - Nemeč logged a career-high 23:32 TOI on Sat., Jan. 6, vs Vancouver.
  - The blueliner's 20:50 ATOI ranks second for all NHL rookie skaters in 2023-24.
- *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.
- Nemeč recorded his second-career multi-point game (1g-1a), after Fri., Jan. 5<sup>th</sup>, win against Chicago.
- Per NHL Pr, Nemeč "became the third Devils/Scout/Rockies defenseman to record multiple multi-point games as a teenager. The others: **Scott Niedermayer** (6 GP) and **Joe Cirella** (2 GP).

## THE FORCE IS STRONG WITH LUKE

- **Luke Hughes'** 22 points (7g-16a) 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).

## THE STREAK/ENDED

Luke Hughes was riding a four-game point streak entering Fri., Jan. 5<sup>th</sup>, contest vs Chicago (3g-3a). The point streak tied the 20-year-old's career-high which he earned via Oct. 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023, to Nov. 2 (0g-6a). Yet, the streak ended on Jan. 5, 2024, vs Chicago.

SEE: The longest point streaks (4 GP) that rookie defensemen earned in franchise history for a single season:

Rk	Player	Team	Streak	Streak Started	Streak Ended	G	A	PTS
1	Barry Beck	CLR	10	1/11/1978	1/31/1978	2	9	11
2	Barry Beck	CLR	10	11/26/1977	12/21/1977	10	6	16
3	Ty Smith	NJD	5	1/14/2021	1/24/2021	1	5	6
4	Will Butcher	NJD	5	3/23/2018	3/31/2018	1	6	7



5	Adam Larsson	NJD	5	11/19/2011	11/26/2011	1	4	5
6	Scott Niedermayer	NJD	5	10/31/1992	11/13/1992	1	5	6
7	Bruce Driver	NJD	5	1/14/1985	1/23/1985	3	2	5
8	Luke Hughes	NJD	4	10/25/2023	11/2/2023	0	6	6
9	Will Butcher	NJD	4	3/6/2018	3/14/2018	0	5	5
10	Will Butcher	NJD	4	10/11/2017	10/17/2017	0	6	6
11	Brian Rafalski	NJD	4	11/6/1999	11/13/1999	0	4	4
12	Bruce Driver	NJD	4	2/16/1985	2/21/1985	0	4	4
13	Bruce Driver	NJD	4	12/8/1984	12/15/1984	0	7	7
14	Barry Beck	CLR	4	3/30/1978	4/5/1978	3	3	6
15	Mark Suzor	CLR	4	10/14/1977	10/20/1977	1	4	5
16	Luke Hughes	NJD	4	12/27/2023	1/3/2024	3	3	6

- Hughes' 11 power-play points (3g-8a) ranks first for all NHL rookie skaters this season (L Cooley, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 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 Jan. 10.

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

## 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
- The last time that a rookie blueliner earned more than seven goals in a single season was when Scott Niedermayer recorded 11 goals in 1992-93 (most in team history since 1982-83).

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

- **Nico Hischier** recorded his 11<sup>th</sup> career multi-goal game and his fourth power-play goal for the 2023-24 campaign, after Jan. 3<sup>rd</sup>, contest at Washington.
- The team's game played on Jan. 3<sup>rd</sup>, marked Hischier's second multi-goal game for 2023-24 (last: Dec. 9, 2023, at CGY, 2g-0a), and the captain's fifth multi-point game for the season.
- Hischier recorded first three-point effort for the 2023-24 campaign on Jan. 3<sup>rd</sup>, at Washington. It also nodded the captain's 12<sup>th</sup> career game with three, or more, points.
- The captain owns 307 career points (120g-187a), which ranks 21<sup>st</sup> all-time for franchise history behind Sergei Brylin's 308 career points.

## **NO MERCY**

**Dawson Mercer** Dawson Mercer not only skated in his 200<sup>th</sup> career NHL contest via Jan. 3, and consecutive games played, but also became the 14<sup>th</sup> player in franchise history who scored a goal in his 200<sup>th</sup> career NHL game played:

Players in franchise history who scored in their 200<sup>th</sup> career NHL game played:

Rk	Player	Date ▼	Age	Team		Opp	Result	G	A	PTS
1	Michael McLeod	1/4/2023	24-335	NJD	@	DET	W 5-1	1	0	1
2	Jack Hughes	12/23/2022	21-223	NJD		BOS	L 3-4	1	0	1
3	Blake Coleman	11/19/2019	27-356	NJD		BOS	L 1-5	1	0	1
4	Adam Henrique	10/21/2014	24-257	NJD		NYR	L 3-4 (OT)	1	1	2
5	Ryan Carter	11/19/2011	28-108	NJD	@	TBL	W 4-2	1	1	2
6	Zach Parise	12/29/2007	23-154	NJD	@	NYI	L 2-5	1	1	2
7	Steve Guolla	2/7/2003	29-329	NJD		ATL	L 2-4	1	0	1
8	Colin White	12/6/2002	24-359	NJD		PIT	W 3-1	1	0	1
9	Jan Ludvig	10/10/1985	24-023	NJD	@	PHI	W 6-5	1	0	1
10	Brent Ashton	3/26/1982	21-312	CLR		EDM	T 6-6	1	1	2

11	Ron Delorme	12/9/1979	24-097	CLR	@	MTL	W 7-5	1	1	2
12	Randy Rota	2/26/1976	25-194	KCS	@	NYI	T 2-2	1	1	2
13	Rich Lemieux	11/2/1974	23-197	KCS		CBH	L 3-4	1	0	1

- Mercer collected his second goal of the game 7:16 into the third period on Wed., Jan. 3, at Washington, which provided the Devils with a 5-3 lead. The effort marked Mercer's first two-goal game for 2023-24 and fifth multi-point game for the season. As seen above, Mercer became the first player in franchise history who scored multiple goals in their 200<sup>th</sup> career NHL game played.

## MIKEY

- McLeod earned his first multi-goal effort for 2023-24 via Jan. 3<sup>rd</sup>, at Washington and the centerman's third-career multi-goal performance (last: Feb. 8, 2022, at MTL).
- McLeod enters Thursday's contest at Tampa riding a three-game point streak (3g-1a), while his career-high is a four-game points streak (1g-3a) earned via Oct. 30, 2022, to Nov. 5.
- McLeod also tied a career-high two game-winning goals in a single season, which he first logged in 2020-21.
- No. 20 owns 10 goals this season, which marks a career-high (prior, 9 in 2020-21)

## HAULA AT 300

- **Erik Haula** is fresh off netting his ninth goal for the 2023-24 campaign and fifth multi-point (1g-1a) performance this season.
- Haula also earned his 300<sup>th</sup> career point in last game's effort, and became the 29<sup>th</sup> Finnish native all-time who earned 300, or more, points.

## SMITH

- **Brendan Smith** earned his first multi-point effort for the 2023-24 campaign, after Jan. 6<sup>th</sup>'s contest vs Vancouver (0g-2a). It also marked the blueliner's first multi-point game since Mar. 17, 2017, vs Florida (w/ NYR).
- Smith owns five points this season, while the veteran defenseman earned five points (0g-5a) in 60 games played in 2022-23.

## TEEING UP

- **Chris Tierney** owns points in consecutive games (0g-2a), which marked his first point streak since joining Jersey's team.
- **Curtis Lazar** enters Thursday's contest riding a three-game point streak (0g-3a), which tied a career-high (last earned: Jan. 12, 2020, to Jan. 16, 1g-3a).

## IT'S MILLER TIME

- **Colin Miller** not only netted his first goal in a Devils sweater on Jan. 6, vs Vancouver, but recorded his first-career multi-goal effort (2g-0a).
- Miller is also the lone Devils defenseman who earned a multi-goal game this season.
  - The last Devils blueliner who recorded a multi-goal game was **Dougie Hamilton** on Feb. 9, 2023, vs Seattle (2g-0a).

## QUICK HITS

**Tyler Toffoli** ranks second on New Jersey with 110 shots, while J. Hughes ranks first with 138 shots on goal.

**Michael McLeod** is averaging 14:38 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).

**Kevin Bahl** leads all Jersey blueliners with 72 hits, while **Nathan Bastian** lead all Devils skaters with 74 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 58 blocks in 2023-24. **John Marino** ranks second with 48 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 (20:53).

## TIMELESS...

**Dawson Mercer** has played in 202 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 202 consecutive games played currently ranks 13<sup>th</sup> in the NHL for all active skaters.

Mercer's 202 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) rank ninth for franchise history.

**Tyler Toffoli** has played in 168 consecutive games, which ranks 20<sup>th</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.

Vanecek owns 47 career wins with the Devils, which ranks ninth all-time for 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 14, 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.

Daws earned his first-career NHL point, after he was credited with the secondary assist on N. Hischier's first goal of the game on Jan. 3. Daws is the third different Devils netminder who earned a points/assist this season: **A. Schmid** (0g-2a) and **V. Vanecek** (0g-1a).

The 2023-24 campaign marks the fourth time in franchise history that three, or more, netminders recorded a point in a single season for the Devils:

**1987-88: A. Chevrier, S. Burke, B. Suave**

**1982-83: G. Resch, R. Low, L. Middlebrook, S. MacKenzie**

**1974-75: P. McDuffe, D. Herron, M. Plasse**

## UPCOMING MILESTONES

Player	Current Status	Potential Milestone
Nathan Bastian	199 career GP	200 career GP
	187 career <b>NJD</b> GP	200 career/ <b>NJD</b> 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
Nico Hischier	187 career/NJD assists	200 career/NJD assists
Alexander Holtz	66 career/NJD GP	100 career/NJD GP
Jack Hughes	276 career/NJD GP	300 career/NJD GP
	252 career/NJD points	300 career/NJD points
Curtis Lazar	486 career GP	500 career GP
John Marino	291 career GP	300 career GP
	94 career points	100 career points
	79 career assists	100 career assists
Michael McLeod	280 career/NJD GP	300 career/NJD GP
	84 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	56 career/NJD goals	100 career/NJD goals
	62 career/NJD assists	100 career/NJD assists
Colin Miller	485 career GP	500 career GP
Ondrej Palat	460 career points	500 career points
	84 career NJD GP	100 career NJD GP
Jonas Siegenthaler	293 career GP	300 career GP
	196 career NJD GP	200 career NJD GP
Brendan Smith	662 career GP	700 career GP
	94 career assists	100 career assists
	91 career NJD GP	100 career NJD GP
Tyler Toffoli	771 career GP	800 career GP
	251 career assists	300 career assists
	494 career points	500 career points
Vitek Vanecek	88 career wins	100 career wins

#### Accomplished Milestones By Date

<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>

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
Dawson Mercer	200 <sup>th</sup> career NHL GP	1/3/24 at WSH
Erik Haula	300 <sup>th</sup> career NHL PTS	1/6/24 vs 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
GRAEME CLARKE	2019, NJD, 3 <sup>RD</sup> ROUND, 80 <sup>TH</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, Shane Bowers, Erik Haula, Curtis Lazar, John Marino, T. Meier, Colin Miller, Jonas Siegenthaler, Tyler Toffoli & Vitek Vanecek

**UFA:** Cal Foote, Dougie Hamilton, Tomas Nosek, Ondrej Palat, Brendan Smith , Chris Tierney & Max Willman

**UTICA REPORT:** Utica began its third season as the Devils AHL affiliate since 2021-22 and with head coach Kevin Dineen. Utica is 10-13-3-3 this season. The team suffered a 4-3 shootout loss on Jan. 5, 2024, vs Laval. Utica plays next on Wed, Jan. 10, at Laval.

Xavier Parent (9g-14a=23 PTS) & Graeme Clarke (11g-10a=21) lead the team.

