

NEW JERSEY DEVILS



GAME INFORMATION

Vegas Golden Knights (27-14-5) at New Jersey Devils (23-18-3) • 7:00 PM ET • Prudential Center • MSGSN/MSG+/Listen: <u>DEVILS HOCKEY NET</u>

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Pre-Game Availability *subject to change

~ 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:

Dallas Stars 6 New Jersey Devils 2 (27-13-5– 59 PTS) (23-18-3 – 49 PTS)

Three Stars: 1. S. Wedgewood 2. R. Hintz 3. W. Johnston

SCORE	1 ST	2 ND	3 RD	ОТ	SO	FINAL
Dallas	1	3	2	-	-	6
DEVILS	0	0	2	-	-	2

Goals:

DAL: J. Pavelski (PPG), R. Hintz (SHG), M. Duchene (GWG), R. Hintz, C. Smith, W. Johnston

NJD: J. Bratt, T. Toffoli

Game Summary | Event Summary

CURRENT INJURIES/ILLNESS

PLAYER	INJURY/IIIness	OUT SINCE	GAMES MISSED
Tomas Nosek	Upper-body	Nov. 22 (suffered 11/18)	28
Dougie Hamilton	Upper-body	Nov. 30 (suffered 11/28)	24
Ondrej Palat	Lower-body	Jan. 4	9
Jack Hughes	Upper-body	Jan. 6 (suffered 1/5)	7
Jonas Siegenthaler	Lower-body	Jan. 7 (suffered 1/6)	6
Brendan Smith	Lower-body	Jan. 17 (suffered 1/17)	3

2023-24 Total Man-Games Lost: 149

TRANSACTIONS

DATE	PLAYER	ACTION
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)
12/17	Nico Daws	Recalled from Utica (AHL)
12/20	Nico Daws	Reassigned to Utica (AHL)
12/27	Nico Daws	Recalled from Utica (AHL)
12/28	Akira Schmid	Assigned to Utica (AHL)
12/30	Brian Halonen	Activated off I.R. & assigned to Utica (AHL)
1/3	Graeme Clarke	Recalled from Utica (AHL)
1/6	Timo Meier	Placed on I.R. (lower-body)
	Max Willman	Recalled from Utica (AHL)
1/7	Graeme Clarke	Reassigned to Utica (AHL)
1/9	Jonas Siegenthaler	Placed on I.R. (lower-body; broken foot)
	Shane Bowers	Recalled from Utica (AHL)
	Cal Foote	Recalled from Utica (AHL)
	Jonas Siegenthaler	Placed on I.R. (lower-body, broken foot)
1/18	Brendan Smith	Placed on I.R. (lower-body, sprained right knee)
	Santeri Hatakka	Recalled from Utica (AHL)

Pronunciation Guide

Kevin Bahl: (BAHL, KEH -vihn)

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)

Santeri Hatakka (HAT-ah-kah, san-THE-ree)

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 Nemec: (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 Vanecek (va-NIH-chehk, VEE-tehk)

Max Willman (WIHL-muhn, MAX)

WHAT TO KNOW

New Jersey opened its 41st 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

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
Jan. 25	At CAR	7:30 P.M. E.T.
Jan. 27	At TBL	7:00 P.M. E.T.
Feb. 6	Vs COL	7:30 P.M. E.T.
Feb. 8	Vs CGY	7:00 P.M. E.T.
Feb. 10	At CAR	7:00 P.M. E.T.

The Week Ahead

The Devils are slated for three games before the team experiences its bye week from Sun., Jan. 28, to Mon., Feb. 5. Jersey hosts Vegas on Monday, and then visits Carolina on Jan. 25, plus Tampa on Sat., Jan. 27.

Last Game

- The Devils and Dallas faced-off for the first of two matchups this season (0-1-0):
- Next: Mar. 14, 8:00 P.M. E.T.
- The Devils concluded their 10th back-to-back set for 2023-24 and fell to 10-9-1 overall for back-to-back sets this season. The team is now 1-8-1 in the second half of back-to-back sets for the 2023-24 campaign.
- Jersey's team is now 7-9-1 vs the Western Conference this season.

- Jersey's team surrendered the game's first goal and fell to 14-16-1 when trailing first in a contest this season.
- The Devils were outshot 36-31 and fell to 6-11-0 when outshot in a contest this season.
- The team allowed six goals in a game for the sixth time this season, last: Jan. 6, 2024, vs Vancouver, 6-4, loss.

Special Teams

PP: 0-3 | PK: 5/6

• The Devils honored three-time Stanley Cup champion Sergei Brylin while inducting him into the organization's "Ring of Honor". Brylin became the second Ring of Honor inductee (Dr. McMullen).

DHN Quiz Question

Sergei Brylin was one of five skaters who scored in Game 1 of the 1999-00 Stanley Cup final against Dallas, but can you name the four other players?

A: Jason Arnott (2g), Petr Sykora (2g), Ken Daneyko & Scott Stevens

Attendance: 16,514

Duration: 7:24 P.M. to 9:56 E.T.

Man Advantage

The team owns 36 power-play goals in 2023-24, after 44 games played (26.9%). The team's 36 power-play goals ranked eighth in the NHL, per Jan. 21. The team's power-play% ranks fifth in the NHL, per Jan. 21.

New Jersey is one of eight teams with 36, or more, power-play goals this season, while Tampa and Colorado's 44 power-play goals rank first in the NHL, per Jan. 21.

New Jersey defensemen have combined for eight power-play goals this season, which ranks tied for first in the NHL with Edmonton, per Jan. 21.

The Devils have logged two, or more, power-play goals in a game 10 times this season, which ranked (tied, EDM) for fourth in NHL, per Jan. 21. Tampa led the NHL with 12 games with multiple power-play goals, while Detroit and Carolina earned 11 games for this matter.

The Devils recorded four power-play goals in a game for the 17th 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
	1987-				
NJD	88	30	20	10	0
	1980-				
CLR	81	23	9	9	5
	1992-				
NJD	93	22	16	4	2
	2005-				
NJD	06	22	18	4	0
	1986-				
NJD	87	21	10	9	2
	2000-				
NJD	01	20	16	2	2

LET'S LIGHT UP THE ROCK

The Devils have recorded 64 consecutive regular-season home games without an opponent shutting out the team. The marker is the fifth longest stretch without being shutout in franchise history.

The last time that the Devils were shutout at the Rock dates to Apr. 24, 2022, after a 3-0 loss vs Detroit.

The longest non-shutout streak at home in franchise history:

Rk	Team	Streak	Streak Started	Streak Ended	Active	G
1	NJD	109	10/21/1988	2/16/1991		397
2	NJD	83	2/21/1985	2/18/1987		313
3	NJD	80	1/15/1994	3/22/1996		271
4	CLR	75	4/1/1979	3/6/1981		262
5	NJD	64	4/29/2022	PRESENT	*	211

The longest active non-shutout streaks at home:

Rk	Team	Streak	Streak Started	Streak Ended	Active	G
1	STL	122	2/24/2021	1/20/2024	*	415
2	TOR	90	12/1/2021	1/14/2024	*	344
3	NJD	64	4/29/2022	1/20/2024	*	211
4	DAL	52	12/8/2022	1/16/2024	*	188
5	VAN	49	12/17/2022	1/20/2024	*	173
6	COL	49	12/21/2022	1/10/2024	*	190
7	NYR	43	1/3/2023	1/16/2024	*	159
8	ARI	42	2/19/2023	1/20/2024	*	136
9	BOS	39	1/14/2023	1/20/2024	*	140
10	NSH	38	2/18/2023	1/13/2024	*	113

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% (65.4.%).
- He also ranked first for overall face-off% on the road (65.7%), and first overall face-off% at home (65.0%).
- 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 Monday's contest, the Devils ranked first in the NHL for defensive-zone face-offs at 59.3%.

All-time face-off leaders after a single season (Since tracked in 1997-98), who took 15% of their team's total face-offs (McLeod – current/in progress):

Player	Face-off percentage	Season
Michael McLeod	65.4	2023-24
Yanic Perreault	65.2	2003-04
Joe Nieuwendyk	63.2	1998-99
Jonathan Toews	63.1	2022-23
Yanic Perreault	62.9	2002-03
Yanic Perreault	62.8	2006-07
Yanic Perreault	62.7	2000-01
Matt Duchene	62.6	2016-17
David Steckel	62.3	2010-11
Patrice Bergeron	62.2	2020-21
Yanic Perreault	62.2	2005-06
Patrice Bergeron	62.1	2012-13
Patrice Bergeron	61.9	2021-22
Vladimir Sobotka	61.9	2013-14
Yanic Perreault	61.8	1999-00
Yanic Perreault	61.3	2001-02
Rod Brind'Amour	61	2008-09
Scott Nichol	60.6	2009-10
Patrice Bergeron	60.2	2014-15
Eric Lindros	60.1	1997-98
Antoine Vermette	60	2017-18
Ryan O'Reilly	60	2017-18
Scott Nichol	59.8	2007-08
Sean Couturier	59.6	2019-20
Jonathan Toews	59.4	2011-12
Jonathan Toews	58.6	2015-16
Jason Spezza	58.2	2018-19

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 11th.

Ruff owns 857 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 100th career regular-season win with New Jersey, after Oct. 20th'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 121 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 264 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
LINDY RUFF	121 wins	2020-21-PRESENT
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 15 comeback wins in 2023-24 rank (tied, COL) first in the NHL.

THE RANKS

NJD:

STAT	NHL RANK
GA/GP, 3.48	27 th
GF/GP, 3.41	9 th
SA/GP, 29.6	10 th
SF/GP, 31.2	13 th

VGK:

STAT	NHL RANK
GA/GP, 2.65	6 th
GF/GP, 3.13	16 th
SA/GP, 30.2	15 th
SF/GP, 31.6	10 th

(Per one day before game)

2023-24 TEAM STATS

RECORD ON DAYS OF THE WEEK

The Devils record on Monday in 2023-24...0-2-0

Record in night games in 2023-24...22-15-3...home: 9-10-2...road: 13-5-1

Record in day games in 2023-24...1-3-0...home: 0-1-0...road: 1-2-0

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: 8-4-1

ATL: 8-5-1

CEN: 4-4-1

PAC: 3-5-0

EAST: 16-9-2

WEST: 7-9-1

RECORD WHEN SCORING FIRST

Scoring first...9-2-2...Trailing first...14-16-1

OVERTIME/SHOOTOUT

OT: 4-2

SO: 0-1

OUTSHOOTING OPP: 17-7-2

OUTSHOT: 6-11-0

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

USA-5

CHE-3

CZE-3

FIN-2

SWE-2

SVK-1

DEU-1

GOALS BY PERIOD

PERIOD	GOALS FOR/AGAINST	DIFFERENTIAL
1	41-42	-1
2	49-53	-4
3	56-56	0
ОТ	4-2	+2
so	0-1	-1
TOTAL	150-153*	+3

*Does not include shootout

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

2000-01: +100
 1993-94: +86

BACK-TO-BACK GAME

Overall: 10-9-1

First game: 9-1-0 | home: 2-1-0 | road: 7-0-0

Second game: 1-8-1 | home: 1-5-1 | 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
Had a shutout	3/12/23, 3-0, W, vs CAR, V.	3/28/21, 1-0 at BOS, M.
	Vanecek, 32 saves	Blackwood, 40 saves
Were shutout	4/24/22, vs DET, 3-0, A.	1/15/24, 3-0, at BOS, J.
	Nedeljikovic,	Swayman, 31 saves
	17 saves	

Scored 10 goals	N/A	N/A
Scored 9 goals	3/23/93, 9-3, vs TB	10/28/00, 9-0, at PIT
Scored 8 goals	4/6/23, 8-1, vs CBJ	3/14/18, 8-3, at VGK
Allowed 10 goals	10/25/84, 11-2, vs NYR	12/4/85, 10-7, at TOR
Allowed 9 goals	1/18/85, 9-6, vs NYR	3/12/19, 9-4, at CGY
Allowed 8 goals	11/11/92, 8-3, vs MTL	3/31/22, 8-1, at BOS
Had 50 shots in a game	10/30/22, 53, vs CBJ, 7-1 W	3/3/23, 50, at VGK, 4-3, Lso
Allowed 50 shots	2/16/20, 55 vs CBJ, 4-3 Wso	1/19/21, 50 at NYR, 4-3 W
Had no shots in a period	1/7/83, 3 rd per. Vs BOS, 2-2 T	N/A
Allowed no shots in a period	1/6/17, 3 rd per. Vs TOR, 4-2 L	10/10/98, 1 st per. At CHI, 2-1 L
Allowed 1 shot in a period	4/5/22, 2 nd per. 3-1, L vs NYR	2/13/11, 3 rd per. 3-2 SO win @
		FLA
Had 1 shot in a period	1/31/15, 2 nd per., vs FLA	1/15, 2015, 2 nd per. At ANA
Had a penalty shot	4/3/18, T. Hall, scored, vs H.	12/12/22, J. Hughes, denied, vs
	Lundqvist, 5-2 W vs NYR	I. Shesterkin, 4-3 Lo, at NYR
Faced a penalty shot	2/8/20, A. Kopitar, unsuccessful vs.	4/2/23, M. Barron, scored, vs V.
	M. Blackwood in 3-0 win vs. LAK	Vanecek in 6-1 L at WPG
Had a hat-trick	4/4/23, D. Mercer vs T. Jarry in a 5-1 win vs PIT	12/16/23 @ CBJ, J. Hughes vs D.
	v3111	Tarasov in 6-3 win
Allowed a hat-trick	12/17/23, A. Henrique, vs A. Schmid in a	1/31/22, A. Matthews vs.
	5-1 loss,, vs ANA	Akira Schmid in 6-4 loss @ TOR

(Excludes overtime)

TEAM:

LARGEST MARGIN OF VICTORY	5	11/25/23, vs BUF, 7-2, W
Largest margin of defeat	4, 3x	Last: 1/20/24, vs DAL, 6-2, L
MOST GOALS, GAME	7	11/25/23, vs BUF, 7-2, W
Most goals allowed, game	6, 7x	Last: 1/20/24, vs DAL, 6-2, L
MOST GOALS, PERIOD	4, 4x	Last: 1/19/24, at CBJ, 2 nd per., 4-1, W
Most goals allowed, period	4, 3x	Last: 1/6/24, vs VAN, 2 nd per., 6-4, L
FASTEST GOAL START GP	0:47	12/16/23 at CBJ, J. Hughes, 6-3, W
Fastest goal allowed, Start GP	0:24	12/21/23, vs EDM, R. McLeod, 6-3, L
FASTEST GOAL START OF A PERIOD	0:21	10/20/23, at NYI, 2 nd per., T. Toffoli, 5-4,
		OT, W
Fastest Goal Allowed Start of a Period	0:17	12/16/23, at CBJ, 2 nd per., K.
		Marchenkov, 6-3, W
MOST SHOTS IN A GAME	47	12/1/23 vs SJS, 6-3, L
Most Shots Allowed in a Game	47	11/30/23, at PHI, 4-3, Wot
MOST SHOTS IN A PERIOD	23	12/1/23, vs SJS, 3 rd per., 6-3, L
Most Shots Allowed in a Period	25	11/30/23, at PHI, 2 nd per., 4-3, Wot
FEWEST SHOTS IN A GAME	16	11/22/23, at DET, 4-0, L
Fewest Shots allowed in a Game	12	11/25/23, vs BUF, 7-2, W
FEWEST SHOTS IN A PERIOD	2, 3x	Last: 11/22/23, at DET, 4-0, L
Fewest shots OPP, period	3, 3x	Last: 12/1/23, vs SJS, 2 nd per., 6-3, L

MOST PIM IN A GAME	26	1/5/24, vs CHI, 4-2, W
Most PIM Opp., Game	38	1/5/24, vs CHI, 4-2, W
FEWEST PIM IN A GAME	0	12/1/23, vs SJS, 6-3, L
Fewest PIM Opp, Game	2, 3x	Last: 11/18/23, vs NYR, 5-3, L
LONGEST WINNING STREAK	3, 4x	Last: 12/23/23-12/29/23
LONGEST POINTS STREAK	3 GP, (3-0-0), 4x	Last: 12/5/23-12/9/23
LONGEST LOSING STREAK	3, twice	Last: 11/18/23-11/25/23
LONGEST WINLESS STREAK	3 (0-2-1)	12/17/23-12/21/23

INDIVIDUAL

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

VS VEGAS

The Devils and Sin City face-off for the first time this season.

Next: Mar. 17, at VGK, 3:30 P.M. E.T.

The Devils logged a 1-0-1 record against Vegas last season.

ALL-TIME vs VGK

Record: 4-5-1 Home: 2-3-0 Road: 2-2-1

DID YOU KNOW...

- The most goals that the Devils earned in a single game vs VGK is eight, which was recorded on Mar. 14, 2018, after an 8-3 win at VGK.
- The most goals that the Devils allowed in a single game vs VGK is five, which was recorded on Dec. 16, 2021, at the Rock in a 5-3 loss.
- The most shots that Jersey earned in a single game vs VGK is 50, which was earned on Mar. 3, 2023, in a 4-3 shootout loss at VGK.
- The most shots that the Devils surrendered against VGK was 44 on Apr. 18, 2022, in a 3-2 win at Vegas.
- The Devils have never shut out Vegas.
- The only time that Vegas shut out the Devils was on Mar. 3, 2020, in a 3-0 loss at Vegas.

PLAYER NOTES

NJD multi-point game leaderboard:

Rk	Player	Team	Season	Count
1			2023-	
	Jack Hughes	NJD	24	12
2			2023-	
	Jesper Bratt	NJD	24	11
3			2023-	
3	Tyler Toffoli	NJD	24	7
4	Dawson		2023-	
4	Mercer	NJD	24	5
5			2023-	
,	Luke Hughes	NJD	24	5
6			2023-	
U	Nico Hischier	NJD	24	5
7			2023-	
	Erik Haula	NJD	24	5
8	Dougie		2023-	
0	Hamilton	NJD	24	4
9			2023-	
9	Timo Meier	NJD	24	3
10	Michael		2023-	
10	McLeod	NJD	24	3
11	Alexander		2023-	
11	Holtz	NJD	24	3
12			2023-	
12	Simon Nemec	NJD	24	2
13			2023-	
13	Curtis Lazar	NJD	24	2
14	Brendan		2023-	
17	Smith	NJD	24	1
15	Jonas		2023-	
13	Siegenthaler	NJD	24	1
16			2023-	
10	Ondrej Palat	NJD	24	1
17			2023-	
	Colin Miller	NJD	24	1
18			2023-	
10	Kevin Bahl	NJD	24	1

THE BRATT-MAN

- **Jesper Bratt** (6g-14a) ranks second on New Jersey with 20 power-play points. **J. Hughes** (5g-16a) ranks first on Jersey's team with 21 power-play points.
 - o 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 five game-winning goals lead New Jersey this season, and he is one of 15 NHL skaters with five, or more, game winners in 2023-24.
- Bratt's career-high is six game-winning goals in a season, which was earned in 2021-22.
- Bratt's 17 goals in 2023-24 are tied with **T. Toffoli** for the team lead.
- Bratt owns 41 shots over the team's last 10 games played dating to Dec. 30, 2023, which leads the team over that span.
- Side note...Bratt has played in 130 consecutive games which ranks 43rd in the NHL for all active skaters.
- Bratt earned his 200th career assist, after Friday, December 29th'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 15th all-time with 205 career assists in a Devils sweater.
- Bratt enters Monday's contest with 204 career assists.
- The Swedish forward also owns six games with three, or more, points in 2023-24.
 - o 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. 5th, contest vs Chicago.
- **Jack 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			
1	Paiement	CLR	1976-77	4
2	John			
	MacLean	NJD	1990-91	4
3	Aaron			
3	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

FINDING NEMO

Simon Nemec logged his NHL debut on Fri., Dec. 1, vs San Jose and wasted no time inking his name onto an NHL score sheet. Nemec collected two assists in his debut, which marked the ninth instance in franchise history that a player earned a multi-point game in their NHL debut:

Rk	Player	PTS	Date ▼	Age	Team		Орр	Result	G	Α	PTS
1	Will			22-							
	Butcher	3	10/7/2017	274	NJD		COL	W 4-1	0	3	3
2	Jesper			19-							
	Bratt	2	10/7/2017	069	NJD		COL	W 4-1	1	1	2
3	Pavel			19-							
3	Zacha	2	4/9/2016	003	NJD		TOR	W 5-1	0	2	2
4	Zach			21-							
4	Parise	2	10/5/2005	069	NJD		PIT	W 5-1	1	1	2
5	Mike			23-							
	Rupp	2	1/13/2003	000	NJD		FLA	W 6-2	2	0	2
6	Scott			22-							
0	Pellerin	2	12/6/1992	332	NJD	@	BUF	W 7-3	1	1	2

7	Mitch Wilson	2	10/12/1984	22- 240	NJD	NYI	W 7-2	0	2	2	
8	Doug			25-							
0	Buhr	2	2/6/1975	222	KCS	TOR	W 3-2	0	2	2	

- The 2022 second-overall draft selection also logged 22:38 TOI 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).
- Nemec 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 22nd player in franchise history whose first-career NHL goal was also a game-winning tally:

DATE	Tm		Орр		Scorer	Age	Cr. Goal #
4/13/2023	NJD	@	WSH	ОТ	Luke Hughes	19- 216	1
1/16/2021	NJD		BOS	ОТ	Yegor Sharangovich	22- 224	1
10/19/2019	NJD		VAN		Jack Hughes	18- 158	1
1/14/2019	NJD		СНІ		Kevin Rooney	25- 238	1
11/15/2018	NJD	@	PHI		Joey Anderson	20- 149	1
2/7/2014	NJD		EDM	ОТ	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		1

2/27/1995	NJD		MTL	В	Brian Rolston	22- 006	1
3/4/1992	NJD	@	NYR	J	arrod Skalde	21- 007	1
3/25/1990	NJD	@	BUF	E	ric Weinrich	23- 096	1
10/5/1989	NJD	@	PHI	J	anne Ojanen	21- 179	1
11/10/1987	NJD	@	NYR	_	Brendan Bhanahan	18- 291	1
12/9/1985	NJD	@	MNS	C	Craig Wolanin	18- 135	1
10/31/1981	CLR		WSH	А	aron Broten	20- 351	1
2/6/1977	CLR		PIT	R	Ron Delorme	21- 156	1
2/23/1975	KCS		MNS	C	Claude Houde	27- 107	1
2/6/1975	KCS		TOR	G	Sary Coalter	24- 213	1

- Since logging his NHL debut, Nemec is averaging 20:43 TOI per game, which ranks third on New Jersey since that date.
 - o Nemec logged a career-high 25:25 TOI on Mon., Jan. 15, at Boston.
 - o The blueliner's 20:43 ATOI ranks second for all NHL rookie skaters in 2023-24 (B. Faber, 24:41 ATOI)
 - L. Hughes ranks third at 20:28 ATOI
- Fun fact...Nemec is the first defenseman in franchise history who dons No. 17 (21 skaters).
- Nemec logged seven blocked shots on Dec. 27, 2023, vs Columbus, which marked a season-high for all Devils skaters.
- Nemec recorded his second-career multi-point game (1g-1a), after Fri., Jan. 5th, win against Chicago.
- Per NHL Pr, Nemec "became the third Devils/Scout/Rockies defensemen to record multiple multi-point games as a teenager. The others: Scott Niedermayer (6 GP) and Joe Cirella (2 GP).
- Nemec earned his seventh assist for the season on Wed.., Jan. 17, vs Montreal, while eight (2g-6a) of his 10 points were recorded against out-of-division opponents this season.

THE FORCE IS STRONG WITH LUKE

- Luke Hughes' 24 points (8g-16a) are ranked second for the most points that a rookie blueliner earned this season (B. Faber, 25 PTS).
- Hughes' season-high/career-high TOI in a game this season was logged on Mon., Jan. 15, at Boston (28:10 TOI).
- The 28:10 TOI was also the most ice-time that a Devils player logged this season (prior, J. Hughes, 27:16, Dec. 1, 2023, vs SJS).
- The most ice-time that a rookie skater logged in franchise history was Johnny Oduya, who inked 31:02 TOI on Jan. 1, 2007, vs the New York Rangers.

Most TOI/GP that a rookie skater logged in franchise history (prior to Jan. 15):

Rk	Player	TOI	Date	Age	Team		Opp	l
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1	Johnny Oduya	31:02:00	1/2/2007	25-	NJD		NYR
	5 114	20.00.00	2 /22 /222	093			
2	Paul Martin	29:32:00	3/23/2004	23-	NJD	@	FLA
				018			
3	Johnny Oduya	29:20:00	11/18/2006	25-	NJD	@	TOR
				048			
4	Paul Martin	29:11:00	3/19/2004	23-	NJD		MTL
				014			
5	Johnny Oduya	27:52:00	11/9/2006	25-	NJD		CHI
				039			
6	Damon Severson	27:31:00	10/25/2014	20-	NJD	@	OTT
				079			
7	Damon Severson	27:22:00	11/22/2014	20-	NJD	@	CGY
				107			
8	Adam Larsson	26:31:00	1/31/2012	19-	NJD		NYR
				080			
9	Damon Severson	26:26:00	11/28/2014	20-	NJD		DET
				113			
10	Paul Martin	26:25:00	3/13/2004	23-	NJD	@	PHI
				800			

- Hughes' 12 power-play points (4g-8a) ranks first for all NHL rookie skaters this season (L Cooley, 2nd, 2g-8a=10 PPP).
- Hughes' five multi-point games ranks (tied, B. Faber) second for all NHL rookies this season while C. Bedard ranks first for this matter with six multi-point games in 2023-24.

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

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

12			2023-	
13	Luke Hughes	NJD	24	5

NIEDERMAYER-LIKE

- Hughes skated coast-to-coast in Wednesday, December 27th'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)."
- L. Hughes' eight goal are now tied with Viaheslav Fetisov for the third-most goals that a rookie defenseman earned in a single season for Devils' team history (1982-83).
- Most goals earned by a rookie defenseman in team history:

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S. Niedermayer – 11, 1992-93
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B. Driver - 9, 1984-85

V. Fetisov - 8, 1989-90

L. Hughes - 8, 2023-24

E. Gelinas, - 7, 2013-14

-Most in franchise history: Barry Beck: 22 goals in 1977-78 w/ CLR

• Keep in mind that the most power-play goals that a Devils defenseman earned in a single season (team history) is five, which S. Niedermayer earned in 1992-93 and Eric Gelinas in 2013-14. L. Hughes' four power-play goals now rank as the second most all-time for this matter in Devils team history. Bary Beck owns the franchise record with six power-play goals (CLR).

No. 13, The Captain

- **Nico Hischier** recorded his 11th career multi-goal game and his fourth power-play goal for the 2023-24 campaign, after Jan. 3rd, contest at Washington.
- The team's game played on Jan. 3rd, 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. 3rd, at Washington. It also nodded the captain's 12th career game with three, or more, points.
- The captain owns 311 career points (121g-190a), which is tied with Brian Rafalski for 19th place all-time in franchise history.
- Hischier owns points in three consecutive games (1g-2a), and nine points (5g-4a) over the team's last 10 games played dating to Dec. 30, 2023, which leads the team over that frame.

NO MERCY

- **Dawson Mercer** Dawson Mercer not only skated in his 200th career NHL contest via Jan. 3, and consecutive games played, but also became the 14th player in franchise history who scored a goal in his 200th career NHL game played...N. Bastian later became the 15th player in franchise history who earned his feat via Jan. 11, at TBL.
- 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 200th career NHL game
 played.

MIKEY

- **Michael McLeod** earned his first multi-goal effort for 2023-24 via Jan. 3rd, at Washington and the centerman's third-career multi-goal performance (last: Feb. 8, 2022, at MTL).
- McLeod entered 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.
 - o McLeod's streak then ended, after his third-period goal was overturned (coach's challenge; offside).
- 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)
- McLeod is averaging 15:04 TOI/GP, while his career-high ATOI is 13:49 logged in 2020-21.

HOLTZ

- Alexander Holtz witnessed a two-game goal-scoring streak end, after Sat., Jan. 20, contest vs Dallas.
 - Holtz has recorded three goals in his last five games played.
 - o Holtz' two-game goal scoring streak also tied a career-high (Nov. 24, 2023. to Nov. 25, 2g-1a).

QUICK HITS

Tyler Toffoli ranks third on New Jersey with 122 shots, while J. Hughes ranks first with 138 shots on goal. J. Bratt ranks second on the team with 131 shots.

Toffoli snapped a six-game skid without scoring a goal, after Sat., Jan. 20 effort vs Dallas (1g-0a).

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).

Haula tied a season-high six shots on goal in a game via Sat., Jan. 20 contest vs Dallas.

Kevini Bahl leads all Jersey blueliners with 81 hits, while Nathan Bastian (85) leads all Devils skaters 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.

Bahl logged a career-high 23:37 TOI on Jan. 11, at Tampa, which led all Devils skaters in the contest.

Jonas Siegenthaler leads New Jersey with 58 blocks in 2023-24. **John Marino** ranks second with 57 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 for ATOI (21:03).

TIMELESS...

Dawson Mercer has played in 208 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 208 consecutive games played currently ranks 13th in the NHL for all active skaters.

Mercer's 208 consecutive games played ranks tied for 9^{th} place all-time in franchise history with Damon Severson's 208 consecutive games (4/7/18 - 5/10/21).

Tyler Toffoli has played in 174 consecutive games, which ranks tied for 18th 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 owns 48 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 11 NHL netminders with 15, 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

Daws recorded 36 saves in the winning effort on Sat., Jan. 13, at Florida, while the netminder's career-high is 37 saves (logged twice, last: Jan. 6, 2024, vs VAN). Daws has started in four of the team's last five games played.

UPCOMING MILESTONES

Player	Current Status	Potential Milestone
Nathan Bastian	193 career NJD 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
Nico Hischier	190 career/NJD assists	200 career/NJD assists
Alexander Holtz	72 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	492 career GP	500 career GP
John Marino	297 career GP	300 career GP
	97 career points	100 career points
	80 career assists	100 career assists
Michael McLeod	286 career/NJD GP	300 career/NJD GP
	85 career/NJD points	100 career/NJD points
Timo Meier	172 career goals	200 career goals
	175 career assists	200 career assists
	347 career points	400 career points
	52 career NJD GP	100 career NJD GP

Dawson Mercer	57 career/NJD goals	100 career/NJD goals
	63 career/NJD assists	100 career/NJD assists
Colin Miller	491 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	665 career GP	700 career GP
	94 career assists	100 career assists
	92 career NJD GP	100 career NJD GP
Tyler Toffoli	777 career GP	800 career GP
	252 career assists	300 career assists
	496 career points	500 career points
Vitek Vanecek	89 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 th career NHL GP	11/2/23 at MIN
Jesper Bratt	400 th career NHL GP	11/5/23 at CHI
Dawson Mercer	100 th career NHL PTS	11/10/23 vs WSH
Ondrej Palat	300 career NHL assists	11/14/23 at WPG
Curtis Lazar	100 th 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 th career NHL PTS	12/16/23 at CBJ
Jack Hughes	100 th career NHL goal	12/16/23 at CBJ
HC Lindy Ruff	850 th career NHL win (4 th all-time)	12/16/23 at CBJ
Nico Hischier	400 th career NHL GP	12/19/23 vs PHI
Kevin Bahl	100 th career NHL GP	12/29/23 at OTT
Jesper Bratt	200 th career NHL assist	12/29/23 at OTT
Timo Meier	500 th career NHL GP	12/30/23 at BOS
Dawson Mercer	200 th career NHL GP	1/3/24 at WSH
Erik Haula	300 th career NHL PTS	1/6/24 vs VAN
Nathan Bastian	200 career NHL GP	1/11/24 at TBL

HOW THEY WERE BUILT

NATE BASTIAN	2016, NJD, 2 ND ROUND, 41 ST OVERALL
JESPER BRATT	2016, NJD, 6 TH ROUND, 162 ND OVERALL
GRAEME CLARKE	2019, NJD, 3 rd ROUND, 80 th OVERALL
NICO DAWS	2020, NJD, 3 RD ROUND, 84 TH OVERALL
NICO HISCHIER	2017, NJD, 1ST OVERALL

ALEXANDER HOLTZ	2020, NJD, 1 St ROUND, 7 TH OVERALL
JACK HUGHES	2019, NJD 1 ST OVERALL
LUKE HUGHES	2021, NJD, 1 ST ROUND, 4 TH OVERALL
MICHAEL MCLEOD	2016, NJD, 1 ST ROUND, 12 TH OVERALL
DAWSON MERCER	2020, NJD, 1 ST ROUND, 18 TH OVERALL
SIMON NEMEC	2022, NJD, 1 ST ROUND, 2 ND OVERALL

Trade: Kevin Bahl, Santeri Hatakka, 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 14-15-4-3 this season. The team suffered a 5-2 loss at Syracuse on Sat., Jan. 20. Utica plays next on Wed., Jan. 24, at Laval.

Xavier Parent (9g-19a=28 PTS) & Graeme Clarke (15g-13a=28 PTS) lead the team.

