



# NEW JERSEY DEVILS

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## GAME INFORMATION



New Jersey Devils (24-19-3) at Tampa Bay Lightning (26-18-5) • 7:00 PM ET • Amalie Arena • MSGSN 2/MSG+/Listen: [DEVILS HOCKEY NET](#)

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~ 11:00 a.m. E.T. time.. (approx.) – Media Availability for select players and Head Coach Lindy Ruff, please contact Devils PR for requests\*

### Last Game:

**New Jersey Devils 2**  
(24-19-3– 51 PTS)

**Carolina Hurricanes 3**  
(26-15-5 – 57 PTS)

Three Stars: 1. A. Raanta 2. T. Teravainen 3. J. Staal

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

### Goals:

**CAR:** S. Aho, T. Teravainen (PPG), J. Staal

**NJD:** J. Dowling, J. Bratt

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## CURRENT INJURIES/ILLNESS

| PLAYER             | INJURY/Illness | OUT SINCE                | GAMES MISSED |
|--------------------|----------------|--------------------------|--------------|
| Tomas Nosek        | Upper-body     | Nov. 22 (suffered 11/18) | 30           |
| Dougie Hamilton    | Upper-body     | Nov. 30 (suffered 11/28) | 26           |
| Ondrej Palat       | Lower-body     | Jan. 4                   | 11           |
| Jack Hughes        | Upper-body     | Jan. 6 (suffered 1/5)    | 9            |
| Jonas Siegenthaler | Lower-body     | Jan. 7 (suffered 1/6)    | 8            |
| Brendan Smith      | Lower-body     | Jan. 17 (suffered 1/17)  | 5            |

2023-24 Total Man-Games Lost : 162

## TRANSACTIONS

| DATE  | PLAYER                    | ACTION   |
|-------|---------------------------|--|
| 12/2  | <b>Samuel Labege</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)                      |
|       | <b>Max Willman</b>        | Recalled from Utica (AHL)                        |
| 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)         |
| 1/18  | <b>Brendan Smith</b>      | Placed on I.R. (lower-body, sprained right knee) |
|       | <b>Santeri Hatakka</b>    | Recalled from Utica (AHL)                        |
| 1/25  | <b>Justin Dowling</b>     | Recalled from Utica (AHL)                        |
|       | <b>Daniil Misyul</b>      | Recalled from Utica (AHL)                        |
|       | <b>Nick DeSimone</b>      | Claimed off waivers from Calgary                 |
|       | <b>Jack Hughes</b>        | Placed on I.R., retro to Jan. 5                  |

### 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)

Nick DiSimone (DEE-sihr-mohn, NIHK)

Justin Dowling (DOW-lihng, JUHS-tihn)

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)

Daniil Misyul (miss-SEWL, Da-NIHL)

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

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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

| DATE    | OPPONENT | TIME           |
|---------|----------|----------------|
| 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. |
| Feb. 12 | Vs SEA   | 7:00 P.M. E.T. |

### The Week Ahead

The Devils visit Tampa on Sat., Jan. 27, and then enter the team's official bye week and NHL All-Star break. The team resumes action on Tue., Feb., 6, against Colorado at the Rock.

## **LAST GAME IN DETAIL**

- The Devils and Carolina faced-off for the first of three matchups in 2023-24 (0-1-0):
- **Next: Feb., 10, at CAR, 7:00 P.M. E.T.**
- **Mar. 9, vs CAR, 12:30 P.M. E.T.**
  
- Jersey's team is now 8-5-1 vs the Metropolitan Division this season.
- Jersey's team surrendered the game's first goal and fell to 15-17-1 when trailing first in a contest this season. Entering Thursday night's contest, New Jersey's 15 wins when trailing first in a contest led all NHL teams in 2023-24.
- The Devils outshot Carolina, 25-23. The team fell to 18-8-2 when outshooting an opponent in a game this season.
- The Devils entered Thursday night's contest with a 14-7-1 road record, while the team's 14 road wins ranked third in the NHL for 2023-24.

## **Special Teams**

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

## **DHN Quiz Question**

Which former Devils player earned the most postseason goals all-time against the Hurricanes?

A: Bobby Holik | 8 goals

**Attendance: 18,792**

**Duration: 7:38 P.M. to 10:07 E.T.**

## **Man Advantage**

The team owns 36 power-play goals in 2023-24, after 46 games played (25.9%). The team's 36 power-play goals ranked (tied, EDM) eighth in the NHL, per Jan. 26. The team's power-play% ranked sixth in the NHL, per Jan. 26.

New Jersey is one of nine teams with 36, or more, power-play goals this season, while Tampa's 47 power-play goals rank first in the NHL, per Jan. 26.

New Jersey defensemen have combined for eight power-play goals this season, which ranks tied for first in the NHL with Edmonton, per Jan. 26.

The Devils have logged two, or more, power-play goals in a game 10 times this season, which ranked (tied, EDM & COL) for fourth in NHL, per Jan. 26. Tampa led the NHL with 13 games with multiple power-play goals, while Detroit (12) and Carolina (12) ranked second and third, respectively.

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 |

### LET'S LIGHT UP THE ROCK

The Devils have recorded 65 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  | 65     | 4/29/2022      | PRESENT      | *      | 211 |

The longest active non-shutout streaks at home, per Jan. 24:

| Rk | Team | Streak | Streak Started | Active | GP  | W  |
|----|------|--------|----------------|--------|-----|----|
| 1  | STL  | 122    | 2/24/2021      | *      | 122 | 66 |
| 2  | TOR  | 90     | 12/1/2021      | *      | 90  | 59 |
| 3  | NJD  | 65     | 4/29/2022      | *      | 65  | 34 |
| 4  | DAL  | 52     | 12/8/2022      | *      | 52  | 29 |
| 5  | VAN  | 50     | 12/17/2022     | *      | 50  | 31 |
| 6  | COL  | 49     | 12/21/2022     | *      | 49  | 32 |
| 7  | ARI  | 43     | 2/19/2023      | *      | 43  | 24 |
| 8  | NYR  | 43     | 1/3/2023       | *      | 43  | 30 |
| 9  | BOS  | 40     | 1/14/2023      | *      | 40  | 31 |
| 10 | NSH  | 39     | 2/18/2023      | *      | 39  | 21 |

### 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.
- **Michael McLeod** ranks first in the NHL for overall face-off% (65.0%).

- He also ranked second for overall face-off% on the road (65.7%), and first overall face-off% at home (64.3%).
- Additionally, McLeod ranks fourth in the NHL with 73 face-offs wins shorthanded.
- 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 fifth in the NHL for overall face-off percentage (54.0%).
- Entering Saturday's contest, the Devils ranked first in the NHL for defensive-zone face-offs at 58.9%.

**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  |
|------------------|---------------------|---------|
| Yanic Perreault  | 65.2                | 2003-04 |
| Michael McLeod   | 65.0                | 2023-24 |
| 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 11<sup>th</sup>.

Ruff owns 858 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 122 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 266 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>122 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 16 comeback wins in 2023-24 ranked (tied, DAL) first in the NHL, per Jan. 26.

## **THE RANKS**

### **NJD:**

| <b>STAT</b> | <b>NHL RANK</b>  |
|-------------|------------------|
| GA/GP, 3.50 | 27 <sup>th</sup> |
| GF/GP, 3.43 | 8 <sup>th</sup>  |
| SA/GP, 29.5 | 10 <sup>th</sup> |
| SF/GP, 31.2 | 12 <sup>th</sup> |

**TBL:**

| STAT        | NHL RANK         |
|-------------|------------------|
| GA/GP, 3.29 | 23 <sup>rd</sup> |
| GF/GP, 3.43 | 9 <sup>th</sup>  |
| SA/GP, 29.9 | 13 <sup>th</sup> |
| SF/GP, 29.9 | 20 <sup>th</sup> |

(Per one day before game)

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

The Devils record on Saturday in **2023-24...5-4-0**

Record in night games in **2023-24...23-16-3...home: 10-10-2...road: 13-6-1**

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: 8-5-1**

**ATL: 8-5-1**

**CEN: 4-4-1**

**PAC: 4-5-0**

**EAST: 16-10-2**

**WEST: 8-9-1**

**RECORD WHEN SCORING FIRST**

Scoring first...**9-2-2**...Trailing first...**15-17-1**

**OVERTIME/SHOOTOUT**

**OT: 5-2**

**SO: 0-1**

**OUTSHOOTING OPP: 18-8-2**

**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: 195 lbs | A: 27 years old

## PLAYERS BY COUNTRY

CAN-10

USA-5

CHE-3

CZE-3

FIN-2

SWE-2

SVK-1

DEU-1

BLR: 1

## GOALS BY PERIOD

| PERIOD | GOALS FOR/AGAINST | DIFFERENTIAL |
|--------|-------------------|--------------|
| 1      | 43-44             | -1           |
| 2      | 51-59             | -8           |
| 3      | 59-56             | +3           |
| OT     | 5-2               | +3           |
| SO     | 0-1               | -1           |
| TOTAL  | 158-161*          | -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: 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 shootout | 3/12/23, 3-0, W, vs CAR, V.<br>Vanecek, 32 saves | 3/28/21, 1-0 at BOS, M.<br>Blackwood, 40 saves |

|                                     |  |   |
|-------------------------------------|--|---|
| <b>Were shutout</b>                 | 4/24/22, vs DET, 3-0, A. Nedeljivic, 17 saves                        | 1/15/24, 3-0, at BOS, J. Swayman, 31 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>              | 1/22/24 vs VGK, T. Toffoli vs L. Thompson in 6-5, Wot                | 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, 3x</b> | <b>Last: 1/20/24, vs DAL, 6-2, 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, 7x</b> | <b>Last: 1/20/24, vs DAL, 6-2, L</b>                                 |
| <b>MOST GOALS, PERIOD</b>                     | <b>4, 4x</b> | <b>Last: 1/19/24, at CBJ, 2<sup>nd</sup> per., 4-1, W</b>            |
| <b>Most goals allowed, period</b>             | <b>4, 4x</b> | <b>Last: 1/22/24, vs VGK, 2<sup>nd</sup> per., 6-5, Wot</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>                                      |

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|---------------------------------|--------------------------|---|
| <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>26</b>                | <b>1/5/24, vs CHI, 4-2, W</b>                             |
| <b>Most PIM Opp., Game</b>      | <b>38</b>                | <b>1/5/24, vs CHI, 4-2, W</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>                                  |

## INDIVIDUAL

|                                    |              |  |
|------------------------------------|--------------|--|
| <b>MOST GOALS, GAME</b>            | <b>3, 3x</b> | <b>Last: 1/22/24, T. Toffoli, vs VGK</b> |
| <b>Most goals, game opponent</b>   | <b>3</b>     | <b>12/17/23, A. Henrique, ANA</b>        |
| <b>MOST ASSISTS, GAME</b>          | <b>4</b>     | <b>10/24/23, J. Hughes, at MTL</b>       |
| <b>Most assists, game opponent</b> | <b>4</b>     | <b>11/14/23, J. Morrissey, WPG</b>       |
| <b>MOST POINTS, GAME</b>           | <b>4, 4X</b> | <b>LAst: 12/29/23, J. Bratt, at OTT</b>  |
| <b>Most Points, game opponent</b>  | <b>4</b>     | <b>11/14,23, J. Morrissey, WPG</b>       |
| <b>MOST SHOTS, GAME</b>            | <b>10</b>    | <b>1/22/24, J. Bratt, vs VGK</b>         |
| <b>Most shots, game opponent</b>   | <b>9</b>     | <b>11/18/23, A. Panarin, NYR</b>         |
| <b>MOST PIM, GAME</b>              | <b>17</b>    | <b>10/27/23, O. Palat, vs BUF</b>        |
| <b>Most PIM, game opponent</b>     | <b>20</b>    | <b>10/27/23, C. Clifton, BUF</b>         |

## VS TAMPA

The Devils and Tampa face-off for the second of three matchups this season, after Jersey suffered a 4-3 overtime loss at Amalie Arena on Jan. 11, 2024.

**Next: Feb. 25, 1:00 P.M. E.T. | Prudential Center**

**Dawson Mercer, Jesper Bratt and Nathan Bastian** all found the back of the net in the last outing against Tampa, while **Vitek Vanecsek** earned the start in net.

## ALL-TIME vs TBL

**Record: 61-32-7-9**

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

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

## 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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## 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 | 8     |
| 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  | Simon Nemec        | NJD  | 2023-24 | 3     |
| 10 | Timo Meier         | NJD  | 2023-24 | 3     |
| 11 | Michael McLeod     | NJD  | 2023-24 | 3     |
| 12 | Curtis Lazar       | NJD  | 2023-24 | 3     |
| 13 | Alexander Holtz    | NJD  | 2023-24 | 3     |
| 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 | Nathan Bastian     | NJD  | 2023-24 | 1     |
| 19 | Kevin Bahl         | NJD  | 2023-24 | 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.

- 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 18 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 recorded a career-high 10 shots on goal via Jan. 22, vs Vegas.
- Bratt owns 44 shots over the team's last 10 games played dating to Jan. 5, vs Chicago, which leads all Devils skaters. **T. Toffoli** ranks second over that span with 27 shots.
- *Side note*...Bratt has played in 132 consecutive games which ranks (tied) 41<sup>st</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 now ranks 15<sup>th</sup> all-time in franchise history with 205 career assists (tied D. Severson).
- Bratt owns four goals in his last two games against Tampa dating to Mar. 19, 2023, when he earned his first career hat-trick.
- Bratt owns 10 (7g-3a) career points against Tampa in 12 contests.
- 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).
- **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 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     |

Bratt owns points in three consecutive games (2g-1a), while his season-high point streak is eight games (7g-11a) which he earned from Oct. 13, 2023, to Nov. 2.

### **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).
- 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 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 20:44 TOI per game, which ranks third on New Jersey since that date.

- Nemeč logged a career-high 25:25 TOI on Mon., Jan. 15, at Boston.
- The blueliner's 20:45 ATOI ranks second for all NHL rookie skaters in 2023-24 (B. Faber, 24:48 ATOI)
  - **L. Hughes** ranks third at 20:38 ATOI

- *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 third-career multi-point game (0g-2a), after <Mon., Jan. 22, contest vs Vegas.
- Nemeč has recorded 10 points (2g-8a) against out-of-division opponents this season.
- Nemeč's seven points (1g-6a) lead the Devils over their last 10 games played dating to Jan. 5, vs Chicago.

## THE FORCE IS STRONG WITH LUKE

- **Luke Hughes'** 26 points (8g-18a) are ranked second for the most points that a rookie blueliner earned this season (B. Faber, 29 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 |
|----|----------------|----------|------------|--------|------|---|-----|
| 1  | Johnny Oduya   | 31:02:00 | 1/2/2007   | 25-093 | NJD  |   | NYR |
| 2  | Paul Martin    | 29:32:00 | 3/23/2004  | 23-018 | NJD  | @ | FLA |
| 3  | Johnny Oduya   | 29:20:00 | 11/18/2006 | 25-048 | NJD  | @ | TOR |
| 4  | Paul Martin    | 29:11:00 | 3/19/2004  | 23-014 | NJD  |   | MTL |
| 5  | Johnny Oduya   | 27:52:00 | 11/9/2006  | 25-039 | NJD  |   | CHI |
| 6  | Damon Severson | 27:31:00 | 10/25/2014 | 20-079 | NJD  | @ | OTT |
| 7  | Damon Severson | 27:22:00 | 11/22/2014 | 20-107 | NJD  | @ | CGY |
| 8  | Adam Larsson   | 26:31:00 | 1/31/2012  | 19-080 | NJD  |   | NYR |
| 9  | Damon Severson | 26:26:00 | 11/28/2014 | 20-113 | NJD  |   | DET |
| 10 | Paul Martin    | 26:25:00 | 3/13/2004  | 23-008 | NJD  | @ | PHI |

- Hughes' 12 power-play points (4g-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 as the second most for all NHL rookies this season while C. Bedard & B. Faber 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  | 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)."
- L. Hughes' eight goals are now tied with Viacheslav 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:
  - S. Niedermayer – 11, 1992-93
  - 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 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 312 career points (122g-190a), which passed Brian Rafalski for 19<sup>th</sup> place all-time in franchise history.
- Hischier witnessed a four-game point streak end after Thursday's contest at Carolina, (2g-2a), which tied a season-high (Dec. 5, 2023, to Dec. 10, 2g-3a).
  - Hischier's career-high point streak is eight games, which he earned from Dec. 23, 2022, to Jan. 10, 2023 (6g-5a).

### **HOLY TOFFOLI**

- **Tyler Toffoli** earned goals in consecutive games (4g-0a) from Jan. 20, to Jan. 22, and also logged his fourth multi-goal game for the season, after Monday's win vs Vegas. Toffoli's four multi-goal games lead New Jersey in 2023-24, while Jack Hughes and Jesper Bratt each own three multi-goal games this season.
- Toffoli then earned his second hat-trick for the 2023-24 campaign (Oct. 24, 2023, at MTL), which marked the veteran forward's sixth-career hat-trick. The tally also marked Toffoli's eighth-career overtime goal (last: Mar. 31, 2023, at VAN).
- Toffoli's hat-trick and overtime winner marked the third instance in Devils team history that a player earned a hat-trick and overtime winner in a game:

**P. Elias: Mar. 17, 2001, at EDM**

**P. Elias: Nov. 9, 2001, vs TOR**

**S. Richer: Nov. 20, 1991, vs WSH**

- Toffoli is the first Devils player since Ilya Kovalchuk (2) in 2011-12, who earned multiple hat-tricks in a single season.

**The most hat-tricks earned in a single season for franchise history:**

| Rk | Player         | Team | Season  | Count |
|----|----------------|------|---------|-------|
| 1  | Kirk Muller    | NJD  | 1987-88 | 3     |
| 2  | John MacLean   | NJD  | 1988-89 | 3     |
| 3  | Patrik Elias   | NJD  | 2000-01 | 3     |
| 4  | Bob MacMillan  | NJD  | 1983-84 | 2     |
| 5  | Mark Johnson   | NJD  | 1985-86 | 2     |
| 6  | Pat Verbeek    | NJD  | 1987-88 | 2     |
| 7  | John MacLean   | NJD  | 1990-91 | 2     |
| 8  | Claude Lemieux | NJD  | 1990-91 | 2     |
| 9  | Bobby Holik    | NJD  | 1992-93 | 2     |
| 10 | Patrik Elias   | NJD  | 2001-02 | 2     |
| 11 | Ilya Kovalchuk | NJD  | 2011-12 | 2     |
| 12 | Tyler Toffoli  | NJD  | 2023-24 | 2     |

- Toffoli's five goals over the team's last 10 games played dating to Jan. 5, vs Chicago leads New Jersey.
- Toffoli's 18.5 shooting% over the last 10 games leads New Jersey players who've played in five, or more, contests.

## **HOLTZ**

- **Alexander Holtz** witnessed a two-game goal-scoring streak end, after Sat., Jan. 20, contest vs Dallas.
  - Holtz owns four goals over the team's last 10 games, which is tied with J. Bratt for the second most on the team.

## **LASER**

- **Curtis Lazar** earned his fourth-career multi-goal game and first since joining the Devils in 2022-23, after Monday's victory against Vegas at the Rock.
- Lazar now owns 16 points (6g-10a) in 40 games played this season, while his career-high for points in a single season is 20 (6g-14a) with Ottawa in 2015-16.
- Keep in mind that Lazar's career-high for goals scored in a single season is eight, which he logged with Boston in 2021-22.

## NEW KID ON THE BLOCK

- **Justin Dowling** inked his Devils debut on Thu., Jan. 25, at Carolina and scored his first NHL goal since Oct. 23, 2021 against Seattle. The contest also marked his 99<sup>th</sup> career NHL game.
- Dowling became the 52<sup>nd</sup> player in team history who scored a goal in their Devils' debut.

Recent players who scored in their Devils debut:

| SKATER          | POS | TEAM              | SEASON  | DEBUT      |        |
|-----------------|-----|-------------------|---------|------------|--------|
|                 |     |                   |         | DATE       | AGE    |
| Max Willman     | C   | New Jersey Devils | 2023-24 | 11/5/2023  | 28-265 |
| Timo Meier      | R   | New Jersey Devils | 2022-23 | 3/5/2023   | 26-148 |
| Nikita Okhotiuk | D   | New Jersey Devils | 2021-22 | 4/21/2022  | 21-138 |
| Dougie Hamilton | D   | New Jersey Devils | 2021-22 | 10/15/2021 | 28-120 |
| Ty Smith        | D   | New Jersey Devils | 2020-21 | 1/14/2021  | 20-296 |
| Nikita Gusev    | L   | New Jersey Devils | 2019-20 | 10/4/2019  | 27-088 |

## QUICK HITS

**Ondrej Palat** returned to the lineup on Jan. 25, at Carolina (14:21 TOI), after he missed the team's prior 10 games.

Palat faces off against the Lightning for the first time this season, and has yet to record a career point against his former squad (3 GP).

After Monday's win against Vegas, **Nathan Bastian** earned two assists on the night, which marked the third time in Bastian's career that the forward earned two, or more, assists in a single game.

**Tyler Toffoli** ranks third on New Jersey with 130 shots, while Jesper Bratt ranks first on the team with 142 shots.

**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 85 hits, while **Nathan Bastian** (87) 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** and **John Marino** lead New Jersey with 58 blocked shots this season. with 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 210 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 210 consecutive games played currently ranks 13<sup>th</sup> in the NHL for all active skaters.

Mercer's 210 consecutive games played ranks ninth all-time in franchise history and passed Damon Severson's 208 consecutive games played (4/7/18 – 5/10/21).

**Tyler Toffoli** has played in 176 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 49 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 16, 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**

Vanecek's 90 career wins ranks eighth all-time for Czechia-born netminders. Michal Neuvirth ranks seventh with 105 career wins.

Daws earned the start on Thu., Jan. 25, at Carolina but was relieved for the first time this season (V. Vanecek). It marked the fifth time in 2023-24 that a Devils goalie was relieved after a start.

## UPCOMING MILESTONES

| Player          | Current Status         | Potential Milestone    |
|-----------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| Nathan Bastian  | 195 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 | 74 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    | 494 career GP          | 500 career GP          |

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| John Marino        | 299 career GP         | 300 career GP          |
|                    | 97 career points      | 100 career points      |
|                    | 80 career assists     | 100 career assists     |
| Michael McLeod     | 287 career/NJD GP     | 300 career/NJD GP      |
|                    | 85 career/NJD points  | 100 career/NJD points  |
| Timo Meier         | 172 career goals      | 200 career goals       |
|                    | 176 career assists    | 200 career assists     |
|                    | 348 career points     | 400 career points      |
|                    | 54 career NJD GP      | 100 career NJD GP      |
| Dawson Mercer      | 57 career/NJD goals   | 100 career/NJD goals   |
|                    | 64 career/NJD assists | 100 career/NJD assists |
| Colin Miller       | 492 career GP         | 500 career GP          |
| Ondrej Palat       | 460 career points     | 500 career points      |
|                    | 85 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      | 779 career GP         | 800 career GP          |
|                    | 252 career assists    | 300 career assists     |
|                    | 499 career points     | 500 career points      |
| Vitek Vanecek      | 90 career wins        | 100 career wins        |

#### Accomplished Milestones By Date:

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| <b>Tomas Nosek</b>   | <b>400 career NHL GP</b>   | <b>10/13/23 vs ARI</b> |
| <b>HC Lindy Ruff</b> | <b>100 career NJD wins</b>                                       | <b>10/20/23 at NYI</b> |
| <b>Chris Tierney</b> | <b>600<sup>th</sup> career NHL GP</b>                            | <b>11/2/23 at MIN</b>  |
| <b>Jesper Bratt</b>  | <b>400<sup>th</sup> career NHL GP</b>                            | <b>11/5/23 at CHI</b>  |
| <b>Dawson Mercer</b> | <b>100<sup>th</sup> career NHL PTS</b>                           | <b>11/10/23 vs WSH</b> |
| <b>Ondrej Palat</b>  | <b>300 career NHL assists</b>                                    | <b>11/14/23 at WPG</b> |
| <b>Curtis Lazar</b>  | <b>100<sup>th</sup> career NHL PTS</b>                           | <b>11/16/23 at PIT</b> |
| <b>Jesper Bratt</b>  | <b>300 career NHL PTS</b>  | <b>11/25/23 vs BUF</b> |
| <b>Ondrej Palat</b>  | <b>700 career NHL GP</b>   | <b>12/5/23 at VAN</b>  |
| <b>Nico Hischier</b> | <b>300<sup>th</sup> career NHL PTS</b>                           | <b>12/16/23 at CBJ</b> |
| <b>Jack Hughes</b>   | <b>100<sup>th</sup> career NHL goal</b>                          | <b>12/16/23 at CBJ</b> |
| <b>HC Lindy Ruff</b> | <b>850<sup>th</sup> career NHL win (4<sup>th</sup> all-time)</b> | <b>12/16/23 at CBJ</b> |
| <b>Nico Hischier</b> | <b>400<sup>th</sup> career NHL GP</b>                            | <b>12/19/23 vs PHI</b> |
| <b>Kevin Bahl</b>    | <b>100<sup>th</sup> career NHL GP</b>                            | <b>12/29/23 at OTT</b> |
| <b>Jesper Bratt</b>  | <b>200<sup>th</sup> career NHL assist</b>                        | <b>12/29/23 at OTT</b> |
| <b>Timo Meier</b>    | <b>500<sup>th</sup> career NHL GP</b>                            | <b>12/30/23 at BOS</b> |
| <b>Dawson Mercer</b> | <b>200<sup>th</sup> career NHL GP</b>                            | <b>1/3/24 at WSH</b>   |
| <b>Erik Haula</b>    | <b>300<sup>th</sup> career NHL PTS</b>                           | <b>1/6/24 vs VAN</b>   |

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| <b>Nathan Bastian</b> | <b>200 career NHL GP</b> | <b>1/11/24 at TBL</b> |
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**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, <b>1<sup>ST</sup> OVERALL</b>                    |
| ALEXANDER HOLTZ | 2020, NJD, 1 <sup>ST</sup> ROUND, 7 <sup>TH</sup> OVERALL   |
| JACK HUGHES     | 2019, NJD <b>1<sup>ST</sup> OVERALL</b>                     |
| LUKE HUGHES     | 2021, NJD, 1 <sup>ST</sup> ROUND, 4 <sup>TH</sup> OVERALL   |
| MICHAEL MCLEOD  | 2016, NJD, 1 <sup>ST</sup> ROUND, 12 <sup>TH</sup> OVERALL  |
| DAWSON MERCER   | 2020, NJD, 1 <sup>ST</sup> ROUND, 18 <sup>TH</sup> OVERALL  |
| DANIIL MISYUL   | 2019, NJD, 3 <sup>RD</sup> ROUND, 70 <sup>TH</sup> OVERALL  |
| SIMON NEMEC     | 2022, NJD, 1 <sup>ST</sup> ROUND, 2 <sup>ND</sup> OVERALL   |

**Trade:** Kevin Bahl, Santeri Hatakka, Erik Haula, Curtis Lazar, John Marino, T. Meier, Colin Miller, Jonas Siegenthaler, Tyler Toffoli & Vitek Vanecek

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

Waivers: Nick DeSimone

**UTICA REPORT:** Utica began its third season as the Devils AHL affiliate since 2021-22 and with head coach Kevin Dineen. Utica is 14-16-4-3 this season. The team suffered a 5-2 loss vs Laval on Wed., Jan. 24. Utica played at Rochester on Fri., Jan. 26.

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

