



NEW JERSEY DEVILS

GAME INFORMATION



New Jersey Devils Postgame Notes: October 4, 2024, at Buffalo Sabres (Prague, CZE)

New Jersey Devils 4 Buffalo Sabres 1
(1-0-0=2 PTS) (0-1-0=0 PTS)

Three Stars: **1. J. Kovacevic 2. J. Markstrom 3. O. Power**

SCORE	1 ST	2 ND	3 RD	OT	SO	FINAL
Buffalo	0	0	1	-	-	1
DEVILS	2	1	1	-	-	4

Goals:

BUF: O. Power

NJD: S. Noesen, J. Kovacevic (GWG), N. Hischier, P. Cotter (ENG)

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WHAT TO KNOW

The Devils and Buffalo opened the NHL's 2024-25 regular season action in the 2024 Fastenal NHL Global Series, which took place at O2 Arena in Prague, Czechia.

The contest marked New Jersey's second game outside North America (defeated Edmonton 5-2 in Gothenburg Sweden in 2018-19).

The Devils opened their first back-to-back set for the 2024-25 campaign, while the two Eastern Conference foes meet again on Sat., Oct. 5, back at O2 Arena.

Jersey's team improved to 24-10-8 in regular-season openers since 1982-83. Entering Friday's contest, the team's .659 point% (since 1982-83) for season openers ranked fourth all-time behind Vegas, Tampa Bay and Colorado.

Per NHL Pr, head coach **Sheldon Keefe** (3-0-0 in 3 GP) “became the third head coach in NHL history with a victory in each of his first three career games contested outside North America, following Paul Maurice (3-0-0 in 3 GP) and former Devils bench boss John Hynes (3-0-0 in 3 GP).”

The Devils were outshot 31-23.

New Jersey was 25/59 on face-offs (42%).

Special Teams

PP: 0-2 | PK: 4-4

Attendance: 16,913

Duration: 1:14 P.M. E.T. to 3:41 P.M. E.T.

DHN Quiz Question

Patrik Elias, Petr Sykora and Bobby Holik are three of the four Czech-born players who won a Stanley Cup with the Devils, but can you name the fourth skater?

A: Richard Smehlik, who won a Cup with NJ in 2002-03 and played for Buffalo from 1992-93 to 2001-02.

PLAYER NOTES

Stefan Noesen opened the scoring for New Jersey 8:39 into the first period, which provided the team with a 1-0 lead. Noesen also scored the team’s final goal the last time that New Jersey played outside of North America in Sweden (5-2, win vs Edmonton, 2018-19).

Johnathan Kovacevic inked his Devils debut and earned his third career multi-point game, after he earned one goal and one assist. The two points tied a career-high earned in a single game. The last time Kovacevic earned a multi-point game was on April 9, 2024, vs Philadelphia (0g-2a).

The blueliner earned both points in the first period. Additionally, Kovacevic earned his first career game-winning goal.

Nico Hischier collected his second career point (1g-1a) in an NHL Global Series contest, earned the team’s third goal of the game 3:29 into the second period, which provided the team with a 3-0 lead.

Seamus Casey inked his NHL debut and became the 37th player in NHL history who recorded their NHL debut in a game outside of North America (Per, NHL Pr). The youngster logged 13:47 TOI and recorded two hits.

Quick Hits

The Devils starting lineup consisted all European-born skaters: **Hischier, Simon Nemec, tomas Tatar, Ondrej Palat, Jonas Siegenthaler** & goaltender **Jacob Markstrom**.

Paul Cotter earned the team’s fourth goal of the game (ENG) in his Devils debut. Cotter finished the contest with two points (1g-1a). The effort marked Cotter’s ninth career multi-point game and his first since March 2, 2024, at Buffalo (0g-2a).

Nathan Bastian also collected a multi-point effort, after he recorded two helpers in the contest. The effort marked Bastian’s 10th career multi-point game and first since Feb. 17, against Philadelphia in the Stadium Series matchup (2g-0a).

BETWEEN THE PIPES

Jacob Markstrom inked his Devils debut and recorded 30 saves on 31 shots. Per NHL Pr, Markstrom became “the second active goaltender (S. Bobrovsky) to win a season-opening game for at least three different franchises (also CGY & VAN).”

STATISTICS

Record	1-0-0 (2 PTS)
Road record	1-0-0 (2 PTS)
Record vs BUF since 1982-83	73-51-13-9
All-time road record vs BUF	35-26-7-6

Shots	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	OT	TOTAL
Buffalo	7	11	13	-	31
Devils	11	8	4	-	23

Devils Leaders

Shots	N. Hischier/D. Hamilton -4
Face-off wins	N. Hischier - 15
Face-off%	N. Hischier – 53.6%
Hits	J. Siegenthaler & 3 others - 3
Blocked shots	J. Kovacevic & 2 others - 3
Takeaways	D. Mercer/S. Nemec - 1
TOI	B. Dillon – 22:24 TOI

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