



# NEW JERSEY DEVILS

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## GAME INFORMATION



Utah Hockey Club (3-0-0) at New Jersey Devils (3-1-0) • 1:00 PM ET • Prudential Center • MSGSN/Listen: [DEVILS HOCKEY NET](#)

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~ 11:00 a.m. e.t.. (approx.) – Media Availability for Head Coach Sheldon Keefe, please contact Devils PR for requests\* Subject to change\*

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### CURRENT INJURIES/ILLNESS

PLAYER	INJURY/Illness	OUT SINCE	GAMES MISSED
Luke Hughes	Upper-body	Oct. 4	4
Brett Pesce	Lower-body	Oct. 4	4

**2024-25 Total Man-Games Lost : 8**

## TRANSACTIONS

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DATE	PLAYER	TRANSACTION
9/24/24	Cole Brown	Assigned to Brantford (Ontario Hockey League)
	Kasper Pikkarainen	Assigned to Red Deer (Western Hockey League).
	Zach Pelletier (G)	Released from ATO
	Spencer Sova	Released from ATO
10/1/24	Michael Hutchinson	Released from PTO
10/2/24	Igor Mburanumwe	Released from ATO
	Landon Sim	Released from ATO
	Andre Ghanous	Re-assigned to (AHL) Utica's training camp

	Kevin O'Neil	Re-assigned to (AHL) Utica's training camp
	Jace Isley	Re-assigned to (AHL) Utica's training camp
	Tag Bertuzzi	Re-assigned to (AHL) Utica's training camp
	Dylan Wendt	Loaned to (AHL) Utica
	Tyler Brennan (G)	
10/4/24	Justin Dowling	Placed on waivers (intention for AHL Utica)
	Mike Hardman	Placed on waivers (intention for AHL Utica)
	Samuel Laberge	Placed on waivers (intention for AHL Utica)
	Nathan Legare	Placed on waivers (intention for AHL Utica)
	Max Willman	Placed on waivers (intention for AHL Utica)
	Mikael Diotte	Loaned to (AHL) Utica
	Brian Halonen	Loaned to (AHL) Utica
	Daniil Misyul	Loaned to (AHL) Utica
	Isaac Poulter (G)	Loaned to (AHL) Utica
	Ryan Schmelzer	Loaned to (AHL) Utica
	Chase Stillman	Loaned to (AHL) Utica
	Cam Squires	Re-assigned to Junior team (Cape Breton)
	Max Graham	Returned to Junior team (Kelowna)
	Matyas Melovsky	Returned to Junior team (Baie-Comeau)
	Jeremy Brodeur	Re-assigned to (AHL) Utica camp
	Filip Engaras	Re-assigned to (AHL) Utica camp
	Joe Gambardella	Re-assigned to (AHL) Utica camp
	Will MacKinnon	Re-assigned to (AHL) Utica camp
	Jack Malone	Re-assigned to (AHL) Utica camp
	Xavier Parent	Re-assigned to (AHL) Utica camp
	Jackson van de Leest	Re-assigned to (AHL) Utica camp
10/6/24	Shane Bowers	Placed on waivers (intention for AHL Utica)
	Nick DeSimone	Placed on waivers (intention for AHL Utica)
	Nolan Foote	Placed on waivers (intention for AHL Utica)
	Colton White	Placed on waivers (intention for AHL Utica)
	Nico Daws	Loaned to (AHL) Utica
10/9	Josh Filmon	Activated off non-injured reserve & loaned to (AHL) Utica

### Pronunciation Guide

**Jake Allen: (AL-luhn, JAYK)**

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

**Jesper Bratt: (BRAHT, JEHS -puhr)**

**Seamus Casey (KAY-see. SHAY-mus)**

**Paul Cotter (KAH-tuhr, PAWL)**

**Brenden Dillon (DIHL-uhn, BREHN-duhn)**

**Dougie Hamilton: (HAM -ihl -tuhn, DUH -gee)**

**Erik Haula: (HAWL-la, AIR -ihk)**

**Nico Hischier: (HEE -shuhr, NEE -koh)**

**Jack Hughes: (HEWZ, JAK)**

Luke Hughes: (HEWZ, LEWK)

Johnathan Kovacevic (koh-va-SEHV-Itch)

Curtis Lazar: (lah -ZAHR, KUHR -tihs)

Kurtis MacDermid: (mak-DUHR-mihd, KUHR-tis)

Jacob Markstrom (JAY-kawb MAHRK-struhm)

Timo Meier (TEE-moh MIGH-uhr)

Dawson Mercer (MUHR-suhr, DAW-suhn)

Simon Nemeč: (NHEM-etz, shee-MOHN)

Stefan Noesen (STEH-fan NAY-sehn)

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

Brett Pesce (PEH-SHEE, BREHT)

Jonas Siegenthaaler (SEE-gehn-thahl-uhr, YOH-nuhs)

Tomas Tatar (tah-TAHR, TAH-muhs)

## WHAT TO KNOW

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- New Jersey opened its 42<sup>nd</sup> season since 1982-83, and began the campaign in Europe for the second time in franchise history.
- The Devils last played in the NHL's Global Series on Oct. 6, 2018, when the team defeated Edmonton 5-2 in Gothenburg Sweden. **Nico Hischier** and **Stefan Noesen** are the two current Devils skaters who also played in Gothenburg for New Jersey.
- New Jersey improved to 3-0-0 in the NHL's Global Series, after defeating Buffalo 4-1 on Fri., Oct. 4., and then 3-1 on Sat., Oct. 5.
- The Devils and Utah face-off for the first time in franchise history. The meeting marks the first of two contests against Utah this season:
  - Next: March 1, 2025, at Utah.
- The Devils are 7-3-1 all-time against an expansion franchise in their first-ever meeting.
- Monday's contest marks the team's first matinee game played in North America for 2024-25.

## LAST GAME

New Jersey Devils 5  
(3-1-0=6 PTS)

Washington Capitals 3  
(0-1-0=0 PTS)

Three Stars: 1. P. Cotter 2. E. Haula 3. J. Carlson

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

Goals:

WSH: J. Carlson (PPG), D. Strome, T. Wilson

NJD: S. Casey, P. Cotter, T. Tatar, P. Cotter (GWG), D. Mercer (ENG)

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The Devils and Washington faced-off for the first of four matchups in 2024-25:

- **Oct. 19 | Prudential Center | 7:00 p.m.**
- **Nov. 23 | at Washington | 7:00 p.m.**
- **Nov. 30 | Prudential Center | 7:00 p.m.**

The Devils outshot Washington, 33-32. The 32 shots against were the most that New Jersey surrendered this season (31, Oct. 4, vs BUF, 4-1, W).

New Jersey was 32/55 on face-offs (58%).

Jersey's team is now 2-0-0 when leading after two periods of play this season.

### **Special Teams**

**PP: 0-4 | PK: 2-3**

**Attendance: 18,573**

**Duration: 7:24 p.m. – 9:55 p.m.**

### **DHN Quiz Question**

Which Devils player recorded the most points in a game against Washington?

**A: Kirk Muller**, who earned five points (2g-3a) on Feb. 9, 1990, against Washington.

## **UPCOMING SCHEDULE**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>OPPONENT</b>	<b>TIME</b>
Tuesday, Oct. 15	At Carolina	7:00 P.M.
Thursday, Oct. 17	At Ottawa	7:00 P.M.
Saturday, Oct. 19	Vs Washington	7:00 P.M.
Tuesday, Oct. 22	Vs Tampa Bay	6:45 P.M.

### **Coach's Corner**

New head coach **Sheldon Keefe** improved to 4-0-0 in NHL games played outside of North America and became the first NHL head coach to win his first four career games outside of North America.

Keefe led Toronto to 46, or more, wins in his last three seasons with the Leafs. He led Toronto to 50 wins in 2022-23 and then 54 victories in 2021-22. His career points% in parts of five NHL seasons (all w/ TOR) are .665.

### **Players By Country**

CAN-8

USA-4

CHE-3

SVK-2

SWE-2

FIN-2

CZE-1

**Avg height: 6'1**

**Avg weight: 199**

**Avg age: 28**

### Extra Frame

The Devils experienced two shootout rounds last season, which marked the team's fewest shootout rounds in a single season since its inception in 2005-06.

Before 2023-24, the fewest shootout rounds that the Devils experienced in a single season was five, which occurred in 2010-11 and then the shortened 2020-21 campaign.

New Jersey's five overtime/shootout losses in 2023-24 were tied for the second-fewest in franchise history (2010-11) since the shootout was installed in 2005-06. The team's fewest overtime/shootout round losses is four, which was logged in 2008-09.

### 2023-24 Man Advantage

**Rank: 13<sup>th</sup>, 22.5%**

**PPG For Rank: 14<sup>th</sup>, 55 PPG**

New Jersey recorded more than 50 power-play goals in a season for the first time since 2017-18 (54).

The last time the team recorded more than 55 PPG in a single campaign was in 2006-07, after the team earned 65 PPG.

### LET'S LIGHT UP THE ROCK

The Devils have recorded 85 consecutive regular-season home games without an opponent shutting out the team. The marker is the second-longest stretch without being shut out at home in franchise history.

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

The longest non-shutout streaks at home (includes Prague) in franchise history:

Rk	Team	Streak	Streak Started	Streak Ended	Active	G
1	NJD	109	10/21/1988	2/16/1991		397
2	NJD	85	4/29/2022	PRESENT	*	274
3	NJD	83	2/21/1985	2/18/1987		313
4	NJD	80	1/15/1994	3/22/1996		271
5	CLR	75	4/1/1979	3/6/1981		262

### IN THE DOTS

- The Devils ranked third in the NHL for overall face-off percentage (53.6%) in 2023-24.
- The Devils ranked first in the NHL for defensive-zone face-offs at 55.8% last season.
- The team's face-off% in 2023-24 marked the team's highest percentage for a single season since face-offs were tracked in 1997-98. Prior to 2023-24, the team's highest overall face-off% was 51.4%, which was logged in 1997-98.
- The team's 55.8 defensive-zone face-off% in 2023-24 marked the team's highest D-zone face-off% since face-offs were tracked in 1997-98. Prior to this season, the team's highest defensive-zone face-off% was 54.7 in 2022-23

## **COMEBACK KIDS**

The Devils were one of seven teams with 23, or more, comeback wins last season.

NY Rangers have earned 28 comeback victories this season (most in the NHL).

## **Team Comparison**

### **NJD:**

<b>STAT</b>	<b>NHL RANK</b>
GA/GP, TBD	TBD
GF/GP, TBD	TBD
SA/GP, TBD	TBD
SF/GP, TBD	TBD

### **UTA:**

<b>STAT</b>	<b>NHL RANK</b>
GA/GP, TBD	TBD
GF/GP, TBD	TBD
SA/GP, TBD	TBD
SF/GP, TBD	TBD

(Per one day before game)

## **2023-24 TEAM STATS**

### **2023-24 RECORD BY DIVISION/CONFERENCE:**

**MET: 11-13-2**

**ATL: 12-11-1**

**CEN: 9-5-2**

**PAC: 6-10-0**

**EAST: 23-23-3**

**WEST: 15-15-2**

### **RECORD WHEN SCORING FIRST**

Scoring first...**16-6-3**...Trailing first...**22-33-2**

The team's 22 wins when trailing first in 2022-23 were the most in franchise history for a single season, while the 2023-24 team tied that mark in 2023-24.

### **OVERTIME/SHOOTOUT**

**OT: 5-3**

**SO: 0-2**

**OUTSHOOTING OPP: 23-15-3**

**OUTSHOT: 13-24-1**

**EVEN: 2-0-1**

The longest duration of a game this season: 2:47, Feb. 17, 2024, vs PHI at MetLife Stadium (6-3, W)

**2023-24 GOALS BY PERIOD**

PERIOD	GOALS FOR/AGAINST	DIFFERENTIAL
1	70-74	-4
2	91-97	-6
3	98-107	-9
OT	5-3	+2
SO	0-1	-1
TOTAL	264-281*	-17

\*Does not include shootout

**2023-24 BACK-TO-BACK GAME**

Overall: 15-15-2

First game: 12-4-0 | home: 4-3-0 | road: 8-1-0

Second game: 3-11-2 | home: 1-6-2 | road: 2-5-0

**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. Vanecek, 32 saves	3/24/24, 4-0, W, @ NYI, K. Kahkonen, 36 saves
Were shutout	4/24/22, vs DET, 3-0, A. Nedeljkovic, 17 saves	4/13/24, 1-0, at PHI, S. Ersson, 20 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	3/1/24, 55, at ANA, 4-3, L
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 <sup>rd</sup> per. Vs BOS, 2-2 T	N/A
Allowed no shots in a period	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	4/6/24, J. Hughes, unsuccessful vs J. Korpisalo, 4-3, W, @ OTT
<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>	3/7/24 vs STL, T. Meier vs J. Binnington in 4-1 win	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	3/29/24, T. Thompson, vs J. Allen in a 5-2 loss @ BUF

*(Excludes overtime)*

**2023-24 TEAM:**

<b>LARGEST MARGIN OF VICTORY</b>	5, twice	Last: 2/27/24, at SJS, 7-2, W
<b>Largest margin of defeat</b>	5, 6x	Last: 3/3/24, at LAK, 5-1, L
<b>MOST GOALS, GAME</b>	7, twice	Last: 2/27/24, at SJS, 7-2, W
<b>Most goals allowed, game</b>	6, 9x	Last: 2/20/24, at WSH, 6-2, L
<b>MOST GOALS, PERIOD</b>	4, 5x	Last: 2/27/24, at SJS, 3 <sup>rd</sup> per., 7-2, W
<b>Most goals allowed, period</b>	5	3/2/24, vs PIT, 3 <sup>rd</sup> per., 6-3, L
<b>FASTEST GOAL START GP</b>	0:15	3/3/24, at LAK, T. Meier, 5-1, L
<b>Fastest goal allowed, Start GP</b>	0:15	3/14/24 at DAL, W. Johnston, 6-2, W
<b>FASTEST GOAL START OF A PERIOD</b>	0:21	10/20/23, at NYI, 2 <sup>nd</sup> per., T. Toffoli, 5-4, OT, W
<b>Fastest Goal Allowed Start of a Period</b>	0:17	12/16/23, at CBJ, 2 <sup>nd</sup> per., K. Marchenkov, 6-3, W
<b>MOST SHOTS IN A GAME</b>	55	3/1/24, at ANA, 4-3, L
<b>Most Shots Allowed in a Game</b>	48	2/17/24, vs PHI, 6-3, W
<b>MOST SHOTS IN A PERIOD</b>	23, twice	Last: 3/21/24, vs WPG, 2 <sup>nd</sup> per., 4-1, W
<b>Most Shots Allowed in a Period</b>	27	2/17/24, vs PHI, 2 <sup>nd</sup> per., 6-3, W
<b>FEWEST SHOTS IN A GAME</b>	16	11/22/23, at DET, 4-0, L
<b>Fewest Shots allowed in a Game</b>	12	11/25/23, vs BUF, 7-2, W
<b>FEWEST SHOTS IN A PERIOD</b>	2, 3x	Last: 11/22/23, at DET, 4-0, L
<b>Fewest shots OPP, period</b>	3, 3x	Last: 12/1/23, vs SJS, 2 <sup>nd</sup> per., 6-3, L
<b>MOST PIM IN A GAME</b>	88	4/3/24, at NYR, 4-3, L
<b>Most PIM Opp., Game</b>	78	4/3/24, at NYR, 4-3, L
<b>FEWEST PIM IN A GAME</b>	0, 4x	Last: 3/29/24, at BUF, 5-2, L
<b>Fewest PIM Opp, Game</b>	0, twice	Last: 3/14/24, at DAL, 6-2, W
<b>LONGEST WINNING STREAK</b>	3, 4x	Last: 12/23/23-12/29/23
<b>LONGEST POINTS STREAK</b>	3 GP, 5x	Last: 2/10/24-2/13/24 (2-0-1)
<b>LONGEST LOSING STREAK</b>	3, 4x	Last: 3/29/24-4/3/24 (0-3-0)
<b>LONGEST WINLESS STREAK</b>	3 (0-2-1)	12/17/23-12/21/23



## 2023-24 INDIVIDUAL

<b>MOST GOALS, GAME</b>	<b>3, 4x</b>	<b>Last: 3/7/24, T. Meier vs STL</b>
<b>Most goals, game opponent</b>	<b>3, twice</b>	<b>Last: P. Danault, at LAK</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, 6x</b>	<b>Last: 3/7/24, T. Meier vs STL</b>
<b>Most Points, game opponent</b>	<b>4, twice</b>	<b>Last: 2/25/24, N. Kucherov, vs TBL</b>
<b>MOST SHOTS, GAME</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>2/27/24, J. Hughes, at SJS</b>
<b>Most shots, game opponent</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>2/17/24, O. Tippett, vs PHI</b>
<b>MOST PIM, GAME</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>3/24/24, T. Meier, at NYI, 4-0, W</b>
<b>Most PIM, game opponent</b>	<b>20, twice</b>	<b>Last: 3/24/24, A. Lee, at NYI</b>

## PLAYER NOTES

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### THE NEW GUYS

- New Jersey acquired **Paul Coitter**, **Brenden Dillon**, **Johnathan Kovacevic**, **Jacob Markstrom**, **Stefan Noesen**, **Brett Pesce** and **Tomas Tatar** over the offseason.
- Noesen played for New Jersey from 2016-17 to 2018-19, while Tatar played in two seasons for New Jersey from 2021-22 to 2022-23.

### JACK

- The lefthanded shot owns 283 career points (114g-169a).
- Per NHL Pr, Hughes “can join Patrick Kane (369), Auston Matthews (351), Jack Eichel (337) and Matthew Tkachuk (300) as the fifth active U.S.-born player with 300+ career points before his 24<sup>th</sup> birthday.”
- Per NHL Pr, “surpassed **Wilf Paiement** (168 in 361 GP) for the third most before age 24 in franchise history, behind **Kirk Muller** (265 in 450 GP) and **Scott Gomez** (195 in 344 GP).”

### BRATTER

- The Swedish forward is fresh off recording a career-high 56 assists, 83 points and seven game-winning goals in 2023-24.
- Bratt has played in all 82 regular-season games from 2022-23 to 2023-24.
  - He has played in 171 consecutive games dating to April 24, 2022.
  - He is one of 27 active NHL skaters who’ve played in 170, or more, consecutive games.
- Bratt, who was drafted in the sixth round, 162<sup>nd</sup> overall ranks sixth for all skaters from that draft with 362 career points. He ranks first for all players drafted in the third round, or later, from that draft.
- The lefthanded shot earned his first goal of the season, after netting a power-play goal against Toronto on Thu., Oct. 10.
- Bratt enters Monday’s contest riding a three-game point streak (1g-2a).

### TIMO

- Timo Meier completed his first full season with New Jersey in 2023-24 and recorded 52 points (28g-24a) in 69 games played.
- The Swiss native earned 28 points (17g-11a) in his final 25 games played in 2023-24, while his 17 goals were tied for the fourth most goals scored over that time frame.
- Meier is approaching a few milestones with 193 career goals and 192 assists, which sits at 385 career points.
- Meier enters Monday’s contest riding a three-game point streak (2g-1a).

### PALAT

- **Ondrej Palat** enters his third season with New Jersey and in his native country.
- He is one of 10 Czechia-born players in NHL history to win multiple Stanley Cup championships.
- Palat ranks third for all active Czechia-born skaters with 477 career points (162g-315a).

## THE CAPTAIN

- **Nico Hischier** completed his third season as team captain with New Jersey.
- The captain logged a face-off% of 56.6 last season, which marked a career high. He also logged a career-high 19:29 ATOI in 2023-24.
- His 20 even-strength goals last season marked his second-highest for his career in a single season (21 EVG, 2022-23).
- Hischier collected his second point in an NHL Global Series game, after he earned one assist against Buffalo on Fri., Oct. 4.
- The captain won a career-high 21 face-offs on Sat., Oct. 5, against Buffalo. which was one win shy of Travis Zajac's franchise record off 22 face-off wins (Feb. 19, 2017, at NYI).
- Hischier's prior career high for face-off wins was 19, which he earned on Nov. 1, 2019, vs Philadelphia (19/25, 76%).
- Hischier has won 61 of 102 face-offs (59.8%), which marks the most total face-off wins in the NHL, per Oct. 13.
  - His 42 even-strength face-off wins also ranked first in the NHL, per Oct. 13.

## KOVECHKIN

- Defenseman **Jonathan Kovacevic** earned two points (1g-1a) against Buffalo on Fri. Oct. 4, which marked the blueliner's third career multi-point effort.
- The two points tied a career-high earned in a single game. The last time Kovacevic earned a multi-point effort 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.
- Per NHL Pr, Kovacevic "became the first defenseman and eighth player in Devils/Scouts/Rockies history with a game-winning goal in his team debut, following forwards Jimmy Hayes (Oct. 7, 2017), Zach Parise (Oct. 5, 2005), Mike Rupp (Jan. 13, 2003), Denis Pederson (Oct. 12, 1995), Tom Chorske (Oct. 5, 1991), Steve Tambellini (March 11, 1981) and Nelson Pyatt (Oct. 5, 1976)."
- Kovacevic earned his third point for the 2024-25 campaign, after he collected the primary assist on T. Meier's second-period goal on Thu., Oct. 10, against Toronto.

## FAMOUS SEAMUS

- Rookie defenseman **Seamus Casey** netted his first career NHL goal, which was also earned on the power play 11:59 into the second period.
- Per NHL Pr, Casey became the fifth player in NHL history whose first career NHL goal was recorded outside of North America (**Nate Guenin** ([2011 Premiere Series](#)), **Tyler Seguin** ([2010 Premiere Series](#)), **Alex Goligoski** ([2008 Premiere Series](#)) and **Bobby Ryan** ([2007 Premiere Series](#)). Kulich would be the first player to do so in his home country.) Casey also "became the second-youngest defenseman to score a goal in a game outside North America, behind **Derek Morris** (20 years, 47 days) during the GAME ONE Japan 2000."

Casey, 20 years old, 271 days, is the 11<sup>th</sup> youngest defenseman in franchise history who earned their first career NHL goal:

Rank	Date	Tm		Opp		Scorer	Age	Cr. Goal #
1	12/9/1985	NJD	@	MNS	W	Craig Wolanin	18-135	1
2	10/16/1981	CLR		BOS	L	Joe Cirella	18-160	1
3	11/11/2011	NJD		WSH	L	Adam Larsson	18-364	1
4	11/7/1992	NJD	@	SJS	W	Scott Niedermayer	19-068	1

5	10/30/1983	NJD		PIT	L		Ken Daneyko	19-196	1
6	4/13/2023	NJD	@	WSH	W	OT	Luke Hughes	19-216	1
7	12/7/2023	NJD	@	SEA	W		Simon Nemeec	19-295	1
8	10/11/2014	NJD	@	FLA	W		Damon Severson	20-065	1
9	4/10/2011	NJD		BOS	W		Alexander Urbom	20-111	1
10	10/15/1977	CLR	@	CBH	T		Barry Beck	20-134	1

- Casey is fresh off earning his second goal for his rookie campaign, after the youngster opened the scoring for New Jersey on Sat., Oct. 12, at Washington.

### TRIPLE THREAT

- **Paul Cotter, Erik Haula and Stefan Noesen** combined for eight points on Sat., Oct. 12 at Washington.
  - Cotter netted two goals against the Caps, which marked his third career multi-goal game and first with New Jersey.
    - The effort also marked Cotter's third career game-winning goal and second GWG this season with New Jersey.
    - Cotter is the first Devils player to score three goals after their first four games with the team since Michael Cammalleri in 2014-15, per NHL Pr.
    - Cotter recorded four shots on goal against Washington, which marked the sixth time in his career that the forward earned four, or more, shots in a game. Cotter's career-high is five shots on goal, which he earned on January 21, 2023, vs Washington.
  - Haul-in...Erik Haula tied a career-high three assists in a game against the Caps, which earned once prior (March 24, 2022, vs TBL, w/ BOS).
  - Noesen recorded a career-high three assists in a game, after Saturday's victory against Washington. Noesen's prior career-high for assists in a game was two, which he earned seven times prior to Saturday's contest (last: April 16, 2024, at CBJ, w/ CAR).

### Quick Hits

**Dougie Hamilton** earned a career-high six blocked shots via Fri., Oct. 10. Hamilton's previous career-high was five blocks in a single game (earned 6x prior, last April 23, 2022, vs Carolina).

**Brenden Dillon** leads New Jersey with 10 hits this season, while Cotter and Haula rank tied for second with nine hits in 2024-25.

**Curtis Lazar** was 10/14 on face-offs on Saturday against Washington, which marked the 10<sup>th</sup> time in Lazar's career that he won 10, or more, face-offs in a game. Lazar's career-high for face-offs won in a game is 14 (Feb. 16, 2020, vs TOR).

Dillon and Hamilton finished Saturday's contest with a team-high plus/minus rating of +3.

### TIMELESS...

**Dawson Mercer** has played in 250 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 250 consecutive games played currently ranks 8<sup>th</sup> in the NHL for all active skaters, per Oct. 13.

Mercer's 250 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). Aaron Broten's streak of 266 consecutive games played from 1982-83 to 1985-86 ranks eighth all-time for franchise history.

## BETWEEN THE PIPES

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**Jake Allen** returns to Jersey and for his first full season. The netminder's 361 saves with New Jersey from March 14 to the end of the season ranked third for all NHL goaltenders over that time frame. Allen is fresh off earning his 196<sup>th</sup> career win, after he turned away 17 of 18 shots against Buffalo in Prague on Sat., Oct. 5.

**Jacob Markstrom** stands tall between the pipes and Keep in mind that Markstrom led all NHL goaltenders with five assists last season, and his 11 points (11a) since 2019-20 rank second for all netminders behind A. Vasilevskiy's 13 helpers.

Markstrom can become the second netminder in franchise history to earn 20 wins in his first season with the team (V. Vanecek, 33w, 2022-23).

The netminder recorded 30 saves on 31 shots against Buffalo on Fri., Oct. 4, and became "the second active goaltender (S. Bobrovsky) to win a season-opening game for at least three different franchises (also CGY & VAN)." – Per NHL Pr.

Markstrom faced a season-high 32 shots on Saturday vs Washington, and recorded 29 saves. Markstrom's season-high is 30 saves, after the Oct. 4<sup>th</sup> victory against Buffalo in Prague.

### NEW JERSEY DEVILS 2024-25 POTENTIAL MILESTONES

PLAYER	CURRENT STATUS	POTENTIAL MILESTONE
Jake Allen	196 career NHL wins	200 career NHL wins
Jacob Markstrom	488 career NHL GP	500 career NHL GP
Jesper Bratt	475 career NHL/NJD GP	500 career NHL GP
	362 career NHL/NJD PTS	400 career NHL/NJD PTS
Paul Cotter	142 career NHL GP	200 career NHL GP
Brenden Dillon	896 career NHL GP	900 career NHL GP
	197 career NHL PTS	200 career NHL PTS
Erik Haula	694 career NHL GP	700 career NHL GP
	178 career NHL assists	200 career NHL assists
Nico Hischier	456 career NHL/NJD GP	500 career NHL/NJD GP
	355 career NHL/NJD PTS	400 career NHL/NJD PTS
Jack Hughes	169 career NHL/NJD assists	200 career NHL/NJD assists
	283 career NHL/NJD PTS	300 career NHL/NJD PTS
Luke Hughes	84 career NHL/NJD GP	100 career NHL/NJD GP
	49 career NHL/NJD PTS	100 career NHL/NJD PTS
Jonathan Kovacevic	147 career NHL GP	200 career NHL GP

Curtis Lazar	528 career NHL GP	600 career NHL GP
Kurtis MacDermid	266 career NHL GP	300 career NHL GP
Timo Meier	545 career NHL GP	600 career NHL GP
	193 career NHL goals	200 career NHL goals
	192 career NHL assists	200 career NHL assists
	385 career NHL PTS	400 career NHL PTS
Dawson Mercer	250 career NHL/NJD GP	300 career NHL/NJD GP
	68 career NHL/NJD assists	100 career NHL/NJD assists
Simon Nemec	64 career NHL/NJD GP	100 career NHL/NJD GP
Stefan Noesen	369 career NHL GP	400 career NHL GP
Ondrej Palat	751 career NHL GP	800 career NHL GP
	477 career NHL PTS	500 career NHL PTS
Brett Pesce	627 career NHL GP	700 career NHL GP
	198 career NHL PTS	200 career NHL PTS
Tomas Tatar	857 career NHL GP	900 career NHL GP
	481 career NHL PTS	500 career NHL PTS

## HOW THEY WERE BUILT

PLAYER	DRAFT/NJD
Nathan Bastian	2016, 2 <sup>nd</sup> round, 41 <sup>st</sup> overall
Jesper Bratt	2016, 6 <sup>th</sup> round, 162 overall
Seamus Casey	2022, 2 <sup>nd</sup> round, 46 <sup>th</sup> overall
<b>Nico Hischier</b>	<b>2017, 1<sup>st</sup> overall</b>
<b>Jack Hughes</b>	<b>2019, 1<sup>st</sup> overall</b>
Luke Hughes	2021, 4 <sup>th</sup> overall
Dawson Mercer	2020, 18 <sup>th</sup> overall
Simon Nemec	2022, 2 <sup>nd</sup> overall
PLAYER	ACQUIRED
Jake Allen	Trade w/ MTL for a conditional pick in the 2025 NHL Draft, March 8, 2024.
Paul Cotter	Trade w/ VGK with a 3rd-round pick in the 2025 NHL Draft for Alexander Holtz and Akira Schmid, June 29, 2024.
Brenden Dillon	UFA; signed on July 1, 2024
Dougie Hamilton	UFA; signed on July 28, 2021
Erik Haula	Trade w/ BOS in exchange for P. Zacha on Jul 13, 2022
Johnathan Kovacevic	Trade w/ MTL for a 2026 4 <sup>th</sup> round pick on June 30, 2024
Curtis Lazar	Trade w/ VAN for a 2024 4 <sup>th</sup> round pick on March 3, 2023
Kurtis MacDermid	Trade w/ COL in exchange for Zakhar Bardakov and a 7th-round pick in the 2024 NHL Draft, March 1, 2024.
Jacob Markstrom	Trade w/ CGY in exchange for Kevin Bahl and a 1st-round pick in the 2025 NHL Draft, June 19, 2024.

Timo Meier	Trade w/ SJS with Timur Ibragimov, Scott Harrington, Santeri Hatakka, Zachary Emond and a 5th-round pick in the 2024 NHL Draft for Fabian Zetterlund, Andreas Johnsson, Shakir Mukhamadullin, Nikita Okhotiuk, a conditional 1st-round pick in the 2023 NHL Draft, a conditional 2nd-round pick in 2024 and a 7th-round pick in 2024, February 26, 2023.
Stefan Noesen	UFA; July 1, 2024
Ondrej Palat	UFA; July 14, 2022
Brett Pesce	UFA; July 1, 2024
Jonas Siegenthaler	Trade w/ WSH for a conditional pick in 2021 NHL Draft, April 11, 2021.
Tomas Tatar	UFA; July 2, 2024

**Utica Report:** Utica opened their 2024-25 season against Syracuse at home on Fri., Oct. 11. The team fell to 0-2-0, after suffering a 4-1 loss against Rochester at home on Sat., Oct. 12. The team plays next at Belleville on Sat., Oct. 19.

