



NEW JERSEY DEVILS

GAME INFORMATION



New Jersey Devils Postgame Notes: December 27, vs Carolina Hurricanes

Carolina Hurricanes 2
(21-13-1=43 PTS)

New Jersey Devils 4
(24-11-3=51 PTS)

Three Stars: 1. L. Hughes 2. J. Markstrom 3. N. Hsichier

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

Goals:

CAR: E. Robinson, B. Burns

NJD: O. Palat, N. Hsichier, L. Hughes (GWG), D. Mercer

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WHAT TO KNOW



The Devils and Carolina faced-off for the third of four matchups, which also marked a home-at-home set for the Metropolitan Division foes.

Jersey's team improved to 2-1-0 against Carolina this season, and 6-4-1 for back-to-back sets, overall.

The Devils are now 5-1-0 in the first half of a back-to-back set this season.

The Devils improved to 8-3-2 against the Metropolitan Division in 2024-25.

The Devils improved to 12-8-1 when trailing first in a game this season.

New Jersey is now 19-0-1 when leading after two periods of play this season. The 18 wins entering the contest were tied for first in the NHL with Winnipeg.

The Devils were outshot 31-23, but improved to 6-4-1 when outshot in a contest this season. Tonight's contest snapped New Jersey seven game streak for allowing 20, or fewer, shots on goal.

DHN Quiz Question

With Jack Hughes approaching 200 career assists, can you name the youngest player in franchise history who earned 200 career assists?

A: Kirk Muller, who was age 22, 327 days on December 31, 1988

Special Teams

PP: 0-0 | PK: 2-2

Attendance: 16,629

Duration: 7:08 p.m. E.T. – 9:00 p.m. E.T.



Ondrej Palat opened the scoring for the Devils, which tied the game at 1-1 and 16:12 into the first period.

The tally marked the Czechia native's seventh goal for the season and his fourth point (2g-2a) in New Jersey's last five games played.

Palat's first-period goal also marked the forward's 492 (169g-323) career point.

Nico Hischier tallied the team's second goal in the first period, which provided Jersey's team with a 2-1 lead. The goal nodded Hischier's 18th goal for the 2024-25 campaign and extended his point streak to three games (2g-3a).

Hischier's season-high point streak is four games, which the captain earned via Oct. 24, 2024, to Oct. 30 (5g-2a).

Hischier's first-period goal marked the captain's 154th career goal, which passed Wilf Paiement for 10th all-time in franchise history.

Johnathan Kovacevic earned the primary assist on Palat's first-period goal, which marked the blueliner's 10th assist for 2024-25.

Kovacevic's career-high for assists in a single season is 12, which he earned in 2022-23 with Montreal.

Jonas Siegenthaler earned the secondary assist on Palat's first period goal, which marked his seventh helper for the season. The helper marked Siegenthaler's first point since Nov. 12, 2024, at Florida.

Luke Hughes recorded his fourth multi-point game (1g-1a) and in consecutive efforts. Hughes' multi-point efforts marked the third time in his career that the youngster earned consecutive multi-point games in a single season (last: March 19, 2024, to March 21, 0g-5a).

Per NHL Pr, "**Luke Hughes** recorded 1-1—2 and tied **Rob Ramage** (66) for the fifth most points by a Devils/Rockies/Scouts defenseman before the age of 22. The list is topped by **Scott Niedermayer** (106), **Barry Beck** (102), **Joe Cirella** (88) and **Craig Wolanin** (70)."

Luke earned his first game-winning goal for 2024-25, which also marked his third-career game-winner and first since Nov. 30, 2023, at Philadelphia.

Hughes' tally marked his first career game-winning goal earned in regulation.

Dawson Mercer lit the lamp for the ninth time this season and in consecutive games (2g-1a). The two-game goal scoring streak marked the first time this season that Mercer earned goals in consecutive games.

Former Hurricane skaters **Brett Pesce** and **Stefan Noesen** both inked their names onto the scoresheet, after the two veterans earned one assist each.

Quick Hits

Jesper Bratt extended his point streak to three games, after collecting one assist on the night (0g-4a).

Jack Hughes earned his 31st assist for 2024-25, which also marked Hughes' 198th career helper.



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BETWEEN THE PIPES



Jacob Markstrom entered the contest with consecutive shutouts and a shutout streak of 129:32. Markstrom’s shutout streak officially ended at 139: 35, which nods his second longest career shutout sequence (144:46; 4 GP, 10/25/21 to 11/2/21).

Markstrom improved to 9-0-1 in his last 10 starts, and the 10-game point streak marked a career-high (prior: 9, Nov. 29-Dec. 2024 (8-0-1).

Per NHL Pr, Markstrom “became the fifth Swedish goaltender with a double-digit run, joining **Robin Lehner** (12 GP in 2020-21), **Filip Gustavsson** (10 GP in 2022-23), **Linus Ullmark** (10 GP in 2022-23) and **Tommy Salo** (10 GP in 2000-01).”

Per NHL Pr, Markstrom “ extended his win streak to six games marking the fourth longest by a goaltender contesting their first season with the Devils/Rockies/Scouts franchise. The other goaltenders are: **Vitek Vanecek** (10 GP in 2022-23), **Johan Hedberg** (7 GP in 2010-11) and **Sean Burke** (7 GP in 1987-88).”

Markstrom’s six-game winning streak marked the 19th instance in franchise history that a netminder earned a winning streak of that length.

Martin Brodeur owns the franchise record for the longest unbeaten streaks (14, 3x):

14 - Martin Brodeur (10-0-4), 12/20/00-1/24/01

-Martin Brodeur (12-0-2), 12/26/99-1/26/00

-Martin Brodeur (8-0-6), 1/14-2/20/97

Per NHL Pr, Markstrom “recorded his ninth consecutive game allowing two goals or fewer and became the first Devils goaltender with a run of that length since **Cory Schneider** (11 GP) in 2013-14.”

STATISTICS

Record	24-11-3 (51 PTS)
Home record	12-6-3 (27 PTS)
Since 1982-83 vs CAR/HFD	79-56-9-6

Since 1982-83 home record vs CAR/HFD

Shots	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	OT	TOTAL
Carolina	10	14	7	-	31
Devils	7	10	6	-	23

Devils Leaders

Shots	J. Hughes/S. Noesen - 4
Face-off wins	N. Hischier - 17
Face-off%	N. Hischier– 77.3%
Hits	B. Dillon/P. Cotter – 4
Blocked shots	N. Hischier/J. Siegenthaler -3
Takeaways	J. Siegenthaler - 2
TOI	J. Kovacevic– 22:56

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