



WILD WEEK

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December 16, 2024 · A LOOK AT THE WEEK AHEAD FOR THE MINNESOTA WILD

DATE	OPPONENT/EVENT	LOCATION	PRACTICE/GAME TIMES (CT)	INFORMATION
Mon., Dec. 16	Day Off			
Tue., Dec. 17	Practice	TRIA Rink	11 a.m.	
Wed., Dec. 18	Florida Panthers	TRIA Rink/Xcel Energy Center	11:30 a.m./8:30 p.m.	FanDuel Sports Network North/TNT/KFAN FM 100.3
Thu., Dec. 19	Practice	TRIA Rink	12 p.m.	
Fri., Dec. 20	Utah Hockey Club	TRIA Rink/Xcel Energy Center	10:30 a.m./7 p.m.	FanDuel Sports Network North / KFAN FM 100.3
Sat., Dec. 21	Winnipeg Jets	Canada Life Centre	6 p.m.	FanDuel Sports Network North / KFAN FM 100.3
Sun., Dec. 22	Day Off			
Mon., Dec. 23	Chicago Blackhawks	TRIA Rink/Xcel Energy Center	10:30 a.m./7 p.m.	FanDuel Sports Network North + / KFAN FM 100.3



FLORIDA PANTHERS

All-Time Wild Record: 21-9-4 (11-2-3 at Xcel Energy Center, 10-7-1 at Florida)

2024-25: Minnesota won the season-opening game, 5-1, in Florida (10/22)...D **Jake Middleton** led the Wild with three points (0-3=3)...**LW Matt Boldy** (1-1=2), **C Joel Eriksson Ek** (1-1=2), **LW Kirill Kaprizov** (0-2=2) and **RW Mats Zuccarello** (1-1=2) each notched two-point games...**G Filip Gustavsson** saved 24-of-25 shots faced to earn the win for Minnesota...**C Sam Bennett** (1-0=1) scored Florida's lone goal...**G Sergei Bobrovsky** started the game for the Panthers and stopped 11-of-16 shots faced...**G Spencer Knight** entered in the third period and made six saves.

WILD LEADERS: Zuccarello leads Minnesota with 33 points (16-17=33) in 30 career matches against Florida...**D Zach Bogosian** owns 21 points (6-15=21) in 46 games vs. Florida...**LW Marcus Johansson** has 16 points (6-10=16) in 33 games...**Kaprizov** owns 14 points (5-9=14) in seven games.

WILD GOALIES: **G Marc-Andre Fleury** is 18-10-2 with a 2.30 GAA, a .922 SV% and two shutouts in 31 career games (29 starts) vs. the Panthers...**Gustavsson** is 3-2-1 with a 2.34 GAA, a .928 SV% and one shutout in six games (five starts) against Florida...**G Jesper Wallstedt** has not faced the Panthers.

PANTHERS LEADERS: **C Aleksander Barkov** leads Florida with 17 points (4-13=17) in 18 career matches against Minnesota...**RW Matthew Tkachuk** has 11 points (4-7=11) in 20 games vs. the Wild...**D Aaron Ekblad** owns 10 points (3-7=10) in 17 games...**C Sam Reinhart** (4-5=9 in 16 games) and **D Nate Schmidt** (3-6=9 in 22 games) each have nine points.

PANTHERS GOALIES: **Bobrovsky** is 13-5-1 with a 2.37 GAA, a .918 SV% and one shutout in 20 career starts vs. the Wild...**Knight** has one career relief appearance vs. Minnesota, making six saves on 10/22/24.

CONNECTIONS: Minnesota Assistant Coach **Jack Capuano** worked as Associate Coach with Florida for two seasons (2017-19)...**Panthers D Dmitry Kulikov** collected 24 points (7-17=24) in 80 games with Minnesota in 2020-21...**Schmidt** is from St. Cloud and played three seasons at the University of Minnesota (2010-13).

FAST FACTS: Minnesota has earned a point in 14 of the 16 all-time meetings in St. Paul (11-2-3)...The Wild's 21 all-time wins against the Panthers are its fifth-most against an Eastern Conference opponent.



UTAH HOCKEY CLUB

All-Time Wild Record: 1-0-0 (0-0-0 at Xcel Energy Center, 1-0-0 at Utah)

2024-25: The Wild won the first-ever meeting between the two clubs, 5-4, in a shootout in Salt Lake City (12/10)...**LW Marcus Johansson** led Minnesota with three points (1-2=3)...**LW Kirill Kaprizov** (1-0=1), **C Marat Khushnutdinov** (1-0=1) and **C Marco Rossi** (1-0=1) also scored for the Wild...**LW Matt Boldy** (0-1=1) secured an assist and the game-winning goal in the shootout...**G Filip Gustavsson** stopped 21-of-25 shots faced to earn the win...**RW Dylan Guenther** (0-2=2), **RW Clayton Keller** (2-0=2) and **D Mikhail Sergachev** (0-2=2) led Utah with two points each...**C Kevin Stenlund** (1-0=1) and **D Juuso Valimaki** (1-0=1) also scored for Utah...**G Karel Vejmelka** saved 34-of-38 shots faced for Utah.

UTAH LEADERS: **Keller** leads Utah in scoring against Minnesota with 22 points (12-10=20) in 28 career games...**C Nick Schmaltz** owns 18 points (3-15=18) in 31 matches...**LW Lawson Crouse** (5-4=9 in 28 games) and **Sergachev** (1-8=9 in 11 games) each have nine points.

UTAH GOALIES: **G Connor Ingram** is 2-3-0 with a 2.17 GAA, a .937 SV% and one shutout in five career starts against the

Wild...**Vejmelka** is 3-3-1 with a 3.40 GAA and a .898 SV% in eight career games (seven starts) vs. Minnesota...**G Jaxson Stauber** has not faced the Wild.

CONNECTIONS: **C Nick Bjugstad** is a Minneapolis native and played three seasons at the University of Minnesota (2010-13)...He tallied 30 points (13-17=30) in 101 games in two seasons with the Wild (2020-22)...**D Ian Cole** collected eight points (1-7=8) in 52 games with the Wild in 2020-21...**D Dakota Mermis** posted eight points (3-5=8) in 54 games across four seasons (2020-24) in the Wild organization...**C Logan Cooley** played one season at the University of Minnesota (2022-23)...**C Jack McBain** was selected by the Wild in the third round (63rd overall) of the 2018 NHL Draft...**Stauber** is from Wayzata and played one game at Minnesota State University Mankato in 2019-20.

FAST FACTS: Iowa Wild Goaltending Coach **Richard Bachman** (Salt Lake City) is the only Utah-native to appear in a NHL game as a goaltender.



WINNIPEG JETS

All-Time Wild Record: 29-23-6 (17-10-3 at Xcel Energy Center, 12-13-3 at Winnipeg)

2024-25: The Jets won the series-opening game, 2-1, in overtime at Canada Life Centre (10/13) and the second contest, 4-1, at Xcel Energy Center (11/25)...**D Jake Middleton** leads the Wild with two points (2-0=2)...**D Brock Faber** (0-1=1), **LW Marcus Johansson** (0-1=1) and **C Marco Rossi** (0-1=1) each own an assist...**G Filip Gustavsson** is 0-1-1 with a 2.51 GAA and a .924 SV% while starting both games for Minnesota...**C Mark Scheifele** (1-3=3) leads Winnipeg with three points...**LW Kyle Connor** (1-1=2), **LW Alex Iafallo** (2-0=2), **C Adam Lowry** (-1=2) and **D Neal Pionk** (0-2=2) have each recorded two points...**G Connor Hellebuyck** is 2-0-0 with a 0.99 GAA and a .972 SV% while starting both games for the Jets.

WILD LEADERS: **Johansson** leads the Wild with 26 points (5-21=26) in 38 games vs. Winnipeg...**RW Mats Zuccarello** owns 24 points (11-13=24) in 28 games...**LW Marcus Foligno** has 21 points (11-10=21) in 34 games...**LW Kirill Kaprizov** owns 19 points (6-13=19) in 13 matches.

WILD GOALIES: **G Marc-Andre Fleury** is 23-14-0 with a 2.71 GAA, a .906 SV% and one shutout in 38 career games (36 starts) against the Jets...**Gustavsson** is 4-2-1 with a 1.95 GAA and a .937 SV% in seven starts...**G Jesper Wallstedt** has not faced the Jets

JETS LEADERS: **Scheifele** leads Winnipeg with 34 points (14-20=34) in 43 games against Minnesota...**Connor** owns 25 points (10-15=25) in 25 games...**D Josh Morrissey** owns 16 points (2-16=16) in 29 games...**Lowry** has 15 points (6-9=15) in 37 games.

JETS GOALIES: **Hellebuyck** is 14-10-2 with a 2.58 GAA, a .919 SV% and three shutouts in 29 games (28 starts) vs. the Wild...**G Eric Comrie** is 0-1-0 with a 4.95 GAA and a .846 SV% in two games (one start) vs. the Wild.

CONNECTIONS: Wild **D Zach Bogosian** tallied 127 points (40-87=127) in 393 games in parts of seven seasons (2008-15) with the Atlanta Thrashers and Winnipeg Jets...Wild **D Declan Chisholm** was selected by Winnipeg in the fifth round (50th overall) of the 2018 NHL Draft and appeared in four career games for the Jets (2021-24), tallying an assist...**RW Nino Niederreiter** collected 228 points (110-118=228) in 434 games in parts of six seasons with the Wild...**D Dylan Samberg** is from Saginaw and played three seasons at the University of Minnesota Duluth (2017-20)...**D Neal Pionk** was raised in Hermantown and played two seasons (2015-17) at the University of Minnesota Duluth.

FAST FACTS: The Wild is 10-6-0 in the last 16 contests vs. the Jets at Xcel Energy Center...Minnesota's sweep of the Jets in 2018-19 (5-0-0) marked the third time in franchise history Minnesota swept a season series of more than four games:

5-0-0 vs. Chicago (2015-16) and 6-0-0 vs. Edmonton (2010-11)...The Wild fell, 4-1, in its first-ever post-season meeting against the Jets in the 2018 First Round.



CHICAGO BLACKHAWKS

All-Time Wild Record: 55-29-6 (30-12-3 at Xcel Energy Center, 25-17-3 at Chicago)

2024-25: Chicago earned a 2-1 overtime victory in the series-opening game at United Center (11/10)...The Wild posted a 3-2 win in the second game in St. Paul (11/29)...**LW Matt Boldy** (1-1=2), **C Joel Eriksson Ek** (0-2=2), **LW Kirill Kaprizov** (0-2=2) and **D Jared Spurgeon** (2-0=2) have each recorded two points for Minnesota...**G Filip Gustavsson** stopped 20-of-22 shots faced for Minnesota in the first game...**G Marc-Andre Fleury** saved 21-of-23 shots faced to earn the win for the Wild in the second game...**C Ryan Donato** leads Chicago with two points (2-0=2) in the season series...**C Jason Dickinson** (1-0=1) and **C Philipp Kurashev** (1-0=1) have also scored goals for the Blackhawks...**G Petr Mrazek** is 1-1-0 with a 1.99 GAA and a .935 SV% while starting both games for Chicago.

WILD LEADERS: **RW Mats Zuccarello** leads Minnesota with 24 points (8-16=24) in 25 career matches against Chicago...**Spurgeon** owns 19 points (5-14=19) in 43 games...**Kaprizov** owns 13 points (5-9=14) in 11 games...**LW Marcus Johansson** has 12 points (5-7=12) in 23 career games.

WILD GOALIES: **Fleury** is 15-6-5 with a 2.45 GAA, a .918 SV% and one shutout in 26 career starts vs. the Blackhawks...**Gustavsson** is 3-0-1 with a 1.49 GAA and a .944 SV% in four starts...**G Jesper Wallstedt** posted a 24-save shutout, the first shutout of his NHL career, in his lone start vs. Chicago (4/7/24).

BLACKHAWKS LEADERS: **LW Taylor Hall** (8-13=21 in 29 games) and **RW Craig Smith** (11-10=21 in 47 games) each lead Chicago with 21 career points against Minnesota...**LW Teuvo Teravainen** has 14 points (4-10=14) in 23 games...**LW Nick Foligno** (7-6=13 in 28 games) and **D Alec Martinez** (3-10=13 in 40 games) each have 13 points.

BLACKHAWKS GOALIES: **G Laurent Brossoit** is 5-0-0 with a 2.19 GAA and a .929 SV% in six career games (five starts) vs. Minnesota...**Mrazek** is 5-6-0 with a 2.37 GAA and a .918 SV% in 11 career starts against the Wild...**G Arvid Soderblom** is 0-1-0 with a 4.00 GAA and a .892 SV%...**G Drew Commesso** has not faced Minnesota.

CONNECTIONS: **C Ryan Hartman** was selected by Chicago in the first round (30th overall) of the 2013 NHL Draft and collected 57 points (27-30=57) in 141 games during four seasons (2014-18) with the Blackhawks...**Fleury** went 19-21-5 with a 2.95 GAA and a .908 SV% in part of one season (2021-22) with the Blackhawks...**RW Ryan Donato** tallied 39 points (18-21=39) in 84 games in parts of two seasons with Minnesota (2018-20)...**D Wyatt Kaiser** is from Andover and played three seasons at the University of Minnesota-Duluth (2020-23)...**RW Joey Anderson** is from Roseville and played two seasons (2016-18) at the University of Minnesota-Duluth...**Chicago LW Nick Foligno** is the older brother of Wild **LW Marcus Foligno**...**RW Pat Maroon** collected 16 points (4-12=16) and 60 PIM in 49 games with Minnesota during the 2023-24 season.

FAST FACTS: Minnesota's 54 all-time wins against Chicago are its third-most against an opponent...The Wild has earned points in 13 consecutive meetings (12-0-1) against the Blackhawks dating back to 2/4/20...Minnesota has earned a point in nine consecutive games played at Xcel Energy Center (8-0-1) dating back to 2/10/18...The Wild has earned points in seven consecutive games played at United Center (6-0-1) since 1/21/22...In 2015-16, the Wild became the first team to win every game in a season series of at least five contests against Chicago since the Boston Bruins went 8-0-0 in 1938-39.