



# MINNESOTA WILD HOCKEY CLUB



## GAME NOTES

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## Minnesota Wild (25-23-5) vs. Buffalo Sabres (23-26-4)

Saturday, Feb. 17, 2024 | 4 p.m. CT | Xcel Energy Center

### SERIES NOTES



#### BUFFALO SABRES

**All-Time Wild Record:** 15-10-5 (5-6-3 at Xcel Energy Center, 10-4-2 at Buffalo)

**2023-24:** The Sabres recorded a 3-2 victory in the series-opening game at KeyBank Center (11/10)...LW **Kirill Kaprizov** (1-1=2) and RW **Mats Zuccarello** (0-2=2) led the Wild with two points each...G **Filip Gustavsson** saved 22-of-25 shots faced for Minnesota...RW **JJ Peterka** (1-1=2) and LW **Jeff Skinner** (1-1=2) each logged multi-point games to lead Buffalo...G **Devon Levi** saved 33-of-35 shots to earn the win for the Sabres.

**WILD LEADERS:** D **Alex Goligowski** leads Minnesota with 22 points (7-15=22) in 28 contests against Buffalo...LW **Marcus Johansson** has 19 points (12-7=19) in 29 games...RW **Mats Zuccarello** owns 19 points (5-14=19) in 25 matches...C **Freddy Gaudreau** owns nine assists in nine games.

**WILD GOALIES:** G **Marc-Andre Fleury** is 23-7-4 with a 2.21 GAA, a .920 SV% and four shutouts in 36 games (33 starts) vs. the Sabres...Gustavsson is 0-1-0 with a 3.09 GAA and a .880 SV% in his lone start.

**SABRES LEADERS:** RW **Kyle Okposo** leads the Sabres with 13 points (4-9=13) in 23 contests against Minnesota...D **Erik Johnson** owns 12 points (2-10=12) in 52 games...Skinner has 12 points (6-6=12) in 19 matches...D **Rasmus Dahlin** owns 10 points (4-6=10) in eight games...RW **Alex Tuch** owns eight points (4-4=8) in 18 games.

**SABRES GOALIES:** G **Ukko-pekka Luukkonen** is 2-0-0 with a 3.25 GAA and a .938 SV% in one career start...G **Eric Comrie** is 0-1-0 with a 4.95 GAA and a .846 SV% in two games (one start).

**CONNECTIONS:** LW **Marcus Foligno** is a Buffalo native and tallied 116 points (49-67=116) and 334 PIM in 347 games with the Sabres (2011-17)...He was drafted by Buffalo in the fourth round (104th overall) of the 2009 NHL Draft...Johansson tallied 30 points (9-21=30) in 60 games with Buffalo in 2019-20...D **Zach Bogosian** collected 67 points (13-54=67) and 234 PIM in 243 games in parts of six seasons with Buffalo (2014-20)...LW **Jordan Greenway** was drafted 50th overall by the Wild in the 2015 NHL Draft and recorded 119 points (38-81=119), 227 PIM and a plus-18 rating in 317 games over a span of six seasons with Minnesota (2017-23)...C **Casey Mittelstadt** is from Eden Prairie and played one season at the University of Minnesota (2017-18)...Okposo is from St. Paul and played one season at the University of Minnesota (2006-07)...Tuch was drafted 18th overall by the Wild in the 2014 NHL Draft and made his NHL debut with Minnesota, skating in six games in the 2016-17 season...Johnson is from Bloomington and played one season (2006-07) at the University of Minnesota.

**FAST FACTS:** Minnesota's 7-0 win at Buffalo (1/15/15) is tied for the largest margin of victory in franchise history...The Wild is 11-5-4 in its last 21 games against the Sabres, outscoring Buffalo 75-52 in those games, including shootout goals.

### UPCOMING SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME (CT)	INFO
Mon., Feb. 19	vs. Vancouver	1 p.m.	BSN/KFAN 100.3 FM
Tue., Feb. 20	at Winnipeg	7 p.m.	BSN/KFAN 100.3 FM
Fri., Feb. 23	at Edmonton	8 p.m.	BSNX/KFAN 100.3 FM

### GAME BROADCAST



**TV: BALLY SPORTS NORTH**

**PLAY-BY-PLAY:** Anthony LaPanta

**COLOR ANALYST:** Wes Walz

**REPORTER:** Kevin Gorg



**RADIO: KFAN 100.3 FM**

**PLAY-BY-PLAY:** Joe O'Donnell

**COLOR ANALYST:** Tom Reid

**STUDIO HOST:** Kevin Falness

### NOTES & MILESTONES

**Team:** Is 7-2-0 since Jan. 19th. During that span, Minnesota ranks third in the NHL with a 90.6 PK%, T-3rd with 3.67 goals scored per game, fifth with a 29.4 PP% and a .921 team SV% and seventh with 2.44 goals allowed/game...Has won four games in a row and five consecutive road contests...Posted a season-high 43 shots on goal at ARI (2/14).

**Matt Boldy:** T-10th in the NHL with 18 goals scored since Nov. 28...Has recorded three consecutive multi-point games from 2/9-2/14, a career-long.

**Marc-Andre Fleury:** Made 34 saves vs. PIT (2/9) to register his 189th career win with 30 or more saves, tying Craig Anderson for the second most by a goaltender on record (since 1955-56)...In five game appearances (three starts) since Jan. 13th, is 3-0-0 with a .954 save percentage and a 1.24 goals-against average.

**Joel Eriksson Ek:** Leads Minnesota with 23 goals and 10 PPGs this season...Ranks 10th in the NHL with 196 shots on goal this season and t-11th in PPGs...Recorded a six-game point streak (6-5=11) from 1/15 to 1/25 and 19 has points (9-10=19) in his last 16 games.

**Brock Faber:** Recorded his seventh multi-point game of the season with two assists at VGK (2/12), tying Kurtis Foster (2005-06) for the third-highest total by a Wild rookie...Leads all NHL rookies with 25:04 TOI per game, 110 blocked shots and 29 assists, and is second with 33 points (4-29=33)...Eighth among all NHL skaters in TOI/game.

**Vinni Lettieri:** Registered his second career multi-point game with two assists at CHI (2/7).

**Jake Lucchini:** Scored his first goal in a Wild sweater at CHI (2/7).

**Kirill Kaprizov:** Leads Minnesota with 50 points (20-30=50) this season...With an assist at ARI (2/14), became the first player in franchise history to reach 50 points in four consecutive seasons...Posted his 77th career multi-point game with two assists at VGK (2/12) and is now two shy of tying Zach Parise (79 multi-point games with MIN) for third-most in franchise history...Has 26 points (12-14=26) and a plus-11 rating in his last 18 games played.

**Marco Rossi:** Among NHL rookies is T-1st in GWG (two), second in goals (14), third in points (14-15=29), and T-4th in shots on goal (99).

**Mats Zuccarello:** With a goal at VGK (2/12), reached the 40-point threshold (9-31=40) for the ninth season in his NHL career...Leads the Wild with 31 assists this season.

## INJURIES

**Marcus Foligno:** lower body

**Pat Maroon:** upper body

**Jared Spurgeon:** left hip/back: out for the season

**2023-24 Total Man Games Lost: 154**

## RECENT TRANSACTIONS

**February 7 - 16, 2024**

2/15/24	Signed F <b>Mason Shaw</b> to a one-year, two-way contract for the remainder of the 2023-24 season and assigned F <b>Adam Beckman</b> to Iowa
2/12/24	Activated F <b>Connor Dewar</b> from Injured Reserve and placed F <b>Marcus Foligno</b> on Injured Reserve
2/11/24	Recalled F <b>Adam Beckman</b> from Iowa
2/9/24	Reassigned F <b>Adam Beckman</b> to Iowa
2/7/24	Activated F <b>Vinni Lettieri</b> from Injured Reserve

## PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

#4 - Jon Merrill (MAIR-ihl)
#5 - Jake Middleton (MIH-duhl-tuhn)
#6 - Dakota Mermis (MUHR-mihs)
#7 - Brock Faber (FAY-burr)
#10 - Vinni Lettieri (luh-TAYR-ee)
#12 - Matt Boldy (BOHL-dee)
#14 - Joel Eriksson Ek (JUHL AIR-ihk-suhn EHK)
#15 - Mason Shaw (SHAH)
#17 - Marcus Foligno (foh-LEE-noh)
#20 - Pat Maroon (ma-ROON)
#21 - Brandon Duhaime (doo-HAYM)
#23 - Marco Rossi (RAH-see)
#24 - Zach Bogosian (buh-GOH-zhuhn)
#25 - Jonas Brodin (JOE-nuhs broh-DEEN)
#26 - Connor Dewar (KAW-nuhr DOO-uhr)
#27 - Jake Lucchini (loo-CHEE-nee)
#29 - Marc-Andre Fleury (MAHRK-AWN-dray FLUH-ree)
#32 - Filip Gustavsson (FIHL-ihp GUHS-tahf-suhn)
#33 - Alex Goligoski (goh-lih-GAW-skee)
#36 - Mats Zuccarello (MATS zoo-ka-REHL-oh)
#38 - Ryan Hartman (HAHRT-muhn)
#46 - Jared Spurgeon (SPUHR-juhn)
#47 - Declan Chisholm (DEHK-luhn CHIHZ-uhm)
#89 - Frederick Gaudreau (goo-DROH)
#90 - Marcus Johansson (joh-HAN-sun)
#97 - Kirill Kaprizov (kih-REEL kah-PREE-zawf)

## BLACK HISTORY MONTH CELEBRATION

The Minnesota Wild will celebrate Black History Month on Saturday, Feb. 17, when the team hosts the Buffalo Sabres at 4 p.m. on Bally Sports North and KFAN 100.3 FM. The organization will celebrate Black History Month throughout the game, including many of the in-game elements:

- Anthony Walsh, who authored the book *Hockey is for Everybody* and serves on the board for Mosaic Hockey Collective, will make the Let's Play Hockey! announcement.
- John Baker, founder of Be The Change, a community initiative that works to connect underserved children, teens and families with quality resources, curated experiences and equitable access to community support systems, will be honored as a Community Hero.
- Specialist Zelig Williams, who currently serves with the 34th Military Police Company of the Minnesota National Guard, will serve as the Guardian of the Game.
- NUNNABOVE, an alternative pop four-member band from the Twin Cities, will be featured as part of the Wild's Rink Rock series. NUNNABOVE will play an in-arena set during the first intermission and host a meet-and-greet with fans after the performance.
- Youth skaters from Mosaic Hockey Collective will participate in a shootout during the second intermission. Mosaic Hockey Collective is a 501(c)(3) organization focuses on building an inclusive hockey community that empowers players of color with skills, resources, and positive experiences to grow and give back to the game.
- Black History Celebration Mystery Pucks will be sold in-game only at Section 104 beginning when gates open and while supplies last. Buyers will receive a Black History Celebration themed puck autographed by a randomized member of the 2023-24 Minnesota Wild roster. Proceeds from the sale will benefit the Minnesota Wild Foundation.
- The Minnesota Wild Foundation is proud to host a Black History Celebration Jersey Auction which will go live on February 17th and run through February 26th. The NEW, UNWORN, autographed jerseys will be up for bid on the Minnesota Wild Foundation GiveSmart auction platform February 17th – 26th. For more information visit [www.wild.com/onlineauctions](http://www.wild.com/onlineauctions). A portion of the proceeds will benefit the Minnesota Wild Foundation and Minnesota Hockey's Diversity Equity and Inclusion programming.
- The following organizations will be featured throughout the Xcel Energy Center concourse: Mosaic Hockey Collective, DinoMights, Minnesota Hockey, BIPOC Play it Forward, Building A Better You, Black School Scholars Matter and Par365.

## WHISKEY & WINE WITH THE WILD

The Wild Foundation will host a Whiskey & Wine with the Wild event on Saturday, Feb. 17 from 7 - 9:30 p.m. at 317 on Rice Park in Saint Paul. Hosted by Wild defenseman Zach Bogosian and his wife, Bianca, the event will include tasting selections of fine whiskey and wine, as well as small-plate food pairings chosen to complement beverage samples.

The event is limited to adults 21-and-older. Guests will enjoy premium alcohol, information and tips from whiskey and wine experts, delicious appetizers in an intimate setting, and the chance to mingle with members of the Minnesota Wild throughout the evening.

A portion of the proceeds from this event will benefit the Minnesota Wild Foundation and Children's Minnesota.

# TEAM NOTES



## HEAD COACH JOHN HYNES



John Hynes was named Head Coach of the Minnesota Wild on Nov. 27, 2023. Bringing eight seasons of NHL head coaching experience to the start of his Wild tenure, Hynes owns a career record of 304-268-64 (.528) in 636 regular season games with Minnesota, the Nashville Predators and New Jersey Devils.

Hynes, 48, most recently served as Head Coach of the Nashville Predators for parts of four seasons (2020-23). He was named Head Coach of the Predators on Jan. 7, 2020, and recorded a 134-96-18 record in 248 games (.576) while qualifying for the Stanley Cup Playoffs three consecutive seasons (2020-22). Prior to his time with the Predators, Hynes spent four-plus seasons as Head Coach of the New Jersey Devils and went 150-159-45 in 354 games (2015-19).

Before his time in New Jersey, Hynes spent six seasons with the Wilkes-Barre Penguins in the American Hockey League, including five seasons as Head Coach (2010-15) and one season as Assistant Coach (2009-10). He led Wilkes-Barre to a record of 231-126-27 in 384 games (.636) and five consecutive appearances in the Calder Cup Playoffs while helping the team allow the fewest goals in the AHL in four of his five seasons. Hynes received the Louis A. R. Pieri Memorial Award, annually awarded to the AHL's most outstanding head coach, at the conclusion of the 2010-11 season.

In between assistant coaching positions at Mass-Lowell (2000-01) and the University of Wisconsin (2002-03), Hynes spent nine seasons on the coaching staff of USA Hockey's National Team Development Program, serving as an Assistant Coach (1998-2000, 2001-02) and Head Coach (2003-09). Team USA claimed four medals during his time with the National Team Development Program at the IIHF World Under-18 Championships, including gold medals in 2002 and 2006.

The native of Warwick, R.I., has also served as an Assistant Coach for Team USA at the 2004 IIHF World Junior Championship, where the Americans won gold for the first time and earned their first medal in the event since 1997. Hynes was also Head Coach of Team USA at the 2016 IIHF World Championship, an Assistant Coach at the 2016 World Cup of Hockey and an Assistant Coach at the 2019 IIHF World Championship.

He played forward at Boston University (1993-97) and helped the Terriers advance to four consecutive Frozen Four appearances and win the 1995 NCAA championship. Hynes was inducted into the Rhode Island Hockey Hall of Fame on August 23, 2023.

He and his wife, Sarah, have three daughters, Sophia, Julia and Anna.

## YOUNG GUNS

- Minnesota leads the NHL with 0.49 rookie points scored per game played (min. 40 games played by rookies).

### Rookie Points per Game, 2023-24 NHL Season

Rk.	Team	Games Played	Points/GP
1.	Minnesota Wild	128	0.49
2.	Columbus Blue Jackets	144	0.43
3.	New Jersey Devils	107	0.41
4.	Arizona Coyotes	98	0.40
5.	Nashville Predators	74	0.38

- Minnesota ranks second in the NHL this season with 63 points scored by rookies (18-45=63).

### Points Scored by Rookies, 2023-24 NHL Season

Rk.	Team	Points
1.	Chicago Blackhawks	65
2.	Minnesota Wild	63
3.	Columbus Blue Jackets	62
4.	Anaheim Ducks	56
5.	Calgary Flames	45

## MOVING ON UP

- Wild C **Joel Eriksson Ek** (24 goals this season) and LW **Kirill Kaprizov** (20 goals this season) have each solidified places on the franchise's all-time goal scoring list:

### All-Time Goals Scored, Minnesota Wild History

Rk.	Player	Goals
1.	Marian Gaborik	219
2.	Mikko Koivu	205
3.	Zach Parise	199
4.	<b>Kirill Kaprizov</b>	<b>134</b>
5.	Jason Zucker	132
6.	Andrew Brunette	119
7.	<b>Joel Eriksson Ek</b>	<b>116</b>
8.	Eric Staal	111
9t.	<b>Jared Spurgeon</b>	<b>110</b>
9t.	Nino Niederreiter	110

## GETTING WARMER

- Is 7-2-0 since Jan. 19th and has won four games in a row and five consecutive road contests.
- Since Jan. 19th, Minnesota ranks third in the NHL with a 90.6 PK%, T-3rd with 3.67 goals scored per game, fifth with a 29.4 PP% and a .921 team SV% and seventh with 2.44 goals allowed/game.



# PLAYER NOTES

## KIRILL THE THRILL

- **Kirill Kaprizov** became the first player in franchise history to reach 50 points in four consecutive seasons with an assist at ARI (2/14).
- With a goal vs. PIT (2/9), Kaprizov reached 20 for the season and became the first player in franchise to record four consecutive 20-goal seasons with the club.
- Kaprizov leads the Wild with 50 points (20-30=50) and five GWG while ranking second in goals and assists and T-2nd in PPGs (seven) this season.
- Kaprizov received his third NHL All-Star honor on 1/4/24, becoming the second player in franchise history to be selected to three All-Star games and first to do so in three consecutive seasons.
- Was named the NHL's First Star of the Week for the period ending Jan. 21 after ranking T-1st in the NHL in scoring (4-4=8) and goals in four games.
- Has 26 points (12-14=26) and a plus-11 rating in his last 18 games played.
- Notched his third career regular-season hat trick (3-0=3) at CAR (1/21).
- Scored his 133rd career goal vs. ANA (1/27) to move past Jason Zucker (132 goals with MIN) for sole possession of fourth on the franchise's all-time goal scoring list.
- Currently with 21 career multi-goal games, Kaprizov registered the 19th multi-goal game of his NHL career at BOS (12/19), moving past Eric Staal and Mikko Koivu (each with 18 multi-goal games) for third-most in franchise history.
- Now with 77 career multi-point games, needs two more to tie Zach Parise (79 multi-point games with MIN) for third-most in franchise history.
- Currently with 46 career PPGs, Kaprizov scored the 40th PPG of his career at MTL (10/17) to become the fifth player in franchise history to reach 40 career PPGs. He joined Zach Parise (69), Mikko Koivu (60), Marian Gaborik (59) and Andrew Brunette (55).
- Kaprizov recorded the 25th three-point game of his career at CAR (1/21, 3-0=3). Only two players have more such games in a Wild sweater (Mikko Koivu, 34 and Marian Gaborik, 29).

## STONE-COLD KIRILL-ER

- Kaprizov's game-winning goal in overtime vs. MTL (12/21) marked the eighth of his NHL career, furthering his franchise record. The total is tied for third-most in the league since the start of the 2020-21 season.

### All-Time OT Goals, Minnesota Wild History

Rk.	Player	OT Goals
1.	<b>K. Kaprizov</b> .....	<b>8</b>
2.	M. Dumba .....	6
3t.	B. Burns .....	5
3t.	M. Koivu .....	5
5t.	<b>J. Spurgeon</b> .....	<b>4</b>
5t.	M. Gaborik .....	4

- Kaprizov currently stands at 12 career overtime points in a Wild sweater, second-most in franchise history.

### All-Time OT Points, Minnesota Wild History

Rk.	Player	OT Points
1.	M. Koivu .....	13
2.	<b>K. Kaprizov</b> .....	<b>12</b>
3t.	P. Bouchard .....	10
3t.	M. Gaborik .....	10
5.	K. Fiala .....	9

## MATS-TER OF HIS CRAFT

- **Mats Zuccarello** leads the Wild with 31 assists and ranks T-3rd with 40 points (9-31=40) this season.
- Played in the 800th game of his NHL career vs. NYI (1/15).
- Recorded a 10-game point streak (3-11=14) from 11/10 to 12/5, tied for the longest of his career (two other occurrences).
- He is the first player in Wild history to record three separate double-digit point streaks with the franchise.
- Notched an eight-game assist streak from 11/18 to 12/5, the longest of his career and one shy of the franchise record (Kaprizov, nine games in 2022-23).
- Recorded an 11-game home point streak (6-10=16), the longest in Wild franchise history to start a season and the longest home point streak of Zuccarello's career.
- Reached 600 career points (192-408=600) with an assist at CGY (12/5), the first Norwegian player to reach the mark.
- Recorded the 400th assist of his NHL career against OTT in Sweden (11/18), becoming the first Norwegian player to reach the mark.
- Zuccarello started the season on a six-game point streak, his longest point streak to open a season and tied for the second-longest season-opening point streak in franchise history.
- Zuccarello ranks second among active undrafted NHL players in career points (613) and third in career assists (418), career goals (195) and career games played (810).

### Career Points, Active Undrafted Players

Rk.	Player	Points
1.	Artemi Panarin .....	732
2.	<b>Mats Zuccarello</b> .....	<b>613</b>
3.	Mark Giordano .....	575
4.	Torey Krug .....	471
5.	Jonathan Marchessault .....	461

### Career Goals, Active Undrafted Players

Rk.	Player	Goals
1.	Artemi Panarin .....	247
2.	Jonathan Marchessault .....	215
3.	<b>Mats Zuccarello</b> .....	<b>195</b>
4.	Tyler Johnson .....	186
5.	Mark Giordano .....	156

### Career Assists, Active Undrafted Players

Rk.	Player	Assists
1.	Artemi Panarin .....	485
2.	Mark Giordano .....	419
3.	<b>Mats Zuccarello</b> .....	<b>418</b>
4.	Torey Krug .....	384
5.	Jonathan Marchessault .....	246



# PLAYER NOTES



## MARCO POLO

- Among NHL rookies, **Marco Rossi** is T-1st in GWG (two), second in goals (14), third in points (14-15=29) and T-4th in shots on goal (99).
- Tallied the first OTG of his career at CBJ (1/6).
- Became the 12th rookie in franchise history to record a three-point game (1-2=3), doing so vs. MTL (12/21).
- Rossi became the third-fastest Wild rookie to record ten goals in a season by scoring vs. CGY (12/14), his 27th game played in 2023-24. The only others to require fewer than 30 games to reach the mark are Kirill Kaprizov (25 GP in 2020-21) and Matt Boldy (25 GP in 2021-22).
- Recorded the first multi-goal game of his career vs. CHI (12/3), scoring two.
- Recorded a four-game point streak (1-3=4) from 11/12 - 12/24/23, a career long.

### Single-Season Goals by a Rookie, Wild History

Rk.	Player, Season	Goals
1.	Kirill Kaprizov, 2020-21.....	27
2.	Marian Gaborik, 2000-01.....	18
3t.	Matt Boldy, 2021-22.....	15
3t.	Pascal Dupuis, 2001-02.....	15
5.	<b>Marco Rossi, 2023-24.....</b>	<b>14</b>
6.	Justin Fontaine, 2013-14.....	13

### Single-Season Points by a Rookie, Wild History

Rk.	Player, Season	Points
1.	Kirill Kaprizov, 2020-21.....	51
2.	Matt Boldy, 2021-22.....	39
2.	Marian Gaborik, 2000-01.....	36
4.	<b>Brock Faber, 2023-24.....</b>	<b>33</b>
5.	Filip Kuba, 2000-01.....	30
6t.	<b>Marco Rossi, 2023-24.....</b>	<b>29</b>
6t.	Calen Addison, 2022-23.....	29
7.	Kurtis Foster, 2005-06.....	28
9.	Pascal Dupuis, 2001-02.....	27
10.	Nick Johnson, 2011-12.....	26



## BROCKED AND LOADED

- **Brock Faber** leads all NHL rookies with 25:04 TOI per game, 110 blocked shots and 29 assists, and is second with 33 points (4-29=33).
- Faber is eighth among all NHL skaters in TOI/game and ranks T-13th in assists and 16th in scoring among NHL defensemen.
- Recorded his seventh multi-point game of the season with two assists at VGK (2/12), tying Kurtis Foster (2005-06) for the third-highest total by a Wild rookie
- With an assist vs. PIT (2/9), moved his season point total to 4-27=31 and surpassed Filip Kuba (9-21=30 in 2000-01) for the highest single-season point total by a Wild rookie defenseman. Also moved past Calen Addison (26 assists in 2022-23) for most single-season assists by a Wild rookie
- Recorded a six-game point streak (2-7=9) from 1/15 to 1/25, the longest point streak in franchise history by a rookie defenseman.
- Played in his 50th career game vs. NSH (1/25). With 29 points (4- 25=29) in 50 career games, matched Marek Zidlicky for the second-most points by a Wild defenseman through their first 50 games with the Wild. The only blueliner with more is Ryan Suter (4-29=33 in 50 GP), per NHL Stats.
- Posted his second career three-point game (1-2=3) at FLA (1/19). According to NHL Stats, he is the fourth rookie in franchise history with multiple three-point games: Kirill Kaprizov (3), Calen Addison (2x) and Rickard Wallin (2x).
- Reached 20 assists on the season with a helper at TBL (1/18). Per NHL Stats, became the fifth rookie in Wild history, and fourth in as many seasons, to reach the 20-assist plateau in a campaign, joining Calen Addison (26 in 2022-23), Matt Boldy (24 in 2021-22), Kirill Kaprizov (24 in 2020-21) and Filip Kuba (21 in 2000-01).
- Per NHL Stats, among defensemen to start their NHL career with the Wild, he required the fewest games (46 GP) in franchise history to reach 20 NHL assists with the franchise. Among all players under that criteria, he required the second fewest behind only Matt Boldy (40).
- Has recorded five games with 30-plus minutes of TOI this season, four of which came in a five-game span from 12/14 to 12/21. Became one of two NHL rookies since 1997-98 to play four games with 30-plus minutes of TOI in a single season.
- Skated a career-high 33:25 vs. MTL (12/21), the highest single-game total in the NHL this season and the third-highest by an NHL rookie since the start of the 2000-01 season.
- Owns four of the top eight single-game TOI totals by a rookie in Wild franchise history.
- Per NHL Stats, since time on ice began being tracked in 1997-98, Faber is only the 2nd rookie to record consecutive 30+-minute games (Atlanta's Toby Enstrom in March 2008), doing so vs. CGY (12/14) and vs. VAN (12/16).

### Single-Season Assists by a Rookie, Wild History

Rk.	Player, Season	Assists
1.	<b>Brock Faber, 2023-24.....</b>	<b>29</b>
2.	Calen Addison, 2022-3.....	26
3t.	Kirill Kaprizov, 2020-21.....	24
3t.	Matt Boldy, 2021-22.....	24
5.	Filip Kuba, 2000-01.....	21

### Single-Season Points by a Rookie Defenseman, Wild History

Rk.	Player, Season	Points
1.	<b>Brock Faber, 2023-24.....</b>	<b>33</b>
2.	Filip Kuba, 2000-01.....	30
3.	Calen Addison, 2022-3.....	29
4.	Kurtis Foster, 2005-06.....	28
5.	Matt Dumba, 2014-15.....	16



## PLAYER NOTES

### CROWN JOEL

- **Joel Eriksson Ek** leads Minnesota with 24 goals and 10 PPGs this season while ranking second with four GWGs.
- Eriksson Ek ranks 10th in the NHL with 196 shots on goal this season and T-11th in PPGs.
- Recorded a six-game point streak (6-5=11) from 1/15 to 1/25 and 19 has points (9-10=19) in his last 16 games.
- Scored the 112th goal of his career vs. WSH (1/23), moving past Eric Staal (111 goals with MIN) for seventh-most in franchise history.
- Posted a career-best plus-4 rating at CAR (1/21).
- Recorded a career-high 25:30 in TOI at CBJ (1/6).
- Eriksson Ek tied his career high with eight shots on goal at WPG (12/30) and vs. VAN (12/16).
- Scored the 33rd PPG of his career vs. NYI (1/15), tying Jared Spurgeon for seventh-most in franchise history.
- Recorded a four-game point streak (3-1=4) from 11/19 to 11/28 and a three-game goal streak (3-0=3), tied for the longest goal streak of his career (third occurrence), from 11/24 to 11/28.
- Eriksson Ek reached 100 career goals by scoring a PPG at BUF (11/10), becoming the 11th player in franchise history to reach the milestone.
- Won 19-of-23 faceoffs (83%) at BUF (11/10), tying his career high (10/19/21 vs. WPG, 19-of-25).
- Eriksson Ek has recorded 10 multi-point games this season, second on the team.



### SHOT THROUGH THE HART

- **Ryan Hartman** is fourth on Minnesota with 15 goals, fifth with 110 shots this season while ranking seventh on the team with 27 points (15-12=27).
- Hartman was awarded the NHL's Third Star of the Week for the week ending Oct. 29 after ranking second in the NHL with five goals (5-2=7) in four appearances.
- Recorded five points (3-2=5) vs. EDM (10/24), marking his second career hat trick (first with MIN) and tying his career-best in points in a game.

### BOLDY AND THE BEAUTIFUL

- **Matt Boldy** is T-10th in the NHL with 18 goals scored since Nov. 28.
- Has recorded three consecutive multi-point games from 2/9-2/14, a career-long.
- Posted seven SOG and three points (1-2=3) at VGK (2/12), both tying season highs.
- Boldy scored his 31st goal of the 2022-23 season at CHI (4/10) to surpass Marian Gaborik (30 in 2002-03 and 2001-02) for most by a Wild player age 22 or younger.
- Collected his 100th career point (45-55=100) in the 125th game of his career at PIT (4/6/23). Among players to debut with the franchise, he required the second-fewest games to reach the mark behind Kirill Kaprizov (92 GP).
- Scored 12 goals in the month of March 2023, becoming the third Wild player with as many in a calendar month (Kaprizov, 14 in March 2022; E. Staal, 13 in Feb. 2018).
- Recorded his third career hat trick (3-0=3) vs. SEA (3/27), the first natural hat trick of his career and his second hat trick in a five-game span.
- Became the fourth U.S.-born NHL player to record three hat tricks before turning 22, joining Jimmy Carson (seven), Alex DeBrincat (four) and Jeremy Roenick (four).
- Recorded his second career hat trick vs. WSH (3/19), becoming the seventh player in franchise history to notch multiple hat tricks.
- Has joined Marian Gaborik (67 in 2001-02 & 65 in 2002-03) and Pierre-Marc Bouchard (59 in 2005-06) as the only Wild players to record a 50-point season before age 22.



# PLAYER NOTES



## IN FULL BLOOM

- Goaltender **Marc-Andre Fleury** is 3-0-0 with a .954 save percentage and a 1.24 goals-against average in five game appearances (three starts) since Jan. 13th.
- Fleury recorded his 552nd career win with a 5-0 victory vs. NYI (1/15), moving past Patrick Roy (551 career wins) for second-most in NHL history.
- Posted the 74th shutout of his NHL career vs. NYI (1/15) and needs two more to tie Tony Esposito and Ed Belfour (76 career SO each) for 10th most in NHL history.
- Fleury became the fourth goaltender in NHL history to reach 1,000 games played when he started vs. WPG (12/31).
- With his 20th save of the game vs. WPG (12/31), became the third goaltender in NHL history to reach 26,000 career saves.
- He made 24 saves at NYR (11/9) to reach 25,808 career saves and pass Roy (25,800 career saves) for third most in NHL history.
- Fleury made a season-high 40 saves in a 4-3 OT win at BOS (12/19), his 40th career game with 40-plus saves (T-11th most in NHL history).
- Fleury made his season debut at MTL (10/17), making 27 saves in the 5-2 win and improving his record to 27-13-6 all-time against the Canadiens.
- Fleury played 58:31 vs. LAK (10/19), moving his career minutes total to 57,164:32 and surpassing Terry Sawchuk (57,155:51) for fourth on the all-time list among NHL goaltenders.
- Fleury notched the 65th shootout win of his career vs. NYR (11/4), further extending his all-time NHL record.
- Finished 24-16-4 for the 2022-23 season, Fleury recorded his 15th career season of 20-plus wins, tied for third-most in NHL history: Patrick Roy (17), Martin Brodeur (16) and Ed Belfour (15).
- With 73 career shutouts, Fleury has recorded a shutout against 29-of-32 NHL teams (St. Louis, Vegas and Minnesota), the most in league history.
- Fleury faced his 28th career penalty-shot attempt at MTL (10/25). Per NHL Stats, Fleury's 22 saves on 28 all-time attempts trail only Roberto Luongo (33 PS SA, 29 PS saves) for the all-time lead in both categories.

### All-Time Minutes Played, NHL Goaltenders

Rk.	Player	Career Minutes Played
1.	Martin Brodeur	74,438:25
2.	Patrick Roy	60,214:34
3.	Roberto Luongo	59,879:00
4.	<b>Marc-Andre Fleury</b>	<b>58,447:27</b>

### All-Time Games Played, NHL Goaltenders

Rk.	Player	Career GP
1.	Martin Brodeur	1,266
2.	Roberto Luongo	1,044
3.	Patrick Roy	1,029
4.	<b>Marc-Andre Fleury</b>	<b>1,010</b>

### All-Time Wins, NHL Goaltenders

Rk.	Player	Career Wins
1.	Martin Brodeur	691
2.	<b>Marc-Andre Fleury</b>	<b>554</b>
3.	Patrick Roy	551

### All-Time Saves, NHL Goaltenders

Rk.	Player	Career Saves
1.	Martin Brodeur	28,928
2.	Roberto Luongo	28,409
3.	<b>Marc-Andre Fleury</b>	<b>26,249</b>
4.	Patrick Roy	25,800



# MINNESOTA WILD 2023-24 GAME NOTES TABLES

2/16/24

## MINNESOTA WILD MONTH-BY-MONTH

	OCT.	NOV.	DEC.	JAN.	FEB.	MARCH	APRIL	MAY
2000-01	2-7-3	5-7-2	5-3-4	6-5-2	4-7-0	2-8-6	1-2-1	-
2001-02	4-3-4	7-6-2	2-8-3	4-6-5	2-4-1	6-5-3	1-3-3	-
2002-03	8-1-2	5-6-3	7-4-3	5-7-1	7-4-0	9-5-2	1-2-0	-
2003-04	4-6-1	4-6-3	6-2-6	3-6-7	4-5-2	7-4-4	2-0-0	-
2005-06	6-4-2	4-6-1	8-7-1	7-7-0	4-2-1	5-7-2	4-3-1	-
2006-07	9-2-0	4-8-1	7-7-1	7-4-2	8-2-2	10-3-2	3-0-0	-
2007-08	7-3-2	7-6-0	8-6-0	7-4-1	7-5-2	7-4-4	1-0-1	-
2008-09	6-2-1	8-5-0	4-9-1	7-5-1	5-5-2	6-6-4	4-1-0	-
2009-10	5-9-0	5-3-3	10-6-0	7-6-1	3-3-0	7-7-2	1-2-2	-
2010-11	4-4-2	7-6-0	6-5-3	8-4-0	8-5-1	4-8-2	2-3-0	-
2011-12	4-3-3	11-4-0	6-6-3	3-6-1	4-7-2	5-9-1	2-1-1	-
2012-13	-	-	-	4-2-1	6-5-1	11-4-0	5-8-1	-
2013-14	6-4-3	9-4-2	5-9-0	9-4-1	4-0-1	6-5-4	4-1-1	-
2014-15	6-3-0	7-6-1	4-5-3	5-6-2	11-2-1	11-3-0	2-3-1	-
2015-16	7-2-2	4-5-2	9-3-2	3-7-3	5-8-1	10-4-1	0-4-0	-
2016-17	6-2-1	5-6-2	12-1-1	10-2-1	8-3-1	4-10-2	4-1-0	-
2017-18	4-4-2	8-6-1	8-6-0	7-2-2	9-2-2	7-5-3	2-1-1	-
2018-19	7-3-2	7-6-0	4-8-1	8-4-0	5-6-3	5-7-3	1-2-0	-
2019-20	4-9-0	7-2-4	8-6-1	4-4-1	9-4-1	3-2-0	-	-
2020-21	-	-	-	6-4-0	6-2-0	9-5-2	10-3-2	4-2-1
2021-22	5-3-0	10-3-1	4-3-1	8-1-1	4-6-0	10-4-2	12-2-2	
2022-23	4-4-1	6-5-1	11-4-0	6-4-2	7-4-2	10-1-3	2-4-1	
2023-24	3-4-2	4-6-2	9-5-0	5-8-1	4-0-0			
All-Time	111-82-33	132-112-31	143-113-34	139-108-36	137-91-26	154-116-52	64-45-19	4-2-1

### 2023-24 MONTHLY COMPARISONS

Month	Record	GF-GA*	PP	PK	SF-SA
October	3-4-2	32-38	5-36 (13.9%)	19-28 (72.0%)	283-309
November	4-6-2	34-41	8-43 (18.6%)	35-49 (71.4%)	370-330
December	9-5-0	44-34	9-39 (23.1%)	36-47 (76.6%)	407-421
January	5-8-1	39-53	12-46 (26.1%)	32-42 (76.2%)	410-437
February	4-0-0	13-7	3-16 (18.8%)	14-16 (87.5%)	127-113
March					
April					

### 2023-24 10-GAME COMPARISONS

Game	Record	GF-GA*	PP	PK	SF-SA
1-10	3-5-2	35-43	6-38 (15.8%)	21-33 (63.6%)	308-347
11-20	3-5-2	25-35	6-37 (16.2%)	29-40 (72.5%)	314-265
21-30	7-3-0	33-20	5-24 (20.8%)	28-35 (80.0%)	286-313
31-40	4-6-0	25-36	8-35 (22.9%)	21-28 (75.0%)	287-280
41-50	5-4-1	33-33	9-32 (28.1%)	25-32 (78.1%)	301-312
51-60	3-0-0	11-6	3-14 (21.4%)	12-14 (85.7%)	102-92
61-70					
71-82					

### 2023-24 MINNESOTA WILD GOAL PRODUCTION

Goals for	Times	Wild Record	Goals Against	Times	Wild Record
0	3	0-3-0	0	3	3-0-0
1	5	0-4-1	1	6	6-0-0
2	12	3-8-1	2	9	7-1-1
3	15	6-7-2	3	13	6-6-1
4	7	5-1-1	4	13	3-8-2
5	7	7-0-0	5	2	0-1-1
6	3	3-0-0	6	2	0-2-0
7	1	1-0-0	7	4	0-4-0
8			8	1	0-1-0
<b>GOALS FOR:</b>	<b>163</b>	<b>25-23-5</b>	<b>GOALS AGAINST:</b>	<b>173</b>	<b>25-23-5</b>

\*Includes shootout goals



**2023-24 MINNESOTA WILD HIGHS AND LOWS**

**INDIVIDUAL**

Most Goals, Game	3 – Hartman, 10/24 vs EDM, Dewar, 11/30 at NSH, Kaprizov, 1/21 at CAR
Most Assists, Game	3 – Zuccarello, 10/17 at MTL, Kaprizov, 10/24 vs EDM, Middleton, 10/24 vs EDM
Most Points, Game	5 – Hartman, 10/24 vs EDM
Most Goals, Period	2 – Hartman, 10/24 vs EDM (3rd), Rossi, 12/3 vs CHI (1st), Boldy, 12/5 at CGY (2nd)
Most Assists, Period	3 – Kaprizov, 10/24 vs EDM (3rd)
Most Points, Period	3 – Hartman and Kaprizov, 10/24 vs EDM (3rd)
Most Shots, Game	8 – Eriksson Ek, 12/17 vs VAN and 12/30 at WPG, Kaprizov, 2/14 at ARI
Most Penalty Minutes, Game	19 – Bogosian, 1/25 vs NSH
Most Hits, Game	7 – 4x
Most Blocked Shots, Game	7 – 2x, Spurgeon, 12/5 at CGY, Middleton, 12/10 at SEA
Most PPG, Game	2 - Eriksson Ek, 10/17 vs MTL, Boldy, 1/6 at CBJ, Kaprizov, 1/19 at FLA
Most PPG, Season	10 - Eriksson Ek
Most SHG, Season	1 – Duhaime, Dewar, Eriksson Ek
Most GWG, Season	5 – Kaprizov
Most Overtime Goals	2 – Kaprizov
Consecutive Games with a Goal	4 – Kaprizov, 12/19-12/27
Consecutive Games with an Assist	8 – Zuccarello, 11/18-12/5
Consecutive Games with a Point	10 – Zuccarello, 11/10-12/5
Most TOI, Game	33:25 – Faber, 12/21 vs. MTL
Most Saves, Game	49 - Gustavsson, 10/21 vs CBJ

**TEAM**

Consecutive Games Won	4 – 11/28-12/5, 12/19-12/27, 2/7-2/14
Consecutive Games Earning a Point	4 – 11/28-12/5, 12/19-12/27, 2/7-2/14
Consecutive Games Lost, Regulation	4 – 12/30-1/4
Consecutive Games Lost, Regulation and OT/SO	7 – 11/9 – 11/26
Most Goals For, Period	5 – 10/24 vs EDM (3rd)
Most Goals Against, Period	4 – 10/19 vs LAK (1st), 1/10 at DAL (3rd)
Most Goals For, Game	7 - 10/24 vs EDM
Most Goals Against, Game	8 – 11/12 vs DAL
Most Power-Play Goals For, Period	3 – 1/19 at FLA (2nd)
Most Power-Play Goals For, Game	5 – 1/19 at FLA
Most Power-Play Goals Against, Period	2 – 10/26 at PHI (2nd), 11/12 vs DAL (2nd and 3rd), 1/18 at TBL (3rd)
Most Power-Play Goals Against, Game	5 – 11/12 vs. DAL
Most Power-Play Attempts For, Game	8 – 10/17 at MTL
Most Power-Play Attempts Against, Game	8 – 11/12 vs DAL
Most Shots For, Period	20 – 1/15 vs NYI (2nd), 2/14 at ARI (1st)
Most Shots For, Game	43 – 2/14 at ARI
Most Shots Against, Period	23 – 1/19 at FLA (3rd)
Most Shots Against, Game	54 – 10/21 vs CBJ
Most Shots For, Overtime	5 – 10/27 at WSH
Most Shots Against, Overtime	4 – 10/21 vs CBJ, 1/12 vs. PHI
Fewest Shots For, Period	2 – 11/9 at NYR (1st), 1/8 vs. DAL (3rd)
Fewest Shots For, Game	19 – 1/21 at CAR
Fewest Shots Against, Period	1 – 2/7 at CHI (1st)
Fewest Shots Against, Game	18 – 11/4 vs NYR
Most Penalty Minutes Both Teams, Game	84 – 10/17 at MTL
Most Penalty Minutes Wild, Game	44 – 10/17 at MTL
Fewest Penalty Minutes Both Teams, Game	8 – 10/19 vs LAK
Fewest Penalty Minutes Wild, Game	0 – 10/17 vs LAK

**2023-24 MULTIPLE POINT GAMES**

<b>Player</b>	<b>2 pts.</b>	<b>3 pts.</b>	<b>4 pts.</b>	<b>5 pts.</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Record</b>
Kirill Kaprizov	9	5			14	11-3-0
Joel Eriksson Ek	11	1			12	11-0-1
Mats Zuccarello	7	2			9	6-2-1
Matt Boldy	6	3			9	6-3-0
Brock Faber	4	2			6	5-1-0
Marco Rossi	3	1			4	2-2-0
Marcus Johansson	3	1			4	2-1-1
Ryan Hartman	3			1	4	3-1-0
Pat Maroon	3				3	1-1-1
Jake Middleton		2			2	1-1-0
Marcus Foligno	2				2	2-0-0
Jonas Brodin	1				1	1-0-0
Dakota Mermis	1				1	0-0-1
Connor Dewar			1		1	1-0-0
Vinni Lettieri	1				1	1-0-0
Freddy Gaudreau	1				1	0-1-0

<b>THE LAST TIME:</b>	<b>HOME</b>	<b>ROAD</b>
Recorded a shutout	1/15/24, 5-0 vs. NYI (Fleury, 21 saves)	12/10/23, 3-0 at SEA (Gustavsson, 24 saves)
Were shutout	1/13/24, 6-0 vs. ARI (Ingram, 38 saves)	12/8/23, 2-0 at VAN (DeSmith, 26 saves)
Won a 1-0 game	11/17/16, 1-0 vs. BOS (Dubnyk, 25 saves)	11/11/22, 1-0 at SEA (Fleury, 28 saves)
Lost a 1-0 game	3/7/23, 1-0 SOL vs. CGY (Markstrom, 40 saves)	11/8/22, 1-0 at LA (Quick, 22 saves)
Scored 5 or more goals	1/23/24, 5-3 win vs. WSH	2/12/24, 5-3 win at VGK
Allowed 5 or more goals	1/13/24, 6-0 loss vs. ARI	1/18/24, 7-3 loss at TBL
Overcame 2-goal deficit to win	11/4/23 vs. NYR (down 2-0 in 1st, 5-4 SO win)	3/15/23 at STL (Down 3-1 in 1st, 8-5 win)
Overcame 3-goal deficit to win	11/4/23 vs. NYR (down 3-0 in 1st, 5-4 SO win)	10/8/15 at COL (down 4-1 in 3rd, 5-4 win)
Overcame 4-goal deficit to win	1/9/10 vs. CHI (down 5-1 in 3rd, 6-5 SO win)	Never
Surrendered 2-goal lead in loss	1/12/24 vs. PHI (ahead 3-1 in 3rd, 4-3 OTL)	3/13/23 at ARI (ahead 4-2 in 2nd, 5-4 OTL)
Surrendered 3-goal lead in loss	2/15/19 vs. NJ (ahead 4-1 in 2nd, 5-4 OTL)	5/13/21 at STL (ahead 3-0 in 1st, 7-3 loss)
Surrendered 4-goal lead in loss	Never	Never
Had a penalty shot	12/20/16, Staal vs. Varlamov (unsuccessful)	11/18/23, Johansson vs. Forsberg (unsuccessful)
Scored on a penalty shot	3/22/14, Coyle vs. Howard	12/16/14, Niederreiter vs. Raanta
Faced a penalty shot	2/9/23, Reilly Smith vs. Fleury (goal)	2/8/23, Faksa vs. Gustavsson (no goal)
Allowed a penalty shot goal	2/9/23, Reilly Smith vs. Fleury	1/21/14, Jordie Benn vs. Kuemper
Had a hat trick	10/24/23, Hartman vs. EDM (7-4 win)	1/21/24, Kaprizov at CAR (5-2 win)
Allowed a hat trick	1/13/24, Bjugstad vs. ARI (6-0 loss)	10/14/23, Matthews at TOR (7-4 loss)
Scored a shorthanded goal	1/15/24, Eriksson Ek (5-0 W)	10/17/23, Duhaime/Dewar at MTL (5-2 win)
Allowed a shorthanded goal	1/8/24, Hintz, Faska vs. DAL (4-0 loss)	10/27/23, Wilson at WSH (3-2 SOL)
Scored an empty net goal	10/24/23, Foligno vs. EDM (7-4 win)	2/12/24, Eriksson Ek at VGK (5-3 win)
Allowed an empty net goal	1/4/24, vs. TBL, Hagel (4-1 loss)	11/26/23, Gostisbehere at DET (4-1 loss)
Did not record penalty	10/19/23 vs. LAK (7-3 loss)	4/24/24 at SJ (6-3 win)
Opponent did not record penalty	1/22/22 vs. DET (4-2 win)	4/14/22 at DAL (3-2 OT win)
Played in a penalty free game	Never	11/30/13 at COL (3-2 SO loss)
Won an overtime game	12/21/23 vs. MTL (Kaprizov)	1/6/24 at CBJ (Rossi)
Lost an overtime game	1/12/24 vs. PHI (Farabee)	4/13/23 at NSH (Parssinen)
Won a shootout	12/16/23 vs. VAN (Zuccarello)	12/4/22 at DAL (Gaudreau)
Lost a shootout	4/3/23 vs. VGK (Smith)	11/18/23 at OTT (Norris)
Recorded 20+ shots in a period	1/15/24 vs. NYI (20 in 2nd, 5-0 win)	2/14/24 at ARI (20 in 1st, 3-1 win)
Allowed 20+ shots in a period	10/21/23 vs. CBJ (22 in 2nd, 5-4 OTL)	1/19/24 at FLA (23 in 3rd, 6-4 win)
Recorded 0 shots in a period	1/10/19 vs. WPG (0 in 3rd, 3-2 win)	11/08/01 at BOS (0 in 3rd, 5-3 win)
Allowed 0 shots in a period	3/3/13 vs. EDM (0 in 2nd, 4-2 win)	Never
Recorded 50 or more shots	Record is 49 vs. ANA 12/3/22	Record is 49 at NSH 4/5/22
Surrendered 50 or more shots	10/21/23 vs. CBJ (54 in 5-4 OT loss)	3/18/21 at COL (55 in 5-1 loss)