



MINNESOTA WILD HOCKEY CLUB

GAME NOTES



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Minnesota Wild vs. Chicago Blackhawks

Sunday, Sept. 28, 2025 | 5 p.m. CT | Grand Casino Arena

SERIES NOTES



CHICAGO BLACKHAWKS

All-Time Wild Record: 57-29-6 (31-12-3 at Grand Casino Arena, 26-17-3 at Chicago)

2024-25: Chicago earned a 2-1 overtime victory in the series-opening game at United Center (11/10) before the Wild posted a 3-2 win in the second game in St. Paul (11/29), a 4-3 win at Grand Casino Arena in the third game (12/23), and a 4-2 victory in Chicago in the fourth meeting (1/26)... LW **Matt Boldy** (1-4=5) led Minnesota with five points in the season series... D **Jared Spurgeon** (4-0=4), LW **Kirill Kaprizov** (1-3=4) and LW **Marcus Foligno** (2-2=4) registered four points each in the season series... G **Filip Gustavsson** went 2-0-1 with a 2.31 GAA and a .904 SV% after starting the first, third and fourth games... G Marc-Andre Fleury saved 21-of-23 shots faced to earn the win for the Wild in the second game... C **Ryan Donato** (2-1=3) and C **Connor Bedard** (1-2=3) led Chicago with three points each in the season series... G Petr Mrazek went 1-2-0 with a 2.35 GAA and a .921 SV% while making three starts for Chicago... G **Arvid Soderblom** 23-of-26 shots faced in the third contest for the Blackhawks.

WILD LEADERS: RW **Vladimir Tarasenko** leads the Wild with 33 points (20-13=33) in 36 career games against Chicago... RW **Mats Zuccarello** owns 25 points (8-17=25) in 27 career matches... Spurgeon owns 21 points (7-14=21) in 45 games... Kaprizov owns 16 points (6-10=16) in 13 games.

WILD GOALIES: Gustavsson is 5-0-1 with a 1.83 GAA and a .931 SV% in six career starts against the Blackhawks... G **Jesper Wallstedt** is 1-0-0 with one shutout in his lone start... G **Cal Petersen** 1-0-0 with a 0.92 and a .971 SV% in one start.

BLACKHAWKS LEADERS: LW **Andre Burakovsky** leads Chicago with 18 career points (4-14=18) in 30 games against the Wild... LW **Teuvo Teravainen** (4-10=14 in 25 games) and LW **Nick Foligno** (8-6=14 in 30 games) each own 14 points.

BLACKHAWKS GOALIES: G **Spencer Knight** has appeared in relief in one game vs. the Wild... G **Laurent Brossoit** is 5-0-0 with a 2.19 GAA and a .929 SV% in six career games against the Wild... Soderblom is 0-2-0 with a 3.55 GAA and a .889 SV%... G **Anton Khudobin** has a 2-4-0 record with a 4.00 GAA and a .850 SV% in seven career games (five starts).

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... C **Vinnie Hinostroza** is a Chicago native and was selected by Chicago in the sixth round (No. 169 overall) in the 2012 NHL Draft and collected 51 points (17-34=51) in 123 games... 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)... C **Dominic Toninato** is from Duluth and played collegiately at the University of Minnesota -Duluth... D **Sam Rinkel** is from Chanhassen and played collegiately at the University of Minnesota... C **Oliver Moore** is from Mounds View and played collegiately at the University of Minnesota... RW **Joey Anderson** is from Roseville and played collegiately for the University of Minnesota - Duluth... Chicago LW **Nick Foligno** is the older brother of Wild LW **Marcus Foligno**.

FAST FACTS: Minnesota's 57 all-time wins against Chicago are its third-most against an opponent... The Wild has earned points in 16 consecutive meetings (15-0-1) against the Blackhawks dating back to 2/4/20... Minnesota has earned a point in 11 consecutive games played at Grand Casino Arena (10-0-1) dating back to 2/10/18... The Wild has earned points in eight 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.

PRESEASON RESULTS/SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME	RESULT/INFO
Sun., Sept. 22	at Winnipeg	--	3-2 OT WIN
Tue., Sept. 23	at Dallas	--	3-2 OT LOSS
Thu., Sept. 25	vs. Dallas	--	5-2 LOSS
Sun., Sept. 28	vs. Chicago	5 p.m.	FDSN/KFAN FM 100.3
Tue., Sept. 30	vs. Winnipeg	7 p.m.	FDSN/KFAN FM 100.3
Fri., Oct. 3	at Chicago	7 p.m.	FDSN/KFAN FM 100.3

GAME BROADCAST



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PLAY-BY-PLAY: Joe O'Donnell

COLOR ANALYST: Tom Reid

STUDIO HOST: Kevin Falness

LINEUP

No.	Name	Pos.
32	Filip Gustavsson	G
35	Samuel Hlavaj	G
8	Zeev Buium	D
16	Nicolas Aube-Kubel	F
17	Marcus Foligno	F
18	Vinnie Hinostroza	F
19	Tyler Pitlick	F
20	Brett Leason	F
22	Danila Yurov	F
24	Zach Bogosian	D
28	Liam Ohgren	F
38	Ryan Hartman	F
39	Ben Jones	F
43	Hunter Haight	F
48	Matt Kiersted	D
52	Wyatt Newpower	D
55	David Jiricek	D
68	Rasmus Kumpulainen	F
71	Carson Lambos	D
76	Caedan Bankier	F
82	David Spacek	D
90	Marcus Johansson	F

PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

#3 - Jack Johnson (JAWN-suhn)
 #5 - Jake Middleton (MIH-duhl-tuhn)
 #7 - Brock Faber (FAY-burr)
 #8 - Zeev Buium (Zee-v Boo-y-YUM)
 #12 - Matt Boldy (BOHL-dee)
 #13 - Yakov Trenin (YAK-ov trey-nin)
 #14 - Joel Eriksson Ek (JUHL AIR-ihk-suhn EHK)
 #17 - Marcus Foligno (foh-LEE-noh)
 #16 - Nicolas Aube-Kubel (oh-BAY-koo-BEHL)
 #18 - Vinnie Hinostroza (hihn-oh-STROH-za)
 #19 - Tyler Pitlick (pitt-lick)
 #20 - Brett Leason (LEE-suhn)
 #22 - Danila Yurov (dah-NEE-lah YURR-ahv)
 #23 - Marco Rossi (RAH-see)
 #24 - Zach Bogosian (buh-GOH-zhuhn)
 #25 - Jonas Brodin (JOE-nuhs broh-DEEN)
 #26 - Jean-Luc Foudy (ZHAWN-LEWK FOO-dee)
 #27 - Cameron Butler (KAM-ruhn BUHT-luhr)
 #28 - Liam Ohgren (OH-gren)
 #30 - Jesper Wallstedt (YEHS-per VAHL-steht)
 #32 - Filip Gustavsson (FIHL-ihp GUHS-tahf-suhn)
 #35 - Samuel Hlavaj (hla-VIE)
 #36 - Mats Zuccarello (MATS zoo-ka-REHL-oh)
 #38 - Ryan Hartman (HAHRT-muhn)
 #39 - Ben Jones (jones)
 #40 - Cal Petersen (PEE-tuhr-sehn)
 #43 - Hunter Haight (HATE)
 #45 - Mark Liwski (lih-WISS-ski)
 #46 - Jared Spurgeon (SPUHR-juhn)
 #47 - Bradley Marek (MEHR-ehk)
 #48 - Matt Kiersted (KEER-stehd)
 #49 - Jack Peart (PEERT)
 #52 - Wyatt Newpower (new-pow-err)
 #55 - David Jiricek (YIHR-ih-chehk)
 #58 - Riley Heidt (HIGHDT)
 #59 - Ryan Sandelin (san-deh-lin)
 #60 - Michael Milne (milnn)
 #63 - Will Zmolek (Z'MOH-lehk)
 #71 - Carson Lambos (LAM-bohs)
 #72 - Elliot Desnoyers (deh-NOI-ay)
 #73 - Kyle Masters (MAST-uhrr)
 #76 - Caedan Bankier (BANK-yuhr)
 #78 - Nico Sturm (STUHRM)
 #81 - Stevie Leskovar (LESS-ko-var)
 #82 - David Spacek (SPA-ehk)
 #86 - Mike Koster (KESS-ter)
 #90 - Marcus Johansson (joh-HAN-sun)
 #91 - Vladimir Tarasenko (VLA-dih-meer ta-rah-SEHN-koh)
 #97 - Kirill Kaprizov (kih-REEL kah-PREE-zawf)

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RECENT TRANSACTIONS

July 1 - September 27, 2025

9/22/25 Assigned F **Lirim Amidovski** to the North Bay Battalion (OHL), F **Adam Benak** to the Brantford Bulldogs (OHL), F **Carter Klippenstein** to the Brandon Wheat Kings and G **Chase Wutzke** to the Red Deer Rebels (WHL)
 Released D **Jordan Tourigny** and D **Rowan Topp** from their amateur tryouts
 Released F **Matthew Sop**, F **Ryan McGuire** and G **William Rousseau** from their professional tryouts

9/16/25 Released F **Luke Mobley** and F **Jack O'Brien** from their professional tryouts; Released F **Kody Dupuis**, F **Brayden Holberton**, F **Cash Koch** and F **Luke Mistlebacher**, and D **Ethan MacKenzie** from their amateur tryouts

8/22/25 Signed C **Marco Rossi** to a three-year contract

7/11/25 Signed F **Michael Milne** to a one-year, two-way contract

7/2/25 Signed G **Cal Petersen** to a one-year contract
 Signed F **Nicolas Aube-Kubel** to a one-year, two-way contract; signed D **Ben Gleason** to a one-year, two-way contract; signed D **Matt Kiersted** to a two-year, two-way contract; signed F **Tyler Pitlick** to a two-year, two-way contract.

7/1/25 Signed F **Nico Sturm** to a two-year contract

WILD AT THE OLYMPICS

Wild General Manager and President of Hockey Operations **Bill Guerin** is serving as the General Manager of the 2026 United States Men's Ice Hockey Team. He is joined on Team USA's staff by Wild Head Coach **John Hynes**, who will serve as an assistant coach; Wild Assistant General Manager **Chris Kelleher**, who will work on the management staff; Wild Head Athletic Trainer **John Worley** and Assistant Athletic Trainer and Massage Therapist **Travis Green**, who will work as athletic trainers, and Wild Orthopedic Surgeon **Joel Boyd**, who will serve as team physician.

Wild forward **Nico Sturm** was selected to Germany's preliminary roster. The native of Augsburg had eight points (six goals, two assists) in 10 games at the 2023 for silver-winning Germany at the 2023 Worlds, and he also competed at the tournament the following year.

25TH ANNIVERSARY GAMES

The Minnesota Wild will commemorate the team's 25th season with four special 25th anniversary games. These special 25th anniversary games will include alumni appearances, all-arena fan giveaways, limited-edition bobblehead ticket packages, in-arena activations and more.

25th ANNIVERSARY GAME DATES

Tuesday, Oct. 28 vs. Winnipeg at 7 p.m.

Tuesday, Nov. 4 vs. Nashville at 7 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 21 vs. Colorado at 5 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 24 vs. Florida at 8 p.m.



2024-25 SEASON NOTES



OUT IN FRONT

- The Wild went 29-0-0 when leading through two periods, the only NHL team with a perfect record when holding a lead after 40 minutes of play.
- Was 21-4-2 when leading through one period last season.
- The Wild scored first in 45 games last season, tied for fourth-most in the NHL, and held a 31-11-3 record when doing so.
- Minnesota began the season by not trailing in regulation for 391:31, the second-longest season-opening mark in NHL history (1969-70 Boston Bruins, 457:21) and the second-longest streak at any point in a season in franchise history (414:32, 2014-15).

Season-Opening Streaks, Leading in Regulation

Rk.	Team, Season	Minutes	Completed Games
1.	Boston Bruins, 1969-70	457:21	7
2.	Minnesota Wild, 2024-25	391:31	6
3.	Montreal Canadiens, 2015-16	324:47	5
4.	Boston Bruins, 1990-91	301:41	5
5.	New York Rangers, 1973-74	297:37	4

- The run was also the second-longest streak at any point in Wild history, trailing only a 414:32 mark in 2014-15.

ROAD DAWGS

- Recorded a 23-13-5 record on the road last season, establishing a franchise record with 51 road points.
- Ranked fourth in the NHL in road points, road point percentage (.622) and T-4th in road wins.
- Reached 20 road wins in the 28th road game of the season, tying the 2022-23 Boston Bruins for the fourth fewest games in NHL history required to reach the mark.
- The Wild was 16-4-2 last season (.773) when scoring first in a road game, the seventh-best point percentage in the NHL in that situation.
- Recorded a nine-game road point streak (7-0-2) from 11/29 - 12/6, tied for the longest streak in the NHL this season and T-4th longest in franchise history.
- According to NHL Stats, the only teams with as many points through the first 15 road games of a season are the Kings in 2023-24 (13-1-1, 27 points), Blackhawks in 2012-13 (12-1-2, 26 points) and the Ducks in 2006-07 (12-1-2, 26 points).
- Reached 10 road wins in the team's 14th road contest of the season at BUF (11/27), besting the team's previous low mark of 15 games (2011-12).
- The Wild recorded a five-game road point streak from 10/13 - 10/24, tied for the longest in franchise history to start a season (also 2002-03 season, 3-0-2).
- Minnesota recorded five road wins and 11 road points in October, marking the first time in franchise history the club has reached either mark in that month.
- Minnesota recorded 12 road points in November (5-0-2), the highest total in franchise history in that month.

MAGIC NUMBERS

- The Wild went 41-9-5 (.791) when scoring two-plus goals in regulation last season, the third-best point percentage in the NHL in that situation.
- The Wild went 33-2-4 (.897) when allowing two or fewer goals in regulation last season, T-9th best point percentage in the NHL in that situation.

ON SPECIAL TEAMS

- The Wild ranked ninth in the NHL with a 26.2 power-play percentage (17-65) since February 8.
- Since March 11, the Wild ranked ninth in the NHL with a 82.5 penalty-kill percentage (33-40).

DOWN BUT NOT OUT

- The Wild owned 21 comeback wins (trailed at any point) last season, T-5th most in the NHL.
- The Wild posted seven wins last season in games where it has trailed by two or more goals, fourth-most in the NHL. Minnesota owned a .214 point percentage (7-27-1) in games where it trailed by two-plus goals, T-4th best point percentage in the NHL.
- Minnesota owned a 9-30-5 (.261) record when trailing at any point in the third period. It's .261 point percentage in such situations ranked sixth-highest in the NHL.



2025-26 PRESEASON STATS

PRESEASON

2025-2026 MINNESOTA WILD

(1-1-1)

POS	NO.	PLAYER	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM	PP	SH	GW	OTG	S	PCTG
C	13	Trenin, Yakov	2	2	0	2	1	4	0	0	1	1	4	50.0
C	23	Rossi, Marco	1	2	0	2	1-	2	0	0	0	0	4	50.0
LW	12	Boldy, Matt	1	0	2	2	1-	0	0	0	0	0	3	0.0
C	18	Hinostroza, Vincent	3	0	2	2	1-	0	0	0	0	0	1	0.0
C	76	*Bankier, Caedan	2	0	2	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	3	0.0
D	41	Gleason, Ben	2	1	0	1	1-	2	0	0	0	0	2	50.0
C	43	*Haight, Hunter	2	1	0	1	0	2	1	0	0	0	2	50.0
D	55	Jiricek, David	3	1	0	1	0	4	1	0	0	0	8	12.5
D	3	Johnson, Jack	3	0	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0.0
D	7	Faber, Brock	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
RW	22	*Yurov, Danila	3	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	5	0.0
D	48	Kiersted, Matt	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0.0
C	58	*Heidt, Riley	2	0	1	1	0	4	0	0	0	0	1	0.0
D	71	*Lambos, Carson	2	0	1	1	1-	0	0	0	0	0	2	0.0
D	82	*Spacek, David	1	0	1	1	1-	0	0	0	0	0	2	0.0
D	5	Middleton, Jake	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0.0
D	8	*Buium, Zeev	1	0	0	0	4-	0	0	0	0	0	1	0.0
RW	16	Aube-Kubel, Nicolas	2	0	0	0	2-	0	0	0	0	0	2	0.0
C	19	Pitlick, Tyler	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0.0
RW	20	Leason, Brett	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0.0
D	24	Bogosian, Zach	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0.0
LW	28	*Ohgren, Liam	2	0	0	0	1-	0	0	0	0	0	2	0.0
C	39	Jones, Ben	3	0	0	0	2-	0	0	0	0	0	1	0.0
LW	47	*Marek, Bradley	2	0	0	0	2-	5	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
D	49	*Peart, Jack	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
C	51	*Klippenstein, Carter	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0.0
RW	65	*Amidovski, Lirim	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
C	68	*Kumpulainen, Rasmus	1	0	0	0	1-	2	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
C	80	*Benak, Adam	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
RW	91	Tarasenko, Vladimir	1	0	0	0	1-	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
LW	97	Kaprizov, Kirill	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0.0
TEAM TOTALS			3	7	13	20	15-	27	2	0	1	1	60	11.7

RK	NO.	GOALTENDER	GPI	MINS	AVG	W	L	OT	SO	GA	SA	SV%	G	A	PIM
	30	*Wallstedt, Jesper	2	95:08	1.26	1	0	0	0	2	35	.943	0	0	0
	40	Petersen, Cal	1	61:52	2.91	0	0	1	0	3	37	.919	0	0	0
	35	*Hlavaj, Samuel	1	27:10	8.83	0	1	0	0	4	14	.714	0	0	0
TEAM TOTALS			3	185:51	3.23	1	1	1	0	10	87	.885	0	0	0