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**NEW JERSEY DEVILS**  
29-18-6

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Next Game: February 4 at Pittsburgh Penguins



**February 2, 2025**  
**KeyBank Center**  
**Buffalo, New York**

**COACHING STAFF**

**Head Coach:** Lindy Ruff  
**Assistant Coach:** Seth Appert  
**Assistant Coach:** Mike Bales  
**Assistant Coach:** Matt Ellis  
**Assistant Coach:** Marty Wilford

**PRONUNCIATIONS**

**Cozens, Dylan:** (KUH-zihnz)  
**Jokiharju, Henri:** (yoh-kee-HAHR-yoo, HEHN-ree)  
**Lafferty, Sam:** (LA-fuhr-tee)  
**Luukkonen, Ukko-Pekka:** (LOO-koh-neh-n, OO-koh-PEH-ka)  
**Malenstyn, Beck:** (MAL-ehn-stighn, BEHK)  
**McLeod, Ryan:** (muh-KLOWD)  
**Peterka, JJ:** (peh-TUHR-kah)  
**Samuelsson, Mattias:** (SAM-yew-uhlsuhn, ma-TEE-uhs)  
**Tuch, Alex:** (TUHK)  
**Zucker, Jason:** (ZUK-uhr)

**SPECIAL TEAMS**

**Power Play**  
25-for-149 (16.8%) -- 27th  
**Penalty Kill**  
119-for-153 (77.8%) -- T-20th

**LEADING SCORERS**

**Tage Thompson:**  
46 GP, 25 G, 20 A, 45 PTS  
**JJ Peterka:**  
49 GP, 14 G, 26 A, 40 PTS  
**Rasmus Dahlin:**  
43 GP, 6 G, 31 A, 37 PTS

**LEADING SCORERS VS. NJD**

**Rasmus Dahlin:**  
23 GP, 4 G, 16 A, 20 PTS  
**Alex Tuch:**  
15 GP, 4 G, 13 A, 17 PTS  
**Tage Thompson:**  
19 GP, 10 G, 5 A, 15 PTS

**LAST 5 GAMES VS. NJD**

10/05/24: **NJD 3** at BUF 1\*  
10/04/24: BUF 1 at **NJD 4\***  
03/29/24: NJD 2 at **BUF 5**  
11/25/23: BUF 2 at **NJD 7**  
10/27/23: BUF 4 at **NJD 5**  
\*NHL Global Series

**FORWARDS**

**77 JJ PETERKA**

6'0", 189 lbs. • Munich, DEU  
**2024-25:**  
49 GP, 14 G, 26 A, 40 PTS, 10 PIM  
**Career:**  
210 GP, 54 G, 68 A, 122 PTS, 64 PIM

**20 JIRI KULICH**

6'1", 190 lbs. • Kadan, CZE  
**2024-25:**  
37 GP, 11 G, 5 A, 16 PTS, 12 PIM  
**Career:**  
38 GP, 11 G, 5 A, 16 PTS, 12 PIM

**72 TAGE THOMPSON**

6'6", 220 lbs. • Phoenix, AZ  
**2024-25:**  
46 GP, 25 G, 20 A, 45 PTS, 15 PIM  
**Career:**  
418 GP, 157 G, 141 A, 298 PTS, 183 PIM

**17 JASON ZUCKER**

5'11", 195 lbs. • Newport Beach, CA  
**2024-25:**  
49 GP, 17 G, 20 A, 37 PTS, 51 PIM  
**Career:**  
746 GP, 213 G, 194 A, 407 PTS, 388 PIM

**24 DYLAN COZENS**

6'3", 207 lbs. • Whitehorse, YT  
**2024-25:**  
51 GP, 11 G, 16 A, 26 PTS, 47 PIM  
**Career:**  
331 GP, 76 G, 116 A, 192 PTS, 201 PIM

**89 ALEX TUCH**

6'4", 219 lbs. • Syracuse, NY  
**2024-25:**  
51 GP, 16 G, 20 A, 36 PTS, 25 PIM  
**Career:**  
505 GP, 147 G, 204 A, 351 PTS, 184 PIM

**9 ZACH BENSON**

5'10", 170 lbs. • Chilliwack, BC  
**2024-25:**  
45 GP, 9 G, 8 A, 17 PTS, 34 PIM  
**Career:**  
116 GP, 20 G, 27 A, 47 PTS, 70 PIM

**71 RYAN MCLEOD**

6'3", 188 lbs. • Mississauga, ON  
**2024-25:**  
48 GP, 11 G, 15 A, 26 PTS, 10 PIM  
**Career:**  
267 GP, 43 G, 58 A, 101 PTS, 50 PIM

**22 JACK QUINN**

6'1", 185 lbs. • Ottawa, ON  
**2024-25:**  
44 GP, 9 G, 11 A, 20 PTS, 14 PIM  
**Career:**  
148 GP, 33 G, 45 A, 78 PTS, 37 PIM

**29 BECK MALENSTYN**

6'3", 209 lbs. • Delta, BC  
**2024-25:**  
48 GP, 4 G, 5 A, 9 PTS, 15 PIM  
**Career:**  
153 GP, 12 G, 21 A, 33 PTS, 51 PIM

**19 PEYTON KREBS**

6'0", 186 lbs. • Calgary, AB  
**2024-25:**  
50 GP, 4 G, 12 A, 16 PTS, 28 PIM  
**Career:**  
265 GP, 24 G, 58 A, 82 PTS, 167 PIM

**GOALTENDERS**

**1 UKKO-PEKKA LUUKKONEN**

6'5", 223 lbs. • Espoo, FIN  
**2024-25 (NHL):**  
37 GP, 17-15-4, .898 SV%, 2.97 GAA  
**Career (NHL):**  
137 GP, 64-56-14, .902 SV%, 2.98 GAA  
**vs. NJD:**  
4 GP, 1-3-0, .879 SV%, 4.09 GAA

**47 JAMES REIMER**

6'2", 200 lbs. • Morweena, MB  
**2024-25 (NHL):**  
10 GP, 1-6-1, .894 SV%, 3.06 GAA  
**Career (NHL):**  
511 GP, 216-183-64, .910 SV%, 2.88 GAA  
**vs. NJD:**  
19 GP, 8-7-4, .909 SV%, 2.77 GAA

**DEFENSEMEN**

**26 RASMUS DAHLIN**

6'3", 204 lbs. • Lidköping, SWE  
**2024-25:**  
43 GP, 6 G, 31 A, 37 PTS, 28 PIM  
**Career:**  
479 GP, 72 G, 257 A, 329 PTS, 352 PIM

**4 BOWEN BYRAM**

6'1", 205 lbs. • Cranbrook, BC  
**2024-25:**  
51 GP, 5 G, 19 A, 24 PTS, 20 PIM  
**Career:**  
215 GP, 31 G, 65 A, 96 PTS, 146 PIM

**25 OWEN POWER**

6'6", 226 lbs. • Mississauga, ON  
**2024-25:**  
51 GP, 6 G, 21 A, 27 PTS, 12 PIM  
**Career:**  
214 GP, 18 G, 80 A, 98 PTS, 66 PIM

**23 MATTIAS SAMUELSSON**

6'4", 227 lbs. • Philadelphia, PA  
**2024-25:**  
34 GP, 3 G, 6 A, 9 PTS, 6 PIM  
**Career:**  
184 GP, 6 G, 32 A, 38 PTS, 72 PIM

**78 JACOB BRYSON**

5'9", 177 lbs. • London, ON  
**2024-25:**  
30 GP, 0 G, 4 A, 4 PTS, 10 PIM  
**Career:**  
236 GP, 4 G, 36 A, 40 PTS, 50 PIM

**10 HENRI JOKIHARJU**

6'0", 200 lbs. • Oulu, FIN  
**2024-25:**  
36 GP, 1 G, 3 A, 4 PTS, 12 PIM  
**Career:**  
383 GP, 17 G, 74 A, 91 PTS, 138 PIM

**8 DENNIS GILBERT**

6'2", 216 lbs. • Buffalo, NY  
**2024-25:**  
17 GP, 0 G, 1 A, 1 PTS, 43 PIM  
**Career:**  
99 GP, 3 G, 12 A, 15 PTS, 131 PIM

**SCRATCHES**

**48 TYSON KOZAK**

5'11", 185 lbs. • Souris, MB  
**2024-25:**  
11 GP, 1 G, 0 A, 1 PTS, 0 PIM  
**Career:**  
11 GP, 1 G, 0 A, 1 PTS, 0 PIM

**75 CONNOR CLIFTON**

5'11", 195 lbs. • Matawan, NJ  
**2024-25:**  
46 GP, 0 G, 8 A, 8 PTS, 31 PIM  
**Career:**  
357 GP, 14 G, 55 A, 69 PTS, 276 PIM

**81 SAM LAFFERTY**

6'2", 205 lbs. • Hollidaysburg, PA  
**2024-25:**  
38 GP, 2 G, 3 A, 5 PTS, 22 PIM  
**Career:**  
327 GP, 38 G, 50 A, 88 PTS, 176 PIM

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**Assistant Coach:** Ryan McGill  
**Assistant Coach:** Chris Taylor  
**Assistant Coach:** Sergei Brylin  
**Goaltending Coach:** Dave Rogalski

### PRONUNCIATIONS

**Bratt, Jesper:** (BRAHT, YEHS-puhr)  
**Daws, Nico:** (DAWS)  
**Halonen, Brian:** (HAL-uh-nehn)  
**Hischier, Nico:** (HEE-shuhr)  
**Kovacevic, Johnathan:**  
(koh-va-SEHV-ihk)  
**Lazar, Curtis:** (lah-ZAHR)  
**Meier, Timo:** (MIGH-uhr, TEE-moh)  
**Noesen, Stefan:** (NAY-sehn, STEH-fan)  
**Palat, Ondrej:** (pa-LAHT, AWN-dray)  
**Pesce, Brett:** (PEH-shee)  
**Siegenthaler, Jonas:**  
(SEE-gehn-thahl-uhr, YOH-nuhs)  
**Tatar, Tomas:** (tah-TAHR, TAH-muhs)

### SPECIAL TEAMS

**Power Play**  
43-for-149 (28.9%) -- 2nd  
**Penalty Kill**  
119-for-144 (82.6%) -- 5th

### LEADING SCORERS

**Jack Hughes:**  
53 GP, 20 G, 40 A, 60 PTS  
**Jesper Bratt:**  
53 GP, 16 G, 42 A, 58 PTS  
**Nico Hischier:**  
51 GP, 24 G, 19 A, 43 PTS

### LEADING SCORERS VS. BUF

**Ondrej Palat:**  
35 GP, 11 G, 16 A, 27 PTS  
**Jesper Bratt:**  
26 GP, 8 G, 17 A, 25 PTS  
**Dougie Hamilton:**  
32 GP, 9 G, 14 A, 23 PTS

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10/27/23: BUF 4 at **NJD 5**  
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### FORWARDS

## 18 ONDREJ PALAT

6'0", 194 lbs. • Frydek-Mistek, CZE  
**2024-25:**  
51 GP, 11 G, 9 A, 20 PTS, 6 PIM  
**Career:**  
799 GP, 173 G, 324 A, 497 PTS, 246 PIM

## 86 JACK HUGHES

5'11", 175 lbs. • Orlando, FL  
**2024-25:**  
53 GP, 20 G, 40 A, 60 PTS, 8 PIM  
**Career:**  
359 GP, 134 G, 207 A, 241 PTS, 52 PIM

## 63 JESPER BRATT

5'10", 175 lbs. • Stockholm, SWE  
**2024-25:**  
53 GP, 16 G, 42 A, 58 PTS, 14 PIM  
**Career:**  
524 GP, 145 G, 272 A, 417 PTS, 86 PIM

## 28 TIMO MEIER

6'1", 220 lbs. • Herisau, CHE  
**2024-25:**  
52 GP, 15 G, 22 A, 37 PTS, 50 PIM  
**Career:**  
593 GP, 206 G, 213 A, 419 PTS, 372 PIM

## 91 DAWSON MERCER

6'0", 180 lbs. • Carbonear, NL  
**2024-25:**  
53 GP, 13 G, 11 A, 24 PTS, 12 PIM  
**Career:**  
299 GP, 77 G, 78 A, 155 PTS, 83 PIM

## 11 STEFAN NOESEN

6'1", 205 lbs. • Plano, TX  
**2024-25:**  
51 GP, 18 G, 12 A, 30 PTS, 27 PIM  
**Career:**  
417 GP, 76 G, 81 A, 157 PTS, 214 PIM

## 47 PAUL COTTER

6'2", 213 lbs. • Canton, MI  
**2024-25:**  
53 GP, 10 G, 6 A, 16 PTS, 41 PIM  
**Career:**  
191 GP, 32 G, 29 A, 61 PTS, 103 PIM

## 37 JUSTIN DOWLING

5'10", 180 lbs. • Calgary, AB  
**2024-25:**  
35 GP, 2 G, 2 A, 4 PTS, 2 PIM  
**Career:**  
135 GP, 9 G, 14 A, 23 PTS, 20 PIM

## 90 TOMAS TATAR

5'10", 173 lbs. • Ilava, SVK  
**2024-25:**  
47 GP, 5 G, 7 A, 12 PTS, 14 PIM  
**Career:**  
900 GP, 225 G, 266 A, 491 PTS, 310 PIM

## 23 KURTIS MACDERMID

6'5", 233 lbs. • Quebec City, QC  
**2024-25:**  
20 GP, 0 G, 0 A, 0 PTS, 23 PIM  
**Career:**  
285 GP, 11 G, 20 A, 31 PTS, 391 PIM

## 42 CURTIS LAZAR

6'0", 203 lbs. • Salmon Arm, BC  
**2024-25:**  
28 GP, 1 G, 3 A, 4 PTS, 10 PIM  
**Career:**  
552 GP, 46 G, 78 A, 124 PTS, 165 PIM

## 14 NATHAN BASTIAN

6'4", 205 lbs. • Kitchener, ON  
**2024-25:**  
35 GP, 3 G, 5 A, 8 PTS, 27 PIM  
**Career:**  
252 GP, 32 G, 34 A, 66 PTS, 186 PIM

### DEFENSEMEN

## 71 JONAS SIEGENTHALER

6'2", 218 lbs. • Zurich, CHE  
**2024-25:**  
53 GP, 2 G, 7 A, 9 PTS, 44 PIM  
**Career:**  
365 GP, 10 G, 56 A, 66 PTS, 207 PIM

## 7 DOUGIE HAMILTON

6'6", 230 lbs. • Toronto, ON  
**2024-25:**  
53 GP, 8 G, 26 A, 34 PTS, 26 PIM  
**Career:**  
824 GP, 150 G, 345 A, 495 PTS, 520 PIM

## 43 LUKE HUGHES

6'2", 198 lbs. • Manchester, NH  
**2024-25:**  
44 GP, 4 G, 17 A, 21 PTS, 10 PIM  
**Career:**  
128 GP, 14 G, 56 A, 70 PTS, 38 PIM

## 8 JOHNATHAN KOVACEVIC

6'5", 223 lbs. • Hamilton, ON  
**2024-25:**  
53 GP, 1 G, 12 A, 13 PTS, 41 PIM  
**Career:**  
196 GP, 10 G, 31 A, 41 PTS, 124 PIM

## 5 BRENDEN DILLON

6'4", 225 lbs. • New Westminster, BC  
**2024-25:**  
53 GP, 2 G, 10 A, 12 PTS, 56 PIM  
**Career:**  
945 GP, 39 G, 169 A, 208 PTS, 914 PIM

## 22 BRETT PESCE

6'3", 206 lbs. • Tarrytown, NY  
**2024-25:**  
44 GP, 1 G, 8 A, 9 PTS, 11 PIM  
**Career:**  
671 GP, 40 G, 167 A, 207 PTS, 238 PIM

### GOALTENDERS

## 34 JAKE ALLEN

6'2", 197 lbs. • Fredericton, NB  
**2024-25 (NHL):**  
18 GP, 8-9-1, .908 SV%, 2.55 GAA  
**Career (NHL):**  
447 GP, 203-177-43, .908 SV%, 2.75 GAA  
**vs. BUF:**  
15 GP, 9-5-1, .920 SV%, 2.36 GAA

## 50 NICO DAWS

6'4", 205 lbs. • Munich, DEU  
**2024-25 (NHL):**  
0 GP, 0-0-0, .000 SV%, 0.00 GAA  
**Career (NHL):**  
46 GP, 19-22-1, .894 SV%, 3.13 GAA  
**vs. BUF:**  
1 GP, 1-0-0, .960 SV%, 0.96 GAA

### SCRATCHES

## 13 NICO HISCHIER

6'1", 175 lbs. • Brig, CHE  
**2024-25:**  
51 GP, 24 G, 19 A, 43 PTS, 12 PIM  
**Career:**  
503 GP, 160 G, 236 A, 396 PTS, 117 PIM

## 25 JACOB MARKSTROM

6'6", 207 lbs. • Gavle, SWE  
**2024-25 (NHL):**  
36 GP, 21-9-5, .912 SV%, 2.20 GAA  
**Career (NHL):**  
521 GP, 236-205-62, .909 SV%, 2.69 GAA

## 48 BRIAN HALONEN

6'0", 207 lbs. • Delano, MN  
**2024-25:**  
2 GP, 0 G, 0 A, 0 PTS, 0 PIM  
**Career:**  
4 GP, 0 G, 0 A, 0 PTS, 0 PIM

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