



# WILD WEEK

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DATE	OPPONENT/EVENT	LOCATION	PRACTICE/GAME TIMES (CT)	INFORMATION
Mon., Oct. 14	Day Off			
Tue., Oct. 15	St. Louis Blues	Enterprise Center	10:30 a.m./6:30 p.m.	ESPN/KFAN FM 100.3
Wed., Oct. 16	Day Off			
Thu., Oct. 17	Outdoor Practice	ROC at St. Louis Park Rec Center	11 a.m.	
Fri., Oct. 18	Practice	TRIA Rink	10:30 a.m.	
Sat., Oct. 19	Columbus Blue Jackets	Nationwide Arena	10:30 a.m./6 p.m.	BSN/KFAN FM 100.3
Sun., Oct. 20	Day Off			
Mon., Oct. 21	Practice	Baptist Health IcePlex	12 p.m.	



## ST. LOUIS BLUES

**All-Time Wild Record:** 41-34-21 (26-14-9 at Xcel Energy Center, 15-20-12 at St. Louis)

**2023-24:** The Wild went 1-1-2 in the season series... Minnesota won the series-opening games, 3-1, at Xcel Energy Center (11/28)...St. Louis won the second game, 3-1, at Enterprise Center (3/2), the third game, 3-2, in a shootout at Enterprise Center (3/16) and the fourth game, 5-4 in overtime in Saint Paul (3/23)...**LW Kirill Kaprizov** led the Wild with four points (1-3=4)...**C Marco Rossi** (3-0=3) and **RW Mats Zuccarello** (0-3=3) tallied three points each...**LW Matt Boldy** (1-1=2) and **D Brock Faber** (1-1=2) recorded two points each...**G Filip Gustavsson** saved 23-of-24 shots faced in the first meeting...**G Marc-Andre Fleury** went 0-1-2 with a 2.91 GAA and a .900 SV% in three starts...**C Jordan Kyrrou** led St. Louis with five points (4-1=5) including a hat trick in the final meeting...**C Pavel Buchnevich** (0-3=), **LW Jake Neighbours** (2-1=3) and **LW Brandon Saad** (1-2=3) registered three points each...**G Jordan Binnington** went 3-1-0 with a 2.45 GAA and a .915 SV% in four starts.

**WILD LEADERS:** Zuccarello leads the Wild with 20 points (7-13=20) in 31 career games against St. Louis...**C Ryan Hartman** owns 18 points (11-7=18) in 33 contests...**D Jared Spurgeon** has 15 points (4-11=15) in 51 games...**D Jonas Brodin** owns 14 points (4-10=14) in 46 contests...**Kaprizov** has 13 points (6-7=13) in 17 matches.

**WILD GOALIES:** Fleury is 11-13-4 with a 2.83 GAA and a .909 SV% in 28 career starts vs St. Louis...**Gustavsson** is 2-1-0 with a 2.05 GAA and a .931 SV% in three career starts.

**BLUES LEADERS:** **C Brayden Schenn** leads St. Louis with 28 career points (10-18=28) in 36 career games against the Wild...**Saad** owns 27 points (14-13=27) in 46 contests...**Kyrrou** (11-10=21 in 19 games) and **D Nick Leddy** (3-18=21 in 37 games) have 21 points each...**D Justin Falk** owns 20 points (3-17=20) in 34 matches...**Buchnevich** has 18 points (9-9=18) in 17 contests.

**BLUES GOALIES:** **Binnington** is 10-4-1 with a 2.70 GAA, a .908 SV% and one shutout in 16 career starts against Minnesota...**G Joel Hofer** has not faced the Wild.

**CONNECTIONS:** Wild President of Hockey Operations and General Manager **Bill Guerin** registered 47 points (28-19=47) in 61 contests with the Blues in 2006-07...**Faulk** is from South Saint Paul and played one season at the University of Minnesota Duluth (2010-11)...**Leddy** hails from Eden Prairie and was selected by Minnesota in the first round (16th overall) of the 2009 NHL Draft...**D Scott Perunovich** is from Hibbing and played three seasons (2017-20) at the University of Minnesota Duluth...**C Oskar Sundqvist** recorded seven

points (3-4=7) in 15 games with Minnesota in 2022-23...**D Ryan Suter** recorded 369 points (55-314=369) in 656 games in nine seasons with the Wild (2012-21).

**FAST FACTS:** The Wild topped the Blues in the 2015 First Round, clinching the series with a Game 6 win in Saint Paul – marking the first time in franchise history Minnesota won a playoff series on home ice...The Blues defeated the Wild in the 2017 First Round and 2022 First Round.



## COLUMBUS BLUE JACKETS

**All-Time Wild Record:** 34-22-11 (22-7-6 at Xcel Energy Center, 12-15-5 at Columbus)

**2024-25:** Minnesota won the series-opening game, 3-2, in St. Paul (10/10)...**LW Matt Boldy** led the Wild with three points (1-2-3)...**LW Marcus Johansson** tallied two points (0-2=2)...**G Filip Gustavsson** saved 31-of-33 shots faced to earn the win...**C Kent Johnson** led the Blue Jackets with two points (1-1=2)...**D Zach Werenski** also scored for Columbus (1-0=1)...**G Elvis Merzlikins** saved 23-of-26 shots faced.

**WILD LEADERS:** **Johansson** leads Minnesota with 24 points (10-14=24) in 34 career games against the Blue Jackets...**RW Mats Zuccarello** has 19 points (9-10=19) in 32 games...**D Jared Spurgeon** owns 13 points (2-11=13) in 26 matches...**C Ryan Hartman** has 11 points (1-10=11) in 16 games...

**WILD GOALIES:** **G Marc-Andre Fleury** is 15-7-2 with a 2.32 GAA and a .921 SV% in 26 career games (24 starts) vs. the Blue Jackets...**Gustavsson** is 2-0-1 with a 2.55 GAA and a .934 SV% in three starts.

**BLUE JACKETS LEADERS:** **D Jack Johnson** leads Columbus with 18 points (4-14=18) in 46 career games against Minnesota...**C Sean Monahan** has 14 points (6-8=14) in 30 games...**LW James van Riemsdyk** owns 11 points (8-3=11) in 21 games...**D Damon Severson** owns eight assists (0-8=8) in 18 games.

**BLUE JACKETS GOALIES:** **Merzlikins** is 2-1-2 with a 2.89 GAA and a .914 SV% in five career starts vs. Minnesota...**G Danila Tarasov** is 0-0-1 with a 3.80 GAA and a .919 SV% in his lone start against The Wild (1/6/24).

**CONNECTIONS:** Columbus Head Coach **Dean Evason** spent parts of five seasons as the Head Coach of Minnesota, posting a 147-77-27 record in 251 games (2020-23)...**Evason** led Minnesota to the Stanley Cup Playoffs in each of his first four seasons...**Columbus** Goalie Coach **Niklas Backstrom** went 194-142-50 in 409 career games with Minnesota (2006-15)...He is the franchise leader in games played and wins.

**FAST FACTS:** Minnesota is on a 10-game point streak (8-0-2) vs. Columbus, its longest-ever point streak against the Blue Jackets, and has earned points in 18 of its last 24 meetings (13-6-5)...The Wild is 8-5-2 in its last 15 games at Nationwide Arena and 12-4-5

in the last 21 games at Xcel Energy Center...The Wild (12-game win streak) vs. Blue Jackets (14-game win streak) game on Dec. 31, 2016, marked the first time two teams faced each other while holding win streaks of at least 12 games in the history of the NHL, NBA, MLB, NFL, MLS and WNBA.

## MINNESOTA WILD OUTDOOR PRACTICE

The Wild will host a **free, open-to-the-public outdoor practice, presented by ORORO**, on Thursday, Oct. 17 at ROC (Recreation Outdoor Center) located at the City of St. Louis Park Rec Center (3700 Monterey Drive) in St. Louis Park.

The Wild's practice is scheduled to start at 11:00 a.m. and last approximately 45 minutes. Fans are encouraged to arrive early as space is limited. Herbie's on the Park will provide free coffee and hot chocolate to event spectators. Fan giveaways and activities will be available courtesy of the Wild.

ORORO is the Official Heated Apparel Partner of the Minnesota Wild.

## USED HOCKEY EQUIPMENT DRIVE

The Minnesota Wild will distribute thousands of pieces of donated hockey equipment to hockey associations and individuals at Xcel Energy Center on **Saturday, Oct. 19 from 10:30 am to 12 p.m.** Donations began on September 20 and went through October 14 across 16 different locations throughout the Twin Cities. Sponsors and partners for the program include: Two Men and a Truck, Let's Play Hockey, Minnesota High School Hockey Coaches Association, Minnesota Hockey, Minnesota Ice Arena Managers Association and Toyota.

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