

Vegas Golden Knights: Media Notes

Golden Knights 2023-24 Regular Season Record: 45-29-8, 98 points (27-12-2 at Home, 18-17-6 on Road)

GOLDEN KNIGHTS PRESEASON SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME (PT)	TELEVISION	RADIO	SPANISH RADIO
Oct. 5	San Jose	7 p.m.	Scripps Sports	Fox Sports 98.9 FM/1340 AM	Deportes 1460 AM

GOLDEN KNIGHTS PRESEASON RECORD: 3-2-0 (1-2-0 at Home, 2-0-0 on Road)

DATE	OPPONENT	RESULT	VGK GOALS	VGK GOALTENDER	OPP. GOALS	OPP. GOALTENDER
Sept. 22	San Jose	4-2	Burke, Howden, Uronen, Pearson	Schmid*/Saville	Celebrini, Toffoli	Blackwood*/Romanov
Sept. 25	Los Angeles	3-2	Hanifin, Laczynski	Samsonov*	Laferriere, Jeannot, Foegele	Kuemper*/George
Sept. 27	Utah	5-2	Pietrangelo, Eichel, Dorofeyev, Kolesar, Barbashev	Hill*	Carcone, McGregor	Villalta*/Stauber
Oct. 1	Colorado	6-1	Pearson, Brisson, Aston-Reese, Fleming, Aston- Reese, Laczynski	Schmid*	Innala	Georgiev*
Oct. 3	Colorado	3-1	Eichel	Samsonov*	Drouin, Malinski, O'Connor	Annunen*

**Indicates starting goaltender*

LAST GAME RECAP – VEGAS GOLDEN KNIGHTS 1, COLORADO AVALANCHE 3

The Vegas Golden Knights were defeated by the Colorado Avalanche on Thursday night at T-Mobile Arena, 3-1. The Avalanche scored the lone goal of the first period to enter the first intermission, 1-0. In the second period, Colorado doubled its lead to 2-0 until with 90 seconds remaining, **Jack Eichel** cashed in on the power play to bring Vegas within one. Despite a third-period push, Vegas was unable to even the score and Colorado's Logan O'Connor potted an empty net goal to secure the Avalanche win. **Ilya Samsonov** was between the pipes for Vegas, stopping 24 of 26 shots, good for a .923 save percentage in the 3-1 Golden Knights loss.

PEARSON'S PERFORMANCE

Tanner Pearson signed a one-year contract with the Vegas Golden Knights on Friday, Oct. 4 after having a successful preseason performance on a Professional Tryout contract. Pearson has appeared in four of the Golden Knights' exhibition games, recording three points (2-1—3) to go with a +4 rating. Pearson previously spent parts of 11 seasons in the NHL totaling 285 points (138-147—285) in 644 games with Los Angeles, Pittsburgh, Vancouver, and Montreal. The veteran forward began his NHL career with the Kings where he helped the club win the Stanley Cup in 2014, recording 12 points (4-8—12) in 24 contests.

ROSTER TRANSACTIONS

Vegas made another round of cuts to their roster on Wednesday morning. 26 players, including 16 forwards, eight defensemen, and two goaltenders, remain in camp with two preseason games left for the Golden Knights.

FORWARDS (16): Zach Aston-Reese, Ivan Barbashev, Brendan Brisson, Pavel Dorofeyev, Jack Eichel, Tomas Hertl, Alexander Holtz, Brett Howden, William Karlsson, Keegan Kolesar, Tanner Laczynski, Victor Olofsson, Tanner Pearson, Jonas Rondbjerg, Nicolas Roy, Mark Stone

DEFENSEMEN (8): Nicolas Hague, Noah Hanifin, Ben Hutton, Kaedan Korczak, Brayden McNabb, Alex Pietrangelo, Shea Theodore, Zach Whitecloud

GOALTENDERS (2): Adin Hill, Ilya Samsonov

AGAINST THE SHARKS

All-Time Series: (24-2-5); at Vegas: (12-2-2); at San Jose: (12-0-3)

2024-25 SEASON SJS SERIES	
0-0-0 (Home: 0-0-0, Road 0-0-0)	
Oct. 26 – T-Mobile Arena	
Dec. 27 – SAP Center	
Jan. 7 – SAP Center	

2023-24 SEASON SJS SERIES	
4-0-0 (Home: 2-0-0, Road 2-0-0)	
Oct. 12 – SAP Center VGK: 0/1, SJS 0/2	<p>VEGAS GOLDEN KNIGHTS 4, SAN JOSE SHARKS 1</p> <p>VGK Goals: Amadio (1), Hague (1), Roy (1), Pachal (1) SJS Goals: Zadina (1)</p> <p><u>Goaltenders</u> VGK – Thompson: 22/23, .957 SV%, 60:00 TOI SJS – Kahkonen: 28/32, .875 SV%, 60:00 TOI</p>
Nov. 10 – T-Mobile Arena PP: VGK 0/0, SJS 0/4	<p>VEGAS GOLDEN KNIGHTS 5, SAN JOSE SHARKS 0</p> <p>VGK Goals: Pietrangelo (1), Martinez (2), Karlsson (8), Martinez (3), Howden (2) SJS Goals:</p> <p><u>Goaltenders</u> VGK – Hill: 20/20, 1.00 SV%, 60:00 TOI SJS – Kahkonen: 34/39, .972 SV%, 60:00 TOI</p>
Dec. 10 – T-Mobile Arena PP: VGK 1/4, SJS 1/3	<p>VEGAS GOLDEN KNIGHTS 5, SAN JOSE SHARKS 4 (SO)</p> <p>VGK Goals: Marchessault (13), Stephenson (4), McNabb (2), Marchessault (14) - Eichel (SO), Marchessault (SO)</p> <p>SJS Goals: Ferraro (1), Hoffman (7), Addison (1), Hoffman (8)</p> <p><u>Goaltenders</u> VGK – Patera: 34/38, .895 SV%, 65:00 TOI SJS – Kahkonen: 23/27, .852 SV%, 63:27 TOI</p>
Feb. 19 – SAP Center PP: 1/5 VGK, 0/1 SJS	<p>VEGAS GOLDEN KNIGHTS 4, SAN JOSE SHARKS 0</p> <p>VGK Goals: Amadio (8), Karlsson (17), Morelli (1), Kolesar (5) SJS Goals:</p> <p><u>Goaltenders</u> VGK – Thompson: 29/29, 1.00 SV%, 59:50 TOI SJS – Blackwood: 22/26, .846 SV%, 59:37 TOI</p>

GOLDEN KNIGHTS 2023-24 REGULAR SEASON RECAP

The Vegas Golden Knights posted a 45-29-8 (98 points) record during the 2023-24 regular season to finish fourth in the Pacific Division and eighth in the Western Conference. The Golden Knights opened the campaign with an 11-0-1 record to become the 10th team in NHL history to post a season-opening point streak of at least 12 games and the first in a decade since the 2012-13 Blackhawks (24 GP). Vegas earned its 300th win in its 514th game on Feb. 27, 2024, against Toronto to become the fastest franchise to reach the mark in NHL history, eclipsing the Oilers who accomplished the feat in 542 contests. Vegas qualified for the postseason for the sixth time in seven seasons and faced Dallas in round one but ultimately fell to the Stars in Game 7.

BUTCH AS BENCH BOSS

Head coach **Bruce Cassidy** returns to Vegas for his third season behind the Golden Knights' bench. In his first two seasons at the helm, Cassidy holds a record of 96-51-17 (.637) and sits two wins away from matching Pete DeBoer for the second-most wins by a Golden Knights coach in franchise history. Cassidy has sat as an NHL head coach for 673 career games and can reach his 400th career win this season, owning a 388-206-9-70 record over 11 seasons.

WELCOME TO FABULOUS LAS VEGAS

The Golden Knights made notable additions to their roster this offseason with the signings of forward **Victor Olofsson** and goaltender **Ilya Samsonov** and the acquisition of forward **Alexander Holtz** and netminder **Akira Schmid** from the New Jersey Devils.

Victor Olofsson joins the Golden Knights this season after spending the previous six seasons with the Buffalo Sabres. In 314 career games, Olofsson recorded 90 goals, and 92 assists for 182 points including a career-high of 49 points (20-29—49) in 72 games during the 2021-22 season. Olofsson spent parts of three seasons with **Jack Eichel** in Buffalo, the duo factored on a combined 40 points during their time as linemates.

Former Toronto netminder **Ilya Samsonov** comes to Vegas with five years of NHL experience after two seasons with the Maple Leafs and three with the Capitals. Samsonov boasts a 102-39-21 career record, owning a .904 save percentage and a 2.76 goals-against average. The goaltender's best season between the pipes came in 2022-23 when Samsonov recorded 27 wins in 42 games, posting a .919 SV% and 2.33 GAA and leading Toronto to its first playoff series win since 2004.

Vegas acquired **Alexander Holtz** from New Jersey on June 29, 2024, following his first full season in the NHL. The former seventh overall pick in 2020, Holtz appeared in all 82 games with the Devils in 2023-24, scoring a career-high 16 goals and 28 points (16-12—28). The forward has skated in 110 games over parts of three seasons with New Jersey, owning 34 points (19-15—34).

After spending parts of three seasons in New Jersey, **Akira Schmid** joins Vegas in net. The young goaltender has appeared in 43 NHL games, posting a 14-18-3 record along with a .899 SV% and a 2.90 GAA. While with the Devils, Schmid became the fifth rookie goalie in NHL history with a shutout in a Game 7 when he helped New Jersey win a Stanley Cup Playoff series for the first time in more than a decade with a 4-0 victory against the New York Rangers in the 2023 First Round. Schmid also shut out the Rangers 4-0 in Game 5, making him the 10th rookie goalie in NHL history with multiple shutouts in a single series and the first since Matt Murray for the Pittsburgh Penguins in the 2017 Stanley Cup Final.

ROOKIE FACEOFF RECAP

The Golden Knights participated in the 2024 Rookie Faceoff in Los Angeles last weekend, posting a 3-0-0 record. Vegas defeated the tournament host LA Kings 2-0, as well as Seattle and Utah by a score of 5-3. The Golden Knights joined the San Jose Sharks as the only undefeated teams over the weekend and Vegas never trailed. **Braeden Bowman** led the VGK rookies with four points (3-1—4) in three contests followed by **Jakub Brabenec** (3GP) and **Mathieu Cataford** (3GP) posting three points each (2-1—3). Rookie Camp invite **Viliam Kmec** led the Vegas blue line with a goal and two helpers. Goaltenders **Jesper Vikman** and **Carl Lindbom** split time over

the weekend, sharing the net in the 2-0 shutout against the Kings on Friday night. Both netminders owned a 1.50 goals-against average with Vikman holding a .921 save percentage and Lindbom a .914.

FOLLOW THE LEADER

Vegas Captain **Mark Stone** and Assistant Captains **Alex Pietrangelo**, **William Karlsson**, and **Jack Eichel** will serve as the Golden Knights' leadership group again for the 2024-25 season. Stone enters his fourth season of captaincy with Vegas as the only player in franchise history to dawn the "C." Pietrangelo has served as an Assistant Captain for the last three seasons while Karlsson and Eichel were awarded the honor of the "A" at the start of the 2023-24 season.

HANNY HERE TO STAY

Noah Hanifin will begin his first full season with Vegas after the defenseman joined the club ahead of the 2024 Trade Deadline. In his 19 appearances last season, Hanifin posted four multi-point games and led Vegas defensemen in ice time, averaging 23:07 TOI. In his 80 games during the 2023-24 season between Calgary and Vegas, Hanifin reached 47 points (13-34—47), just one point shy of matching a career-high set in 2021-22. Hanifin's 13 goals last season were the most he's scored in the NHL, with five of them coming on the power play. In the postseason, the defenseman recorded five points (2-3—5) in seven games during Vegas' first round match-up against Dallas.

NINJA HERTL

Tomas Hertl tallied four points in his six games played with Vegas last season after he was acquired from the San Jose Sharks on March 8 at the Trade Deadline. The centerman made his Vegas debut on April 8 in Vancouver and was able to make an immediate impact, including notching the overtime game-winner against Colorado on April 14. In his six Vegas appearances, Hertl won 59 of his 85 faceoffs, owning a 69.4 faceoff win percentage, highlighted by a career-high of 19 wins on April 14. During his time as a Shark, Hertl appeared in 712 games, recording 484 points (218-266—484). In postseason play, Hertl has scored the most goals against the Golden Knights (9) among all NHL players and owns the third most points (13) in 13 matchups.

THE ROLLING STONE

Mark Stone enters his seventh season with Vegas and fourth as captain of the club. Last season, Stone appeared in 56 games during the regular season, posting 53 points (16-37—53). Despite missing the final 29 games of the season due to injury, Stone's 37 helpers tied **Jack Eichel** (63 GP) and **Shea Theodore** (47 GP) for the most assists on the team and Stone's eight multi-assist games tied Theodore for the most with Vegas last season. On Nov. 4, Stone made franchise history after the captain scored multiple short-handed goals to become the first player with Vegas to score two short-handed goals in a single game.

JACKPOT

Jack Eichel returns for his third full season with Vegas. Eichel finished second in scoring for the Golden Knights during the 2023-24 regular season (31-37—68) in 63 games as the only Vegas skater averaging over a point-per-game (1.08). Eichel's 68 points were his highest total with Vegas and the most since he reached 78 in 2019-20 with Buffalo. Eichel became the fourth different player with the Golden Knights to record a 30-goal campaign after he tallied a game-winning goal against the Wild on April 12. The center led Vegas in game-winning goals (7) and matched Erik Haula's franchise record for most power-play goals by a Golden Knight with 11. Vegas was 36-20-6 in the regular season with Eichel in the lineup and 22-6-1 when he scored.

WILD BILL

In 2023-24, **William Karlsson** posted his first 60-point season since he recorded 78 in 2017-18 in Vegas' inaugural year. Karlsson's 30 goals were the second-most in a single season in his career and joined Jonathan Marchessault as the second Vegas player to post multiple 30-goal campaigns as a Golden Knight (also 2017-18). Karlsson is set to embark on his eighth season as a Golden Knight recording 367 points (152-215—367) and appearing in 502 games, tied with **Brayden McNabb** as the second-most games played in franchise history.

KING OF THE HILL

Adin Hill enters his third season in net for Vegas after appearing in a career-high 35 games during the 2023-24 season. Hill's 19-12-2 record marked his best NHL season in his career, finishing with a .909 save percentage and 2.71 goals-against average. In 62 games over two seasons with Vegas, Hill owns a 35-19-3 record, paired with a .912 save percentage. During the 2024 postseason, the netminder allowed just five goals in three games, owning a .931 save percentage and 1.70 goals-against average in the seven-game series against Dallas. Hill was the hero of Vegas' 2023 Stanley Cup run. In his 14 starts, Hill went 11-4, posting a .932 save percentage and 2.17 GAA, and had two shutouts in the Western Conference Final.

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Shea Theodore (42 Pts), **Alex Pietrangelo** (33 Pts), and **Brayden McNabb** (26 Pts) led the Vegas blue line offensively last season. It was the first time since the 2020-21 season that the Golden Knights had three defensemen record 20+ points. **Noah Hanifin's** arrival in Vegas further added to the club's offensive contribution from the d-core with the defenseman notching 12 points (2-10—12) in 19 games. McNabb reached a new career high in the 2023-24 season, posting 26 points (4-22—26) in 82 games played. McNabb's previous high of 24 came in 2014-15 in his first full NHL season with the Los Angeles Kings. The defenseman was the only Vegas blue-liner to appear in all 82 games last season and was first on the Golden Knights with a +18 rating.

PAVEL SCORE-FEYEV

Pavel Dorofeyev spent his first full season at the NHL level in 2023-24 with the Golden Knights. The forward appeared in 47 games, scoring 13 goals and recording 24 points. Dorofeyev returns for his second season as a full-time NHLer, owning 20 goals (4 GWG) in 67 games of his young career.

FORGE THE KNIGHT

Young players **Kaedan Korczak**, **Brendan Brisson**, **Mason Morelli**, and **Lukas Cormier** spent the majority of the 2023-24 season with Vegas AHL affiliate, the Henderson Silver Knights, but when given opportunities with the Golden Knights, found themselves on the scoresheet.

Kaedan Korczak appeared in a career-high 26 games with Vegas last season. During his time with the big club, the defenseman scored his first-career goal on Oct. 17 against Dallas and tallied eight assists to post a +12 rating. Korczak mirrored his performance in Henderson, recording nine points (1-8—9) in 26 AHL games.

Brendan Brisson made his NHL debut on Jan. 15 against Nashville. It only took the young forward three games before finding the back of the net when Brisson scored the game-winning goal against Pittsburgh on Jan. 20. In his 15 NHL appearances, Brisson tallied eight points total (2-6—8), averaging 12:20 minutes of ice time. At the AHL level, Brisson posted a career-high in points (38) and goals (19) in 52 contests.

Mason Morelli scored his first-career goal and posted his first multi-point game in his NHL debut on Feb. 19 against San Jose. Morelli became the third player to score in his league debut with Vegas and the first to record multiple points. The forward was the third player age 28 or older to notch multiple points in their regular-season debut in the past 30 years. Appearing in nine games with Vegas during the 2023-24 season, Morelli recorded four points (3-1—4). In Henderson, Morelli appeared in 56 games, posting 29 points (13-16—29).

Lukas Cormier got his first taste of the NHL on Jan. 6 against the Islanders. In his debut, the young defenseman tallied the primary assist on a Jack Eichel power-play goal to notch his first NHL point. In his 58 contests in Henderson, Cormier gathered 20 points (4-16—20).

PERFECT ATTENDANCE

Brayden McNabb and **Ivan Barbashev** both appeared in the team's entire 82-game schedule last season. McNabb was also one of three Vegas skaters during the 2022-23 season to appear in all 82 games (also Karlsson and Kessel). The defenseman's Iron Man Streak dates back to March 30, 2022 (177 GP), the longest active streak among Golden Knights players.

DOING THE DIRTY WORK

The Golden Knights finished third in the NHL with 1,506 blocked shots during the 2023-24 season, led by **Brayden McNabb** (207) who ranked sixth among all skaters in the league. The Golden Knights were eighth in the NHL in hits with 2,019 through 82 games. Vegas hit leader **Keegan Kolesar** was ranked fourth in the NHL with 277 hits.

2023-24 GOLDEN KNIGHTS MISC. STATS

MULTI-GOAL GAMES					
Pos.	PLAYER	23-24 SEASON	CAREER	LAST TIME	CAREER-HIGH
F	BARBASHEV	2	9	3/28/2024 at WPG (2G)	3 goals
C	EICHEL	4	39	4/8/2024 at VAN (2G)	4 goals
C	KARLSSON	2	17	4/14/2024 vs. COL (2G)	3 goals [3x]
C	ROY	1	3	1/6/2024 vs. NYI (2G)	2 goals [3x]
F	STONE	3	27	1/15/2024 vs. NSH (3G)	3 goals
MULTI-ASSIST GAMES					
Pos.	PLAYER	23-24 SEASON	CAREER	LAST TIME	CAREER-HIGH
F	BARBASHEV	5	18	4/2/2024 vs. VAN (2A)	3 assists [4x]
F	DOROFYEV	2	2	1/15/2024 vs. NSH (2A)	2 assists [2x]
C	EICHEL	7	60	3/9/2024 vs. DET (3A)	5 assists
D	HANIFIN	3	29	4/12/2024 vs. MIN (2A)	4 assists
C	HOWDEN	1	3	12/19/2023 at CAR (2A)	2 assists [3x]
D	HUTTON	1	9	12/17/2023 vs. OTT (2A)	2 assists [9x]
C	KARLSSON	3	40	3/28/2024 at WPG (2A)	3 assists
F	KOLESAR	2	4	3/19/2024 vs. TBL (2A)	2 assists [4x]
D	MCNABB	2	13	3/21/2024 vs. SEA (2A)	2 assists [13x]
D	PIETRANGELO	5	78	2/12/2024 vs. MIN (2A)	4 assists
C	ROY	4	8	1/26/2024 at NYR (2A)	2 assists [8x]
F	STONE	8	61	1/22/2024 at NJD (2A)	5 assists
D	THEODORE	8	37	4/5/2024 at ARI (2A)	3 assists [7x]
MULTI-POINT GAMES					
Pos.	PLAYER	23-24 SEASON	CAREER	LAST TIME	CAREER-HIGH
F	BARBASHEV	11	47	4/2/2024 vs. VAN (0-2—2)	4 points
F	DOROFYEV	3	6	4/12/2024 vs. MIN (1-1—2)	2 points [6x]
C	EICHEL	18	136	4/12/2024 vs. MIN (1-1—2)	5 points
D	HAGUE	1	8	10/12/2023 at SJS (1-1—2)	3 points
D	HANIFIN	4	41	4/12/2024 vs. MIN (0-2—2)	4 points
C	HOWDEN	2	9	1/18/2024 vs. NYR (1-1—2)	2 points [9x]
D	HUTTON	1	12	12/17/2023 vs. OTT (0-2—2)	2 points [12x]
C	KARLSSON	15	93	4/14/2024 vs. COL (2-0—2)	4 points
F	KOLESAR	3	9	3/19/2024 vs. TBL (0-2—2)	2 points [9x]
D	KORCZAK	1	1	10/17/2023 vs. DAL (1-1—2)	2 points
D	MCNABB	2	14	3/21/2024 vs. SEA (0-2—2)	3 points
D	PIETRANGELO	5	127	2/12/2024 vs. MIN (0-2—2)	4 points [2x]
C	ROY	8	22	4/12/2024 vs. MIN (1-1—2)	3 points [2x]

F	STONE	10	138	1/22/2024 at NJD (0-2—2)	5 points [4x]
D	THEODORE	10	60	4/5/2024 at ARI (0-2—2)	4 points [2x]
D	WHITECLOUD	1	5	12/9/2023 at DAL (1-1—2)	2 points [5x]

2023-24 SEASON HIGHS AND LOWS

INDIVIDUAL HIGHS	23-24	GAME	PLAYER
Most Goals, Game	3	1/15 vs. DET	Mark Stone
Most Assists, Game	3	[6x] 3/9 vs. DET	Jack Eichel
Most Points, Game	4	[3x] 12/12 vs. CGY	Mark Stone (2-2—4)
Most Goals, Period	2	9x, last 4/14 vs. COL, 3 rd	William Karlsson
Most Assists, Period	2	18x last, 4/12 vs. MIN, 1 st	Chandler Stephenson
Most Points, Period	3	1/22 at NJD, 2 nd	Nicolas Roy (1-2—3)
Most SOG, Game	9	11/16 at MTL	William Karlsson
Most Blocked Shots, Game	7	[3x] 11/22 at DAL	Alex Pietrangelo
Most Hits, Game	9	[2x] 3/19 vs. TBL	Keegan Kolesar
Most PIM, Game	15	[2x] 3/30 at MIN	Jack Eichel
Most TOI, Game	28:37	10/28 at LAK	Alex Pietrangelo
Best +/-, Game	+5	11/10 vs. SJS	Alex Pietrangelo
Most PPGs, Game	1	[51x] 4/18 vs. ANA	Jack Eichel
Longest Goal Streak	4	1/15-1/22 (NSH-NJD)	Jonathan Marchessault
Longest Assist Streak	6	10/24-11/4 (PHI-COL)	William Karlsson
Longest Point Streak	12	11/30-12/21 (VAN-TBL)	Jack Eichel

TEAM HIGHS AND LOWS	23-24	GAME
Most Goals For, Period	4	5x, last 4/5 at ARI, 2 nd period
Most Goals For, Game	7	2x, last 4/12 vs. MIN
Most Goals Against, Period	4	8x, last 3/14 at CGY, 3 rd period
Most Goals Against, Game	7	3x, last 4/5 at ARI
Most PPGs For, Game	3	11/16 at MTL
Most PPGs Against, Game	3	2x, last 1/4 vs. FLA
Most PPs For, Game	8	12/6 at STL
Most PPs Against, Game	6	3x, last 1/4 vs. FLA
Most SOG, Game	49	12/6 at STL
Fewest SOG, Game	18	4/10 at EDM
Most SOG, Period	22	3/23 vs. CBJ, 2 nd period
Fewest SOG, Period	2	10/30 vs. MTL, 2 nd period
Most SOG Against, Game	42	2x, last 2/22 vs. TOR
Fewest SOG Against, Game	18	11/25 vs. ARI
Most SOG Against, Period	23	2/22 vs. TOR, 1 st period
Fewest SOG Against, Period	3	3/19 vs. TBL, 2 nd period
Most Blocked Shots, Game	36	2/29 at BOS
Fewest Blocked Shots, Game	7	11/14 at WSH
Most Hits, Game	50	10/17 vs. DAL
Fewest Hits, Game	11	11/14 at WSH
Most Golden Knights PIM, Game	39	12/23 at FLA
Fewest Golden Knights PIM, Game	0	2/17 vs. CAR

VGK 2024 PRESEASON STATISTICS

SKATERS STATISTICS														
#	PLAYER	Pos.	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM	PPG	SHG	GW	OTG	S	PCT.
28	TANNER LACZYNSKI	F	5	2	3	5	+5	0	0	0	0	0	9	22.2
9	JACK EICHEL	F	2	2	2	4	-1	0	1	0	0	0	5	40.0
17	BEN HUTTON	D	3	0	4	4	+5	0	0	0	0	0	6	0.0
20	ZACH ASTON-REESE	F	3	2	1	3	+3	2	0	0	0	0	8	25.0
70	TANNER PEARSON	F	4	2	1	3	+4	0	1	0	0	0	7	28.6
19	BRENDAN BRISSON	F	4	1	2	3	+3	8	0	0	1	0	11	9.1
7	ALEX PIETRANGELO	D	2	1	1	2	-2	0	1	0	0	0	6	16.7
16	PAVEL DOROFEYEV	F	3	1	1	2	+2	2	0	0	1	0	8	12.5
55	KEEGAN KOLESAR	F	3	1	1	2	+3	0	0	0	0	0	3	33.3
27	SHEA THEODORE	D	2	0	2	2	-2	2	0	0	0	0	6	0.0
15	NOAH HANIFIN	D	2	1	0	1	E	0	0	0	0	0	4	25.0
21	BRETT HOWDEN	F	3	1	0	1	+3	2	0	0	0	0	4	25.0
49	IVAN BARBASHEV	F	2	1	0	1	-1	2	0	0	0	0	4	25.0
6	KAEDAN KORCZAK	D	5	0	1	1	+3	2	0	0	0	0	8	0.0
14	NICOLAS HAGUE	D	2	0	1	1	+2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0.0
61	MARK STONE	F	2	0	1	1	+1	0	0	0	0	0	2	0.0
95	VICTOR OLOFSSON	F	2	0	1	1	-2	0	0	0	0	0	3	0.0
2	ZACH WHITECLOUD	D	3	0	0	0	+2	6	0	0	0	0	4	0.0
3	BRAYDEN MCNABB	D	2	0	0	0	+1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0.0
10	NICOLAS ROY	F	2	0	0	0	E	0	0	0	0	0	2	0.0
26	ALEXANDER HOLTZ	F	1	0	0	0	-1	4	0	0	0	0	1	0.0
46	JONAS RONDBJERG	F	4	0	0	0	E	0	0	0	0	0	5	0.0
48	TOMAS HERTL	F	2	0	0	0	-2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0.0
GOALTENDER STATISTICS														
#	PLAYER	GP	GS	W	L	T/O	GA	SV	SV%	SO	TOI			
35	ILYA SAMSONOV	2	2	0	2	0	5	51	.911	0	118:04			
33	ADIN HILL	1	1	1	0	0	2	14	.875	0	60:00			



SAN JOSE SHARKS

MEDIA GAME NOTES
PRESEASON GAME 6

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SAN JOSE SHARKS
(1-3-1)

VEGAS GOLDEN KNIGHTS
(3-2-0)

HEAD COACH: Ryan Warsofsky
2023-24 RECORD: 19-54-9 (60 pts)
2023-24 FINISH: 8th Pacific

HEAD COACH: Bruce Cassidy
2023-24 RECORD: 45-29-8 (98 pts)
2023-24 FINISH: 4th Pacific

2023-24 LEADERS

GOALS: Fabian Zetterlund (24)
ASSISTS: Mikael Granlund (48)
POINTS: Mikael Granlund (60)
GAA: Mackenzie Blackwood (3.45)
SVP: Mackenzie Blackwood (.899)

2023-24 LEADERS

GOALS: Jonathan Marchessault (42)
ASSISTS: Mark Stone/Shea Theodore/Jack Eichel (37)
POINTS: Jonathan Marchessault (69)
GAA: Logan Thompson (2.70)
SVP: Adin Hill (.909)

SHARKS 2024 PRESEASON SCHEDULE

DAY	DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME/RESULT	TV	RADIO
Sun.	Sept. 22	Vegas	SAP Center at San Jose	L, 2-4	sjsharks.com	
Tue.	Sept. 24	Anaheim	SAP Center at San Jose	L, 3-4	sjsharks.com	
Thu.	Sept. 26	at Anaheim	Honda Center	W, 3-2 (OT)	sjsharks.com	
Tue.	Oct. 1	Utah	SAP Center at San Jose	L, 1-3	sjsharks.com	
Fri.	Oct. 4	Anaheim	SAP Center at San Jose	OTL, 2-3 (SO)	sjsharks.com	
Sat.	Oct. 5	at Vegas	T-Mobile Arena	7:00 p.m.	sjsharks.com	

SHARK BITES

BEHIND THE BENCH: The San Jose Sharks made a change behind the bench following the conclusion of the 2023-24 season, naming **Ryan Warsofsky** the 11th head coach in franchise history on June 13. Warsofsky, 36, served as an assistant with San Jose for each of the previous two seasons, overseeing the team's defense and penalty kill. Under his tutelage, Erik Karlsson won the Norris Trophy in 2022-23 while posting the first 100-point season by a NHL defenseman since 1991-92. Most recently, Henry Thrun finished 2023-24 ranked third among rookie defensemen in PK time on ice and 10th among the group in scoring.

Prior to joining the Sharks, Warsofsky won the AHL's Calder Cup as head coach of the Chicago Wolves in 2021-22. It was his second league championship, following a 2018 title while serving as an assistant coach with the Charlotte Checkers.

HERE'S GRANNY: Center **Mikael Granlund** capped the 2023-24 season on a high note, setting a career long and Sharks franchise record for longest point streak by a forward as he found the score sheet in each of the final 13 games of the year (two goals, 13 assists). His run finished one shy of the team's longest-ever point streak, set by Erik Karlsson in his Norris Trophy-winning season, 2022-23. Granlund, named Sharks Player of the Year by Bay Area media, scored 31 points (seven goals, 24 assists) over his final 30 games played and led the team in points (60) and assists (48). He logged a team-best 14 multi-point contests and appeared his milestone 800th career NHL game, March 9 against Ottawa. Granlund, who leads all active Finnish skaters in games played, hit the 60-point and 40-assist threshold for the fourth time in his career last season. He logged his 500th career point on Dec. 7 at Detroit and a day later was named NHLPA Player of the Week after tallying nine points (two goals, seven assists) in four games to start the month of December.

FREE WILLY: Sharks forward **William Eklund** had a strong first full season of NHL action, the Swedish forward posting a breakout campaign with 45 points (16 goals, 29 assists) in 80 contests, finishing the season ranked second on the club in points and tied for second in goals. Eklund, who completed the schedule with points in eight of the final 10 games, recorded his first professional hat trick with three goals, including overtime, game-winner, in a 3-2 victory over St. Louis on April 6. The hat trick punctuated a 10-game home point streak for the forward, finishing two shy of matching San Jose's team record of 12 set by Brent Burns in 2017-18. He was the youngest Shark to ever tally points in at least nine consecutive games and was the first Shark age 21 or younger to hit eight games since Pat Falloon in the team's inaugural season. Eklund finished the year with 23 points (11 goals, 12 assists) in the final 25 games on the year, paced the team in power-play goals (8) and game-winning goals (5). He was second on San Jose with 16 power-play points.

YOU ZETTER BELIEVE IT: Forward **Fabian Zetterlund**, acquired at the 2023 NHL Trade Deadline, set career highs in all scoring categories with a team-high 24 goals to go with 20 assists for 44 points. He was the lone Sharks iron man, appearing in all 82 games, and was the third Sharks skater to reach the 40-point mark on the year, coming on an assist on April 7 against Arizona. The Swedish forward finished the year with 12 points (six goals, six assists) in the final

ALL-TIME PRESEASON SERIES

The Sharks lead the all-time preseason series against the Golden Knights, 7-4-1.

GAME 1 RECAP

SJS 2, VGK 4... Macklin Celebrini (1g, 1a) and Luca Cagnoni (0g, 2a) each recorded multi-point games while Sharks newcomer **Tyler Toffoli** (1g, 0a) also lit the lamp in the contest. **Sam Dickinson**, selected in the first round of the 2024 draft, led San Jose skaters with 20:22 TOI.

GAME 2 RECAP

SJS 3, ANA 4... Jake Walman (0g, 2a) and **Danil Gushchin** (1g, 1a) each posted two points in their respective 2023-24 preseason debuts. **Alexander Wennberg** (1g, 0a) lit the lamp in his first game in teal and **Jack Thompson** (1g, 0a) found the back of the net in the contest. Goaltender **Vitek Vanecek** saw his first game action since February and turned away 11 of 12 shots faced.

GAME 3 RECAP

SJS 3, ANA 2 (OT)... Luca Cagnoni (1g, 0a) registered his first goal of the preseason, an overtime game-winner. **Danil Gushchin** (0g, 2a) and **Ethan Cardwell** (0g, 2a) each registered a pair of assists and **Klim Kostin** notched two points of his own (1g, 1a). **Georgi Romanov** made 32 saves on 34 shots faced in the win.

GAME 4 RECAP

SJS 1, UTA 3 ... Matt Benning (1g, 0a) scored his first goal of the preseason, opening the scoring in the second period. **William Eklund** (0g, 1a) and **Andrew Poturalski** (0g, 1a) each tallied their first respective points of the preseason with assists on the score. **Mackenzie Blackwood** made 22 saves in the contest.

GAME 5 RECAP

SJS 2, VGK 3 (SO) ... Goaltender **Vitek Vanecek** made 40 saves in the contest then stopped two of three shootout attempts. **Klim Kostin** (1g, 0a) became the first Sharks skater to reach multiple goals on the preseason and **Henry Thrun** (1g, 0a) netted his first goal of the preseason. **Jake Walman** (0g, 1a) tallied his third assist, **William Eklund** (0g 1a) registered a helper for the second game in a row and **Will Smith** (0g, 1a) earned his first point of the preseason.



SHARK BITES CONTINUED

GETTIN' JIGGY WITH IT: Sharks forward **Will Smith** logged one of the best freshman seasons in NCAA history last season at Boston College, leading the Golden Eagles to Hockey East regular season and tournament championships and an appearance in the National Championship Game. He led the nation in scoring with 71 points (25 goals, 46 assists) with a long list of honors including AHCA First-Team All-America, NCAA Frozen Four All-Tournament Team, Hockey East Tournament MVP, Hockey East All-Tournament Team, Hockey East First All-Star Team and Hockey East All-Rookie Team. His scoring total tied Jack Eichel (2014-15, Boston Univ.) as most by a NCAA U-19 skater since 1993-94. In international competition, Smith helped Team USA win a Gold Medal at the World Junior Championship, tallying two assists in the Gold Medal Game and finishing the tournament with points in each of the final six contests. The 2023-24 Sharks Prospect of the Year, presented by Kaiser Permanente, also represented the national team at the IIHF World Championship, appearing in five games. Smith, selected fourth overall in the 2023 NHL Draft, signed his entry-level deal on May 28, 2024.

GOING IN THE RAFTERS: Two years after retiring Patrick Marleau's No. 12 jersey, the San Jose Sharks will be adding No. 19 to the rafters in honor of **Joe Thornton's** legendary career. One of the greatest playmakers in NHL history, Thornton remains San Jose's all-time leader in assists (804) and power play points (402), ranks second in club history in scoring (1,055 points) and even-strength points (645), is third with 1,104 games played and is fourth in all-time goals (251) and game-winning goals (40).

Thornton registered the only 100-point season by a forward in club history, finishing 2006-07 with 114, including a team-record 92 assists). He won the Art Ross and Hart Memorial trophies in 2005-06, the season he was acquired from Boston, after leading the NHL with 125 points (29 goals, 96 assists). The forward was selected to the NHL First All-Star Team that season, was a member of the Second All-Star Team three times and was selected to participate in the league's All-Star Game four times. He won two Olympic gold medals (2006, 2010) and two World Cup golds (2004, 2016).

In the NHL's all-time ranks, Thornton's 1,714 career games is the sixth-most in the league's history and he ranks seventh all-time in assists (1,109), 11th in even strength points (979), 14th in career points (1,539) and 22nd in power play points (548).

The No. 19 will be retired to the SAP Center rafters on Saturday, Nov. 23 as the Sharks host the Buffalo Sabres.

MILESTONE WATCH: San Jose skaters can reach numerous milestones in the upcoming season, including (alphabetically by last name):

PLAYER	MILESTONE	NEEDS
Justin Bailey	200 games played	59 games
Matt Benning	500 games played 100 assists	43 games 15 assists
Mackenzie Blackwood	200 games played 100 wins	4 games 25 wins
Thomas Bordeleau	100 games played	57 games
Cody Ceci	800 games played	14 games
William Eklund	100 games played 100 points	3 games 48 points
Mario Ferraro	400 games played 100 points	70 games 26 points
Barclay Goodrow	600 games played 200 points	28 games 31 points
Mikael Granlund	900 games played 600 points 400 assists	81 games 56 points 13 assists
Carl Grundstrom	300 games played 100 points	67 games 33 points
Klim Kostin	200 games played	45 games
Luke Kunin	400 games played	41 games
Jan Rutta	400 games played 100 points	37 games 11 points
Givani Smith	200 games played	45 games
Nico Sturm	300 games played 100 points	31 games 22 points
Henry Thrun	100 games played	41 games
Tyler Toffoli	300 goals 300 assists	40 goals 39 assists
Vitek Vanecek	200 games played 100 wins	37 games played 9 wins
Marc-Edouard Vlasic	1,300 games played 300 assists 400 points	4 games 7 assists 24 points
Alexander Wennberg	100 goals	9 goals
Fabian Zetterlund	200 games played 100 points	37 games 25 points

SHARK BITES CONTINUED

MAKING MOVES: The Sharks' transactions from the end of the 2023-24 season through the start of training camp are listed below:

DATE	TRANSACTION
Aug. 23	Acquired G Yaroslav Askarov , F Nolan Burke and a third-round selection (Colorado's choice) in the 2025 NHL Draft from Nashville in exchange for C David Edstrom, G Magnus Chrona and a first-round selection (Top-10 protected, San Jose's choice to transfer their own pick or Vegas's) in the 2025 NHL Draft
Aug. 18	Acquired D Cody Ceci as well as a third-round selection in the 2025 NHL Draft from Edmonton in exchange for D Ty Emberson
Aug. 1	Signed F Igor Chernyshov to a standard entry-level contract
July 29	Signed C Thomas Bordeleau to a one-year contract
July 11	Signed D Ty Emberson to a one-year contract
July 10	Signed D Sam Dickinson to a standard entry-level contract
July 6	Signed C Macklin Celebrini to a standard entry-level contract
July 4	Signed F Ty Dellandrea to a two-year contract
July 3	Signed F Andrew Poturalski to a two-year, two-way contract
July 2	Signed F Carl Grundstrom to a two-year contract
July 1	Signed D Jimmy Schuldt to a one-year, two-way contract
July 1	Signed D Lucas Carlsson to a two-year, two-way contract
July 1	Signed C Alexander Wennberg to a two-year contract
July 1	Signed F Tyler Toffoli to a four-year contract
June 30	Re-signed F Justin Bailey to a one-year, two-way contract
June 30	Re-signed F Luke Kunin to a one-year contract
June 27	Acquired F Carl Grundstrom from Los Angeles in exchange for D Kyle Burroughs
June 25	Acquired D Jake Walman as well as a second-round selection (53rd overall; originally Tampa Bay's) in the 2024 NHL Draft in exchange for future considerations
June 23	Acquired F Egor Afanasyev from Nashville in exchange for F Ozzy Wiesblatt
June 19	Claimed F Barclay Goodrow off waivers from New York Rangers
June 19	Acquired F Ty Dellandrea from Dallas in exchange for a fourth-round selection (originally Winnipeg's) in the 2025 NHL Draft
June 13	Named Ryan Warsofsky head coach
May 28	Signed C Will Smith to a standard entry-level contract
May 22	Signed D Luca Cagnoni to a standard entry-level contract