

## DALLAS STARS

3-0-0, 6 PTS (T-1st in Central)

Last Game: 10/13 2-0 W vs. SEA

Next Game: 10/17 at WSH

Last 10 Games: 3-0-0

PP: 1/9 (11.1%)

PK: 10/11 (90.9%)

## SAN JOSE SHARKS

0-1-1, 1 PT (7th in Pacific)

Last Game: 10/12 0-2 L vs. ANA

Next Game: 10/17 at CHI

Last 10 Games: 0-1-1

PP: 1/5 (20.0%)

PK: 7/7 (100%)

DALLAS STARS VS. SAN JOSE SHARKS // OCT. 15, 2024 // 7 P.M. CT // AMERICAN AIRLINES CENTER // DALLAS, TX

## LAST GAME

Dallas 2 vs. Seattle 0

Goals: Steel, Johnston

Goalie: DeSmith (25/25)

PP: 0/3 PK: 4/4 Shots: Dallas 23 - Seattle 25

Attendance: 18,532

Three Stars: 1. DAL - C. DeSmith DAL - S. Steel 3. DAL - W. Johnston

- The Stars became the first team to record two shutouts this season with a 2-0 win over the Kraken.
- With 25 saves, **Casey DeSmith** became the fourth goaltender in Stars/North Stars history to record a shutout in his franchise debut according to NHL Stats. He joins Antti Niemi (Oct. 8, 2015), Mike Smith (Oct. 21, 2006) and Markus Mattsson (Jan 12, 1983).
- **Colin Blackwell** recorded the primary assist on Sam Steel's game-winning goal, marking the first point as a member of the Stars.
- **Steel** and **Wyatt Johnston's** goals came just 13 seconds apart. The last time they tallied twice in as few seconds was Dec. 23, 2023 (0:11) according to NHL Stats.

## UPCOMING SCHEDULE

Thursday, Oct. 17, 2024: Dallas at Washington, 6 p.m. CT, Capital One Arena (Victory+/The Ticket)

Saturday, Oct. 19, 2024: Dallas vs. Edmonton, 3 p.m. CT, American Airlines Center (Victory+/The Ticket)

Tuesday, Oct. 22, 2024: Dallas at Buffalo, 6 p.m. CT, KeyBank Center (Victory+/The Ticket)

Thursday, Oct. 24, 2024: Dallas at Boston, 6 p.m. CT, TD Garden (Victory+/The Ticket)

Saturday, Oct. 26, 2024: Dallas vs. Chicago, 7 p.m. CT, American Airlines Center (Victory+/The Ticket)

## RECENT TRANSACTIONS

N/A

## CURRENT INJURIES MAN GAMES LOST: 4

Mavrik Bourque (lower body; IR) - 3 games - day-to-day

Matt Dumba (undisclosed) - 1 game - day-to-day

## GAME NOTES

### THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

- Tonight's game marks the second consecutive game that the Stars will play against a Pacific Division opponent after defeating the Seattle Kraken 2-0 on Sunday.
- All three Stars wins this season have come in regulation, which is tied with Vegas for the second-most in the NHL.
  - The Stars have not trailed in a game at any point this season.
- If the Stars were to win tonight, it would give them victories in four straight games to begin a season for the first time since 2020-21.
- A Stars victory would extend Dallas' winning streak against the Sharks to four games, after the team went a perfect 3-0-0 against San Jose last season.
- **Colin Blackwell** was originally selected by the Sharks in the seventh round (194th overall) of the 2011 NHL Draft.
- The Stars have had seven different forwards score a goal through their first three games of the season: Mason Marchment (2), Tyler Seguin (2), Jamie Benn, Roope Hintz, Wyatt Johnston, Jason Robertson and Sam Steel. Entering play Monday, only the New York Rangers (9), New York Islanders (8) and Vegas Golden Knights (8) have had more forwards score a goal this season.
- **Wyatt Johnston** scored his first goal of the season in Sunday's game against the Kraken to extend his point streak to three games (1-2-3). The goal made him the first Stars/North Stars player age 21 or younger to begin a season with a point streak of at least three game since Mike Modano did so in 1991-92 according to NHL Stats.
  - A goal or an assist tonight would give **Johnston** points in four consecutive games for the first time since Feb. 24 to 29, 2024.
  - A point tonight would also make **Johnston** the first Stars player to have a point in four straight games to begin a season since **Mason Marchment** did so to begin 2022-23.

## GOOSE EGGS

- The Stars have recorded shutouts in each of their last two games, with **Jake Oettinger** making 33 saves on Oct. 12 against the Islanders and **Casey DeSmith** following up that performance with a 25-save shutout on Oct. 13 against the Kraken.
- With the win over the Kraken, the Stars became the 15th team in NHL history to record shutouts in their first two home games of a season and the first to do so since the Philadelphia Flyers in 2015-16.
- The Stars became the first team to record back-to-back shutouts on consecutive days since the Arizona Coyotes (now the Utah Hockey Club) did so on Dec. 15 and 16, 2023.
- It also marked just the second time in Stars/North Stars history that the team recorded shutouts on consecutive days, having previously done so on Dec. 15 and 16, 1967 while the team was located in Minnesota.
- If Dallas were to record another shutout tonight, they would become the first team since the New York Rangers in April 13 to 19, 2022 to not allow a goal in three consecutive games.

*\*All statistics courtesy of NHL Stats*

## SHARK BAIT

- Jamie Benn** enters tonight's game riding a seven-game point streak against the Sharks that dates back to April 16, 2022, totaling 13 points (4-9-13) during that span.
  - In all **Benn** has 48 career points (19-29-48) against San Jose, which is the third-highest total of any active skater.
- Wyatt Johnston** has eight points (5-3-8) in six career games against San Jose, which includes scoring his first career hat trick and notching a career-high five points (3-2-5) on March 5, 2024 against the Sharks.
- Miro Heiskanen** has 15 points (2-13-15) in 13 career games against the Sharks and has tallied at least a point in each of the last six games he has played against San Jose.
  - He has totaled 11 points (all assists) over the course of his six-game point streak, which began on Nov. 11, 2022.
  - Heiskanen's** 1.15 points per game against San Jose ranks fifth among active defensemen that have played the Sharks at least twice in their career.
- Jason Robertson** has 11 points (6-5-11) in nine career games against the Sharks and enters tonight's matchup riding a six-game point streak against San Jose, totaling nine points (5-4-9) in those games.
- Tyler Seguin** has 21 points (8-13-21) in the last 21 games he has played against San Jose dating back to Feb. 5, 2014.

## BENN THERE DONE THAT

- Sunday's matchup against the Kraken marked the 300th consecutive game that Stars captain **Jamie Benn** had played in. He became the fourth player in franchise history to play in 300 consecutive games for the team according to NHL Stats.

PLAYER	TEAM	GAMES	START	END	ACTIVE
Danny Grant	Minnesota North Stars	442	Dec. 8, 1968	April 7, 1974	No
Tyler Seguin	Dallas Stars	315	Oct. 13, 2016	March 10, 2020	No
Joe Pavelski	Dallas Stars	314	Feb. 15, 2020	April 17, 2024	No
Jamie Benn	Dallas Stars	300	Jan. 31, 2021	--	Yes

- Benn's** current 300-game Iron Man streak is the fifth-longest active streak in the NHL.
- Benn** is one of 15 players to have an active Iron Man streak of at least 200 games and is one of 11 NHL players to appear in each of his team's 246 regular-season games between 2021-22 and 2023-24.
- The Stars captain leads all Dallas players in career games played (1,115), goals (384), assists (525) and points (909). His 909 career points rank 12th among active NHL skaters, and he is the second-highest scoring fifth-round draft pick in NHL history (Alexander Mogilny; 1,032).

## FROM START TO FINNISH

- Forward **Roope Hitz** was named one of the Stars alternate captains this season. 2024-25 will mark the first time that **Hitz** and fellow Fins **Miro Heiskanen** and **Esa Lindell** are all a part of Dallas' leadership group.
  - Captain **Jamie Benn** and alternate captain **Tyler Seguin** round out the team's leadership group for this season.
- Heiskanen, Hitz** and **Lindell** are three of six Finnish players in the NHL this season to be a part of their team's leadership group, joining Florida captain Aleksander Barkov, Carolina alternate Sebastian Aho and Colorado alternate Mikko Rantanen.
- Heiskanen, Hitz** and **Lindell** are set to face off against Barkov the NHL's Global Series when the Stars will take on the Panthers in back-to-back games on Nov. 1 and 2 at Nokia Arena in Tampere, Finland.
- All three of **Heiskanen, Hitz** and **Lindell** rank in the top 15 in all-time scoring among active, Finnish skaters. At eighth, **Hitz** ranks the highest with 312 career points followed by **Heiskanen** (258, 10th) and **Lindell** (191, 13th).

## ONE FOR THE HISTORY BOOKS

- Roope Hintz** enters tonight's game two goals shy of becoming the 18th skater in franchise history to score 150 goals with the team.

- **Tyler Seguin** is seven assists away from bringing his total with the stars to 380, which would tie him with Brian Bellows for fifth-most assists by a skater in franchise history.
- **Esa Lindell** is nine points shy of becoming the 49th player and 13th defenseman in franchise history to record 200 points with the Stars. He is also just three goals away from tying Philippe Boucher (52) for the 10th-most goals among defensemen in franchise history.
- **Jake Oettinger's** next shutout will be the 12th of his career, which will tie Jon Casey for the sixth-most in franchise history,

## ROOKIE REPORT

- **Logan Stankoven** has recorded four assists through the Stars' first three games of the season, tying Montreal's Lane Hutson and Montreal's Seamus Casey for the league lead in rookie scoring.
- He recorded three assists in Dallas' 4-3 win over the Predators on Oct. 10, making him one the only rookie to have a three-point game this season.
- According to NHL Stats, **Stankoven** became the second rookie in franchise history to record three points in the team's season-opening contest, alongside Roland Eriksson (0-4—4 w/ MNS) on Oct. 6, 1976.
- Originally selected by the Stars in the second round (47th overall) of the 2021 NHL Draft, **Stankoven** appeared in 24 regular-season games for Dallas last year, totaling 14 points (6-8—14) in those contests and adding eight points (3-5—8) in 19 Stanley Cup Playoff games.

## BÄCKSTREET'S BÄCK, ALRIGHT!

- Dallas' Oct. 10 matchup against the Nashville Predators marked the first NHL game of **Oskar Bäck's** career. **Bäck** was originally drafted by the Stars in the third round (75th overall) of the 2018 NHL Draft.
- **Bäck** became the seventh player drafted by the Stars between 2017 and 2024 to play in at least one regular-season game for Dallas.
- When **Bäck** has been on the ice this season during 5-on-5 play, the Stars have outshot their opponents 11-6 and have recorded a 63.0 percent on-ice Corsi rating.
  - His on-ice shot differential (tied) and Corsi rating are both the highest marks of any Stars skater this season.

## FOR PETE'S SAKE

- Dallas' win over the Predators on Oct. 10 marked Head Coach **Pete DeBoer's** 100th behind the Stars bench. He became the fourth Stars head coach (since 1993-94) to record at least 100 regular-season wins with the team, joining Ken Hitchcock (319), Dave Tippett (271) and Lindy Ruff (165).
- Since the start of the 2022-23 season – **second** first as the team's head coach – the Stars have posted a 102-42-23 record for a .680 win percentage, which is the third-best mark in the NHL during that span.
  - Only Jim Montgomery (Boston; 114), Rod Brind'Amour (Carolina; 104) and Jared Bednar (Colorado; 103) have recorded more regular-season wins since the starts of the 2022-23 season
  - This excludes the Utah Hockey Club, which has won each of its first three games this season after relocating to Salt Lake City from Arizona.
- **DeBoer** has posted a 615-421-146 record over the course of his coaching career with the Dallas Stars, Vegas Golden Knights (2019-20 to 2021-22), San Jose Sharks (2015-16 to 2019-20), New Jersey Devils (2011-12 to 2014-15) and Florida Panthers (2008-19 to 2010-11). His 615 career wins rank 23rd all-time among all NHL coaches and rank fifth all-time among active coaches.

## FIRST THING'S FIRST

- Dallas opened the 2024-25 season with 11 former first-round picks on its roster; **Mavrik Bourque** (DAL; 2020), **Matt Duchene** (COL; 2009), **Matt Dumba** (MIN; 2012), **Thomas Harley** (DAL; 2019), **Miro Heiskanen** (DAL; 2017), **Wyatt Johnston** (DAL; 2021) **Nils Lundkvist** (NYR; 2018), **Jake Oettinger** (DAL; 2017), **Tyler Seguin** (BOS; 2010), **Brenden Smith** (DET; 2007) and **Sam Steel** (ANA; 2016)
- **Tyler Seguin** is the highest drafted player on Dallas' roster, selected by Boston with the second-overall pick in the 2010 NHL Draft. **Seguin** leads all 2010 draft picks in career assists (437) and points (788), and ranks second in goals (351).
- There are two sets of Stars skaters that were taken with the same pick in different years: **Matt Duchene** and **Miro Heiskanen** were both taken with the third-overall pick, **Duchene** by Colorado in 2009 and **Heiskanen** by Dallas in 2017. Additionally, **Sam Steel** and **Mavrik Bourque** were both drafted 30th-overall – **Steel** by Anaheim in 2016 and **Bourque** by Dallas in 2020.
- Six additional Stars draft picks are on Dallas' opening night roster this year: **Oskar Bäck** (2018; 3rd round), **Jamie Benn** (2007; 5th round), **Roope Hintz** (2015; 2nd round), **Esa Lindell** (2012; 3rd round), **Jason Robertson** (2017; 2nd round) and **Logan Stankoven** (2021; 2nd round).

## CONNECTIONS

- Stars forward **Oskar Bäck** and defenseman **Nils Lundkvist** both played for Sweden with Sharks forward Fabian Zetterlund at the 2019 IIHF World Junior Championship.



- Stars forward **Colin Blackwell** and Sharks forward **Alex Wennberg** were both a part of the Seattle Kraken's inaugural roster in 2021-22. **Blackwell** was the team's expansion selection from the Rangers and **Wennberg** signed with the team as a free agent.
- Stars goaltender **Casey DeSmith** played in Pittsburgh with Sharks defenseman Cody Ceci (2020-21), forward Mikael Granlund (2022-23) and defenseman Jan Rutta (2022-23).
- Stars goaltender **Casey DeSmith** and Sharks defenseman Henry Thrun both played for Team USA at the 2023 IIHF World Championship.
- Stars forward **Matt Duchene** and Sharks forward Logan Couture won a gold medal together while playing for Team Canada at the 2016 World Cup of Hockey.
- Stars forward **Matt Duchene** played in Nashville with Sharks forward Mikael Granlund (2019-20 to 2022-23) and with Sharks defenseman Matt Benning (2020-21 to 2021-22). Stars forward **Colin Blackwell** also played in Nashville with Granlund for parts of the 2018-19 and 2019-20 seasons.
- Stars forward **Matt Duchene** played in Ottawa with Sharks defenseman Cody Ceci from 2017-18 to 2018-19.
- Stars forward **Matt Duchene** and Sharks forward Alex Wennberg both played for the Blue Jackets in 2018-19.
- Stars forwards **Matt Duchene** and **Tyler Seguin** won a gold medal with Sharks forward Tyler Toffoli and Sharks defenseman Cody Ceci while playing for Canada at the 2015 IIHF World Championship. Jim Nill was the general manager of the team and Pete DeBoer (assistant coach) and Misha Donskov (video coach) were both on Canada's coaching staff.
- Stars defenseman **Matt Dumba** played in Minnesota with Sharks forwards Mikael Granlund (2013-14 to 2018-19) and Nico Strum (2018-19 to 2021-22).
- Stars forward **Miro Heiskanen** and Sharks forward Mikael Granlund played for Finland together at both the 2018 and 2022 IIHF World Championships, winning a gold medal in 2022.
- Stars defenseman **Esa Lindell** and Sharks forward Mikael Granlund have represented Finland in international competition together three times – at the 2016 and 2022 IIHF World Championships and at the 2016 World Cup of Hockey. They medaled at both World Championships, winning silver in 2016 and gold in 2022.
- Stars defenseman **Nils Lundkvist** and Sharks forward Barclay Goodrow both played for the Rangers during the 2021-22 season.
- Stars forward **Mason Marchment** played part of the 2019-20 season in Toronto with Sharks defenseman Cody Ceci.
- Stars forward **Mason Marchment** and Sharks forward Alex Wennberg both played for the Florida Panthers in 2020-21.
- Stars goaltender **Jake Oettinger** won a gold medal with Sharks forward Luke Kunin while the two played for Team USA at the 2017 IIHF World Junior Championship.
- Stars defenseman **Brendan Smith** played in New Jersey with Sharks forwards Tyler Toffoli (2023-24) and Fabian Zetterlund (2022-23) and goaltenders Mackenzie Blackwood (2022-23) and Vitek Vanecsek (2022-23 to 2023-24).
- Stars assistant coaches **Steve Spott** (head coach) and **Misha Donskov** (video coach) were both on Canada's coaching staff at the 2015 IIHF World Junior Championship, a roster that Sharks goaltender Mackenzie Blackwood was on.
- Stars forward **Logan Stankoven** won a gold medal with Sharks defenseman Jack Thompson while playing for Team Canada at the 2022 IIHF World Junior Championship.

## STRAIGHT FROM THE SOURCE

- Josh Clark profiled Jim Nill's tenure with the Stars, which includes thoughts from Jamie Benn and Matt Dumba, in his latest piece for DallasStars.com – [The architect: How Jim Nill has cultivated a new era of Stars hockey](#).
- Lia Assimakopoulos talked with Logan Stankoven, Texas Stars head coach Niel Graham and Mavrik Bourque himself about [Bourque's journey to the NHL](#) and finally cracking the Stars' opening night roster.
- [Wyatt Johnston joined The Musers on Sportsradio 96.7 and 1310 The Ticket](#) from Stars media day to discuss brining a veteran presence to Dallas' locker room despite only being 21 years old, coping with the physical demands of the NHL and navigating his first pro season without Joe Pavelski.
- Fresh off of signing a two-year contract extension, Mike Heika of DallasStars.com profiled [what's ahead for Stars defenseman Thomas Harley](#) this season as he prepares to take another crucial step in his career.
- In celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month, Albert Perez of NHL.com sat down with NHL alum and the Stars' Vice President of Cultural Growth and Strategy, Al Montoya, to discuss the [Stars' bid to grown and engage with their Hispanic fanbase](#).
- Mike Heika of DallasStars.com dove deep into [what makes Esa Lindell a core member of the Stars organization](#), both on and off the ice, after the blueliner signed a five-year contract extension a year ahead of hitting free agency.

## STARS REAL-TIME STATS LEADERS

**Hits:** Benn/Blackwell/Lyubushkin (5)

**Blocked Shots:** Lindell (10), Harley/Heiskanen/Lyubushkin (5)

**Shots:** Harley (10), Dadonov/Marchment/Robertson (8)

## STARS' RECORD IN 10-GAME SEGMENTS [W-L-OT (PTS), GF/GA, PP, PK]

**1-10:** 3-0-0 (6), 9/3, 2/9, 10/11

## OVERTIME RESULTS (0-0)

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N/A

## SHOOTOUT RESULTS (0-0)

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N/A

## UPCOMING NHL MILESTONES (PLAYER ... NEEDS ... MILESTONE)

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### Games Played

Roope Hintz ... 5 games ... 400 NHL games  
Jake Oettinger ... 5 games ... 200 NHL games  
Jason Robertson ... 5 games ... 300 NHL games  
Brendan Smith ... 5 games ... 700 NHL games

### Goals

N/A

### Assists

Mason Marchment ... 10 assists ... 100 NHL assists

### Points

Esa Lindell ... 9 points ... 200 NHL points  
Tyler Seguin ... 9 points ... 800 NHL points

## RECENT MILESTONES

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Oskar Bäck ... First NHL game .. Oct. 10, 2024 at NSH  
Pete DeBoer ... 100th win as Stars head coach ... Oct. 10, 2024 at NSH

## MEDIA RESOURCES

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