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## 2024-25 Washington Capitals Storylines

- The Washington Capitals will open their 50<sup>th</sup> season on Saturday, Oct. 12 vs. the New Jersey Devils at Capital One Arena. New Jersey, who originally entered the NHL as the Kansas City Scouts, and Washington both began play in the 1974-75 season. The Capitals have qualified for the Stanley Cup Playoffs 33 times in the last 41 seasons dating back to 1982-83, which is tied for the second-most playoff appearances in the NHL in that span. In addition, Washington's 1,656 wins since 1982-83 are the second most in the League.

- The Capitals enter 2024-25 looking to make the playoffs for the 10th time in the last 11 seasons and the 34<sup>th</sup> time in franchise history. Washington's 15 playoff appearances since 2007-08 are tied with the Boston Bruins and Pittsburgh Penguins for the most in the NHL in that span.

- With 853 career goals, Alex Ovechkin needs 42 goals to pass Wayne Gretzky (894g) for first on the NHL's all-time goals list. Ovechkin, who is signed with the Capitals for the next two years, would need to average 21 goals per season during that span to supplant Gretzky as the NHL's all-time leading goal scorer. Ovechkin has scored at least 42 goals in 13 of his 19 NHL seasons and 21 or more goals in each of his 19 seasons.

- From June 19 to July 1, a span of 13 days, the Capitals added seven NHL players to their roster, all of whom are under the age of 30: forwards Pierre-Luc Dubois (26), Andrew Mangiapane (28), Brandon Duhaime (27) and Taylor Raddysh (26), defensemen Jakob Chychrun (26) and Matt Roy (29) and goaltender Logan Thompson (27).

### WASHINGTON CAPITALS OFFSEASON ACQUISITIONS: 2023-24 STATISTICS

Skater	Pos.	Age	Acquired	GP	G	A	P
Pierre-Luc Dubois	C	26	Trade	82	16	24	40
Jakob Chychrun	D	26	Trade	82	14	27	41
Taylor Raddysh	RW	26	Free Agent	73	5	9	14
Brandon Duhaime	RW	27	Free Agent	80	5	8	13
Andrew Mangiapane	LW	28	Trade	75	14	26	40
Matt Roy	D	29	Free Agent	81	5	20	25
Goaltender	Pos.	Age	Acquired	GP	Record	GAA	SV%
Logan Thompson	G	27	Trade	46	25-14-5	2.67	.912

- The Capitals acquired forward Pierre-Luc Dubois from the Los Angeles Kings on June 19. The 6'4", 225-pound center is a four-time 20-goal scorer and recorded a career-high 63 points (27g, 36a) with the Winnipeg Jets in 2022-23. The third overall pick in the 2016 NHL Draft, Dubois is one of six players from his draft class to record four or more 20-goal seasons (also Auston Matthews, Matthew Tkachuk, Alex DeBrincat, Patrik Laine and Clayton Keller).

- The Capitals, who had two defensemen with 20-plus points last season (John Carlson: 10g-42a-52p in 82 GP; Rasmus Sandin: 3g-20a-23p in 68 GP), now have two more defensemen who exceeded 20 points in 2023-24 in

Chychrn (14g-27a-41p in 82 GP) and Roy (5g-20a-25p in 81 GP). Last season, Chychrn ranked tied for third among NHL defensemen in power-play goals (7), seventh in shots (204) and 10<sup>th</sup> in goals.

- John Carlson is entering his 16<sup>th</sup> season with Washington. Carlson, who is the franchise's all-time leader in games played (1,009), goals (151), assists (523) and points (674) among defensemen, ranked first in the NHL in ice time per game (25:54) in 2023-24. Carlson enters the season 26 points shy of 700 career points, a feat achieved by only 29 defensemen in NHL history.

- Defenseman Matt Roy, who signed a six-year, \$34.5 million contract (\$5.75 million AAV) with the Capitals on July 1, established single-season career highs in assists (20) and average ice time (20:59) with the Los Angeles Kings in 2023-24. In addition, the 6'2", 210-pound defenseman ranked seventh in the NHL in blocked shots (197) and 14<sup>th</sup> in total shorthanded ice time (230:48).

- The Capitals acquired forward Andrew Mangiapane from the Calgary Flames for a second-round pick in the 2025 NHL Draft on June 27. Mangiapane recorded 40 points (14g, 26a) in 75 games with Calgary in 2023-24 and has reached the 40-point mark in each of the last three seasons. In 2021-22, Mangiapane recorded a career-high 35 goals and 55 points.

- With a 20-goal season in 2024-25, Ovechkin would tie Ron Francis (20) for the second most 20-goal seasons in NHL history. Ovechkin can also join Gordie Howe (22) as the second player in NHL history to score 20-plus goals in 20 consecutive seasons.

- 2024-25 will be Ovechkin's 20<sup>th</sup> season with the Capitals. Ovechkin, who made his Capitals and NHL debut on Oct. 5, 2005, is Washington D.C.'s longest-tenured athlete. In Washington, D.C. sports history, only Walter Johnson (Washington Senators: 1907-1927) and Darrell Green (Washington Redskins: 1983-2002) have played at least 20 seasons with their respective team.

- While Ovechkin resumes his chase for the NHL's goals record, he also nears a major assists milestone. Ovechkin (697a) enters the season three assists shy of 700 career assists and can become just the sixth player in NHL history with 700-plus goals and 700 assists (currently Wayne Gretzky, Jaromir Jagr, Gordie Howe, Marcel Dionne and Phil Esposito). In addition, Ovechkin is 50 points shy of 1,600 career points and 74 games shy of 1,500 career games played.

- Goaltender Charlie Lindgren returns between the pipes for his third season in Washington. Lindgren posted a record of 25-16-7 in 50 games played in 2023-24, establishing single-season career highs in games played, games started (48) and wins. Lindgren ranked tied for first in the NHL in shutouts (6), eighth in save percentage (.911) and ninth in goals-against average (2.67) (min. 50 GP). Lindgren started 19 of the Capitals' final 22 regular-season games in 2023-24, posting a record of 12-6-2 with a 2.39 goals-against average, a .919 save percentage and three shutouts. Lindgren's 12 wins from March 7 through the end of the regular season ranked first in the NHL, while his three shutouts were tied for first.

- The Capitals acquired goaltender Logan Thompson from the Vegas Golden Knights in a draft-day deal on June 29. The 6'4", 205-pound goaltender went 25-14-5 with a 2.70 goals-against average, a .908 save percentage and one shutout in 46 games with Vegas last season. In addition, Thompson had a record of 2-2 with a 2.35 goals-against average and a .921 save percentage in four starts during the 2024 Stanley Cup Playoffs.

- Lindgren and Thompson's combined cap hit of \$1,866,667 is the lowest in the NHL among goaltending tandems.

- Coming off back-to-back career years, center Dylan Strome returns for his third season in Washington. Strome led the Capitals in points (27g-40a-67p in 82 GP) in 2023-24 and became the first player other than Alex Ovechkin to finish an 82-game season as Washington's points leader since Nicklas Backstrom in 2016-17. Strome established single-season career highs in goals, points and games played for the second-straight season and reached the 40-assist mark for the second time in his career. Strome led the Capitals in points, even-strength goals (21) and overtime goals (3), ranked tied for first in game-winning goals (5) and second in assists and power-play points (22). After recording 26 points (15g, 11a) in his first 41 games of 2023-24, Strome was a point-per-game player in the second half (41p in 41 GP). Since joining Washington ahead of the 2022-23 season, Strome ranks first on the Capitals in games played (163) and assists (82) and second in goals (50) and points (132).

- Forward Hendrix Lapierre is expected to play his first full NHL season in 2024-25. After recording 22 points (8g, 14a) in 51-regular season games with the Capitals in 2023-24 and two points (1g, 1a) in four Stanley Cup Playoff games, Lapierre returned to AHL Hershey and helped the Bears win their second-straight Calder Cup championship. Lapierre was awarded the Jack A. Butterfield Trophy as the Calder Cup Playoffs MVP after leading all skaters with 22 points (7g, 15a) in 20 games. Lapierre, a two-time Calder Cup champion, recorded a team-high seven points (3g, 4a) in six games during the Calder Cup Finals against Coachella Valley.

- Other members of Hershey's Calder Cup winning team will be competing for spots on the Capitals' roster during training camp, including Ivan Miroshnichenko, Pierrick Dube, Ethen Frank, Hardy Haman Aktell and Bogdan Trineyev. Miroshnichenko (21 GP), Dube (3 GP) and Haman Aktell (6) each appeared in games with Washington last season.

- Chris Patrick is entering his first season as general manager of the Washington Capitals. Patrick, who was named the seventh general manager in franchise history on July 8, joined the Capitals in 2008-09 in a player development and scouting role and has served as a pro scout, director of player personnel, assistant general manager and associate general manager. As associate general manager, Patrick oversaw the team's analytics department, player contract negotiations, hockey operations staff, player personnel, and budget and team scheduling matters. In addition, Patrick managed the club's professional scouting staff and worked closely with the Hershey Bears, Washington's AHL affiliate, who have won consecutive Calder Cup championships. During his tenure, the Bears have won two Calder Cups, two Macgregor Kilpatrick Trophies as the AHL's top regular-season team and have reached three Calder Cup Finals. Patrick has also played a crucial role in the development of numerous Capitals prospects to the NHL level. Patrick hired two head coaches, Spencer Carbery and Todd Nelson, who have won AHL Coach of the Year awards with Hershey.

- In his first season as head coach, Spencer Carbery led the Capitals to a playoff berth with a record of 40-31-11 (91 points). That marked an 11-point improvement from the previous season (35-37-10, 80 points). At his two previous head coaching stops, Carbery's teams saw an improvement in point percentage in year two.

**SPENCER CARBERY: FIRST TWO SEASONS AT EACH HEAD COACHING STOP****South Carolina Stingrays (ECHL)**

Season	GP	W	L	OTL	SOL	PTS	P%	Playoffs?
2011-12	72	37	28	4	3	81	.563	Y
2012-13	72	38	26	5	3	84	.583	Y

**Hershey Bears (AHL)**

Season	GP	W	L	OTL	SOL	PTS	P%	Playoffs?
2018-19	76	43	25	4	4	94	.618	Y
2019-20	62	37	18	3	4	81	.653	*

**Washington Capitals (NHL)**

Season	GP	W	L	OTL	SOL	PTS	P%	Playoffs?
2023-24	82	40	31	11	-	91	.555	Y
2024-25								

\* - Season suspended due to COVID-19 pandemic

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