



GAME NOTES

WASHINGTON CAPITALS at BOSTON BRUINS
TD Garden – Boston, MA
October 3, 2023

WASHINGTON CAPITALS (1-1-1)

Forwards

- 15 MILANO, Sonny
- 17 STROME, Dylan
- 19 BACKSTROM, Nicklas
- 21 PROTAS, Aliaksei
- 24 McMICHAEL, Connor
- 26 DOWD, Nic
- 39 MANTHA, Anthony
- 43 WILSON, Tom
- 45 PHILLIPS, Matthew
- 47 MALENSTYN, Beck
- 55 LIMOGES, Alex
- 92 KUZNETSOV, Evgeny
- 96 AUBE-KUBEL, Nicolas

Defenseemen

- 2 IORIO, Vincent
- 4 HÄMAN AKTELL, Hardy
- 38 SANDIN, Rasmus
- 46 JOHANSEN, Lucas
- 57 VAN RIEMSDYK, Trevor
- 74 CARLSON, John

Goaltenders

- 31 SHEPARD, Hunter
- 35 KUEMPER, Darcy

President & General Manager
Head Coach
Assistant Coach
Assistant Coach
Assistant Coach
Assistant Coach/Skills
Goaltending Coach
Assistant Coach/Video
Video Coordinator

Brian MacLellan
Spencer Carbery
Scott Allen
Mitch Love
Kirk Muller
Kenny McCudden
Scott Murray
Brett Leonhardt
Emily Engel-Natzke

BOSTON BRUINS (1-2-1)

Forwards

- 11 FREDERIC, Trent
- 17 LUCIC, Milan
- 18 ZACHA, Pavel
- 19 BEECHER, Johnny
- 20 MEGNA, Jayson
- 21 VAN RIEMSDYK, James
- 43 HEINEN, Danton
- 51 POITRAS, Matt
- 52 KUNTAR, Trevor
- 63 MARCHAND, Brad
- 88 PASTRNAK, David
- 94 LAUKO, Jakub

Defenseemen

- 6 LOHREI, Mason
- 12 SHATTENKIRK, Kevin
- 28 FORBORT, Derek
- 48 GRZELCYK, Matt
- 67 ZBORIL, Jakub
- 73 MCAVOY, Charlie

Goaltenders

- 30 BUSSI, Brandon
- 35 ULLMARK, Linus

General Manager
Head Coach
Assistant Coach
Assistant Coach
Assistant Coach
Goaltending Coach
Video Coordinator
Assistant Video Coordinator

Don Sweeney
Jim Montgomery
Joe Sacco
Chris Kelly
John McLean
Bob Essensa
Mathew Myers
Dan Darrow

Tonight's Officials:

Referees: Kelly Sutherland #11, Morgan MacPhee #43
Linesmen: Scott Cherrey #50, Dan Kelly #98

2023 Washington Capitals Preseason Schedule

Date	Opponent	Location	Time/Result (ET)	TV	Radio
Sun., Sept. 24	Buffalo	Capital One Arena	4-3 SOL	MNMT, NHLN	Caps Radio 24/7
Thu., Sept. 28	Detroit	Capital One Arena	4-3 W	MNMT, NHLN	106.7/Caps Radio 24/7
Sat., Sept. 30	at Detroit	Little Caesars Arena	5-2 L	MNMT	TEAM 980/Caps Radio 24/7
Tue., Oct. 3	at Boston	TD Garden	7 p.m.	MNMT	106.7/Caps Radio 24/7
Thu., Oct. 5	at Columbus	Nationwide Arena	7 p.m.	WashCaps.com	Caps Radio 24/7
Sat., Oct. 7	Columbus	Capital One Arena	7 p.m.	MNMT	Caps Radio 24/7

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PRESEASON 2023-2024 WASHINGTON CAPITALS

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POS	NO.	PLAYER	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM	PP	SH	GW	OTG	S	PCTG
C	17	Strome, Dylan	2	1	2	3	2-	0	1	0	0	0	3	33.3
LW	15	Milano, Sonny	2	1	1	2	0	4	0	0	0	0	6	16.7
RW	43	Wilson, Tom	1	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	33.3
RW	45	*Phillips, Matthew	2	1	1	2	2-	2	0	0	0	0	8	12.5
LW	63	*Miroshnichenko, Ivan	1	0	2	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	0.0
C	19	Backstrom, Nicklas	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	100.0
D	38	Sandin, Rasmus	1	1	0	1	2	0	1	0	0	0	1	100.0
D	74	Carlson, John	1	1	0	1	2	0	0	0	1	0	2	50.0
C	84	*Hofer, Ryan	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	33.3
RW	96	Aube-Kubel, Nicolas	2	1	0	1	1	4	0	0	0	0	4	25.0
LW	8	Ovechkin, Alex	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	0.0
C	23	Sgarbossa, Michael	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0.0
LW	28	*Cristall, Andrew	1	0	1	1	1-	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
RW	39	Mantha, Anthony	2	0	1	1	0	7	0	0	0	0	4	0.0
D	46	*Johansen, Lucas	2	0	1	1	2-	2	0	0	0	0	1	0.0
C	53	*Frank, Ethen	1	0	1	1	1-	2	0	0	0	0	3	0.0
D	57	van Riemsdyk, Trevor	2	0	1	1	2-	0	0	0	0	0	5	0.0
RW	58	*Rybinski, Henrik	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0.0
RW	61	*Sutter, Riley	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
C	92	Kuznetsov, Evgeny	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0.0
D	2	*Iorio, Vincent	2	0	0	0	4-	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
D	4	*Haman Aktell, Hardy	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	6	0.0
LW	14	*Suzdalev, Alexander	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0.0
C	21	Protas, Aliaksei	2	0	0	0	2-	0	0	0	0	0	5	0.0
C	24	McMichael, Connor	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0.0
D	25	McIlrath, Dylan	2	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	1	0.0
C	26	Dowd, Nic	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	0.0
D	27	Alexeyev, Alexander	3	0	0	0	1-	2	0	0	0	0	3	0.0
C	29	*Lapierre, Hendrix	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0.0
D	42	Fehervary, Martin	2	0	0	0	1-	2	0	0	0	0	2	0.0
LW	47	Malenstyn, Beck	1	0	0	0	1-	0	0	0	0	0	2	0.0
D	56	Priskie, Chase	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0.0
RW	72	*Dube, Pierrick	1	0	0	0	1-	0	0	0	0	0	1	0.0
RW	77	Oshie, T.J.	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	0.0
RW	88	*Trineyev, Bogdan	1	0	0	0	1-	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
C	91	Snively, Joe	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0.0
C	95	*Karabela, Jake	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0.0
		TEAM TOTALS	3	9	17	26	9-	31	2	0	1	0	90	10.0

RK	NO.	GOALTENDER	GPI	MINS	AVG	W	L	OT	SO	GA	SA	SV%	G	A	PIM
	31	Shepard, Hunter	2	90:23	3.32	0	1	0	0	5	43	.884	0	0	0
	79	Lindgren, Charlie	1	60:00	3.00	1	0	0	0	3	30	.900	0	0	0
	33	*Stevenson, Clay	1	33:26	5.38	0	0	1	0	3	9	.667	0	0	0
		TEAM TOTALS	3	185:00	3.57	1	1	1	0	11	82	.866	0	0	0

WASHINGTON CAPITALS 2022-23 STATS

#	P	Player	2022-23 Team	League	GP	G	A	P	PIM	+/-
2	D	Vincent Iorio	Capitals	NHL	3	0	1	1	0	0
			Hershey	AHL	63	2	20	22	10	17
4	D	Hardy Häman Aktell	Växjö	SHL	51	9	27	36	22	23
15	LW	Sonny Milano	Capitals	NHL	64	11	22	33	18	-5
			Hershey	AHL	5	2	1	3	2	-1
17	C	Dylan Strome	Capitals	NHL	81	23	42	65	24	-4
19	C	Nicklas Backstrom	Capitals	NHL	39	7	14	21	14	-25
21	C	Aliaksei Protas	Capitals	NHL	58	4	11	15	12	-8
			Hershey	AHL	9	2	3	5	0	-4
24	C	Connor McMichael	Capitals	NHL	6	0	0	0	5	0
			Hershey	AHL	57	16	23	39	12	0
26	C	Nic Dowd	Capitals	NHL	65	13	12	25	26	6
38	D	Rasmus Sandin	Capitals	NHL	19	3	12	15	16	-7
			Toronto	NHL	52	4	16	20	23	10
39	RW	Anthony Mantha	Capitals	NHL	67	11	16	27	31	-8
43	RW	Tom Wilson	Capitals	NHL	33	13	9	22	78	-13
45	RW	Matthew Phillips	Calgary	NHL	2	0	0	0	2	0
			Calgary	AHL	66	36	40	76	12	16
46	D	Lucas Johansen	Capitals	NHL	2	0	0	0	0	0
			Hershey	AHL	40	1	6	7	10	-5
47	LW	Beck Malenstyn	Capitals	NHL	9	1	1	2	2	0
			Hershey	AHL	40	6	4	10	23	1
55	C	Alex Limoges	Manitoba	AHL	63	20	34	54	12	5
57	D	Trevor van Riemsdyk	Capitals	NHL	75	7	16	23	15	10
74	D	John Carlson	Capitals	NHL	40	9	20	29	12	-7
92	C	Evgeny Kuznetsov	Capitals	NHL	81	12	43	55	56	-26
96	RW	Nicolas Aube-Kubel	Capitals	NHL	47	4	8	12	46	2
			Toronto	NHL	6	0	0	0	4	-1

#	P	Goalie	2022-23 Team	League	GP	W	L	OT	GAA	SV%
31	G	Hunter Shepard	Hershey	AHL	33	20	8	5	2.18	.916
35	G	Darcy Kuemper	Capitals	NHL	57	22	26	7	2.87	.909

LAST GAME

Washington 2, Detroit Red Wings 5

September 30, 2023 *Little Caesars Arena* Detroit, MI

Shots: WSH: 29; DET: 25

Power Plays: WSH: 1/3; DET: 2/5

TRANSACTIONS: Loaned Riley Sutter and Chase Priskie to Hershey (AHL), 10/2; Loaned Garin Bjorklund, Pierrick Dube, Ethen Frank, Mitchell Gibson, Ryan Hofer, Henrik Rybinski, Alexander Suzdalev and Bogdan Trineyev to Hershey (AHL), 10/1; Released Logan Day, Nick Leivermann, Jake Massie, Jon McDonald, Aaron Ness to Hershey training camp, 10/1.

WASHINGTON CAPITALS PRESEASON NOTES

LAST TIME OUT – The Capitals visit the Boston Bruins on Tuesday for their fourth of six preseason games. Washington fell to the Detroit Red Wings 5-2 at Little Caesars Arena on Saturday, to fall to 1-1-1 in the preseason. Dylan Strome and Matthew Phillips scored for the Capitals, who are both expected to dress for Washington Tuesday.

KUEMPER'S CREASE – Goaltender Darcy Kuemper returns between the pipes for his second season in Washington. Kuemper appeared in 57 games for the Capitals in 2022-23, which tied his single-season career high in games played (2021-22: 57 GP). Among goaltenders with at least 50 starts in 2022-23, Kuemper ranked eighth in the NHL in goals-against average (2.87) and save percentage (.909) and his five shutouts were tied for the second most in the NHL (Ilya Sorokin, New York Islanders: 6 SO; Alexander Georgiev, Colorado Avalanche: 5 SO; Jake Oettinger, Dallas Stars: 5 SO). The Capitals scored 2.75 goals per game with Kuemper on the ice, the fourth-lowest average in the NHL for a goaltender with at least 50 starts (Anaheim: 2.32 GF/GP with John Gibson; Philadelphia: 2.52 GF/GP with Carter Hart; Nashville: 2.57 GF/GP with Juuse Saros), but posted a record of 19-3-3 when they scored three or more goals with Kuemper in net.

HERE'S JOHNNY – John Carlson enters the season 73 games shy of 1,000 career games and could become the third player in franchise history to play 1,000 games with the Capitals, joining Alex Ovechkin (1,347 GP) and Nicklas Backstrom (1,097 GP). Carlson averaged 0.73 points-per-game in 2022-23 (9g-20a-29p in 40 GP), the third-highest rate on the team (minimum 20 GP). Since 2017-18, Carlson ranks second in the NHL in points among defensemen (79g-278a-357p in 401 GP) and first in points per game (0.89) (minimum 400 GP). Carlson missed 42 games last season, including 36 consecutive games from Dec. 27 to March 21 after taking a shot to the face on Dec. 23 versus Winnipeg. The Capitals went 14-18-4 (.444 point percentage) in Carlson's absence after a 19-13-4 (.583 point percentage) start to the season.

ENTER SANDMAN – Defenseman Rasmus Sandin, 23, is entering his first full season with the Capitals. Sandin, who was acquired from the Toronto Maple Leafs on Feb. 28, registered 15 points (3g, 12a) in 19 games with the Capitals last season, including three multi-point efforts in his first four games. Sandin averaged 22:59 of ice time per game after being acquired, which ranked second on the team.

STROME COOKIN' – Center Dylan Strome, 26, will look to build upon a career year after setting career highs in games played (81), goals (23), assists (42) and points (65) in his first season with the Capitals in 2022-23. Strome's 65 points in 2022-23 were the most by a Capital in their first season with the club since Nicklas Backstrom in 2007-08 (14g-55a-69p in 82 GP) and the most by a non-Capitals draft pick in their first season with Washington since Robert Lang in 2002-03 (22g-47a-69p in 82 GP). Strome recorded 28 points (11g, 17a) in his final 22 games and led Washington in points from Dec. 23 through the Capitals' regular-season finale on April 13 (17g-24a-41p in 46 GP). Strome, who signed a five-year contract extension with Washington on Feb. 3, finished the season ranked second on the Capitals in goals, assists, points and power-play points (21).

HARDY PARTY – Hardy Häman Aktell, who signed a one-year, two-way entry-level contract with the Capitals on April 27, recorded 36 points (9g, 27a) in 51 games with the Växjö Lakers of the Swedish Hockey League (SHL) last season. The 6'3", 220-pound defenseman led Växjö in plus/minus (+23), ranked second on the team in assists and points and tied for third among SHL defenseman in points. The Kåge, Sweden native added seven points (3g, 4a) and recorded a +6 plus/minus rating in 18 playoff games, helping Växjö capture the SHL championship for the second time in three years. Häman Aktell was originally drafted by the Nashville Predators in the fourth round (108th overall) of the 2016 NHL Draft.

CHAMPIONSHIP PEDIGREE – Forwards Connor McMichael, 22, Aliaksei Protas, 22, and Beck Malenstyn, 25, will look to bring their Calder Cup championship experience to Washington this season. The trio helped the Hershey Bears, the Capitals' American Hockey League (AHL) affiliate, win the franchise's 12th championship in June. Protas (5g-8a-13p in 20 GP) finished the Calder Cup Playoffs tied for third on Hershey in scoring, while McMichael (6g-4a-10p in 20 GP) led the Bears in goals.

WELCOME TO D.C. – Matthew Phillips, 25, recorded 76 points (36g, 40a) in 66 games with the Calgary Wranglers of the AHL in 2022-23. Phillips led the AHL's top-regular season team in scoring and ranked second in the AHL in goals and fifth in points. Phillips, a sixth-round draft pick (166th overall) of the Calgary Flames in 2016, has played three career NHL games with the Flames, including two games last season. The 5'8", 160-pound forward was named to the AHL's First All-Star Team in 2022-23 and played in the AHL's All-Star Game in 2020. In 265 career AHL games, Phillips has registered 237 points (103g, 134a).

MODEL OF CONSISTENCY – The Capitals enter 2023-24 looking to make the playoffs for the ninth time in the last 10 seasons and the 33rd time in franchise history. The Capitals have reached the postseason in 14 of the last 16 seasons, joining the Pittsburgh Penguins (15) and the Boston Bruins (14) as the only teams with as many appearances in the last 16 years.

WASHINGTON CAPITALS 2023 TRAINING CAMP ROSTER

FORWARDS (20)

#	Player	Ht.	Wt.	Shoots	Born	Birthplace	2022-23 Club	League(s)
96	AUBE-KUBEL, Nicolas	6'0"	207	Right	5/10/96	Slave Lake, Alberta	Toronto/CAPITALS	NHL
19	BACKSTROM, Nicklas	6'1"	202	Left	11/23/87	Gavle, Sweden	CAPITALS	NHL
26	DOWD, Nic	6'1"	192	Right	5/27/90	Huntsville, Alabama	CAPITALS	NHL
92	KUZNETSOV, Evgeny	6'2"	207	Left	5/19/92	Chelyabinsk, Russia	CAPITALS	NHL
29	LAPIERRE, Hendrix	6'0"	189	Left	2/9/02	Gatineau, Quebec	Hershey	AHL
55	LIMOGES, Alex	6'2"	201	Left	9/16/97	Winchester, Virginia	Manitoba	AHL
47	MALENSTYN, Beck	6'3"	206	Left	2/4/98	Delta, British Columbia	Hershey/CAPITALS	AHL/NHL
39	MANTHA, Anthony	6'5"	234	Left	9/16/94	Longueuil, Quebec	CAPITALS	NHL
24	McMICHAEL, Connor	6'0"	182	Left	1/15/01	Ajax, Ontario	Hershey/CAPITALS	AHL/NHL
15	MILANO, Sonny	6'0"	194	Left	5/12/96	Massapequa, New York	Hershey/CAPITALS	AHL/NHL
63	MIROSHNICHENKO, Ivan	6'1"	185	Right	2/4/04	Ussuriysk, Russia	Avangard Omsk	KHL
77	OSHIE, T.J.	6'0"	193	Right	12/23/86	Everett, Washington	CAPITALS	NHL
8	OVECHKIN, Alex	6'3"	238	Right	9/17/85	Moscow, Russia	CAPITALS	NHL
67	PACIORETTY, Max*	6'2"	217	Left	11/20/88	New Canaan, Connecticut	Carolina	NHL
45	PHILLIPS, Matthew	5'8"	160	Right	4/6/98	Calgary, Alberta	Calgary/Calgary	AHL/NHL
21	PROTAS, Aliaksei	6'6"	235	Left	1/6/01	Vitebsk, Belarus	Hershey/CAPITALS	AHL/NHL
23	SGARBOSSA, Michael	6'0"	187	Left	7/25/92	Campbellville, Ontario	Hershey	AHL
91	SNIVELY, Joe	5'9"	179	Left	1/1/96	Herndon, Virginia	Hershey/CAPITALS	AHL/NHL
17	STROME, Dylan	6'3"	200	Left	3/7/97	Mississauga, Ontario	CAPITALS	NHL
43	WILSON, Tom	6'4"	220	Right	3/29/94	Toronto, Ontario	CAPITALS	NHL

DEFENSEMEN (11)

27	ALEXEYEV, Alex	6'4"	215	Left	11/15/99	St. Petersburg, Russia	Hershey/CAPITALS	AHL/NHL
74	CARLSON, John	6'3"	215	Right	1/10/90	Natick, Massachusetts	CAPITALS	NHL
6	EDMUNDSON, Joel	6'5"	221	Left	6/28/93	Brandon, Manitoba	Montreal	NHL
42	FEHERVARY, Martin	6'2"	204	Left	10/6/99	Bratislava, Slovakia	CAPITALS	NHL
4	HÅMAN AKTELL, Hardy	6'3"	220	Left	7/4/98	Kage, Sweden	Växjö	SHL
2	IORIO, Vincent	6'4"	205	Right	11/14/02	Coquitlam, British Columbia	Hershey/CAPITALS	AHL/NHL
3	JENSEN, Nick	6'1"	199	Right	9/21/90	Rogers, Minnesota	CAPITALS	NHL
46	JOHANSEN, Lucas	6'2"	180	Left	11/16/97	Vancouver, British Columbia	Hershey/CAPITALS	AHL/NHL
25	McILRATH, Dylan	6'5"	239	Right	4/20/92	Winnipeg, Manitoba	Hershey/CAPITALS	AHL/NHL
38	SANDIN, Rasmus	5'11"	182	Left	3/7/00	Uppsala, Sweden	Toronto/CAPITALS	NHL
57	VAN RIEMSDYK, Trevor	6'3"	191	Right	7/24/91	Middletown, New Jersey	CAPITALS	NHL

GOALTENDERS (4)

35	KUEMPER, Darcy	6'5"	215	Left	5/5/90	Saskatoon, Saskatchewan	CAPITALS	NHL
79	LINDGREN, Charlie	6'2"	179	Right	12/18/93	Lakeville, Minnesota	CAPITALS	NHL
31	SHEPARD, Hunter	6'0"	215	Left	11/7/95	Cohasset, Minnesota	Hershey	AHL
33	STEVENSON, Clay	6'4"	195	Left	3/3/99	Drayton Valley, Alberta	South Carolina/Hershey	ECHL/AHL

*Injured Reserve

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