

DALLAS STARS VS LOS ANGELES KINGS

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LAST GAME

Dallas 1 vs. Columbus 5

Goals: Seguin

Goalie: Oettinger (24/28)

PP: 0/2 PK: 0/2 Shots: Dallas 23 - Columbus 29

Three Stars: 1. CBJ - E. Merzlikins 2. CBJ - B. Jenner 3. DAL - T. Seguin

- Adam Erne recorded the secondary assist on Tyler Seguin's goal on Tuesday, marking his first point as a member of the Stars and his first NHL points since Dec. 21, 2023 while he was playing for the Edmonton Oilers.
- Thomas Harley had a team-high four blocked shots to bring his total on the season to 20, which is tied for the fourth-highest mark in the NHL this season.
- Alexander Petrovic registered four shots on goal on Tuesday, which is the second-highest total in a single game in his career and the most since he had a career-best five shots on Oct. 27, 2018 against the New Jersey Devils.

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

Saturday, Oct. 25, 2025: Dallas Stars vs. Carolina Hurricanes, 7 p.m. CT, American Airlines Center (Victory+/The Ticket)

Sunday, Oct. 26, 2025: Dallas Stars at Nashville Predators, 6 p.m. CT, Bridgestone Arena (Victory+/The Ticket)

Tuesday, Oct. 28, 2025: Dallas Stars vs. Washington Capitals, 7:30 p.m. CT, American Airlines Center (ESPN/The Ticket)

Thursday, Oct. 30, 2025: Dallas Stars at Tampa Bay, 6 p.m. CT, Benchmark International Arena (TNT/HBO/MAX/The Ticket)

Saturday, Nov. 1, 2025: Dallas Stars at Florida, 5 p.m. CT, Amerant Bank Arena (Victory+/The Ticket)

RECENT TRANSACTIONS

Oct. 20, 2025: Placed D Nils Lundkvist on IR retroactive to Oct. 16

CURRENT INJURIES MAN GAMES LOST: 15

Jamie Benn (collapsed lung; LTIR) – 6 games Oskar Bäck (undisclosed; IR) – 6 games Nils Lundkvist (lower body; IR) – 2 games

MATCHUP

DALLAS LOS ANGELES RECORD 3-3-0 (6 pts) 2-3-2 (6 pts) 7th in Central, 12th in West 6th in Pacific, 14th in West **STANDINGS** LAST GAME 10/21 vs. CBJ (5-1 L) 10/21 at STL (2-1 OTW) **NEXT GAME** 10/25 at NSH 10/25 vs. CAR LAST 10 GAMES 3-3-0 2-3-2 Mikko Rantanen (3-4-7) Adrian Kempe (3-6-9) LEADING SCORER

POWER PLAY 5/17 (29.4%) 5/19 (26.3%)
PENALTY KILL 13/20 (65.0%) 21/30 (70.0%)

GAME NOTES

THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

- Tonight is the first of three games the Stars will play against the Kings this season. The two teams will face each other again on December 15 in Dallas and January 12 in Los Angeles.
- Tonight's matchup against the Kings marks the second of three consecutive games the Stars will play at home. It is their longest homestand until March 6 to 16 when the team will play six straight games at the American Airlines Center.
 - The team will also play in four consecutive home games in February, but the games are split by the Olympic break. Two
 will be played prior to the NHL's schedule pause (Feb. 2 vs. WPG, Feb. 4 vs. STL) and two will be played after NHL games
 resume (Feb. 26 vs. SEA, Feb. 28 vs. NSH).
- Five Stars skaters have totaled at least six points this season: Mikko Rantanen (2-5—7), Thomas Harley (1-5—6), Roope Hintz (1-5—6), Wyatt Johnston (4-2—6) and Jason Robertson (2-4—6). Entering play Wednesday, Dallas, Pittsburgh, Toronto and Vegas were the only four teams this season to have at least five different skaters with six or more points.
- The Stars have gone 5-for-17 on the power play this season for a 29.4 percent success rate, which was the fourth-best mark in the NHL entering play Wednesday.

- - The Stars are outscoring their opponents 4-0 during even-strength play when Ilya Lyubushkin has been on the ice this season. Entering play Wednesday, Lyubushkin was one of four NHL skaters this year to not be on the ice for an even-strength goal against and have an even-strength goal differential of at least plus-4.
 - Miro Heiskanen is averaging 24:58 of ice time per game this season, which was the ninth-highest total in the NHL entering play Wednesday.
 - Adam Erne has totaled 16 hits in three games played this season. Entering play Wednesday, his 32.05 hits per 60 were the secondbest mark in the NHL among players to appear in at least two games this season, trailing only San Jose's Ryan Reaves (35.64).
 - Roope Hintz enters tonight's game one goal shy of passing Danny Grant (176) for 15th-most goals in franchise history.
 - Esa Lindell is one assist shy of surpassing Stephane Robidas (165) for 10th-most assists by a defenseman in franchise history.

DETHRONING THE KINGS

- Dallas is 125-81-44 all-time vs. Los Angeles, including a 74-35-16 mark on home ice.
- The Stars have earned points in eight of their last 10 contests against the Kings (7-2-1) dating back to March 2, 2022. Dallas has also recorded wins in their last six games played at American Airlines Center (6-0-0).
- Mikko Rantanen has 10 points (5-5—10) in his last five games vs. Los Angeles. In all, Rantanen has 41 points (15-26—41) in 30 career games played against the Kings, also holding a plus-minus rating of +11.
 - His 41 career points vs. Los Angeles top active Stars skaters and rank seventh in the NHL.
- Jason Robertson has 16 points (6-10—16) in 11 career games against the Kings. He has recorded a point in all but two games against Los Angeles and holds a plus-minus rating of +8.
 - Robertson's 1.45 points per game against the Kings is the best mark in the NHL among players to have played Los Angeles at least five times.
- Roope Hintz has 14 points (4-10—14) in 14 career games against the Kings, including registering a four-point night (0-4—4) in his last outing vs. Los Angeles.
- Tyler Seguin has 26 points (12-14—26) in 29 career games vs. Los Angeles.
- Thomas Harley enters tonight's matchup riding a two-game point streak against the Kings (1-2—3). He has a total of six points (2-4—6) in seven career games vs. Los Angeles.
- Wyatt Johnston enters tonight's game having tallied seven points (5-2-7) in nine career games vs. Los Angeles.
- Matt Duchene enters tonight's game riding a two-game point streak against the Kings (3-1-4). Duchene ranks third among active Stars skaters in points against the Kings (13-17—30, 37 GP).
- Sam Steel recorded a multi-point outing (1-1-2) in Dallas' last game vs. Los Angeles and has a total of 10 points (6-4-10) in 24 career games against them.

THE MOOSE IS LOOSE

- Mikko Rantanen has tallied seven points (3-4—7) through the Stars' first six games of the season and enters tonight's game leading the team in scoring.
- The 2025-26 campaign marks the seventh time in his career that **Rantanen** has had at least seven points through his first six games played of a season, also doing so in 2024-25 (4-7—11), 2023-24 (5-7—12), 2022-23 (3-6—9), 2020-21 (5-2—7), 2019-20 (4-6— 10) and 2018-19 (1-8—9).
- Rantanen had three points (1-2-3) in the season opener to make the 2024-25 campaign the fourth consecutive season opener that he had at least three points after scoring a hat trick in 2024, recording two goals and two assists in 2023 and notching four assists in 2022.
- Rantanen enters tonight's game three goals shy of totaling 300 career goals. When he reaches the milestone, he will become:
 - The fourth Finnish skater in NHL history to score 300 NHL goals, joining Teemu Selane (684), Jari Kurri (601) and Olli Jokinen (321).
 - The second player selected in the 2015 NHL Draft to score 300 NHL goals, joining Edmonton's Connor McDavid (361).
 - The 38th active skater to score 300 NHL goals.
- Since the start of the 2016-17 season Rantanen's first full NHL year his 297 goals are the eighth-most in the NHL and his 712 points (297-415-712) rank 10th.
- Thirty of those 297 goals have come from 10 hat tricks. Since the start of the 2016-17 season, only David Pastrnak (19), Alex Ovechkin (17), Auston Matthews (13), Connor McDavid (12) and Patrik Laine (11) have scored more hat tricks than Rantanen's 10.
 - His 10 hat tricks trail only Jari Kurri (23), Teemu Selane (22) and Laine (11) for the most by a Finnish skater in NHL history.

JOHNNY B. GOODE

- Wyatt Johnston has totaled six points (4-2—6) in Dallas' first six games played of the season, tying for second on the team in scoring. Johnston's six points are the most he's totaled through his first six games played of a season in his career.
- Johnston scored in each of the Stars' first four games of the season, making him the fifth skater in franchise history to begin a season with a four-game goal streak. He and Minnesota's Matt Boldy were the only two skaters this year to score in each of their first four games played.
- Two of Johnston's goals this season have been scored on the power play, which was tied for the sixth-most in the NHL entering play Wednesday.
- With his goal against the Jets, Johnston became the ninth player in franchise history and the first since Sergei Zubov (1996-97 to 2005-06; 9) – to record a point in at least four consecutive season openers according to NHL Stats.

BIKER GANG

- Defenseman **Thomas Harley** enters tonight's game tied for second on the team in scoring with six points (4-2—6) in six games played. His six points were tied for fourth among all NHL defensemen entering play Wednesday.
- Harley has also totaled a team-leading 20 blocked shots this year, which was tied for fourth in the NHL entering play Wednesday.
- Harley began the 2025-26 season with a point in four consecutive games, marking the first time in his career that he began a season with a four-game point streak. It was also the third time in his career that he recorded a point in four consecutive games.
- Harley was one of four NHL defensemen to begin the 2025-26 season with a point in each of his first four games played, joining the Hurricanes' Shayne Gostisbehere (1-6—7) and Alexander Nikishin (1-3—4), and the Islanders Matthew Schaefer (1-3—4).
- With two assists in the season opener, Harley became the 25th defenseman in franchise history to have two or more points in a season-opening game according to NHL Stats and the first to do so since Miro Heiskanen (1-1-2) in the 2021 season opener.
- Harley had two points again the following game against the Avalanche, scoring a goal and adding an assist. His goal was the 33rd of his career, which is second most by a Stars/North Stars defenseman prior to his 200th contest behind Brad Maxwell (34) according to NHL Stats.
- Harley enters tonight's game three goals shy of surpassing Barry Gibbs (35) and Mark Tinordi for the 15th-most goals by a defenseman in franchise history. Gibbs and Tinordi both scored 35 goals in 375 regular-season games with the Stars.
- Harley played in his 200th NHL game in the Stars' game against the Wild. In reaching the milestone, Harley became the 24th skater and fourth defenseman drafted in 2019 to play in 200 NHL games, and the 39th defenseman in franchise history to play in 200 games for the Stars.

ROBO ON THE GOGO

- Jason Robertson has totaled six points (2-4—6) through the team's first six games of the season and enters tonight's contest tied for second on the team in scoring.
- Robertson tallied two assists against the Canucks on Oct. 16 to bring his career point total to 400 (170-230—400). In reaching the milestone he became:
 - The 17th player in franchise history to record 400 points with the team.
 - The third-fastest player in franchise history to record 400 points with the club.
 - The fourth player selected in the 2017 NHL draft to total 400 career points.
- Robertson became the fifth player in Stars/North Stars history to hit the 400-point milestone in 400 games or fewer according to NHL Stats, following Bobby Smith (332 GP), Neal Broten (367 GP), Dino Ciccarelli (387 GP) and Mike Modano (392 GP). His 400th career point came in his 378th regular-season game played.
- When Robertson has been on the ice during 5-on-5 play this season, the Stars are outscoring their opponents 5-1 according to Natural Stat Trick. His plus-4 5-on-5 goal differential is tied with Ilya Lyubushkin (4-0) for the best mark on the Stars roster this season.

IRON SHARPENS IRON

- The Stars have two players on their roster that have played in at least 100 consecutive regular-season games: Jason Robertson (298) and Wyatt Johnston (252).
- Robertson's 298-game Iron Man streak was the eighth-longest active such streak in the NHL entering play Wednesday.
- Johnston has not missed a regular-season game since making his debut in the 2022-23 season opener on Oct. 13, 2022, making him one of 26 players in NHL history to begin their NHL career by playing in at least 252 consecutive games according to NHL Stats. Entering play Wednesday, it was tied for the 17th-longest active Iron Man streak in the NHL.
- Johnston was one of 21 players to appear in at least 246 regular-season games from 2022-23 to 2024-25. Only Will Borgen (248) and Charlie Coyle (247) appeared in more.
 - Borgen (84) and Coyle (83), who were traded midseason, both played in more than 82 regular-season games in 2024-25.

FIRST THING'S FIRST

- Dallas opened the 2025-26 season with 12 former first-round picks on its roster; Lian Bichsel (DAL; 2022), Mavrik Bourque (DAL; 2020), Matt Duchene (COL; 2009), Radek Faksa (DAL; 2012), Thomas Harley (DAL; 2019), Miro Heiskanen (DAL; 2017), Wyatt Johnston (DAL; 2021) Nils Lundkvist (NYR; 2018), Jake Oettinger (DAL; 2017), Mikko Rantanen (COL; 2015), Tyler Seguin (BOS; 2010) 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 scoring (813) and ranks second in both goals (362) and assists (451).
- There are three 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. Sam Steel and Mavrik Bourque were both drafted 30th-overall – Steel by Anaheim in 2016 and Bourque by Dallas in 2020. Finally, Dallas selected both Thomas Harley and Lian Bichsel with the 18th overall pick, Harley in 2019 and Bichsel in 2022.
- Three additional Stars draft picks are on Dallas' opening night roster this year: Roope Hintz (2015; 2nd round), Esa Lindell (2012; 3rd round) and Jason Robertson (2017; 2nd round).

2024-25 REGULAR SEASON RECAP

The Stars finished the 2024-25 regular season with a 50-26-6 record, ranking in the top five in the NHL this year in wins (tied fourth), points (fifth), goals for (275, tied third), goals for per game (3.35, tied third) and penalty kill (82.0 percent, tied fourth).

- The 2024-25 campaign marked the second straight year that Dallas had finished the regular season with at least 50 wins and the third consecutive year that the team concluded the regular season with a points percentage above .640.
- The 2024-25 season also sits near the top in the franchise record book in terms of single-season success with the team's 50 wins tying for the fourth-most in franchise history.
- The team's regular-season success last year came in spite of logging 190-man games lost to injury, which includes significant stretches playing without Tyler Seguin (62 games), Miro Heiskanen (32 games), Nils Lundkvist (40 games), Mason Marchment (20 games) and others.

CONNECTIONS

- Kings defenseman Cody Ceci skated for the Dallas Stars during the 2024-25 season.
- Stars Player Development Coordinator **Ben Bishop** played seven games for the Kings during the 2016-17 season.
- Stars Player Development Assistant Jordie Benn and VP of Cultural Growth & Strategy Al Montoya played with Kings forward Phillip Danault in Montreal. Benn played with Danault from 2016-17 to 2018-19 and Montoya and Danault were teammates from 2016-17 until February 2018.
- Stars forward Colin Blackwell played with Kings forward Kevin Fiala in Nashville for part of the 2018-19 season.
- Stars defenseman Ilya Lyubushkin and Kings defenseman Joel Edmundson were teammates in 2023-24 with the Toronto Maple Leafs following the trade deadline.
- Stars defenseman Ilya Lyubushkin and Kings goaltender Darcy Kuemper both played for the Arizona Coyotes from 2018-19 to 2020-
- Stars Player Development Assistant Jordie Benn played under Kings assistant coach Newell Brown in 2019-20 and 2020-21 when Brown was an assistant coach in Vancouver.
- Stars forward Sam Steel played under Kings assistant coach Newell Brown in 2021-22 when Brown was an assistant coach in
- Stars goaltender Casey DeSmith played under Kings goaltending coach Mike Buckley when Buckley was the goaltending coach in Pittsburgh from 2017-18 to 2020-21.
- Stars forwards Mikko Rantanen and Roope Hintz and defenseman Esa Lindell skated with Kings forward Joel Armia on Team Finland during the 2025 Four Nations Faceoff.
- Stars forward Mikko Rantanen and Kings forward Joel Armia both played for Team Finland during the 2023 IIHF World Championship.
- Stars defenseman Thomas Harley and Kings forward Quinton Byfield represented Team Canada in the 2021 IIHF World Junior Championship.
- Stars defenseman Nils Lundkvist and Kings forward Adrian Kempe were teammates on Team Sweden during the 2021 IIHF World Championship.
- Stars goaltender Casey DeSmith and Kings forward Andrei Kuzmenko both played in Vancouver during the 2023-24 season.
- Stars forward Colin Blackwell and goaltender Jake Oettinger represented Team USA during the 2021 IIHF World Championship.
- Stars forward Jason Robertson and Kings defenseman Mikey Anderson were teammates during the 2019 IIHF World Junior Championship.
- Stars goaltender Jake Oettinger and Kings defenseman Mikey Anderson shared the ice during the 2018 IIHF World Junior Championship.
- Stars forward Mikko Rantanen and Kings defenseman Kyle Burroughs skated together in Colorada during the 2020-21 season.
- Stars forward Matt Duchene and Kings defenseman Cody Ceci were teammates in Ottawa from 2017-18 to 2018-19.
- Stars forward Wyatt Johnston and Kings defenseman Brandt Clarke represented Team Canada during the 2021 IIHF U18 World Junior Championship.
- Stars defenseman Thomas Harley and Kings defenseman Drew Doughty skated for Team Canada during the 2025 Four Nations Faceoff.
- Stars forward Matt Duchene and Kings defenseman Drew Doughty were teammates during the 2017 IIHF World Championship.
- Stars forwards Jamie Benn and Matt Duchene skated with Kings defenseman Drew Doughty on Team Canada during the 2014 Winter Olympic Games.
- Stars goaltender Casey DeSmith and Kings defenseman Brian Dumoulin skated together in Pittsburgh from 2017-18 to 2022-23.
- Stars forward Nathan Bastian and Kings defenseman Brian Dumoulin were teammates for a brief period in New Jersey during the 2024-25 season.

STARS REAL-TIME STATS LEADERS

Hits: Erne (16), Bastian/Bichsel (13), Blackwell/Faksa (10) Blocked Shots: Harley (20), Lindell (11), Heiskanen/Bichsel (9) Shots: Robertson (26), Hintz (19), Rantanen/Johnston (17)

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

1-10: 3-3-0 (6), 19/23, 5/17, 13/20

OVERTIME RESULTS (0-0)

SHOOTOUT RESULTS (1-0)

Oct. 11, 2025 at Colorado: Rantanen

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

Games Played

Tyler Seguin ... 5 games ... 1000 NHL games Casey DeSmith ... 9 games ... 200 NHL games Esa Lindell ... 10 games ... 700 NHL games Wins

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Goals

Mikko Rantanen ... 3 goals ... 300 NHL goals Radek Faksa ... 5 goals ... 100 NHL goals Wyatt Johnston ... 7 goals ... 100 NHL goals

Assists

Sam Steel ... 6 assists ... 100 NHL assists Wyatt Johnston ... 10 assists ... 100 NHL assists

Points

Matt Duchene ... 7 points ... 900 NHL points Colin Blackwell ... 8 points ... 100 NHL points Adam Erne ... 8 points ... 100 NHL points

UPCOMING FRANCHISE MILESTONES (PLAYER ... NEEDS ... MILESTONE)

Games Played

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Wins

Jake Oettinger ... 9 wins ... Surpassing Ed Belfour (160) for the third-most wins by a goaltender in franchise history

Roope Hintz ... 1 goal ... Surpassing Danny Grant (176) for 15th-most goals in franchise history Thomas Harley ... 3 goals ... Surpassing Barry Gibbs (35) for the 15th-most goals by a defenseman in franchise history Jason Robertson ... 7 goals ... Surpassing Danny Grant (176) for 15th-most goals in franchise history

Miro Heiskanen ... 10 goals ... Surpassing Trevor Daley (67) for eighth-most goals among franchise defensemen

Assists

Esa Lindell ... 1 assist ... Surpassing Stephane Robidas (165) for 10th-most assists by a defenseman in franchise history **Points**

Esa Lindell ... 6 points ... Surpassing Lou Nanne (225) for 10th -most points by a defenseman in franchise history

RECENT MILESTONES

Jake Oettinger ... 150 wins ... Oct. 9, 2025 at WPG Colin Blackwell ... 300th NHL game ... Oct. 11, 2025 at COL Thomas Harley ... 200th NHL game ... Oct. 14, 2025 vs. MIN Jason Robertson ... 400th NHL point ... Oct. 16, 2025 vs. VAN

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