

DALLAS STARS

16-10-0, 32 PTS (3rd in Central)

Last Game: 12/6 3-2 L at VGK

Next Game: 12/12 vs. NSH

Last 10 Games: 5-5-0

PP: 15/82 (18.3%)

PK: 63/77 (81.8%)

CALGARY FLAMES

13-9-5, 31 PTS (4th in Pacific)

Last Game: 12/5 4-3 L vs. STL

Next Game: 12/10 at NSH

Last 10 Games: 5-3-2

PP: 17/79 (21.5%)

PK: 59/83 (71.1%)

DALLAS STARS VS. CALGARY FLAMES // DEC. 8, 2024 // 7 P.M. CT // AMERICAN AIRLINES CENTER // DALLAS, TX

LAST GAME

Dallas 2 at Vegas 3

Goals: Bourque, Marchment

Goalie: Oettinger (25/28)

PP: 0/2 PK: 4/6 Shots: Dallas 48 – Vegas 28

Three Stars: 1. VGK – S. Theodore 2. VGK – A. Hill 3. VGK – M. Stone

- Six different Stars skaters recorded a point during the game.
- **Mason Marchment** tallied his 12th goal of the season, tying **Matt Duchene** for the most out of Stars skaters this season. **Marchment** has recorded six points in his last five games (5-1-6).
- **Miro Heiskanen** recorded his 216th career assist, tying Dennis Hextall for 23rd on the franchise's all-time assists list.

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

Thursday, Dec. 12, 2024: Dallas vs. Nashville, 7 p.m. CT, American Airlines Center (Victory+/The Ticket)*

Saturday, Dec. 14, 2024: Dallas vs. St. Louis, 7 p.m. CT, American Airlines Center (Victory+/The Ticket)

Monday, Dec. 16, 2024: Dallas vs. Washington, 7 p.m. CT, American Airlines Center (Victory+/The Ticket)

Wednesday, Dec. 18, 2024: Dallas vs. Toronto, 6:30 p.m. CT, American Airlines Center (Victory+/The Ticket)

Friday, Dec. 20, 2024: Dallas vs. New York Rangers, 7 p.m. CT, American Airlines Center (Victory+/The Ticket)

RECENT TRANSACTIONS

Dec. 2, 2024: Loaned D **Alexander Petrovic** to Texas (AHL); Recalled F **Justin Hryckowian** from Texas (AHL)

Dec. 3, 2024: Loaned F **Justin Hryckowian** to Texas (AHL)

CURRENT INJURIES

MAN GAMES LOST: 22

Tyler Seguin (hip; IR) – 3 games – day-to-day

GAME NOTES

THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

- Tonight is the first of three games the Stars will play against the Flames this season and the first time the two teams are facing off in Dallas this year. The teams will next meet on March 6 in Dallas.
- Tonight is the first of seven consecutive home games the Stars will play, their longest such stretch of the season.
- **Miro Heiskanen** has recorded eight points (2-6-8) in his last eight games dating back to Nov. 23 against the Lightning. His eight points during that span are tied with **Mason Marchment** for the team lead and were also tied for the fourth-most among all NHL defensemen entering play Saturday.
- The Stars have allowed only 2.58 goals against per game this season, which was the fourth-best mark in the NHL entering play Saturday. Dallas has allowed two or fewer goals in 14 of the 24 games that they have played this year.
- Only one of Dallas' games this season has required extra time – their 3-2 shootout win over the San Jose Sharks on Oct. 15. The Stars and the Rangers were the only teams in the NHL this season to have only one of their games go beyond regulation.

EXTINGUISHING THE FLAMES

- **Jamie Benn** has 44 points (23-21-44) in 43 career games against the Flames.
 - His 44 career points against Calgary rank eighth among all active NHL skaters.
- **Colin Blackwell** has nine points (3-6-9) in eight career games against Calgary.
- **Matt Duchene** has 12 points (4-8-12) in his last nine games against the Flames dating back to Feb. 27, 2020.
 - **Duchene's** 1.38 points per game against the Flames since the start of the 2020-21 season ranks eighth among NHL skaters to play Calgary at least three times.
- **Miro Heiskanen** has 11 points (all assists) in his last 11 games against the Flames dating back to Nov. 13, 2019.
- **Roope Hintz** has six points (1-5-6) in his last five games against Calgary.
- **Mason Marchment** has four points (3-1-4) in his last four games against the Flames.
- **Jason Robertson** has 12 points (7-5-12) in nine career games against Calgary and has totaled at least one point in eight of those nine games.
 - **Robertson** enters tonight's contest riding an eight-game point streak against the Flames.

CONNECT FOUR

- Stars forward **Roope Hintz** (Finland), defensemen **Miro Heiskanen** (Finland) and **Esa Lindell** (Finland), and goaltender **Jake Oettinger** (United States) have all been selected to represent their home country at the 4 Nations Face-Off, which will be held in Montreal and Boston from Feb. 12 to 20, 2025.
- Dallas is one of six NHL teams to have at least one forward, defenseman and goaltender from their roster to be selected for the 4 Nations Face-Off, with the others being Boston, Minnesota, Vancouver, Vegas and Winnipeg.
- Only seven teams have had more players selected to a 4 Nations roster than the Stars: Colorado, Florida, Minnesota, NY Rangers, Tampa Bay and Vegas. The full breakdown is as follows:

PLAYERS SELECTED	TEAMS
0	Seattle, Washington
1	Calgary, Chicago, Columbus, Los Angeles, NY Islanders, San Jose
2	Buffalo, Detroit, Ottawa, Pittsburgh, St. Louis, Utah
3	Carolina, Edmonton, Montreal, Nashville, Philadelphia, Winnipeg
4	Boston, Dallas , New Jersey, Toronto, Vancouver
5	Colorado, Minnesota, NY Rangers, Tampa Bay
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7	Florida, Vegas

- All four players have previously represented their home countries in international competition.
 - Heiskanen** has played for Finland at the 2017 and 2018 IIHF World Junior Championships, 2018 and 2022 (gold) IIHF World Championships and at the 2018 Winter Olympic Games.
 - Lindell** suited up for the Fins at the 2014 IIHF World Junior Championship, where he won a gold medal. He again represented Finland at the 2015, 2016 (silver) and 2022 (gold) IIHF World Championships and at the 2016 World Cup of Hockey.
 - Hintz** previously played for Finland at the 2015 and 2016 IIHF World Junior Championships, winning a gold medal at the later tournament.
 - Oettinger** has played for Team USA at the 2017 and 2018 IIHF World Junior Championships and at the 2021 IIHF World Championship. He medaled in all three tournaments, winning bronze in 2018 and 2021 and gold in 2017.
- The 4 Nations Face-Off will mark the first time that all three of **Heiskanen**, **Hintz** and **Lindell** are playing for Finland together.
 - Heiskanen** and **Lindell** previously won a gold medal together at the 2022 IIHF World Championship.
- The Stars will also be well-represented among the 4 Nations staff, with **Jim Nill** (Associate GM), **Pete DeBoer** (Assistant Coach) and **Misha Donskov** (Assistant Coach) all set to join Canada's staff for the tournament. Additionally, former Star **Jere Lehtinen** will serve as Finland's General Manager.

HOME COOKING

- The Stars enter tonight's matchup against Winnipeg with an 10-2-0 record while playing at home this season.
 - Only one of Dallas' "home" losses this season was American Airlines Center, with the first coming at Nokia Arena in Tampere, Finland.
- Dallas' .833 points percentage at home this season was the best mark in the NHL entering play Saturday and the team's 10 home wins ranked fourth.
- The Stars have allowed only 24 goals and 2.00 goals-per-game in home games this year, which were both tied for the best marks in the NHL this season entering play Saturday.
- Dallas has gone 28-for-32 on the penalty kill at home this year. Their 87.5 percent success rate when playing a man down at home this year was the fourth-best mark in the NHL entering play Saturday.
- Matt Duchene** is the team's leading scorer at home this year, totaling 12 points (7-5-12) in 12 games.
- Roope Hintz** enters tonight's matchup having scored in each of the last three games that he has played at the American Airlines Center.
- Wyatt Johnston** enters tonight's game riding a three-game home point streak, totaling four points (2-2-4) in those games.
- Jason Robertson** has totaled five points (1-4-5) in his last five home games dating back to Nov. 14.
- Thomas Harley** has three assists in his last three home games.

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- Wyatt Johnston** tallied an assist in Dallas' last game and now has nine points (3-6-9) in his last nine games played dating back to Nov. 20 against the San Jose Sharks. His nine points during that span lead all Stars skaters.
- Seven of those nine points came in six consecutive games from Nov. 20 to Dec. 1. **Johnston's** six-game point streak was the longest of his career.
- Johnston** has logged 122 points (61-61-122) in 190 regular-season games with the Stars since making his Dallas debut in 2022-23. His 61 goals during that span are the third-most of any Stars skater, trailing only linemates **Jason Robertson** (80) and **Roope Hintz** (77).
- Johnston** leads all 2021 draft selections in career goals, points, even-strength goals (50) and even-strength points (95). His plus-19 plus/minus rating is tied with Buffalo's Owen Power for the top mark among 2021 draftees.

- **Johnston** was drafted after eight of the other nine skaters ranked in the top 10 in scoring from the 2021 draft class.
 - He also tops 2021 draftees in nearly every career playoff stat: goals (14), assists (8), points (22), points per game (.58), even-strength goals (11), even-strength points (17), power-play goals (2), power-play points (4), shorthanded goals (1) and game-winning goals (4).
- **Johnston** enters tonight's matchup 10 games shy of appearing in 200 NHL regular-season games. When he reaches the milestone, he will become the 53rd draft pick in franchise history to appear in at least 200 regular-season games for the club according to NHL Stats.

EVEN STEVENS

- The Stars have played 15 games since returning from the Global Series in Finland dating back to Nov. 7. During that span, the team has scored 36 5-on-5 goals, the most of any team in the NHL entering play Saturday.
- Dallas has averaged 2.40 5-on-5 goals per game during that span, which ranked third in the NHL to only the Tampa Bay Lightning (2.73) and the Washington Capitals (2.50) entering play Saturday.
- Additionally, during that span the Stars have outshot their opponents 362-323 at 5-on-5 according to Natural Stat Trick. Their 362 shots at 5-on-5 top in the league during that span and their 52.9 percent shot share ranks 10th.
- The Stars have outscored their opponents 36-27 at 5-on-5 during that span. Their 57.1 goals-for percentage since Nov. 7 is the sixth-best mark in the NHL according to Natural Stat Trick.
- Fifteen different Stars skaters have scored at least one even-strength goal (5-on-5 and 4-on-4) since Nov. 7, with **Mason Marchment** leading the team with nine.

SETTING THE PACE

- With 56 regular-season games remaining, four different Stars skaters are pacing to set career highs in scoring this year: **Matt Duchene**, **Ilya Lyubushkin**, **Mason Marchment** and **Sam Steel**.
- **Marchment** is currently pacing to finish the year with 39 goals, 45 assists and 84 points, all of which would be career highs. His 26 points this year are already 49.1 percent of his career high of 53 (22-31—53) that he reached last season in 81 games.
- **Duchene** (38-50—88), **Lyubushkin** (0-19—19) and **Steel** (6-26—32) are all on pace to finish the regular season with career highs in both assists and points.
- **Colin Blackwell** (15), **Wyatt Johnston** (35), **Esa Lindell** (22) and **Brendan Smith** (17) are all pacing to finish the 2024-25 season with a career high in assists while **Miro Heiskanen** is on track to score 13 goals this season, which would be a career high.
- Additionally, rookie **Logan Stankoven** is pacing to finish the year with 40 assists and 53 points. Forty assists would be the sixth-most by a rookie in franchise history.

FIRST THING'S FIRST

- The Stars have opened the scoring in 57.7 percent of the games that they have played this season, recording the first goal of the game in 15 of their 26 games.
- Dallas has gone on to win 12 of the 15 games that they have scored first in. Their 12 wins when scoring first were the second-best mark in the league this season entering play Saturday.
- Additionally, the Stars' .800 win percentage when scoring first this year was tied for the sixth-best mark in the NHL entering play Saturday.
- Dallas' first goal in their game on Nov. 25 came on their first shot of the game. **Tyler Seguin** opened the scoring 18 seconds into the game, which tied Michael Kesselring (0:18 on Nov. 7 w/ UTA) for the second-fastest game-opening goal this season behind Nathan Walker (0:11 on Nov. 21 w/ STL) according to NHL Stats.
 - The Stars have scored on their first shot of the game three times this season according to NHL Stats.

ONE FOR THE HISTORY BOOKS

- **Jake Oettinger's** next shutout will be the 12th of his career, which will tie Jon Casey for the sixth-most in franchise history.
- **Miro Heiskanen** is one assist shy of tying Brad Maxwell (217) for 7th on the all-time assists list by defensemen.
- **Jason Robertson** is four points away from tying Tom McCarthy (333) for 24th on the franchise's all-time scoring list.
- **Matt Duchene** is seven points away from recording his 100th point with the Stars.
- **Esa Lindell** is five games shy of tying Lou Nanne (635) for ninth on the franchise's all-time games played list by defensemen.
- **Lindell** also enters tonight's contest six assists shy of typing Alex Goligoski (155) for 25th all-time among Stars/North Stars defensemen.

CONNECTIONS

- Stars goaltending coach **Jeff Reese** played for the Flames in 1992-93 to 1993-94.
- Stars assistant coach **Alain Nasreddine** coached Flames forwards Blake Coleman and Kevin Rooney in New Jersey from 2016-17 to 2019-20 when he was the assistant coach before becoming the interim head coach. Nasreddine also coached Flames forward Yegor Sharangovich and defenseman Kevin Bahl in New Jersey in 2020-21 and 2021-22.

- Stars assistant coach **Misha Donskov** coached Flames defensemen Daniil Miromanov and Brayden Pachal when they were in Vegas from 2021-22 to 2022-23
- Stars forwards **Evgenii Dadonov**, **Mason Marchemnt** and VP of Cultural Growth & Strategy **Al Montoya** played with Flames forward Jonathan Huberdeau and defenseman MacKenzie Weegar with the Florida Panthers. Dadonov from 2017-18 to 2019-20, Marchemnt from 2020-21 to 2021-22 and Montoya played with Huberdeau from 2014-15 to 2015-16.
- Stars assistant coach **Steve Spott** coached Flames forward Nazem Kadri in Toronto in 2014-15 when Spott was an assistant coach with the Maple Leafs.
- Stars defenseman **Matt Dumba** and Flames forward Justin Kirkland played two games together with Arizona during the 2023-24 season.
- Stars goaltender **Casey DeSmith** and Flames forward Andrei Kuzmenko shared the ice in Vancouver during part of the 2023-24 season.
- Stars forward **Mason Marchemnt** and Flames forward Ryan Lomberg were teammates in Florida from 2020-21 to 2021-22.
- Stars defenseman **Brendan Smith** and Flames forward Anthony Mantha played together in Detroit from 2015-16 until the trade deadline in 2016-17.
- Stars forward **Colin Blackwell** and defensemen **Brendan Smith** and **Nils Lundkvist** all played with Flames forward Kevin Rooney with the Rangers. Blackwell and Smith overlapped with Rooney in 2020-21 and Lundkvist joined Rooney in New York in 2021-22.
- Stars defenseman **Brendan Smith** and Flames forward Yegor Sharangovich played together in New Jersey during the 2022-23 season. Flames defenseman Kevin Bahl was also in New Jersey in 2022-23 to 2023-24.
- Stars forward **Evgenii Dadonov** and Flames defensemen Daniil Miromanov and Brayden Pachal were teammates in Vegas during part of the 2021-22 season.
- Stars VP of Cultural Growth & Strategy **Al Montoya** played under Flames President of Hockey Ops Don Maloney for the Phoenix Coyotes in 2008-09 when Maloney was GM in Phoenix.
- Stars forward **Sam Steel** played under Flames assistant GM Dave Nonis when Nonis was the assistant GM for the Ducks during the 2019-20 to 2021-22 seasons.
- Stars forward **Matt Duchene** played under Flames assistant coach Brad Larsen in Columbus during the 2018-19 season when Larsen was the assistant coach for the Blue Jackets.
- Stars forwards **Colin Blackwell** and **Matt Duchene** played under Flames assistant coach Dan Lambert in Nashville when Lambert was the Predators assistant coach from 2019-20 to 2022-23.
- Stars forward **Evgenii Dadonov** played in Florida when Flames video coach Jamie Pringle was the video coach for Florida and Stars head coach **Pete DeBoer** was head coach of the Panthers in 2009-10 to 2010-11.

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: Marchment (41), Benn (38), Blackwell (35)

Blocked Shots: Lindell (52), Heiskanen (45), Lyubushkin (44)

Shots: Johnston/Stankoven (70), Robertson (60)

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

1-10: 7-3-0 (14), 32/23, 6/32, 28/31

11-20: 6-4-0 (12), 37/27, 4/30, 20/27

21-30: 3-3-0 (6), 16/17, 5/20, 15/19

OVERTIME RESULTS (0-0)

N/A

SHOOTOUT RESULTS (1-0)

Oct. 15, 2024 vs. San Jose: Duchene

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

Games Played

Matt Dumba ... 8 games ... 700 NHL games

Wyatt Johnston ... 10 games ... 200 NHL games

Starts

N/A

Goals

Jamie Benn ... 11 goals ... 400 NHL goals

Assists

Jason Robertson ... 9 assists ... 200 NHL assists

Points

N/A

RECENT MILESTONES

Oskar Bäck ... First NHL game ... Oct. 10, 2024 at NSH

Pete DeBoer ... 100th win as Stars head coach ... Oct. 10, 2024 at NSH

Oskar Bäck ... First NHL point (assist) ... Oct. 17, 2024 at WSH

Mavrik Bourque ... First NHL point (assist) ... Oct. 22, 2024 at BUF

Roope Hintz ... 400th NHL game ... Oct. 24, 2024 at BOS

Jason Robertson ... 300th NHL game ... Oct. 24, 2024 at BOS

Jake Oettinger ... 200th NHL game ... Nov. 1, 2024 vs. FLA

Mavrik Bourque ... First NHL goal ... Nov. 1, 2024 vs. FLA

Oskar Bäck ... First NHL goal ... Nov. 14, 2024 vs. BOS

Tyler Seguin ... 800th NHL point ... Nov. 14, 2024 vs. BOS

Mason Marchment ... 100th NHL assist ... Nov. 18, 2024 vs. ANA

Jake Oettinger ... 200th NHL start ... Nov. 29, 2024 vs. COL

Esa Lindell ... 200th NHL point ... Dec. 1, 2024 vs. WPG

MEDIA RESOURCES

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