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LAST GAME

Washington 1, Colorado Avalanche 2

November 21, 2024 *Capital One Arena* Washington, DC

Shots: WSH: 29; COL: 27

Power Plays: WSH: 0/2; COL: 1/3

Three Stars: 1. Georgiev (COL), 2. Thompson (WSH), 3. Dubois (WSH)

RECENT TRANSACTIONS

Recalled forward Ivan Miroschnichenko from Hershey (AHL); placed forward Alex Ovechkin on IR, 11/20

Acquired forward Lars Eller from Pittsburgh for Washington's third-round pick in the 2027 NHL Draft and a fifth-round pick (originally from Chicago) in the 2025 NHL Draft, 11/12

Loaned forward Mike Sgarbossa to Hershey (AHL), 11/12

Recalled forward Mike Sgarbossa from Hershey (AHL); activated defenseman Jakob Chychrun from IR; placed forward Sonny Milano on IR, 11/9

CAPITALS MILESTONES WITHIN REACH

Alex Ovechkin – 5 points shy of passing Ray Bourque (1,579) for the 12th-most points in NHL history; 1 power-play point shy of passing Teemu Selanne (588) for the 13th-most power-play points in NHL history

Rasmus Sandin – 4 points shy of 100 career points

John Carlson – 1 goal shy of passing Dave Ellett (153) for the 10th-most goals by an American-born defenseman in NHL history; 12 points shy of 700 career points

CAPITALS MILESTONES RECENTLY ACHIEVED

Alex Ovechkin – Recorded 31st career hat trick, 11/17 at VGK; Passed Johnny Bucyk (1,436) for the ninth-most games played with one franchise in NHL history, 11/3 at CAR; Passed Jaromir Jagr (538) for the third-most even-strength goals in NHL history, 10/29 at NYR; Recorded 700th career assist, 10/15 vs. VGK

John Carlson – Passed Ryan Suter and Reed Larson (685) for the seventh-most points by an American-born defenseman in NHL history, 11/15 at COL

Dylan Strome – Recorded 200th career assist, 11/6 vs. NSH

Logan Thompson – Made 100th career start, 11/2 vs. CBJ

INJURIES/ILLNESSES

Alex Ovechkin: 11/21 (1 game)

Sonny Milano: 11/8-11/21 (7 games)

Nicklas Backstrom: 10/12-11/21 (19 games)

T.J. Oshie: 10/12-11/21 (19 games)

Jakob Chychrun: 10/31-11/8 (5 games)

Matt Roy: 10/15-11/3 (10 games)

Man Games Lost: 61

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

Nov. 25, 7 p.m. ET at Florida (MNMT, 106.7 The Fan/Caps Radio 24/7)

Nov. 27, 7:30 p.m. ET at Tampa Bay (TNT, MAX, 106.7 The Fan/Caps Radio 24/7)

Nov. 29, 3 p.m. ET vs. New York Islanders (MNMT, 106.7 The Fan/Caps Radio 24/7)

Nov. 30, 7 p.m. ET at New Jersey (MNMT, 106.7 The Fan/Caps Radio 24/7)

Dec. 3, 7 p.m. ET vs. San Jose (MNMT, 106.7 The Fan/Caps Radio 24/7)

TONIGHT'S GAME

The Capitals host the New Jersey Devils on Saturday at Capital One Arena for the third of four meetings between the teams this season. After dropping a 5-3 decision to the Devils in the season opener on [Oct. 12](#), the Capitals defeated New Jersey [5-4 in overtime on Oct. 19](#) at Prudential Center. Tom Wilson scored two goals in the victory, including the game-winner four minutes into overtime. Wilson (2g-1a-3p), Dylan Strome (1g-2a-3p), Connor McMichael (1g-1a-2p), Jakob Chychrun (0g-2a-2p) and Trevor van Riemsdyk (0g-2a-2p) all recorded multiple points on Oct. 19. The Capitals and Devils will conclude their season series on Nov. 30 in Newark. Washington is 128-80-13-18 all-time vs. New Jersey and 15-3-3 against the Devils since the start of the the 2020-21 season. In addition, the Capitals have earned at least one point in eight of their last 11 home games vs. New Jersey (6-2-3).

HOME vs. NEW JERSEY DEVILS (All-time)			
Record	Goals For	Goals Against	Streak
72-32-6-11	448	331	1 NJD win (10/12/24)

CAPITALS vs. DEVILS ALL-TIME (Career Totals)			
Games	Goals	Assists	Points
Ovechkin (78)	Ovechkin (42)	Ovechkin (46)	Ovechkin (88)
Carlson (59)	Carlson (11)	Carlson (36)	Carlson (47)
Eller (51)	Wilson/Vrana/Eller (9)	Wilson (18)	Wilson (27)
Wilson (44)	Strome (7)	Eller (13)	Eller (22)

POINT STREAKS

Pierre-Luc Dubois – 2 game point streak (1g-1a-2p)

Trevor van Riemsdyk – 2 game point streak (0g-2a-2p), 2 game assist streak (2a)

TOP CAPS FACTS

Quick Hits

- The Capitals are 5-0-0 following a loss this season and are one of three teams who have not lost back-to-back games (also Carolina, and New York Rangers).
- The Capitals' +24 goal differential at 5v5 is the highest in the NHL, with Minnesota (+19) being the next closest.
- Washington's +27 goal differential in all situations is the third highest in the League.
- The Capitals rank second in the NHL in goals for per game (4.16).
- The Capitals, who rank ninth in the NHL in goals against per game (2.74), have an average margin of victory of 2.92 goals.

- The Capitals have scored five power-play goals on 11 opportunities (45.5%) over their last six games.
- Washington ranks third in the NHL in penalty kill percentage (86.7%).
- The Capitals have allowed 13 goals against in the third period this season, the second fewest in the NHL (NY Rangers: 11).
- Dylan Strome won 17 of 21 face-offs (81.0%) on Thursday vs. Colorado, the most face-off wins by a Capital this season.

Tough to Beat

- Logan Thompson stopped 25 of 27 shots faced in Washington's 2-1 loss to Colorado on Thursday, his first regulation loss of the season.
- The loss snapped Thompson's franchise record nine-game season-opening point streak (10/15/24-11/17/24: 8-0-1).
- Per [Natural Stat Trick](#), Thompson stopped eight of nine high danger shots against at 5v5 vs. Colorado.
- In 10 starts this season, Thompson has a record of 8-1-1 with a 2.58 goals-against average and a .914 save percentage.
- Over his last six starts, Thompson has a record of 4-1-1 with a .216 goals-against average and .935 save percentage.
- Thompson ranks tied for fifth in the NHL in save percentage (.935) since Nov. 1 (min 5 GP).
- With his win on Nov. 9 at St. Louis, Thompson improved to 7-0-0 and became the first goaltender in franchise history to win each of their first seven games with the organization.
- Thompson and Charlie Lindgren's combined cap hit of \$1,866,667 is the lowest in the NHL among goaltending tandems.

Call of Dubie

- Pierre-Luc Dubois scored his second goal of the season on Thursday vs. Colorado.
- Dubois accounted for a team-high four individual high danger scoring chances for vs. Colorado (per [Natural Stat Trick](#)).
- Dubois, who ranks tied for third on the Capitals in assists (11), has recorded six points (1g, 5a) in his last six games.
- With 11 assists in 19 games this season, Dubois is on pace for 47 assists, which would mark a single-season career high (2022-23: 36a).

Metro Matchup

- The Capitals have a 5-3-0 record (.555 P%) against Metropolitan Division opponents this season.
- Washington's .555 point percentage in intradivision games is the third highest among Metro teams (CAR: .587; NJD: .667; min. 5 GP).

The GR8 Chase

- Alex Ovechkin scored two goals on Nov. 18 at Utah, which marked his [177th career multi-goal game](#).
- The night prior, Ovechkin recorded his 31st career hat trick at Vegas.
- Ovechkin (868g in 1,444 GP) is 27 goals shy of passing Wayne Gretzky (894g in 1,487 GP) for the most goals in NHL history.

- Ovechkin ranks tied for first in the NHL in goals this season with 15.

NHL GOAL LEADERS					
Player	Team	Age	G	GP	G/GP
Alex Ovechkin	WSH	39	15	18	0.83
Sam Reinhart	FLA	29	15	20	0.75
Leon Draisaitl	EDM	29	15	21	0.71
Kirill Kaprizov	MIN	27	13	19	0.68
William Nylander	TOR	28	13	20	0.65
Mikko Rantanen	COL	28	13	20	0.65
Connor McMichael	WSH	23	12	19	0.63
Cole Caufield	MTL	23	12	19	0.63
Kyle Connor	WPG	27	12	19	0.63
Mark Scheifele	WPG	31	12	19	0.63

- Per [NHL Stats](#), Ovechkin is the first 39-year-old to lead the NHL in goals (outright or tied, minimum 10 goals).

- Ovechkin has scored 13 goals in his last 11 games played.

- Ovechkin has scored 38 goals in his last 54 games (0.70 G/GP) dating back to Jan. 27, which ranks second in the NHL in that span (Kirill Kaprizov: 41g in 53 GP).

- Ovechkin, who entered the season 42 goals shy of passing Gretzky, has scored at least 42 goals in 13 of his 19 NHL seasons.

- 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.

Durability

- Alex Ovechkin has played in 1,444 of Washington's 1,504 games (96.0%) since making his NHL debut on Oct. 5, 2005.

- The Capitals have a 26-30-4 record in games without Ovechkin.

Penalty Skill

- The Capitals killed off all seven of Utah's power-play opportunities on Nov. 18.

- It marked the first time Washington was shorthanded seven-plus times and did not allow a power-play goal against since [Dec. 21, 2019](#).

- The Capitals rank third in the NHL in penalty kill percentage (86.7%).

- Washington has killed off 25 of 27 opposing power-play opportunities (95.8%) since Nov. 2.

- The Capitals, who have scored two shorthanded goals this season, rank tied for third in shorthanded goal differential (-6).

- The Capitals have allowed 72 shots against while shorthanded this season, which is tied for the sixth-lowest total in the NHL (per [Natural Stat Trick](#)).

Strome Improvement

- Dylan Strome recorded two points (1g, 1a) on Nov. 18 at Utah, which marked his team-leading ninth multi-point game of the season.
- Strome ranks tied for first in the the NHL in plus-minus (+18), third in assists (22) and tied for seventh in points (28).
- Strome is already over halfway toward his single-season career high in assists (2022-23: 42a in 81 GP).
- Dating back to Feb. 5, the end of the 2024 NHL All-Star Break, Strome has recorded 50 assists in his last 54 games (0.93 A/GP). The only centers with more assists in that span are Connor McDavid (69a in 51 GP) and Nathan MacKinnon (63a in 53 GP) (h/t Mike Vogel).

MOST ASSISTS SINCE FEB. 5				
Player	Team	Pos.	GP	A
Connor McDavid	EDM	C	51	69
Nikita Kucherov	TBL	RW	50	65
Nathan MacKinnon	COL	C	53	63
Dylan Strome	WSH	C	54	50
Artemi Panarin	NYR	LW	51	49
Josh Morrissey	WPG	D	53	49
Mitch Marner	TOR	RW	42	46
Kirill Kaprizov	MIN	LW	52	45
Leon Draisaitl	EDM	C	57	44

- Strome has recorded at least one point in 16 of Washington's 19 games.
- Strome, whose 67 points (27g, 40a) last season led the Capitals and marked a career high, didn't reach the 28-point mark in 2023-24 until his 43rd game on Jan. 18.
- Since joining Washington ahead of the 2022-23 season, Strome ranks first on the Capitals in games played (182) and assists (104) and second in goals (56) and points (160).
- Strome, who recorded his 200th career assist on Nov. 6, tallied his 98th, 99th and 100th assists as a Capital on Nov. 9 at St. Louis.
- With 100 assists in his first 177 games with Washington, Strome became the eighth-fastest player to reach the 100-assist mark with the Capitals.

Dynamic Duo

- Dylan Strome assisted on Alex Ovechkin's first 11 goals this season.
- Strome became the second teammate to record an assist on 11 consecutive Ovechkin goals (Nicklas Backstrom: 11 from April 6 to Dec. 15, 2011) and the first to do it in a single season.

20 Years of Ovi

- 2024-25 is Ovechkin's 20th 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.

Immediate Impact

- 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).

- Five of the six skaters the Capitals acquired in the summer have recorded at least seven points through Washington's first 19 games with the lone exception being Roy, who missed 10 games due to injury from Oct. 15 to Nov. 3.

- Goaltender Logan Thompson won his first seven starts of the season, marking the longest winning streak by a Capitals goaltender from the start of their tenure with the franchise. Thompson also established a new franchise record for longest season-opening point streak by a goaltender (9 GP: 8-0-1).

WASHINGTON CAPITALS OFFSEASON ADDITIONS: 2024-25 STATISTICS							
Skater	Pos.	Age	Acquired	GP	G	A	P
Pierre-Luc Dubois	C	26	Trade	19	2	11	13
Jakob Chychrun	D	26	Trade	14	5	3	8
Andrew Mangiapane	LW	28	Trade	19	4	4	8
Taylor Raddysh	RW	26	Free Agent	19	3	5	8
Brandon Duhaime	RW	27	Free Agent	19	4	3	7
Matt Roy	D	29	Free Agent	9	0	3	3
Goaltender	Pos.	Age	Acquired	GP	Record	GAA	SV%
Logan Thompson	G	27	Trade	10	8-1-1	2.58	.914

Year 2

- 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	19	13	5	1	-	27	.711	

* - Season suspended due to COVID-19 pandemic

Consistent Caps

- The Capitals enter 2024-25 looking to make the playoffs for the 10th time in the last 11 seasons and the 34th 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.
- 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 1,669 wins since 1982-83 are the second most in the League.

REAL TIME LEADERS

Goals: Alex Ovechkin – 15

Assists: Dylan Strome – 22

Points: Dylan Strome – 28

Plus-Minus: Dylan Strome – +18

Shots: Alex Ovechkin – 63

Hits: Tom Wilson – 54

Blocked Shots: Trevor van Riemsdyk, Martin Fehervary – 42

TOI Per Game: John Carlson – 24:41

THIS DATE IN CAPS' HISTORY

Nov. 23, 2016 – Alex Ovechkin recorded his 16th career hat trick to lead the Capitals to a 4-3 win over the visiting St. Louis Blues.

Nov. 23, 2015 – Dmitry Orlov became the second defenseman in Capitals franchise history to score the only goal in a 1-0 win as the Capitals beat the visiting Edmonton Oilers 1-0.

Nov. 23, 2013 – Alex Ovechkin scored his 20th goal of the season against the Toronto Maple Leafs, giving him 20 goals in each of his first nine NHL seasons.

Nov. 23, 2007 – Nicklas Backstrom scored his first career overtime goal on his 20th birthday, giving interim head coach Bruce Boudreau his first NHL coaching victory, a 4-3 win at Philadelphia.

Nov. 23, 1990 – The Capitals set a franchise record for fastest three goals when Michal Pivonka and Stephen Leach (two goals in a team-record 10 seconds) combined to score three times a span of 21 seconds during a 7-3 win over the visiting Pittsburgh Penguins.