

## DALLAS STARS

0-0-0, 0 PTS (T-3rd in Central)

Last Game: N/A

Next Game: 10/12 vs. NYI

Last 10 Games: 0-0-0

PP: 0/0 (0%)

PK: 0/0 (100%)

## NASHVILLE PREDATORS

0-0-0, 0 PTS (T-3rd in Central)

Last Game: N/A

Next Game: 10/12 at DET

Last 10 Games: 0-0-0

PP: 0/0 (0%)

PK: 0/0 (100%)

DALLAS STARS AT NASHVILLE PREDATORS // OCT. 10, 2024 // 7 P.M. CT // BRIDGESTONE ARENA // NASHVILLE, TN

### LAST GAME

Dallas 3 at St. Louis 4 (OT)

Goals: Stankoven (2), Dadonov

Goalie: Oettinger (25/29)

PP: 1/3 PK: 1/1 Shots: Dallas 20 – St. Louis 29

Attendance: 16,386

Three Stars: 1. STL – K. Kapanen 2. STL – P. Broberg 3. STL – R. Thomas

- The Stars concluded their preseason with a 4-3 overtime loss to the Blues in St. Louis, brining their preseason record to 5-0-1. Dallas was the only team to not lose a game in regulation during the 2024 preseason.
- Dallas was one of six teams to win five games during the 2024 preseason, the mosback in the league.
- Logan Stankoven scored two goals in the loss. He finished the preseason having scored four goals, which tied for third among all NHL skaters and led rookies this preseason.

### UPCOMING SCHEDULE

Saturday, Oct. 12, 2024: Dallas vs. NY Islanders, 7 p.m. CT, American Airlines Center (Victory+/The Ticket)

Sunday, Oct. 13, 2024: Dallas vs. Seattle, 7 p.m. CT, American Airlines Center (Victory+/The Ticket)

Tuesday, Oct. 15, 2024: Dallas vs. San Jose, 7 p.m. CT, American Airlines Center (Victory+/The Ticket)

Thursday, Oct. 17, 2024: Dallas at Washington, 6 p.m. CT, Capital One Arena (Victory+/The Ticket)

Saturday, Oct. 19, 2024: Dallas vs. Edmonton, 3 p.m. CT, American Airlines Center (Victory+/The Ticket)

### RECENT TRANSACTIONS

Oct. 5, 2024: Reassigned D Lian Bichsel, F Matej Blumel and F Arttu Hyry to the Texas Stars (AHL); Placed D Kyle Capobianco, G Magnus Hellberg, F Cameron Hughes, F Kole Lind, D Alexander Petrovic and F Mathias Pettersen on waivers for purpose of reassignment.

Oct. 6, 2024: Reassigned D Kyle Capobianco, G Magnus Hellberg, F Cameron Hughes, F Kole Lind, D Alexander Petrovic and F Mathias Pettersen the Texas Stars (AHL).

### CURRENT INJURIES

MAN GAMES LOST: 0

Mavrik Bourque (IR) – 0 games

### GAME NOTES

#### THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

- The Stars have won the last four games that they have played in Nashville, outscoring the Predators 19-7 in those contests.
- Dallas has earned at least a point in 13 of the 17 road games they have played against Nashville since the start of the 2017-18 season, going 8-4-5 in those matchups.
- Since the start of the 2017-18 season, the Dallas Stars have topped the NHL in wins (15), points (38), road wins (eight), road points (21) and goals scored (95) against the Predators.
- If he plays, tonight will mark the first NHL game of Oskar Bäck's career. Bäck was originally drafted by the Stars in the third round (75th overall) of the 2018 NHL Draft.
  - When Bäck makes his NHL debut, he will become the seventh player drafted by the Stars between 2017 and 2024 to play in at least one regular-season game for Dallas.

#### PREDATORS TO PREY

- Jamie Benn has totaled 42 points (16 goals, 26 assists) in 65 career games against the Predators, which is tied with Edmonton forward Leon Draisaitl and Los Angeles forward Anze Kopitar for the second-most among all active NHL skaters.
  - Benn's 42 points against Nashville are the most by a Stars skater in franchise history.
- Matt Duchene has totaled 36 points (14 goals, 22 assists) in 38 regular-season games against the Predators, with 17 of those points (eight goals, nine assists) coming in 18 games played in Nashville. Duchene's 36 career points rank ninth all-time among active NHL skaters.

- **Duchene** has five points (three goals, two assists) in four games against the Predators as a member of the Stars.
- **Thomas Harley** enters tonight's game riding a three-game assist streak against the Predators, totaling four assists during that span. A goal or an assist tonight would give him points in four consecutive games against a single opponent for the first time in his career.
  - He previously recorded an assist in three consecutive games against the Vegas Golden Knights from April 26, 2022 to Oct. 17, 2023.
- **Miro Heiskanen** has six points (two goals, four assists) in his last six games against Nashville. His six points against the Predators since the start of the 2022-23 season are tied for fourth among all NHL defensemen, trailing only Vancouver's Quinn Hughes (11) and Colorado's Cale Makar (nine).
- **Roope Hintz** has totaled 23 career points (11 goals, 12 assists) in 25 regular-season games against Nashville, his highest total against a single opponent. He enters tonight's game having totaled four points (two goals, two assists) in the last four games he has played at Bridgestone Arena.
- **Wyatt Johnston** has five points (three goals, two assists) in four career road games against the Predators, including recording four points (two goals, two assists) in the two teams' last meeting on Feb. 15, 2024.
- **Mason Marchment** has tallied three assists in his last three games against Nashville.
- **Jason Robertson** enters tonight's game riding an eight-game point streak against the Predators dating back to Oct. 13, 2022, totaling 14 points (three goals, 11 assists) during that span.
  - **Robertson** has totaled 23 points (nine goals, 14 assists) in 20 career games against Nashville, his highest assist and point total against a single opponent.
  - His 1.15 points-per-game against the Predators rank 14th among active NHL skaters that have played Nashville at least 10 times in their career.
  - His eight-game point streak is tied for the second-longest of his career against a single opponent (Detroit; 10, Calgary; eight, Carolina; eight).
- **Tyler Seguin** has nine points (three goals, six assists) in his last eight games against the Predators and enters tonight's contest riding a three-game point streak against Nashville, totaling five points (two goals, three assists) in those matchups.

## START YOUR ENGINES

- Tonight marks the first Dallas Stars game of the 2024-25 season. A win tonight would give the Stars victories in five consecutive home openers dating back to the 2020-21 season.
  - The Stars are one of four NHL teams to have an active season-opening win streak of at least four games, with the others being the Boston Bruins, Carolina Hurricanes and Vegas Golden Knights, who have each won their last five season openers.
- Dallas has outscored its opponents 16-4 in its last four season openers.
- The Stars will face off against the Predators in their season opener for the third time in the last five seasons. They'll look for their third-consecutive win after defeating the Predators 7-0 on Jan. 21, 2021, and 4-1 on Oct. 13, 2022.
  - Both previous matchups have been played in Nashville.
  - In all, the Stars have played the Predators in their first game of the season four times (2022, 2020, 2009, 2001), posting a 3-0-1 record in those contests.
- 2024-25 also marks the fourth time in the last five seasons that the Stars are beginning their season on the road. Dallas went 3-0-0 in those road games.
- **Jamie Benn** leads all active Stars skaters in scoring in season openers, totaling seven points (three goals, four assists) in 13 games.
- **Wyatt Johnston** has recorded a point in each of the season opening games that he has played in. A goal or an assist tonight would make him the 20th player in franchise history – and the first since Devin Shore (2016-17 to 2018-19) – to record a point in three consecutive season openers according to NHL Stats.

## FOR PETE'S SAKE

- Dallas' next win will mark Head Coach **Pete DeBoer's** 100th behind the Stars bench. He is set to become the fourth Stars head coach (since 1993-94) to record at least 100 regular-season wins with the team, joining Ken Hitchcock (319), Dave Tippett (271) and Lindy Ruff (165).
- Since the start of the 2022-23 season – **DeBoer's** first as the team's head coach – the Stars have posted a 99-42-23 record for a .674 win percentage, which is tied for the third-best mark in the NHL during that span.
  - Only Jim Montgomery (Boston; 112), Rod Brind'Amour (Carolina; 104) and Jared Bednar (Colorado; 101) have recorded more regular-season wins since the starts of the 2022-23 season
- **DeBoer** has posted a 612-421-146 record over the course of his coaching career with the Dallas Stars, Vegas Golden Knights (2019-20 to 2021-22), San Jose Sharks (2015-16 to 2019-20), New Jersey Devils (2011-12 to 2014-15) and Florida Panthers (2008-19 to 2010-11). His 612 career wins rank 23rd all-time among all NHL coaches and rank fifth all-time among active coaches.



## NEW KIDS ON THE BLOCK

PLAYER	ACQUIRED	2023-24 TEAM	2023-24 STATS
Colin Blackwell	Free Agent	Chicago	8 G, 4 A, 12 PTS, 10 PIM, 44 GP
Casey DeSmith	Free Agent	Vancouver	27-12-9, 2.89 GAA, .896 SV%, 1 SO
Mathew Dumba	Free Agent	Arizona/Tampa Bay	4 G, 8 A, 12 PTS, 88 PIM, 76 GP
Ilya Lyubushkin	Free Agent	Anaheim/Toronto	0 G, 8 A, 8 PTS, 57 PIM, 74 GP
Brendan Smith	Free Agent	New Jersey	5 G, 10 A, 15 PTS, 61 PIM, 63 GP

- If they dress, tonight's contest will mark the first game in a Stars uniform for 2024 free agent signings **Colin Blackwell**, **Casey DeSmith**, **Mathew Dumba**, **Ilya Lyubushkin** and **Brendan Smith**.
- If any of the four skaters were to score tonight, they would become the 58th player in Stars history (since 1993) to score in their first game with Dallas and the 26th to do so in a season opener according to NHL Stats.
  - **Wyatt Johnston** and **Mason Marchment** are the two current Dallas skaters to score in their Stars debut, with both doing so in the 2022-23 season opener on Oct. 13, 2022 against the Nashville Predators.
- Tonight's game will also mark the first time that **Mavrik Bourque**, **Oscar Bäck** and **Logan Stankoven** are on the team's opening night roster.
  - **Stankoven** made his NHL debut on Feb. 24, 2024 at Carolina, totaling 14 points (six goals, eight assists) in 24 regular-season games before adding eight points (three goals, five assists) in 19 Stanley Cup Playoff games. His 14 points from Feb. 24 through the end of the 2023-24 regular season tied for fifth among all NHL rookies.
  - **Mavrik Bourque** has previously played in one game for the Stars, making his NHL debut on April 6, 2024 against the Chicago Blackhawks.
  - **Bäck's** first game this season will mark his NHL debut.

## BROADWAY BOYS

- **Matt Duchene** played for Nashville for four seasons (2019-20 to 2022-23), recording 197 points (84 goals, 113) in 197 regular-season games and adding nine points (five goals, four assists) in 17 Stanley Cup Playoff games. **Duchene** was the third-highest scoring Predator during his tenure with the team, and only Filip Forsberg (94) scored more goals than him during those four seasons.
- **Colin Blackwell** played part of the 2018-19 and 2019-20 seasons with the Predators, totaling 10 points (three goals, seven assists) in 33 regular-season games.
- Stars Director of Player Personnel **Rich Peverley** played for the Nashville from 2006-07 to 2008-09, recording 20 points (seven goals, 13 assists) in 73 regular-season games.

## ONE FOR THE HISTORY BOOKS

- **Roope Hintz** enters tonight's game three goals shy of becoming the 18th skater in franchise history to score 150 goals with the team.
- **Tyler Seguin** is eight assists away from bringing his total with the stars to 380, which would tie him with Brian Bellows for fifth-most assists by a skater in franchise history.
- **Esa Lindell** is nine points shy of becoming the 49th player and 13th defenseman in franchise history to record 200 points with the Stars. He is also just three goals away from tying Philippe Boucher (52) for the 10th-most goals among defensemen in franchise history.

## BENN THERE DONE THAT

- **Jamie Benn** enters tonight's game having played in 297 consecutive games, which is the fifth-longest active such streak in the NHL. He is one of 15 players to have an active Iron Man streak of at least 200 games.
- **Benn** is one of 11 NHL players to appear in each of his team's 246 regular-season games since the start of the 2021-22 season.
- Currently three games shy, **Benn** is set to become the fourth player in franchise history to play in 300 consecutive games for the team according to NHL Stats.

PLAYER	TEAM	GAMES	START	END	ACTIVE
Danny Grant	Minnesota North Stars	442	Dec. 8, 1968	April 7, 1974	No
Tyler Seguin	Dallas Stars	315	Oct. 13, 2016	March 10, 2020	No
Joe Pavelski	Dallas Stars	314	Feb. 15, 2020	April 17, 2024	No
Jamie Benn	Dallas Stars	297	Jan. 31, 2021	--	Yes

- The Stars captain leads all Dallas players in career games played (1,112), goals (383), assists (524) and points (907). His 907 career points rank 12th among active NHL skaters, and he is the second-highest scoring fifth-round draft pick in NHL history (Alexander Mogilny; 1,032).

## FIRST THING'S FIRST

- Dallas will open the 2024-25 season with 11 former first-round picks on its roster; **Mavrik Bourque** (DAL; 2020), **Matt Duchene** (COL; 2009), **Matt Dumba** (MIN; 2012), **Thomas Harley** (DAL; 2019), **Miro Heiskanen** (DAL; 2017), **Wyatt Johnston** (DAL; 2021) **Nils Lundkvist** (NYR; 2018), **Jake Oettinger** (DAL; 2017), **Tyler Seguin** (BOS; 2010), **Brenden Smith** (DET; 2007) 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 assists (437) and points (788), and ranks second in goals (351).
- There are two 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. Additionally, **Sam Steel** and **Mavrik Bourque** were both drafted 30th-overall – **Steel** by Anaheim in 2016 and **Bourque** by Dallas in 2020.
- Six additional Stars draft picks are on Dallas' opening night roster this year: **Oskar Bäck** (2018; 3rd round), **Jamie Benn** (2007; 5th round), **Roope Hintz** (2015; 2nd round), **Esa Lindell** (2012; 3rd round), **Jason Robertson** (2017; 2nd round) and **Logan Stankoven** (2021; 2nd round).

## CONNECTIONS

- Stars forward **Jamie Benn**, Predators forward Ryan O'Reilly and Predators defenseman Luke Schenn all played for Canada at the 2012 IIHF World Championship.
- Stars forward **Colin Blackwell** and Predators defenseman Jeremy Lauzon were both a part of the Seattle Kraken's inaugural roster in 2021-22.
- Stars forward **Evgenii Dadonov** and Predators forward Jonathan Marchessault both played for the Vegas Golden Knights during the 2021-22 season.
- Stars forward **Matt Duchene** and Predators forward Ryan O'Reilly played in Colorado together from 2009-10 to 2014-15. The two also played for Team Canada together at the 2013, 2015, 2016 and 2017 IIHF World Championships and the 2016 World Cup of Hockey. They've won four medals together: 2015 World Championship (gold), 2016 World Championship (gold), 2016 World Cup of Hockey (gold) and 2017 World Championship (silver).
  - Stars forward **Tyler Seguin** won a gold medal with the duo at the 2015 World Championships and defenseman **Matt Dumba** won a gold medal with the two at the 2016 World Championships.
  - Predators forward Steven Stamkos and defenseman Luke Schenn were also on the 2013 team with **Duchene** and O'Reilly. Stamkos played again with the two at the 2017 World Championship.
- Stars forward **Matt Duchene** played for Team Canada with Predators defenseman Luke Schenn at the 2011 IIHF World Championship.
- Stars defenseman **Matt Dumba** and forward Sam Steel both played for the Minnesota Wild with Predators forward Gustav Nyquist during the 2022-23 season.
- Stars defenseman **Matt Dumba** and Predators forward Steven Stamkos both played in Tampa Bay in 2023-24.
- Stars defenseman Thomas Harley won a silver medal with Predators forward Philip Tomasino while playing for Team Canada at the 2021 IIHF World Junior Championship.
- Stars forward **Roope Hintz** and defenseman Esa Lindell have both played for Team Finland in international competition with Predators goaltender Juuse Saros.
  - **Hintz** and Saros played together at the 2015 and 2016 IIHF World Junior Championships, winning a gold medal in 2016.
  - **Lindell** and Saros played together at the 2014 IIHF World Junior Championship, the 2015 and 2016 IIHF World Championship. They won a gold medal in 2014 and a silver medal in 2016.
- Stars defenseman **Brendan Smith** and Predators forward Gustav Nyquist were teammates in Detroit from 2011-12 to 2016-17.
- Stars defenseman **Brendan Smith** and Predators defenseman Brady Skjei both played for the New York Rangers from 2016-17 to 2019-20. The two then reunited in Carolina for the 2021-22 season.
- Stars forward **Sam Steel** and Predators defenseman Luke Schenn both played for the Anaheim Ducks in 2018-19.
- Stars forward **Sam Steel** won a gold medal with Predators defenseman Dante Fabbro while playing for Team Canada at the 2018 IIHF World Junior Championship.

## STRAIGHT FROM THE SOURCE

- [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: N/A

Blocked Shots: N/A

Shots: N/A

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

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1-10: 0-0-0 (0), 0/0, 0/0, 0/0

## OVERTIME RESULTS (0-0)

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N/A

## SHOOTOUT RESULTS (0-0)

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N/A

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

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### Games Played

Roope Hintz ... 8 games ... 400 NHL games

Jake Oettinger ... 7 games ... 200 NHL games

Jason Robertson ... 8 games ... 300 NHL games

Brendan Smith ... 6 games ... 700 NHL games

### Goals

N/A

### Assists

N/A

### Points

Esa Lindell ... 9 points ... 200 NHL points

## RECENT MILESTONES

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N/A

## MEDIA RESOURCES

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## HOW THE 2024-25 DALLAS STARS WERE BUILT | AS OF 10/7/2024

### DRAFT (11)

#	PLAYER	ACQUIRED	DOB
14	Jamie Benn	Selected by Dallas in the fifth round (129th overall) of the 2007 NHL Draft	7/18/1989
22	Mavrik Bourque	Selected by Dallas in the first round (30th overall) of the 2020 NHL Draft	1/8/2002
10	Oskar Back	Selected by Dallas in the third round (75th overall) of the 2018 NHL Draft	3/12/2000
55	Thomas Harley	Selected by Dallas in the first round (18th overall) of the 2019 NHL Draft	8/19/2001
4	Miro Heiskanen	Selected by Dallas in the first round (3rd overall) of the 2017 NHL Draft	7/18/1999
24	Roope Hintz	Selected by Dallas in the second round (19th overall) of the 2015 NHL Draft	11/17/1996
53	Wyatt Johnston	Selected by Dallas in the first round (23rd overall) of the 2021 NHL Draft	5/14/2003
23	Esa Lindell	Selected by Dallas in the third round (74th overall) of the 2012 NHL Draft	5/23/1994
29	Jake Oettinger	Selected by Dallas in the first round (26th overall) of the 2017 NHL Draft	12/18/1998
21	Jason Robertson	Selected by Dallas in the second round (39th overall) of the 2017 NHL Draft	7/22/1999
11	Logan Stankoven	Selected by Dallas in the second round (47th overall) of the 2021 NHL Draft	2/26/2003

### FREE AGENCY (8)

#	Player	Acquired	DOB
15	Colin Blackwell	Signed with Dallas as a free agent on July 2, 2024	3/28/1993
1	Casey DeSmith	Signed with Dallas as a free agent on July 1, 2024	8/13/1991
95	Matt Duchene	Signed with Dallas as a free agent on July 1, 2023	1/16/1991
3	Mathew Dumba	Signed with Dallas as a free agent on July 1, 2024	7/25/1994
46	Ilya Lyubushkin	Signed with Dallas as a free agent on July 1, 2024	4/6/1994
27	Mason Marchment	Signed with Dallas as a free agent on July 13, 2022	6/18/1995
2	Brendan Smith	Signed with Dallas as a free agent on July 1, 2024	2/8/1989
18	Sam Steel	Signed with Dallas as a free agent on July 1, 2023	2/3/1998

### TRADE (3)

#	Player	Acquired	DOB
63	Evgenii Dadonov	Acquired from Montreal in exchange for Denis Gurianov on Feb. 26, 2023	3/12/1989
5	Nils Lundkvist	Acquired from the New York Rangers for a conditional first-round pick in the 2023 NHL Draft and a conditional fourth-round pick in 2025 on Sept. 19, 2022	7/27/2000
91	Tyler Seguin	Acquired from Boston with Rich Peverley and Ryan Button in exchange for Loui Eriksson, Matt Fraser, Reilly Smith and Joe Morrow on July 4, 2013	1/31/1992