



# DALLAS STARS VS. BUFFALO SABRES

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## LAST GAME

### Dallas 3 vs. Chicago 4 (SO)

Goals: Lundkvist, Hryckowian, Rantanen

Goalie: Oettinger (30/33)

PP: 0/4 PK: 2/2 Shots: Dallas 31 – Chicago 33

Three Stars: 1. CHI – T. Bertuzzi 2. DAL – M. Rantanen 3. CHI – J. Dickinson

- Dallas earned their 118th point of 2025, which is tied for their most in a calendar year since the team relocated to Dallas. The team also had 118 points in 2022 (54-27-10).
- Mikko Rantanen** tallied three points (1-2—3) in Saturday's game, factoring in on each of Dallas' three goals. He now has 37 points (12-25—37) in 29 career games against Chicago.
  - Saturday was the seventh time this season **Rantanen** has had three points in a game.
- Justin Hryckowian** scored his sixth goal of the season to extend his career-long point streak to five games, making him the fifth rookie this season to have a point streak of at least five games.
- Wyatt Johnston** tied his single-game career high with three assists on Saturday, factoring in on each of Dallas' three goals. It marked the fifth three-assist game of his career, which is tied for the third-most in franchise history by a player age 22 or younger according to NHL Stats.
- Sam Steel** recorded the 100th assist of his career, becoming the 17th player from the 2016 NHL Draft class to reach the milestone.
- Roope Hintz** went 9-for-11 at the faceoff dot, making Saturday's matchup against Chicago the seventh game this season in which he has had a faceoff win percentage above 80 percent.

## UPCOMING SCHEDULE

**Thursday, Jan. 1, 2026:** Dallas Stars at Chicago Blackhawks, 7:30 p.m. CT, United Center (Victory+/The Ticket)

**Sunday, Jan. 4, 2026:** Dallas Stars vs. Montreal Canadiens, 1 p.m. CT, American Airlines Center (Victory+/The Ticket)

**Tuesday, Jan. 6, 2026:** Dallas Stars at Caroline Hurricanes, 6 p.m. CT, Lenovo Center (Victory+/The Ticket)

**Wednesday, Jan. 7, 2026:** Dallas Stars at Washington Capitals, 6 p.m. CT, Capital One Arena (TNT/HBO MAX/Victory+/The Ticket)

**Saturday, Jan. 10, 2026:** Dallas Stars at San Jose Sharks, 3 p.m. CT, SAP Center (Victory+/The Ticket)

## RECENT TRANSACTIONS

**Dec. 6, 2025:** Placed F Tyler Seguin (lower body) on LTIR retroactive to Dec. 2 ; Placed D Lian Bichsel (lower body) on LTIR retroactive to Nov. 30

**Dec. 7, 2025:** Activated F Matt Duchene and D Nils Lundkvist from LTIR

**Dec. 16, 2025:** D Vladislav Kolyachonok was claimed off waivers by Boston

**Dec. 19, 2025:** Activated F Adam Erne from LTIR

**Dec. 30, 2025:** Loaned F Nathan Bastian to Texas (AHL) on a conditioning assignment

## CURRENT INJURIES

MAN GAMES LOST: 148

**Lian Bichsel** (lower body; LTIR) - 13 games

**Tyler Seguin** (lower body; LTIR) - 12 games

## MATCHUP

	DALLAS	BUFFALO
RECORD	25-7-7 (57 pts)	20-14-4 (44 pts)
STANDINGS	2nd in Central, 2nd in West	5th in Atlantic, 9th in East
LAST GAME	12/27 vs. CHI (4-3 SOL)	12/29 at STL (4-2 W)
NEXT GAME	1/1 at CHI	1/3 at CBJ
LAST 10 GAMES	6-2-2	9-1-0
LEADING SCORER	Mikko Rantanen (15-39—54)	Tage Thompson (18-16—34)
POWER PLAY	37/121 (30.6%)	22/115 (19.1%)
PENALTY KILL	102/123 (82.9%)	89/105 (84.8%)

## GAME NOTES

### THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

- Tonight is the first of two games that the Stars will play against the Sabres this season. The two teams will face each other for a final time on April 15 in Buffalo.
- Tonight's game against the Sabres and tomorrow's matchup against the Blackhawks is the fifth of 12 back-to-back sets the Stars will play this season. Dallas has earned at least a point in every back-to-back game they've played this season, going 9-0-1 in those games.
- The Stars owned the top-ranked penalty kill (90.7 percent) and second-ranked power-play (28.8 percent) in the NHL since Nov. 9 entering play Tuesday.
  - In all this season, Dallas was the only team to have both their power play (second) and their penalty kill (seventh) ranked in the top 10 in the League entering play Tuesday.
- The Stars rank second in the NHL in wins (25), points (57) and points percentage (.731) this year. The team's success this season comes despite having 148 combined man games lost with **Oskar Bäck**, **Jamie Benn**, **Lian Bichsel**, **Matt Duchene**, **Adam Erne**, **Thomas Harley**, **Roope Hintz**, **Nils Lundkvist**, **Ilya Lyubushkin** and **Tyler Seguin** all missing multiple games with injury at various points this year.
- The Stars earned their 50th point of the season with their 5-3 win over the San Jose Sharks on Dec. 18. It came in their 35th game played, which is the third-fewest games required in franchise history to reach the 50-point mark according to NHL Stats.
- **Mikko Rantanen** (115), **Wyatt Johnston** (95) and **Jason Robertson** (95) are all on pace to finish the season with at least 90 points. If they were to maintain that pace, they would become the second trio of Stars teammates in franchise history to have 90 or more points in the same season, joining Bobby Smith (114), Dino Ciccarelli (106) and Neal Broten (98) in 1981-82.
  - They would also become the first trio of 90-point teammates since **Rantanen** (104), Nathan MacKinnon (140) and Cale Makar (90) did so for the Colorado Avalanche in 2023-24.

### SHARPENING THE SWORDS

- Dallas is 57-57-20 all-time vs. Buffalo, including a 37-23-8 mark at home.
- The Stars have earned points in 12 of their last 15 games played against the Sabres (11-3-1) dating back to Jan. 26, 2017. Dallas has also earned points in their last four consecutive games vs. Buffalo at American Airlines Center, outscoring them 13-9 during those games.
- **Mikko Rantanen** enters tonight's matchup riding a four-game point streak against the Sabres, collecting eight points (3-5—8) during that span. In all, **Rantanen** has registered 23 points (9-14—23) in 16 career games played vs. Buffalo, averaging 1.44 points per game.
  - His 1.44 points per game against them ranks tied for sixth in the League among active skaters who have played Buffalo at least five times in their career.
  - He has also recorded points in 14 of his 16 career games against them.
- **Matt Duchene** has eight points (4-4—8) in his last eight games played against the Sabres. In all, **Duchene** has totaled 24 points (11-13—24) in 27 career games played vs. Buffalo, carrying a plus-minus rating of +16.
- **Thomas Harley** enters tonight's contest riding a three-game point streak against the Sabres, earning five points (1-4—5) during that span. In five career games played vs. Buffalo, **Harley** has notched six points (1-5—6), averaging 1.20 points per game and carrying a plus-minus rating of +3.
- **Jamie Benn** has tallied 12 points (8-4—12) in 12 career home games played against Buffalo. In all, **Benn** has registered 22 points (12-10—22) in 25 career games played against the Sabres, upholding a plus-minus rating of +10.
- **Jason Robertson** has recorded 11 points (5-6—11) in eight career games vs. Buffalo, including putting up three points (1-2—3) in his last game played against them on Dec. 31, 2024.
- **Radek Faksa** carries a career plus-minus rating of +10 against the Sabres and has totaled nine points (5-4—9) in 13 career games against them.
- **Jake Oettinger** has a 4-1-1 career record vs. Buffalo, posting a .920 save percentage and 2.53 goals-against average in those contests.
- **Casey DeSmith** has a 6-2-2 career record against the Sabres, posting a .932 save percentage, 1.99 goals-against average and three shutouts in those games.

### CHEERS TO THE NEW YEAR

- The Stars are playing a game on New Year's Eve for the third consecutive year, with all three of those games being played at home.
- Tonight marks the second consecutive year that the Stars have played the Sabres on New Year's Eve after defeating Buffalo 4-2 at the American Airlines Center one year ago today.
- In all, the Stars have played on New Year's Eve 41 times in franchise history, owning a 24-13-4 record in those games.
- **Jake Oettinger** has played in one game in his career on New Year's Eve – a 5-2 win over the San Jose Sharks on Dec. 31, 2022. He finished that game with 29 saves and a 0.935 save percentage.
- **Casey DeSmith** has played on New Year's Eve twice – last year's victory over the Sabres and in 2019 while playing for Pittsburgh. He backstopped the Penguins to a 3-2 win over Minnesota in that game, making 31 saves and earning a .939 save percentage.
- **Jamie Benn** is the Stars' leading scorer in New Year's Eve games, recording 11 points (3-8—11) in all.
- **Jason Robertson** has totaled seven points (2-5—7) in three New Year's Eve games.
- **Roope Hintz** has scored in each of the last three New Year's Eve games he has played in.

## 2025 WRAPPED

- Tonight marks the final of 14 games the Stars will play this month. The games will be split evenly between home and road, with seven games being played at the American Airlines Center and seven being played on the road.
- Since Jan. 1, 2025, the Stars have posted a 53-20-12 record for 118 points and a .694 points percentage. The team's 53 wins, 118 points and .694 all rank second in the League this calendar year.
- 2025 is the fourth consecutive calendar year that the team has earned at least 100 points and had a points percentage above .600.
  - The Stars have had a points percentage above .500 in 31 of the 32 full calendar years that the team has spent in Dallas (since 1994) since relocating from Minnesota.
- The team's 53 wins in 2025 are already their third-most in a calendar year since 1994 – the team's first full calendar year in Dallas – trailing only 2022 (54) and 2006 (54).
- The Stars' 118 points are tied for their most in a calendar year since 1994, having also totaled 118 points in 2022.
- Dallas has gone 74-for-253 on the power-play in 2025 for a 29.2 percent success rate, which was the second-best mark in the NHL this calendar year entering play Tuesday. The team's 74 power-play goals topped the League in 2025 and are six more than the second-ranked Detroit Red Wings (68).
- The Stars own an 81.4 percent success rate on the penalty kill in 2025, which was the fourth-best mark in the NHL this calendar year entering play Tuesday. They have killed off 206 of the 253 penalties they have taken this calendar year.
- **Jason Robertson** is the Stars' leading scorer in 2025, totaling 97 points (49-48—97) in 85 games played. His 97 points and 47 goals ranked sixth and third, respectively, in the NHL in 2025 entering play Tuesday.
  - **Robertson's** 49 goals are the second-most and his 96 points are the third-most in a calendar year in Stars team history (since 1994). **Robertson** currently holds the Stars team record with 108 points and 56 goals in 2022.
- **Robertson** is one of two players in franchise history to score at least 45 goals in a calendar year twice according to NHL Stats, joining Dino Ciccarelli who did so six times.
- **Wyatt Johnston** was tied for ninth in the NHL in 2025 scoring entering play Tuesday, recording 81 points (44-47—91) in 85 games played. His 44 goals were tied for sixth in the NHL during that span.
  - **Johnston** was also leading the League in power-play goals (23) and ranked third in points (41) in 2025 entering play Tuesday.
  - His 44 goals are already the fourth-most in a calendar year in Stars team history (since 1994).
- Despite missing 14 regular-season games this calendar year, **Thomas Harley's** 14 goals were tied for the eighth-most among all NHL defensemen in 2025 entering play Tuesday.
- **Jake Oettinger** has posted a 35-15-6 record with a .909 save percentage, 2.65 goals-against average and three shutouts in 2025. His 35 wins were the second-most in the NHL this calendar year entering play Tuesday.
  - **Oettinger's** 35 wins in 2025 are already tied for the fourth-most in a calendar year in Dallas Stars team history (since 1994).

## SPREADING THE WEALTH

- **Ilya Lyubushkin** scored his first goal of the season in Dallas' game on Dec. 19 against the Anaheim Ducks, making him the 24th skater to score a goal for the Stars this year. Every skater that has played in a game for the Stars this season has scored at least one goal.
- Dallas and Vancouver (25) were the only teams in the NHL to have at least 24 unique goal scorers this season entering play Tuesday.
- Dallas and Anaheim were the only two teams this year to have every skater to appear in a regular-season game score at least one goal entering play Tuesday.
- Nine different defensemen have scored at least one goal for the Stars this season: **Miro Heiskanen** (7), **Esa Lindell** (4), **Thomas Harley** (2), **Nils Lundkvist** (2), **Alexander Petrovic** (2), **Lian Bichsel** (1), **Kyle Capobianco** (1), Vladislav Kolyachonok (1) and **Ilya Lyubushkin** (1). Dallas was the only NHL team this season to have nine different defensemen score at least one goal for them entering play Tuesday.
- The Stars and the Ducks were also the only teams to have every defenseman to appear in a game this season score at least one goal entering play Tuesday.
- Stars defensemen have combined for 21 goals, 74 assists and 95 points this season. Their 95 points were tied for the fourth-most of any team in the NHL this season entering play Tuesday.
- Thirteen different skaters have scored a game-winning goal for the Stars this year: **Sam Steel** (4), **Wyatt Johnston** (3), **Jason Robertson** (3), **Miro Heiskanen** (2), **Tyler Seguin** (2), **Oskar Bäck** (1), **Colin Blackwell** (1), **Matt Duchene** (1), **Thomas Harley** (1), **Roope Hintz** (1), **Justin Hryckowian** (1), Vladislav Kolyachonok (1) and **Mikko Rantanen** (1).
  - **Steel's** four game-winning goals are a career high and are tied for the eighth-most in the NHL this season. Four of the six goals he has scored this year have stood as game-winners.
- The Stars, Avalanche (13), Devils (13), Kraken (13) and Oilers (14) were the only teams to have at least 13 different skaters score a game-winning goal this season entering play Tuesday.
- Four Stars skaters have totaled at least 30 points this season: **Mikko Rantanen** (15-39—54), **Jason Robertson** (23-22—45), **Wyatt Johnston** (20-25—45), **Miro Heiskanen** (7-27—34) and **Roope Hintz** (12-19—31). Entering play Tuesday, the Stars were the only team to have five different skaters record at least 30 points this year.

## JUST IN CASE

- **Casey DeSmith** has earned at least a point in the last 13 games that he has started dating back to Oct. 26, posting a 9-0-4 record with a .923 save percentage, 2.12 goals-against average and one shutout during that span.



- **DeSmith's** current run is the longest point streak by a goaltender in franchise history and is the first time in his career that he has earned 13 consecutive decisions without losing a game in regulation.
- **DeSmith's** 13-game point streak is the longest by a goaltender since Washington's Logan Thompson earned a point in 16 straight decisions (13-0-3) from Dec. 2, 2024 to Feb. 22, 2025.
- If he were to earn at least a point in his next game, he would become the seventh active NHL netminder to have a 14-game point streak.
- In all this season, **DeSmith** has a 9-1-4 record with .915 save percentage, a 2.33 goals-against average and one shutout.
  - **DeSmith** is one of four netminders this season to play in at least 10 games while only recording one regulation loss.
- Among goalies to play in at least five games this season, **DeSmith** is tied for ninth in the NHL in save percentage and 10th in goals-against average.

## PUTTING ON THE RITZ

- Stars rookie **Justin Hryckowian** enters tonight's game riding a career-best five-game point streak (3-2—5) dating back to Dec. 18 against the San Jose Sharks.
- A goal or an assist tonight would make **Hryckowian** the third rookie this season to have a point streak of at least six games, joining Anaheim's Beckett Sennecke (7) and New York's Matthew Schaefer (6). It would also mark the longest point streak by a Stars rookie since **Mavrik Bourque** also had points in six consecutive games (3-3—6) from Feb. 2 to 25, 2025.
- Entering play Tuesday, **Hryckowian's** five-game point streak was tied for the seventh-longest active such streak in the NHL and was the longest active point streak by a rookie.
- During **Hryckowian's** current five-game point streak, the Stars are outscoring their opponents 7-3 when he is on the ice during 5-on-5 play according to Natural Stat Trick. His seven on-ice goals for trail only **Thomas Harley** (10) for the team lead during that span.
- The Stars also have a 54.4 percent Corsi rating when **Hryckowian** is on the ice during 5-on-5 play since Dec. 18 according to Natural Stat Trick.

## HOME COOKING

- The Stars have won 12 games at the American Airline Center this season, which was tied for the sixth-most in the NHL entering play Tuesday. The team's 0.684 points percentage was the fourth-best mark in the NHL.
- **Mikko Rantanen** ranked fourth in the NHL in home scoring this season entering play Tuesday, totaling 29 points (7-22—29) in 19 games played at the American Airlines Center. His 22 home assists were the second-best mark in the NHL.
- **Wyatt Johnston's** 11 goals scored at home this season were tied for the 11th-most in the NHL this year entering play Tuesday.
- Entering play Tuesday, **Miro Heiskanen** was tied for sixth among all NHL defensemen in home scoring this season, recording 17 points (5-12—17) in 19 games played at home this season.
- **Justin Hryckowian** has scored in each of Dallas' last two home games.

## JUST THE TWO OF US

- Defensemen **Miro Heiskanen** and **Esa Lindell** have started each of the Stars' 39 games this season on a pair, playing 669:24 of ice time in all situations together. 521:03 of that ice time has come at 5-on-5.
  - Entering play Tuesday, **Heiskanen** and **Lindell's** ice time together ranked third among all defensive pairs according to Natural Stat Trick.
- When the duo has been on the ice together during 5-on-5 play, the Stars are outscoring their opponents 28-17, have 13 high-danger goals for to their opponents' five and own a 55.7 expected goals for percentage according to Natural Stat Trick.
- Among defensive pairs to play at least 300 minutes together, the **Heiskanen/Lindell** pair ranked sixth in the NHL with 2.21 expected goals against per 60 according to MoneyPuck.com entering play Tuesday.
- The pair's 57.4 expected goals for percentage was seventh-best mark in the NHL among defensive pairs to play at least 300 minutes together according to MoneyPuck.com entering play Tuesday.
- **Heiskanen** was tied for second in the NHL with 28 takeaways and **Lindell** was tied for fifth in the League with 88 blocked shots this season entering play Tuesday.

## THE MOOSE IS LOOSE

- **Mikko Rantanen** has totaled 54 points (15-39—54) in 38 games played this season and enters tonight's game leading the Stars in scoring. He ranked fifth scoring and tied in second in assists in the NHL this season entering play Tuesday.
- **Rantanen** enters tonight's game riding a six-game point streak dating back to Dec. 15, totaling 12 points (2-10—12) during that span. A goal or an assist tonight would give him points in at least seven straight games for the second time this season after also doing so from Nov. 28 to Dec. 9 (3-11—14).
  - **Rantanen** has recorded multi-point efforts in five of the six games he has played during this current streak.
- His six-game point streak is tied for the fifth-longest active such streak in the NHL.
- **Rantanen** also enters tonight's game riding a six-game assist streak, which is the longest such streak in the NHL. If he were to extend the streak tonight it would make him the seventh skater in the NHL to have an assist streak of at least seven games this season.
- If he were to record an assist tonight, it would also give **Rantanen** assists in seven consecutive games for the first time since he had a career-best, 11-game assist streak from Feb. 20 to March 13, 2024.
- **Rantanen** is currently pacing to finish the year with 83 assists and 115 points, both of which would be career highs for the forward. If he were to maintain that pace, **Rantanen** would become the third Finnish skater in NHL history to record three 100-point seasons after also doing so in 2022-23 (55-50—105) and 2023-24 (42-62—104). He would join Jari Kurri (6) and Teemu Selanne (4).

- 115 points would be the fourth-most in a single season by a Finnish player in NHL history.
- If **Rantanen** were to finish the year with 115 points, it would make his 2025-26 campaign the highest scoring season by a Stars skater in franchise history, surpassing the 114 points (43-71—114) that Bobby Smith had for the Minnesota North Stars in 1981-82.
- Eighty-three assists would set the franchise record for most assists in a season and would be the most ever in a single season by a Finnish skater in NHL history.
- Twenty-five (4-21—25) of **Rantanen's** 54 points this season have come on the power play, which was the third-most in the NHL this year entering play Tuesday.
- He is currently on pace to have 53 power-play points this year, which would be a career high and set the franchise record for most power-play points in a season, surpassing Bobby Smith (13-31—44) in 1980-81.
- **Rantanen** had two assists in Dallas' Dec. 23 game against Detroit, the first of which was his 50th point of the season. He became the second-fastest player in Stars team history (since 1993-94) to record 50 points in a season according to NHL Stats. Only **Jason Robertson** required fewer games in 2022-23 (35 GP).
- **Rantanen** tallied two assists on Dec. 18 against the Sharks to bring his career point total to 751, which gave him sole possession of fifth on the all-time scoring list among Finnish-born players.
- **Rantanen** scored a goal and tallied an assist in Dallas' game on Dec. 15 – a 4-1 win over Los Angeles. **Rantanen's** assist was his 30th of the season, tying Neal Broten in 1985-86 for the fifth-fastest player in franchise history to reach the 30-assist mark, doing so in his 33rd game of the season.
- **Rantanen** tallied three assists on Dec. 9 against the Winnipeg Jets – his 50th regular-season game with the Stars. His third assist of the night was his 60th point with the Stars (18-42—60), setting a franchise record for most points by a skater through his first 50 regular-season games with the team according to NHL Stats.
- **Rantanen** scored the game-deciding goal in the shootout against Pittsburgh on Dec. 7. It marked the sixth game-deciding goal of his career, which tied him with Teemu Selane for the sixth-most in NHL history among Finnish skaters.
- **Rantanen** had three points (1-2—3) the previous game on Dec. 5 against the Sharks, a 4-1 Dallas win. His performance against San Jose marked the 200th multi-point performance of his career, making him the fourth Finnish player and seventh-fastest European skater to record 200 multi-point games according to NHL Stats.

## JOHNNY B. GOODE

- **Wyatt Johnston** has totaled 45 points (20-25—45) in 39 games played this year and enters tonight's game tied for second on the team and 10th in the NHL in scoring entering play Tuesday. **Johnston's** 20 goals were also tied for 10th in the NHL this year.
- **Johnston** was tied for fourth in points and seventh in goals among Canadian NHL players this season entering play Tuesday.
- **Johnston** was one of four players under the age of 23 to have at least 40 points this year entering play Tuesday. He was joined by Macklin Celebrini (19 years old, 21-39—60), Connor Bedard (20 years old, 19-25—44) and Leo Carlsson (20 years old, 17-25—42).
- Twenty-three (14-9—23) of **Johnston's** 45 points this season have come on the power play, which was the fourth-most in the NHL entering play Tuesday. His 23 power-play points are two shy of tying his career high of 25 that he set last season.
- **Johnston's** 14 power-play goals led the NHL entering play Tuesday and were three more than the second-ranked skater (Leon Drasaitl with 11). His 14 power-play goals are already a career high and are eight shy of tying the single-season franchise record (Dino Ciccarelli with 22 in 1986-87).
  - Mike Modano currently holds the Dallas Stars team record with 18 in 1993-94.
- **Johnston** is currently on pace to finish the year with 42 goals, 53 assists and 96 points, all of which would be career highs.
- **Johnston** is also on pace to finish the season with 48 power-play points, which would be a career high and set a single-season franchise record.
- **Johnston** tied his single-game career high with three assists on Dec. 27 against Chicago, factoring in on each of Dallas' three goals. It marked the fifth three-assist game of his career, which is tied for the third-most in franchise history by a player age 22 or younger according to NHL Stats. Bobby Smith (11) and Mike Modano (7) are the only players with more.
- **Johnston** scored his 20th goal of the season in Dallas' Dec. 23 against Detroit, making the 2025-26 season his fourth-consecutive 20-goal season. His four 20-goal seasons to begin his career is the fifth-longest run by a player in franchise history according to NHL Stats.
- **Johnston** scored the fourth hat trick of his career and added an assist for his second four-point game of the season in Dallas' game on Nov. 30 against the Senators. He became the third player in Stars/North Stars history with four career hat tricks before age 23 according to NHL Stats, following Dino Ciccarelli and **Tyler Seguin** (both with five).
- **Johnston** had four points (1-3—4) in Dallas' game on Nov. 25 against the Oilers – an 8-3 Stars win – scoring one power-play goal and adding three assists. It was his highest single-game point total since he had a career-high five points (3-2—5) on March 5, 2024 against the Nashville Predators.
  - His performance against Edmonton marked the third time in his career that he has had at least four points in a game. He joined **Tyler Seguin** (6x) as the second player in Stars team history to register as many at age 22 or younger according to NHL Stats.
- **Johnston's** second assist of the night was the 200th point of his NHL career, making him the first player in his draft class to total 200 career points and the 50th player in franchise history to have 200 points with the club. He is the first player in Stars team history with 200 career points at age 22 or younger, and the fifth in franchise history alongside Brian Bellows (342), Mike Modano (309), Bobby Smith (222) and Tom McCarthy (202) according to NHL Stats.
- Among players to debut with the Stars, **Johnston** (100-100—200 in 269 games played) became the third-fastest player in team history to record 200 NHL points behind Jason Robertson (190 games played) and **Roope Hintz** (263 games played) according to NHL Stats.

- **Johnston's** second assist of the night also marked the 100th assist of his NHL career. He became the first player from his draft class to total 100 career assists and the 60th player in franchise history to have 100 assists with the Stars.
- **Johnston** (100-100—200) became the 10th active player to have 100 goals and 100 assists at the time of his 200th career point according to NHL Stats. He joined Alex DeBrincat, Tyler Toffoli, James van Riemsdyk, Conor Sheary, Nino Niederreiter, Sam Bennett, Victor Olofsson and Joel Armia.
- **Johnston's** scored his 100th NHL goal in Dallas' Nov. 13 game, a 7-0 win over Montreal. In doing so, he became the first player selected in the 2021 NHL Draft to score 100 NHL goals and the 26th player in franchise history to score 100 goals for the Stars/North Stars.
- **Johnston**, who was 22 years and 183 days old on Nov. 13, became the third-youngest player in Stars/North Stars history to record 100 career goals according to NHL Stats. Only Brian Bellows (20 years, 179 days) and Mike Modano (22 years, 173 days) reached the mark at a younger age.
- **Johnston** recorded at least one point on the power play in five consecutive games from Nov. 1 to 9, which was the longest such streak of his career. He is the first Stars skater to have a power-play point in five straight games since **Tyler Seguin** had a six-game power-play point streak from Dec. 29, 2018 to Jan. 8, 2019 according to NHL Stats.
- **Johnston** recorded three consecutive multi-point efforts from Nov. 4 to 8, notching three assists against the Oilers, three points (2-1—3) against the Ducks and two assists against the Predators.
  - Both of **Johnston's** goals against Anaheim came on the power play, marking the second time in his career that he has had multiple power-play goals in the same game, after scoring three on March 2, 2025 against the St. Louis Blues.
  - **Johnston** also scored the game-deciding goal in the shootout against Edmonton. It marked the second shootout goal of his career and the first time he has scored a game-winner in the shootout.

## MIRO THE HERO

- **Miro Heiskanen** has 34 points (7-27—34) in 39 games played this season, ranking fourth on the Stars and fifth among all NHL defensemen in scoring this season entering play Tuesday.
- With 317 career points (65-252—317), **Heiskanen** is one point shy of taking sole possession of 30th on the all-time scoring list by a Finnish player in NHL history. He needs two points to match Janne Niinimaa (319) for the seventh-most points by a Finnish defenseman in League history.
- **Heiskanen** has scored 65 total goals in his career, making him the seventh Finnish defenseman in NHL history to have 60 or more career goals and the only active one to do so according to NHL Stats.
- **Heiskanen** is averaging 26:02 of ice time per game this season, which was the third-highest total in the NHL entering play Tuesday.
- **Heiskanen** has recorded 28 takeaways this season, which was tied for the second-most in the NHL entering play Tuesday.
- **Heiskanen** recorded the 55th multi-assist game of his career with two helpers on Dec. 19 against the Ducks. His 55 multi-assist games are the third-most by a Finnish-born defenseman in NHL history according to NHL Stats.
- **Heiskanen** scored the first shorthanded goal of his career in Dallas' game on Dec. 11 against the Wild. He was one of seven defensemen this season to score a shorthanded goal entering play Tuesday.
- **Heiskanen** scored in three consecutive games from Dec. 3 to 7, setting a career high and becoming the seventh defenseman in Stars team history to score in three straight games.
- **Heiskanen** scored the game-tying goal with 1:49 remaining in regulation on Dec. 7 against the Pittsburgh Penguins, an eventual 3-2 shootout win for the Stars. According to NHL Stats, it was the latest game-tying goal by a Stars skater since Craig Smith (59:45) on Dec. 23, 2023.
- **Heiskanen** played in his 500th NHL game on Nov. 28, a 4-3 win over the Utah Mammoth. In reaching the milestone, he became...
  - The 34th player and 16th defensemen to play in 500 games for the Stars.
  - The second player (Nico Hischier) drafted in 2017 to play in 500 NHL games.
  - The 46th Finnish player and 13th Finnish defenseman to play in 500 NHL games.
- **Heiskanen** tallied two assists against Utah, the second of which was the 305th point of his career. He surpassed Philadelphia's Rasmus Ristolainen for eighth place on the NHL's all-time points list among Finnish defensemen.
- His 305 career points (61-244—305) were the fourth-most by a Stars defensemen through his first 500 games played according to NHL Stats.
- **Heiskanen's** performance against the Mammoth was also the 54th career multi-assist game, tying Craig Hartsburg for the second most in franchise history among defensemen according to NHL Stats.
- **Heiskanen** set a regular-season, single-game career high with 32:47 of ice time in Dallas' Nov. 22 game against the Calgary Flames, a 3-2 shootout loss. It is the most ice time any skater in the NHL has had in a single game this season.
  - It was the highest time on ice total by a Stars skater in a regular-season game since **Heiskanen** skated 32:01 April 11, 2021 against the Nashville Predators.
- **Heiskanen** tallied an assist against Montreal on Nov. 13 for the 300th point of his career, making him:
  - The second defenseman and ninth skater from the 2017 draft class to tally 300 NHL points.
  - The fifth defenseman and 29th skater in franchise history to reach the 300-point milestone.
  - The ninth Finnish defenseman in NHL history to record 300 points.
  - The 45th active defenseman to have 300 career points.
- **Heiskanen** recorded at least two assists in four consecutive games from Nov. 6 to 11, which tied **Roope Hintz** (March 24 to 29, 2025) for the longest streak of multi-assist games in franchise history according to NHL Stats. His 10 assists over that stretch also tied **Hintz** for the most assists by a Stars skater in franchise history over a four-game span according to NHL Stats. **Hintz** first accomplished this feat from Feb. 28 to March 6, 2025.



- He is one of three active defensemen to have posted a multi-assist streak of four games, joining Erik Karlsson (four games in 2014-15 and 2011-12), Josh Morrissey (four games in 2023-24) and Roman Josi (four games in 2021-22).
  - His performance against the Kraken on Nov. 9 was the 52nd multi-assist game of his career, which gave him sole possession of 13th in franchise history according to NHL Stats. He was previously tied with Dennis Hextall (51).
- **Heiskanen** tied his single-game career high with four assists in Dallas' game on Nov. 6 against Anaheim. He is now the sixth defenseman in franchise history to have multiple four-point games.
  - He joins Colorado's Cale Makar and Vancouver's Quinn Hughes as the only defensemen this season to tally four assists in a single game.
  - **Heiskanen** last had four assists in a game on March 5, 2024, against the San Jose Sharks.
- **Heiskanen** scored two goals in the team's Oct. 25 game against the Hurricanes, opening the scoring for the Stars and tallying the game-winning goal on the power play in the third period. It marked the first multi-goal game by a Stars skater this season.
- His performance against Carolina marked the sixth multi-goal game of his career and first since Nov. 11, 2024. His second goal of the game also was his first power-play goal since Feb. 20, 2024 against the New York Rangers.
- **Heiskanen's** six multi-goal games are the third-most by a Stars defenseman in franchise history according to NHL Stats, trailing only Brad Maxwell (11) and Craig Hartsburg (8). He now also ranks fourth all-time among Finnish born defensemen in career multi-goal games behind only Reijo Ruotsalainen (12 GP), Kimmo Timonen (7 GP) and Risto Siltanen (7 GP) according to NHL Stats.

## 21 CAN YOU DO SOMETHING FOR ME

- **Jason Robertson** has totaled 45 points (23-22—45) in 38 games played this season, tying for second on the team and 10th in the NHL in scoring entering play Tuesday. **Robertson's** 23 goals were tied for fifth in the League entering play Tuesday.
- **Robertson** is currently on pace to finish the season with 48 goals, which would be a career high and would tie for the fifth-most by a Stars skater in a single season in franchise history.
- **Robertson** ranked second among all American NHLers in goals (23) and points (45, tied) this season entering play Tuesday.
  - **Robertson** has totaled 314 points (133-181—314) since the start of the 2022-23 season, which leads all American-born skaters during that span. His 314 points are 17 more than second-ranked Auston Matthews (297).
- **Robertson's** 148 shots on goal this year were the third-most in the NHL this season entering play Tuesday.
- **Robertson** scored his first-ever goal against the Maple Leafs in Dallas' last game on Dec. 21 against Toronto. With the goal, **Robertson** has now scored at least one goal against every other team in the NHL.
- **Robertson** tallied three points (2-1—3) in Dallas' game on Dec. 19, an 8-3 win over the Anaheim Ducks. It marked the 33rd three-point performance of his career, which tied Tim Young for the 10th-most in franchise history according to NHL Stats.
- His performance against the Ducks was also the 12th time in his career that he has scored at least two goals in the same period, which is also the 10th-most in franchise history according to NHL Stats.
- **Robertson** scored his 20th goal of the season in Dallas' game on Dec. 11 against Minnesota, making the 2025-26 season his fifth consecutive 20-goal campaign. He is now the fourth player in Dallas Stars team history (since 1993-94) to have 20 or more goals in five consecutive seasons according to NHL Stats, joining Mike Modano (8 from 1995-96 to 2002-03), **Jamie Benn** (6 from 2013-14 to 2018-19) and **Tyler Seguin** (6 from 2013-14 to 2018-19).
- **Robertson** played in his 400th NHL game on Nov. 30 against the Senators. In reaching the milestone, he became the 47th player in franchise history and the 13th skater selected in the 2017 NHL draft to play in 400 regular-season games.
  - **Robertson's** 429 career points (184-245—429) were the third-most in franchise history through a player's first 400 games with the team and the fifth-most in NHL history among American-born players through their first 400 career games.
- **Robertson** scored the 184th goal of his career in that game, which was the second-most by a player through 400 career games with the Stars/North Stars (NHL debut or otherwise) behind Dino Ciccarelli (221) according to NHL Stats. He also passed Kyle Connor (183) for the eighth-most goals through 400 games by a U.S.-born player in NHL history according to NHL Stats.
- **Robertson** scored in seven consecutive games from Nov. 11 to 25, finding the back of the net 11 times in total during that span. His seven-game goal streak remains the longest in the NHL this season.
- **Robertson's** seven-game goal streak was the longest of his career and the longest by a Stars skater since the team relocated to Dallas in 1993-94. It is also tied for the second-longest by an American skater since the start of the 2005-06 season according to NHL Stats, trailing only Auston Matthew's eight-game goal streak in 2023-24.
- **Robertson's** 11 goals over the course of his seven-game goal streak were the most ever by a Stars skater. The previous record was held by Bill Goldsworthy, who scored nine goals over the course of a seven-game goal streak from Feb. 6 to 17, 1971.
- When he extended his goal streak to six games on Nov. 22 against the Flames, **Robertson** became the fifth player in Stars/ North Stars history to have multiple six-game goal streaks according to NHL Stats, joining Mike Modano (4x), Jamie Benn (2x), Danny Grant (2x) and Bill Goldsworthy (2x).
- From Nov. 13 to 18, **Robertson** recorded three consecutive multi-goals games for the second time in his career according to NHL Stats. **Robertson** previously had three consecutive three-point games for the first time in his career after doing so from Nov. 11 to 15.
- **Robertson** scored two goals in the Stars' game on Nov. 18 against the Islanders for his 31st career multi-goal game, which surpassed former Minnesota North Stars forward Steve Payne for ninth place on the franchise's all-time list according to NHL Stats.
- **Robertson** scored the sixth hat trick of his career in Dallas' game on Nov. 15 vs. Philadelphia to tie Neal Broten and Steve Payne for seventh place on the franchise's all-time list according to NHL Stats. All three of his goals came consecutively, making him the second player in franchise history (Neal Broten) to score multiple natural hat tricks.

## LIND, LAUGH, LOVE

- **Esa Lindell** has totaled 18 points (4-14—18) in 39 games this year, which is the second-most among Stars defensemen this season. It puts him on pace to finish the season with 29 assists and 38 points, both of which would be career highs for the defenseman.
- He enters tonight's game one assist shy of tying Curt Giles (177) for the ninth-most assists by a defenseman in franchise history.
- **Lindell** has totaled a team-high 88 blocked shots this season, which was tied for the fifth-most in the NHL entering play Tuesday.
- The Stars are outscoring their opponents 42-25 when **Lindell** has been on the ice during even-strength this season. His plus-17 on-ice goal differential was the ninth-best mark among all NHL defensemen entering play Tuesday.
- According to Natural Stat Trick, when **Lindell** has been on the ice during 5-on-5 play, the Stars...
  - Are outscoring their opponents 37-23.
  - Have 19 high-danger goals for to their opponent's seven.
  - Own a 55.76 expected goals for percentage.
  - Have a 56.41 high-danger chances for percentage.
- **Lindell** is leading the Stars in 5-on-5 on-ice goals for (37), high-danger on-ice goals for (19) and expected goals for percentage (55.76) this season.
- **Lindell** had two assists in Dallas' Dec. 19 game – an 8-3 win over the Ducks – to bring his career point total to 232 (58-174—232), taking sole possession of ninth on the franchise's all-time scoring list by defensemen.
  - He enters tonight's game eight points shy of tying Toni Lydman (242) for 11th in NHL history in scoring by a Finnish defenseman.
- **Lindell** tallied an assist on **Miro Heiskanen's** shorthanded goal – the team's first of the season – in Dallas' game on Dec. 11 against the Minnesota Wild. It marked the 13th shorthanded point of his career, the second-most by a Finnish defenseman on record in NHL history according to NHL Stats.
  - He trails only Kimmo Timonen (14).
- **Lindell** opened the scoring 44 seconds into regulation in Dallas' game on Dec. 9, a 4-3 win over the Winnipeg Jets. It was the fourth opening-minute goal of his career, which is the most by a defenseman in franchise history according to NHL Stats.
  - Only five players in franchise history have more: Mike Modano (10), Jamie Benn (7), Brian Bellows (6), Dino Ciccarelli (6) and Bill Goldsworthy (5).
- His goal against the Jets made **Lindell** the 11th defenseman in NHL history with four opening-minute goals according to NHL Stats. Only four have more: Ray Bourque (9), Larry Murphy (6), Brent Burns (5) and Sandis Ozolinsh (5).
- **Lindell** surpassed Darryl Sydor (714) for the 14th-most games played (and the seventh-most by a defenseman) in franchise history in Dallas' game on Dec. 9, a 4-3 win over the Winnipeg Jets.
- **Lindell** recorded two primary assists in Dallas' game on Dec. 3, a 3-0 win over the New Jersey Devils. It marked his first multi-assist game since March 31, 2025 against the Seattle Kraken.
  - **Lindell** was on the ice for all three Stars goals against the Devils.
- **Lindell's** first assist against the Devils was the 226th point of his career, which gave him sole possession of 10th on the franchise's all-time scoring list by defensemen, surpassing Lou Nanne (225).

## KILLING IT

- Since Nov. 9, the Stars had the best penalty kill in the League entering play Tuesday, going 68-for-75 while shorthanded during that span for a 90.7 percent success rate.
  - From the beginning of the regular season to Nov. 8, the Stars ranked 26th on the penalty kill, going 34-for-48 while shorthanded (70.8 percent).
- The Stars have gone 102-for-123 on the penalty kill this season for an 82.9 percent success rate, which was tied for the seventh-best mark in the NHL this year entering play Tuesday.
- In all this season, **Esa Lindell**, **Miro Heiskanen** and **Sam Steel** have played 44:09 together while shorthanded. During that time, the unit has only allowed three power-play goals against according to Natural Stat Trick.
- **Lindell** was leading the NHL in total shorthanded ice time (168:36) and shorthanded ice time per game (4:19) this season entering play Tuesday.
  - **Lindell** has played 18 more minutes of shorthanded ice time than the second-ranked player (Mike Matheson, 150:32).
- **Heiskanen** has played 127:34 of shorthanded ice time this season, which is the seventh-most in the NHL entering play Tuesday.
- **Lindell** (6.05) and **Heiskanen** (6.11) ranked 10th and 11th, respectively, in the NHL in power-play goals against per 60 this season among skaters to have at least 100 minutes of shorthanded ice time entering play Tuesday.
- Among players to have at least 50 minutes of shorthanded ice time this season, **Oskar Bäck** ranked fourth the NHL with 2.98 power-play goals against per 60 entering play Tuesday.

## POWER UP

- The Stars have gone 37-for-121 on the power play this season for a 30.6 percent success rate, which was the second-best mark in the NHL entering play Tuesday. Dallas' 37 power-play goals scored this season also ranked the NHL entering play Tuesday.
- Dallas is averaging 0.95 power-play goals per game this season, which was tied for the best mark in the NHL entering play Tuesday.
- When playing at the American Airlines Center this season, the Stars have gone 20-for-62 on the power play for a 32.3 percent success rate, which was the second-best mark in the League entering play Tuesday. Their 20 home power-play goals were the second-most in the NHL this year entering play Tuesday.
  - The team is averaging 1.05 power-play goals per game at home this season which was the second-best mark in the League entering play Tuesday.



- Dallas has scored at least two power-play goals in a game 11 different times this season – on Oct. 14 vs. Minnesota, on Oct. 16 vs. Vancouver, on Oct. 23 vs. Los Angeles, on Oct. 25 vs. Carolina, on Nov. 1 at Florida, on Nov. 4 vs. Anaheim, on Nov. 25 at Edmonton, on Nov. 28 vs. Utah, on Nov. 30 vs. Ottawa, on Dec. 9 at Winnipeg and on Dec. 23 at Detroit. The Stars are the only team this season to have scored two or more power-play goals in 11 games.
- The Stars scored two power-play goals 14 seconds apart in their game on Nov. 1 at Florida, which set the franchise record for the fastest consecutive power-play goals for. They bested the previous record of 15 second set by Steve Payne and Mike Fidler on March 21, 1979 against the Philadelphia Flyers while the team was still located in Minnesota.
- Dallas' 37 power-play goals have been scored by nine different skaters: **Wyatt Johnston** (14), **Jason Robertson** (9), **Roope Hintz** (5), **Mikko Rantanen** (4), **Matt Duchene**, **Miro Heiskanen**, **Justin Hryckowian**, **Tyler Seguin** and **Sam Steel**.
  - Steel's** power-play goal against the Hurricanes on Oct. 25 was only the second of his career and his first since Nov. 18, 2018 against the Washington Capitals while he was playing for the Anaheim Ducks.
- Rantanen** (4-21—25) ranked third in power-play scoring in the NHL this season entering play Tuesday followed by **Johnston** (14-9—23) who ranked fourth, **Robertson** (9-11—20) who was tied for fifth and **Hintz** (5-10—15) who was tied for 13th.
- Johnston's** 14 power-play goals led the NHL entering play Tuesday and were three more than the second-ranked skater (Leon Drasaitl with 11). His 14 power-play goals are already a career high and are eight shy of tying the single-season franchise record (Dino Ciccarelli with 22 in 1986-87).
  - Mike Modano currently holds the Dallas Stars team record with 18 in 1993-94.
- Rantanen** (53) and **Johnston** (48) are both on pace to set career highs in power-play points and set franchise records for most power-play points in a single season by a Stars skater.
  - Bobby Smith in 1980-81 currently holds the franchise record for power-play points in a season with 44 (13-31—44).
- Heiskanen** has totaled 14 points (1-13—14) on the power-play this season, which was the second-most among all NHL defensemen entering play Tuesday.

## NOVEMBER TO REMEMBER

- The Stars posted an 11-2-2 record in 15 games played in November, tying for the League lead in wins (11) and points (24) and ranking third in points percentage (.800) last month.
- Dallas' 62 goals scored and 4.13 goals per game in November tied for first and second in the NHL, respectively.
  - The team's 41 5-on-5 goals in November tied for second in the NHL.
- The Stars have gone 18-for-51 on the power in November for a 35.3 percent success rate on the man advantage, which was the best mark in the NHL last month. No team has scored more power-play goals in November than the Stars.
- The Stars 11 wins, 24 points and 62 goals scored last month are all their most ever in the month of November since the team relocated to Dallas in 1993-94.

Year	Record	Points	Points%	Goals Scored	Power Play%
2025	11-2-2	24	.800	62	35.3%
2022	8-3-3	19	.679	60	36.1%
2019	10-2-1	21	.808	41	20.0%

- Every skater that played in a game for the Stars in November recorded at least one point.
- Jason Robertson** (12-11—23) led the League lead in goals (13) and tied for the lead in points (26) in November.
  - Robertson** tied Bill Goldsworthy and Brian Bellows (both with four) for the third most 10-goal calendar months in Stars/North Stars history according to NHL Stats. The only others with more are Dino Ciccarelli (10) and Mike Modano (6).
  - Robertson** was named the NHL's Second Star of the Month for November
- Mikko Rantanen** (6-15—21) ranked sixth in the League in scoring in November followed by **Wyatt Johnston** (10-10—20) who was tied for seventh.
- Miro Heiskanen** (1-16—17) tied for the League lead in scoring among defensemen in November. His 16 assists ranked second among all NHL skaters last month.

## STAR SEARCH

- Three Dallas players have earned NHL Star of the Week honors this season: **Jason Robertson**, **Wyatt Johnston** and **Jake Oettinger**. Dallas is the only NHL team this season to have three different players be named a Star of the Week.
- Robertson** was named the NHL's First Star of the Week for the week ending on Nov. 16 after leading the League in both goals (6) and points (9) in three games played. It marks the sixth time in his career that he has earned Star of the Week honors.
  - He was named the First Star of the Week for the week ending on Nov. 6, Nov. 27 and April 13 during the 2022-23 season and for the week ending on March 6 during the 2021-22 season.
  - He also earned Third Star of the Week honors for the week ending on Dec. 4, 2022.
- Robertson** was then named the NHL's Second Star of the Month for November after leading the League with 13 goals and tying for the team lead with 26 points.
- Johnston** was named the NHL's First Star of the Week for the week ending on Nov. 30 after totaling nine points (5-4—9) in four games played, tying for the league lead in goals and ranking second in points during that span. It marked the first time in his career that he earned Star of the Week honors.
- Jake Oettinger** was named the NHL's Second Star of the Week for the week ending on Dec. 7. It marked the first time in his career that he earned Star of the Week honors.

- He posted a 3-0-0 record with a .961 save percentage, 0.98 goals-against average and one shutout in three games that week.

## IRON SHARPENS IRON

- The Stars have two players on their roster that have played in at least 100 consecutive regular-season games: **Jason Robertson** (331) and **Wyatt Johnston** (285).
- **Robertson's** 331-game Iron Man streak was tied for the seventh-longest active such streak in the NHL entering play Tuesday.
- **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 24 players in NHL history to begin their NHL career by playing in at least 285 consecutive games according to NHL Stats. Entering play Tuesday, it was the 13th-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.

## THE FINNISH FOUR

- Dallas' roster currently houses four Finns: **Miro Heiskanen**, **Roope Hintz**, **Esa Lindell** and **Mikko Rantanen**. Dallas' four Finns all hail from different Finnish cities: Espoo (**Heiskanen**), Nokia (**Hintz**), Nousiainen (**Rantanen**) and Vantaa (**Lindell**).
- **Heiskanen**, **Lindell** and **Rantanen** were three of the six players selected to Finland's preliminary Olympic roster with **Hintz** expected to join them in Milan this year. Prior to their time together on the Stars, various combinations of the four Finns had played together in international competition.
  - All four players were selected to represent their home country at the Four Nations Face-Off last February before **Heiskanen** had to withdraw due to injury.
  - **Heiskanen** and **Lindell** won a gold medal together at the 2022 IIHF World Championship.
  - **Heiskanen** and **Rantanen** represented Finland together at the 2018 IIHF World Championship.
  - **Lindell** and **Rantanen** won a silver medal together at the 2016 IIHF World Championship.
  - **Hintz** and **Rantanen** played together at the 2015 and 2016 IIHF World Junior Championships, winning a gold medal in 2016.
- The four Finns, along with current Ducks forward and former Star Mikael Granlund, started Game 2 of the Western Conference Final against the Oilers during the 2025 Stanley Cup Playoffs. It marked the first time in a regular-season or playoff game since the NHL began tracking starters in 1997-98 that all five skaters starting were from Finland.
- In all, 34 Finnish players (28 skaters and six goalies) have appeared in at least one regular-season game for the Stars, the most of any NHL franchise in League history.

## CONNECTIONS

- Stars assistant coach **Alain Nasreddine** and Sabres head coach Lindy Ruff were both on the coaching staff in New Jersey during the 2020-21 and 2021-22 seasons.
- Stars forward **Sam Steel** played under Sabres assistant coach Marty Wilford when Wilford was an assistant coach in Anaheim during the 2018-19 to 2020-21 seasons.
- Sabres head coach Lindy Ruff was the head coach of the Dallas Stars from 2014-15 to 2016-17.
- Stars defenseman **Ilya Lyubushkin** played for the Sabres during the 2022-23 season.
- Stars forward **Sam Steel** and Player Development Assistant **Jordie Benn** played with Sabres forwards Jordan Greenway and Jason Zucker in Minnesota. Steel skated with Greenway and Zucker during the 2022-23 season, while Benn skated with Greenway in 2021-22.
- Stars goaltender **Casey DeSmith** and Sabres forward Jason Zucker shared the ice in Pittsburgh from 2019-20 to 2022-23.
- Stars goaltender **Jake Oettinger** and Sabres forward Jordan Greenway were teammates at Boston University from 2016-17 to 2017-18.
- Stars defenseman **Thomas Harley** and Sabres forwards Peyton Krebs and Jack Quinn and defenseman Bowen Byram all represented Team Canada during the 2021 IIHF World Junior Championship
  - Harley and Krebs also skated together on Team Canada during the 2019 IIHF U18 World Junior Championship.
- Stars defenseman **Thomas Harley** and Sabres forward Ryan McLeod skated together on the Mississauga Steelheads (OHL) from 2017-18 to 2018-19.
- Stars forward **Nathan Bastian** and Sabres forward Ryan McLeod played together from 2015-16 to 2016-17 on the Mississauga Steelheads (OHL).
- Stars forward **Jason Robertson** and Sabres forward Josh Norris and defenseman Mattias Samuelsson were all teammates on Team USA during the 2019 IIHF World Junior Championship.
- Stars goaltender **Jake Oettinger** and Sabres forward Josh Norris both represented Team USA during the 2018 IIHF World Junior Championship.
- Stars forwards **Jason Robertson** and **Colin Blackwell** and goaltender **Jake Oettinger** all represented Team USA with Sabres forward Tage Thompson during the 2021 IIHF World Championship.
- Stars goaltender **Casey DeSmith** and Sabres forward Alex Tuch were members of Team USA during the 2023 IIHF World Championship.
- Stars forward **Mikko Rantanen** and Sabres defenseman Bowen Byram shared the ice in Colorado from 2020-21 to 2023-24. The two would win the Stanley Cup with the Avalanche in 2022.

- Stars forward **Mikko Rantanen** and **Roope Hintz** and defenseman **Esa Lindell** and Sabres goaltender Ukko-Pekka Luukkonen all represented Team Finland during the 2025 IIHF World Championship.
- Stars defenseman **Miro Heiskanen** and Sabres goaltender Ukko-Pekka Luukkonen were teammates on Team Finland during the 2019 IIHF World Junior Championship, 2017 and 2016 IIHF U18 World Junior Championships and 2016 IIHF U17 World Hockey Challenge.
- Stars Head Coach **Glen Gulutzan** coached Sabres forward Ryan McLeod in Edmonton 2020-21 to 2023-24 while he was an assistant coach with the Oilers.
- Stars forward **Nathan Bastian** skated under Sabres head coach Lindy Ruff during the 2020-21 season and again from 2021-22 to 2023-24.
- Stars forwards **Jamie Benn** and **Matt Duchene** were coached under Sabres head coach Lindy Ruff on Team Canada during the 2014 Olympic Games while Ruff was an assistant coach.
  - Duchene** would skate under Ruff again during the 2013 IIHF World Championship while on Team Canada.

## STARS REAL-TIME STATS LEADERS

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**Hits:** Bichsel (85), Hryckowian (59), Petrovic (57)

**Blocked Shots:** Lindell (88), Heiskanen (70), Harley (60)

**Shots:** Robertson (148), Johnston (98), Rantanen (96)

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

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**1-10:** 6-3-1 (13), 28/30, 11/35, 22/31

**11-20:** 6-2-2 (14), 36/26, 11/34, 23/28

**21-30:** 8-0-2 (18), 38/19, 8/26, 33/36

**31-40:** 5-2-2 (12), 34/26, 7/26, 24/28

## OVERTIME RESULTS (1-4)

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Oct. 23, 2025 vs. Los Angeles : Kempe

Oct. 30, 2025 at Tampa : Cirelli

**Nov. 11, 2025 at Ottawa : Hintz**

Dec. 2, 2025 at NY Rangers : Gavrikov

Dec. 23, 2025 at Detroit : Larkin

## SHOOTOUT RESULTS (3-3)

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**Oct. 11, 2025 at Colorado : Rantanen**

Nov. 1, 2025 at Florida : Marchand

**Nov. 4, 2025 vs. Edmonton : Johnston**

Nov. 22, 2025 at Calgary : Kadri

**Dec. 7, 2025 vs. Pittsburgh : Rantanen**

Dec. 27, 2025 vs. Chicago : Lardis

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

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### Games Played

Nathan Bastian ... 4 games ... 300 NHL games

Adam Erne ... 5 games ... 400 NHL games

Kyle Capobianco ... 7 games ... 100 NHL games

Mikko Rantanen ... 10 games ... 700 NHL games

### Wins

Casey DeSmith ... 7 wins ... 100 NHL wins

### Goals

Radek Faksa ... 5 goals ... 100 NHL goals

Jason Robertson ... 9 goals ... 200 NHL goals

### Assists

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### Points

Colin Blackwell ... 2 points ... 100 NHL points

Matt Duchene ... 4 points ... 900 NHL points

Adam Erne ... 5 points ... 100 NHL points

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

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### Games Played

Esa Lindell ... 7 games ... Tying Fred Barrett (730) for the sixth-most games played by a defenseman in franchise history

### Goals

Thomas Harley ... 2 goals ... Surpassing Barry Gibbs (35) for the 15th-most goals by a defenseman in franchise history



Wyatt Johnston ... 2 goals ... Tying Sergi Zubov (111) for the 25th-most goals in franchise history

Miro Heiskanen ... 6 goals ... Tying Derian Hatcher and John Klingberg (71) for fourth-most goals among franchise defensemen

#### Assists

Esa Lindell ... 1 assist ... Tying Curt Giles (177) for the ninth-most assists by a defenseman in franchise history

Roope Hintz ... 2 assists ... Tying Derian Hatcher (223) for the 23rd-most assists in franchise history

#### Points

Roope Hintz ... 5 points ... Tying Craig Hartsburg (413) for the 16th-most points in franchise history

## RECENT MILESTONES

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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

Tyler Seguin ... 1000th NHL game ... Oct. 30, 2025 at TBL

Justin Hryckowian ... First NHL goal ... Nov. 1, 2025 at FLA

Mikko Rantanen ... 300th NHL goal ... Nov. 4, 2025 vs. EDM

Esa Lindell ... 700th NHL game ... Nov. 9, 2025 vs. SEA

Wyatt Johnston ... 100th NHL goal ... Nov. 13, 2025 at MTL

Miro Heiskanen ... 300th NHL assist ... Nov. 13, 2025 at MTL

Jamie Benn ... 400th NHL goal ... Nov. 25, 2025 at EDM

Wyatt Johnston ... 100th NHL assist ... Nov. 25, 2025 at EDM

Wyatt Johnston ... 200th NHL point ... Nov. 25, 2025 at EDM

Miro Heiskanen ... 500th NHL game ... Nov. 28, 2025 vs. UTA

Mavrik Bourque ... 100th NHL game ... Nov. 30, 2025 vs. OTT

Jason Robertson ... 400th NHL game ... Nov. 30, 2025 vs. OTT

Casey DeSmith ... 200th NHL game ... Dec. 2, 2025 at NYR

Jamie Benn ... 1,200th NHL game ... Dec. 2, 2025 at NYR

Roope Hintz ... 400th NHL point ... Dec. 3, 2025 at NJD

Alexander Petrovic ... 300th NHL game ... Dec. 13, 2025 vs. FLA

Roope Hintz ... 500th NHL game ... Dec. 21, 2025 vs. TOR

Oskar Bäck ... 100th NHL game ... Dec. 21, 2025 vs. TOR

Sam Steel ... 100th NHL assist ... Dec. 27, 2025 vs. CHI

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