



WILD WEEK

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DATE	OPPONENT/EVENT	LOCATION	PRACTICE/GAME TIMES (CT)	INFORMATION
Mon., Dec. 15	Day Off			
Tue., Dec. 16	Washington Capitals	TRIA Rink/Grand Casino Arena	10:30 a.m. / 7 p.m.	FanDuel Sports Network / KFAN FM 100.3
Wed., Dec. 17	Travel Day			
Thu., Dec. 18	Columbus Blue Jackets	Nationwide Arena	10:30 a.m. / 6 p.m.	FanDuel Sports Network / KFAN FM 100.3
Fri., Dec. 19	Practice	TRIA Rink	12 p.m.	
Sat., Dec. 20	Edmonton Oilers	Grand Casino Arena	2 p.m.	FanDuel Sports Network / KFAN FM 100.3
Sun., Dec. 21	Colorado Avalanche	Grand Casino Arena	5 p.m.	FanDuel Sports Network / KFAN FM 100.3
Mon., Dec. 22	Day Off			



WASHINGTON CAPITALS

All-Time Wild Record: 17-14-3 (11-5-1 at Grand Casino Arena, 6-9-2 at Washington)

2025-26: Washington won the series-opening game, 5-1, at Capital One Arena (10/17)...LW **Marcus Johansson** scored the Wild's lone goal, assisted by LW **Matt Boldy** and D **Jake Middleton**...G **Filip Gustavsson** stopped 40-of-45 shots faced for Minnesota...C **Dylan Strome** led the Capitals with four points (2-2=4)...D **Martin Fehervary** (0-2=2), LW **Alex Ovechkin** (1-1=2) and RW **Tom Wilson** (1-1=2) also posted multi-point games...G **Logan Thompson** saved 13-of-14 shots faced to earn the win for Washington.

WILD LEADERS: RW **Vladimir Tarasenko** leads Minnesota with 17 points (10-7=17) in 21 career games vs. Washington...D **Quinn Hughes** owns 15 points (3-12=15) in 11 games...Johansson has 13 points (5-8=13) in 15 contests...D **Zach Bogosian** (3-9=12 in 38 games), LW **Marcus Foligno** (4-8=12 in 28 games) and RW **Mats Zuccarello** (3-9=12 in 32 games) each own 12 career points against the Capitals.

WILD GOALIES: Gustavsson is 3-2-0 with a 3.20 GAA and a .906 SV% in five career games (four starts) vs. Washington...G **Jesper Wallstedt** has not faced the Capitals.

CAPITALS LEADERS: Ovechkin leads Washington with 38 points (20-18=38) in 24 career games against Minnesota...D **Jakob Chychrun** owns 14 points (10-4=14) in 26 games...C **Dylan Strome** has 13 points (4-9=13) in 14 games.

CAPITALS GOALIES: G **Charlie Lindgren** is 0-4-1 with a 3.26 GAA and a .892 SV% in five career starts vs. Minnesota...Thompson is 4-1-0 with a 1.45 GAA and a .948 SV% in six games (five starts) vs. the Wild.

CONNECTIONS: Johansson was selected by Washington in the first round (24th overall) in the 2009 NHL Draft and collected 324 points (118-206=324) in 579 games in parts of nine seasons with the Capitals (2010-17, 2021-23)...C **Nic Dowd** played four seasons at St. Cloud State University (2010-14)...RW **Brandon Duhaime** was selected by Minnesota in the fourth round (106th overall) of the 2016 NHL Draft and recorded 40 points (20-20=40) in 211 games with the Wild (2021-24)...Lindgren is from Lakeville and played three seasons at St. Cloud State University (2013-16)...D **Declan Chisholm** collected 20 points (5-15=20) in 95 games in two seasons (2023-25) with Minnesota...RW **Nicolas Aube-Kubel** tallied 28 points (10-18=28) in 107 games in parts of two seasons with Washington (2022-24), including three Stanley Cup Playoff contests.

FAST FACTS: Minnesota earned a point in eight consecutive games (7-0-1, 1/8/22 - 3/27/25) vs. Washington prior to the Capital's win on 10/17/25...Minnesota's series sweep in 2024-25 marked the fourth time in franchise history the Wild has won two games against Washington in the same season (also 2002-03, 2021-22, 2022-23)...Minnesota has won four consecutive contests (4-0-0) played at Grand Casino Arena since 1/8/22...Ovechkin netted three PPG on March 28, 2017, the most ever by a Wild opponent in a single game.



COLUMBUS BLUE JACKETS

All-Time Wild Record: 35-23-11 (22-8-6 at Grand Casino Arena, 13-15-5 at Columbus)

2025-26: Columbus won the series-opening contest, 7-4, in St. Paul (10/11)...LW **Matt Boldy** (1-2=3) and LW **Kirill Kaprizov** (2-1=3) led Minnesota with three points each...D **Zeev Buium** (1-1=2) and C **Joel Eriksson Ek** (0-2=2) also posted multi-point games...G **Filip Gustavsson** saved 25-of-31 shots faced...RW **Kirill Marchenko** (3-0=3) notched a hat trick and C **Boone Jenner** (1-2=3) and D **Zach Werenski** (1-2=3) tallied three point games...G **Elvis Merzlikins** saved 48-of-52 shots faced to earn the victory for the Blue Jackets.

WILD LEADERS: RW **Vladimir Tarasenko** leads Minnesota with 28 points (14-15=28) in 26 career games against the Blue Jackets...LW **Marcus Johansson** has 24 points (10-14=24) in 36 career games...RW **Mats Zuccarello** has 20 points (10-10=20) in 33 games...D **Quinn Hughes** owns 16 points (1-15=16) in 11 matches.

WILD GOALIES: Gustavsson is 3-1-1 with a 2.93 GAA and a .915 SV% in five starts...G **Jesper Wallstedt** has not faced Columbus.

BLUE JACKETS LEADERS: C **Sean Monahan** leads Columbus with 15 points (6-9=15) in 32 games...D **Zach Werenski** owns nine points (5-4=9) in 14 games...D **Damon Severson** owns eight assists (0-8=8) in 20 games...D **Brendan Smith** has seven points (2-5=7) in 17 games.

BLUE JACKETS GOALIES: Merzlikins is 3-1-2 with a 3.07 GAA and a .916 SV% in six career starts vs. Minnesota...G **Jet Greaves** has not faced the Wild.

CONNECTIONS: C **Charlie Coyle** recorded 242 points (91-151=242) in 479 games across seven seasons (2012-19) with the Wild...D **David Jiricek** was selected by Columbus in the first round (No. 6 overall) of the 2022 NHL Draft and collected 11 points (1-10=11) in 53 games over parts of three seasons (2022-25)...D **Daemon Hunt** played 48 games with Columbus's primary affiliate, the Cleveland Monsters, in 2024-25...C **Brendan Gaunce** recorded one assist in 12 games with Minnesota during the 2024-25 season...Columbus Head Coach **Dean Evason** spent parts of five seasons as the Head Coach of Minnesota, posting a 147-77-27 record in 251 games (2020-23)...Columbus Goalie Coach **Niklas Backstrom** went 194-142-50 in 409 career games with Minnesota (2006-15)...He is the franchise leader in games played and wins.

FAST FACTS: Minnesota recorded a 11-game point streak (9-0-2) vs. Columbus, its longest-ever point streak against the Blue Jackets, prior to its loss on 10/11/25...The Wild has earned points in 19 of its last 26 meetings (14-7-5) against the Blue Jackets.



EDMONTON OILERS

All-Time Wild Record: 64-33-10 (33-17-3 at Grand Casino Arena, 31-16-7 at Edmonton)

2025-26: Minnesota won the first meeting, 1-0, in Edmonton (12/3)...D **Jonas Brodin** scored the game's lone goal, assisted by C **Nico Sturm**...G **Jesper Wallstedt** saved all 33 shots faced to earn the shutout victory for the Wild...G **Stuart Skinner** stopped 23-of-24 shots faced in the game for Edmonton.

WILD LEADERS: RW **Mats Zuccarello** leads Minnesota with 28 points (9-19=28) in 25 career contests vs. Edmonton...D **Quinn Hughes** owns 27 points (5-22=27) in 29 games...RW **Vladimir Tarasenko** has 23 points (13-10=23) in 31 games...C **Ryan Hartman** has 17 points (7-10=17) in 22 games.

WILD GOALIES: G **Filip Gustavsson** is 2-2-0 with a 4.41 GAA and a .880 SV% in four career starts vs. Edmonton...Wallstedt is 1-0-0 with a shutout victory in his lone start against the Oilers (12/3/25).

OILERS LEADERS: C **Connor McDavid** (12-20=32, in 26 games) and C **Ryan Nugent-Hopkins** (12-20=32, in 40 games) lead Edmonton with 32 points...C **Leon Draisaitl** has 31 points (16-15=31) in 27 games...C **Adam Henrique** owns 24 points (8-16=24) in 33 games.

OILERS GOALIES: G **Tristan Jarry** is 5-0-1 with a 2.31 and a .921 SV% in six starts against the Wild...G **Calvin Pickard** is 4-4-0 with a 2.58 GAA, a .917 SV% and one shutout in eight games (seven starts) against Minnesota.

CONNECTIONS: President of Hockey Operations and General

Manager **Bill Guerin** collected 161 points (79-82=161) and 354 PIM in 211 games with Edmonton in parts of four seasons (1997-01)...D **Jared Spurgeon** is from Edmonton...F **Tyler Pitlick** was selected by Edmonton in the second round (No. 31 overall) of the 2010 NHL Draft and collected 14 points (11-3=14) in 58 games across parts of three seasons (2013-15, 2016-17) with the club.

FAST FACTS: The Wild's 64 wins and 31 road wins all-time against the Oilers are its most against any team...The Wild's 33 victories at Grand Casino are the second-most against any franchise (COL, 35)...The Wild is 12-4-0 in the last 16 games against the Oilers dating back to 10/22/19...Minnesota is 36-13-1 (.730) vs. Edmonton since the 2010-11 season, the NHL's second-best point percentage against the Oilers in that span...Since the start of the 2010-11 season, Minnesota is 20-5-0 (.800) in 25 games at Edmonton, including an eight-game win streak (2/21/13-1/31/17) - the longest road win streak in team history...Minnesota has won six of its last eight games against Edmonton at Grand Casino Arena dating back to 10/22/19...The Wild won 17 straight games against the Oilers in Saint Paul (2/25/07-10/13/11) - the longest home win streak against an opponent in franchise history.



COLORADO AVALANCHE

All-Time Wild Record: 62-55-13 (35-26-5 at Grand Casino Arena, 27-29-8 at Colorado)

2025-26: Minnesota won the series-opening game, 3-2, in shootout at Grand Casino Arena (11/28)...LW **Kirill Kaprizov** (2-0=2) scored both of Minnesota's goals in regulation...LW **Matt Boldy** notched the game-deciding shootout goal...G **Jesper Wallstedt** posted 39 saves on 41 shots and stopped all three shootout attempts to earn the win for the Wild...C **Nathan MacKinnon** led the Avalanche with two points (1-1=2)...LW **Gabriel Landeskog** (1-0=1) also scored a goal...G **Scott Wedgewood** stopped 37-of-39 shots faced for Colorado.

WILD LEADERS: RW **Vladimir Tarasenko** leads Minnesota with 35 points (15-20=35) in 47 games against Colorado...RW **Mats Zuccarello** owns 33 points (7-26=33) in 35 career matches...LW **Kirill Kaprizov** has 22 points (14-8=22) in 18 games...D **Jared Spurgeon** owns 20 points (5-15=20) in 62 games.

WILD GOALIES: Gustavsson is 2-7-1 with a 3.81 GAA and a .884 SV% in nine starts against Colorado...G **Jesper Wallstedt** is 1-0-0 with a 1.85 GAA and a .951 SV% in his lone start.

AVALANCHE LEADERS: MacKinnon leads the Avalanche with 65 points (24-41=65) in 52 career games against Minnesota...Landeskog owns 43 points (21-22=43) in 50 games...D **Brent Burns** has 29 points (5-17=29) in 46 games...D **Cale Makar** has 23 points (5-18=23) in 26 games.

AVALANCHE GOALIES: G **Mackenzie Blackwood** has a 2-4-2 record with a 2.72 GAA and a .904 SV% in eight career starts vs. Minnesota...Wedgewood has a 1-2-2 record with a 2.70 GAA and a .913 SV% in six games (four starts) against the Wild.

CONNECTIONS: LW **Yakov Trenin** recorded three points (2-1=3) in 16 games with the Avalanche in 2023-24...Burns was selected by Minnesota in the first round (20th overall) of the 2003 NHL Draft and collected 183 points (55-128=183) and 325 PIM in 453 games with the Wild across seven seasons (2003-11)...RW **Nicolas Aube-Kubel** collected 22 points (11-11=22) in 67 games with Colorado in 2021-22. He also skated in 14 Stanley Cup Playoff games with the Avalanche...C **Brock Nelson** is from Warroad...D **Sam Malinski** is from Lakeville.