# DALLAS STARS

**0-0-0, 0 PTS** (2nd in Central) **Last Game:** 4/16 5-1 L at NSH **Next Game:** 4/21 vs. COL **PP:** 0/0 (00.0%) **PK:** 0/0 (00.0%)



**COLORADO AVALANCHE** 

O-O-O, O PTS (3rd in Central)
Last Game: 4/13 4-2 W at ANA
Next Game: 4/21 at DAL
PP: O/O (OO.O%)
PK: O/O (OO.O%)

DALLAS STARS VS. COLORADO AVALANCHE // APRIL 19, 2025 // 7:30 P.M. CT // AMERICAN AIRLINES CENTER // DALLAS, TX

### LAST GAME

#### Dallas 1 at Nashville 5

Goals: Marchment

Goalie: Oettinger (17/22); DeSmith (12/12) PP: O/6 PK: 3/4 Shots: Dallas 30 - Nashville 34

Three Stars: 1. NSH - R. O'Reilly 2. NSH - J. Oesterle 3. NSH - J. Saros

• Mason Marchment scored 0:16 seconds into the first period, which marked the Stars' fastest goal from the start of a game this season (previous: 18 seconds by Tyler Seguin on Nov. 25, 2024) according to NHL Stats.

# **UPCOMING SCHEDULE**

Monday, April 21, 2025: Dallas vs. Colorado, 8:30 p.m. CT, American Airlines Center (TNT, truTV, MAX, ALT, Victory+/The Ticket)

Wednesday, April 23, 2025: Dallas at Colorado, 8:30 p.m. CT, Ball Arena (ESPN, ALT, Victory+/The Ticket)

Saturday, April 26, 2025: Dallas at Colorado, 8:30 p.m. CT, Ball Arena (TBS, truTV, MAX, ALT, Victory+/The Ticket)

\*Monday, April 28, 2025: Dallas vs. Colorado, TBD

\*Thursday, May 1, 2025: Dallas at Colorado, TBD

\*Saturday, May 3, 2025: Dallas vs. Colorado, TBD

\*if necessary

# **RECENT TRANSACTIONS**

March 24, 2025: Signed F Ayrton Martino to a two-year, entry-level contract that will begin in 2025-26: Signed D Trey Taylor to a two-year, entry-level contract that will begin in 2025-26

April 11, 2025: Signed G Arno Tiefensee to a two-year, entry-level contract that will begin in 2025-26

April 12, 2025: Recalled D Alexander Petrovic from Texas (AHL)

April 16, 2025: Loaned D Lian Bichsel and D Alexander Petrovic to Texas (AHL); Activated F Tyler Seguin off of LTIR

April 18, 2025: Recalled D Lian Bichsel, D Alexander Petrovic and G Ben Kraws from Texas (AHL)

### **CURRENT INJURIES** TOTAL REGULAR SEASON MAN GAMES LOST: 190

Nils Lundkvist (shoulder; LTIR) – 35 games Miro Heiskanen (lower body; IR) – 32 games Jason Robertson (lower body) – week-to-week

### **GAME NOTES**

#### THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

- Tonight marks the Stars' 412th postseason game in franchise history. They enter the 2025 Stanley Cup Playoffs with a 208-203 all-time postseason record.
- The Stars have a 36-36 all-time record in Game 1s and a 17-23 record in Game 1s since the team relocated to Dallas. They are looking for their first Game 1 win since Sept. 19, 2020 when the Stars took down the Tampa Bay Lightning 4-1 in Game 1 of the Stanely Cup Final.
- 2025 marks the first trip to the Stanely Cup Playoffs for rookies Oskar Bäck and Lian Bichsel. Mavrik Bourque appeared in one game for the Stars during the 2024 postseason.
- The Stars' American Hockey League (AHL) affiliate the Texas Stars also qualified for the postseason after finishing the 2024-25 regular season with a 42-25-3 record. Dallas is one of nine organizations this season to have both its NHL and AHL clubs qualify for their respective postseasons, with the others being Carolina, Colorado, Florida, Los Angeles, Montreal, St. Louis, Tampa Bay and Washington.
- The Stars enter the 2025 postseason ranked ninth all-time in playoff wins with 208. With a series win over Colorado, they will tie the Pittsburgh Penguins for eighth.

### **PLAYOFF BOUND**

- Dallas became the third team to clinch a berth to the 2025 Stanley Cup Playoffs with their 5-1 win over the Kraken in their game on March 29.
- 2024-25 season marks the 37th postseason appearance in franchise history and their fifth time in the past five seasons tied for the most among all teams in that span according to NHL Stats.

- The Stars have made the Conference Finals in each of their past two postseasons and can become the fifth team in the
  past 20 years to do so in three straight (also TBL, CHI, LAK & DET) according to NHL Stats.
- The Stars have won nine series in the past 10 years, tied with the Penguins for the third most in the NHL in that span according to NHL Stats behind only the Lightning (18) and Golden Knights (11).
- The Stars are set to face off against the Colorado Avalanche in the first round of the 2025 Stanley Cup Playoffs.

#### **SNOWPLOWS**

- In the postseason, the Stars are 18-20 all-time against the Avalanche, including an 8-12 mark at home.
  - o In regular season, Dallas is 69-68-22 all-time vs. Colorado, including a 43-23-13 mark on home ice.
- **Jamie Benn** has earned 14 points (5-9—14) in 14 career playoff appearances against the Avalanche. His 14 playoff points vs. Colorado are the second-most among active NHL skaters, behind teammate **Miro Heiskanen** (6-11—17, 14 GP).
  - o This season, Benn earned three points (1-2-3) in three games against Colorado.
- Wyatt Johnston led Stars skaters in points against the Avalanche this season, earning five points (0-5—5) in three games, which ranked tied for fourth across the NHL. In all, Johnston has 10 points (2-8—10) in 11 career regular season games vs. Colorado, while registering four points (3-1—4) in six playoff appearances against them.
- Roope Hintz has totaled 11 points (3-8—11) in 12 career postseason games against the Avalanche. His 11 playoff points vs. Colorado rank fourth among active skaters in the league.
- **Jason Robertson** has registered seven points (0-7—7) in six postseason appearances vs. Colorado, averaging better than a point per game against them (1.17).
  - o This season, **Robertson** had four points (3-1—4) in three games against the Avalanche.
  - o In all, he has totaled 17 points (8-9—17) in 14 career regular season games vs. Colorado.
- Tyler Seguin has recorded nine points (5-4—9) in 14 total playoff games against the Avalanche. In 42 career regular season games vs. Colorado, Seguin has 49 points (26-23—49), averaging better than a point per game against them (1.17).
  - o Seguin has a regular season six-game point streak vs. Colorado, earning 10 points (8-2–10) during that span.
- Matt Duchene has eight points (4-4—8) in 10 postseason appearances against the Avalanche. He enters tonight's contest riding a two-game playoff point streak vs. Colorado (1-1—2).
- Mikael Granlund eight points (2-6—8) in 11 playoff games against the Avalanche.
- **Jake Oettinger** is 4-1-1 in his playoff career vs. Colorado, posting a .911 save percentage and a 2.24 goals-against average in six games.

# **FAMILIAR FOES**

- Tonight will mark the seventh time in franchise history that the Stars will face off against the Avalanche in a playoff series, owning a 4-2 record in their previous six postseason series meetings.
- In all, the Stars have an 18-20 record against the Avalanche, which is their third-highest playoff win total against a single opponent, trailing only the St. Louis Blues (40) and the Edmonton Oilers (29).
- No franchise in NHL history has won more playoff games against the Avalanche than the Stars.
- The Stars also top all NHL franchises in playoff goals 112 scored against Colorado.

#### **PLAYOFF PROWESS**

- Mikko Rantanen is a point-per-game player in the postseason in his career, totaling 101 points (34-67—101) in 81 Stanley Cup Playoff games.
  - His 101 career playoff points are tied for 13th among all active skaters and rank seventh in NHL history among Finnish players.
- Miro Heiskanen has notched 61 career playoff points (16-45—61) in 85 Stanley Cup Playoff games, which ranks ninth among all active defensemen.
- **Heiskanen** (6-10—16), **Wyatt Johnston** (6-10—16) and **Jason Robertson** (10-6—16) led the Stars in postseason scoring in 2024 with 16 points each.
- Johnston had five points (3-2—5) in his final five games of the 2024 Stanley Cup Playoffs. His 22 career playoff points (14-8—22) are the most of any player selected in the 2021 NHL Draft and are tied for fifth on Dallas' roster since his made his postseason debut in 2023.
- Jamie Benn concluded the 2024 postseason by totaling eight points (2-6—8) in his finals seven games played.
- Mikael Granlund has eight o (2-6—8) in his last eight postseason games played dating back to May 21, 2021 vs. Carolina.

# PARTY LIKE IT'S 1999

- The Stars enter the 2025 Stanley Cup Playoffs looking to win their second Stanley Cup in franchise history after defeating the Buffalo Sabres in six games to bring the team's first championship to Dallas in 1999.
- At the time of the Stars' first Stanely Cup win, eight players on the team's current roster had yet to be born: Oskar Bäck, Mavrik Bourque, Lian Bichsel, Thomas Harley, Miro Heiskanen, Wyatt Johnston, Nils Lundkvist and Jason Robertson had not been born yet.
  - o **Heiskanen** (July 18, 1999) and **Robertson** (July 22, 1999) were both born about a month after the Stars hoisted the Stanley Cup.
- The Stars defeated the Sabres 2-1 on June 19, 1999 to secure the franchise's first-ever championship. On that day...

- o The number one song in the United States was "If You Had My Love" by Jennifer Lopez.
- o The number one movie was Disney's "Tarzan."
- o The 1999 FIFA Women's World Cup began. The United States would ultimately go on to win the tournament, led by superstars Mia Hamm and Brandi Chastain.

#### **CUP RUNNETH OVER**

- Tyler Seguin and Mikko Rantanen are the two players on Dallas' roster who have previously won the Stanley Cup.
- Seguin was a part of Boston's 2011 championship run, winning the Stanley Cup in his rookie season. He recorded seven points (3-4—7) in 13 postseason games.
- Seguin has reached the Finals on two additional occasions: in 2013 with Boston (vs. Chicago) and in 2020 with Dallas (vs. Tampa Bay).
- Rantanen hoisted the Cup in 2022 with the Avalanche, finishing the postseason with 25 points (5-20—25) in 20 games, which was good for fifth in the NHL is scoring that year.

#### FOR PETE'S SAKE

- Head Coach Pete DeBoer enters the 2025 Stanley Cup Playoffs with an 88-72 all-time playoff record.
- His 88 wins are the 10th-most in NHL history and top all active coaches.
- Those 88 wins have amounted to 17 series wins, which also ranks 10th in NHL history and sits one shy of the league lead among active coaches (Jon Cooper, 18).
- No coach in NHL history has a better record in Game 7s than DeBoer, who is a perfect 8-0 in his career.
- The 2025 postseason marks the 10th consecutive year in which a DeBoer-coached team has reached the playoffs, which trails only Paul Maurice (12) and Cooper (11) for the longest active run among head coaches.
- **DeBoer** is looking to reach the Conference Finals for the seventh time in his career after previously doing so with New Jersey (2011-12), San Jose (2015-16, 2018-19), Vegas (2019-20) and Dallas (2022-23, 2023-24).
- Entering this postseason, DeBoer and Cooper are the only active coaches to reach the Conference Finals six separate times, with DeBoer being the only coach to achieve that feat with multiple teams.

### **REGULAR SEASON RECAP**

- The Stars finished the 2024-25 regular season with a 50-26-6 record, ranking in the top five in the NHL this year in wins (tied fourth), points (fifth), goals for (275, tied third), goals for per game (3.35, tied third) and penalty kill (82.0 percent, tied fourth).
- The 2024-25 campaign marks the second straight year that Dallas has finished the regular season with at least 50 wins and the third consecutive year that the team concluded the regular season with a points percentage above .640.
- This season also sits near the top in the franchise record book in terms of single-season success with the team's 50 wins tying for the fourth-most in franchise history.
- The team's regular-season success this year came in spite of logging 190 man games lost to injury, which includes significant stretches playing without Tyler Seguin (62 games), Miro Heiskanen (32 games), Nils Lundkvist (40 games), Mason Marchment (20 games) and others.

### **HOME COOKING**

- Dallas logged a 28-10-3 record in home games this season, which includes 40 games played at the American Airlines Center and one game played at Nokia Arena in Finland as part as the NHL's Global Series.
- The team's 28 home wins were just one shy of matching the franchise record set in 1998-99, and their 59 home points and .720 home points percentage were tied for the fourth- and fifth-best marks in franchise history.
- Jason Robertson (43 points, 41 games played), Mikko Rantanen (44 points, 41 games played) and Roope Hintz (40 points, 39 games played) and Tyler Seguin (10 points, 10 games played) all played at a point-per-game pace in home games this year.
- Thomas Harley concluded the regular season by recording 21 points (6-15—21) in his last 21 home games dating back to Dec. 31 His 21 points were tied for fifth among all NHL defensemen during that span.

# THIRTY, FLIRTY AND THRIVING

- Four skaters on Dallas' roster scored at least 30 goals this season: Jason Robertson (35), Wyatt Johnston (33), Mikko Rantanen (32) and Matt Duchene (30).
- The 2024-25 campaign marked the first time the Stars' roster has housed four 30-goal scorers since the 1992-93 season when Russ Courtnall (36), Ulf Dahlen (35), Dave Gagner (33) and Mike Modano (33) all scored at least 30 goals.
- The Stars and the Tampa Bay Lightning were the only teams to finish the regular season with four 30-goal scorers on their rosters.

### CONNECTIONS

- Stars forward Matt Duchene was drafted by Colorado with the third pick in the 2009 NHL Draft, he played for Colorado from 2009-10 to 2017-18.
- Stars forward Mikko Rantanen was drafted by the Avalanche with the 10th pick in the 2015 NHL Draft. He played for Colorado from 2015-16 to 2024-25.

- Avalanche forward Joel Kiviranta played for the Dallas Stars from 2019-20 until the 2022-23 season.
- Avalanche goaltender Scott Wedgewood played for the Dallas Stars from 2021-22 to 2023-24.
- Avalanche forward Valeri Nichushkin played for the Dallas Stars from 2013-14 to 2015-16 then returned to Dallas for the 2018-19 season.
- Stars defenseman Matt Dumba and Avalanche forward Ross Colton both played for Tampa Bay during the 2023-24 season.
- Stars forward Evgenii Dadonov and Avalanche forward Jonathan Drouin played part of the 2022-23 season together with the Montréal Canadiens.
- Stars forward **Evgenii Dadonov** and Avalanche forward Parker Kelly played one game together as members of the Ottawa Senators during the 2020-21 season.
- Stars defenseman Ilya Lyubushkin and Avalanche forward Casey Mittelstadt were teammates in Buffalo during the 2022-23 season.
- Stars defenseman **Brendan Smith** and Avalanche forward Miles Wood skated together for the New Jersey Devils during the 2022-23 season.
- Stars defenseman Matt Dumba and Avalanche defenseman Calvin de Haan played together in Tampa Bay during the 2023-24 season.
- Stars forward Sam Steel and Avalanche defenseman Josh Manson both played for the Anaheim Ducks from 2018-19 to the 2021-22 season.
- Stars defenseman Brendan Smith and Avalanche goaltender Alexander Georgiev were members of the New York Rangers from 2016-17 to 2020-21. Stars forward Colin Blackwell also played for the Rangers in 2020-21 and defenseman Nils Lundkvist was a Ranger during the 2021-22 season while Georgiev was with the Rangers.
- Stars goaltending coach **Jeff Reese** and Avalanche assistant coach Nolan Pratt worked together and won a Stanley Cup in 2004 with the Tampa Bay Lightning when Pratt played for Tampa Bay in 2001-02 to 2003-04 and came back from 2005-06 and 2006-07.
- Avalanche skills coach Toby Petersen played for the Dallas Stars from 2007-08 to 2012-13. He also spent time as the Texas Stars (AHL) in 2012-13 and 2013-14 as the team's assistant captain.
- Stars forward Mikael Granlund and defenseman Matt Dumba played with Avalanche forward Charlie Coyle in Minnesota. Granlund played with Coyle from 2012-13 to 2018-19 and Dumba from 2013-14 to 2018-19.
- Stars defenseman **Brendan Smith** and forward **Mikko Rantanen** played with Avalanche forward Jack Drury in Carolina. Smith and Drury were in Carolina for part of the 2021-22 season, Rantanen and Drury played for Carolina during part of the 2024-25 season.
- Stars defenseman Brendan Smith and forward Mikko Rantanen played with Avalanche forward Martin Necas in Carolina. Smith and Necas shared the ice in 2021-22 while Rantanen and Necas skated together during the 2024-25 season.
- Stars defenseman Thomas Harley and Avalanche forward Nathan MacKinnon and defenseman Cale Makar were members of Team Canada in the 2025 Four Nations tournament.
- Stars goaltender Jake Oettinger and Avalanche forward Brock Nelson both played for Team USA in the 2025 Four Nations tournament.
- Stars defenseman Brendan Smith and Avalanche forward Jimmy Vesey were teammates with the New York Rangers from 2016-17 to 2018-19.
- Stars Player Development Assistant Jordie Benn and Avalanche forward Jimmy Vesey shared the ice in Vancouver during the 2020-21 season.
- Stars defensemen Brendan Smith and Nils Lundkvist along with forward Colin Blackwell played with Avalanche defenseman Ryan Lindgren for the New York Rangers. Smith played with Lindgren from 2018-19 to 2020-21, Lundkvist joined the two in 2020-21 and Blackwell played with Lindgren in 2021-22.
- Stars forward Mikael Granlund, defenseman Cody Ceci and Avalanche goaltender Mackenzie Blackwood played together in San Jose. Granlund and Blackwood played in San Jose in 2023-24 to 2024-25 and Ceci joined them for the 2025 season.

### REGULAR SEASON STARS REAL-TIME STATS LEADERS

Hits: Bichsel (155), Benn (114), Blackwell (84)

Blocked Shots: Lindell (170), Lyubushkin (136), Harley (110)

Shots: Rantanen (212), Robertson (211), Johnston (202)

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

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

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

**21-30**: 6-4-0 (12), 28/25, 7/31, 25/29

**31-40**: 7-2-1 (15), 34/25, 4/33, 18/20

**41-50**: 6-4-0 (12), 27/23, 8/28, 21/26

**51-60**: 7-2-1 (15), 47/31, 12/26, 26/29 **61-70**: 6-2-2 (14), 31/27, 6/29, 20/24

**71-80:** 5-3-2 (12), 35/31, 8/32, 24/35

**81-90**: O-2-O (O), 5/11, O/9, 5/7

# **OVERTIME RESULTS (7-4)**

Dec. 14, 2024 vs. St. Louis: Duchene Dec. 27, 2024 vs. Minnesota: Faber Jan. 4, 2025 vs. Utah: Harley Jan. 7, 2025 at New York Rangers: Benn Jan. 28, 2025 at Vegas: Johnston March 6, 2025 vs. Calgary: Robertson

March 18, 2025 vs. Anaheim: Granlund March 22, 2025 vs. Philadelphia: Harley

March 16, 2025 at Colorado: Makar

April 6, 2025 at Minnesota: Rossi April 8, 2025 vs. Vancouver: Sherwood

# **SHOOTOUT RESULTS (2-2)**

Oct. 15, 2024 vs. San Jose: Duchene Jan. 11, 2025 at Montréal: Robertson Feb. 7, 2025 at Los Angeles: Kempa March 20, 2025 vs. Tampa Bay: Goncalves

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

### **Games Played**

Jason Robertson ... 5 games ... 50 NHL playoff games Mason Marchment ... 9 games ... 50 NHL playoff games Evgenii Dadonov ... 11 games ... 50 NHL playoff games Thomas Harley ... 11 games ... 50 NHL playoff games Wyatt Johnston ... 12 games ... 50 NHL playoff games Cody Ceci ... 12 games ... 100 NHL playoff games Esa Lindell ... 15 games ... 100 NHL playoff games

### **Starts**

N/A

Goals

N/A

**Assists** 

Tyler Seguin ... 4 assists ... 50 NHL playoff assists Roope Hintz ... 14 assists ... 50 NHL playoff assists

**Points** 

Jason Robertson ... 12 points ... 50 NHL playoff points

# **RECENT MILESTONES**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Brendan Smith ... 700th NHL game ... Nov. 11, 2024 at PIT

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

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

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

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

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

Lian Bichsel ... First NHL game and first NHL goal ... Dec. 12, 2024 vs. NSH

Justin Hryckowian ... First NHL game ... Dec. 29, 2024 at CHI

Wyatt Johnston ... 200th NHL game ... Dec. 31, 2024 vs. BUF

Jason Robertson ... 200th NHL assist ... Dec. 31, 2024 vs. BUF

Arttu Hyry ... First NHL game ... Jan. 2, 2025 vs. OTT

Arttu Hyry ... First NHL point (assist) ... Jan. 4, 2025 vs. UTA

Matt Dumba ... 700th NHL game ... Jan. 14, 2025 at TOR

Matt Duchene ... 1,100th NHL game ... Jan. 16, 2025 vs. MTL
Justin Hryckowian ... First NHL point (assist) ... Jan. 19, 2025 vs. DET
Ilya Lyubushkin ... 400th NHL game ... Jan. 21, 2025 vs. CAR
Lian Bichsel ... First NHL assist ... Feb. 2, 2025 vs. CBJ
Matt Duchene ... 500th NHL assist ... Feb. 7, 2025 at LAK
Sam Steel ... 400th NHL game ... March 8, 2025 at EDM
Evgenii Dadonov ... 600th NHL game ... March 8, 2025 at EDM
Mikko Rantanen ... 400th NHL assist ... March 16, 2025 at COL
Mikael Granlund ... 600th NHL point ... March 18, 2025 vs. ANA
Thomas Harley ... 100th NHL point ... March 26, 2025 at EDM
Roope Hintz ... 200th NHL assist ... March 29, 2025 at SEA
Mikko Rantanen ... 700th NHL point ... April 3, 2025 vs. NSH
Mason Marchment ... 300th NHL game ... April 8, 2025 vs. VAN
Mikael Granlund ... 900th NHL game ... April 12, 2025 vs. UTA

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