



DALLAS STARS AT COLORADO AVALANCHE



OCT. 11, 2025 // 8 P.M. CT
BALL ARENA // DENVER, CO

LAST GAME

Dallas 5 at Winnipeg 4

Goals: Rantanen, Lundkvist, Robertson, Seguin, Johnston

Goalie: Oettinger (21/25)

PP: 1/5 **PK:** 4/4 **Shots:** Dallas 37 – Winnipeg 25

Three Stars: 1. WPG – K. Connor 2. DAL – M. Rantanen 3. DAL – J. Robertson

- The Stars have now won six straight season-opening games dating to 2020-21, which is the longest active streak.
- **Wyatt Johnston** has now recorded a point in all four of the season opening games that he has played in (2-2—4). He is the ninth player in franchise history – and the first since Sergei Zubov (1996-97 to 2005-06; 9) – to record a point in at least four consecutive season openers according to NHL Stats. He is also the seventh active skater to record at least one point in each of the first season openers of his career according to NHL Stats.

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

Tuesday, Oct. 14, 2025: Dallas Stars vs. Minnesota Wild, 8:30 p.m. CT, American Airlines Center (ESPN)

Thursday, Oct. 16, 2025: Dallas Stars vs. Vancouver Canucks, 7 p.m. CT, American Airlines Center (Victory+/The Ticket)

Saturday, Oct. 18, 2025: Dallas at St. Louis, 6 p.m. CT, Enterprise Center (Victory+/The Ticket)

Tuesday, Oct. 21, 2025: Dallas Stars vs. Columbus Blue Jackets, 7 p.m. CT, American Airlines Center (Victory+/The Ticket)

Thursday, Oct. 23, 2025: Dallas vs. Los Angeles, 8 p.m. CT, American Airlines Center (ESPN+/HULU/The Ticket)

RECENT TRANSACTIONS

Oct. 2, 2025: Loaned G Rémi Poirier to Texas (AHL)

Oct. 5, 2025: Loaned F Justin Hryckowian, F Cameron Hughes, F Arttu Hyry and D Vladislav Kolyachonok to Texas (AHL).

Oct. 6, 2025: Loaned D Lian Bichsel to Texas (AHL); Recalled F Harrison Scott and D Trey Taylor from Texas (AHL); Placed F Oskar Bäck and Jamie Benn on IR; Placed D Luke Kryszewski, F Kyle McDonald and F Chase Wheatcroft on non-roster IR

Oct. 7, 2025: Recalled D Lian Bichsel from Texas (AHL); Placed F Jamie Benn on LTIR; Signed F Adam Erne to a one-year, two-way contract; Loaned F Harrison Scott and D Trey Taylor to Texas (AHL); Recalled F Justin Hryckowian from Texas (AHL)

CURRENT INJURIES

MAN GAMES LOST: 2

Jamie Benn (collapsed lung; LTIR) – 1 game

Oskar Bäck (undisclosed; IR) – 1 game

MATCHUP

	DALLAS	COLORADO
RECORD	1-0-0	2-0-0
STANDINGS	T-2nd in Central, T-3rd in West	1st in Central, 1st in West
LAST GAME	10/9 at WPG (5-4 W)	10/9 vs. UTA (2-1 W)
NEXT GAME	10/14/25 vs. MIN	10/13/25 at BUF
LAST 10 GAMES	1-0-0	2-0-0
LEADING SCORER	Mikko Rantanen (1-2—3)	Martin Necas (2-1—3)
POWER PLAY	1/5 (20.0%)	2/10 (20.0%)
PENALTY KILL	4/4 (100%)	5/7 (71.4%)

GAME NOTES

THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

- Tonight is the first of four games the Stars will play against the Avalanche this season and the first time the two teams are playing each other in Denver this season. The teams will not play again until March 6 in Dallas, going 146 days in between games.
- A win tonight over the Avalanche would give the Stars consecutive victories to start a season for the second consecutive year after beginning the 2024-25 campaign with a four-game win streak.
- A win tonight would give the team victories in their first two road games of a season for the first time since the 2010-11 season when they defeated the New Jersey Devils 4-3 in overtime on Oct. 8 and then took down the New York Islanders 5-4 in a shootout the following night.
 - If the Stars were to win in regulation tonight, it would give them regulations wins in their first two road games of the season for the first time since 1996-97, defeating the New York Rangers 2-1 on Oct 10 and the New Jersey Devils 4-2 on Oct. 12.

- The 2025-26 campaign is the first time that the Stars have played their first two games of the season on the road since Dallas began the 2021-22 season on a four-game road trip.
- Dallas' five goals scored against the Jets are tied for the third-most in a season opener in team history (since 1993). It also marked the fifth time in team history that the Stars had five different goal scorers in a season-opening game.
- If he plays, tonight will mark the 300th NHL game of **Colin Blackwell's** career. Originally selected by San Jose in the seventh round (194th overall) of the 2011 NHL Draft, **Blackwell** is set to become the 11th active seventh rounder to play in at least 300 regular-season games.
- **Jason Robertson** is four points away from recording his 400th career point. When he reaches the milestone, he will become:
 - The 17th player in franchise history to record 400 points with the team.
 - The third-fastest player in franchise history to record 400 points with the club.
 - The fourth player selected in the 2017 NHL draft to total 400 career points.
- **Roope Hintz** enters tonight's game two goals shy of passing Danny Grant (176) for 15th-most goals in franchise history.

SNOWPLOW

- Dallas is 69-68-22 all-time vs. Colorado, including a 26-45-9 mark on the road.
- **Tyler Seguin** currently rides a six-game point streak against Colorado, registering 10 points (8-2—10) during that span.
 - In all, **Seguin** has totaled 49 points (26-23—49) in 42 career games vs. the Avalanche, averaging 1.17 points per game.
 - His 49 career points against them rank sixth among all active NHL skaters.
- **Matt Duchene** has 21 points (14-7—21) in 19 career games against Colorado. He enters tonight's game riding a four-game point streak against the Avalanche (3-3—6).
 - **Duchene** was a member of the Avalanche from 2009-10 until 2017-18, totaling 428 points (178-250—428) in 586 games.
- **Jason Robertson** has 17 points (8-9—17) in 14 career games against Colorado. **Robertson** also has totaled 10 points (4-6—10) in seven career games played at Ball Arena, earning at least one point in all but one of those contests.
- **Wyatt Johnston** has 10 points (2-8—10) in 11 career games against the Avalanche. He enters tonight's contest riding a five-game point streak vs. Colorado, registering nine points (1-8—9) during that span.
- **Roope Hintz** enters tonight's matchup riding a three-game points streak against the Avalanche (2-1—3). In 19 career games played vs. Colorado, **Hintz** has earned 12 points (4-8—12).
- Only playing in one game against his former team, **Mikko Rantanen** has registered one assist which marked as his 400th NHL career assist on March 16, 2025 at Colorado.
- **Jake Oettinger** is 5-3-2 in his career vs. Colorado, posting a .911 save percentage and a 3.14 goals-against average in those games.
- **Casey DeSmith** is 2-1-1 in his career against the Avalanche, posting a .911 save percentage and a 3.45 goals-against average in those games.

JAKE AND BAKE

- Thursday's victory over the Jets marked the 150th win of **Jake Oettinger's** career, posting a 150-66-27 record in 252 career games. He is the fourth netminder in franchise history to total at least 150 wins with the club, joining Marty Turco (262), Kari Lehtonen (216) and Ed Belfour (160).
- **Oettinger** earned his 150th win in his 252nd game making him the fastest American goaltender in NHL history and the fastest goaltender in franchise history to 150 career wins. He's one of 17 American netminders in NHL history to earn at least 150 wins.
- His 150 wins since the start of the 2020-21 season – when he made his NHL debut – are the fifth-most in the NHL during that span, trailing on Connor Hellebuyck (174), Andrei Vasilevskiy (172), Igor Shesterkin (153) and Sergei Bobrovsky (153).
- **Oettinger** also became the first goaltender in franchise history to win four season-opening games, going a perfect 4-0-0 in the four season-opening games that he has played in.
- If **Oettinger** were to play and earn the win tonight, it would mark the third time in his career that he won his first two games played of the season after also doing so in 2022-23 and 2024-25.

IT TAKES TWO

- Five Stars skaters finished Thursday's game against the Jets with at least two points: **Mikko Rantanen** (1-2—3), **Thomas Harley** (0-2—2), **Roope Hintz** (0-2—2), **Nils Lundkvist** (1-1-2) and **Jason Robertson** (1-1—2). It marks the second time in franchise history that the Stars have had five skaters with multiple points in a season-opening game according to NHL Stats.
 - The North Stars had eight players with multi-point games in their 1980 season opener.
- This marks the fourth consecutive season opener that **Rantanen** has had at least three points, scoring a hat trick in 2024, recording two goals and two assists in 2023 and notching four assists in 2022.
- If **Rantanen** were to have at least two points tonight, it would mark the first time in his career that he would have multi-point efforts in his first two games played in a season.
- **Harley** and **Lundkvist** are the 25th and 26th defensemen in franchise history to have two or more points in a season-opening game and the first to do so since **Miro Heiskanen** (1-1—2) in the 2021 season opener.
 - It's the second time in franchise history that the Stars have had two defensemen with multi-point efforts in a season opener and first since Brad Maxwell (1-1—2) and Craig Hartsburg (0-2—2) did so in the 1979 season opener.

JOHNNY B. GOODE

- **Wyatt Johnston** scored the game-winning goal in Thursday's tilt against the Jets, making him the ninth player in franchise history – and the first since Sergei Zubov (1996-97 to 2005-06; 9) – to record a point in at least four consecutive season openers according to NHL Stats.
- **Johnston** is now the seventh active skater to record at least one point in each of the first season openers of his career according to NHL Stats. He joins Max Domi, Mikael Granlund, Jonathan Huberdeau, Kirill Kaprizov, Dylan Larkin and Auston Matthews.
- **Johnston** began the 2024-25 season with a five-game point streak (2-3—5), becoming the third player in franchise history to record a point in each of his team's first five games of a season at age 21 or younger.
- **Johnston** enters tonight's game one goal shy of passing Mike Modano (90) for the second-most goals before the age of 22 in Stars/North Stars history.

WE MEET AGAIN

- Tonight marks the first time that the Stars will face the Avalanche since they defeated Colorado 4-2 in Game 7 to advance to the Second Round of the 2025 Stanley Cup Playoffs.
- With the win, the Stars became the first team in NHL history to trail by multiple goals in the third period of a Game 7 and win in regulation according to Opta Stats and also became the fourth team to rally from a multi-goal deficit in the third period to win a Game 7 in NHL history according to Sportsnet Stats.
- **Mikko Rantanen** recorded the first-ever hat trick in the third period of a Game 7 and the second Game 7 hat trick in franchise history (last: Joel Kiviranta in the Second Round in 2020 against Colorado).
 - According to Opta Stats, **Rantanen** was the second player in NHL history to score a playoff hat trick in one period when facing his former team, joining Reggie Leach who did so against the Boston Bruins on May 6, 1976
- **Rantanen** (3-1—4) became just the second player in NHL history to have a four-point period in a Game 7, joining Kevin Labanc who did so in 2019 according to NHL Stats.
- **Wyatt Johnston** scored the game-winning on the power-play with 3:56 remaining in regulation, which is the 11th-latest go-ahead goal in Game 7 history according to NHL Stats.

IRON SHARPENS IRON

- The Stars have three players on its roster that have played in at least 100 consecutive regular-season games: **Jason Robertson** (293), **Wyatt Johnston** (247) and **Matt Duchene** (109).
- **Robertson's** 293-game Iron Man streak is the eighth-longest active such streak in the NHL.
- **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 26 players in NHL history to begin their NHL career by playing in at least 247 consecutive games according to NHL Stats. It is currently the 19th-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.

FIRST THING'S FIRST

- Dallas opened the 2025-26 season with 12 former first-round picks on its roster; **Lian Bichsel** (DAL; 2022), **Mavrik Bourque** (DAL; 2020), **Matt Duchene** (COL; 2009), **Radek Faksa** (DAL; 2012), **Thomas Harley** (DAL; 2019), **Miro Heiskanen** (DAL; 2017), **Wyatt Johnston** (DAL; 2021) **Nils Lundkvist** (NYR; 2018), **Jake Oettinger** (DAL; 2017), **Mikko Rantanen** (COL; 2015), **Tyler Seguin** (BOS; 2010) and **Sam Steel** (ANA; 2016)
- **Tyler Seguin** is the highest drafted player on Dallas' roster, selected by Boston with the second-overall pick in the 2010 NHL Draft. Seguin leads all 2010 draft picks in career scoring (809) and ranks second in both goals (360) and assists (449).
- There are three sets of Stars skaters that were taken with the same pick in different years: **Matt Duchene** and **Miro Heiskanen** were both taken with the third-overall pick, **Duchene** by Colorado in 2009 and **Heiskanen** by Dallas in 2017. **Sam Steel** and **Mavrik Bourque** were both drafted 30th-overall – Steel by Anaheim in 2016 and Bourque by Dallas in 2020. Finally, Dallas selected both **Thomas Harley** and **Lian Bichsel** with the 18th overall pick, **Harley** in 2019 and **Bichsel** in 2022.
- Three additional Stars draft picks are on Dallas' opening night roster this year: **Roope Hintz** (2015; 2nd round), **Esa Lindell** (2012; 3rd round) and **Jason Robertson** (2017; 2nd round).

2024-25 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 marked the second straight year that Dallas had 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.
- The 2024-25 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 last 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.

CONNECTIONS

- Stars forward **Matt Duchene** skated for the Colorado Avalanche from 2009-10 to 2017-18.
- Stars forward **Mikko Rantanen** was a member of the Colorado Avalanche from 2015-16 to 2024-25, where he contributed to the Avalanche's 2022 Stanley Cup win.
- Stars forward **Jason Robertson** and Avalanche forward Jack Drury won silver with Team USA at the 2019 IIHF World Junior Championships.
- Avalanche forward Joel Kiviranta was a member of the Dallas Stars from 2019-20 to 2022-23.
- Stars forward **Roope Hintz** and Avalanche forward Artturi Lehkonen played for Team Finland at the 2015 IIHF World Junior Championship.
- Stars defenseman **Thomas Harley**, Avalanche forward Nathan MacKinnon and defensemen Cale Makar and Devon Toews all competed together on Team Canada during the 2025 NHL Four Nations Faceoff.
- Stars forward **Radek Faksa** and Avalanche forward Martin Necas were teammates on Team Czechia during the 2018 IIHF World Championship.
- Stars goaltender **Jake Oettinger** and Avalanche forward Brock Nelson both skated for Team USA during the 2025 NHL Four Nations Faceoff.
- Avalanche forward Valeri Nichushkin was a member of the Dallas Stars from 2013-14 to 2015-16.
- Stars defenseman **Ilya Lyubushkin** and Avalanche forward Victor Olofsson both skated for the Buffalo Sabres during the 2022-23 season.
- Stars forward **Mikko Rantanen** and Avalanche defenseman Brent Burns were teammates for a short time on the Carolina Hurricanes during the 2024-25 season.
- Stars forward **Matt Duchene** and Avalanche defenseman Brent Burns represented Team Canada during the 2010, 2011, and 2015 IIHF World Championship and the 2017 World Cup of Hockey.
- Stars forward **Tyler Seguin** and Avalanche defenseman Brent Burns both skated for Team Canada during the 2015 IIHF World Championship.
- Stars forward **Sam Steel** and Avalanche defenseman Cale Makar were teammates on Team Canada at the 2018 IIHF World Junior Championship.
- Stars forward **Sam Steel** and Avalanche defenseman Samuel Girard skated for Canada Black U17 during the IIHF World U17 Hockey Challenge.
- Stars forward **Sam Steel** and Avalanche defenseman Josh Manson were teammates on the Anaheim Ducks from 2018-19 to 2021-22.
- Stars forward **Nathan Bastian** and Avalanche goaltender Mackenzie Blackwood were teammates on the New Jersey Devils from 2018-19 to 2021-22.
- Avalanche goaltender Scott Wedgewood skated for the Dallas Stars from 2021-22 to 2023-24.
- Stars defenseman **Ilya Lyubushkin** and Avalanche goaltender Scott Wedgewood were both on the Arizona Coyotes during the 2021-22 season.
- Stars goaltending coach **Jeff Reese** and Avalanche assistant coach Nolan Pratt both won the Stanley Cup with the Tampa Bay Lightning in 2004.
- Stars forwards **Colin Blackwell** and **Nathan Bastian** overlapped with Avalanche assistant coach Dave Hakstol in 2021-22 while he was head coach with the Seattle Kraken.
- Stars forward **Matt Duchene** skated for Team Canada with Avalanche assistant coach David Hakstol behind the bench during the 2017 IIHF World Championship.

STARS REAL-TIME STATS LEADERS

Hits: Blackwell/Faksa/Bichsel/Hryckowian (3), Bastian/Lyubushkin (2)

Blocked Shots: Harley (5), Lyubushkin (2)

Shots: Robertson (8), Hintz (7), Seguin (5)

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

1-10: 1-0-0 (2), 5/4, 1/5, 4/4

OVERTIME RESULTS (0-0)

N/A

SHOOTOUT RESULTS (0-0)

N/A

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

Games Played

Colin Blackwell ... 1 game ... 300 NHL games

Thomas Harley ... 2 games ... 200 NHL games

Casey DeSmith ... 10 games ... 200 NHL games

Tyler Seguin ... 10 games ... 1000 NHL games

Wins

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Goals

Radek Faksa ... 6 goals ... 100 NHL goals

Mikko Rantanen ... 5 goals ... 300 NHL goals

Radek Faksa ... 6 goals ... 100 NHL goals

Wyatt Johnston ... 10 goals ... 100 NHL goals

Assists

Sam Steel ... 6 assists ... 100 NHL assists

Wyatt Johnston ... 12 assists ... 100 NHL assists

Points

Jason Robertson ... 4 points ... 400 NHL points

Matt Duchene ... 8 points ... 900 NHL points

Colin Blackwell ... 9 points ... 100 NHL points

Adam Erne ... 9 points ... 100 NHL points

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

Games Played

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Wins

Jake Oettinger ... 11 wins ... Surpassing Ed Belfour (160) for the third-most wins by a goaltender in franchise history

Goals

Wyatt Johnston ... 1 goal ... Surpassing Mike Modano (90) for the second-most before age 22 in Stars/North Stars history

Roope Hintz ... 2 goals ... Surpassing Danny Grant (176) for 15th-most goals in franchise historyThomas Harley ... 4 goals ... Surpassing Barry Gibbs (35) for the 15th-most goals by a defenseman in franchise historyJason Robertson ... 8 goals ... Surpassing Danny Grant (176) for 15th-most goals in franchise history

Miro Heiskanen ... 10 goals ... Surpassing Trevor Daley (67) for eighth-most goals among franchise defensemen

AssistsEsa Lindell ... 3 assists ... Surpassing Stephane Robidas (165) for 10th-most assists by a defenseman in franchise history**Points**Esa Lindell ... 9 points ... Surpassing Lou Nanne (225) for 10th-most points by a defenseman in franchise history**RECENT MILESTONES**

Jake Oettinger ... 150 wins ... Oct. 9, 2025 at WPG

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