



WILD WEEK

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DATE	OPPONENT/EVENT	LOCATION	PRACTICE/GAME TIMES (CT)	INFORMATION
Tue., Nov. 28	St. Louis Blues	Xcel Energy Center	10 a.m./7 p.m.	BSN/KFAN 100.3 FM
Wed., Nov. 29	Practice	TRIA Rink	10:30 a.m.	
Thu., Nov. 30	Nashville Predators	Bridgestone Arena	11:30 a.m./7 p.m.	BSNX/KFAN 100.3 FM
Fri., Dec. 1	Day Off			
Sat., Dec. 2	Practice	TRIA Rink	10:30 a.m.	
Sun., Dec. 3	Chicago Blackhawks	Xcel Energy Center	1 p.m. CT	BSN/KFAN 100.3 FM
Mon., Dec. 4	Practice	TRIA Rink	10:30 a.m.	



ST. LOUIS BLUES

All-Time Wild Record: 40-33-19 (25-14-8 at Xcel Energy Center, 15-19-11 at St. Louis)

2022-23: Minnesota went 3-1-0 against St. Louis...The Wild earned a 5-2 victory at St. Louis in the first meeting (12/31), fell 3-0 at Xcel Energy Center in the second game (1/8), won 8-5 at St. Louis in the third matchup (3/15) and won the series finale 5-3 in Saint Paul (4/8)...C **Ryan Hartman** led Minnesota with seven points (5-2=7)...C **Joel Eriksson Ek** had four points (1-3=4)...D **Jared Spurgeon** (2-1=3) and C **Frederick Gaudreau** (1-2=3) both had three points...G **Marc-Andre Fleury** was 2-0-0 with a 3.52 GAA and a .896 SV%...G **Filip Gustavsson** was 1-1-0 with a 2.58 GAA and a .921 SV% in two starts...LW **Pavel Buchnevich** led the Blues with six points (4-2=6)...C **Brayden Schenn** had four points (2-2=4)...D **Torey Krug** (0-3=3), C **Jordan Kyrou** (0-3=3) and C **Robert Thomas** (0-3=3) each had three points...G **Jordan Binnington** was 0-2-0 with a 5.21 GAA and a .845 SV% in three games...G **Thomas Greiss** was 1-1-0 with a 2.06 GAA and a .935 SV% in two games (one start).

WILD LEADERS: D **Alex Goligowski** leads the Wild with 23 points (7-16=23) in 50 games vs. the Blues...Hartman (11-6=17, in 30 games) and RW **Mats Zuccarello** (7-10=17, in 27 games) have 17 points each...Spurgeon owns 14 points (4-10=14) in 50 games.

WILD GOALIES: Fleury is 11-12-2 with a 2.82 GAA and a .910 SV% in 25 career starts vs St. Louis...Gustavsson is 1-1-0 with a 2.58 GAA and a .921 SV% in two career starts.

BLUES LEADERS: Krug (6-2=26, in 25 games) and Schenn (9-17=26, in 32 games) lead St. Louis with 26 points...LW **Brandon Saad** owns 24 points (13-11=24) in 42 games...D **Nick Leddy** owns 19 points (3-16=19) in 33 contests.

BLUES GOALIES: Binnington is 7-3-1 with a 2.79 GAA, a .906 SV% and one shutout in 12 career starts against Minnesota...G **Joel Hofer** has not faced the Wild.

CONNECTIONS: Wild President of Hockey Operations and General Manager **Bill Guerin** registered 47 points (28-19=47) in 61 contests with the Blues in 2006-07...LW **Pat Maroon** is from St. Louis and spent one season with the Blues, winning the Stanley Cup in 2018-19...He recorded 28 points (10-18=28) in 74 regular season games and seven points (3-4=7) in 26 Stanley Cup Playoff games...D **Justin Faulk** is from South Saint Paul and played one season at the University of Minnesota Duluth (2010-11)...Leddy hails from Eden Prairie and was selected by Minnesota in the first round (16th overall) of the 2009 NHL Draft...D **Scott Perunovich** is from Hibbing and played three seasons (2017-20) at the University of Minnesota Duluth...D **Marco Scandella** was selected by the Wild in the second round (55th overall) of the 2008 NHL Draft and recorded 89 points (27-62=89) in 373 games in seven seasons (2010-17) with Minnesota...C **Oskar Sundqvist** recorded seven points (3-4=7) in 15 games with Minnesota in 2022-23.
FAST FACTS: The Wild is 11-9-5 in its last 25 games vs. St. Louis...The Wild topped the Blues in the 2015 First Round, clinching the series with a Game 6 win in Saint Paul – marking the first time in franchise history Minnesota won a playoff series on home ice...The Blues defeated the Wild in the 2017 First Round and 2022 First Round.



NASHVILLE PREDATORS

All-Time Wild Record: 36-37-12 (22-15-5 at Xcel Energy Center, 14-22-7 at Nashville)

2022-23: Minnesota went 1-1-1 in the season series against Nashville...The Wild lost, 2-1, at Bridgestone Arena in the series-opening game (11/15), earned a 4-3 victory at Xcel

Energy Center in the second meeting (2/19) and fell 4-3 in overtime at Nashville in the finale (4/13)...C **Frederick Gaudreau** led Minnesota with four points (3-1=4)...LW **Kirill Kaprizov** had three points (2-1=3)...C **Ryan Hartman** (1-1=2) and RW **Mats Zuccarello** (0-2=2) had two points each...G **Marc-Andre Fleury** stopped 23 of 25 shots faced in the first meeting...G **Filip Gustavsson** was 1-0-1 with a 3.42 GAA and a .877 SV% in two starts...C **Tommy Novak** led Nashville with four points (1-3=4)...D **Roman Josi** had three points (1-2=3)...C **Matt Duchene** (1-1=2), C **Ryan Johansen** (0-2=2) and RW **Nino Niederreiter** (2-0=2) all had two points...G **Juuse Saros** went 2-1-0 with a 2.64 GAA and a .913 SV% in three starts.

WILD LEADERS: D **Alex Goligowski** leads Minnesota with 26 points (5-21=26) in 42 games against Nashville...LW **Marcus Johansson** owns 14 points (2-12=14) in 20 games...D **Jared Spurgeon** has 14 points (3-11=14) in 40 contests...Zuccarello owns 12 points (1-11=12) in 20 games.

WILD GOALIES: Fleury is 11-9-2 with a 2.30 GAA, a .916 SV% and three shutouts in 22 career games (21 starts) against the Predators...Gustavsson is 1-0-1 with a 3.42 GAA and a .877 SV% in his two starts.

PREDATORS LEADERS: Josi owns 33 points (14-19=33) in 40 games against the Wild...C **Ryan O'Reilly** has 33 points (16-17=33) in 54 games...LW **Filip Forsberg** owns 29 points (16-13=29) in 30 games...D **Tyson Barrie** has 19 points (4-15=19) in 37 games.

PREDATORS GOALIES: Saros is 6-2-0 with a 1.86 GAA, a .942 SV% and two shutouts in eight career starts against the Wild...G **Kevin Lankinen** is 0-1-1 with a 2.80 GAA and a .926 SV% in three games (two starts) against Minnesota.

CONNECTIONS: Wild Head Coach **Dean Evason** went 242-161-29-24 in six seasons as Head Coach of Nashville's AHL affiliate, the Milwaukee Admirals (2012-18)...Gaudreau tallied eight points (3-5=8) in 84 games with Nashville in three seasons (2016-19)...C **Ryan Hartman** recorded 26 points (13-13=26) in 85 games in parts of two seasons with the Predators (2017-19)...Predators Head Coach **Andrew Brunette** recorded 321 points (119-202=321) in 489 games with the Wild (2001-04, 2008-11)...He also spent five seasons in Minnesota's hockey operations department (2014-19) as an Assistant Coach, Hockey Operations Advisor, Assistant General Manager and Director of Player Personnel...Nashville Assistant Coach **Todd Richards** served as Wild Head Coach for two seasons (2009-11)...D **Ryan McDonagh** hails from Saint Paul...Novak played four seasons at the University of Minnesota (2015-19) and is from St. Paul...C **Gustav Nyquist** recorded five points (1-4=5) in three regular season games and five points (0-5=5) in six Stanley Cup Playoff games with Minnesota last season...LW **Cole Smith** is a native of Brainerd.

FAST FACTS: Minnesota is 6-3-1 in its last 10 games played at Xcel Energy Center.



CHICAGO BLACKHAWKS

All-Time Wild Record: 51-29-5 (28-12-3 at Xcel Energy Center, 23-17-2 at Chicago)

2022-23: Minnesota went 4-0-0 against the Blackhawks...The Wild earned a 4-3 shootout victory in the series-opening game at United Center (10/30), a 4-1 win in the second game at Xcel Energy Center (12/16), a 3-1 victory in the third contest (3/25) in St. Paul and a 4-2 win in the season finale at Chicago (4/10)...LW **Matt Boldy** led Minnesota with five points (3-2=5)...RW **Mats Zuccarello** had four points (3-1=4) including a hat trick in the second game...LW **Kirill Kaprizov** (1-2=3), C **Sam Steel** (0-3=3), C **Ryan Hartman** (1-2=3) and LW **Marcus Johansson** (2-1=3) each posted three points...G **Marc-Andre Fleury** went 2-0-0 with a 1.92 GAA and a .929 SV% in two

starts...G **Filip Gustavsson** went 2-0-0 with a 1.50 GAA and a .954 SV%...RW **Patrick Kane** (0-2=2), D **Jarred Tinordi** (0-2=2), C **Jonathan Toews** (2-0=2) and C **Andreas Athanasiou** (1-1=2) led Chicago with two points each...G **Alex Stalock** was 0-2-1 with a GAA of 2.62 and .900 SV%...G **Petr Mrazek** saved 18-of-21 shots faced in the second meeting.

WILD LEADERS: D **Alex Goligowski** leads Minnesota with 20 points (2-18=20) in 42 games against Chicago...Zuccarello has 19 points (7-12=19) in 21 matches...D **Jared Spurgeon** has 16 points (3-13=16) in 40 games...LW **Pat Maroon** owns 12 points (4-8=12) in 31 career games.

WILD GOALIES: Fleury is 13-6-5 with a 2.52 GAA, a .916 SV% and one shutout in 24 starts vs. the Blackhawks...Gustavsson is 2-0-0 with a 1.50 GAA and a .954 SV% in two starts.

BLACKHAWKS LEADERS: RW **Corey Perry** leads Chicago with 43 points (23-20=43) in 53 games against Minnesota...LW **Taylor Hall** has collected 21 points (8-13=21) in 27 games...LW **Nick Foligno** has 12 points (6-6=12) in 23 games...D **Seth Jones** owns 10 points (3-7=10) in 26 matches...Athanasiou has eight points (5-3=8) in 17 games.

BLACKHAWKS GOALIES: Mrazek is 4-3-0 with a 2.28 GAA and a .918 SV% in seven career starts against the Wild...G **Arvid Soderblom** has not faced Minnesota.

CONNECTIONS: Hartman was selected by Chicago in the first round (30th overall) of the 2013 NHL Draft and collected 57 points (27-30=57) in 141 games during four seasons (2014-18) with the Blackhawks...C **Ryan Donato** tallied 39 points (18-21=39) in 84 games in parts of two seasons with Minnesota (2018-20)...D **Wyatt Kaiser** is from Andover and played three seasons (2020-23) at Minnesota Duluth...RW **Joey Anderson** is from Roseville and played two seasons (2016-18) at the University of Minnesota-Duluth...Nick Foligno is the older brother of Wild LW **Marcus Foligno**.

FAST FACTS: Minnesota's 51 all-time wins against Chicago are its third-most against an opponent...The Wild has won nine consecutive meetings against the Blackhawks dating back to 2/4/20...Minnesota is 12-2-2 in the last 16 games played at Xcel Energy Center...In 2015-16, the Wild became the first team to win every game in a season series of at least five contests against Chicago since the Boston Bruins went 8-0-0 in 1938-39.

GIRLS HOCKEY WEEKEND

The Minnesota Wild, in conjunction with Red Baron Pizza and Minnesota Hockey, will celebrate the **7th Annual Girls Hockey Weekend** at Xcel Energy Center on December 2-3. Clinics will be conducted by Minnesota Hockey certified coaches for 6U, 8U, 10U, and 12U girls.

The Wild will dedicate several elements of its game to celebrating girls' and women's hockey when it hosts the Chicago Blackhawks at 1 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 3. Girls' and women's hockey players will participate in various in-game and intermission activities including the "Let's Play Hockey!" call. Proceeds from the "Split the Pot Raffle" on Dec. 3 will benefit the Women's Hockey Association of Minnesota (WHAM).

TOY DRIVE

The Minnesota Wild will hold a **Toy Drive** to benefit the Salvation Army when the team hosts the Chicago Blackhawks on Sunday, Dec. 3, at 1 p.m. CT. Dropoff boxes will be available at all Xcel Energy Center gates and a digital link will be provided to those wishing to make monetary donations.