



WILD WEEK

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JANUARY 5, 2025 · A LOOK AT THE WEEK AHEAD FOR THE MINNESOTA WILD

DATE	OPPONENT/EVENT	LOCATION	PRACTICE/GAME TIMES (CT)	INFORMATION
Mon., Jan. 5	Los Angeles Kings	Crypto.com Arena	1 p.m. / 9:30 p.m.	FanDuel Sports Network / KFAN FM 100.3
Tue., Jan. 6	Travel Day			
Wed., Jan. 7	Practice	Climate Pledge Arena	2 p.m.	
Thu., Jan. 8	Seattle Kraken	Climate Pledge Arena	1:30 p.m. / 9 p.m.	FanDuel Sports Network Extra / KFAN FM 100.3
Fri., Jan. 9	Travel Day			
Sat., Jan. 10	New York Islanders	TRIA Rink/Grand Casino Arena	10:30 a.m. / 7 p.m.	FanDuel Sports Network / KFAN FM 100.3
Sun., Jan. 11	Day Off			
Mon., Jan. 12	New Jersey Devils	TRIA Rink/Grand Casino Arena	10:30 a.m. / 7 p.m.	FanDuel Sports Network / KFAN FM 100.3



LOS ANGELES KINGS

All-Time Wild Record: 44-30-16 (25-12-8 at Grand Casino Arena, 19-18-8 at Los Angeles)

2025-26: Minnesota won the series-opening game, 4-3, in a shootout victory at Grand Casino Arena (10/13) before Los Angeles took the second meeting, 5-4, in a shootout at Crypto.com Arena (1/3)...LW **Matt Boldy** (2-0=2), C **Joel Eriksson Ek** (1-1=2), D **Brock Faber** (1-1=2), LW **Kirill Kaprizov** (1-1=2) and RW **Vladimir Tarasenko** each own two points in the series...G **Jesper Wallstedt** is 1-0-1 with a 3.25 GAA and .917 SV% in starting both games...RW **Quinton Byfield** leads the Kings with four points (2-2=4)...RW **Adrian Kempe** has three points (2-1=3)...G **Darcy Kuemper** is 1-0-1 with a 3.30 GAA and 870 SV% in two games against Minnesota this season.

WILD LEADERS: Tarasenko leads Minnesota with 29 points (12-17=29) in 32 career games vs. Los Angeles...RW **Mats Zuccarello** has 20 points (6-14=20) in 32 career contests...Kaprizov (11-8=19 in 21 games) and D **Quinn Hughes** (3-16=19 in 20 games) own 19 points each.

WILD GOALIES: Gustavsson is 3-4-0 with a 2.25 GAA and a .926 SV% in eight games (six starts)...Wallstedt is 1-0-1 with a 3.25 and .917 SV% in two starts vs. Los Angeles.

KINGS LEADERS: C **Anze Kopitar** leads Los Angeles with 61 points (17-44=61) in 70 career games vs. Minnesota...RW **Corey Perry** has 46 points (25-21=46) in 58 games...D **Drew Doughty** owns 39 points (7-32=39) in 58 contests...Kempe has 22 points (10-12=22) in 31 games.

KINGS GOALIES: Kuemper is 6-7-2 with a 2.84 GAA, a .901 SV% and one shutout in 16 starts against Minnesota...G **Anton Forsberg** is 2-4-0 with a 2.33 GAA and a .925 SV% in six starts.

CONNECTIONS: Minnesota Goaltending Coach **Frederic Chabot** went 3-3-2 with a 3.14 GAA and a .891 SV% in 12 games (nine starts) with the Kings in 1997-98...D **Jake Middleton** was selected by the Kings in the seventh round (210th overall) of the 2014 NHL Draft...D **Brock Faber** was drafted by the Kings in the second round (45th overall) of the 2020 NHL Draft...Fiala played three seasons (2019-22) with Minnesota, appearing in 215 games and tallying 186 points (79-107=186)...Kuemper was selected by the Wild in the sixth round (161st overall) of the 2009 NHL Draft and went 41-34-14 with a 2.60 GAA, a .910 SV% and seven shutouts in 102 games (82 starts) in five seasons with Minnesota (2012-17)...D **Mikey Anderson** hails from Fridley and skated one season at Hill-Murray (2013-14) and two seasons at the University of Minnesota Duluth (2017-19).

FAST FACTS: The Wild is 14-4-1 in the last 19 contests played against the Kings in Saint Paul since 3/28/15.



SEATTLE KRAKEN

All-Time Wild Record: 9-3-1 (3-2-1 at Grand Casino Arena, 6-1-0 at Seattle)

2025-26: Minnesota won the series-opening game, 4-1, at Climate Pledge Arena (12/8)...C **Joel Eriksson Ek** led the Wild with three points (1-2=3) and a plus-3 rating...LW **Marcus Johansson** (1-0=1), LW **Kirill Kaprizov** (1-0=1) and RW **Vladimir Tarasenko** (1-0=1) also scored for Minnesota...G **Filip Gustavsson** saved 23-of-24 shots faced to earn the win for the Wild...RW **Jordan Eberle** (1-0=1) scored for Seattle...G **Philip Grubauer** stopped 25-of-27 shots faced for the Kraken.

WILD LEADERS: Kaprizov leads Minnesota with 15 points (6-

9=15) in 10 career games against Seattle...LW **Matt Boldy** owns 14 points (8-6=14) in 11 games...RW **Mats Zuccarello** has 13 points (5-8=13) in 11 games...C **Ryan Hartman** owns 12 points (5-7=12) in 11 games.

WILD GOALIES: Gustavsson is 4-0-0 with a 1.00 GAA, .966 SV% and one shutout in four career starts vs. the Kraken...G **Jesper Wallstedt** has not faced Seattle.

KRAKEN LEADERS: C **Jaden Schwartz** leads the Kraken with 29 points (14-15=29) in 46 career contests vs. Minnesota...Eberle has 28 points (11-17=28) in 44 games...LW **Chandler Stephenson** owns 20 points (4-16=20) in 24 games...D **Vince Dunn** has 11 points (2-9=11) in 25 games.

KRAKEN GOALIES: G **Joey Daccord** is 2-3-0 with a 3.89 GAA and a .858 SV% in five career starts against the Wild...Grubauer is 9-9-0 with a 2.90 GAA, a .896 SV% and one shutout in 19 career games (18 starts) against the Wild...G **Matt Muray** is 3-1-0 with a 2.51 GAA and a .914 SV% in four starts.

CONNECTIONS: LW **Marcus Johansson** recorded 23 points (6-17=23) in 51 games with Seattle in 2021-22...C **Freddy Gaudreau** recorded 134 points (56-78=134) in 307 career games with Minnesota over a span of four seasons (2021-25). Gaudreau also recorded four points (4-0=4) in 18 Stanley Cup Playoff games with Minnesota...D **Ryan Lindgren** is from Burnsville and played three seasons at Shattuck St. Mary's (2011-14) and two seasons at the University of Minnesota (2016-18)...C **Ben Meyers** is from Delano and played three seasons at the University of Minnesota (2019-22)...Kraken television analyst **J.T. Brown** played for Rosemount High School and the University of Minnesota-Duluth and recorded eight points (3-5=8) in 56 games with the Wild in 2018-19.

FAST FACTS: The Wild has won the last six games played at Seattle and earned a point in eight of the last nine meetings overall (7-1-1)...Minnesota has outscored the Kraken 44-28 in the all-time series.



NEW YORK ISLANDERS

All-Time Wild Record: 21-12-2 (12-4-2 at Grand Casino Arena, 9-8-0 at New York Islanders)

2026-26: The Wild defeated the Islanders, 5-2, at UBS Arena (11/7)...LW **Kirill Kaprizov** led Minnesota with two points (1-1=2)...D **Brock Faber** (1-0=1), F **Vinnie Hinostroza** (1-0=1), C **Marco Rossi** (1-0=1) and C **Daniil Yurov** (1-0=1) also scored...G **Jesper Wallstedt** saved 25-of-27 shots faced to earn the victory for the Wild...LW **Emil Heineman** (1-0=1) and C **Jean-Gabriel Pageau** (1-0=1) scored for New York...G **David Rittich** stopped 21-of-26 shots faced.

WILD LEADERS: LW **Marcus Johansson** leads Minnesota with 25 points (3-22=25) in 43 career games against the Islanders...RW **Mats Zuccarello** owns 22 points (6-16=22) in 41 matches...RW **Vladimir Tarasenko** has 19 points (11-8=19) in 24 games...D **Quinn Hughes** owns 13 points (4-9=13) in nine games.

WILD GOALIES: G **Filip Gustavsson** is 3-2-0 with a 2.60 GAA and a .913 SV% in five starts vs. the Islanders...Wallstedt is 1-0-0 with a 2.00 GAA and a .926 SV% in his lone start earlier this season.

ISLANDERS LEADERS: C **Bo Horvat** (9-6=15 in 25 matches) and C **Kyle Palmieri** (6-9=15 in 24 career games) lead the Islanders with 15 career points against the Wild...LW **Anders Lee** has 14 points (7-7=14) in 21 contests...D **Tony DeAngelo** has 12 points (2-10=12) in 14 matches.

ISLANDERS GOALIES: G **Ilya Sorokin** is 1-4-1 with a 2.82 GAA and a .911 SV% in six starts...Rittich is 5-1-1 with a 2.51 GAA, a .920 SV% and one shutout in seven career starts vs. the Wild.

CONNECTIONS: Minnesota President of Hockey Operations and General Manager **Bill Guerin** tallied 80 points (39-41-80) and 128 PIM in 142 games with the Islanders in two seasons (2007-09)...Spurgeon was drafted by New York in the sixth round of the 2008 NHL Draft (156th overall)...Minnesota Assistant Coach **Jack Capuano** served as Head Coach of the Islanders for parts of seven seasons (2010-17)...Lee hails from Edina and played high school hockey at Edina and St. Thomas Academy.

FAST FACTS: The Wild won seven consecutive games against the Islanders from 11/7/21 - 2/8/25 and is 11-3-1 in the last 15 meetings overall.



NEW JERSEY DEVILS

All-Time Wild Record: 12-13-9 (6-6-4 at Grand Casino Arena, 6-7-5 at New Jersey)

2025-26: New Jersey won the series-opening meeting, 4-1, at Prudential Center (10/22)...LW **Matt Boldy** scored for Minnesota (1-0=1)...G **Filip Gustavsson** stopped 31-of-34 shots faced for the Wild...C **Dawson Mercer** led the Devils with two assists (0-2=2)...LW **Jesper Bratt** (1-0=1), LW **Paul Cotter** (1-0=1), D **Brenden Dillon** (1-0=1) and RW **Arseny Gritsyuk** (1-0=1) each scored...G **Nico Daws** stopped 30-of-31 shots faced to earn the win.

WILD LEADERS: RW **Mats Zuccarello** leads Minnesota with 24 points (6-18=24) in 36 career contests against the Devils...RW **Vladimir Tarasenko** has 20 points (6-14=20) in 19 games...D **Jared Spurgeon** owns 12 points (3-9=12) in 17 matches...LW **Marcus Johansson** has 10 points (4-6=10) in 37 games.

WILD GOALIES: Gustavsson is 2-3-1 with a 2.90 GAA and a .914 SV% in six starts vs. the Devils...G **Jesper Wallstedt** has not faced New Jersey.

DEVILS LEADERS: RW **Timo Meier** leads New Jersey with 16 points (6-10=16) in 30 career games vs. Minnesota...Bratt owns 15 points (5-10=15) in 13 games...RW **Connor Brown** has 11 points (2-9=11) in 17 games...C **Nico Hischier** (5-5=10 in 12 games) and Dillon (1-9=10 in 41 games) have 10 points each.

DEVILS GOALIES: G **Jake Allen** is 8-6-2 with a 2.59 GAA and a .907 SV% in 20 games (17 starts) against Minnesota...G **Jacob Markstrom** is 9-3-2 with a 2.19 GAA, a .925 SV% and one shutout in 15 games (14 starts) against Minnesota.

CONNECTIONS: Wild President of Hockey Operations and General Manager **Bill Guerin** was selected by New Jersey in the first round (fifth overall) of the 1989 NHL Draft. He collected 214 points (108-106=214) in 380 career games in seven seasons (1991-98) and won the Stanley Cup with the Devils in 1995...Minnesota Head Coach **John Hynes** served as Head Coach for New Jersey for parts of five seasons (2015-19), leading the team to a 150-159-45 regular-season record and qualifying for the 2018 Stanley Cup Playoffs...Wild Goaltending Coach **Frederic Chabot** was drafted by New Jersey in the 10th round (192nd overall) of the 1986 NHL Draft...Johansson posted 41 points (17-22=41) in 77 games with New Jersey (2017-19)...Devils C **Jack Hughes** and D **Luke Hughes** are the younger brothers of Wild D **Quinn Hughes**.

FAST FACTS: Minnesota is 5-2-2 in its last nine games at New Jersey since 10/22/16.