

MONTREAL CANADIENS @ WINNIPEG JETS

Sunday, Oct 25, 2026 · 7:00 PM EDT · Princess Auto Stadium, Winnipeg, MB · TV: TNT, truTV
NHL REGULAR SEASON · LINEUPS PROJECTED



GAME PREVIEW	PLAYERS TO WATCH
Tonight is the first meeting of the season between Montreal (5-3-2) and Winnipeg (4-3-3). Winnipeg has lost four of its last five, each by one goal, though its most recent game was a 5-2 win over Minnesota, while Montreal is 3-2 over its last five, most recently a 4-3 shootout win over Buffalo. Montreal is without Nick Suzuki, its points leader with 12 in 9 games, who is out with an upper-body injury with an estimated return of Nov 18, and Ivan Demidov is also on injured reserve. The Jets are missing Josh Morrissey and Vladislav Namestnikov, and Stuart Skinner (3-1-3, .912) is the expected starter. Kyle Connor leads Winnipeg with 9 goals and 12 points, and Cole Caufield has 6 goals for the Canadiens. Jacob Fowler (4-1-0, 1.94 GAA) is Montreal's confirmed probable starter.	MTL Cole Caufield Six goals and 8 points in 10 games, with 36 shots on goal, the most goals on the Canadiens. MTL Lane Hutson Nine points (2 goals, 7 assists) in 10 games, the most points by a Montreal defenceman. MTL Jacob Fowler Four wins, 1.94 GAA and .910 save percentage in five starts, confirmed probable starter. WPG Kyle Connor Nine goals and 12 points in 10 games, the Jets lead in both categories. WPG Cole Perfetti Six goals and 9 points in 10 games. WPG Stuart Skinner Three wins, 2.67 GAA and .912 save percentage in seven games, expected starter.
STORYLINES	
- Winnipeg is 2-2-1 at home and Montreal is 2-1-1 on the road. - Montreal's last five include a 4-3 shootout win over Buffalo, a 4-3 overtime win over Buffalo and a 4-3 overtime loss to San Jose.	Nick Suzuki (C) is out with an upper-body injury, estimated return Nov 18, and Montreal's Lane Hutson has 9 points in 10 games.

MONTREAL CANADIENS											(5-3-2 · 6th in Atlantic Division)
FORWARDS											
LINE	#	PLAYER	POS	CTRY	AGE	GP	G	A	P	+/-	
L1	20	Juraj Slafkovsky	LW	SVK	22	10	2	5	7	0	
	91	Oliver Kapanen	C	SWE	23	3	0	0	0	-1	
	13	Cole Caufield	RW	USA	25	10	6	2	8	+3	
L2	85	Alexandre Texier	LW	FRA	27	10	1	2	3	-2	
	24	Phillip Danault	C	CAN	33	10	0	3	3	+5	
	76	Zack Bolduc	RW	CAN	23	10	4	2	6	+2	
L3	22	Chris Kreider	LW	USA	35	10	1	3	4	-1	
	15	Alex Newhook	C	CAN	25	10	1	3	4	-5	
	17	Josh Anderson	RW	CAN	32	10	4	2	6	+2	
L4	77	Kirby Dach	C	CAN	25	10	0	2	2	-4	
	71	Jake Evans	C	CAN	30	10	2	1	3	-1	
	62	Owen Beck	C	CAN	22	3	0	1	1	-1	

Lines projected per NHL.com (Oct 25, 2026); may change. Nick Suzuki (out) not listed.

DEFENCE											
PAIR	#	PLAYER	POS	CTRY	AGE	GP	G	A	P	+/-	
D1	48	Lane Hutson	D	USA	22	10	2	7	9	+3	
	53	Noah Dobson	D	CAN	26	10	0	2	2	-4	
D2	8	Mike Matheson	D	CAN	32	6	1	1	2	-2	
	45	Alexandre Carrier	D	CAN	30	10	1	4	5	+6	
Alt	21	Kaiden Guhle	D	CAN	24	6	1	2	3	+1	

Pairs projected per NHL.com (Oct 25, 2026). Alt pair per Inside the Rink (Oct 25, 2026), which lists different pairings; Florian Xhekaj is excluded (injured reserve per ESPN).

GOALIES											
#	GOALIE	CTRY	AGE	GP	W-L-OT	GAA	SV%				
32	Jacob Fowler*	USA	21	5	4-1-0	1.94	.910				
75	Jakub Dobes	CZE	25	5	1-2-2	4.47	.847				

* Expected starter per ESPN probable; not confirmed by the team.

LAST FIVE											
RESULT	W		L		W		L		W		
SCORE	4-3 SO		5-4		4-3 OT		4-3 OT		4-1		
OPPONENT	vs BUF		@ WSH		vs BUF		vs SJ		@ CHI		

Most recent first, per ESPN.

SPECIAL TEAMS											
TEAM	PP%	PK%	GF/GP		GA/GP						
MTL	12.5%	81.0%	3.20		3.50						
WPG	22.2%	80.8%	2.60		2.90						

Season to date; PP% and PK% per Fox Sports, GF/GP and GA/GP per ESPN game data.

OUT											
TEAM	PLAYER	STATUS	DETAIL								
WPG	Vladislav Namestnikov (C)	Injured Reserve	Undisclosed, return Nov 3								
	Nick Bjergstad (D)	Injured Reserve	Pectoral surgery left, return Mar 11								
	Josh Morrissey (D)	Injured Reserve	Wrist right, return Nov 5								
	Garrett Brown (C)	Injured Reserve	Lower body, return Oct 30								
MTL	Nick Suzuki (C)	Out	Upper body, return Nov 18								
	Sam Montembeault (G)	Injured Reserve	Lower body, return Oct 31								
	Ivan Demidov (RW)	Injured Reserve	Lower body, return Oct 31								
	Bryce Pickford (D)	Injured Reserve	Undisclosed, return Oct 31								
	Lucas Condotta (LW)	Injured Reserve	Undisclosed, return Oct 31								

Injury report per ESPN.

TEAM STATS											
	GAA	SA/G	PPGA	SHGA	GF/G	SF/G	PPG	SHG	PIM		
MTL	3.50	25.8	8	0	3.20	29.5	4	1	118		
WPG	2.90	30.0	5	0	2.60	26.5	6	0	75		

Season to date per ESPN.

TEAM LEADERS											
TEAM	GOALS			ASSISTS			POINTS				
MTL	Cole Caufield 6			Nick Suzuki 7			Nick Suzuki 12				
WPG	Kyle Connor 9			Mark Scheifele 6			Kyle Connor 12				

Season to date per ESPN.

WINNIPEG JETS											(4-3-3 · 5th in Central Division)
FORWARDS											
LINE	#	PLAYER	POS	CTRY	AGE	GP	G	A	P	+/-	
L1	81	Kyle Connor	LW	USA	29	10	9	3	12	+3	
	55	Mark Scheifele	C	CAN	33	10	2	6	8	+3	
	91	Cole Perfetti	C	CAN	24	10	6	3	9	0	
L2	9	Alex Iafallo	LW	USA	32	10	3	2	5	+2	
	61	Viggo Bjorck	C	SWE	18	10	0	0	0	-4	
	13	Gabriel Vilardi	C	CAN	27	10	1	4	5	-4	
L3	27	Isak Rosen	LW	SWE	23	10	0	1	1	0	
	17	Adam Lowry	C	USA	33	10	1	3	4	+1	
	91	Dawson Mercer	RW	CAN	24	10	0	4	4	-2	
L4	45	Cole Koepke	LW	USA	28	7	1	0	1	-3	
	36	Morgan Barron	C	CAN	27	10	0	2	2	0	
	62	Nino Niederreiter	RW	SUI	34	7	0	0	0	-1	

Lines projected per Yahoo Sports (undated); may change. Dawson Mercer's position listed as C on ESPN.

DEFENCE											
PAIR	#	PLAYER	POS	CTRY	AGE	GP	G	A	P	+/-	
D1	54	Dylan Samberg	D	USA	27	10	0	3	3	+2	
	4	Neal Pionk	D	USA	31	10	1	6	7	-1	
D2	38	Mario Ferraro	D	CAN	28	10	1	0	1	0	
	—	Elias Salomonsson	D	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
D3	24	Haydn Fleury	D	CAN	30	6	0	0	0	-4	
	2	Dylan DeMelo	D	CAN	33	10	1	2	3	0	

Pairs projected per Yahoo Sports (undated). Salomonsson is not on ESPN's roster list; his season stats were not found.

GOALIES											
#	GOALIE	CTRY	AGE	GP	W-L-OT	GAA	SV%				
74	Stuart Skinner*	CAN	27	7	3-1-3	2.67	.912				
50	Nico Daws	CAN	25	4	2-2-0	2.78	.874				
33	Clay Stevenson	CAN	27	3	1-2-0	3.08	.893				

* Expected starter per Yahoo Sports; not confirmed by the team.

LAST FIVE											
RESULT	W		L		L		L		L		
SCORE	5-2		4-3 OT		3-2		2-1		3-2 OT		
OPPONENT	vs MIN		@ CHI		vs CAR		@ STL		@ DAL		

Most recent first, per ESPN.

STANDINGS - ATLANTIC DIVISION											
POS	TEAM	GP	W	L	OTL	PTS					
1	Bruins	12	9	2	1	19					
2	Senators	12	8	4	0	16					
3	Maple Leafs	13	7	4	2	16					
4	Lightning	11	7	3	1	15					
5	Panthers	12	6	4	2	14					
6	Canadiens *	10	5	3	2	12					
7	Red Wings	11	4	4	3	11					
8	Sabres	11	4	4	3	11					

Per ESPN; * tonight's teams.

STANDINGS - CENTRAL DIVISION											
POS	TEAM	GP	W	L	OTL	PTS					
1	Mammoth	12	8	4	0	16					
2	Wild	12	7	3	2	16					
3	Stars	10	6	3	1	13					
4	Avalanche	11	6	4	1	13					
5	Jets *	10	4	3	3	11					
6	Blues	11	5	5	1	11					
7	Predators	10	3	3	4	10					
8	Blackhawks	11	3	8	0	6					

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ODDS											
LINE											
MTL -118, O/U 5.5 (DraftKings)											

Per ESPN.