

COLORADO AVALANCHE @ NEW JERSEY DEVILS

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NHL REGULAR SEASON · SCHEDULED



GAME PREVIEW Colorado (5-3-1) and New Jersey (4-4-0) meet for the first time this season, early in the campaign. The Avalanche are 2-3 in their last five games, including a 3-2 shootout loss to Dallas, and are 2-2-0 on the road. The Devils are 3-2 in their last five and 3-2-0 at home. Colorado's top scorer is Nathan MacKinnon with 16 points in nine games, while Jack Hughes leads New Jersey with 9 points in eight. Colorado will be without Nicolas Roy and Zachary L'Heureux, both out, and Logan O'Connor on long-term injured reserve, while New Jersey has Nick Bjugstad and Seamus Casey on injured reserve and Mantha listed day-to-day. Jake Allen is the probable starter for New Jersey and Scott Wedgewood for Colorado, per ESPN.	PLAYERS TO WATCH COL Nathan MacKinnon Leads Colorado with 16 points (6 G, 10 A) in nine games, including 2 power-play goals. NJ Jack Hughes Leads New Jersey with 9 points (2 G, 7 A) in eight games. NJ Nico Hischier Leads New Jersey with 4 goals, 3 of them on the power play, in eight games. NJ Jake Allen Probable starter, 3-2-0 with a 3.18 GAA and .876 save percentage in five games.
STORYLINES - Connor Brown is expected to make his season debut for New Jersey after a lower-body injury. - Luke Evangelista returns for New Jersey after missing the past three games with an illness. - Colorado's Nicolas Roy and Zachary L'Heureux are out, with the coach describing L'Heureux as week to week. - Colorado is 2-2-0 on the road and New Jersey is 3-2-0 at home, per ESPN.	

COLORADO AVALANCHE (5-3-1 · 3rd in Central Division)

FORWARDS										
#	PLAYER	POS	CTRY	AGE	GP	G	A	P	+	-
91	Nazem Kadri	C	CAN	36	9	0	6	6	+4	
29	Nathan MacKinnon	C	CAN	31	9	6	10	16	+2	
88	Martin Necas	C	CZE	27	9	5	6	11	+3	
17	Parker Kelly	C	CAN	27	9	1	4	5	+1	
11	Brock Nelson	C	USA	35	9	3	4	7	+2	
71	Jaden Schwartz	C	CAN	34	9	3	3	6	+2	
9	Fedor Svecchkov	C	RUS	23	9	1	3	4	+5	
54	Gavin Brindley	C	USA	22	3	0	0	0	0	
92	Gabriel Landeskog	LW	SWE	33	9	3	2	5	-1	
62	Artturi Lehkonen	LW	FIN	31	9	6	3	9	+8	
13	T.J. Hughes	RW	CAN	24	9	2	1	3	+1	

Roster per ESPN; no lineup published. Stats are 2026-27 season to date per ESPN.

DEFENCE										
PAIR	#	PLAYER	POS	CTRY	AGE	GP	G	A	P	+/-
—	8	Cale Makar	D	CAN	27	8	3	6	9	+3
—	7	Devon Toews	D	CAN	32	9	2	5	7	+8
—	70	Sam Malinski	D	USA	28	8	0	2	2	+6
—	42	Josh Manson	D	USA	35	9	1	3	4	+4
—	84	Brent Burns	D	CAN	41	9	0	3	3	-1
—	27	Brett Kulak	D	CAN	32	9	0	4	4	+2
Alt	47	Noah Juulsen	D	CAN	29	7	0	1	1	+1

Roster per ESPN; no lineup published. Alt = extra defenceman on the roster.

GOALIES						
#	GOALIE	CTRY	AGE	GP	W-L-OT	GAA SV%
41	Scott Wedgewood	CAN	34	2	1-0-1	2.40 .902
39	Mackenzie Blackwood	CAN	29	7	4-3-0	2.90 .889

Wedgewood is the probable starter per ESPN; no confirmed starter published.

LAST FIVE					
RESULT	L	W	L	W	L
SCORE	6-3	3-2	3-2 SO	5-2	3-2
OPPONENT	vs TOR	@ DAL	vs DAL	vs PIT	@ PHI

Most recent first, per ESPN.

SPECIAL TEAMS				
TEAM	PP%	PK%	GF/GP	GA/GP
COL	19.4%	81.8%	4.22	2.89
NJ	20.7%	69.6%	3.13	3.38

Season to date per ESPN; small sample (NJ 8 games, COL 9 games).

OUT			
TEAM	PLAYER	STATUS	DETAIL
NJ	Nick Bjugstad (C)	Injured Reserve	Pectoral surgery left, return Jan 19
	Seamus Casey (D)	Injured Reserve	Knee, return Nov 21
COL	Logan O'Connor (RW)	Injured Reserve	Lower body, return Oct 25
	Zachary L'Heureux (LW)	Out	Upper body, return Oct 28
	Nicolas Roy (C)	Out	Lower body, return Oct 23
	Georgii Merkulov (C)	Injured Reserve	Undisclosed, return Oct 28

Injury report per ESPN.

TEAM STATS									
	GAA	SA/G	PPGA	SHGA	GF/G	SF/G	PPG	SHG	PIM
COL	2.89	25.8	4	0	4.22	30.2	6	0	78
NJ	3.38	25.0	7	0	3.13	35.0	6	1	59

Season to date per ESPN.

TEAM LEADERS			
TEAM	GOALS	ASSISTS	POINTS
COL	Nathan MacKinnon 6	Nathan MacKinnon 10	Nathan MacKinnon 16
NJ	Nico Hischier 4	Jack Hughes 7	Jack Hughes 9

Season to date per ESPN.

NEW JERSEY DEVILS (4-4-0 · 5th in Metropolitan Division)

FORWARDS										
#	PLAYER	POS	CTRY	AGE	GP	G	A	P	+	-
13	Nico Hischier	C	SUI	27	8	4	1	5	-2	
86	Jack Hughes	C	USA	25	8	2	7	9	0	
70	Jesper Boqvist	C	SWE	27	6	2	1	3	+1	
12	Cody Glass	C	CAN	27	8	1	0	1	0	
17	Evan Rodrigues	C	CAN	33	8	2	2	4	-1	
91	Dawson Mercer	C	CAN	24	8	0	4	4	-1	
63	Jesper Bratt	LW	SWE	28	8	2	5	7	0	
28	Timo Meier	RW	SUI	30	8	1	3	4	-2	
81	Arseny Gritsyuk	RW	USSR	25	8	3	2	5	0	
77	Luke Evangelista	RW	CAN	24	5	2	1	3	-1	
16	Connor Brown	RW	CAN	32	—	—	—	—	—	

Roster per ESPN; no lineup published. Brown has no season stats listed in ESPN data.

DEFENCE											
PAIR	#	PLAYER	POS	CTRY	AGE	GP	G	A	P	+	-
—	7	Dougie Hamilton	D	CAN	33	8	1	3	4	+1	
—	43	Luke Hughes	D	USA	23	8	3	1	4	0	
—	22	Brett Pesce	D	USA	31	8	0	2	2	+3	
—	47	Declan Chisholm	D	CAN	26	8	0	1	1	-1	
—	71	Jonas Siegenthaler	D	SUI	29	8	0	1	1	-3	
Alt	8	Johnathan Kovacevic	D	CAN	29	3	0	0	0	-2	

Roster per ESPN; no lineup published. Dillon is a projected scratch per NHL.com.

GOALIES					
#	GOALIE	CTRY	AGE	GP	W-L-OT GAA SV%
34	Jake Allen	CAN	36	5	3-2-0 3.18 .876
50	Nico Daws	CAN	25	3	1-2-0 3.38 .857

Allen is the probable starter per ESPN; no confirmed starter published.

LAST FIVE					
RESULT	W	L	W	W	L
SCORE	4-1	4-1	5-4 OT	7-1	4-2
OPPONENT	vs VAN	vs OTT	@ DET	vs NYR	@ WSH

Most recent first, per ESPN.

STANDINGS · METROPOLITAN DIVISION						
POS	TEAM	GP	W	L	OTL	PTS
1	Hurricanes	10	7	2	1	15
2	Rangers	11	7	3	1	15
3	Capitals	8	5	3	0	10
4	Islanders	8	4	3	1	9
5	Devils *	8	4	4	0	8
6	Penguins	10	3	6	1	7
7	Flyers	11	2	6	3	7
8	Blue Jackets	7	3	4	0	6

Per ESPN; * tonight's teams.

STANDINGS · CENTRAL DIVISION					
POS	TEAM	GP	W	L	OTL PTS
1	Mammoth	10	7	3	0 14
2	Wild	9	6	2	1 13
3	Avalanche *	9	5	3	1 11
4	Jets	8	4	2	2 10
5	Stars	8	4	3	1 9
6	Predators	8	3	2	3 9
7	Blues	8	3	4	1 7
8	Blackhawks	9	3	6	0 6

Per ESPN; * tonight's teams.

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NJ -120, O/U 6.5 (DraftKings)	
Per ESPN.	