

MONTREAL CANADIENS @ ST. LOUIS BLUES

Tuesday, Oct 27, 2026 · 8:00 PM EDT · Enterprise Center, St. Louis, MO · TV: ESPN+, Blues App, BN+
NHL REGULAR SEASON · SCHEDULED



GAME PREVIEW	PLAYERS TO WATCH
The first meeting of the 2026-27 season is at Enterprise Center on Tuesday, Oct 27, with the 5-5-1 Blues hosting the 6-3-2 Canadiens. St. Louis is 3-1-1 at home and 2-3 over its last five, including a 4-0 home loss to Carolina, while Montreal is 3-1-1 on the road and 3-2 over its last five, most recently a 5-4 loss at Washington. St. Louis averages 3.18 goals for and 3.18 against per game, while Montreal averages 3.09 for and 3.27 against. Both starting goalies are confirmed: Jordan Binnington for St. Louis, with a 4.68 goals-against average in three starts, and Jacob Fowler for Montreal, who is 5-1 with a 1.79 average. Nick Suzuki is out for Montreal with an upper-body injury, and the return status of Ross Johnston for St. Louis differs between sources.	MTL Cole Caufield Team-high six goals and 36 shots on net. STL Dylan Holloway Team-high seven assists, and a six-game point streak as of Oct 23 per CBS Sports. STL Mason McTavish Six goals and 10 points, the team lead in both categories. STL Jimmy Snuggerud Six goals and two assists through 10 appearances with a plus-2 rating, per CBS Sports (Oct 23).
STORYLINES	
- Nick Suzuki (C) is out for Montreal with an upper-body injury, with ESPN listing a return date of Nov 18. - Dylan Holloway leads St. Louis with seven assists, and CBS Sports reported on Oct 23 that his point streak had reached six games.	- Montreal's Cole Caufield leads the Canadiens with six goals, and St. Louis's Jordan Binnington has a 1-2-0 record in three starts. - Ross Johnston (LW) is on injured reserve for St. Louis; ESPN lists a return of Oct 29, while the NHL projected-lineup page lists him out for tonight.

MONTREAL CANADIENS										(6-3-2 · 5th in Atlantic Division)																								
FORWARDS																																		
LINE	#	PLAYER	POS	CTRY	AGE	GP	G	A	P +/-																									
L1	20	Juraj Slafkovsky	LW	SVK	22	11	2	6	8	0																								
	91	Oliver Kapanen	C	SWE	23	4	0	0	0	-1																								
	13	Cole Caufield	RW	USA	25	11	6	4	10	+4																								
L2	85	Alexandre Texier	LW	FRA	27	11	1	2	3	-2																								
	24	Phillip Danault	C	CAN	33	11	0	3	3	+5																								
	76	Zack Bolduc	RW	CAN	23	11	4	2	6	+2																								
L3	22	Chris Kreider	LW	USA	35	11	1	3	4	-1																								
	15	Alex Newhook	C	CAN	25	11	1	3	4	-5																								
	17	Josh Anderson	RW	CAN	32	11	4	2	6	+2																								
L4	63	Florian Xhekaj	LW	CAN	22	3	0	0	0	-4																								
	71	Jake Evans	C	CAN	30	11	2	1	3	0																								
	77	Kirby Dach	C	CAN	25	11	0	2	2	-3																								
Ex	62	Owen Beck	C	CAN	22	3	0	1	1	-1																								
As played Oct 25 at WPG, from NHL shift data; tonight's lines can change. Ex: on the roster, not in that lineup.																																		
DEFENCE																																		
PAIR	#	PLAYER	POS	CTRY	AGE	GP	G	A	P +/-																									
D1	8	Mike Matheson	D	CAN	32	7	1	1	2	-1																								
	21	Kaiden Guhle	D	CAN	24	7	2	2	4	+1																								
D2	48	Lane Hutson	D	USA	22	11	3	7	10	+4																								
	53	Noah Dobson	D	CAN	26	11	0	3	3	-3																								
D3	72	Arber Xhekaj	D	CAN	25	11	0	0	0	-2																								
	45	Alexandre Carrier	D	CAN	30	11	1	4	5	+5																								
Ex	42	Adam Engstrom	D	SWE	22	5	0	0	0	+2																								
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GOALIES																																		
#	GOALIE		CTRY	AGE	GP	W-L-OT	GAA	SV%																										
32	Jacob Fowler*		USA	21	6	5-1-0	1.79	.924																										
75	Jakub Dobes		CZE	25	5	1-2-2	4.47	.847																										
* Confirmed starter per ESPN probable goalie.																																		
LAST FIVE																																		
RESULT	L		W		L		W		W																									
SCORE	5-4		4-3 OT		4-3 OT		4-1		2-1																									
OPPONENT	@ WSH		vs BUF		vs SJ		@ CHI		@ WPG																									
Most recent first, per ESPN.																																		
POWER PLAY 1																																		
TEAM	UNIT																																	
MTL	Noah Dobson, Cole Caufield, Oliver Kapanen, Lane Hutson, Juraj Slafkovsky																																	
STL	Robert Thomas, Philip Broberg, Dylan Holloway, Jake Neighbours, Jimmy Snuggerud																																	
The five skaters with the most power-play time together in each team's latest game with a power play, from NHL shift data.																																		
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TEAM	PLAYER		STATUS		DETAIL																													
STL	Ross Johnston (LW)		Injured Reserve		Lower body, return Oct 29																													
	Torey Krug (D)		Injured Reserve		Ankle left, return Jul 1																													
	Dillon Dube (C)		Injured Reserve		Neck, return Dec 4																													
	Tyler Tucker (D)		Injured Reserve		Knee surgery left, return Nov 12																													
	Logan Mailloux (D)		Injured Reserve		Hand surgery, return Nov 25																													
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	3.27		26.5		8		0		3.09		28.7		4		1		126																	
STL	3.18		28.5		5		0		3.18		26.5		7		3		88																	
Season to date per ESPN.																																		
TEAM LEADERS																																		
TEAM	GOALS			ASSISTS			POINTS																											
MTL	Cole Caufield 6			Nick Suzuki 7			Nick Suzuki 12																											
STL	Mason McTavish 6			Dylan Holloway 7			Mason McTavish 10																											