

NEW JERSEY DEVILS @ COLORADO AVALANCHE

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NHL REGULAR SEASON · LINEUPS PROJECTED



GAME PREVIEW New Jersey (8-4-0, 16 points) visits Colorado (6-5-1, 13 points) for the second meeting of the season; the Oct 20 game was COL 3 @ NJ 4, a New Jersey win, and New Jersey leads the season series 1-0. Colorado enters 2-3 in its last five, including a 6-2 loss at Nashville, while New Jersey is 4-1 in its last five, with its only defeat a 4-2 loss at Washington. Colorado scores 4.08 goals per game and allows 3.25, while New Jersey scores 3.42 and allows 2.75 (ESPN). Colorado's Mackenzie Blackwood (5-3-0, .893) is the confirmed starter against Jake Allen (5-2-0, .886) for New Jersey. Colorado is without Zachary L'Heureux, who is on injured reserve with an upper-body injury and an estimated return of Nov 7.	PLAYERS TO WATCH COL Nathan MacKinnon 21 points (7 G, 14 A) in 12 games, the most on the team (ESPN). COL Artturi Lehkonen 10 goals in 12 games, the team lead (ESPN). COL Martin Necas 16 points this season (DraftKings Network), behind only MacKinnon's 21 (ESPN). NJ Nico Hischier 7 goals, 4 of them on the power play, the team lead in goals (ESPN). NJ Jack Hughes 14 points (4 G, 10 A) and 4 power-play assists in 12 games (ESPN).
STORYLINES - Colorado lost the Oct 20 meeting 4-3 at New Jersey, and tonight is the second meeting of the season. - Nathan MacKinnon leads Colorado with 21 points (7 G, 14 A) in 12 games (ESPN). - Nicolas Roy is listed as day-to-day by one injury report and as out by another, so his status is unresolved. - Jack Hughes leads New Jersey with 14 points, 10 of them assists, in 12 games (ESPN).	

NEW JERSEY DEVILS

(8-4-0 · 2nd in Metropolitan Division)

FORWARDS

LINE	#	PLAYER	POS	CTRY	AGE	GP	G	A	P	+/-
L1	70	Jesper Boqvist	C	SWE	27	10	4	2	6	+4
	17	Evan Rodrigues	C	CAN	33	12	2	3	5	-2
	39	Anthony Mantha	RW	CAN	32	12	3	2	5	-1
L2	28	Timo Meier	RW	SUI	30	12	1	4	5	0
	13	Nico Hischier	C	SUI	27	12	7	2	9	+5
	77	Luke Evangelista	RW	CAN	24	9	3	5	8	+3
L3	63	Jesper Bratt	LW	SWE	28	12	2	9	11	+3
	86	Jack Hughes	C	USA	25	12	4	10	14	+4
	81	Arseny Gritsyuk	RW	USSR	25	12	6	4	10	+6
L4	98	Amadeus Lombardi	C	CAN	23	10	0	3	3	-1
	12	Cody Glass	C	CAN	27	12	1	0	1	-1
	16	Connor Brown	RW	CAN	32	4	0	1	1	+2

As played Oct 27 at DAL, from NHL shift data; tonight's lines can change.

DEFENCE											
PAIR	#	PLAYER	POS	CTRY	AGE	GP	G	A	P	+	-
D1	71	Jonas Siegenthaler	D	SUI	29	12	0	2	2	-1	
	7	Dougie Hamilton	D	CAN	33	12	1	5	6	+3	
D2	43	Luke Hughes	D	USA	23	12	4	2	6	+4	
	22	Brett Pesce	D	USA	31	12	1	4	5	+10	
D3	5	Brenden Dillon	D	CAN	35	7	0	0	0	0	
	8	Johnathan Kovacevic	D	CAN	29	7	0	1	1	-2	
Ex	47	Declan Chisholm	D	CAN	26	10	1	1	2	0	

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GOALIES							
#	GOALIE	CTRY	AGE	GP	W-L-OT	GAA	SV%
34	Jake Allen*	CAN	36	7	5-2-0	2.84	.886
37	Connor Hellebuyck	USA	33	1	1-0-0	1.00	.944

* Probable starter, confirmed per ESPN. Season stats per ESPN.

LAST FIVE					
RESULT	L	W	W	W	W
SCORE	4-2	4-3	4-1	3-1	5-1
OPPONENT	@ WSH	vs COL	vs ANA	vs LA	@ DAL

Most recent first, per ESPN.

POWER PLAY 1	
TEAM	UNIT
NJ	Jesper Bratt, Nico Hischier, Jack Hughes, Luke Evangelista, Luke Hughes
COL	Nazem Kadri, Jaden Schwartz, Nathan MacKinnon, Cale Makar, T.J. Hughes

The five skaters with the most power-play time together in each team's latest game with a power play, from NHL shift data.

STANDINGS · CENTRAL DIVISION									
POS	TEAM	GP	W	L	OTL	PTS			
1	Wild	14	9	3	2	20			
2	Mammoth	13	8	5	0	16			
3	Stars	12	7	4	1	15			
4	Avalanche *	12	6	5	1	13			
5	Predators	12	4	3	5	13			
6	Blues	12	5	6	1	11			
7	Jets	12	4	5	3	11			
8	Blackhawks	12	4	8	0	8			

Per ESPN; * tonight's teams.

TEAM STATS									
	GAA	SA/G	PPGA	SHGA	GF/G	SF/G	PPG	SHG	PIM
NJ	2.75	23.4	7	0	3.42	33.5	7	1	72
COL	3.25	28.5	9	0	4.08	29.3	7	0	115

Season to date per ESPN.

TEAM LEADERS			
TEAM	GOALS	ASSISTS	POINTS
NJ	Nico Hischier 7	Jack Hughes 10	Jack Hughes 14
COL	Artturi Lehkonen 10	Nathan MacKinnon 14	Nathan MacKinnon 21

Season to date per ESPN.

COLORADO AVALANCHE

(6-5-1 · 4th in Central Division)

FORWARDS

LINE	#	PLAYER	POS	CTRY	AGE	GP	G	A	P	+	-
L1	62	Artturi Lehkonen	LW	FIN	31	12	10	4	14	+10	
	29	Nathan MacKinnon	C	CAN	31	12	7	14	21	+4	
	88	Martin Necas	C	CZE	27	12	6	10	16	+8	
L2	92	Gabriel Landeskog	LW	SWE	33	12	4	3	7	-1	
	11	Brock Nelson	C	USA	35	12	3	5	8	+2	
	91	Nazem Kadri	C	CAN	36	12	1	7	8	+2	
L3	71	Jaden Schwartz	LW	CAN	34	12	3	4	7	-2	
	9	Fedor Svechkov	C	RUS	23	12	2	4	6	+6	
	13	T.J. Hughes	RW	CAN	24	12	2	2	4	+1	
L4	8	Cale Makar	LW	CAN	27	11	3	8	11	+3	
	17	Parker Kelly	C	CAN	27	12	1	4	5	+1	
	25	Logan O'Connor	RW	USA	30	2	0	0	0	0	
Ex	10	Nicolas Roy	C	CAN	29	6	2	2	4	0	
	49	Georgii Merkulov	C	RUS	26	—	—	—	—	—	

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	70	Sam Malinski	D	USA	28	11	0	3	3	+6	
D2	7	Devon Toews	D	CAN	32	12	4	6	10	+11	
	8	Cale Makar	D	CAN	27	11	3	8	11	+3	
D3	42	Josh Manson	D	USA	35	12	1	3	4	+5	
	84	Brent Burns	D	CAN	41	12	0	3	3	-2	
Ex	47	Noah Juulsen	D	CAN	29	8	0	1	1	+2	

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39	Mackenzie Blackwood*	CAN	29	8	5-3-0	2.91	.893
41	Scott Wedgewood	CAN	34	4	1-2-1	3.48	.889

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LAST FIVE					
RESULT	W	L	L	W	L
SCORE	5-2	3-2	4-3	6-3	6-2
OPPONENT	vs PIT	@ PHI	@ NJ	vs TB	@ NSH

Most recent first, per ESPN.

OUT			
TEAM	PLAYER	STATUS	DETAIL
COL	Zachary L'Heureux (LW)	Injured Reserve	Upper body, return Nov 7
NJ	Seamus Casey (D)	Injured Reserve	Knee, return Nov 21

Injury report per ESPN.

SEASON SERIES	
DATE	RESULT
Oct 20	COL 3 @ NJ 4 (NJ won)

This season per ESPN; tonight is meeting 2.

STANDINGS · METROPOLITAN DIVISION									
POS	TEAM	GP	W	L	OTL	PTS			
1	Hurricanes	14	10	2	2	22			
2	Devils *	12	8	4	0	16			
3	Rangers	14	7	6	1	15			
4	Islanders	12	6	4	2	14			
5	Capitals	10	6	4	0	12			
6	Penguins	12	5	6	1	11			
7	Blue Jackets	10	5	5	0	10			
8	Flyers	14	3	7	4	10			

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ODDS	
LINE	
COL -148, O/U 6.5 (DraftKings)	

Per ESPN.