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FIRST ROUND PEAKS WITH DEVILS-RANGERS GAME 7 SHOWDOWN MONDAY

NEW YORK (April 30, 2023) -- For the first time since their [epic double-overtime thriller in the 1994 Conference Finals](#), the Hudson River rivals **New Jersey Devils** and **New York Rangers** will meet in a Game 7 to decide their Eastern Conference First Round series on Monday, May 1, at Prudential Center in Newark, N.J. The winner will advance to the Second Round and a matchup with their Metropolitan Division rival Carolina Hurricanes.

National rightsholders **ESPN** (U.S.), **Sportsnet** (Canada) and **TVAS** (Canada) will broadcast Monday's game, beginning at 8 p.m., ET.

Facing off in a playoff series for the seventh time, this marks the third Devils-Rangers Game 7 and the first time it will be played on the New Jersey side of the Hudson. The Rangers won both previous showdowns at Madison Square Garden, defeating the Devils 8-4 in the 1992 Patrick Division Semifinals and 2-1 in double overtime in the 1994 Eastern Conference Final.

The Devils, 7-7 all-time in Game 7s, will be appearing in their first since 2012, when they defeated the Florida Panthers 3-2 in double overtime to win their Conference Quarterfinals series and kickstart their run to the Stanley Cup Final. The Rangers (11-6 all-time) are 8-1 in their past nine Game 7s since 2012, including wins in all three road games in that span -- the most recent being a 6-2 victory at Carolina in the 2022 Second Round.

The Devils player with the most Game 7 experience is forward **Ondrej Palat**, a two-time Stanley Cup champion with the Tampa Bay Lightning, who has played in six such contests (4-2). The corresponding player for the Rangers is forward **Chris Kreider**, who will be skating in his ninth Game 7 (7-1). Kreider's total of seven Game 7 wins [is one shy of the NHL record](#) shared by **Brad Richards** (8-0), **Ray Bourque** (8-1), **Justin Williams** (8-1), **Carl Hagelin** (8-2), **Ryan McDonagh** (8-2) and **Glenn Anderson** (8-4).

Monday's Devils-Rangers game will be the 50th of the First Round, the fourth-highest single-round total in Stanley Cup Playoffs history. The only other rounds to feature 50-or-more contests: the 1992 Division Semifinals (54), 2022 First Round (51) and 1991 Division Semifinals (51). Other competitive hallmarks of an exciting past two weeks:

- * all eight series have featured at least one overtime game
- * seven of eight series will be decided in six games or more
- * all 16 teams have registered a road victory
- * all 16 teams posted a win in the first three games of a series
- * teams with an opportunity to close out a series are 5-6 to date

For more on **today's Game 7 doubleheader**, click [here](#).

Game 7 Trends

- * The team that scores first is 143-47 (.753) in the 190 all-time Game 7s in the Stanley Cup Playoffs (5-1 in 2022).
- * Home teams own a 111-79 (.584) edge in the 190 all-time Game 7s in the Stanley Cup Playoffs (4-2 in 2022).
- * Ninety-six of the 190 all-time Game 7s in the Stanley Cup Playoffs (50.5%) have been decided by a one-goal margin, including four of six in 2022.
- * Forty-seven Game 7s in the Stanley Cup Playoffs have required overtime (24.7%). Home teams have a 25-22 edge in those contests (2-0 in 2022).

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Individual Game 7 Statistics for New Jersey and NY Rangers

New Jersey	GP	W-L	G	A	Pts.
Ryan Graves	1	0-1	0	0	0
Dougie Hamilton	3	2-1	0	0	0
Erik Haula	2	1-1	0	0	0
Curtis Lazar	1	0-1	0	0	0
John Marino	1	0-1	0	0	0
Timo Meier	2	2-0	0	1	1
Ondrej Palat	6	4-2	1	0	1
Jonas Siegenthaler	1	0-1	0	0	0
Brendan Smith	5	2-3	0	0	0
Tomas Tatar	1	0-1	0	0	0

NY Rangers	GP	W-L	G	A	Pts.
Filip Chytil	2	2-0	1	0	1
Adam Fox	2	2-0	1	2	3
Barclay Goodrow	4	4-0	1	1	2
Kaapo Kakko	2	2-0	0	1	1
Patrick Kane	5	2-3	0	5	5
Chris Kreider	8	7-1	3	1	4
Alexis Lafrenière	2	2-0	0	1	1
Ryan Lindgren	2	2-0	0	0	0
K'Andre Miller	2	2-0	1	1	2
Tyler Motte	3	2-1	0	0	0
Artemi Panarin	3	2-1	1	1	2
Braden Schneider	2	2-0	0	1	1
Vladimir Tarasenko	4	4-0	1	1	2
Vincent Trocheck	2	1-1	1	0	1
Jacob Trouba	3	3-0	0	0	0
Mika Zibanejad	2	2-0	1	5	6

GP W-L GAA SV%
 No goaltenders with Game 7 statistics

	GP	W-L	GAA	SV%
Jaroslav Halak	3	2-1	1.68	.953
Igor Shesterkin	2	2-0	2.41	.938

Jaroslav Halak

Date	Score	Dec.	Shots
4/27/15	NYI 1 at WSH 2	Loss	26
5/12/10	MTL 5 at PIT 2	Win	39
4/28/10	MTL 2 at WSH 1	Win	42

Igor Shesterkin

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5/15/22	PIT 3 at NYR 4 (OT)	Win	42

New Jersey Head Coach

Lindy Ruff (0-4)

Date	Score	Dec.
5/11/16	STL 6 at DAL 1	Loss
4/26/11	BUF 2 at PHI 5	Loss
6/1/06	BUF 2 at CAR 4	Loss
5/10/01	PIT 3 at BUF 2 (OT)	Loss

NY Rangers Head Coach

Gerard Gallant (2-1)

Date	Score	Dec.
5/30/22	NYR 6 at CAR 2	Win
5/15/22	PIT 3 at NYR 4 (OT)	Win
4/23/19	VGK 4 at SJS 5 (OT)	Loss

Team Game 7 Results for New Jersey and NY Rangers

New Jersey Devils (7-7)

4/26/12, Eastern Conference QF vs. Florida (NJD 3 at FLA 2, 2OT)
4/28/09, Eastern Conference QF vs. Carolina (CAR 4 at NJD 3)
6/9/03, Stanley Cup Final vs. Anaheim (ANA 0 at NJD 3)
5/23/03, Eastern Conference Final vs. Ottawa (NJD 3 at OTT 2)
6/9/01, Stanley Cup Final vs. Colorado (NJD 1 at COL 3)
5/9/01, Eastern Conference SF vs. Toronto (TOR 1 at NJD 5)
5/26/00, Eastern Conference Final vs. Philadelphia (NJD 2 at PHI 1)
5/4/99, Eastern Conference QF vs. Pittsburgh (PIT 4 at NJD 2)
5/27/94, Eastern Conference Final vs. NY Rangers (NJD 1 at NYR 2, 2OT)
4/29/94, Eastern Conference QF vs. Buffalo (BUF 1 at NJD 2)
5/1/92, Patrick Division SF vs. NY Rangers (NJD 4 at NYR 8)
4/15/91, Patrick Division SF vs. Pittsburgh (NJD 0 at PIT 4)
5/14/88, Wales Conference Final vs. Boston (NJD 2 at BOS 6)
4/30/88, Patrick Division Final vs. Washington (NJD 3 at WSH 2)

New York Rangers (11-6)

5/30/22, Eastern Conference Second Round vs. Carolina (NYR 6 at CAR 2)
5/15/22, Eastern Conference First Round vs. Pittsburgh (PIT 3 at NYR 4, OT)
5/29/15, Eastern Conference Final vs. Tampa Bay (TBL 2 at NYR 0)
5/13/15, Eastern Conference Second Round vs. Washington (WSH 1 at NYR 2, OT)
5/13/14, Eastern Conference Second Round vs. Pittsburgh (NYR 2 at PIT 1)
4/30/14, Eastern Conference First Round vs. Philadelphia (PHI 1 at NYR 2)
5/13/13, Eastern Conference QF vs. Washington (NYR 5 at WSH 0)
5/12/12, Eastern Conference SF vs. Washington (WSH 1 at NYR 2)
4/26/12, Eastern Conference QF vs. Ottawa (OTT 1 at NYR 2)
4/28/09, Eastern Conference QF vs. Washington (NYR 1 at WSH 2)
6/14/94, Stanley Cup Final vs. Vancouver (VAN 2 at NYR 3)
5/27/94, Eastern Conference Final vs. New Jersey (NJD 1 at NYR 2, 2OT)
5/1/92, Patrick Division SF vs. New Jersey (NJD 4 at NYR 8)
5/5/74, Semifinal vs. Philadelphia (NYR 3 at PHI 4)
5/2/71, Semifinal vs. Chicago (NYR 2 at CHI 4)
4/23/50, Stanley Cup Final vs. Detroit (NYR 3 at DET 4, 2OT)
4/2/39, Semifinal vs. Boston (NYR 1 at BOS 2, 3OT)

4/30/23