



DATES OF INTEREST

2024-25



All Times Eastern | As of Sept. 6, 2024

SEPTEMBER 2024

Sunday, Sept. 22:

Utah Hockey Club plays its first preseason game against the St. Louis Blues at Wells Fargo Arena in Des Moines, Iowa (7 p.m.).

Monday, Sept. 23:

Utah Hockey Club plays its first preseason game at Delta Center against the Los Angeles Kings (9 p.m.).

Friday, Sept. 27:

2024 NHL Global Series Challenge Germany presented by Fastenal (Buffalo Sabres vs. EHC Red Bull München). The Sabres finish their training camp in Munich, Germany, and play a landmark preseason game against the Deutsche Eishockey Liga's EHC Red Bull München in the grand-opening event of the club's new arena SAP Garden (2:30 p.m.).

Sunday, Sept. 29:

Kraft Hockeyville 2024 (Pittsburgh Penguins vs. Ottawa Senators). The game honors the community of Elliot Lake, Ont., and will be played at Sudbury Community Arena in Sudbury, Ont. (7 p.m.).

OCTOBER 2024

Oct. 4-5:

2024 NHL Global Series Czechia presented by Fastenal (New Jersey Devils vs. Buffalo Sabres). The 2023-24 regular-season schedule begins with a back-to-back set in Prague, Czechia, as the city hosts its eighth and ninth regular-season NHL games (all at O2 Arena). After the event, the city and venue will both rank second in terms of hosting the most NHL regular-season games – behind only Stockholm, Sweden, where all 16 contests have been held at Avicii Arena (previously Ericsson Globe).



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- Tuesday, Oct. 8: **Opening day of the 2024-25 regular season in North America features an ESPN tripleheader:** St. Louis Blues visit the Seattle Kraken (4:30 p.m.); Florida Panthers raises its Stanley Cup banner before hosting the Boston Bruins (7 p.m.); **Utah Hockey Club begins its inaugural season at home** against the Chicago Blackhawks (10 p.m.).
- Wednesday, Oct. 9: **NHL on TNT's first broadcast of the season is a doubleheader:** New York Rangers visit the Pittsburgh Penguins (7:30 p.m.) and Vegas Golden Knights host the Colorado Avalanche (10 p.m. ET). **Six Canadian teams will be in action on Sportsnet:** Toronto Maple Leafs at Montreal Canadiens (7 p.m.), Winnipeg Jets at Edmonton Oilers (10 p.m.) and Calgary Flames at Vancouver Canucks (10 p.m.).
- Thursday, Oct. 10: **The premiere of *NHL Coast To Coast*, the new [weekly whiparound studio show on Prime Video](#), could witness the League debut of Macklin Celebrini**, the No. 1 pick in the 2024 NHL Draft, when the San Jose Sharks host the St. Louis Blues (10:30 p.m.).
- Friday, Oct. 11: Tampa Bay Lightning F **Jake Guentzel** returns to Lenovo Center (7 p.m.). Guentzel spent the final 17 games of the 2023-24 regular season with the Carolina Hurricanes, where he led the team in assists and points. He went on to add 4-5—9 in 11 playoff contests.
- Saturday, Oct. 12: **The first *Hockey Night in Canada* broadcast of the season** features the Pittsburgh Penguins at Toronto Maple Leafs (7 p.m.), Ottawa Senators at Montreal Canadiens (7 p.m.), Philadelphia Flyers at Calgary Flames (10 p.m.) and Chicago Blackhawks at Edmonton Oilers (10 p.m.).
- Monday, Oct. 14: **The first game available on Prime Video as part of its [Prime Monday Night Hockey programming](#)** features the Montreal Canadiens hosting the Pittsburgh Penguins (7:30 p.m.). The contest is part of a six-game day that includes three matinees as Columbus Day and Thanksgiving Day are observed in the U.S. and Canada, respectively.
- Tuesday, Oct. 15: New Jersey Devils D **Brett Pesce** returns to Lenovo Center for the first time after spending each of his first nine seasons with the Carolina Hurricanes (7 p.m.). Pesce ranks among the top five on the franchise's all-time lists for [games played](#) (627; 3rd), [points](#) (198; t-5th) and [assists](#) (159; 5th) by defensemen.
- Thursday, Oct. 17: A potential matchup between the past two No. 1 picks in the NHL Draft when **Macklin Celebrini** and the San Jose Sharks face **Connor Bedard** and the Chicago Blackhawks (8:30 p.m.). The contest could also feature the No. 2 pick from the 2024 NHL Draft, **Artyom Levshunov** (CHI).
- Saturday, Oct. 19: **Matchup between the past two Stanley Cup champions and rematch of the 2023 Final** as the Florida Panthers host the Vegas Golden Knights (6 p.m.).
- Detroit Red Wings GM **Steve Yzerman** is expected to serve his 1,000th game as general manager (2 p.m. at Nashville Predators).
- Sunday, Oct. 20: Winnipeg Jets GM **Kevin Cheveldayoff** is expected to serve his 1,000th game as general manager (3 p.m. vs. Pittsburgh Penguins).



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- Tuesday, Oct. 22: **Frozen Frenzy returns with all 32 teams playing on the only 16-game day of the season**, with each contest featuring a different start time.
- Monday, Oct. 28: Nashville Predators F **Steven Stamkos** returns to Amalie Arena for the first time after spending each of his first 16 seasons (including 11 as captain) with the Tampa Bay Lightning (7:30 p.m.). Stamkos, a two-time Stanley Cup champion and Maurice “Rocket” Richard winner with Tampa Bay, is the franchise’s all-time leader in several statistical categories including [points](#) (1,137), [games played](#) (1,082) and [goals](#) (555).
- Wednesday, Oct. 30: **The first of two meetings between the three Hughes brothers during the 2024-25 regular season** (10:30 p.m.). **Jack** and **Luke Hughes** of the New Jersey Devils face Vancouver Canucks captain **Quinn Hughes** for the second time and first since Dec. 5, 2023 – a contest which saw each brother record a point.
- NOVEMBER 2024**
- Nov. 1-2: **2024 NHL Global Series Finland presented by Fastenal** (Dallas Stars vs. Florida Panthers). The Stars play a regular-season games outside North America for the first time when they face the reigning Stanley Cup-champion Panthers in a back-to-back set at Nokia Arena in Tampere, Finland.
- Friday, Nov. 1: New Jersey Devils G **Jacob Markstrom** returns to Scotiabank Saddledome for the first time after spending each of the past four seasons with the Calgary Flames (9 p.m.). Markstrom ranks among the top five on the franchise’s all-time lists for [wins](#) (105; 5th) and [shutouts](#) (15; 3rd).
- Nov. 8-11: **Hockey Hall of Fame Induction Weekend** (Toronto, Ont.). The Class of 2024 inductees are **Natalie Darwitz**, **Pavel Datsyuk**, **Jeremy Roenick**, **Shea Weber** and **Krissy Wendell-Pohl** in the Player Category as well as **Colin Campbell** and **David Poile** in the Builder Category.
- Friday, Nov. 8: **Hockey Hall of Fame Game** (Toronto Maple Leafs vs. Detroit Red Wings; 7 p.m.).
- Saturday, Nov. 9: Ottawa Senators G **Linus Ullmark** returns to TD Garden for the first time after spending each of the past three seasons with the Boston Bruins (7 p.m.). Ullmark won the Vezina Trophy and William M. Jennings Trophy in 2022-23 after helping Boston set single-season NHL records for [wins](#) (65) and [points](#) (135).
- Monday, Nov. 11: Carolina Hurricanes F **William Carrier** returns to T-Mobile Arena for the first time after spending each of the past seven seasons with the Vegas Golden Knights (10 p.m.). Carrier was claimed by Vegas in the 2017 NHL Expansion Draft and was one of the “Misfits” that played for the club since its inaugural campaign and won the Stanley Cup in 2023.
- Sunday, Nov. 17: Washington Capitals G **Logan Thompson** returns to T-Mobile Arena for the first time after spending each of his first four seasons with the Vegas Golden Knights (8 p.m.). Thompson won the Stanley Cup with Vegas in 2023.



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- Wednesday, Nov. 20: Vegas Golden Knights G **Ilya Samsonov** returns to Scotiabank Arena after spending each of the past two seasons with the Toronto Maple Leafs (7:30 p.m.). Samsonov went 50-17-13 in 82 appearances with Toronto.
- Saturday, Nov. 23: **First of five 15-game days scheduled for the 2024-25 regular season** (also Nov. 27, Dec. 14, Jan. 11 & Jan. 18). Only the Anaheim Ducks and Toronto Maple Leafs are idle.
- Quarter Mark of the 2024-25 regular season** (11th contest on 15-game day; 328 GP).
- San Jose Sharks retire Joe Thornton's No. 19** before hosting the Buffalo Sabres (8 p.m.). Thornton, who won the Art Ross and Hart Memorial Trophy with San Jose in 2005-06, is the franchise's all-time leader for [assists](#) (804) and ranks among the top five for [games played](#) (1,104; 3rd), [points](#) (1,055; 2nd) and [goals](#) (251; 4th).
- Tuesday, Nov. 26: Vancouver Canucks F **Jake DeBrusk** returns to TD Garden for the first time after spending each of his first seven seasons with the Boston Bruins. Bruins F **Elias Lindholm** and D **Nikita Zadorov** face Vancouver for the first time after helping the team reach Game 7 of the 2024 Second Round.
- Wednesday, Nov. 27: **Second of five 15-game days scheduled for the 2024-25 regular season** (Dec. 14, Jan. 11 & Jan. 18 remain). Only the Edmonton Oilers and Utah Hockey Club are idle before a one-day break in the schedule for U.S. Thanksgiving.
- Toronto Maple Leafs D **Oliver Ekman-Larsson** and G **Anthony Stolarz** return to Amerant Bank Arena for the first time after winning the Stanley Cup with the Florida Panthers in 2024 (7:30 p.m.).
- Nashville Predators contest the 2,000th regular-season game in franchise history** at home against the Philadelphia Flyers (8 p.m.).
- Friday, Nov. 29: Tampa Bay Lightning D **Ryan McDonagh** returns to Bridgestone Arena for the first time after spending each of the past two seasons with the Nashville Predators (3 p.m.). McDonagh had the second-most points (52) and assists (47) among Predators defensemen in that span.
- DECEMBER 2024**
- Monday, Dec. 2: Chicago Blackhawks D **TJ Brodie** returns to Scotiabank Arena for the first time after spending each of the past four seasons with the Toronto Maple Leafs (7:30 p.m.). Brodie had the second-most points (82) and assists (74) among Maple Leafs defensemen in that span.
- Thursday, Dec. 5: Buffalo Sabres HC **Lindy Ruff** is expected to serve his 1,800th game as head coach (7 p.m. vs. Winnipeg Jets).



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- Saturday, Dec. 14: **Third of five 15-game days scheduled for the 2024-25 regular season** (Jan. 11 & Jan. 18 remain). Only the Carolina Hurricanes and New York Islanders are idle.
- St. Louis Blues D **Ryan Suter** returns to American Airlines Center after spending each of the past three seasons with the Dallas Stars (8 p.m.). Suter skated in all 246 regular-season games contested by the Stars during his tenure.
- Monday, Dec. 16: **First rematch of the 2024 Stanley Cup Final** when the Edmonton Oilers host the Florida Panthers in a *Prime Monday Night Hockey* game (8:30 p.m.).
- Saturday, Dec. 21: Seattle Kraken F **Chandler Stephenson** returns to T-Mobile Arena for the first time after spending parts of the past five seasons with the Vegas Golden Knights (10 p.m.). Stephenson won the Stanley Cup with Vegas in 2023.
- Sunday, Dec. 22: Los Angeles Kings G **Darcy Kuemper** returns to Capital One Arena after spending each of the past two seasons with the Washington Capitals (5 p.m.).
- Monday, Dec. 23: **Final day of games before the Holiday Break** with 26 teams in action. The 13-game slate includes two matinees and a *Prime Monday Night Hockey* contest featuring **Macklin Celebrini** potentially facing his hometown team at Rogers Arena for the first time when the San Jose Sharks visit the Vancouver Canucks (9 p.m.).
- Dec. 24-26: **Holiday Break** (no scheduled practices – dressing rooms closed).
- Friday, Dec. 27: Vegas Golden Knights F **Tomas Hertl** returns to SAP Center for the first time after spending parts of his first 11 seasons with the San Jose Sharks (10:30 p.m.). Hertl ranks among the top 10 on the franchise's all-time lists for [games played](#) (712; 7th), [points](#) (484; 6th), [assists](#) (266; 7th) and [goals](#) (218; 5th).
- Saturday, Dec. 28: Edmonton Oilers F **Viktor Arvidsson** returns to Crypto.com Arena for the first time after spending each of the past three seasons with the Los Angeles Kings (4 p.m.). Kings F **Warren Foegele** faces Edmonton for the first time after spending each of the past three seasons with the Oilers.
- Tuesday, Dec. 31: **Discover NHL Winter Classic** (St. Louis Blues at Chicago Blackhawks). The Blues and Blackhawks square off at Wrigley Field in the NHL's 42nd regular-season outdoor game and first of two scheduled for the 2024-25 campaign (5 p.m.).

JANUARY 2025

- Thursday, Jan. 2: **Utah Hockey Club makes its only trip to Scotiabank Saddledome** during the 2024-25 regular season (9 p.m.). Utah selected F **Tij Iginla** (No. 6 in 2024) with its [first NHL Draft pick in franchise history](#) – Iginla's father, **Jarome**, had his No. 12 retired by the Calgary Flames after spending parts of his first 16 seasons with the club (including 9 as captain) and establishing franchise records for [games played](#) (1,219), [points](#) (1,095) and [goals](#) (525).
- Sunday, Jan. 5: **The 600th regular-season game between two Original Six franchises** when the New York Rangers visit the Chicago Blackhawks (3 p.m.).



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Thursday, Jan. 9: **Halfway Mark of the 2024-25 regular season** (third contest on 10-game day; 656 GP).

Saturday, Jan. 11: **Fourth of five 15-game days scheduled for the 2024-25 regular season** (Jan. 18 remains). Only the Carolina Hurricanes and Detroit Red Wings are idle.

Thursday, Jan. 16: New Jersey Devils HC **Sheldon Keefe** returns to Scotiabank Arena for the first time after spending the past five seasons as head coach of the Toronto Maple Leafs (7 p.m.). Toronto went 212-97-40 in 349 games since Keefe's debut on Nov. 21, 2019, and its .665 points percentage was the fourth highest in the NHL over that span.

Washington Capitals D **Jakob Chychrun** returns to Canadian Tire Centre for the first time after spending parts of the past two seasons with the Ottawa Senators (7 p.m.).

Blues GM **Doug Armstrong** is expected to serve his 1,500th game as general manager (8 p.m. vs. Calgary Flames).

Saturday, Jan. 18: **Final 15-game day scheduled for the 2024-25 regular season.** Only the Buffalo Sabres and Carolina Hurricanes are idle.

25th annual Scotiabank Hockey Day in Canada from Canmore, Alberta, with all seven Canadian teams in action: Boston Bruins at Ottawa Senators (3 p.m.), Toronto Maple Leafs at Montreal Canadiens (7 p.m.), Calgary Flames at Winnipeg Jets (7 p.m.) and Edmonton Oilers at Vancouver Canucks (10 p.m.).

Tuesday, Jan. 28: Washington Capitals F **Andrew Mangiapane** returns to Scotiabank Saddledome after spending each of his first seven seasons with the Calgary Flames (9 p.m.).

Wednesday, Jan. 29: Florida Panthers HC **Paul Maurice** is expected to serve his 1,900th game as head coach (7 p.m. vs. Los Angeles Kings).

FEBRUARY 2025

Tuesday, Feb. 4: Toronto Maple Leafs D **Chris Tanev** returns to Scotiabank Saddledome for the first time after spending parts of the past four seasons with the Calgary Flames (9 p.m.).

Thursday, Feb. 6: Vegas Golden Knights F **Alexander Holtz** and G **Akira Schmid** return to Prudential Center for the first time after spending each of the past three seasons with the New Jersey Devils (7 p.m.).

Sunday, Feb. 9: **A two-game matinee slate makes up the final day of play before the 12-day break for the 4 Nations Face-Off,** with no regular-season games scheduled from Feb. 10-21.

Wednesday, Feb. 12: **4 Nations Face-Off:** Canada vs. Sweden (8 p.m.; Bell Centre, Montreal).

Thursday, Feb. 13: **4 Nations Face-Off:** United States vs. Finland (8 p.m.; Bell Centre, Montreal).

Saturday, Feb. 15: **4 Nations Face-Off:** Finland vs. Sweden (1 p.m.; Bell Centre, Montreal).



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Monday, Feb. 17: **4 Nations Face-Off:** Canada vs. Finland (1 p.m.; TD Garden, Boston).

4 Nations Face-Off: Sweden vs. United States (8 p.m.; TD Garden, Boston).

Thursday, Feb. 20: **4 Nations Face-Off:** Championship Game (8 p.m. ET; TD Garden, Boston).

Saturday, Feb. 22: Seattle Kraken D **Brandon Montour** returns to Amerant Bank Arena for the first time after winning the Stanley Cup with the Florida Panthers in 2024 (6 p.m.). Montour spent parts of the past four seasons with the Panthers and holds single-season franchise records for [points](#) and [assists](#) by a defenseman while sharing the club benchmark for [goals](#).

Thursday, Feb. 27: Chicago Blackhawks D **Alec Martinez** returns to T-Mobile Arena for the first time after spending parts of the past five seasons with the Vegas Golden Knights (10 p.m.). Martinez won the Stanley Cup with Vegas in 2023.

MARCH 2025

Saturday, March 1: **2025 Navy Federal Credit Union NHL Stadium Series** (Detroit Red Wings at Columbus Blue Jackets). The Red Wings and Blue Jackets square off at Ohio Stadium in the NHL's 43rd regular-season outdoor game and second of two scheduled for the 2024-25 campaign (6 p.m.).

Monday, March 3: Ottawa Senators D **Nick Jensen** returns to Capital One Arena for the first time after spending parts of the past six seasons with the Washington Capitals (6:30 p.m.).

Wednesday, March 5: **Three-Quarter Mark of the 2024-25 regular season** (second contest on five-game day; 984 GP).

Saturday, March 8: Islanders GM **Lou Lamoriello** is expected to serve his 2,900th game as general manager (10 p.m. at San Jose Sharks).

Monday, March 10: Edmonton Oilers F **Jeff Skinner** returns to KeyBank Center for the first time after spending each of the past six seasons with the Buffalo Sabres (6:30 p.m.).

Thursday, March 13: Tampa Bay Lightning F **Cam Atkinson** returns to Wells Fargo Center for the first time after spending each of the past three seasons with the Philadelphia Flyers (7 p.m.).

Saturday, March 15: Vegas Golden Knights F **Victor Olofsson** returns to KeyBank Center for the first time after spending each of his first six seasons with the Buffalo Sabres (12:30 p.m.).

Monday, March 24: **The second of two meetings between the three Hughes brothers during the 2024-25 regular season** as the New Jersey Devils host the Vancouver Canucks (7:30 p.m.).



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- Tuesday, March 25: Nashville Predators D **Brady Skjei** returns to Lenovo Center for the first time after spending parts of the past five seasons with the Carolina Hurricanes (7:30 p.m.).
- Thursday, March 27: Utah Hockey Club D **Mikhail Sergachev** returns to Amalie Arena for the first time after spending each of the past seven seasons with the Tampa Bay Lightning. Sergachev won back-to-back Stanley Cup championships with Tampa Bay from 2020 to 2021 and ranks second on the franchise's all-time lists for [points](#) (257) and [assists](#) (209) by Lightning defensemen.

APRIL 2025

- Saturday, April 5: Tampa Bay Lightning F **Zemgus Girgensons** returns to KeyBank Center for the first time after spending each of his first 10 seasons with the Buffalo Sabres (7 p.m.). Girgensons represented Buffalo at the 2015 NHL All-Star Game.
- Thursday, April 10: **The 600th regular-season game between two Original Six franchises** when the Boston Bruins host the Chicago Blackhawks (7 p.m.).
- Saturday, April 12: Nashville Predators F **Jonathan Marchessault** returns to T-Mobile for the first time after spending each of the past seven seasons with the Vegas Golden Knights (10 p.m.). Marchessault, who was claimed by Vegas in the 2017 NHL Expansion Draft and won the Stanley Cup as well as the Conn Smythe Trophy with the Golden Knights in 2023, is the franchise's all-time leader in [games played](#) (514), [points](#) (417), [assists](#) (225) and [goals](#) (192).
- Wednesday, April 16: Edmonton Oilers GM **Stan Bowman** is expected to serve his 1,000th game as general manager (10:30 p.m. at San Jose Sharks).
- Thursday, April 17: **Final day of the 2024-25 regular season.**

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