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The Kraken will host the reigning Stanley Cup-champion Golden Knights in the *2024 Discover NHL Winter Classic* at the home of the MLB's Seattle Mariners, T-Mobile Park, on Jan. 1 (12 p.m. PT / 3 p.m. ET on TNT, Max, SN, TVAS & truTV). **All stats are through games played Dec. 29.**

Quick Hits:

* Seattle and Vegas – the League's two newest franchises – will play its first and second outdoor game in franchise history, respectively, but the Golden Knights' ties to open-air contests date back further than the [2021 NHL Outdoors at Lake Tahoe opener](#) less than three years ago.

* The surging Kraken will become the second NHL franchise to play a regular-season outdoor game with an active point streak of at least eight contests and would establish a [club record by extending the run to nine](#).

* **Kailer Yamamoto** (Spokane, Wash.), the first Washington-born player to skate for the Kraken, is set to make his outdoor debut in his home state – where he also played junior hockey.

* **Brayden McNabb** dressed in a historic open-air contest in Washington nearly 13 years ago and is now set to skate in the League's first-ever outdoor game in "The Evergreen State."

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* Seattle will make its outdoor game debut, doing so in a venue located just three miles from Climate Pledge Arena. The Kraken will be the 29th franchise in NHL history to contest a regular-season outdoor game.

* Seattle is 6-0-2 in its last eight contests dating to Dec. 12, with its point streak coming [on the heels of an eight-game winless drought](#). The Kraken will become the second NHL franchise to play a regular-season outdoor contest with an active point streak of at least eight games, following the Bruins in the [2023 Winter Classic](#) at Fenway Park (7-0-3).

* Vegas will contest its second outdoor game, following a loss to Colorado in the [2021 NHL Outdoors at Lake Tahoe opener](#). Reigning Stanley Cup champions are 5-1-0 in regular-season outdoor games.

REIGNING STANLEY CUP CHAMPIONS IN OUTDOOR GAMES

NHL HISTORY

TEAM	OPPONENT	GAME	RESULT
VEGAS GOLDEN KNIGHTS	SEA	2024 WC	-
TAMPA BAY LIGHTNING	NSH	2022 SS	3-2 W
PITTSBURGH PENGUINS	PHI	2017 SS	4-2 W
CHICAGO BLACKHAWKS	MIN	2016 SS	6-1 L
LOS ANGELES KINGS	SJS	2015 SS	2-1 W
CHICAGO BLACKHAWKS	PIT	2014 SS	5-1 W
DETROIT RED WINGS	CHI	2009 WC	6-4 W

* Seattle and Vegas debuted in 2021-22 and 2017-18, respectively, and have won a combined 376 regular-season games, 61 playoff contests, 12 postseason series and one Stanley Cup. The Golden Knights enjoyed [unprecedented success during their inaugural campaign](#), while the Kraken had [46 wins](#) and [100 points](#) in 2022-23 (the best improvements by an NHL franchise from its first to second season & among the [biggest YOY point improvements by any club in League history](#)).

* Seattle will be the youngest NHL franchise to compete in a regular-season outdoor game, eclipsing Vegas which was contesting its fourth season in [2021](#).

* The first-ever outdoor game between two NHL teams took place less than two miles from the Golden Knights' home arena on [Sept. 27, 1991](#), with the Kings scoring five unanswered goals to overcome a 2-0 deficit and earn a preseason win against the Rangers on a rink built over the Caesars Palace parking lot.



VEGAS HELD FIRST OUTDOOR GAME BETWEEN NHL TEAMS

Tony Granato scored for the Kings in a preseason win vs. the Rangers at Caesars Palace in 1991. His sister, Cammi, was a scout for the Kraken (2019-20—2021-22) before being named assistant general manager with the Canucks.

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SEATTLE KRAKEN

* **Kailer Yamamoto** (Spokane, Wash.) is set to become the 68th different NHL player to dress in a regular-season outdoor game in his birth state or province and fourth among those *born outside of Canada, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota or New York*. He can join **Matt Nieto** (Long Beach, Calif.) in the [2015 Stadium Series](#) at Levi's Stadium as well as **Chris Chelios** (Chicago, Ill.) and **Brett Lebda** (Buffalo Grove, Ill.) in the [2009 Winter Classic](#) at Wrigley Field.

* **Matty Beniers** is set to become the sixth reigning Calder Memorial Trophy winner to skate in a regular-season outdoor game, following **Kirill Kaprizov** ([2022 WC](#)), **Cale Makar** ([2021 LT](#)), **Artemi Panarin** ([2017 WC](#)), **Patrick Kane** ([2009 WC](#)) and **Evgeni Malkin** ([2008 WC](#)). **Auston Matthews** did not dress for the Maple Leafs in the [2018 Stadium Series](#) at Navy-Marine Corps Memorial Stadium.

* **Jared McCann** (14-8—22 in 36 GP), who leads the team with 14 goals this season, is set to contest his second career regular-season outdoor NHL game and first since skating alongside current teammates **Brian Dumoulin** and **Justin Schultz** with the Penguins in the [2019 Stadium Series](#) at Lincoln Financial Field. McCann (81-61—142 in 189 GP) was a member of four different NHL franchises before being claimed by Seattle in the [2021 Expansion Draft](#) (including Toronto for just four days ahead of the event) and has since gone on to become the club's all-time leader in [goals](#) and [points](#).

* **Vince Dunn** (16-59—75 in 84 GP) is set to ring in the new year after ranking among the League leaders for [goals](#), [assists](#) and [points](#) by defensemen in 2023. He won a Stanley Cup alongside Vegas players **Ivan Barbashev** and **Alex Pietrangolo** with St. Louis in [2019](#), capped by the Blues earning a championship-clinching win against current Golden Knights head coach **Bruce Cassidy** and the Bruins in [Game 7 of the Final](#).

* **Tomas Tatar** tallied two points with the Red Wings in both the [2017 Centennial Classic](#) at Exhibition Stadium and [2016 Stadium Series](#) at Coors Field. He can become the first player in NHL history to record multiple points in three regular-season outdoor games, eclipsing **Sean Couturier**, **Zach Hyman**, **Nathan MacKinnon**, **David Pastrnak** and **Henrik Zetterberg** (all 2x).

* **Joey Daccord** is 5-0-2 in his last seven appearances dating to Dec. 12 with a 1.54 goals-against average, .949 save percentage and one shutout. Daccord can establish a franchise record for longest point streak by a goaltender, eclipsing the previous mark set by **Martin Jones** from Jan. 1-14, 2023 (7-0-0 in 7 GP).

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DACCORD CAN JOIN RARE COMPANY

Joey Daccord can become the third goaltender to appear in an outdoor game with an active point streak of at least seven contests, following Linus Ullmark in the 2023 Winter Classic (7-0-1 in 8 GP) and Cristobal Huet in the 2009 Winter Classic (6-0-1 in 7 GP)

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* **Jordan Eberle** and **Brandon Tanev** are set to contest their first regular-season outdoor NHL game since going head-to-head in the [2016 Heritage Classic](#) at Investors Group Field with the Oilers and Jets, respectively. **Adam Larsson** also skated with Edmonton during its 3-0 win.

* **Andre Burakovsky**, **Philipp Grubauer** and **Pierre-Edouard Bellemare** appeared across from the Golden Knights with the Avalanche during their 3-2 win in the [2021 NHL Outdoors at Lake Tahoe opener](#). Burakovsky was on the ice for the game-winning goal and Grubauer had 27 saves in the win.

* **Dave Hakstol** was the Flyers' head coach during their 4-2 loss to Dumoulin, Schultz and the Penguins in the [2017 Stadium Series](#) at Heinz Field. One of Hakstol's players was Philadelphia forward **Sean Couturier**, whose father, **Sylvain**, scored the game-winning goal for Los Angeles in the outdoor preseason contest at Caesars Palace in Las Vegas.

* Thirteen current Seattle players have appeared in at least one regular-season outdoor NHL game (min. 1 GP in 2023-24). Their statistics in those contests are listed on page 10.

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* **Jack Eichel** (16-24—40 in 37 GP), who is set to contest his second career regular-season outdoor NHL game and first since skating with the Sabres in the [2018 Winter Classic](#) at Citi Field, leads the Golden Knights in points this season. His 16 goals are one ahead of **William Karlsson** (15-17—32 in 37 GP) for second on the team behind **Jonathan Marchessault** (17-10—27 in 37 GP) – Karlsson and Marchessault are two of Vegas' five "Misfits" that played for the club since its inaugural campaign (also **William Carrier**, **Brayden McNabb** & **Shea Theodore**).

* Eichel (196-290—486 in 513 GP) needs four goals for 200 in his NHL career, with his 196 ranking third among current Golden Knights players behind **Mark Stone** (208-343—551 in 621 GP) and Marchessault (205-240—445 in 593 GP). Stone skated with the Senators in the [NHL100 Classic](#) at Lansdowne Park and Golden Knights in the [2021 NHL Outdoors at Lake Tahoe opener](#).



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STONE HAS SHONE SINCE LAST OUTDOOR GAME

Mark Stone became Vegas' first captain one month before the 2021 NHL Outdoors at Lake Tahoe opener and has since been named a Selke Trophy finalist, played in an NHL All-Star Game and scored a Stanley Cup-clinching hat trick

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* Vegas could have as many as 20 Cup winners in its lineup, including three-time champion **Alec Martinez** (2023 VGK, 2014 LAK & 2012 LAK) and two-time winners **Ivan Barbashev** (2023 VGK & 2019 STL), **Alex Pietrangelo** (2023 VGK & 2019 STL) and **Chandler Stephenson** (2023 VGK & 2018 WSH). The most Cup winners among players to dress for an NHL team in a regular-season outdoor game is 19 by the Blackhawks in the [2014 Stadium Series](#) at Soldier Field, while the most combined Cup wins is 37 by the Red Wings in the [2009 Winter Classic](#) at Wrigley Field.

* **Bruce Cassidy** was the Bruins' head coach during their 7-3 win against the Flyers in the [2021 NHL Outdoors at Lake Tahoe finale](#) and 4-2 victory versus the Blackhawks in the [2019 Winter Classic](#) at Notre Dame Stadium. He can become the second NHL head coach to earn wins in each of his first three regular-season outdoor games, joining **Alain Vigneault** (3-0-0).

* Sixteen current Vegas players have appeared in at least one regular-season outdoor NHL game (min. 1 GP in 2023-24), including 12 who dressed for the club outdoors in 2021. Their statistics in those contests are listed on page 10.

BY THE NUMBERS

2017 – Year that Seattle forward **Pierre-Edouard Bellemare** was claimed by Vegas from Philadelphia in the [NHL Expansion Draft](#), while new teammate **Tomas Tatar** was traded to the Golden Knights by the Red Wings later that season. They are two of three players to appear in at least one game with both the Kraken and Golden Knights (also **Derrick Pouliot**).

2009 – Year that Mariners icons **Ken Griffey Jr.** and **Ichiro Suzuki** (who are [featured on Kraken goaltender Joey Daccord's Winter Classic mask](#)) were [carried off T-Mobile Park on the shoulders of their teammates](#) at the conclusion of the season. Similar occurrences happened in the NHL on [May 21, 1979](#) (when Canadiens forward **Bob Gainey** won the Conn Smythe Trophy), [April 21, 1951](#) (when Maple Leafs defenseman **Bill Barilko** scored the Stanley Cup-clinching goal before disappearing four months later) and [Feb. 10, 1942](#) (when the Bruins' "Kraut Line" of **Bobby Bauer, Woody Dumart & Milt Schmidt** contested their final game before serving in Royal Canadian Air Force).

39 – Regular-season outdoor games in League history, including the *2024 Discover NHL Winter Classic*. The total is set to reach 41 with the *2024 Navy Federal Credit Union NHL Stadium Series* at MetLife Stadium (Feb. 17-18).

19 – Edition of *WrestleMania* held at T-Mobile Park on March 30, 2003, with one of the highlights from the event being **Chris Jericho** facing his childhood idol **Shawn Michaels**. Jericho's father, **Ted Irvine**, played parts of 11 seasons in the NHL and was inducted into the [Manitoba Hockey Hall of Fame](#) in the player category in 1985 – 34 years before Golden Knights general manager **Kelly McCrimmon** went in as a builder.

15 – Minutes of ice-time logged by Golden Knights assistant coach **Joel Ward** with the Capitals during their 3-2 victory in the [2015 Winter Classic](#) at Nationals Park. **Troy Brouwer** scored the winner [with 12.9 seconds remaining in regulation](#), which remains the NHL's latest go-ahead goal in a regular-season outdoor game.

13 – Years since Kraken general manager **Ron Francis** scored a goal with the Penguins during their 5-5 tie against the Capitals in the *2011 NHL Winter Classic Alumni Game* at Heinz Field on [Dec. 31, 2010](#).



13 – Years since Washington earned a 3-1 victory versus Pittsburgh in the [2011 Winter Classic](#) at Heinz Field. Golden Knights president of hockey operations and alternate governor **George McPhee** was the Capitals' general manager at the time.

13 – Regular-season outdoor games played in baseball parks including the *2024 Discover NHL Winter Classic*. The 26 others took place in football venues (23 GP), atop a golf course (2 GP) and at a soccer stadium (1 GP).

12 – Years since Kraken assistant coach **Dave Lowry** was behind the Flames' bench in the same capacity during Calgary's 4-0 win against Montreal in the [2011 Heritage Classic](#) at McMahon Stadium.

12 – Years since Golden Knights defenseman **Brayden McNabb** captained the WHL's Kootenay Ice to an Ed Chynoweth Cup as league champions in 2010-11. He skated over 80 games with the Ice that year, including their 11-2 loss against the Spokane Chiefs in the *Rockstar Outdoor Hockey Classic* at Avista Stadium in Spokane on [Jan. 15, 2011](#). The contest marked the first regular-season outdoor game in CHL history.



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6 – Regular-season outdoor games that Kraken assistant general manager **Jason Botterill** has been involved in, including the *2024 Discover NHL Winter Classic*. He was an executive with the Penguins for the [2008 Winter Classic](#) at Ralph Wilson Stadium, [2011 Winter Classic](#) at Heinz Field, [2014 Stadium Series](#) at Soldier Field and [2017 Stadium Series](#) at Heinz Field as well as general manager of the Sabres for the [2018 Winter Classic](#) at Citi Field. Vegas forward **Jack Eichel** made his outdoor game debut in Buffalo's overtime loss in 2018.

5 – Notable current NHL players with ties to Japan, including Kraken forward **Kailer Yamamoto** and Canadiens captain **Nick Suzuki** who was selected by the Golden Knights with No. 13 pick in the 2017 NHL Draft (also **Akito Hirose**, **Kiefer Sherwood** & **Jordan Spence**). **Ichiro Suzuki** made his MLB debut at T-Mobile Park on [April 2, 2001](#), and became the first Japanese-born position player in league history. **Yutaka Fukufuji** was the first Japanese-born player to dress in at least one regular-season or playoff NHL game.

4 – Regular-season outdoor games that Golden Knights assistant coach **John Stevens** has been involved in, including the *2024 Discover NHL Winter Classic*. He was an assistant coach with the Kings for the [2014 Stadium Series](#) at Dodger Stadium as well as the [2015 Stadium Series](#) at Levi's Stadium and served in the same capacity with the Stars for the [2020 Winter Classic](#) at Cotton Bowl Stadium.

NHL OUTDOOR GAME EXPERIENCE: CURRENT KRACKEN AND GOLDEN KNIGHTS PLAYERS

The charts below show NHL outdoor game experience for current Kraken and Golden Knights (min. 1 GP in 2023-24).

Seattle Kraken

SKATER	POS	GP	G	A	P	+/-	PIM	GAMES
BELLEMARE, Pierre-Edouard	L	4	0	0	0	0	7	2017 SS (PHI), 2020 SS (COL), 2021 LT (COL), 2022 SS (TBL)
TATAR, Tomas	L	3	1	3	4	4	0	2014 WC, 2016 SS, 2017 CC (all DET)
DUMOULIN, Brian	D	3	0	1	1	0	2	2017 SS, 2019 SS, 2023 WC (all PIT)
BURAKOVSKY, Andre	L	3	0	0	0	0	4	2018 SS (WSH), 2020 SS (COL), 2021 LT (COL)
SCHULTZ, Justin	D	2	1	0	1	1	0	2017 SS, 2019 SS (both PIT)
EBERLE, Jordan	R	1	0	0	0	0	0	2016 HC (EDM)
LARSSON, Adam	D	1	0	0	0	2	0	2016 HC (EDM)
McCANN, Jared	L	1	0	0	0	0	0	2019 SS (PIT)
OLEKSIAK, Jamie	D	1	0	0	0	0	0	2020 WC (DAL)
SCHWARTZ, Jaden	C	1	0	0	0	1	0	2017 WC (STL)
TANEV, Brandon	L	1	0	0	0	0	0	2016 HC (WPG)
TOLVANEN, Eeli	R	1	0	0	0	-1	0	2022 SS (NSH)

GOALTENDER	GP	GS	W	L	OT	SO	SV%	GAA	GAMES
GRUBAUER, Philipp	2	2	1	0	0	0	0.932	1.76	2018 SS (WSH – dressed only), 2020 SS (COL), 2021 LT (COL)

HEAD COACH	GC	W	L	OT	P	P%	GAMES
HAKSTOL, Dave	1	0	1	0	0	0.000	2017 SS (PHI)

Vegas Golden Knights

SKATER	POS	GP	G	A	P	+/-	PIM	GAMES
MARTINEZ, Alec	D	3	1	0	1	0	0	2014 SS (LAK), 2020 SS (LAK), 2021 LT (VGK)
PIETRANGELO, Alex	D	2	0	1	1	0	2	2017 WC (STL), 2021 LT (VGK)
STEPHENSON, Chandler	C	2	0	1	1	1	2	2018 SS (WSH), 2021 LT (VGK)
STONE, Mark	R	2	0	1	1	1	4	2017 NHL100 (OTT), 2021 LT (VGK)
BARBASHEV, Ivan	C	1	1	1	2	1	0	2022 WC (STL)
MARCHESSAULT, Jonathan	R	1	0	1	1	0	0	2021 LT (VGK)
WHITECLOUD, Zach	D	1	0	1	1	1	0	2021 LT (VGK)
AMADIO, Michael	R	1	0	0	0	0	0	2020 SS (LAK)
CARRIER, William	L	1	0	0	0	-1	2	2021 LT (VGK)
EICHEL, Jack	C	1	0	0	0	-1	0	2018 WC (BUF)
HAGUE, Nicolas	D	1	0	0	0	1	0	2021 LT (VGK)
KARLSSON, William	C	1	0	0	0	0	0	2021 LT (VGK)
KOLESAR, Keegan	R	1	0	0	0	1	0	2021 LT (VGK)
McNABB, Brayden	D	1	0	0	0	0	0	2015 SS (LAK)
ROY, Nicolas	C	1	0	0	0	-1	0	2021 LT (VGK)
THEODORE, Shea	D	1	0	0	0	-2	0	2021 LT (VGK)

HEAD COACH	GC	W	L	OT	P	P%	GAMES
CASSIDY, Bruce	2	2	0	0	4	1.000	2019 WC, 2021 LT (both BOS)

* Goaltenders **Adin Hill**, **Jiri Patera** and **Logan Thompson** have yet to play in a regular-season outdoor NHL game.

WASHINGTON STATE AND THE NHL

* A total of 13 players born in Washington state have dressed at least one NHL game (regular season or playoffs), including Kraken forward **Kailer Yamamoto** as well as Stanley Cup winners **Wayne Hicks**, **Tyler Johnson** and **T.J. Oshie**. Yamamoto and his brother, **Keanu**, were taught how to skate by Johnson's mother, **Debbie**.

* Wild assistant coach **Patrick Dwyer**, who was selected by the Atlanta Thrashers with the No. 116 pick in the 2002 NHL Draft and skated parts of seven seasons in the League from 2008-09 to 2014-15, was born in Spokane and raised in Great Falls, Montana. Penguins assistant coach **Ty Hennes** lived in Kent during his youth but was born in Dickinson, North Dakota.

WASHINGTON-BORN AND TRAINED PLAYERS

NHL HISTORY

PLAYER	BIRTHPLACE	GP
T.J. OSHIE*	EVERETT	979
TYLER JOHNSON*	SPOKANE	705
DEREK RYAN*	SPOKANE	532
KAILER YAMAMOTO*	SPOKANE	281
DYLAN GAMBRELL*	BONNEY LAKE	233
DAVID WILKIE	ELLENSBURG	167
DUANE WYLIE	SPOKANE	14
TOM BISSETT	SEATTLE	5

*Active player; others were born in the state but grew up elsewhere

* Washington will be the 16th U.S. state to host at least one regular-season outdoor game, while New Jersey is set to become the 17th when the *2024 Navy Federal Credit Union NHL Stadium Series* takes place at MetLife Stadium from Feb. 17-18. Washington, D.C., and five Canadian provinces have also hosted.

* T-Mobile Park will be the fifth Washington state-based venue to host a game involving the Kraken. Seattle contested three neutral-site preseason contests in "The Evergreen State" ahead of its inaugural season while renovations at Climate Pledge Arena were being completed – these took place at Spokane Veterans Memorial Arena in Spokane on [Sept. 26, 2021](#), Angel of the Winds Arena in Everett on [Oct. 1, 2021](#) and Accesso ShowWare Center in Kent on [Oct. 2, 2021](#).

* Hockey participation in Washington state has nearly doubled since the Kraken's inaugural campaign, going from 6,793 players in [2020-21](#) (the final season before Seattle's debut) to 11,876 in [2022-23](#). That includes a jump from 943 to 1,936 for female participants.

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