



# ISLANDERS GAMEDAY PREVIEW

## March 5, 2018 at Vancouver Canucks



### 2017-18 SEASON STATS

	ISLANDERS	CANUCKS
<b>Record:</b>	29-29-8 (66 pts)	24-32-9 (57 pts)
<b>Standings:</b>	T-6th in Metropolitan	7th in Pacific
<b>Last Game:</b>	March 3 at PIT (OTL, 3-2)	March 2 vs NSH (OTL, 4-3)
<b>Next Game:</b>	March 8 at EDM	March 7 vs. ARI
<b>Power Play:</b>	20.7% (10th in the NHL)	21.8% (6th in the NHL)
<b>Penalty Kill:</b>	74.5% (30th in the NHL)	77.2% (26th in the NHL)

### PLAYERS TO WATCH



#### MATHEW BARZAL #13

Rookie points and assists leader, Mathew Barzal will play in front of his hometown crowd for the first time in his career tonight as the Islanders take on the Vancouver Canucks. The Coquitlam, BC native, leads the Islanders in assists (49) and points (67) & is the highest scoring Isles rookie in 40 years. In the first meeting between the two clubs, Barzal recorded the primary assist on Jordan Eberle's game-winner.

### SEASON SERIES

## NYI LEADS THE SERIES 1-0-0

Tuesday, Nov. 28, 2017

NYI 5 vs. VAN 2

Monday, March 5, 2018

(Vancouver, BC)



#### CAL CLUTTERBUCK #15

Islanders alternate captain, Cal Clutterbuck is slated to play in his 700th NHL game on Monday night in Vancouver. Clutterbuck has recorded 205 points (109G, 96A) over his 11 NHL seasons with the Minnesota Wild and Islanders. The Welland, ON native was the Wild's third-round pick (72nd overall) in the 2006 NHL Draft. Clutterbuck ranks 3rd among active players in hits with 2,780. On Saturday, he hit the 200-hit mark for the ninth time in his career.

### BROADCAST INFO

**Puck Drop:** 10:00 ET

**TV:** MSG + / SNP

**NYI TV Play/Color:** Brendan Burke | Butch Goring

**Radio:** AM 970 The Answer | WRHU 88.7

**NYI Play/Color:** Chris King | Greg Picker



#### BROCK BOESER #6

Rookie goals leaders, Brock Boeser leads the Vancouver Canucks in both goals (29) and points (55) this season. Earlier this season, Boeser became the first rookie since Mario Lemieux in 1985 to win MVP honors at the NHL All-Star Game. Boeser currently ranks second behind Barzal in NHL rookie points. The Burnsville, MN native was the Canucks first-round (23rd overall) draft pick in 2015.

### NEW YORK ISLANDERS QUICK FACTS

#### Season Series Finale:

The Islanders will look to earn their fifth straight win over the Vancouver Canucks on Monday night in the regular season finale between the two clubs. Last time out, the Islanders got goals from five different players including a game-winner from **Jordan Eberle**, in a 5-2 win over the Canucks at Barclays Center.

#### Countdown to 50:

Islanders' rookie **Mathew Barzal** is one assist shy of hitting the 50 assist mark. No Isles players scored 50 assists since John Tavares in 2011-12, the last NYI player to pass the 50-assist mark was Pierre Turgeon in 1993-94. If Barzal hits the 50 mark, he will move into a tie with Stefan Persson for second all-time on the rookie assists list.

#### Chasing the Top 5:

Islanders captain John Tavares recorded one assist in the overtime loss to Pittsburgh on Saturday, making him one assist shy of fifth on the Islanders all-time assists list (J. Tonelli, 338) and eight points shy of fifth all-time points (B. Sutter, 610).

Islanders rookie goaltender, Christopher Gibson made his season debut on Saturday in Pittsburgh, recording 47 saves on 50 shots. The Espoo, Finland native established a new record for saves in a game by a Finnish-born rookie goaltender with 47, Nashville net-minders Pekka Rinne (46) and Juuse Saros (46). Gibson became the third Islander rookie goalie to face 50 shots in a game, and first since 2011.

# 47

# 223

Newly acquired Islanders forward, Chris Wagner leads all NHL forwards with 223 hits this season, good for second most in the league behind Philadelphia Flyers defenseman Robert Hagg. In Saturday's overtime loss in Pittsburgh, Wagner co-lead all players with four hits. The Walpole, MA native and teammate Cal Clutterbuck rank in the top-10 in the NHL in hits per game (3.3).