



GAME NOTES

WASHINGTON CAPITALS at NEW JERSEY DEVILS
Prudential Center – Newark, New Jersey
OCTOBER 4, 2021

WASHINGTON CAPITALS (0-2-1)

Forwards

- 10 SPRONG, Daniel
- 20 ELLER, Lars
- 21 HATHAWAY, Garnet
- 23 SGARBOSSA, Michael
- 24 MCMICHAEL, Connor
- 26 DOWD, Nic
- 29 LAPIERRE, Hendrix
- 36 VECCHIONE, Mike
- 40 PILON, Garrett
- 43 WILSON, Tom
- 47 MALENSTYN, Beck
- 59 PROTAS, Aliaksei
- 62 HAGELIN, Carl
- 64 PINHO, Brian

Defenseemen

- 9 ORLOV, Dmitry
- 27 ALEXEYEV, Alex
- 42 FEHERVARY, Martin
- 46 GEISSER, Tobias
- 52 IRWIN, Matt
- 57 van RIEMSDYK, Trevor
- 74 CARLSON, John

Goaltenders

- 41 VANECEK, Vitek
- 60 FUCALE, Zach

NEW JERSEY DEVILS (3-0-0)

Forwards

- 10 HOLTZ, Alexander
- 13 HISCHIER, Nico
- 16 VESEY, Jimmy
- 18 MERCER, Dawson
- 20 MCLEOD, Michael
- 37 ZACHA, Pavel
- 44 WOOD, Miles
- 55 GEERTSEN, Mason
- 59 KUOKKANEN, Janne
- 63 BRATT, Jesper
- 70 BOQVIST, Jesper
- 90 TATAR, Tomas

Defenseemen

- 2 WHITE, Colton
- 7 HAMILTON, Dougie
- 28 SEVERSON, Damon
- 33 GRAVES, Ryan
- 76 SUBBAN, P.K.
- 83 JAROS, Christian
- 88 BAHL, Kevin

Goaltenders

- 29 BLACKWOOD, Mackenzie
- 41 WEDGEWOOD, Scott

Senior VP/General Manager Brian MacLellan
 Head Coach Peter Laviolette
 Assistant Coach Scott Arniel
 Assistant Coach Kevin McCarthy
 Assistant Coach Blaine Forsythe
 Goaltending Coach Scott Murray
 Assistant Coach/Video Brett Leonhardt
 Video Coordinator Jared Elenberger

General Manager Tom Fitzgerald
 Head Coach Lindy Ruff
 Assistant Coach Alain Nasreddine
 Assistant Coach Mark Recchi
 Assistant Coach Chris Taylor
 Goaltending Coach Dave Rogalski
 Video Coordinator Ian Greenwald
 Video Coordinator Lucas Hurtt

Tonight's Officials:

Referees: Chris Rooney (5), T.J. Luxmore (21)
 Linesmen: David Brisebois (96), Ryan Daisy (81)

2021 Washington Capitals Preseason Schedule

Date	Opponent	Location	Time/Result (ET)	TV	Radio
Sun., Sept. 26	Boston	Capital One Arena	3-2 SOL	NBCSW, NHLN	106.7/Caps Radio 24/7
Wed., Sept. 29	New Jersey	Capital One Arena	5-4 L	NBCSW, NHLN	106.7/Caps Radio 24/7
Sat., Oct. 2	at Philadelphia	Wells Fargo Center	3-1 L	NBCSW	N/A
Mon., Oct. 4	at New Jersey	Prudential Center	7 p.m.	Washcaps.com	N/A
Wed., Oct. 6	at Boston	TD Garden	7 p.m.	NHLN	N/A
Fri., Oct. 8	Philadelphia	Capital One Arena	7 p.m.	NBCSW/NHLN	106.7/Caps Radio 24/7

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LAST GAME

Washington 1, Philadelphia Flyers 3

Oct. 2, 2021 *Wells Fargo Center* Philadelphia, PA

Shots: WSH: 22; PHI: 31

Power Plays: WSH: 1/3; PHI: 1/3

Three Stars: 1. Giroux (PHI), 2. Atkinson (PHI), 3. Jones (PHI)

TRANSACTIONS: Assigned Axel Jonsson-Fjallby, Brett Leason and Joe Snively to the Hershey Bears (AHL), 10/3.

DOUBLE V – Vitek Vanecek is expected to make his second appearance of the preseason tonight against New Jersey. In his 2021-22 preseason debut against the Boston Bruins on Sept. 26, Vanecek stopped all nine shots faced in 25:00 minutes of play. In four career starts against New Jersey, Vanecek has a 4-0-0 record with a 2.44 goals against average and .902 save percentage. The Capitals re-acquired Vanecek from Seattle during the offseason after he was selected by the Kraken in the NHL Expansion Draft. In his rookie season last year Vanecek finished with a 21-10-4 record with two shutouts, a 2.69 goals-against average and a .908 save percentage. With his 21 wins, Vanecek joined Michal Neuvirth (27 wins in 2010-11) as the only rookie goaltenders in franchise history to record at least 21 wins in a season. Vanecek's 21 wins led all rookie goaltenders.

CONSISTENT LINE – The line of Carl Hagelin, Nic Dowd and Garnet Hathaway will make its second straight appearance of the preseason tonight against the New Jersey Devils. Last season, the trio were the only forwards to appear in all 56 games of the season, where they skated a total of 517:43 together at five-on-five, the most of any Capitals' line combination last season. In 2020-21, Dowd set a career high for goals in a season with 11, and his 0.20 goals per game rating doubled his goals per game rating entering the season (0.10 in his career). Hathaway recorded 18 points last season (6g, 12a), one shy of his career high of 19 set in 2018-19 when he played in 76 games. Hagelin's 144:02 of penalty kill time last season was the second-highest total among forwards in the NHL (Ottawa's Connor Brown: 163:40). Hagelin's 40.18 shots against per 60 minutes of penalty kill time was the lowest rate among forwards with at least 100 penalty kill minutes last season.

HENDRIX HELPERS – Hendrix Lapiere recorded two assists in the Capitals' previous preseason game against New Jersey on Sept. 29. It marked Lapiere's second-straight multi-assist game, after he recorded two assists in his preseason debut against Boston on Sept. 26. Through games played Oct. 2, Lapiere's four assists rank tied for second in the NHL and are tied for the most among rookies (William Eklund, San Jose: 4). Lapiere, the Capitals' first-round choice, 22nd overall in the 2020 NHL Draft, also ranks tied for seventh in the NHL in points through games played Oct. 2. During the 2020-21 season, Lapiere recorded 31 points (8g, 23a) in 21 games with the Chicoutimi Saguenees in the Quebec Major Junior Hockey League (QMJHL), which included nine multi-point games. Lapiere's 1.48 points per game ranked eighth among all QMJHL players last season.

CONNOR TIME – Connor McMichael will appear in his third game of the preseason tonight against New Jersey. Through two preseason games, McMichael has recorded four shots on goal and won 13 out of 22 faceoffs (59.1%) taken. McMichael made his NHL and Capitals debut during the 2020-21 season on Jan. 24 vs. Buffalo. In addition, he led the Hershey Bears in goals (14) and points (27) in his first AHL season, appearing in all 33 of the Bears' games in 2020-21. The 6'0", 180-pound center ranked tied for second in goals and sixth in points among AHL rookies and ranked first in game-winning goals (8) and tied for fourth in power play goals (6) among all AHL skaters. McMichael was named to the AHL North Division All-Star Team and the AHL All-Rookie Team, becoming the first Capitals prospect to receive the honor since John Carlson (2009-10).

MARTY PARTY – Martin Fehervary enters this preseason vying for a roster spot on the Capitals. On Saturday against the Philadelphia Flyers, Fehervary logged 19:50 time on ice, the third-highest total among Capitals defensemen (Justin Schultz: 22:21; Trevor van Riemsdyk: 21:49). Fehervary, who recorded 14 points (4g, 10a) in 56 games with Hershey in 2019-20, surpassed his rookie point total in 32 fewer games in 2020-21. Fehervary finished the season with 17 points (3g, 14a) in 24 games, which ranked second among Hershey defensemen. The Bratislava, Slovakia, native also ranked third on the team in assists, tied for sixth in points and fifth in plus/minus (10).

PPG PROTAS – Aliaksei Protas scored a power play goal on Saturday against the Philadelphia Flyers, his first of the preseason. Protas, who will play in his third game of the preseason tonight against New Jersey, was drafted by Washington in the third round, 91st overall in the 2019 NHL Draft. Protas began the 2020-21 season on loan to Dinamo Minsk of the Kontinental Hockey League (KHL), where he recorded 18 points (10g, 8a) in 58 games. He ranked tied for fifth on the team in goals and tied for eighth in points, despite ranking 15th in time on ice per game (12:52) among Dinamo Minsk skaters with at least 30 games played. Additionally, the 6'6", 225-pound forward recorded four points (1g, 3a) in five playoff games and was named Best Rookie of the KHL playoffs' first round. Protas was re-assigned to Hershey on March 18 and made his AHL debut on March 31. The Vitebsk, Belarus, native recorded seven points (2g, 5a) in 16 games with Hershey. Additionally, Protas represented Belarus at the 2021 IIHF World Championship, recording two assists in six games.

GET BECKED – Beck Malenstyn, the Capitals' fifth-round choice, 145th overall in the 2016 NHL Draft, will play in his second game of the preseason tonight against New Jersey. In his preseason debut against Boston on Sept. 26, Malenstyn recorded a game-high seven hits and led Capitals forward in

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shorthanded time on ice (2:36). Malenstyn appeared in three games with Washington in 2019-20, making his NHL debut on Nov. 20, 2019, against the New York Rangers.

2021 Washington Capitals Training Camp Roster

FORWARDS (20)

#	Player	Ht.	Wt.	Shoots	Born	Birthplace	2020-21 Club	League(s)
19	BACKSTROM, Nicklas	6'1"	202	Left	11/23/87	Gavle, Sweden	CAPITALS	NHL
26	DOWD, Nic	6'1"	193	Right	5/27/90	Huntsville, Alabama	CAPITALS	NHL
20	ELLER, Lars	6'2"	205	Left	5/8/89	Rodovre, Denmark	CAPITALS	NHL
62	HAGELIN, Carl	6'0"	183	Left	8/23/88	Sodertalje, Sweden	CAPITALS	NHL
21	HATHAWAY, Garnet	6'3"	208	Right	11/23/91	Kennebunkport, Maine	CAPITALS	NHL
92	KUZNETSOV, Evgeny	6'2"	207	Left	5/19/92	Chelyabinsk, Russia	CAPITALS	NHL
29	LAPIERRE, Hendrix	6'0"	180	Left	2/9/02	Gatineau, Quebec	Chicoutimi	QM/JHL
47	MALENSTYN, Beck	6'3"	200	Left	2/4/98	Delta, British Columbia	Hershey	AHL
39	MANTHA, Anthony	6'5"	234	Left	9/16/94	Longueuil, Quebec	CAPITALS	NHL
24	McMICHAEL, Connor	6'0"	180	Left	1/15/01	Ajax, Ontario	Hershey	AHL
77	OSHIE, T.J.	6'0"	187	Right	12/23/86	Everett, Washington	CAPITALS	NHL
8	OVECHKIN, Alex	6'3"	238	Right	9/17/85	Moscow, Russia	CAPITALS	NHL
40	PILON, Garrett	6'0"	191	Right	4/13/98	Mineola, New York	Hershey	AHL
64	PINHO, Brian	6'1"	186	Right	5/11/95	Beverly, Massachusetts	Hershey	AHL
59	PROTAS, Aliaksei	6'6"	225	Left	1/6/01	Vitebsk, Belarus	Dinamo Minsk/Hershey	KHL/AHL
23	SGARBOSSA, Michael	6'0"	179	Left	7/25/92	Campbellville, Ontario	Hershey	AHL
73	SHEARY, Conor	5'9"	179	Left	6/8/92	Winchester, Massachusetts	CAPITALS	NHL
10	SPRONG, Daniel	6'0"	193	Right	3/17/97	Amsterdam, Netherlands	CAPITALS	NHL
36	VECCHIONE, Mike	5'10"	193	Right	2/25/93	Saugus, Massachusetts	Colorado	AHL
43	WILSON, Tom	6'4"	220	Right	3/29/94	Toronto, Ontario	CAPITALS	NHL

DEFENSEMEN (10)

27	ALEXEYEV, Alex	6'4"	213	Left	11/15/99	St. Petersburg, Russia	Salavat Yulaev Ufa/Hershey	KHL/AHL
74	CARLSON, John	6'3"	215	Right	1/10/90	Natick, Massachusetts	CAPITALS	NHL
42	FEHERVARY, Martin	6'2"	199	Left	10/6/99	Bratislava, Slovakia	Hershey	AHL
46	GEISSER, Tobias	6'5"	217	Left	2/13/99	Stans, Switzerland	EV Zug	NL
52	IRWIN, Matt	6'2"	200	Left	11/29/87	Victoria, British Columbia	Buffalo	NHL
3	JENSEN, Nick	6'1"	205	Right	9/21/90	Rogers, Minnesota	CAPITALS	NHL
6	KEMPNY, Michal	6'1"	192	Left	9/8/90	Hodonin, Czech Republic	CAPITALS	NHL
9	ORLOV, Dmitry	5'11"	214	Left	7/23/91	Novokuznetsk, Russia	CAPITALS	NHL
2	SCHULTZ, Justin	6'2"	188	Right	7/6/90	Kelowna, British Columbia	CAPITALS	NHL
57	van RIEMSDYK, Trevor	6'3"	191	Right	7/24/91	Middletown, New Jersey	CAPITALS	NHL

GOALTENDERS (4)

				Catches				
1	COPLEY, Pheonix	6'4"	200	Left	1/18/92	North Pole, Alaska	Hershey	AHL
60	FUCALE, Zach	6'2"	189	Left	5/28/95	Laval, Quebec	Hershey	AHL
30	SAMSONOV, Ilya	6'3"	200	Left	2/22/97	Magnitogorsk, Russia	CAPITALS	NHL
41	VANECEK, Vitek	6'2"	184	Left	1/9/96	Havlickuv Brod, Czech Republic	CAPITALS	NHL

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POS	NO.	PLAYER	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM	PP	SH	GW	OTG	S	PCTG
C	29	*Lapierre, Hendrix	2	0	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0.0
D	74	Carlson, John	1	2	0	2	0	0	1	1	0	0	2	100.0
RW	36	Vecchione, Mike	1	1	0	1	1-	0	1	0	0	0	4	25.0
C	40	*Pilon, Garrett	2	1	0	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	2	50.0
C	59	*Protas, Aliaksei	2	1	0	1	0	2	1	0	0	0	3	33.3
RW	77	Oshie, T.J.	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	50.0
C	91	*Snively, Joe	2	1	0	1	1-	0	0	0	0	0	3	33.3
D	6	Kempny, Michal	2	0	1	1	3-	0	0	0	0	0	3	0.0
C	23	Sgarbossa, Michael	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
RW	39	Mantha, Anthony	2	0	1	1	3-	2	0	0	0	0	3	0.0
D	42	*Fehervary, Martin	2	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	4	0.0
D	57	van Riemsdyk, Trevor	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
D	61	*Has, Martin	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0.0
C	92	Kuznetsov, Evgeny	2	0	1	1	2-	0	0	0	0	0	4	0.0
D	2	Schultz, Justin	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	0.0
D	3	Jensen, Nick	2	0	0	0	2-	2	0	0	0	0	5	0.0
LW	8	Ovechkin, Alex	1	0	0	0	1-	0	0	0	0	0	1	0.0
D	9	Orlov, Dmitry	1	0	0	0	1-	0	0	0	0	0	1	0.0
RW	10	Sprong, Daniel	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0.0
C	20	Eller, Lars	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0.0
RW	21	Hathaway, Garnet	1	0	0	0	1-	2	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
C	24	*McMichael, Connor	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0.0
D	25	McIlrath, Dylan	1	0	0	0	1-	10	0	0	0	0	1	0.0
C	26	Dowd, Nic	1	0	0	0	1-	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
D	27	*Alexeyev, Alexander	1	0	0	0	2-	2	0	0	0	0	1	0.0
D	28	*Iorio, Vincent	1	0	0	0	1-	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
RW	43	Wilson, Tom	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	5	0.0
LW	45	*Jonsson-Fjallby, Axel	2	0	0	0	1-	2	0	0	0	0	3	0.0
D	46	*Geisser, Tobias	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0.0
LW	47	*Malenstyn, Beck	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
RW	49	*Leason, Brett	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	3	0.0
D	52	Irwin, Matt	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0.0
LW	62	Hagelin, Carl	1	0	0	0	1-	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
C	63	*Gersich, Shane	1	0	0	0	1-	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
C	64	Pinho, Brian	2	0	0	0	2-	2	0	0	0	0	2	0.0
RW	67	*Sutter, Riley	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
RW	71	*Clark, Kody	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0.0
LW	73	Sheary, Conor	2	0	0	0	1-	0	0	0	0	0	2	0.0
		TEAM TOTALS	3	7	11	18	22-	32	3	1	0	0	80	8.8

RK	NO.	GOALTENDER	GPI	MINS	AVG	W	L	OT	SO	GA	SA	SV%	G	A	PIM
	30	Samsonov, Ilya	2	77:03	3.89	0	2	0	0	5	39	.872	0	0	0
	60	Fucale, Zach	1	39:56	4.51	0	0	0	0	3	15	.800	0	0	0
	1	Copley, Pheonix	1	39:39	3.03	0	0	0	0	2	14	.857	0	0	0
	41	Vanecek, Vitek	1	25:00	0.00	0	0	1	0	0	9	1.000	0	0	0
		TEAM TOTALS	3	185:00	3.57	0	2	1	0	11	77	.857	0	0	0

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POS	NO.	PLAYER	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM	PP	SH	GW	OTG	S	PCTG	
C	17	Sharangovich, Yegor	2	2	1	3	3	0	0	0	1	1	9	22.2	
RW	10	*Holtz, Alexander	2	1	2	3	3	2	0	0	0	0	4	25.0	
C	18	*Mercer, Dawson	2	2	0	2	2	2	0	0	0	0	3	66.7	
C	37	Zacha, Pavel	1	1	1	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	2	50.0	
D	76	Subban, P.K.	1	1	1	2	2	2	0	0	0	0	6	16.7	
LW	90	Tatar, Tomas	1	1	1	2	1	2	0	0	0	0	2	50.0	
D	7	Hamilton, Dougie	1	0	2	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	5	0.0	
D	28	Severson, Damon	1	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0.0	
C	77	*Talvitie, Aarne	1	0	2	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	
D	82	*Okhotiuk, Nikita	2	0	2	2	2	2	0	0	0	0	1	0.0	
RW	12	*Thompson, Tyce	1	1	0	1	2	2	0	0	0	0	2	50.0	
C	13	Hischier, Nico	2	1	0	1	2-	0	1	0	1	0	2	50.0	
C	14	Jankowski, Mark	2	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	33.3	
LW	16	Vesey, Jimmy	2	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	5	20.0	
C	59	Kuokkanen, Janne	1	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	100.0	
C	86	Hughes, Jack	2	1	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	4	25.0	
D	2	*White, Colton	1	0	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	
LW	11	Johnsson, Andreas	2	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	0.0	
C	20	McLeod, Michael	1	0	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	
D	34	Wotherspoon, Tyler	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0.0	
C	47	*De Leo, Chase	1	0	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	
LW	25	*Foote, Nolan	1	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	
D	32	*Walsh, Reilly	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0.0	
D	33	Graves, Ryan	1	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	1	0.0	
C	36	Gambardella, Joseph	1	0	0	0	1-	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	
C	38	Gauthier, Frederik	1	0	0	0	1-	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	
D	39	Russo, Robbie	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	0.0	
LW	42	Greer, A.J.	1	0	0	0	1-	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	
LW	44	Wood, Miles	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0.0	
C	46	Flynn, Brian	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	
C	48	*Schnarr, Nate	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	
LW	49	*Zetterlund, Fabian	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0.0	
RW	61	*Stillman, Chase	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	
RW	67	*Studenic, Marian	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	3	0.0	
C	70	Boqvist, Jesper	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0.0	
D	71	Siegenthaler, Jonas	2	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	4	0.0	
D	75	*Groleau, Jeremy	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	
D	81	*Vukojevic, Michael	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	
D	83	Jaros, Christian	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	
D	88	*Bahl, Kevin	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	
RW	92	*Clarke, Graeme	1	0	0	0	1-	0	0	0	0	0	4	0.0	
		TEAM TOTALS	3	14	19	33	38	26	3	0	3	1	75	18.7	
RK	NO.	GOALTENDER	GPI	MINS	AVG	W	L	OT	SO	GA	SA	SV%	G	A	PIM
	45	Bernier, Jonathan	2	100:00	3.00	1	0	0	0	5	42	.881	0	0	0
	41	Wedgewood, Scott	1	43:36	0.00	1	0	0	0	0	22	1.000	0	0	0
	50	*Daws, Nico	1	20:00	0.00	1	0	0	0	0	10	1.000	0	0	0
	29	Blackwood, Mackenzie	1	20:00	3.00	0	0	0	0	1	16	.938	0	0	0
		TEAM TOTALS	3	183:36	1.96	3	0	0	0	6	90	.933	0	0	0