

## SERIES NOTES

### ROCKFORD ICEHOGS



**All-Time Iowa Wild Record:** 54-40-6-5 (28-23-1-1 at Wells Fargo Arena, 26-17-5-4 at Rockford)

**Last Time:** Iowa took a 6-1 win over Rockford at Wells Fargo Arena on Dec. 5... Six different Wild skaters scored in the win... Iowa went 2-for-7 on the power play and successfully killed off five Rockford power play opportunities... Vinni Lettieri also added a shorthanded goal in the third period... Jesper Wallstedt saved 30-of-31 shots

**2022-23:** Iowa went 7-3-1-1 against Rockford in 2022-23... Seven games went to overtime, with Iowa taking three overtime wins and two shootout victories... The Wild scored the first goal in nine of the 12 matchups

## 2023-24 IOWA WILD LEADERS

**GOALS:** Jake Lucchini (9)

**ASSISTS:** Nic Petan (15)

**POINTS:** Jake Lucchini, Nic Petan (18)

**PLUS/MINUS:** Jujhar Khaira (+9)

**PIM:** Kale Kessy (59)

**PPG:** Jake Lucchini (3)

**POINTS/GAME:** Nic Petan (0.95)

**GAA:** Jesper Wallstedt (2.09)

**SAV%:** Jesper Wallstedt (0.933)

## UPCOMING IOWA WILD GAMES

OPPONENT	DATE	TIME (CT)	BROADCAST
at Rockford	12/16	7:00 p.m.	AHLTV/KXNO
at Milwaukee	12/20	7:00 p.m.	AHLTV/KXNO
vs. Manitoba	12/22	7:00 p.m.	AHLTV/KXNO
vs. Manitoba	12/23	6:00 p.m.	AHLTV/KXNO
vs. Colorado	12/28	6:00 p.m.	AHLTV/KXNO

## MINNESOTA WILD

### Previous Game

12/14 vs. Calgary Flames  
Boldy (8), Rossi (10)

### Next Game

12/16 vs. Vancouver Canucks

### 2023-24 Season Record

11-12-4

## TEAM NOTES

**CLOSE QUARTERS:** Iowa and Rockford rank fourth and fifth respectively in the Central Division Standings... The Wild sit at 11th in the Western Conference while Rockford is one spot behind... Iowa and Rockford rank 23rd and 24th in the overall league standings... The two teams finished tied in points (79) at the end of the 2022-23 season

**SCORING FIRST:** Scoring first has been key for Iowa in 2023-24... The Wild are 8-0-0-0 when scoring first and 2-11-1-1 when allowing the opening goal

**THREE OR FEWER:** Iowa's goaltenders have not allowed more than three goals in 14 straight games... The Wild are 7-6-0-1 over that span... Iowa is undefeated in the seven games in which the team has scored four or more goals this season

## 2023-24 ROCKFORD ICEHOGS LEADERS

**GOALS:** Joey Anderson (7)

**ASSISTS:** Anders Bjork (11)

**POINTS:** Joey Anderson, David Gust (16)

**PLUS/MINUS:** Cole Guttman (+5)

**PIM:** Josh Healey (30)

**PPG:** Josh Anderson, Brett Seney (4)

**POINTS/GAME:** Joey Anderson (1.14)

**GAA:** Drew Commesso (2.99)

**SAV%:** Drew Commesso (0.896)

## CONNECTIONS

**JOHANSSON:** Saarela (Ilves)

**LAMBOS:** Del Mastro (Canada), Teply (Winnipeg)

**MCINTYRE:** Bjork (PRO)

**MILNE:** Teply (Winnipeg)

**O'LEARY:** Bjork (Notre Dame)

**O'ROURKE:** Del Mastro (Canada)

**SPACEK:** Marcel (Czechia)

## MILESTONES

**FOGARTY:** Needs 8 goals to reach 100 AHL goals

**FOGARTY:** Needs 7 points to reach 250 pro points

**KHAIRA:** Needs 10 GP to reach 500 pro GP

**TEASDALE:** Needs 1 GP to reach 150 AHL GP

**WELINSKI:** Needs 2 points to reach 150 AHL points

**WELINSKI:** Needs 1 GP to reach 300 AHL GP

## MR. 300

- Andy Welinski enters the weekend series having played 299 AHL games
- Welinski posted three assists in 14 games for the IceHogs during the 2022-23 season
- He has recorded six points (3-3=6) through 15 games with Iowa in 2023-24

## ROAD TO THE SHOW

- The Minnesota Wild recalled forward Vinni Lettieri and defensemen Daemon Hunt and Dakota Mermis on Wednesday
- Each of the three players, along with Jujhar Khaira and Sammy Walker, have previously skated with Minnesota this season
- Other Iowa alumni on Minnesota's roster include Calen Addison, Matt Boldy, Connor Dewar, Brandon Duhaime, Joel Eriksson Ek, and Marco Rossi

## FAST FACTS

- The Wild have scored in the third period in six games in a row
- Iowa is undefeated when leading after both the first and second periods this season (8-0-0-0)
- The Wild have gone 9-7-1-0 when outshot
- Iowa is 1-4-0-0 when outshooting opponents
- The Wild are winless (0-10-0-1) when trailing after two periods

## PLAYER STREAKS

- Simon Johansson leads Wild skaters with 58 consecutive regular season games played
- Iowa has started either Zane McIntyre or Jesper Wallstedt in 82 consecutive regular season games, dating back to Wallstedt's Nov. 20, 2022 start in a 5-1 win over Chicago

## ZANE MCINTYRE

- Zane McIntyre has passed multiple Iowa Wild franchise goaltending records this season and is approaching another
- McIntyre set a new high for games played by an Iowa goaltender (75) on Nov. 4 vs. Texas
- McIntyre also passed Kaapo Kahkonen's franchise saves record (1,981) on Nov. 4 vs. Texas
- McIntyre passed Kahkonen (4,431) for most minutes played all-time on Nov. 18 vs. Rockford
- McIntyre ranks second all-time in wins (35) behind Kahkonen (42)

## RECENT TRANSACTIONS

Dec. 4 - Dec. 15, 2023

- 12/4/2023: Dakota Mermis - Recalled to Minnesota
- 12/4/2023: Vinni Lettieri - Reassigned to Iowa (AHL)
- 12/4/2023: David Spacek - Recalled from Iowa (ECHL)
- 12/6/2023: Kyle Masters - Assigned to Iowa (ECHL)
- 12/6/2023: Pavel Novak - Reassigned to Iowa (ECHL)
- 12/9/2023: Gavin Hain - Released from PTO
- 12/11/2023: Dakota Mermis - Reassigned to Iowa (AHL)
- 12/12/2023: Kyle Masters - Recalled to Iowa (AHL)
- 12/13/2023: Vinni Lettieri - Recalled to Minnesota
- 12/13/2023: Daemon Hunt - Recalled to Minnesota
- 12/13/2023: Dakota Mermis - Recalled to Minnesota
- 12/14/2023: Gavin Hain - Signed to PTO

## PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

- #5 - Dakota Mermis (duh-COAT-UH MERM-iss)
- #6 - Gavin Hain (HAYN)
- #7 - Nic Petan (puh-TAN)
- #8 - Pavel Novak (PAH-vehl NO-vahk)
- #9 - Jake Lucchini (loo-CHEE-nee)
- #10 - Vinni Lettieri (VIN-nee luh-TER-ee)
- #11 - Adam Beckman (BECK-man)
- #13 - Nick Swaney (SWAY-nee)
- #16 - Jujhar Khaira (JUH-jar KARE-ah)
- #18 - Simon Johansson (SY-muhn yoh-HAN-son)
- #21 - David Spacek (SPA-heck)
- #24 - Joël Teasdale (jo-ELL TEEZ-dayl)
- #29 - Steven Fogarty (FOH-ger-tee)
- #30 - Jesper Wallstedt (YEHS-per VAHL-steht)
- #43 - Greg Meireles (muh-REHL-ehs)
- #44 - Kale Kessy (KEH-see)
- #52 - Daemon Hunt (DAY-mun)
- #70 - Zane McIntyre (MACK-in-tire)
- #71 - Carson Lambos (LAM-bohs)
- #74 - Adam Raška (RASK-uh)

## IOWA WILD MEDIA RESOURCES

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