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SEPTEMBER (0-0-0-1)

20 @ Everett **SOL**, 4-3
27 EVERETT 6:00pm

OCTOBER (0-0-0-0)

3 VICTORIA 7:00pm
4 @ Tri-City 6:05pm
5 PENTICTON 4:00pm
10 @ Spokane 7:05pm
12 SEATTLE 4:00pm
17 @ Vancouver 7:00pm
18 @ Seattle 6:05pm
24 @ Penticton 7:05pm
25 TRI-CITY 6:00pm

NOVEMBER (0-0-0-0)

1 SASKATOON 6:00pm
2 KAMLOOPS 4:00pm
7 PORTLAND 7:00pm
8 PRINCE GEORGE 6:00pm
11 @ Seattle 7:05pm
14 @ Portland 7:00pm
15 PRINCE ALBERT 6:00pm
16 @ Portland 4:00pm
22 @ Kamloops 6:00pm
26 VANCOUVER 6:00pm
28 PRINCE GEORGE 7:00pm
29 REGINA 6:00pm

DECEMBER (0-0-0-0)

2 SWIFT CURRENT 6:00pm
5 @ Lethbridge 6:00pm
6 @ Medicine Hat 6:00pm
7 @ Calgary 3:00pm
12 TRI-CITY 7:00pm
13 @ Tri-City 6:05pm
14 EVERETT 4:00pm
16 @ Seattle 7:05pm
17 @ Everett 7:05pm
27 @ Spokane 6:05pm
28 SPOKANE 4:00pm
31 SEATTLE 5:00pm

JANUARY (0-0-0-0)

2 PORTLAND 7:00pm
3 @ Everett 6:05pm
4 @ Portland 4:00pm
9 MOOSE JAW 7:00pm
10 @ Vancouver 7:00pm
11 VANCOUVER 4:00pm
16 PORTLAND 7:00pm
17 @ Kamloops 6:00pm
18 SEATTLE 4:00pm
23 KAMLOOPS 7:00pm
24 TRI-CITY 6:00pm
28 BRANDON 6:00pm
30 @ Portland 7:00pm
31 @ Tri-City 6:05pm

FEBRUARY (0-0-0-0)

6 VICTORIA 7:00pm
7 SPOKANE 6:00pm
11 @ Kelowna 7:05pm
13 KELOWNA 7:00pm
14 @ Spokane 6:05pm
15 SPOKANE 4:00pm
20 @ Victoria 7:05pm
21 @ Victoria 6:05pm
27 @ Kelowna 7:05pm
28 KELOWNA 6:00pm

MARCH (0-0-0-0)

1 EVERETT 4:00pm
6 @ Penticton 7:05pm
7 PENTICTON 6:00pm
10 @ Red Deer 6:00pm
11 @ Edmonton 10:00am
13 @ Prince George 7:00pm
14 @ Prince George 6:00pm
20 EVERETT 6:00pm
21 @ Everett 6:05pm

GAME NOTES - REGULAR SEASON GAME 2



WENATCHEE WILD

(0-0-0-1 - 1 pt || 10th, Western Conference)



EVERETT SILVERTIPS

(1-0-0-0 - 2 pts || 2nd, Western Conference)



September 27, 2025 || 6:00 p.m. || Town Toyota Center || Wenatchee, WA

Wild/ICE All-Time Record vs. Everett: 16-19-2-1 (1 tie)

IN A NUTSHELL:

The Wild and Silvertips wrap up a two-week home-and-home with Wenatchee's home opener.

THE SCENE-SETTER:

Wenatchee opened the 2025-26 regular season the same way they closed the 2025 preseason, stretching another game to a shootout - Everett closed the night with a 4-3 victory, rolling back from a 3-0 deficit early in the second period. After totaling one power play goal during the preseason, Wenatchee opened the season 2-for-2 - **Dawson Seitz** walked the puck to the front of the net before rifling home a wrister just 2:27 into the game, and **Luka Shcherbyna** zapped a wrist shot from the right-wing circle off a pass from **Mason Kraft** with 1:39 left in the period. Shcherbyna and Kraft tag-teamed on a transition marker 1:55 into the second to build the lead to three goals, but Zack Shantz buried back-to-back-to-back goals at 14:15 of the second, and 1:49 and 7:06 of the third, erasing the Wenatchee lead. Kraft and Shcherbyna both scored in the ensuing shootout, but Nolan Chastko's goal in the sixth round of the shootout proved to be the winner. **Tobias Tvrznik** made a memorable debut in the WHL, posting a franchise-record 60 saves, and the Wild went 2-for-5 on the power play along the way. Shcherbyna finished with two goals and Seitz earned a goal and an assist, but Kraft led the group with three assists of his own.

KNOW YOUR FOE:

The Everett Silvertips will have some hardware to defend in 2025-26, after winning the Scotty Munro Memorial Trophy as the WHL's top team in the regular season. Last year's group won a league-best 48 games on the way to a 104-point total in the Western Conference standings, six points ahead of Eastern Conference winner Medicine Hat. The Tigers roared through the playoffs on their way to an Ed Chynoweth Cup championship and a Memorial Cup runner-up finish, while the Silvertips exited after the second round. This year's Everett team brings a ton of firepower back, as 15 of the 19 top scorers on last year's roster return to this year's opening-night list. Everett closed out its preseason slate with a 2-2-1-1 mark - the Wild and Silvertips met once during the preseason, with Wenatchee prevailing 3-2 in a shootout thanks to goals from **Mason Kraft** and **Blake Vanek**. **Caelan Joudrey** and **Aiden Grossklau** scored in regulation for the Wild, answering Everett goals from Hunter Rudolph and Owen Cooper. The Silvertips had four players selected to NHL rookie camps ahead of the 2025-26 season.

FOR THE RECORD:

Wenatchee's season-opening game at Everett last week was one for the record books, starting with **Tobias Tvrznik's** 60-save performance - that showing tied a 29-year-old franchise record set by Tim Winters, in a 6-1 loss to the Portland Winterhawks on November 16, 1996. He became just the eighth WHL goaltender in the last quarter-century to post 60 saves in a regular-season game. Including the shot credited for winning the shootout, Everett was credited with 64 shots on goal in the game, breaking the Wild/ICE club record for a road contest (November 2, 2016 at Regina), and the 25 shots faced in the third period also tied a two-year-old Wild/ICE club record for a road game.

THIS IS A BIG DEAL:

This year's Wenatchee roster will feature some imposing size, thanks in part to some important additions from overseas. Three of the four tallest players on the roster were selected in this summer's Canadian Hockey League Import Draft, headlined by 6'6" German defenseman **Darian Rolsing**. 6'5" Slovakian blueliner **Michal Capos** was selected with the last of Wenatchee's three picks, while 6'4" backstop **Tobias Tvrznik** was the top Wild selection in the Import Draft at 10th overall. 6'4" **Paul Wiczek** and **Caelan Joudrey** will share honors as the team's tallest forwards to open the year - after ranking 17th in team height last season, Wenatchee has leapt up to the *sixth-tallest* ranking in the WHL to open this year.

CURTAIN-RAISER:

Wenatchee opens the home schedule tonight looking to continue an impressive stretch in its list of home openers - the Wild and ICE have won five consecutive home openers, including the team's March 2021 "home opener" against the Swift Current Broncos at Brandt Centre in Regina, Saskatchewan. All-time, the Wild and ICE are 20-6-1-0 with 2 ties in their home-opening games.

U.S. DIVISION STANDINGS

TEAM	GP	W	L	OTL	SOL	PTS
(2*) EVT	1	1	0	0	0	2
(5) SPO	2	1	1	0	0	2
(5) SEA	2	1	1	0	0	2
(10) WEN	1	0	0	0	1	1
(11) TC	1	0	1	0	0	0
(12) POR	2	0	2	0	0	0

Western Conf. position in (parentheses)

TONIGHT'S MATCHUP

WILD	HOME	EVERETT
0-0-0-0		1-0-0-0
0-0-0-1	AWAY	0-0-0-0
0-0-0-1	SCORING 1 ST	0-0-0-0
40.0%	PP %	25.0%
75.0%	PK %	60.0%
0-0-0-1	1-GOAL GAMES	1-0-0-0

COVERAGE

RADIO: KPQ-AM (560, 101.7 FM)



STREAMING: Victory+ (live & on-demand)

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THIRD TIME'S THE CHARM:

The Wild has its eye on a return to the Western Hockey League playoffs in the Wenatchee Valley's third year of WHL hockey, after a near miss a year ago. Wenatchee closed out the 2024-25 season with a 23-36-8-1 record, taking ninth in the 11-team Western Conference standings, and did so following a second half with razor-thin margins – in their last 30 games, the Wild dropped 14 games by only a one- or two-goal margin, and went to overtime in five of six games during the middle of February. The team that caught them only did so after catching fire in their second half – Seattle claimed the eighth and final playoff spot behind 18 wins after January 10, including victories in six of their last eight games.

LET'S GO CAMPING:

One current Wenatchee player and a graduate from the 2024-25 Wild team were selected to attend National Hockey League rookie camps ahead of this year's NHL preseason – **Blake Vanek** earned a spot on the Ottawa Senators' training camp roster after taking part in the Sens' rookie camp, and 2024-25 grad **Evan Friesen** was picked to take part in the Colorado Avalanche camp after being signed to an American Hockey League contract by the Colorado Eagles during the offseason. **Kenta Isogai** started the 2024-25 campaign with the Wild, and landed a spot on the Los Angeles Kings' rookie camp roster and training camp roster after being picked up by the AHL's Ontario Reign – the Kings' AHL affiliate – late in the summer. Friesen served as Wenatchee's team captain in 2024-25 and was the team's high scorer with 61 points, earning the team's Most Valuable Player award at year's end.

DRAFT DAY:

The Wild landed on the National Hockey League draft board twice in late June, with one incoming Wenatchee player selected alongside an outgoing standout. Forward **Blake Vanek** was taken by the Ottawa Senators in the third round, at 93rd overall, after a memorable Minnesota high school season with the state runner-up Stillwater Ponies. Meanwhile, UConn commit **Brendan Dunphy** was picked in the seventh round at 207th overall by the Florida Panthers. The draft marked the first time since **Zach Benson's** first-round selection in 2023 that a player with Wenatchee ties had been selected in the NHL Draft.

THE NEW KID IN TOWN:

Last year's extension of NCAA eligibility to Canadian Hockey League players immediately made the WHL the destination of choice for players from the western half of the United States, and perhaps no team has reaped the rewards more than Wenatchee – of the 25 players on the team's opening-day roster, 15 were brand-new to the WHL. Six of those players are from Minnesota alone, and four players from that group played in the Class AA state final in front of 20,491 fans, a Minnesota State High School League record and a crowd larger than the listed capacities of 31 of the NHL's 32 arenas. Two – **Brandon Mickelson** and **Mason Kraft** – played for the state champion Moorhead Spuds, while two others – **Blake Vanek** and **Cal Conway** – suited up for the runner-up Stillwater Ponies. In all, 11 of this year's 25 opening-night players are from the United States.

TWO OF A KIND:

Two team award winners remain with the Wild for the 2025-26 season after starring for the club a year ago. **Shaun Rios** was selected as Wenatchee's Rookie of the Year in his first season out of Shattuck-St. Mary's prep school in Minnesota, racking up 21 goals and 26 assists in 42 games for the Wild, while **Luka Shcherbyna** won a public fan vote to earn Fan Favorite, behind 49 points of his own.

THE 700 CLUB:

Head coach **Don Nachbaur** finds himself within reach of Western Hockey League history in 2025-26, with the possibility of resetting the WHL record for most wins by a head coach. He comes into his second year with the Wild as one of three coaches in WHL history with 700 wins, reaching that milestone on November 20, 2024 against the Kelowna Rockets. Topping the WHL's all-time wins list is Don Hay, who won 750 games for Kamloops, Tri-City and Vancouver over a 19-year period, and is serving as associate coach of the Kelowna Rockets this season. Just behind Hay at 742 career wins is Ken Hodge, who spent 20 years as a WHL head coach with the original Edmonton Oil Kings and the Portland Winterhawks. Nachbaur is in his 21st season as a WHL head coach, with all of the previous 20 seasons spent with teams in Washington state.

MILESTONE WATCH:

Almost every player on the Wild roster will be celebrating a first-goal milestone this season – only seven returning players have at least one WHL goal under their belts, and neither goaltender on the Wild roster has previously appeared in a WHL game. **Luka Shcherbyna's** 73 career points tops the current Wild career list, though three other players (**Maddix McCagherty**, **Shaun Rios**, **Dawson Seitz**) also have an inside track to reach the century mark this year. Seitz is the only player on the Wenatchee roster to have already played in 200 career games, though **Josh Fluker** would get there himself should he appear in 53 contests this year.

DON NACHBAUR

HEAD COACH



The Wenatchee Wild are excited to welcome Don Nachbaur back to the Wild family for his second season as the team's head coach in 2025-26. He came

to Wenatchee after serving the previous three seasons as an American Hockey League assistant coach in the Calgary Flames organization for the Calgary Wranglers & Stockton Heat.

A native of Kitimat, British Columbia, Nachbaur has built an extensive and decorated coaching resume following a 15-year professional playing career. Prior to moving into the pro ranks, he played two seasons in the WHL with the Billings Bighorns, scoring 67 goals and 146 points from 1977 to 1979. He still shares the WHL record with a five-goal playoff game in 1978. Nachbaur was selected by the Hartford Whalers in the third round of the 1979 National Hockey League draft and played in nearly 900 professional contests, including 223 NHL games for the Whalers, Edmonton Oilers and Philadelphia Flyers. He also claimed an AHL Calder Cup in 1988 as a member of the Hershey Bears.

During a 31-year coaching career, Nachbaur has guided teams at the highest levels of the sport, including eight seasons as an assistant in the NHL and AHL, and two years as a head coach in Europe. He is also a proven winner as a Western Hockey League head coach and is especially familiar with the league's U.S. Division, with 20 seasons of experience as a bench boss with the Seattle Thunderbirds, Tri-City Americans and Spokane Chiefs in addition to the Wild. The third-winningest head coach in WHL history, Nachbaur earned his 700th WHL victory November 20, 2024 at the Kelowna Rockets, and has earned three Dunc McCallum Memorial Trophies as the WHL's Coach of the Year – he is the only coach in Canadian Hockey League history to earn his league's Coach of the Year honors for three different CHL teams. He has also enjoyed international success behind the bench, serving as an assistant coach for Canada at the 2012 World Junior Championships, and winning gold as an assistant coach for the Canadian under-18 team at the 1999 Nations Cup and 2011 Ivan Hlinka Memorial Tournament.

Nachbaur has family ties to the city of Wenatchee and the Wild organization, with son Daniel playing for the Wild in the British Columbia Hockey League in 2015-16 before embarking on a four-year NCAA playing career at UMass-Boston. Don and his wife Kim have two adult children, Sydney and Daniel.



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WHEN THEY WERE BORN:-

2005 (3) - Shaun Rios, Dawson Seitz, Sam Elliott

2006 (6) - Paul Wiczek, Maddix McCagherty, Zane Saab, Luka Shcherbyna, Josh Fluker, Brandon Osborne

2007 (10) - Aiden Grossklaus, Mason Kraft, Blake Vanek, Rui Han, Brandon Mickelson, Josh Toll, Michal Capos, Drew Smith, Cal Conway, Tobias Tvrznik

2008 (5) - Mathias Silaban, Alexandre Andre, Grady Wedman, Caelan Joudrey, Darian Rolsing

2009 (1) - Boston Tait

WHERE THEY'RE FROM:-

BRITISH COLUMBIA (4) - Luka Shcherbyna (Vancouver), Maddix McCagherty (Kelowna), Sam Elliott (White Rock), Brandon Osborne (Pitt Meadows)

ALBERTA (4) - Dawson Seitz (Medicine Hat), Caelan Joudrey (Airdrie), Zane Saab (Edmonton), Grady Wedman (Edmonton)

SASKATCHEWAN (1) - Boston Tait (Estevan)

MANITOBA (2) - Josh Fluker (Boissevain), Alexandre Andre (Winnipeg)

ARIZONA (1) - Drew Smith (Flagstaff)

CALIFORNIA (2) - Shaun Rios (San Jose), Rui Han (San Diego)

COLORADO (1) - Mathias Silaban (Arvada)

MINNESOTA (6) - Aiden Grossklaus (Woodbury), Mason Kraft (Moorhead), Blake Vanek (Stillwater), Brandon Mickelson (Moorhead), Josh Toll (Rosemount), Cal Conway (Andover)

UTAH (1) - Paul Wiczek (Park City)

EUROPE (3) - Michal Capos (Trnava, Slovakia), Darian Rolsing (Speyer, Germany), Tobias Tvrznik (Litomerice, Czechia)

MULTI-GOAL GAMES

PLAYER	2G	3G	4-G
Shcherbyna	1		

MULTI-POINT GAMES

PLAYER	2P	3P	4P	5-P
Kraft		1		
Shcherbyna	1			
Seitz	1			

STREAKS & SUPERLATIVES

HAT TRICKS

5+ GAME POINT STREAKS

SHUTOUTS

3+ ASSISTS

M. Kraft: 3 A, 4-3 SOL @ EVT, 9/20/25

4+ POINTS



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SITUATIONAL RECORDS

Home Games	0-0-0-0
Away Games	0-0-0-1
Out-Shooting Opponent	0-0-0-0
Out-Shot by Opponent	0-0-0-1
Win > 50% of Faceoffs	0-0-0-0
Win < 50% of Faceoffs	0-0-0-1
Scoring First	0-0-0-1
Goals For/Game	3.00
Goals Against/Game	4.00
Shots For/Game	28.00
Shots Against/Game	64.00
Penalty Minutes/Game	17.00
Power Play Pct.	40.0
Penalty Kill Pct.	75.0
SHG For/Against	0 - 0
Leading After 1	0-0-0-1
Tied After 1	0-0-0-0
Trailing After 1	0-0-0-0
Leading After 2	0-0-0-1
Tied After 2	0-0-0-0
Trailing After 2	0-0-0-0
Decided by 1 Goal	0-0-0-1
Decided by 2 Goals	0-0
Decided by 3 Goals	0-0
Decided by 4+ Goals	0-0
OT/SO Record	0-1
Wearing White Jerseys	0-0-0-1
Wearing Dark Jerseys	0-0-0-0
Wearing Specialty Jerseys	0-0-0-0
Sunday Games	0-0-0-0
Tuesday Games	0-0-0-0
Wednesday Games	0-0-0-0
Friday Games	0-0-0-0
Saturday Games	0-0-0-1
vs. U.S. Division	0-0-0-1
vs. B.C. Division	0-0-0-0
vs. Eastern Conference	0-0-0-0

WENATCHEE'S RECORD WHEN THEY SCORE

	(2+ GOALS)
#2 - BRANDON MICKELSON	0-0-0-0
#3 - JOSH TOLL	0-0-0-0
#4 - BOSTON TAIT	0-0-0-0
#5 - JOSH FLUKER	0-0-0-0
#8 - PAUL WICZEK	0-0-0-0
#9 - AIDEN GROSSKLAUS	0-0-0-0
#10 - MADDIX MCCAGHERTY	0-0-0-0
#11 - MASON KRAFT	0-0-0-0
#12 - BRANDON OSBORNE	0-0-0-0
#13 - MATHIAS SILABAN	0-0-0-0
#14 - DAWSON SEITZ	0-0-0-1
#16 - MICHAL CAPOS	0-0-0-0
#17 - BLAKE VANEK	0-0-0-0
#18 - SHAUN RIOS	0-0-0-0
#20 - ALEXANDRE ANDRE	0-0-0-0
#21 - DARIAN ROLSING	0-0-0-0
#22 - ZANE SAAB	0-0-0-0
#23 - SAM ELLIOTT	0-0-0-0
#25 - GRADY WEDMAN	0-0-0-0
#26 - DREW SMITH	0-0-0-0
#27 - LUKA SHCHERBYNA	0-0-0-1 0-0-0-1
#28 - CAELAN JOUDREY	0-0-0-0
#29 - RUI HAN	0-0-0-0

GOALS	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	OT/SO	TOTAL
WILD	2	1	0	0	3
OPPONENTS	0	1	2	1	4

SHOTS	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	OT/SO	TOTAL
WILD	10	8	8	2	28
OPPONENTS	11	21	25	7	64

HOW THE WILD WERE BUILT:

DRAFTED (6)

Caelan Joudrey (3rd, 2023)
Grady Wedman (8th, 2023)
Boston Tait (1st, 2024)
Tobias Tvrznik (1st Import, 2025)
Darian Rolsing (1st Import, 2025)
Michal Capos (2nd Import, 2025)

SIGNED (11)

Brandon Mickelson (2025)
Josh Toll (2025)
Rui Han (2025)
Paul Wiczek (2025)
Mason Kraft (2025)
Brandon Osborne (2025)
Mathias Silaban (2025)
Sam Elliott (2025)
Alexandre Andre (2025)
Drew Smith (2025)
Blake Vanek (2025)

ACQUIRED BY TRADE (8)

Dawson Seitz (2023, from EDM)
Josh Fluker (2024, from SC)
Zane Saab (2024, from RD)
Luka Shcherbyna (2023, from SP0)
Maddix McCagherty (2024, from SC)
Shaun Rios (2024, from TC)
Blake Vanek (2025, from VAN)
Aiden Grossklaus (2025, from PEN)



WILD GAME-BY-GAME (0-0-0-1)

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CAREER STATISTICS

#	NAME	GP	G	A	PTS	LAST GOAL	LAST ASSIST	CURRENT POINT STREAK
2	MICKELSON, Brandon	1	0	1	1		9/20/25 @ EVT	
3	TOLL, Josh	1	0	1	1		9/20/25 @ EVT	
4	TAIT, Boston	7	0	2	2		2/4/25 @ MJ	
5	FLUKER, Josh	147	5	27	32	9/28/24 @ SEA	3/5/25 vs PG	
8	WICZEK, Paul	0	0	0	0			
9	GROSSKLAUS, Aiden	1	0	0	0			
10	McCAGHERTY, Maddix	129	22	30	52	2/21/25 vs SEA	3/8/25 @ TC	
11	KRAFT, Mason	1	0	3	3		9/20/25 @ EVT	
12	OSBORNE, Brandon	0	0	0	0			
13	SILABAN, Mathias	0	0	0	0			
14	SEITZ, Dawson	212	32	31	63	9/20/25 @ EVT	9/20/25 @ EVT	
16	CAPOS, Michal	1	0	0	0			
17	VANEK, Blake	0	0	0	0			
18	RIOS, Shaun	52	24	26	50	3/7/25 vs PG	3/22/25 vs EVT	
20	ANDRE, Alexandre	1	0	0	0			
21	ROLSING, Darian	1	0	0	0			
22	SAAB, Zane	110	14	13	27	2/22/25 @ POR	3/7/25 vs PG	
23	ELLIOTT, Sam	1	0	0	0			
25	WEDMAN, Grady	4	0	0	0			
26	SMITH, Drew	1	0	0	0			
27	SHCHERBYNA, Luka	123	35	40	75	9/20/25 @ EVT	3/12/25 @ KAM	
28	JOUDREY, Caelan	74	7	12	19	12/31/24 vs KEL	2/21/25 vs SEA	
29	HAN, Rui	3	0	0	0			
30	CONWAY, Cal	0		0-0-0-0				CAREER: 0 assists
31	TVRZNIK, Tobias	1		0-0-0-1				CAREER: 0 assists

^ Game-winning goal

2025-26 AWARDS LIST

PLAYER

WEEK OF

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STATS