



GAME NOTES

WASHINGTON CAPITALS vs. ST. LOUIS BLUES
Capital One Arena – Washington, D.C.
SEPTEMBER 18, 2019

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Assistant Coach	Reid Cashman
Assistant Coach	Blaine Forsythe
Goaltending Coach	Scott Murray
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2019 Washington Capitals Preseason Schedule

Date	Opponent	Location	Time/Result (ET)	TV	Radio
Mon., Sept. 16	Chicago	Capital One Arena	W, 4-3 OT	NBCSW	Caps Radio 24/7
Wed., Sept. 18	St. Louis	Capital One Arena	7 p.m.	NBCSW	Caps Radio 24/7
Sat., Sept. 21	Carolina	Capital One Arena	7 p.m.	NBCSW	Caps Radio 24/7
Wed., Sept. 25	at Chicago	United Center	8:30 p.m.	NBCSW	Caps Radio 24/7
Thur., Sept. 27	at St. Louis	Enterprise Arena	8 p.m.	NBCSW	Caps Radio 24/7
Sun., Sept. 29	at Carolina	PNC Arena	1:30 p.m.	NBCSW	Caps Radio 24/7

Other Dates of Note

- Wed., Oct. 2 at St. Louis, season opener at Enterprise Arena, 9 p.m. ET
- Sat. Oct. 5 vs. Carolina, home opener at Capital One Arena, 7 p.m. ET

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HOME SWEET HOME – The Capitals host the St. Louis Blues on Wednesday at Capital One Arena. In their most recent game, the Capitals beat the Chicago Blackhawks on Monday, 4-3, in overtime. Wednesday night marks Washington's second of six preseason games in total and the second of three home games. Since 2011-12, the Capitals are 16-5-4 at home in preseason games.

GREAT 8 – Capitals captain Alex Ovechkin will make his preseason debut against St. Louis. Ovechkin is entering his 15th season with Washington this year. The franchise's all-time leader in games played (1,084) enters the season with 658 career goals, and Ovechkin currently sits in 13th place on the NHL's all-time list, 11 goals shy of passing Luc Robitaille (668) for 12th place all-time. Should Ovechkin record another 50 goals this season, which would mark his ninth 50-goal season in his career, Ovechkin will tie Mike Gartner (708) for the seventh most goals in NHL history and pass Robitaille (668), Teemu Selanne (684), Mario Lemieux (690), Steve Yzerman (692) and Mark Messier (694). Ovechkin became the 12th-fastest player in NHL history to reach the 650-goal mark last season and just the fourth player in NHL history to record at least 650 goals with the same team (Detroit's Gordie Howe and Steve Yzerman, Pittsburgh's Mario Lemieux).

BETTER PANIK – Richard Panik, who signed a four year deal with the Capitals on July 1, will be making his preseason debut. Panik recorded 33 points (14g, 19a) in 75 games with the Arizona Coyotes last season, ranking sixth on the team in points. The Martin, Slovakia, native ranked first on Arizona in shot attempt percentage (50.96 percent), on-ice shot attempts per 60 minutes played (60.84), on-ice goals for (44) and goals for per 60 minutes of play (2.71) at five-on-five among Coyotes with at least 50 games played. Additionally, he ranked first in goals percentage relative to his teammates (0.99 percent) and second in shot attempt percentage relative to his teammates (2.80 percent). In 410 career games between the Tampa Bay Lightning, the Toronto Maple Leafs, the Chicago Blackhawks and Arizona, Panik has recorded 159 points (75g, 84a).

RAD RADKO – Capitals defenseman Radko Gudas will make his preseason debut for Washington against St. Louis. Gudas, a native of Prague, Czech Republic, recorded 20 points (4g, 16a) in 77 games with the Flyers last season, his third career season with at least 20 points. Gudas' 51.14 goals for percentage at five-on-five ranked first among Flyers defensemen and second overall on the team (Claude Giroux: 53.13) among players with at least 30 games played. Additionally, Gudas' 202:06 total penalty kill minutes were the second most on Philadelphia. His career 51.88 shot attempt percentage (6,487 shot attempts for, 6,018 against) at five-on-five ranks 23rd in the NHL among active defensemen with at least 400 career games since 2012-13, his rookie year. Since 2012-13, Gudas ranks second among NHL defensemen in hits (1,484). In 416 career games between Philadelphia and the Tampa Bay Lightning, Gudas has collected 105 points (24g, 81a) and recorded 579 penalty minutes.

IMPRESSIVE SHOWING - Capitals forward Aliaksei Protas, who was selected in the third round, 91st overall, in the 2019 NHL Draft, recorded three points (1g, 2a) in the Capitals' 4-3 overtime win against the Chicago Blackhawks. Protas, a native of Vitebsk, Belarus, leads all rookies in the preseason in points. Protas registered 40 points (11g, 29a) in 61 games with Prince Albert in the WHL last season and an additional 22 points (12g, 10a) in 23 playoff games, helping the Raiders win the Ed Chynoweth Cup as the WHL Champions. He ranked seventh among WHL rookies in points. Protas also took part in the Capitals' Prospect Showcase earlier this month in Antioch, Tenn., recording an assist in three games. He is the first player the Capitals have drafted from Belarus in franchise history.

CZECH VITEK – Vitek Vanecek is expected to play against the Blues. Vanecek posted a record of 21-10-6 with a 2.62 goals against average and a .907 save percentage in 38 games with the Bears last season. The Capitals' second round pick, 39th overall, in the 2014 NHL Draft, was named to the 2019 AHL All-Star Classic and was named the CCM/AHL Player of the Week for the period ending Oct. 21, 2018. He allowed two or fewer goals in 19 games last season. Additionally, Vanecek posted a 1-3 record with a 2.25 goals against average and a .935 save percentage in four playoff games. In 110 career games with the Bears, Vanecek has a 52-33-24 record with a 2.69 goals against average, a .903 save percentage and nine shutouts.

SAMMY – Ilya Samsonov is expected to play against the Blues. Samsonov finished his first professional season last year in North America with a 20-14-2 record, a 2.70 goals against average and a .898 save percentage in 37 games with Hershey in the AHL. Samsonov tied for eighth in the AHL in shutouts (3) and won six consecutive games from Feb. 2 to Feb. 27, posting a 1.46 goals against average and a .947 save percentage in that span. Additionally, Samsonov appeared in five playoff games with Hershey, finishing with a 2-3-0 record, a 2.99 goals against average and a .897 save percentage.

BLUES BEATERS – Alex Ovechkin has earned 30 points (17g, 13a) in 19 career regular season games against the Blues and has recorded a hat trick in two of his last seven games against St. Louis. In addition, Ovechkin has registered a multi-point game in 10 of his 19 career games against St. Louis. Nicklas Backstrom has earned 24 points (8g, 16a) in 18 career regular season games against the Blues and has tallied a point in 13 of his 18 games. In addition, he has tallied seven multi-point games in his last 14 games against St. Louis.

HOME GROWN – In total, 15 players selected by Washington in the NHL draft are in the lineup for Washington on Monday, including 2018 second round draft pick Martin Fehervary. Fehervary registered seven points (1g, 6a) for HV-71 in the Swedish Hockey League in 45 games during the 2018-2019 season. Fehervary also captained Team Slovakia during the World Junior Championship, recording five points (1g, 4a) in five games. He was named a top three player on Slovakia during the tournament. Additionally, Fehervary represented Slovakia during the 2019 IIHF World Championship, recording an assist in seven games.

STRONG FIVE YEARS - The Capitals enter 2019-20 having won the Metropolitan Division in each of the last four seasons, while also recording 100 or more standings points in five consecutive campaigns. They are one of 10 teams in NHL history to hit the 100 point mark in at least five straight seasons, with the Ducks (5; 2013-14—2017-18) the last team to do so. The only streaks longer than five seasons were achieved by the Red Wings (12; 1999-00—2011-12), Canadiens (8; 1974-75—1981-82) and Oilers (6; 1981-82—1986-87). The Capitals have recorded the most points in the NHL (548) and the second most wins (253) and home wins (136) in the NHL during that span.

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2019 Washington Capitals Training Camp Roster

FORWARDS (36)

#	Player	Ht.	Wt.	Shoots	Born	Birthplace	2018-19 Club	League(s)
19	BACKSTROM, Nicklas	6'1"	206	Left	11/23/87	Gavle, Sweden	CAPITALS	NHL
82	BAILEY, Casey	6'2"	191	Right	10/27/91	Anchorage, Alaska	Slovan Bratislava	KHL
72	BOYD, Travis	6'0"	190	Right	9/14/93	Hopkins, Minnesota	CAPITALS	NHL
71	CLARK, Kody	6'3"	185	Right	10/13/99	Chicago, Illinois	Ottawa	OHL
26	DOWD, Nic	6'1"	195	Right	5/27/90	Huntsville, Alabama	CAPITALS	NHL
20	ELLER, Lars	6'2"	205	Left	5/8/89	Rodovre, Denmark	CAPITALS	NHL
58	FLORCHUK, Eric	6'2"	181	Left	1/10/00	Fort Saskatchewan, Alberta	Saskatoon	WHL
63	GERSICH, Shane	6'0"	180	Left	7/10/96	Chaska, Minnesota	Hershey	AHL
62	HAGELIN, Carl	6'0"	185	Left	8/23/88	Sodertalje, Sweden	CAPITALS	NHL
21	HATHAWAY, Garnet	6'3"	210	Right	11/23/91	Kennebunkport, Maine	Calgary	NHL
45	JONSSON-FJALLBY, Axel	6'1"	194	Left	2/10/98	Stockholm, Sweden	Djurgårdens IF/Hershey	SHL/AHL
89	KESSY, Kale	6'4"	205	Left	12/4/92	Shaunavon, Saskatchewan	Colorado	AHL
92	KUZNETSOV, Evgeny	6'2"	197	Left	5/19/92	Chelyabinsk, Russia	CAPITALS	NHL
49	LEASON, Brett	6'5"	210	Right	4/30/99	Calgary, Alberta	Prince Albert	WHL
28	LEIPSIC, Brendan	5'11"	180	Left	5/19/94	Winnipeg, Manitoba	Los Angeles	NHL
16	MAILLET, Philippe	5'10"	190	Left	11/7/92	Lachenaie, Quebec	Ontario	AHL
47	MALENSTYN, Beck	6'3"	200	Left	2/4/98	Delta, British Columbia	Hershey	AHL
73	MCCARTHY, Chris	6'1"	206	Right	7/30/91	Collegeville, Pennsylvania	Reading	ECHL
24	McMICHAEL, Connor	6'0"	183	Left	1/15/01	Ajax, Ontario	London	OHL
25	MOULSON, Matt	6'1"	210	Left	11/1/83	North York, Ontario	Ontario	AHL
87	O'BRIEN, Liam	6'1"	213	Left	7/29/94	Halifax, Nova Scotia	Hershey	AHL
77	OSHIE, T.J.	6'0"	195	Right	12/23/86	Everett, Washington	CAPITALS	NHL
8	OVECHKIN, Alex	6'3"	236	Right	9/17/85	Moscow, Russia	CAPITALS	NHL
14	PANIK, Richard	6'2"	202	Left	2/7/91	Martin, Slovakia	Arizona	NHL
40	PILON, Garrett	6'0"	192	Right	4/13/98	Mineola, New York	Hershey	AHL
64	PINHO, Brian	6'1"	193	Right	5/1/95	North Andover, Massachusetts	Hershey	AHL
59	PROTAS, Aliaksei	6'6"	210	Left	1/6/01	Vitebsk, Belarus	Prince Albert	WHL
94	RIAT, Damien	6'0"	180	Left	2/26/97	Geneve, Switzerland	ECH Biel-Bienne	NLA
23	SGARBOSSA, Michael	6'0"	185	Left	7/25/92	Campbellville, Ontario	Hershey	AHL
91	SNIVELY, Joe	5'9"	175	Left	1/1/96	Herndon, Virginia	Yale/Hershey	NCAA/AHL
18	STEPHENSON, Chandler	6'0"	208	Left	4/22/94	Saskatoon, Saskatchewan	CAPITALS	NHL
67	SUTTER, Riley	6'4"	210	Right	10/25/99	Calgary, Alberta	Everett	WHL
13	VRANA, Jakub	6'0"	195	Left	2/28/96	Prague, Czech Republic	CAPITALS	NHL
86	WEIS, Matthew	5'11"	188	Left	5/23/95	Madison, New Jersey	Chicago	AHL
85	WHITNEY, Steven	5'8"	165	Right	2/18/91	Boston, Massachusetts	Hershey	AHL
43	WILSON, Tom	6'4"	220	Right	3/29/94	Toronto, Ontario	CAPITALS	NHL

DEFENSEMEN (19)

27	ALEXEYEV, Alexander	6'4"	210	Left	11/15/99	St. Petersburg, Russia	Red Deer	WHL
84	BINDULIS, Kristofers	6'2"	188	Left	9/17/95	Riga, Latvia	Hershey	AHL
80	BURGDORFER, Erik	6'1"	209	Right	12/11/88	East Setauket, New York	Bellefonte	AHL
74	CARLSON, John	6'3"	217	Right	1/10/90	Natick, Massachusetts	CAPITALS	NHL
29	DJOOS, Christian	6'0"	180	Left	8/6/94	Gothenburg, Sweden	CAPITALS	NHL
42	FEHERVARY, Martin	6'2"	200	Left	10/6/99	Bratislava, Slovakia	HV71	SHL
46	GEISSER, Tobias	6'5"	214	Left	2/13/99	Stans, Switzerland	Hershey	AHL
33	GUDAS, Radko	6'0"	205	Right	6/5/90	Prague, Czech Republic	Philadelphia	NHL
36	HOBBS, Connor	6'2"	205	Right	1/4/97	Regina, Saskatchewan	Hershey	AHL
56	HUGHES, Tommy	6'2"	224	Right	4/7/92	London, Ontario	Nottingham	EIHL
3	JENSEN, Nick	6'1"	196	Right	9/21/90	Rogers, Minnesota	CAPITALS	NHL
22	JOHANSEN, Lucas	6'2"	190	Left	11/16/97	Vancouver, British Columbia	Hershey	AHL
53	KANNOK-LEIPERT, Alex	6'0"	190	Right	7/20/00	Nakhon Ratchasima, Thailand	Vancouver	WHL
6	KEMPNY, Michal	6'1"	195	Left	9/8/90	Hodonin, Czech Republic	CAPITALS	NHL
78	LEWINGTON, Tyler	6'2"	200	Right	12/5/94	Edmonton, Alberta	Hershey	AHL
88	NARDELLA, Bobby	5'9"	180	Left	4/22/96	Rosemont, Illinois	Notre Dame/Hershey	NCAA/AHL
9	ORLOV, Dmitry	5'11"	208	Left	7/23/91	Novokuznetsk, Russia	CAPITALS	NHL
34	SIEGENTHALER, Jonas	6'3"	210	Left	5/6/97	Zurich, Switzerland	CAPITALS	NHL
38	WILLIAMS, Colby	6'0"	200	Right	1/26/95	Regina, Saskatchewan	Hershey	AHL

GOALTENDERS (7)

1	COPLEY, Pheonix	6'4"	200	Left	1/18/92	North Pole, Alaska	CAPITALS	NHL
31	HAWKEY, Hayden	6'2"	185	Left	3/1/95	Parker, Colorado	Providence	NCAA
70	HOLTBY, Braden	6'2"	214	Left	9/16/89	Lloydminster, Saskatchewan	CAPITALS	NHL
30	SAMSONOV, Ilya	6'3"	208	Left	2/22/97	Magnitogorsk, Russia	Hershey	AHL
35	THOMPSON, Logan	6'4"	190	Right	2/25/97	Calgary, Alberta	Brock Uni.	USports
41	VANECEK, Vitek	6'2"	187	Left	1/9/96	Havlickov Brod, Czech Republic	Hershey	AHL
60	WARM, Beck	6'0"	173	Left	4/22/99	Whistler, British Columbia	Tri City	WHL

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PRESEASON STATS 2019-2020 WASHINGTON CAPITALS (1-0-0)

POS	NO.	PLAYER	GP	G	A	PTS	+/-	PIM	PP	SH	GW	OTG	S	PCTG
C	59	*Protas, Aliaksei	1	1	2	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	33.3
RW	43	Wilson, Tom	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	4	25.0
C	72	Boyd, Travis	1	1	0	1	1-	0	1	0	0	0	2	50.0
LW	94	*Riat, Damien	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	4	25.0
C	24	*McMichael, Connor	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	0.0
D	29	Djoos, Christian	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
LW	47	*Malenstyn, Beck	1	0	1	1	1-	0	0	0	0	0	2	0.0
D	78	*Lewington, Tyler	1	0	1	1	1-	0	0	0	0	0	2	0.0
C	91	*Snively, Joe	1	0	1	1	1-	0	0	0	0	0	2	0.0
D	3	Jensen, Nick	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0.0
C	18	Stephenson, Chandler	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	0.0
RW	21	Hathaway, Garnet	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0.0
D	22	*Johansen, Lucas	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
C	26	Dowd, Nic	1	0	0	0	1-	2	0	0	0	0	2	0.0
LW	28	Leipsic, Brendan	1	0	0	0	1-	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
D	34	Siegenthaler, Jonas	1	0	0	0	2-	0	0	0	0	0	1	0.0
C	63	*Gersich, Shane	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
D	88	*Nardella, Robert	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0.0
TEAM TOTALS			1	4	8	12	2-	4	1	0	1	1	29	13.8

RK	NO.	GOALTENDER	GPI	MINS	AVG	W	L	OT	SO	GA	SA	SV%	G	A	PIM
	1	Copley, Pheonix	1	62:35	2.88	1	0	0	0	3	30	.900	0	1	0
TEAM TOTALS			1	62:35	2.88	1	0	0	0	3	30	.900	0	1	0

*Indicates Rookie