

## SERIES NOTES



### CHICAGO WOLVES

**All-Time Iowa Wild Record:** 40-58-9-3 (21-30-4-2 at Iowa, 19-28-5-1 at Chicago)

**Last Time:** Iowa entered the holiday break with a 1-0 shootout victory over Chicago on Dec. 20 at Allstate Arena... Riley Mercer stopped 26-of-26 shots to earn the shutout in his AHL debut... Caedan Bankier scored the game-winning goal in the fifth round of the shootout... Caydean Primeau saved 24 shots for the Wolves

**2024-25:** Iowa finished 2-5-1-0 against Chicago in 2024-25... Michael Milne (4-1=5) and Hunter Haight (3-2=5) paced Wild skaters in points against the Wolves... Justin Robidas led Chicago with nine points (3-6=9) against Iowa... The Wolves won six of the last seven meetings between the two clubs

## 2025-26 IOWA WILD LEADERS

**GOALS:** Gerry Mayhew (8)

**ASSISTS:** David Spacek (12)

**POINTS:** Gerry Mayhew (16)

**PLUS/MINUS:** Mike Koster (+1)

**PIM:** Mark Liwiski (147)

**PPG:** Gerry Mayhew (5)

**POINTS/GAME:** Gerry Mayhew (0.64)

**GAA:** Cal Petersen (2.94)

**SV%:** Cal Petersen (0.893)

## UPCOMING IOWA WILD GAMES

OPPONENT	DATE	TIME (CT)	BROADCAST
vs. Texas	12/30	7 p.m.	AHLTV/KXnO
vs. Texas	12/31	5 p.m.	MC22/AHLTV/KXnO
at Ontario	1/4	5 p.m.	AHLTV/KXnO
at Ontario	1/7	9 p.m.	AHLTV/KXnO
at Tucson	1/8	8 p.m.	AHLTV/KXnO

## MINNESOTA WILD

### Previous Game

12/23 vs. Nashville Predators (3-2 SOL)  
Faber (7), Eriksson Ek (9)

### Next Game

12/27 at Winnipeg Jets

### 2025-26 Season Record

22-10-6

## TEAM NOTES

**SENSATIONAL DEBUT:** Riley Mercer became the second goaltender in Iowa Wild history to earn a shutout in their first AHL start on Saturday at Chicago... Johan Gustafsson saved 27 shots in a 1-0 victory over Oklahoma City in his AHL debut to earn the franchise's first win on Oct. 12, 2013... Leland Irving stopped 37 shots in his Iowa debut in a 1-0 shootout win at Lake Erie on Oct. 17, 2015... C.J. Motte turned aside 34 shots in a 3-0 win at Cleveland in his Iowa debut on Dec. 18, 2017

**SHUTOUT STAT:** Iowa has shut out their opponent in each of the team's last three wins

**SEASON SERIES:** The Wolves have outshot the Wild in each of the first four meetings this season... Iowa has scored four goals over the four games

**PLAY BY PERIOD:** The Wild have been outshot in the third period in eight games in a row

## 2025-26 CHICAGO WOLVES LEADERS

**GOALS:** Justin Robidas (10)

**ASSISTS:** Felix Unger Sörum (14)

**POINTS:** Felix Unger Sörum (22)

**PLUS/MINUS:** Justin Robidas (+11)

**PIM:** Yanick Turcotte (67)

**PPG:** Felix Unger Sörum (4)

**POINTS/GAME:** Bradly Nadeau (1.11)

**GAA:** Amir Miftakhov (2.53)

**SV%:** Amir Miftakhov (0.912)

## CONNECTIONS

**GLEASON:** Bayreuther (2018-20)

**JONES:** 36 Chicago games (2019-20)

**PETERSEN:** Pavlychev (2022-23)

## MILESTONES

**JONES:** Needs 1 point to reach 200 AHL points

**MAYHEW:** Needs 6 points to become Iowa's all-time leading scorer

**PETERSEN:** Needs 5 wins to reach 100 AHL wins

## CAPTAIN'S RETURN

- Ben Jones played his first game with Iowa since Oct. 12 on Saturday at Chicago
- Iowa's captain has recorded two points (0-2=2) through three games
- Jones has skated in 20 NHL games with Minnesota this season

## ABOUT THE OPPONENT

- Chicago is riding a six-game point streak (4-0-2) and has points in nine of the last 10 games (6-1-3)
- The Wolves have allowed two goals or fewer in each of the last five games
- One of Chicago's two shutout losses this season has come against Iowa

## CHASING HISTORY

- Gerry Mayhew (105-89=194) enters Saturday's game six points shy of becoming Iowa's all-time leading scorer
- Sam Anas (75-122=197) ranks second all-time among Wild skaters in points
- Kyle Rau (88-111=199) leads Iowa skaters in all-time points

## SERIES HISTORY

- Entering the 2024-25 season, 255 Wild players had suited up for at least one game against the Wolves in the team's first 12 seasons
- Zack Mitchell holds the all-time lead for goals by an Iowa skater against Chicago with 11
- Cal O'Reilly recorded 13 assists in a Wild uniform against the Wolves
- Jesper Wallstedt owns the high marks among Iowa goaltenders in games played (16), wins (10), minutes (964), GAA (2.55), SV% (0.911), and shots faced (459) against the Wolves

## FAST FACTS

- Iowa is 6-6-0-1 when wearing wheat
- The Wild are 1-10-0-0 when wearing green
- Iowa is 1-3-0-0 when wearing white
- The Wild are 6-4-0-1 when scoring first
- Iowa is 1-16-0-0 when allowing the first goal
- The Wild are 2-8-0-1 when outshooting opponents
- Iowa is 5-12-0-0 when outshot

## RECENT TRANSACTIONS

Dec. 18 - Dec. 26

- 12/18/2025: David Spacek - Recalled to Minnesota
- 12/18/2025: Stevie Leskovar - Recalled to Iowa (AHL)
- 12/18/2025: Riley Mercer - Recalled to Iowa (AHL)
- 12/19/2025: David Spacek - Reassigned to Iowa (AHL)
- 12/19/2025: Nicolas Aubé-Kubel - Reassigned to Iowa (AHL)
- 12/19/2025: Carson Lambos - Reassigned to Iowa (AHL)
- 12/19/2025: Ben Jones - Reassigned to Iowa (AHL)
- 12/21/2025: Ben Jones - Recalled to Minnesota
- 12/21/2025: Jean-Luc Foudy - Loaned to Canada
- 12/23/2025: Ben Jones - Reassigned to Iowa (AHL)
- 12/26/2025: Jaxon Nelson - Signed to AHL contract

## PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

- #2 - Mike Koster (KEHS-ter)
- #3 - Jack Peart (PEERT)
- #4 - Will Zmolek (ZMO-lehk)
- #7 - Carson Lambos (LAM-bohs)
- #19 - Caedan Bankier (KAY-duhn bayn-KEER)
- #21 - David Spacek (SPAH-chek)
- #24 - Oskar Olausson (AWS-kuhr oh-LOW-suhn)
- #27 - Riley Heidt (HIGHT)
- #31 - Samuel Hlavaj (huh-LAH-vai)
- #43 - Hunter Haight (HAYT)
- #50 - Michael Milne (MILN)
- #55 - David Jiricek (YIHR-ih-chehk)
- #86 - Jean-Luc Foudy (ZHAWN-LEWK FOO-dee)
- #95 - Rasmus Kumpulainen (RAZ-muhs KOOM-poo-lye-nen)
- #96 - Nicolas Aubé-Kubel (oh-BAY-koo-BEHL)

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