

Nashville Predators at Toronto Maple Leafs

NHL | Regular | October 6, 2026

Checked Oct 06, 01:08 PM Toronto | prepared snapshot, not live

Away	Nashville Predators
Home	Toronto Maple Leafs
Venue	Scotiabank Arena, Toronto, Canada
Scheduled start	Oct 06, 07:00 PM Toronto
Game evidence	S1 source event 401892449

Provisional prediction

Expected score	Nashville Predators 3.2 - Toronto Maple Leafs 3.3
Winner lean	Toronto Maple Leafs model probability 51.3%
Margin / total	Home minus away +0.1 goals; total 6.5
Spread meaning	Model margin, not a bookmaker spread or a claim of value.

Lineups not fully set. Historical scoring baseline; probable personnel shown as context, not numeric adjustments. Probabilities are uncalibrated model estimates.

What matters in this matchup

Nashville Predators: 2 completed current-season games; 1 wins, 3 goals for and 4 against. Read the shot, special-teams and scoring-state reviews before interpreting the record.

Toronto Maple Leafs: 3 completed current-season games; 1 wins, 6 goals for and 7 against. Read the shot, special-teams and scoring-state reviews before interpreting the record.

Tonight's goalie and line decisions can change the outlook. The experimental baseline below does not adjust for confirmed goalies, missing players or opponent shot quality.

Use and confidence

Early research estimate. Small winner differences are weak leans; model probability is not proven accuracy. Recheck personnel and current prices before relying on it.

1. Availability and playing conditions

Nashville Predators - away

Juuse Saros - LISTED - NOT CONFIRMED [S1]

Goalie names in a statistics feed can be candidates or past participants. They are not confirmed starters unless a direct confirmation is recorded.

Captured injury listings [S1]

Player	Reported status / issue	Source effective date
Justus Annunen	Injured Reserve / Undisclosed	2026-10-06T15:04Z

Final lineup, scratches, replacement roles and any restrictions still require a near-start check. Listed return dates are not clearance.

Toronto Maple Leafs - home

Sergei Bobrovsky - LISTED - NOT CONFIRMED [S1]; Anthony Stolarz - LISTED - NOT CONFIRMED [S1]

Goalie names in a statistics feed can be candidates or past participants. They are not confirmed starters unless a direct confirmation is recorded.

Captured injury listings [S1]

Player	Reported status / issue	Source effective date
Dakota Joshua	Injured Reserve / Abdomen	2026-09-30T21:47Z
Max Domi	Injured Reserve / Back	2026-09-30T18:51Z
Cade Webber	Injured Reserve / Elbow	2026-09-29T14:55Z
Elvis Merzlikins	Injured Reserve / Shoulder	2026-09-29T14:24Z
William Villeneuve	Injured Reserve / Knee	2026-09-29T04:30Z

Final lineup, scratches, replacement roles and any restrictions still require a near-start check. Listed return dates are not clearance.

Location and conditions

Indoor arena: outdoor wind and precipitation are not direct playing-surface inputs. Travel disruption was not assessed. [S1]

Rest and travel

Nashville Predators: last completed phase game 2026-10-03, 2 full calendar off-days; Toronto Maple Leafs: last completed phase game 2026-10-03, 2 full calendar off-days. Actual travel itinerary, time-zone adaptation and numerical fatigue effect are unverified.

2. Nashville Predators - recent game evidence

Current regular chronology [S2]

Date	Opponent / venue role	Score (team first)
2026-10-01	Minnesota Wild / home	1-3
2026-10-03	Dallas Stars / home	2-1

NHL: every completed regular-season game in the current source schedule is summarized below. NBA: available preseason games only. MLB: every completed current postseason game, not a claim of reviewing all 162 regular-season games.

2026-10-01 | home vs Minnesota Wild | L 1-3 (Final)

Period/quarter/inning scores, team first: 1: 0-2; 2: 1-0; 3: 0-1 [S3]

Metric	Team	Opponent
Shots total	20	30
Power play goals	0	1
Power play opportunities	4	4
Giveaways	16	14
Penalty minutes	8	8

Recorded scoring sequence: P1 9:35 0-1 Even Strength; P1 13:48 0-2 Power Play; P2 9:23 1-2 Even Strength; P3 4:42 1-3 Even Strength

Filip Forsberg: Goals 0, Assists 1, Shots total 2, Time on ice 19:29. Historical game participation; not tonight's confirmation.

Steven Stamkos: Goals 0, Assists 1, Shots total 1, Time on ice 18:46. Historical game participation; not tonight's confirmation.

Roman Josi: Goals 1, Assists 0, Shots total 3, Time on ice 24:53. Historical game participation; not tonight's confirmation.

Interpretation: Shot margin -10. The result and shot-volume advantage point in the same direction.

Interpretation: These observations describe this game; opponent adjustment and stable repeatability have not been established.

2026-10-03 | home vs Dallas Stars | W 2-1 (Final)

Period/quarter/inning scores, team first: 1: 2-1; 2: 0-0; 3: 0-0 [S4]

Metric	Team	Opponent
Shots total	26	30
Power play goals	2	0
Power play opportunities	3	1
Giveaways	11	11
Penalty minutes	2	6

Recorded scoring sequence: P1 0:47 0-1 Even Strength; P1 4:46 1-1 Power Play; P1 15:49 2-1 Power Play

Nils Hoglander: Goals 1, Assists 0, Shots total 2, Time on ice 11:37. Historical game participation; not tonight's confirmation.

Alexander Kerfoot: Goals 0, Assists 1, Shots total 1, Time on ice 16:23. Historical game participation; not tonight's confirmation.

Ryan O'Reilly: Goals 0, Assists 1, Shots total 1, Time on ice 19:53. Historical game participation; not tonight's confirmation.

Interpretation: Shot margin -4. Final score and shot volume do not tell the same story; finishing and goaltending need separate review.

Interpretation: These observations describe this game; opponent adjustment and stable repeatability have not been established.

Evidence limit: score-state and box-score review does not by itself establish tactics, quality of chances, causal luck, or opponent-adjusted team strength.

2. Toronto Maple Leafs - recent game evidence

Current regular chronology [S5]

Date	Opponent / venue role	Score (team first)
2026-09-29	Montreal Canadiens / home	2-3
2026-09-30	New York Islanders / home	2-1
2026-10-03	Ottawa Senators / home	2-3

NHL: every completed regular-season game in the current source schedule is summarized below. NBA: available preseason games only. MLB: every completed current postseason game, not a claim of reviewing all 162 regular-season games.

2026-09-29 | home vs Montreal Canadiens | L 2-3 (Final)

Period/quarter/inning scores, team first: 1: 1-1; 2: 0-1; 3: 1-1 [S6]

Metric	Team	Opponent
Shots total	28	24
Power play goals	0	0
Power play opportunities	3	2
Giveaways	21	22
Penalty minutes	8	8

Recorded scoring sequence: P1 0:48 1-0 Even Strength; P1 10:53 1-1 Even Strength; P2 4:52 1-2 Even Strength; P3 13:12 1-3 Even Strength; P3 15:46 2-3 Even Strength

William Nylander: Goals 2, Assists 0, Shots total 5, Time on ice 18:55. Historical game participation; not tonight's confirmation.

Easton Cowan: Goals 0, Assists 1, Shots total 1, Time on ice 15:58. Historical game participation; not tonight's confirmation.

Kirill Marchenko: Goals 0, Assists 1, Shots total 4, Time on ice 20:08. Historical game participation; not tonight's confirmation.

Interpretation: Shot margin +4. Final score and shot volume do not tell the same story; finishing and goaltending need separate review.

Interpretation: These observations describe this game; opponent adjustment and stable repeatability have not been established.

2026-09-30 | home vs New York Islanders | W 2-1 (Final)

Period/quarter/inning scores, team first: 1: 2-0; 2: 0-0; 3: 0-1 [S7]

Metric	Team	Opponent
Shots total	26	27
Power play goals	1	0
Power play opportunities	4	4
Giveaways	15	12
Penalty minutes	8	8

Recorded scoring sequence: P1 7:14 1-0 Even Strength; P1 11:55 2-0 Power Play; P3 14:09 2-1 Shorthanded

Easton Cowan: Goals 1, Assists 1, Shots total 3, Time on ice 13:23. Historical game participation; not tonight's confirmation.

Nick Paul: Goals 0, Assists 1, Shots total 1, Time on ice 15:43. Historical game participation; not tonight's confirmation.

Jack Roslovic: Goals 0, Assists 1, Shots total 2, Time on ice 14:53. Historical game participation; not tonight's confirmation.

Interpretation: Shot margin -1. Final score and shot volume do not tell the same story; finishing and goaltending need separate review.

Interpretation: These observations describe this game; opponent adjustment and stable repeatability have not been established.

2026-10-03 | home vs Ottawa Senators | L 2-3 (Final)

Period/quarter/inning scores, team first: 1: 0-1; 2: 2-1; 3: 0-1 [S8]

Metric	Team	Opponent
Shots total	29	29
Power play goals	1	0
Power play opportunities	4	4
Giveaways	19	15
Penalty minutes	10	10

Recorded scoring sequence: P1 18:51 0-1 Even Strength; P2 0:33 1-1 Even Strength; P2 7:06 2-1 Power Play; P2 12:40 2-2 Even Strength; P3 9:46 2-3 Even Strength

Kirill Marchenko: Goals 1, Assists 0, Shots total 2, Time on ice 19:26. Historical game participation; not tonight's confirmation.

Auston Matthews: Goals 1, Assists 0, Shots total 6, Time on ice 21:50. Historical game participation; not tonight's confirmation.

William Nylander: Goals 0, Assists 1, Shots total 2, Time on ice 21:25. Historical game participation; not tonight's confirmation.

Interpretation: Shot margin +0. Final score and shot volume do not tell the same story; finishing and goaltending need separate review.

Interpretation: These observations describe this game; opponent adjustment and stable repeatability have not been established.

Evidence limit: score-state and box-score review does not by itself establish tactics, quality of chances, causal luck, or opponent-adjusted team strength.

3. Matchup interpretation and key players

Nashville Predators

Current phase: 2 games, 1 wins; scoring average 1.50 for / 2.00 against. These are descriptive averages, not projected scores.

Current feed metric	Value
Avg goals	1.50
Avg goals against	2.00
Avg shots	23.0
Avg shots against	30.0
Power play pct	28.6
Penalty kill pct	80.0

Feed season scope: 2 completed current-phase games in the captured schedule; metrics are all-strength where supplied. No five-on-five xG model is inferred. [S1]

Toronto Maple Leafs

Current phase: 3 games, 1 wins; scoring average 2.00 for / 2.33 against. These are descriptive averages, not projected scores.

Current feed metric	Value
Avg goals	2.00
Avg goals against	2.33
Avg shots	27.7
Avg shots against	26.7
Power play pct	18.2
Penalty kill pct	100.0

Feed season scope: 3 completed current-phase games in the captured schedule; metrics are all-strength where supplied. No five-on-five xG model is inferred. [S1]

How to read the matchup

Compare the two recent-game sections: did score and underlying volume agree, did the game change late, and did current absences affect the players producing those numbers? Where shot-quality, possession or bullpen detail is missing, the report cannot declare a repeatable style edge.

Conditional game scripts

If one team sustains a shot-volume and special-teams advantage, it has a plausible territorial route to scoring. A different goalie, changed lines or poor conversion can break that route. This is a conditional scenario, not a claim that tonight's deployment is confirmed.

4. Executed simulations and prediction limits

EXPERIMENTAL TEAM-SCORE BASELINE. This run is real and reproducible, but is not adjusted for the personnel, injuries, game-flow evidence, weather or tactical factors described in this report. It supplies the provisional prediction on page one; no accuracy or betting edge is established.	
Scenario win share	Nashville Predators 48.7% Toronto Maple Leafs 51.3%
Average sampled score	Nashville Predators 3.20 Toronto Maple Leafs 3.28
Total scenarios	Mean 6.48; central 80% sampled totals 3-10
Trials / seed	100,000 / 2713091549
Raw ties	16.1%; assumed 50/50 winner split
Run completed	2026-10-06T17:08:30.443742+00:00
Input hash	See retained JSON run record

Method: pooled venue scoring/conceding moments; independent negative-binomial draws where overdispersed, otherwise Poisson. For NHL, current completed regular-season results augment the preserved prior sample. NBA preseason estimates explicitly transfer preserved regular-season scoring without a rotation model. There is no opponent-strength, roster, goalie/pitcher or recency adjustment. Historical NHL overtime/shootout scores are included; raw ties are not regulation ties. MLB postseason transfer remains unvalidated.

Monte Carlo repeat-run error approximately +/- 0.31 percentage points at 95%. This only measures simulation noise; it excludes model and input uncertainty. No accuracy, calibration or ROI is claimed.

Nashville Predators: 84 historical qualifying games; 41 in this venue role. Latest input 2026-10-04T00:00Z.

Toronto Maple Leafs: 85 historical qualifying games; 44 in this venue role. Latest input 2026-10-03T23:00Z.

Spread and total probabilities

DraftKings via ESPN, captured 2026-10-06T17:00:44.933032+00:00 [S1]. Snapshot, not a live available offer.

Captured spread	Toronto Maple Leafs -1.5; model cover 28.4%; away cover 71.6%; push 0.0%
Captured total	5.5; model over 62.9%; under 37.1%; push 0.0%

These fractions come from the same uncalibrated score scenarios. Price, bookmaker availability and edge are not established. NHL historical shootout scores and fair random tie breaking are a proxy, not exact sportsbook settlement.

Conditional player-prop outlook

Mavrik Bourque | Nashville Predators

Conditional expected shots on goal: 3.0; 3+ probability 57.7%. Observed sample 2 games: 4.0, 2.0.

Only if dressed with similar ice time; lineup/role not confirmed. No current bookmaker player line captured.

Poisson with observed current-season per-appearance mean; tiny-sample and role uncertainty unmodeled. Opportunity sensitivity: 2.4-3.6. +/-20% opportunity is an explicit illustrative assumption, not measured uncertainty. Sources: S3, S4

Adam Edstrom | Nashville Predators

Conditional expected shots on goal: 2.5; 3+ probability 45.6%. Observed sample 2 games: 1.0, 4.0.

Only if dressed with similar ice time; lineup/role not confirmed. No current bookmaker player line captured.

Poisson with observed current-season per-appearance mean; tiny-sample and role uncertainty unmodeled. Opportunity sensitivity: 2.0-3.0. +/-20% opportunity is an explicit illustrative assumption, not measured uncertainty. Sources: S3, S4

Ryan O'Reilly | Nashville Predators

Conditional expected shots on goal: 2.5; 3+ probability 45.6%. Observed sample 2 games: 4.0, 1.0.

Only if dressed with similar ice time; lineup/role not confirmed. No current bookmaker player line captured.

Poisson with observed current-season per-appearance mean; tiny-sample and role uncertainty unmodeled. Opportunity sensitivity: 2.0-3.0. +/-20% opportunity is an explicit illustrative assumption, not measured uncertainty. Sources: S3, S4

Auston Matthews | Toronto Maple Leafs

Conditional expected shots on goal: 3.3; 3+ probability 64.7%. Observed sample 3 games: 3.0, 1.0, 6.0.

Only if dressed with similar ice time; lineup/role not confirmed. No current bookmaker player line captured.

Poisson with observed current-season per-appearance mean; tiny-sample and role uncertainty unmodeled. Opportunity sensitivity: 2.7-4.0. +/-20% opportunity is an explicit illustrative assumption, not measured uncertainty. Sources: S6, S7, S8

Kirill Marchenko | Toronto Maple Leafs

Conditional expected shots on goal: 3.0; 3+ probability 57.7%. Observed sample 3 games: 4.0, 3.0, 2.0.

Only if dressed with similar ice time; lineup/role not confirmed. No current bookmaker player line captured.

Poisson with observed current-season per-appearance mean; tiny-sample and role uncertainty unmodeled. Opportunity sensitivity: 2.4-3.6. +/-20% opportunity is an explicit illustrative assumption, not measured uncertainty. Sources: S6, S7, S8

Darren Raddysh | Toronto Maple Leafs

Conditional expected shots on goal: 3.0; 3+ probability 57.7%. Observed sample 3 games: 3.0, 4.0, 2.0.

Only if dressed with similar ice time; lineup/role not confirmed. No current bookmaker player line captured.

Poisson with observed current-season per-appearance mean; tiny-sample and role uncertainty unmodeled. Opportunity sensitivity: 2.4-3.6. +/-20% opportunity is an explicit illustrative assumption, not measured uncertainty. Sources: S6, S7, S8

What changes the prediction

Different starter; scratch or minutes restriction; changed batting order/rotation; material weather change; corrected source results. The current model does not recompute player-specific team adjustments. This prepared report does not refresh itself.

5. Sources and freshness

Source numbers refer to the captured snapshots below. This is a prepared report; personnel and conditions may change before the game.

S1 | fetched 2026-10-06T17:00:44.933032+00:00

<https://site.api.espn.com/apis/site/v2/sports/hockey/nhl/summary?event=401892449>

S2 | fetched 2026-10-06T17:00:46.010904+00:00

<https://site.api.espn.com/apis/site/v2/sports/hockey/nhl/teams/27/schedule?season=2027&seasontype=2>

S3 | fetched 2026-10-06T17:00:49.796117+00:00

<https://site.api.espn.com/apis/site/v2/sports/hockey/nhl/summary?event=401891816>

S4 | fetched 2026-10-06T17:00:49.847202+00:00

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S5 | fetched 2026-10-06T17:00:46.181617+00:00

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S6 | fetched 2026-10-06T17:00:49.591416+00:00

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S7 | fetched 2026-10-06T17:00:50.073157+00:00

<https://site.api.espn.com/apis/site/v2/sports/hockey/nhl/summary?event=401892431>

S8 | fetched 2026-10-06T17:00:50.338056+00:00

<https://site.api.espn.com/apis/site/v2/sports/hockey/nhl/summary?event=401892434>

Release status: PROVISIONAL RESEARCH. Predictions and conditional prop scenarios are experimental and unvalidated. All 23 catalog entries remain DRAFT; validated forecasts remain disabled.