# NEW YORK ISLANDERS GAMEDAY PREVIEW



# February 13, 2020 at Nashville Predators





#### 2019-20 SEASON STATS

		PREDATORS
33-16-6 (72 PTS)	RECORD	26-22-7 (59 PTS)
3rd in Metro	STANDINGS	5th in Central
W, 5-3 vs PHI	LAST GAME	L, 6-2 at VAN
Feb. 15 at VGK	<b>NEXT GAME</b>	Feb. 15 at STL
19.2% (T-18th)	POWER-PLAY	16.8% (23rd)
79.7% (17th)	PENALTY KILL	73.7% (31st)

#### **SEASON SERIES**

Dec. 17, 2019: NSH 8 at NYI 3 Feb. 13, 2020: Nashville, TN

### PLAYERS TO WATCH

# JOSH BAILEY #12

Islanders alternate captain Josh Bailey (12G, 25A) has 3 points this season, including six points (1G,5A) in his last three games. On Monday in Washington, Bailey, 30, tallied an assist on each of the first three Islanders goals, becoming the first Islander to record three assists in the first period since 2002. The Bowmanville, ON native has eight points (2G, 6A) in 15 career games vs. Nashville.



# RYAN PULOCK #6

Islanders defenseman Ryan Pulock scored the gamewinning goal with 41 seconds remaining in regulation in the 5-3 win vs PHI on Tuesday night. Pulock, 25, is one of 11 defensemen in the NHL to have at least three game-winning goals this season. The Dauphin, MB native is one point shy of reaching the 30-point mark for the third consecutive season and can become the fourth team blueliner in the past 20 years have 30 points in three straight seasons.

#### **TEAM LEADERS**

BLANDERS		PREDATORS
NELSON (21)	GOALS	FORSBERG (18)
BARZAL (30)	ASSISTS	JOSI (41)
BARZAL (48)	POINTS	JOSI (55)
JOHNSTON (73)	PIM	WATSON (56)
LEE & NELSON (5)	GWG	BONINO & TURRIS (3)
PULOCK (22:14)	TOI/G	JOSI (26:02)
CIZIKAS (+12)	+/-	JOSI (+21)



#### FILIP FORSBERG (III)

Nashville forward Filip Forsberg leads the Predators in goals (18) and is second in points (38) through 49 games this season. Forsberg, 25, has scored six points (2G, 4A) in his last nine games, including a two-goal outing against New Jersey at the end of last month. In the December meeting between these two teams, the Ostervala, Sweden native scored a goal and added an assist in the Predators 8-3 win at Nassau Coliseum.

# **NEW YORK ISLANDERS QUICK FACTS**

# TONIGHT'S MATCHUP:

The New York Islanders open a four-game Western Conference road trip tonight as they close out their regular season series with the Nashville Predators. Last time these teams met, the Islanders allowed a season-high eight goals in a 8-3 loss in December on Long Island.

# **LAST TIME OUT:**

**Ryan Pulock** scored the game-winning goal with 41 seconds remaining in regulation as the New York Islanders defeated the Philadelphia Flyers 5-3 on Tuesday night in Brooklyn. **Mathew Barzal** led the team in scoring with three assists, while **Semyon Varlamov** made 35 saves as the Islanders improved to 7-0-3 at Barclays Center this season.

# ISLES SAY...

"Stuff is going to happen during the game and how you react off of it. There's no panic on our bench. We've seen that in the last little while. We've responded in the right times and tonight we did again."

Tonight, the New York Islanders begin a four-game, seven-day road trip. This marks the Islanders' longest road trip of the season. They will close out their season series with four Western Conference opponents on this trip.



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New York Islanders defenseman Devon Toews has recorded a plus-3 rating in back-to-back games (Monday at WSH & Tuesday vs. PHI). His plus-6 rating this week leads the NHL.

-Barry Trotz after Tuesday's game vs Philadelphia (02/11/20)