



Washington Capitals Game Notes



Thursday, October 8, 2009

NHL Game #39

Washington Capitals 2 - 0 - 1

New York Rangers 2 - 1 - 0

Team Game: 4 1 - 0 - 0 (Home)

Team Game: 4 1 - 0 - 0 (Home)

Home Game: 2 1 - 0 - 1 (Road)

Road Game: 3 1 - 1 - 0 (Road)

#	Goaltender	GP	W	L	OT	GAA	Sv%
40	Semyon Varlamov	2	1	0	0	5.11	.857
60	Jose Theodore	2	1	0	1	2.00	.917

#	Goaltender	GP	W	L	OT	GAA	Sv%
30	Henrik Lundqvist	3	2	1	0	2.36	.924
40	Steve Valiquette	-	-	-	-	-	-

#	P	Player	GP	G	A	P	+/-	PIMs
2	D	Brian Pothier	2	0	0	0	-1	0
3	D	Tom Poti (A)	3	0	1	1	1	0
4	D	John Erskine	3	0	1	1	-3	11
8	L	Alex Ovechkin (A)	3	5	4	9	6	4
9	C	Brendan Morrison	3	2	1	3	2	0
10	R	Matt Bradley	3	0	2	2	1	5
15	R	Boyd Gordon	3	0	0	0	-2	4
17	R	Chris Clark (C)	3	0	1	1	0	2
19	C	Nicklas Backstrom	3	0	8	8	5	0
21	C	Brooks Laich	3	3	3	6	2	2
22	R	Mike Knuble (A)	3	1	0	1	1	2
23	D	Milan Jurcina	3	0	1	1	4	4
26	D	Shaone Morrisonn	3	0	1	1	2	0
28	L	Alexander Semin	3	4	3	7	2	2
39	L	David Steckel	3	0	0	0	-3	0
52	D	Mike Green	3	0	2	2	2	6
53	L	Quintin Laing	3	0	0	0	-2	0
55	D	Jeff Schultz	1	0	0	0	1	0
89	D	Tyler Sloan	-	-	-	-	-	-
92	C	Michael Nylander	-	-	-	-	-	-

#	P	Player	GP	G	A	P	+/-	PIMs
4	D	Michael Del Zotto	3	2	1	3	1	2
5	D	Dan Girardi	3	0	1	1	1	2
6	D	Wade Redden	3	0	0	0	2	0
10	R	Marian Gaborik	3	2	2	4	4	0
12	R	Ales Kotalik	3	1	1	2	-1	2
16	L	Sean Avery	-	-	-	-	-	-
17	C	Brandon Dubinsky	3	2	2	4	5	2
18	D	Marc Staal	3	0	2	2	0	2
20	C	Vinny Prospal	3	1	2	3	2	2
21	L	Christopher Higgins	3	0	2	2	2	2
22	C	Brian Boyle	3	0	0	0	0	2
23	C	Chris Drury (C)	3	1	1	2	0	4
24	R	Ryan Callahan (A)	3	0	1	1	0	2
33	D	Michal Rozsival	3	0	1	1	0	2
34	L	Aaron Voros	3	0	0	0	-1	7
42	C	Artem Anisimov	3	0	0	0	-2	4
81	R	Enver Lisin	3	0	1	1	-1	0
87	L	Donald Brashear	3	0	0	0	0	10
97	D	Matt Gilroy	3	1	0	1	2	0

Washington Capitals Management

Vice President and General Manager	George McPhee
Head Coach	Bruce Boudreau
Assistant Coaches	Dean Evason, Bob Woods
Assistant Coach/Video	Blaine Forsythe
Goaltending Coach	Arturs Irbe

New York Rangers Management

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Strength & Conditioning Coach	Reg Grant

Tonight's Officials

Referees	15-Stephane Auger, 29-Ian Walsh	Linesmen	77-Tim Nowak, 50-Scott Cherrey
Supervisor		Video Goal Judge	Mike Jukoski
National Anthem Singer	Ms. DC Jennifer Corey		

Today's Schedule (start times local)

PIT @ PHI : 7:00	ANA @ BOS : 7:00	PHX @ BUF : 7:00	NYI @ OTT : 7:00	NYR @ WSH : 7:00	COL @ NSH : 7:00
ATL @ STL : 7:00	NJD @ TBL : 7:30	CHI @ DET : 7:30	CGY @ EDM : 7:30	MIN @ LAK : 7:30	CBJ @ SJS : 7:30



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Washington Capitals: Roster

Active (22 Players)							
SW#	Name	Pos	Ht.	Wt.	Born	Birth Place	
2	Brian Pothier	D	6' 0"	204	Apr 15, 1977	New Bedford, MA, USA	
3	Tom Potl	D	6' 3"	197	Mar 22, 1977	Worcester, MA, USA	
4	John Erskine	D	6' 4"	220	Jun 26, 1980	Kingston, ON, CAN	
8	Alex Ovechkin	L	6' 2"	233	Sep 17, 1985	Moscow, RUS	
9	Brendan Morrison	C	5' 11"	185	Aug 15, 1975	Pitt Meadows, BC, CAN	
10	Matt Bradley	R	6' 3"	201	Jun 13, 1978	Stittsville, ON, CAN	
15	Boyd Gordon	R	6' 1"	200	Oct 19, 1983	Unity, SK, CAN	
17	Chris Clark	R	6' 0"	198	Mar 8, 1976	South Windsor, CT, USA	
19	Nicklas Backstrom	C	6' 1"	210	Nov 23, 1987	Gavle, SWE	
21	Brooks Laich	C	6' 2"	200	Jun 23, 1983	Wawota, SK, CAN	
22	Mike Knuble	R	6' 3"	223	Jul 4, 1972	Toronto, ON, CAN	
23	Milan Jurcina	D	6' 4"	236	Jun 7, 1983	Liptovsky, SVK	
26	Shaone Morrisonn	D	6' 4"	217	Dec 23, 1982	Vancouver, BC, CAN	
28	Alexander Semin	L	6' 2"	208	Mar 3, 1984	Krasnojarsk, RUS	
39	David Steckel	L	6' 5"	217	Mar 15, 1982	Milwaukee, WI, USA	
40	Semyon Varlamov	G	6' 2"	209	Apr 27, 1988	Samara, RUS	
52	Mike Green	D	6' 1"	204	Oct 12, 1985	Calgary, AB, CAN	
53	Quintin Laing	L	6' 3"	193	Jun 8, 1979	Harris, SK, CAN	
55	Jeff Schultz	D	6' 6"	230	Feb 25, 1986	Calgary, AB, CAN	
60	Jose Theodore	G	5' 11"	185	Sep 13, 1976	Laval, QC, CAN	
89	Tyler Sloan	D	6' 4"	204	Mar 15, 1981	Calgary, AB, CAN	
92	Michael Nylander	C	6' 1"	200	Oct 3, 1972	Stockholm, SWE	
22 Players Total		Avg:	6' 2"	207	Age: 28.8		

Injured Reserve List (2 Players)							
14	Tomas Fleischmann	C	6' 1"	192	May 16, 1984	Koprivnice, CZE	
16	Eric Fehr	R	6' 4"	212	Sep 7, 1985	Winkler, MB, CAN	

Goal Streaks

ALEXANDER OVECHKIN (5 / 3 Games)
 ALEXANDER SEMIN (4 / 2 Games)
 BRENDAN MORRISON (2 / 2 Games)

Assist Streaks

NICKLAS BACKSTROM (8 / 3 Games)
 ALEXANDER OVECHKIN (4 / 3 Games)
 BROOKS LAICH (3 / 3 Games)
 MIKE GREEN (2 / 2 Games)

Point Streaks

ALEXANDER OVECHKIN (5-4-9 / 3 Games)
 NICKLAS BACKSTROM (0-8-8 / 3 Games)
 ALEXANDER SEMIN (4-3-7 / 3 Games)
 BROOKS LAICH (3-3-6 / 3 Games)
 BRENDAN MORRISON (2-1-3 / 2 Games)
 MIKE GREEN (0-2-2 / 2 Games)

New York Rangers: Roster

Active (21 Players)							
SW#	Name	Pos	Ht.	Wt.	Born	Birth Place	
4	Michael Del Zotto	D	6' 1"	195	Jun 24, 1990	Stouffville, ON, CAN	
5	Dan Girardi	D	6' 2"	215	Apr 29, 1984	Welland, ON, CAN	
6	Wade Redden	D	6' 2"	210	Jun 12, 1977	Lloydminster, SK, CAN	
10	Marian Gaborik	R	6' 1"	200	Feb 14, 1982	Trencin, SVK	
12	Ales Kotalik	R	6' 1"	225	Dec 23, 1978	Jindrichuv Hradec, CZE	
16	Sean Avery	L	5' 10"	195	Apr 10, 1980	North York, ON, CAN	
17	Brandon Dubinsky	C	6' 1"	205	Apr 29, 1986	Anchorage, AK, USA	
18	Marc Staal	D	6' 4"	209	Jan 13, 1987	Thunder Bay, ON, CAN	
20	Vinny Prospal	C	6' 2"	198	Feb 17, 1975	Ceske Budejovice, CZE	
21	Christopher Higgins	L	6' 0"	205	Jun 2, 1983	Smithtown, NY, USA	
22	Brian Boyle	C	6' 7"	252	Dec 18, 1984	Hingham, MA, USA	
23	Chris Drury	C	5' 10"	190	Aug 20, 1976	Trumbull, CT, USA	
24	Ryan Callahan	R	5' 11"	188	Mar 21, 1985	Rochester, NY, USA	
30	Henrik Lundqvist	G	6' 1"	198	Mar 2, 1982	Are, SWE	
33	Michal Rozsival	D	6' 2"	205	Sep 3, 1978	Vlasim, CZE	
34	Aaron Voros	L	6' 4"	215	Jul 2, 1981	Vancouver, BC, CAN	
40	Steve Vallquette	G	6' 6"	210	Aug 20, 1977	Etobicoke, ON, CAN	
42	Artem Anisimov	C	6' 4"	197	May 24, 1988	Yaroslavl, RUS	
81	Enver Lisin	R	6' 2"	200	Apr 22, 1986	Moscow, RUS	
87	Donald Brashear	L	6' 3"	237	Jan 7, 1972	Bedford, IN, USA	
97	Matt Gilroy	D	6' 1"	201	Jul 20, 1984	NORTH BELLMORE, NY, USA	
21 Players Total		Avg:	6' 1"	207	Age: 27.7		

Goal Streaks

MICHAEL DEL ZOTTO (2 / 2 Games)

Assist Streaks

MARIAN GABORIK (2 / 2 Games)

Point Streaks

MARIAN GABORIK (2-2-4 / 3 Games)
 MICHAEL DEL ZOTTO (2-1-3 / 2 Games)
 VACLAV PROSPAL (1-2-3 / 2 Games)



New York Rangers @ Washington Capitals

Team Records

	New York Rangers	Washington Capitals
Last Game:	Monday AT NEW JERSEY (3-2 W)	Tuesday AT PHILADELPHIA (6-5 O)
Next Game:	Sunday VS ANAHEIM	Saturday AT DETROIT
Overall Record/Streak:	2 - 1 - 0 / Win 2 / Undef 2	2 - 0 - 1 / OTL 1
Home Record/Streak:	1 - 0 - 0 / Win 1 / Undef 1	1 - 0 - 0 / Win 1 / Undef 1
Road Record/Streak:	1 - 1 - 0 / Win 1 / Undef 1	1 - 0 - 1 / OTL 1
Last 5 Games:	2 - 1 - 0	2 - 0 - 1
Last 10 Games:	2 - 1 - 0	2 - 0 - 1
1 Goal Games:	1 - 1 - 0	0 - 0 - 1
2 Goal Games:	0 - 0	1 - 0
3 Goal Games:	1 - 0	1 - 0
Scoring First:	1 - 0 - 0	2 - 0 - 0
Opponent Scoring First:	1 - 1 - 0	0 - 0 - 1
Leading After 1st Period:	0 - 0 - 0	2 - 0 - 0
Trailing After 1st Period:	0 - 0 - 0	0 - 0 - 0
Tied After 1st Period:	2 - 1 - 0	0 - 0 - 1
Leading After 2nd Period:	2 - 0 - 0	2 - 0 - 0
Trailing After 2nd Period:	0 - 1 - 0	0 - 0 - 1
Tied After 2nd Period:	0 - 0 - 0	0 - 0 - 0
Overtime Record - This Season:	0 - 0	0 - 1
Overtime Record - Franchise:	111 - 105 - 195	96 - 91 - 185
Shootout Record - This Season:	0 - 0	0 - 0
Shootout Record - Franchise:	34 - 24	16 - 26
Outshoot Opponent:	0 - 0 - 0	1 - 0 - 0
Outshot By Opponent:	1 - 1 - 0	1 - 0 - 1
Even Shots:	1 - 0 - 0	0 - 0 - 0
vs. Northeast:	1 - 0 - 0	2 - 0 - 0
vs. Atlantic:	1 - 1 - 0	0 - 0 - 1
vs. Southeast:	0 - 0 - 0	0 - 0 - 0
vs. EASTERN CONFERENCE:	2 - 1 - 0	2 - 0 - 1
vs. Central:	1 - 0 - 0	2 - 0 - 0
vs. Pacific:	0 - 0 - 0	0 - 0 - 0
vs. Northwest:	0 - 0 - 0	0 - 0 - 0
vs. WESTERN CONFERENCE:	0 - 0 - 0	0 - 0 - 0

Month By Month Records

	New York Rangers		Washington Capitals	
	W-L-OT	Points	W-L-OT	Points
October:	2-1-0	4	2-0-1	5
November:	0-0-0	0	0-0-0	0
December:	0-0-0	0	0-0-0	0
January:	0-0-0	0	0-0-0	0
February:	0-0-0	0	0-0-0	0
March:	0-0-0	0	0-0-0	0
April:	0-0-0	0	0-0-0	0
Totals:	2-1-0	4	2-0-1	5



New York Rangers @ Washington Capitals

Stats Details

Goals By Period						
	1	2	3	OT	T	Avg
New York Rangers:	3	4	3	0	10	(3.3 avg.)
Opponents:	3	3	1	0	7	(2.3 avg.)
Washington Capitals:	4	7	4	0	15	(5.0 avg.)
Opponents:	0	5	5	1	11	(3.7 avg.)

Shots By Period						
	1	2	3	OT	T	Avg
New York Rangers:	27	37	23	0	87	(29.0 avg.)
Opponents:	27	44	21	0	92	(30.7 avg.)
Washington Capitals:	32	33	31	1	97	(32.3 avg.)
Opponents:	31	37	20	4	92	(30.7 avg.)

Power Play						
	New York Rangers			Washington Capitals		
	G	ATT	PCT	G	ATT	PCT
Overall:	2	15	13.3 (26th NHL)	4	12	33.3 (T-7th NHL)
Home:	0	5	0.0 (T-21st NHL)	1	3	33.3 (T-7th NHL)
Road:	2	10	20.0 (T-15th NHL)	3	9	33.3 (T-5th NHL)
0 SHORT HANDED GOALS ALLOWED (T-1st NHL)			0 SHORT HANDED GOALS ALLOWED (T-1st NHL)			

Penalty Killing						
	New York Rangers			Washington Capitals		
	G	ATT	PCT	G	ATT	PCT
Overall:	2	12	83.3 (T-8th NHL)	3	17	82.4 (10th NHL)
Home:	0	4	100.0 (T-1st NHL)	0	3	100.0 (T-1st NHL)
Road:	2	8	75.0 (T-12th NHL)	3	14	78.6 (11th NHL)
1 SHORT HANDED GOALS SCORED (T-1st NHL)			0 SHORT HANDED GOALS SCORED (T-8th NHL)			

Penalties						
	New York Rangers			Washington Capitals		
	GP	Min	Avg./Rank	GP	Min	Avg./Rank
	3	45	15.0 (T-16th NHL)	3	44	14.7 (15th NHL)

Goal Situations						
	New York Rangers		Washington Capitals			
	For	Against	For	Against		
5 on 5:	7	5	11	6		
5 on 4:	2	0	4	0		
5 on 3:	0	0	0	0		
4 on 4:	0	0	0	2		
4 on 3:	0	0	0	0		
3 on 3:	0	0	0	0		
3 on 4:	0	0	0	0		
3 on 5:	0	0	0	0		
4 on 5:	0	2	0	3		
Empty Net:	1	0	0	0		
Penalty Shot:	0	0	0	0		
Total:	10	7	15	11		

LAST GAME**Philadelphia 6, Washington 5 OT****October 6, 2009 • Wachovia Center • Philadelphia, Pa.**

	Score by Period	Shots	Pen/Min	PP
WSH	0-3-2-0—5	36	10/23	1-5
PHI	0-4-1-1—6	41	7/17	3-9

Alex Ovechkin and Alexander Semin each scored twice, but Mike Richards had a hat trick and Daniel Briere scored his first of the season in overtime, giving Philadelphia a 6-5 win in its home opener. Ovechkin and Nicklas Backstrom (3a) each had three-point nights. The Capitals struggled with penalties, whistled for 10, and the Flyers scored three power-play goals.

INJURIES

LW Tomas Fleischmann –out, week-to-week, missed 3 games

RW Eric Fehr –day-to-day, missed 3 games

Total Man-Games Lost: 6

RECENT TRANSACTIONS

Oct. 7: Capitals assigned LW Boyd Kane to Hershey (AHL).

Sept. 30: Capitals recalled LW Boyd Kane from Hershey (AHL) and assigned G Michal Neuvirth to Hershey. Pittsburgh claimed LW Chris Bourque off waivers.

Sept. 28: Capitals assigned D Karl Alzner, C Keith Aucoin, LW Alexandre Giroux and RW Brandon Sugden to Hershey (AHL).

TONIGHT'S GAME

Washington (2-0-1) hosts the New York Rangers (2-1-0) in the Capitals' fourth game of the season, their second at home. It kicks off a stretch in which four of the next five games will be played at Verizon Center.

Tonight's Broadcasts:

WSH TV: CSN (HD) (Joe Beninati, Craig Laughlin, Al Koken)

WSH Radio: 1500AM, 820AM (Steve Kolbe, Ken Sabourin, Jonathan Warner)

CAPITALS OFFICIAL GUIDE

The 2009-10 Washington Capitals Official Guide is available for download (.pdf) at WashingtonCaps.com (click on "Team").

UPCOMING GAMES

Date	Opponent	Location	Time (ET)	Caps TV	Caps Radio
Oct. 10	at Detroit	Detroit, Mich.	7 p.m.	CSN (HD)	1500 AM, 820 AM
Oct. 12	New Jersey	Verizon Center	7 p.m.	CSN (HD)	1500 AM, 820 AM
Oct. 15	San Jose	Verizon Center	7 p.m.	CSN (HD)	1500 AM, 820 AM
Oct. 17	Nashville	Verizon Center	7 p.m.	CSN (HD)	1500 AM, 820 AM
Oct. 22	at Atlanta	Atlanta, Ga.	7 p.m.	CSN (HD)	1500 AM, 820 AM

NOTE OF THE NIGHT

Three for three –Alex Ovechkin, who leads the NHL with nine points (5g-4a), is just the third player in history and the first in 27 years to record three points in each of the first three games of the season. It is the first time Ovechkin has had three straight three-point games in his career. Ovechkin joins Guy Lafleur (1975-76) and Peter Stastny (1982-83), neither of whom had a three-point game in the fourth game. With a point tonight, Ovechkin would become the first player since Martin Havlat in 2006-07 to record 10 points in his team's first four games of the season.

Ovechkin's three-game goal streak is his best to start a season in his five-year career. He has five goals more than a month earlier than last year, when he scored his fifth on Nov. 14 (his 14th game, the team's 16th). Ovechkin has 61 goals in his last 82 regular-season games and 40 in his last 50 games (counting playoffs).

FIVE MORE NOTES NO MEDIA PERSON SHOULD BE WITHOUT

Leading the way – After Tuesday night's games, Washington had the top four scorers in the NHL. Alex Ovechkin (9 points), Nicklas Backstrom (8), Alexander Semin (7) and Brooks Laich (6) are each averaging at least two points per game.

Gimme 5 –Washington's 15 goals through three games are two more than any other team and two shy of the most goals in three games in franchise history (17, 1988-89). Two Capitals teams have averaged five goals per game through four games (1997-98 and '87-88, 20 goals each).

Multiplication tables –Capitals players have combined for five multiple-goal games in the first three games of the season (Alex Ovechkin and Alexander Semin, 2 each, and Brooks Laich 1). Washington is 23-0-2 the last 25 times Ovechkin has had a multiple-goal game, dating to a regulation loss on Nov. 30, 2007 (Bruce Boudreau's fifth game behind the bench).

Back it up –Nicklas Backstrom leads the NHL with eight assists, posting two three-assist games and a two-assist game through the first week of the season. Backstrom has at least one assist in each of his last seven regular-season games, with 14 assists in that time. He has 73 assists in his last 82 games.

Powerful stuff – Washington already has four power-play goals this season (4-for-12, 33.3%), but none by its top three power-play goal scorers last season (Alex Ovechkin, Mike Green and Nicklas Backstrom).

SERIES NOTES

–Washington leads, 85-74-18-5, entering the 183rd meeting, including 49-31-9-3 at home

–The Capitals won last year's season series, 3-0-1 (NYR was 1-2-1)

–One of Washington's wins last season (12/23 at NYR) matched the biggest comeback and franchise history (down 4-0, the Caps won 5-4 in OT)

–Alex Ovechkin and Mike Green each had three regular-season goals against NYR last year

– The Capitals have won four in a row at home against NYR and are 8-1-1 in the last 10 at Verizon Center

–Washington beat NYR in the Eastern Conference quarterfinals in seven games

– Current Capitals Mike Knuble, Michael Nylander and Tom Poti all played for NYR; former Capital Donald Brashear is on the NYR roster

MORE CAPS NOTES

Laich this better? –Brooks Laich, who has already surpassed his goal total from last October with three, has eight goals and 10 assists (18 points) in his last 11 regular-season games.

Shooting stars –The threesome of Alex Ovechkin, Alexander Semin and Brooks Laich has totaled 12 goals this season on 41 shots on goal for a white-hot shooting pct. of 29.3. The rest of the Capitals have combined for three goals on 56 shots on goal for a shooting pct. of 5.4.

Welcome aboard – Mike Knuble and Brendan Morrison both scored their first goals as Capitals in their Verizon Center debut in red, white and blue on Saturday. Morrison also added an assist in that game and scored another goal Tuesday at Philadelphia.

Face it – Part of Washington's success through two games can be attributed to its success on faceoffs; the Capitals rank sixth in the league on draws at 55.9%. Boyd Gordon (seventh), Brendan Morrison (10th) and David Steckel (16th) are all in the top 20 in faceoffs and are all clicking at 60% or better.

Lucky 13? –Washington plays 13 games in the month of October. Each of the four previous times that the Capitals have had 13 October games they have reached at least the second round of the playoffs in the following spring (1997-98, 1993-94, 1990-91 and 1989-90).

Reigning champ –Alex Ovechkin enters 2009-10 as the two-time defending Hart Trophy winner. Only two players in history have won the Hart three years in a row: Wayne Gretzky (1980-87) and Bobby Orr (1970-72).

Washington Capitals: Game By Game Summary

#	Date	Team	W/L/OT	Record	GF-GA	Scorers	W Goal	PP	PK	SF - SA	W-L Gldr	Attend.
1	10/01/2009	@ Boston Bruins	W	01-00-00	4-1	21p,8,21p,8	8	2-4	5-5	34-20	60 / 30	17565+
2	10/03/2009	Toronto Maple Leafs	W	02-00-00	6-4	8,22p,21,28,9,28	11	1-3	3-3	27-31	40 / 50	18277+
3	10/06/2009	@ Philadelphia Flyers	O*	02-00-01	5-6	8,8,28,28p,9	48	1-5	6-9	36-41	29 / 60	19567+

Washington Capitals: Player Game By Game Summary

Date	Opp.	POTHIER # 2	POTI # 3	ERSKINE # 4	OVECHKIN # 8	MORRISON # 9	BRADLEY # 10	GORDON # 15	
Oct 1;Oct 3;Oct 6;	@ BOS;Vs TOR;@ PHI;	0-0 0/-1 16:15;0-0 1/0 14:40;DND;	0-1 2/2 21:20;0-0 0/1 21:07;0-0 0/-2 23:26;	0-0 2/-1 17:42;0-1 2/0 18:44;0-0 3/-2 18:38;	2-1 (W) 5/2 20:14;1-2 5/2 22:12;2-1 7/2 22:54;	0-0 1/1 14:46;1-1 (W) 1/1 13:21;1-0 2/0 16:19;	0-0 0/0 9:55;0-0 1/-1 11:30;0-2 1/2 10:38;	0-0 2/0 12:47;0-0 0/-1 12:19;0-0 0/-1 10:49;	
Date	Opp.	CLARK # 17	BACKSTROM # 19	LAICH # 21	KNUBLE # 22	JURCINA # 23	MORRISONN # 26	SEMIN # 28	
Oct 1;Oct 3;Oct 6;	@ BOS;Vs TOR;@ PHI;	0-0 1/-1 11:04;0-1 0/0 11:54;0-0 4/1 11:19;	0-3 3/1 19:51;0-2 1/2 20:41;0-3 2/2 20:54;	2-1 5/0 16:08;1-1 4/1 16:27;0-1 2/1 21:25;	0-0 2/1 14:58;1-0 3/1 15:20;0-0 4/-1 16:45;	0-0 1/1 17:46;0-1 0/2 17:23;0-0 0/1 16:04;	0-0 1/0 19:52;0-0 0/0 18:01;0-1 0/2 17:43;	0-2 4/1 18:42;2-1 4/1 19:50;2-0 5/0 21:09;	
Date	Opp.	KANE # 34	STECKEL # 39	GREEN # 52	LAING # 53	SCHULTZ # 55	NYLANDER	SLOAN	
Oct 1;Oct 3;Oct 6;	@ BOS;Vs TOR;@ PHI;	0-0 0/0 9:12;0-0 2/-1 10:33;0-0 0/0 4:53;	0-0 1/-1 14:10;0-0 0/-1 13:46;0-0 2/-1 14:56;	0-0 4/1 24:12;0-1 1/-1 24:18;0-1 4/2 28:23;	0-0 0/-1 11:35;0-0 2/-1 11:54;0-0 0/0 9:35;	DND;DND;0-0 0/1 15:05;	DND;DND;DND;	DND;DND;DND;	
Date	Opp.	VARLAMOV # 40	THEODORE # 60						
Oct 1;Oct 3;Oct 6;	@ BOS;Vs TOR;@ PHI;	DNP;4-31 25 34; W 60;4-	1-20 W 60;DNP;2-16 O 30;						

 **Washington Capitals: Head Coach and Goalie Bios**

Head Coach: Bruce Boudreau

- * Has a career record of 89-41-16 in 146 games
- * The fastest Capitals coach to 50 wins (85 games) and the fifth-winningest Caps coach all-time
- * 2008 Jack Adams Award winner in his first full season as an NHL head coach

#40: Semyon Varlamov

SEHM-yahn var-LA-mohv 6' 2", 209 Apr 27, 1988	1st NHL / 1st WSH Season Last Win: OCT 3, 2009 vs TORONTO (1) Last SO:		GP	W-L-OT	GAA	Sv%
		Season	2	1-0-0	5.11	.857
		Career	8	5-0-1	2.98	.902

- * Made the opening-night roster for the first time after shining in the playoffs last season
- * Is 5-0-1 in 8 career regular-season appearances

#60: Jose Theodore

JOE-zay THEE-uh-dohr 5' 11", 185 Sep 13, 1976	12th NHL / 2nd WSH Season Last Win: OCT 1, 2009 @ BOSTON (1) Last SO: MAR 17, 2009 @ FLORIDA (9)		GP	W-L-OT	GAA	Sv%
		Season	2	1-0-1	2.00	.917
		Career	503	216-214-35	2.67	.908

- * Stopped 19 of 20 shots and held BOS scoreless for the first 47:56 in the opener 10/1
- * Ranks sixth among active goalies in games played and eighth in wins

Washington Capitals: Skater Bios

#2: Brian Pothier						
POH-thee-uhr 6' 0", 204 Apr 15, 1977	8th NHL / 4th WSH Season Last Goal: MAR 27, 2009 vs TAMPA BAY (7) Last Assist: APR 11, 2009 @ FLORIDA (2)	Season Career	GP 2 303	G-A-P 0-0-0 21-82-103	+/- -1	PIMs 0 181
* Led Caps defensemen with 4 points (1g-3a) in the preseason (4 GP)						
#3: Tom Poti						
POH-tee 6' 3", 197 Mar 22, 1977	11th NHL / 3rd WSH Season Last Goal: NOV 22, 2008 @ SAN JOSE (40) Last Assist: OCT 1, 2009 @ BOSTON (2)	Season Career	GP 3 720	G-A-P 0-1-1 63-232-295	+/- 1	PIMs 0 534
#4: John Erskine						
UHR-skin 6' 4", 220 Jun 26, 1980	8th NHL / 4th WSH Season Last Goal: JAN 19, 2008 vs FLORIDA (80) Last Assist: OCT 3, 2009 vs TORONTO (1)	Season Career	GP 3 276	G-A-P 0-1-1 6-20-26	+/- -3	PIMs 11 575
#8: Alex Ovechkin						
oh-VEHCH-kihn 6' 2", 233 Sep 17, 1985	5th NHL / 5th WSH Season Last Goal: OCT 6, 2009 @ PHILADELPHIA Last Assist: OCT 6, 2009 @ PHILADELPHIA	Season Career	GP 3 327	G-A-P 5-4-9 224-205-429	+/- 6	PIMs 4 220
* Has three straight three-point games to start the season and leads the NHL with nine points (5g-4a)						
* Guy Lafleur (1975-76) and Peter Stastny (1982-83) are the only other players to record three points in each of the first three games of a season						
* Also leads the NHL in goals (tied) and plus/minus (+6), through Tuesday's games						
* Didn't score his fifth goal until Nov. 14 last season (14 GP); scored his sixth and seventh the next night						
#9: Brendan Morrison						
5' 11", 185 Aug 15, 1975	11th NHL / 1st WSH Season Last Goal: OCT 6, 2009 @ PHILADELPHIA Last Assist: OCT 3, 2009 vs TORONTO (1)	Season Career	GP 3 758	G-A-P 2-1-3 177-331-508	+/- 2	PIMs 0 384
* Has 2-1-3 in the last two games (10/3-6)						
* Scored his first goal as a Cap and added an assist 10/3 vs. TOR						
* Made his Caps debut 10/1 at BOS						
#10: Matt Bradley						
BRAD-lee, MAT 6' 3", 201 Jun 13, 1978	8th NHL / 5th WSH Season Last Goal: MAR 19, 2009 @ TAMPA BAY (12) Last Assist: OCT 6, 2009 @ PHILADELPHIA	Season Career	GP 3 495	G-A-P 0-2-2 42-66-108	+/- 1	PIMs 5 421
* Five games shy of 500 for his career						
#15: Boyd Gordon						
6' 1", 200 Oct 19, 1983	6th NHL / 6th WSH Season Last Goal: JAN 1, 2009 vs TAMPA BAY (30) Last Assist: FEB 14, 2009 @ TAMPA BAY (19)	Season Career	GP 3 270	G-A-P 0-0-0 20-46-66	+/- -2	PIMs 4 58
* Seventh in the NHL at 65.5% on faceoffs (through Tuesday's games)						
#17: Chris Clark						
6' 0", 198 Mar 8, 1976	10th NHL / 5th WSH Season Last Goal: JAN 1, 2009 vs TAMPA BAY (11) Last Assist: OCT 3, 2009 vs TORONTO (1)	Season Career	GP 3 483	G-A-P 0-1-1 91-89-180	+/- 0	PIMs 2 616
* Had 3 points (1g-2a) in 4 GP in the preseason						
#19: Nicklas Backstrom						
6' 1", 210 Nov 23, 1987	3rd NHL / 3rd WSH Season Last Goal: APR 1, 2009 vs NY ISLANDERS (8) Last Assist: OCT 6, 2009 @ PHILADELPHIA	Season Career	GP 3 167	G-A-P 0-8-8 36-129-165	+/- 5	PIMs 0 70

- * Has played all 167 games in his career
- * Leads the NHL with eight assists
- * Second on the team in points (8) and plus/minus (+5)
- * Has 14 assists in his last seven regular-season GP; has 73 in his last 82 GP

#21: Brooks Laich

LIKE 6' 2", 200 Jun 23, 1983	5th NHL / 5th WSH Season Last Goal: OCT 3, 2009 vs TORONTO (1) Last Assist: OCT 6, 2009 @ PHILADELPHIA		GP	G-A-P	+/-	PIMs
		Season	3	3-3-6	2	2
		Career	318	62-74-136		125

- * Fourth on the team and fourth in the league with 6 points (3g-3a)
- * Had his sixth career two-goal game in the opener 10/1 at BOS
- * Has 18 points (8g-10a) in his last 11 regular-season games

#22: Mike Knuble

kuh-NOO-buhl 6' 3", 223 Jul 4, 1972	12th NHL / 1st WSH Season Last Goal: OCT 3, 2009 vs TORONTO (1) Last Assist: MAR 29, 2009 vs BOSTON (10)		GP	G-A-P	+/-	PIMs
		Season	3	1-0-1	1	2
		Career	823	216-214-430		496

- * Will play all four of his former teams in the first five games of the season
- * Scored his first goal as a Cap 10/3 vs. TOR
- * Made his Caps debut 10/1 at BOS

#23: Milan Jurcina

MEE-lahn YEW-ree-chee-nah 6' 4", 236 Jun 7, 1983	5th NHL / 4th WSH Season Last Goal: DEC 16, 2008 @ NY ISLANDERS (50) Last Assist: OCT 3, 2009 vs TORONTO (1)		GP	G-A-P	+/-	PIMs
		Season	3	0-1-1	4	4
		Career	278	14-33-47		200

- * Third on the team and first among Caps defensemen at +4

#26: Shaone Morrisonn

SHAWN 6' 4", 217 Dec 23, 1982	5th NHL / 5th WSH Season Last Goal: FEB 22, 2009 vs PITTSBURGH (25) Last Assist: OCT 6, 2009 @ PHILADELPHIA		GP	G-A-P	+/-	PIMs
		Season	3	0-1-1	2	0
		Career	353	9-50-59		355

- * Leads the team in hits (8) and blocked shots (7)

#28: Alexander Semin

SEHM-in 6' 2", 208 Mar 3, 1984	5th NHL / 5th WSH Season Last Goal: OCT 6, 2009 @ PHILADELPHIA Last Assist: OCT 3, 2009 vs TORONTO (1)		GP	G-A-P	+/-	PIMs
		Season	3	4-3-7	2	2
		Career	257	112-111-223		259

- * Third on the team (and in the NHL) with 7 points (4g-3a)
- * Has back-to-back two-goal games 10/3 vs. TOR and 10/6 at PHI
- * Had a pair of assists in the opener 10/1 at BOS
- * Led Caps in preseason scoring with 6 points (2g-4a) in 4 GP

#39: David Steckel

6' 5", 217 Mar 15, 1982	3rd NHL / 3rd WSH Season Last Goal: APR 9, 2009 @ TAMPA BAY (4) Last Assist: MAR 19, 2009 @ TAMPA BAY (12)		GP	G-A-P	+/-	PIMs
		Season	3	0-0-0	-3	0
		Career	158	13-18-31		70

#52: Mike Green

6' 1", 204 Oct 12, 1985	4th NHL / 4th WSH Season Last Goal: APR 9, 2009 @ TAMPA BAY (4) Last Assist: OCT 6, 2009 @ PHILADELPHIA		GP	G-A-P	+/-	PIMs
		Season	3	0-2-2	2	6
		Career	245	52-94-146		190

- * Leads the team in ice time (25:37)

#53: Quintin Laing

6' 3", 193 Jun 8, 1979	2nd NHL / 2nd WSH Season Last Goal: DEC 10, 2007 vs NEW JERSEY (38) Last Assist: FEB 16, 2008 @ TAMPA BAY (12)		GP	G-A-P	+/-	PIMs
		Season	3	0-0-0	-2	0
		Career	46	1-6-7		10

* Made an NHL season-opening roster for the first time in his career

#55: Jeff Schultz			GP	G-A-P	+/-	PIMs
6' 6", 230	4th NHL / 4th WSH Season					
Feb 25, 1986	Last Goal: JAN 14, 2009 @ PITTSBURGH (37)	Season	1	0-0-0	1	0
	Last Assist: APR 7, 2009 @ ATLANTA (3)	Career	175	6-27-33		65

#89: Tyler Sloan			GP	G-A-P	+/-	PIMs
6' 4", 204	2nd NHL / 2nd WSH Season					
Mar 15, 1981	Last Goal: OCT 25, 2008 @ DALLAS (23)	Season	-	-----	-	-
	Last Assist: JAN 10, 2009 @ MONTREAL	Career	26	1-4-5		14

* Eighth-year pro has made an NHL opening-night roster for the first time

#92: Michael Nylander			GP	G-A-P	+/-	PIMs
6' 1", 200	15th NHL / 15th WSH Season					
Oct 3, 1972	Last Goal: APR 5, 2009 vs ATLANTA (3)	Season	-	-----	-	-
	Last Assist: APR 9, 2009 @ TAMPA BAY (1)	Career	920	209-470-679		468

New York Rangers: Media Notes

LAST GAME:

Oct. 5: Rangers 3 at Devils 2 - The Devils opened the game's scoring with a Rob Niedermayer goal just 70 seconds into the contest. Michael Del Zotto (one goal and one assist) responded five minutes later, on the power play, from Vinny Prospal (two assists) and Ales Kotalik (one goal and one assist). New Jersey reclaimed the lead with a power play tally from Travis Zajac at 10:52 of the first. Later in the period, Kotalik notched a goal, his first as a Ranger, on the man advantage to tie the game at two goals apiece heading into the middle frame. Rangers rookie defenseman Matt Gilroy tallied his first career NHL goal with 2:10 remaining in the second period to give New York their first lead of the contest, and the Rangers and Henrik Lundqvist (25 saves) preserved the one-goal advantage over the final 22:10 of the contest to record their second straight win. Ryan Callahan also collected an assist on Kotalik's power play goal, and Marian Gaborik extended his point streak to three games (two goals and two assists) with an assist on Gilroy's game-winner.

- **Shots on Goal:** NYR (26); NJD (27)
- **Power Play:** NYR (2-6); NJD (1-6)
- **Penalty Killing:** NYR (5-6); NJD (4-6)
- **Three Stars:** 1. Matt Gilroy (NYR); 2. Michael Del Zotto (NYR); 3. David Clarkson (NJD)

INJURIES:

Sean Avery (sprained knee, Sept. 21) - 3 games missed

Total Man-Games Lost: 3

TRANSACTIONS:

- **Sept. 19:** Agreed to terms with forward **Brandon Dubinsky**
- **Oct. 2:** Named **Ryan Callahan** Alternate Captain

TONIGHT'S GAME:

The Rangers face-off against the Washington Capitals tonight at Verizon Center (7:00 p.m.), in a rematch between 2009 Eastern Conference Quarterfinal opponents. The Blueshirts currently rank **second** in the Atlantic Division standings, and **fourth** in the Eastern Conference, with a record of **2-1-0 (four pts.)**. New York enter tonight's contest having defeated New Jersey, 3-2, on Monday at Prudential Center to extend their winning streak to two games. It was the Rangers 14th win over the Devils in their last 23 meetings (14-6-3). Washington enter the contest with a **2-0-1 (five pts.)** record, and rank **second** in the Eastern Conference. Following tonight's game, the Rangers will return home to face-off against the Anaheim Ducks on Sunday, Oct. 11, at Madison Square Garden (5:00 p.m.), in the first game of a back-to-back home set.

BROADCAST INFORMATION:

- **TV: MSG Network**
6:30 p.m. - Rangers Pre-Game Show with Bill Pidto and Ron Duguay
7:00 p.m. - Rangers @ Capitals
Broadcasters: **Sam Rosen** (Play-By-Play), **Joe Micheletti** (Analyst), **John Giannone** (In-Game Reporter)
- **Radio: 970 The Apple**
6:30 p.m. - Rangers Pre-Game with Kenny Albert
7:00 p.m. - Rangers @ Capitals
Broadcasters: **Kenny Albert** (Play-By-Play), **Dave Maloney** (Analyst)

RANGERS vs. CAPITALS:

- **All-Time:** The Rangers are **79-80-18-5** all-time against the Capitals: **45-34-9-2** at home and **34-46-9-3** on the road.
- **2009-10:** This is the first of four meetings between the Rangers and Capitals this season.
- **Last Season:** New York were **1-2-1** against Washington in 2008-09, including a **0-2-0** record on the road. **Ryan Callahan** led the Rangers with **three** goals and **four** points in the season series against the Capitals.

SPECIAL TEAMS:

- **Power Play:** New York rank **26th** in the NHL with a **13.3%** (**2-15**) success rate, including a **20.0%** (**2-10**) success rate on the road tying for **15th** in the league. Shorthanded goals allowed (**0**): None.
- **Penalty Killing:** The Rangers are tied for **eighth** in the NHL with a **83.3%** (**10-12**) success rate, and are tied for **12th** in the league with a **75.0%** (**6-8**) success rate away from MSG. Shorthanded goals for (**1**): Oct. 3 vs. OTT (B. Dubinsky).
- **Four-on-Four:** New York have skated in **four** (**6:01**) four-on-four situations. Four-on-Four goals for (**0**): None. Four-on-Four goals allowed (**0**): None.

HOME SWEET HOME:

The Rangers have sold-out **157** consecutive regular season games, dating back to Nov. 5, 2005 against New Jersey. The last regular season non-sellout was Oct. 31, 2005 vs. Montreal (17,697). Including the playoffs, New York has sold-out their last **171** games at MSG.

YOUTH IS SERVED:

- At **19 years 100 days** old, Rangers defenseman **Michael Del Zotto** is the **youngest defenseman** and **second youngest player** in franchise history to play on opening night. Former Rangers forward **Don Raleigh** is the **youngest player** in Rangers history to play in a season-opening game. Raleigh was **17 years 125 days** old when he debuted for New York in the 1943-44 season opener on Oct. 30, 1943 at Toronto.
- New York had four defensemen aged 25 years or younger on their opening day roster: **Dan Girardi (25)**, **Matt Gilroy (25)**, **Marc Staal (22)**, and **Michael Del Zotto (19)**. The last time the Rangers had four defensemen aged 25 years or younger skate in a season opener was **Oct. 9, 1980: Dave Maloney (24)**, **Andre Dore (22)**, **Mario Marois (22)**, and **Ed Hospodar (21)**.
- The average age of the Blueshirts defensemen on opening night was **25 years 243 days**, which is the **fourth** youngest defense corp in the NHL. Atlanta has the youngest defense corp (**25 years 104 days**) in the league, followed by Nashville (**25 years 183 days**) and Tampa Bay (**25 years 219 days**). Los Angeles had the fifth youngest defense corp (**25 years 274 days**) to start the season.
- With his goal on Saturday vs. Ottawa, **Del Zotto (19 years 101 days)** is the first teenager to score a goal for the Rangers since **Manny Malhotra (1998-99)**, and the **second youngest defenseman** in team history to accomplish the feat behind **Red Garrett (18 years 154 days)**.

TEAM NOTES:

- The Rangers opened their 2009-10 regular season home schedule with a 5-2 win over the Senators on Saturday, marking a franchise record with their fifth straight win in their Garden opener
- **Michael Del Zotto** and **Matt Gilroy** each tallied a goal in Monday's 3-2 win at New Jersey, marking the first time two Rangers rookie defensemen recorded a goal in the same game since **Jeff Bloemberg** and **Miroslav Horava** accomplished the feat on **Mar. 25, 1990** against Philadelphia
- The following milestones were achieved during Monday's contest at New Jersey: **Ales Kotalik** tallied his **first** assist/point and **first** goal as a Ranger; **Michael Del Zotto** recorded his **first** career NHL assist; **Matt Gilroy** tallied his **first** career NHL goal/point
- The Rangers are tied for **12th** in the NHL on the road with a record of **1-1-0 (two pts.)** in two games; the Capitals have posted a record of **1-0-0 (two pts.)** in one home game to tie for **third** in the league
- New York have posted a record of **0-0-0** vs. the Southeast Division; Washington have registered a **0-0-1** mark vs. the Atlantic Division
- Rangers goaltender **Henrik Lundqvist** has started **13** of the last **15** meetings between the Rangers and Capitals, and the team has posted a record of **8-3-2** in those contests.
- **Henrik Lundqvist** posted a record of **1-1-1** with a **3.57** goals against average in three appearances against Washington last season; **Steve Valiquette** was **0-1-0** with a **2.03** goals against average and **.935** save percentage in one contest last season
- **Chris Drury** and **Brandon Dubinsky** tied for the team lead with **three** assists last season against the Capitals
- **Vinny Prospal** has **10** goals, **26** assists and **36** points in 54 career regular season games against Washington; **Chris Drury** has tallied **17** assists and **23** points in **26** career games vs. the Capitals
- **Marian Gaborik** enters tonight's contest riding a **three** game point streak (**two goals and four points**)
- New York lists one former Capital on their roster: **Donald Brashear (2006-07 - 2008-09)**
- Washington lists **three** former Rangers on their roster: **Mike Knuble (1998-99 - 1999-00)**, **Michael Nylander (2005-06 - 2006-07)**, **Tom Poti (2001-02 - 2005-06)**

MILESTONES IN SIGHT:

- **Donald Brashear**: 8 games from **1,000** NHL career
- **Chris Drury**: 6 games from **800** NHL career
- **Henrik Lundqvist**: 6 wins from **150** NHL career
- **Vinny Prospal**: 1 goal from **200** NHL career

MILESTONES ACHIEVED:

- **Michael Del Zotto**: **1st** career NHL game, Oct. 2 at PIT
- **Matt Gilroy**: **1st** career NHL game, Oct. 2 at PIT
- **Christopher Higgins**: **1st** assist/point as a Ranger, Oct. 2 at PIT
- **Marian Gaborik**: **1st** goal/point as a Ranger, Oct. 2 at PIT
- **Dan Girardi**: **200th** career NHL game, Oct. 3 vs. OTT
- **Vinny Prospal**: **600th** career NHL point, **1st** goal/point as a Ranger, Oct. 3 vs. OTT
- **Marian Gaborik**: **1st** assist as a Ranger, Oct. 3 vs. OTT
- **Michael Del Zotto**: **1st** career NHL goal/point, Oct. 3 vs. OTT
- **Enver Lisin**: **1st** assist/point as a Ranger, Oct. 3 vs. OTT
- **Ales Kotalik**: **1st** assist/point as a Rangers, **1st** goal as a Ranger, Oct. 5 at NJD
- **Michael Del Zotto**: **1st** career NHL assist, Oct. 5 at NJD
- **Matt Gilroy**: **1st** career NHL goal/point, Oct. 5 at NJD

New York Rangers: Game By Game Summary

* = Overtime, ** = Shootout, + = Sellout

#	Date	Team	W/L/OT	Record	GF-GA	Scorers	W Goal	PP	PK	SF - SA	W-L Gf/dt	Attend.
1	10/02/2009	@ Pittsburgh Penguins	L	00-01-00	2-3	23,10	48	0-4	1-2	27-31	29 / 30	17132+
2	10/03/2009	Ottawa Senators	W	01-01-00	5-2	20,17,4,10,17s	4	0-5	4-4	34-34	30 / 33	18200+
3	10/05/2009	@ New Jersey Devils	W	02-01-00	3-2	4p,12p,97	97	2-6	5-6	26-27	30 / 30	17625+

New York Rangers: Player Game By Game Summary

Date	Opp.	DEL ZOTTO # 4	GIRARDI # 5	REDDEN # 6	GABORIK # 10	KOTALIK # 12	DUBINSKY # 17	STAAL # 18
Oct 2	@ PIT	0-0 1/0 17:01	0-0 0/-1 19:54	0-0 0/1 18:31	1-0 8/0 24:26	0-0 3/-1 13:36	0-1 0/1 23:12	0-1 0/-1 23:55
Oct 3	Vs OTT	1-0 (W) 1/1 11:49	0-1 1/3 19:08	0-0 1/1 21:43	1-1 5/3 22:11	0-0 3/0 14:58	2-1 4/3 22:36	0-1 2/1 24:06
Oct 5	@ N.J	1-1 2/0 11:42	0-0 2/-1 20:28	0-0 1/0 22:49	0-1 3/0 21:16	1-1 1/0 11:30	0-0 1/0 23:37	0-0 0/-1 23:17

Date	Opp.	PROSPAL # 20	HIGGINS # 21	BOYLE # 22	DRURY # 23	CALLAHAN # 24	ROZSIVAL # 33	VOROS # 34
Oct 2	@ PIT	0-0 4/0 22:58	0-1 1/1 20:25	0-0 0/0 4:48	1-0 4/0 17:21	0-0 4/1 19:22	0-0 0/-1 15:22	0-0 0/0 6:26
Oct 3	Vs OTT	1-0 4/1 18:59	0-1 2/2 19:10	0-0 0/0 6:21	0-1 1/1 15:00	0-0 3/0 19:37	0-1 0/1 21:50	0-0 0/-1 4:36
Oct 5	@ N.J	0-2 1/0 20:47	0-0 3/-1 18:16	0-0 1/0 9:10	0-0 1/-1 15:48	0-1 1/-1 17:37	0-0 0/0 18:19	0-0 1/0 5:34

Date	Opp.	ANISIMOV # 42	LISIN # 81	BRASHEAR # 87	GILROY # 97	AVERY	LUNDQVIST # 30	VALIQUETTE # 40
Oct 2	@ PIT	0-0 1/-1 11:07	0-0 1/-1 13:33	0-0 0/0 6:04	0-0 0/2 19:58	DND	3-31 L 59	DNP
Oct 3	Vs OTT	0-0 1/-1 12:14	0-1 5/0 16:04	0-0 0/0 6:11	0-0 1/-1 15:39	DND	2-34 W 60	DNP
Oct 5	@ N.J	0-0 1/0 8:16	0-0 0/0 10:38	0-0 1/0 7:05	1-0 (W) 6/0 18:52	DND	2-27 W 60	DNP

New York Rangers: Head Coach and Goalie Bios

Head Coach: John Tortorella

- * In his first full season with the Rangers after being named 34th head coach in the franchise's 84-year history on Feb. 23, 2009
- * Led New York to a 12-7-2 mark over the final 21 games after joining the Rangers bench last season to earn a playoff berth
- * Captured the Jack Adams Award as the NHL's top coach following the 2003-04 season
- * Guided Tampa Bay to a franchise record 46 wins and 106 points in 2003-04, and went on to capture the only Stanley Cup in franchise history
- * Registered a 239-222-36-38 record in 535 games over seven seasons as Head Coach of the Tampa Bay Lightning
- * Led the Lightning to four straight Stanley Cup Playoff appearances, and two Southeast Division Championships (2002-03, 2003-04)
- * Was an Assistant Coach with the Rangers in 1999-00, and served as Head Coach for the final four games of the season

#30: Henrik Lundqvist

LUHND-kvilst	5th NHL / 5th NYR Season	GP	W-L-OT	GAA	Sv%	
6' 1", 198	Last Win: OCT 5, 2009 @ NEW JERSEY	Season	3	2-1-0	2.36	.924
Mar 2, 1982	Last SO: MAR 30, 2009 vs NEW JERSEY (8)	Career	268	144-84-34	2.31	.917

2009-10 Notes:

- * Is 8-3-2 with a 2.76 goals against average and one shutout in 13 career regular season appearances vs. Washington
- * Turned aside 25 shots, including 21 consecutive saves to end the game, en route to recording his second straight win on Monday at New Jersey
- * Made 32 saves, including 19 in the second period, to register his first win of the season on Saturday vs. Ottawa

Season Highs:

Saves: 32 (Oct. 3 vs. OTT)...Consecutive Starts: 3 (Oct. 2 at PIT - Oct. 5 at NJD)...Consecutive Wins: 2 (Oct. 3 vs. OTT - Oct. 5 at NJD)...Shutout Streak: 60:30 (Oct. 2 at PIT - Oct. 3 vs. OTT)...Shootout Saves: None

2009-10 Regular Season Missed Game Information: None

#40: Steve Valquette

val-lh-KEHT	11th NHL / 5th NYR Season	GP	W-L-OT	GAA	Sv%	
6' 6", 210	Last Win: JAN 27, 2009 vs CAROLINA (4)	Season	-	-	-	
Aug 20, 1977	Last SO: OCT 17, 2008 vs TORONTO (13)	Career	40	14-11-5	2.58	.912

2009-10 Notes:

- * Is 0-1-1 with a 2.52 goals against average in two career regular season appearances vs. Washington

Season Highs:

Saves: None...Consecutive Starts: None...Consecutive Wins: None...Shutout Streak: None...Shootout Saves: None

2009-10 Regular Season Missed Game Information: None

New York Rangers: Skater Bios

#4: Michael Del Zotto

DEHL ZAW-toh 6' 1", 195 Jun 24, 1990	1st NHL / 1st NYR Season Last Goal: OCT 5, 2009 @ NEW JERSEY Last Assist: OCT 5, 2009 @ NEW JERSEY		GP	G-A-P	+/-	PIMs
		Season	3	2-1-3	1	2
		Career	3	2-1-3		2

2009-10 Notes:

- * Is looking to make his debut vs. Washington
- * Recorded two points (one goal and one assist) on the power play, including his first career NHL assist on Monday at New Jersey.
- * Tallied his first career NHL goal, the game-winner, on Saturday vs. Ottawa, becoming the first teenager to score a goal for the Rangers since Manny Malhotra (1998-99) and the second youngest defenseman in team history to accomplish the feat behind Red Garrett
- * Made his NHL debut on Friday at Pittsburgh

Season Highs:

Goals: 1 (twice)...Assists: 1 (Oct. 5 at NJD)...Points: 2 (Oct. 5 at NJD)...Penalty Minutes: 2 (Oct. 5 at NJD)...Shots: 2 (Oct. 5 at NJD)...Time on Ice: 17:01 (Oct. 2 at PIT)...Hits: 2 (Oct. 2 at PIT)...Blocked Shots: 1 (Oct. 2 at PIT)...Plus/Minus: +1 (Oct. 3 vs. OTT)

2009-10 Regular Season Missed Game Information: None

#5: Dan Girardi

jih-RAHR-dee 6' 2", 215 Apr 29, 1984	4th NHL / 4th NYR Season Last Goal: APR 2, 2009 @ CAROLINA (7) Last Assist: OCT 3, 2009 vs OTTAWA (1)		GP	G-A-P	+/-	PIMs
		Season	3	0-1-1	1	2
		Career	201	14-43-57		77

2009-10 Notes:

- * Has tallied one assist in nine career regular season contests vs. Washington
- * Recorded a game-high, four blocked shots on Monday at New Jersey
- * Registered one assist and a plus-three rating while skating in his 200th career NHL game on Saturday vs. Ottawa

Season Highs:

Goals: None...Assists: 1 (Oct. 3 vs. OTT)...Points: 1 (Oct. 3 vs. OTT)...Penalty Minutes: 2 (Oct. 5 at NJD)...Shots: 2 (Oct. 5 at NJD)...Time on Ice: 20:28 (Oct. 5 at NJD)...Hits: 3 (Oct. 5 at NJD)...Blocked Shots: 4 (Oct. 5 at NJD)...Plus/Minus: +3 (Oct. 3 vs. OTT)

2009-10 Regular Season Missed Game Information: None

#6: Wade Redden

REH-duhn 6' 2", 210 Jun 12, 1977	14th NHL / 2nd NYR Season Last Goal: FEB 25, 2009 @ TORONTO (23) Last Assist: APR 12, 2009 @ PHILADELPHIA (3)		GP	G-A-P	+/-	PIMs
		Season	3	0-0-0	2	0
		Career	922	104-332-436		627

2009-10 Notes:

- * Has recorded six goals and 21 assists for 27 points in 45 career regular season games vs. Washington

Season Highs:

Goals: None...Assists: None...Points: None...Penalty Minutes: None...Shots: 1 (twice)...Time on Ice: 22:49 (Oct. 5 at NJD)...Hits: 2 (Oct. 2 at PIT)...Blocked Shots: 3 (Oct. 2 at PIT)...Plus/Minus: +1 (twice)

2009-10 Regular Season Missed Game Information: None

#10: Marian Gaborik

GAB-rihk, MAIR-ee-uhn 6' 1", 200 Feb 14, 1982	10th NHL / 1st NYR Season Last Goal: OCT 3, 2009 vs OTTAWA (1) Last Assist: OCT 5, 2009 @ NEW JERSEY		GP	G-A-P	+/-	PIMs
		Season	3	2-2-4	4	0
		Career	505	221-220-441		301

2009-10 Notes:

- * Has notched one assist in seven career regular season contests vs. Washington
- * Recorded an assist on the game-winning goal on Monday at New Jersey, to extend his scoring streak to three games (two goals and two assists)
- * Tallied one goal and two points on Saturday vs. Ottawa
- * Notched one goal in his Rangers debut on Friday at Pittsburgh; Also recorded game-highs with eight shots and 24:26 of icetime

Season Highs:

Goals: 1 (twice)...Assists: 1 (twice)...Points: 2 (Oct. 3 vs. OTT)...Penalty Minutes: None...Shots: 8 (Oct. 2 at PIT)...Time on Ice: 24:26 (Oct. 2 at PIT)...Hits: 2 (Oct. 2 at PIT)...Blocked Shots: 1 (Oct. 5 at NJD)...Plus/Minus: +3 (Oct. 3 vs. OTT)

2009-10 Regular Season Missed Game Information: None

#12: Ales Kotalik

KOH-tahl-eeek, ahl-EHSH 6' 1", 225 Dec 23, 1978	9th NHL / 1st NYR Season Last Goal: OCT 5, 2009 @ NEW JERSEY Last Assist: OCT 5, 2009 @ NEW JERSEY		GP	G-A-P	+/-	PIMs
		Season	3	1-1-2	-1	2
		Career	448	122-131-253		275

2009-10 Notes:

- * Has registered eight goals and seven assists for 15 points in 23 career regular season contests vs. Washington
- * Recorded his first point (assist) and goal as a Ranger on Monday at New Jersey
- * Made his Rangers debut on Friday at Pittsburgh

Season Highs:

Goals: 1 (Oct. 5 at NJD)...Assists: 1 (Oct. 5 at NJD)...Points: 2 (Oct. 5 at NJD)...Penalty Minutes: 2 (Oct. 5 at NJD)...Shots: 3 (twice)...Time on Ice: 14:58 (Oct. 3 vs. OTT)...Hits: 3 (Oct. 2 at PIT)...Blocked Shots: None...Plus/Minus: None

2009-10 Regular Season Missed Game Information: None

#16: Sean Avery

AY-vuhr-ee 5' 10", 195 Apr 10, 1980	10th NHL / 4th NYR Season Last Goal: APR 12, 2009 @ PHILADELPHIA Last Assist: APR 7, 2009 vs MONTREAL (2)		GP	G-A-P	+/-	PIMs
		Season	-	----	-	-
		Career	420	73-116-189		1178

2009-10 Notes:

- * Has recorded five goals and two assists in seven career regular season contests vs. Washington

Season Highs:

Goals: None...Assists: None...Points: None...Penalty Minutes: None...Shots: None...Time on Ice: None...Hits: None...Blocked Shots: None...Plus/Minus: None

2009-10 Regular Season Missed Game Information: 3 (knee)

#17: Brandon Dubinsky

doo-BIHN-skee 6' 1", 205 Apr 29, 1986	4th NHL / 4th NYR Season Last Goal: OCT 3, 2009 vs OTTAWA (1) Last Assist: OCT 3, 2009 vs OTTAWA (1)		GP	G-A-P	+/-	PIMs
		Season	3	2-2-4	5	2
		Career	173	29-56-85		195

2009-10 Notes:

- * Has recorded four assists in eight career regular season contests vs. Washington
- * Tied his career-highs with two goals and three points on Saturday vs. Ottawa
- * Registered one assist in 23:12 of icetime on Friday at Pittsburgh

Season Highs:

Goals: 2 (Oct. 3 vs. OTT)...Assists: 1 (twice)...Points: 3 (Oct. 3 vs. OTT)...Penalty Minutes: 2 (Oct. 5 at NJD)...Shots: 4 (Oct. 3 vs. OTT)...Time on Ice: 23:37 (Oct. 5 at NJD)...Hits: 3 (twice)...Blocked Shots: 2 (Oct. 2 at PIT)...Plus/Minus: +3 (Oct. 3 vs. OTT)

2009-10 Regular Season Missed Game Information: None

#18: Marc Staal

STAHL 6' 4", 209 Jan 13, 1987	3rd NHL / 3rd NYR Season Last Goal: MAR 12, 2009 @ NASHVILLE (17) Last Assist: OCT 3, 2009 vs OTTAWA (1)		GP	G-A-P	+/-	PIMs
		Season	3	0-2-2	0	2
		Career	165	5-22-27		108

2009-10 Notes:

- * Has recorded two assists in eight career regular season contests vs. Washington
- * Tallied one assist in a game-high, 24:06 of icetime on Saturday vs. Ottawa
- * Collected one assist in 23:55 of icetime on Friday at Pittsburgh

Season Highs:

Goals: None...Assists: 1 (twice)...Points: 1 (twice)...Penalty Minutes: 2 (Oct. 3 vs. OTT)...Shots: 2 (Oct. 3 vs. OTT)...Time on Ice: 24:06

(Oct. 3 vs. OTT)...Hits: 4 (twice)...Blocked Shots: 3 (Oct. 3 vs. OTT)...Plus/Minus: +1 (Oct. 3 vs. OTT)

2009-10 Regular Season Missed Game Information: None

#20: Vinny Prospal

PRAWS-puhl 6' 2", 198 Feb 17, 1975	15th NHL / 1st NYR Season Last Goal: OCT 3, 2009 vs OTTAWA (1) Last Assist: OCT 5, 2009 @ NEW JERSEY		GP 3 877	G-A-P 1-2-3 199-403-602	+/- 2	PIMs 2 475
		Season				
		Career				

2009-10 Notes:

- * Has registered 10 goals and 26 assists for 36 points in 54 career regular season contests vs. Washington
- * Is one goal shy of 200 career NHL goals
- * Tallied two assists on Monday at New Jersey
- * Notched his first goal as a Ranger, his 600th career NHL point, on Saturday vs. Ottawa
- * Made his Rangers debut on Friday at Pittsburgh

Season Highs:

Goals: 1 (Oct. 3 vs. OTT)...Assists: 2 (Oct. 5 at NJD)...Points: 2 (Oct. 5 at NJD)...Penalty Minutes: 2 (Oct. 5 at NJD)...Shots: 4 (twice)...Time on Ice: 22:58 (Oct. 2 at PIT)...Hits: 3 (Oct. 5 at NJD)...Blocked Shots: 2 (Oct. 3 vs. OTT)...Plus/Minus: +1 (twice)

2009-10 Regular Season Missed Game Information: None

#21: Christopher Higgins

HIH-gihns 6' 0", 205 Jun 2, 1983	7th NHL / 1st NYR Season Last Goal: APR 4, 2009 @ TORONTO (7) Last Assist: OCT 3, 2009 vs OTTAWA (1)		GP 3 285	G-A-P 0-2-2 84-69-153	+/- 2	PIMs 2 98
		Season				
		Career				

2009-10 Notes:

- * Has notched five goals and two assists in 15 career regular season contests vs. Washington
- * Tallied one assist on Saturday vs. Ottawa
- * Recorded one assist in his Rangers debut on Friday at Pittsburgh

Season Highs:

Goals: None...Assists: 1 (twice)...Points: 1 (twice)...Penalty Minutes: 2 (Oct. 3 vs. OTT)...Shots: 3 (Oct. 5 at NJD)...Time on Ice: 20:25 (Oct. 2 at PIT)...Hits: 3 (twice)...Blocked Shots: 1 (twice)...Plus/Minus: +2 (Oct. 3 vs. OTT)

2009-10 Regular Season Missed Game Information: None

#22: Brian Boyle

BOIL 6' 7", 252 Dec 18, 1984	3rd NHL / 1st NYR Season Last Goal: APR 4, 2009 vs PHOENIX (7) Last Assist: JAN 10, 2009 vs NEW JERSEY (13)		GP 3 39	G-A-P 0-0-0 8-2-10	+/- 0	PIMs 2 48
		Season				
		Career				

2009-10 Notes:

- * Has skated in one career regular season contest vs. Washington
- * Made his Rangers debut on Friday at Pittsburgh

Season Highs:

Goals: None...Assists: None...Points: None...Penalty Minutes: 2 (Oct. 3 vs. OTT)...Shots: 1 (Oct. 5 at NJD)...Time on Ice: 9:10 (Oct. 5 at NJD)...Hits: 1 (Oct. 3 vs. OTT)...Blocked Shots: None...Plus/Minus: None

2009-10 Regular Season Missed Game Information: None

#23: Chris Drury

DROO-ree 5' 10", 190 Aug 20, 1976	12th NHL / 3rd NYR Season Last Goal: OCT 2, 2009 @ PITTSBURGH (2) Last Assist: OCT 3, 2009 vs OTTAWA (1)		GP 3 794	G-A-P 1-1-2 241-339-580	+/- 0	PIMs 4 433
		Season				
		Career				

2009-10 Notes:

- * Has notched six goals and 17 assists for 23 points in 26 career regular season contests vs. Washington
- * Recorded one assist on Saturday vs. Ottawa
- * Tallied the Rangers first goal of the season on Friday at Pittsburgh

Season Highs:

Goals: 1 (Oct. 2 at PIT)...Assists: 1 (Oct. 3 vs. OTT)...Points: 1 (twice)...Penalty Minutes: 2 (twice)...Shots: 4 (Oct. 2 at PIT)...Time on Ice: 17:21 (Oct. 2 at PIT)...Hits: None...Blocked Shots: 3 (Oct. 3 vs. OTT)...Plus/Minus: +1 (Oct. 3 vs. OTT)

2009-10 Regular Season Missed Game Information: None

#24: Ryan Callahan

KAL-ah-han 5' 11", 188 Mar 21, 1985	4th NHL / 4th NYR Season Last Goal: APR 9, 2009 vs PHILADELPHIA (4) Last Assist: OCT 5, 2009 @ NEW JERSEY		GP 3 150	G-A-P 0-1-1 34-26-60	+/- 0	PIMs 2 87
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2009-10 Notes:

- * Has recorded three goals and one assist in seven career regular season contests vs. Washington
- * Tallied one assist on Monday at New Jersey
- * Delivered a game-high, seven hits on Saturday vs. Ottawa
- * Named Alternate Captain on Friday

Season Highs:

Goals: None...Assists: 1 (Oct. 5 at NJD)...Points: 1 (Oct. 5 at NJD)...Penalty Minutes: 2 (Oct. 5 at NJD)...Shots: 4 (Oct. 2 at PIT)...Time on Ice: 19:37 (Oct. 3 vs. OTT)...Hits: 7 (Oct. 3 vs. OTT)...Blocked Shots: 2 (Oct. 3 vs. OTT)...Plus/Minus: +1 (Oct. 2 at PIT)

2009-10 Regular Season Missed Game Information: None

#33: Michal Rozsival

ROH-zih-vahl, MIGH-kuhl 6' 2", 205 Sep 3, 1978	10th NHL / 5th NYR Season Last Goal: FEB 22, 2009 vs TORONTO (19) Last Assist: OCT 3, 2009 vs OTTAWA (1)		GP 3 558	G-A-P 0-1-1 54-150-204	+/- 0	PIMs 2 437
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2009-10 Notes:

- * Has recorded seven goals and six assists for 13 points in 25 career regular season contests vs. Washington
- * Tallied one assist and blocked a game-high, five shots on Saturday vs. Ottawa
- * Blocked a game-high, five shots on Friday at Pittsburgh

Season Highs:

Goals: None...Assists: 1 (Oct. 3 vs. OTT)...Points: 1 (Oct. 3 vs. OTT)...Penalty Minutes: 2 (Oct. 5 at NJD)...Shots: None...Time on Ice: 21:50 (Oct. 3 vs. OTT)...Hits: 3 (Oct. 3 vs. OTT)...Blocked Shots: 5 (twice)...Plus/Minus: +1 (Oct. 3 vs. OTT)

2009-10 Regular Season Missed Game Information: None

#34: Aaron Voros

VOH-ruhs 6' 4", 215 Jul 2, 1981	6th NHL / 2nd NYR Season Last Goal: NOV 28, 2008 @ FLORIDA (31) Last Assist: APR 12, 2009 @ PHILADELPHIA (3)		GP 3 112	G-A-P 0-0-0 15-15-30	+/- -1	PIMs 7 270
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2009-10 Notes:

- * Has tallied one goal in four career regular season contests vs. Washington

Season Highs:

Goals: None...Assists: None...Points: None...Penalty Minutes: 5 (Oct. 3 vs. OTT)...Shots: 1 (Oct. 5 at NJD)...Time on Ice: 6:26 (Oct. 2 at PIT)...Hits: 3 (Oct. 5 at NJD)...Blocked Shots: None...Plus/Minus: None

2009-10 Regular Season Missed Game Information: None

#42: Artem Anisimov

a-NEE-see-mawv, AHR-tehm 6' 4", 197 May 24, 1988	2nd NHL / 2nd NYR Season Last Goal: Last Assist:		GP 3 4	G-A-P 0-0-0 0-0-0	+/- -2	PIMs 4 4
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2009-10 Notes:

- * Is looking to make his debut vs. Washington

Season Highs:

Goals: None...Assists: None...Points: None...Penalty Minutes: 2 (twice)...Shots: 1 (three times)...Time on Ice: 12:14 (Oct. 3 vs. OTT)...Hits: 1 (Oct. 2 at PIT)...Blocked Shots: 1 (Oct. 2 at PIT)...Plus/Minus: None

2009-10 Regular Season Missed Game Information: None

#81: Enver Lisin

LEE-sihn, EHN-vuhr 6' 2", 200 Apr 22, 1986	4th NHL / 1st NYR Season Last Goal: APR 11, 2009 vs ANAHEIM (3) Last Assist: OCT 3, 2009 vs OTTAWA (1)		GP	G-A-P	+/-	PIMs
		Season	3	0-1-1	-1	0
		Career	81	18-11-29		46

2009-10 Notes:

- * Is looking to make his debut vs. Washington
- * Recorded his first point as a Ranger with an assist on Saturday vs. Ottawa
- * Made his Rangers debut on Friday at Pittsburgh

Season Highs:

Goals: None...Assists: 1 (Oct. 3 vs. OTT)...Points: 1 (Oct. 3 vs. OTT)...Penalty Minutes: None...Shots: 5 (Oct. 3 vs. OTT)...Time on Ice: 16:04 (Oct. 3 vs. OTT)...Hits: 3 (Oct. 2 at PIT)...Blocked Shots: 1 (Oct. 3 vs. OTT)...Plus/Minus: None

2009-10 Regular Season Missed Game Information: None

#87: Donald Brashear

bra-SHEER 6' 3", 237 Jan 7, 1972	17th NHL / 2nd NYR Season Last Goal: DEC 4, 2008 vs NY ISLANDERS (42) Last Assist: DEC 16, 2008 @ NY ISLANDERS (36)		GP	G-A-P	+/-	PIMs
		Season	3	0-0-0	0	10
		Career	992	85-119-204		2571

2009-10 Notes:

- * Has recorded two goals and one assist in 27 career regular season contests vs. Washington
- * Made his Rangers debut on Friday at Pittsburgh

Season Highs:

Goals: None...Assists: None...Points: None...Penalty Minutes: 5 (twice)...Shots: 1 (Oct. 5 at NJD)...Time on Ice: 7:05 (Oct. 5 at NJD)...Hits: 2 (Oct. 2 at PIT)...Blocked Shots: 1 (Oct. 2 at PIT)...Plus/Minus: None

2009-10 Regular Season Missed Game Information: None

#97: Matt Gilroy

GIHL-roy 6' 1", 201 Jul 20, 1984	1st NHL / 1st NYR Season Last Goal: OCT 5, 2009 @ NEW JERSEY Last Assist:		GP	G-A-P	+/-	PIMs
		Season	3	1-0-1	2	0
		Career	3	1-0-1		0

2009-10 Notes:

- * Is looking to make his debut vs. Washington
- * Tallied his first career NHL point with a goal, the game winner, on Monday at New Jersey; he also registered a game-high, six shots on net
- * Recorded a game-high, plus-two rating in his NHL debut on Friday at Pittsburgh

Season Highs:

Goals: 1 (Oct. 5 at NJD)...Assists: None...Points: 1 (Oct. 5 at NJD)...Penalty Minutes: None...Shots: 6 (Oct. 5 at NJD)...Time on Ice: 19:58 (Oct. 2 at PIT)...Hits: None...Blocked Shots: 1 (Oct. 3 vs. OTT)...Plus/Minus: +2 (Oct. 2 at PIT)

2009-10 Regular Season Missed Game Information: None

