

Internet Goes Crazy as Predators' 'Pride Night' Falls to the Devils, Ending Win Streak

You really cannot script this.

The Nashville Predators, riding a five-game winning streak, decide Thursday night is the perfect time to host their 11th annual Pride Night. Full rollout. Rainbow logo. Pregame celebration. Anthem performance by The Cowgays, a group known for openly mocking Jesus.

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– *Nashville Predators (@PredsNHL) March 26, 2026*

And then they lose. Not just lose. They lose 4-2 to the New Jersey Devils, snapping a 5-game win streak.

You almost have to stop and just let that sit there for a second.

Predators. Pride Night. Devils.

If this were a movie script, people would say it is too on the nose.

This all unfolded at Bridgestone Arena on March 26, and by Friday morning, the reaction was already pouring in. Not subtle. Not mixed. Overwhelming.

The predators vs the devils on lgbtq pride night

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Simply incredible

– Libs of TikTok (@libsoftiktok) March 27, 2026

The team's pride-themed profile image racked up 7.3 million impressions on X alone. Sounds impressive until you look closer. More than 8,000 comments. Only about 6,000 likes. That is not support. That is a ratio. That is the internet telling you, loudly, this is not landing the way you thought it would.

And here is where it gets even more revealing.

Hockey fans are not the NFL crowd. They are not the NBA crowd. The NHL, much like Major League Baseball, has a more traditional, more conservative fan base. These are people who show up for the game. The sport. The competition.

Not a lecture. Not a cultural campaign.

So when a team swaps out its identity for a political or ideological message, fans notice. And increasingly, they are not going along with it.



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You could see it all over the reactions.

People are asking why a hockey team is platforming a band that mocks their faith. People are asking why the focus is not on the ice. People are pointing out that this is happening across every corner of American culture, and they are simply tired of it.

And then, right in the middle of all of that, the game

actually happens.

While the Predators are busy making a statement, the Devils are busy scoring goals.

Four of them.

It becomes almost symbolic. You do not even have to stretch to see it. The imagery writes itself.

And that is why this moment hit the way it did.

Because it is not just about one game or one night. It is about a growing disconnect between institutions and the people who have supported them for decades. It is about how far things have drifted from what they were originally meant to be.

Fans are not confused. They are not missing the point.

They are rejecting it.

Thursday night was supposed to be a celebration. A unifying moment. A big PR win.

Instead, it turned into a punchline.

A very loud, very public reminder that when you try to force a message people are not buying, the reaction is not applause.

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