

## 2022-23 Season Review – les habitants de Montréal

### Standings

Montreal Canadiens							League	
Season	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA	Rank	PlyOff
2021-22	22	49	11	55	218	317	32	No
2022-23	31	45	6	68	227	305	28	No
<b>Change</b>	<b>+9</b>	<b>-4</b>	<b>-5</b>	<b>+13</b>	<b>+9</b>	<b>+12</b>	<b>+4</b>	

### Team Record by Game Type

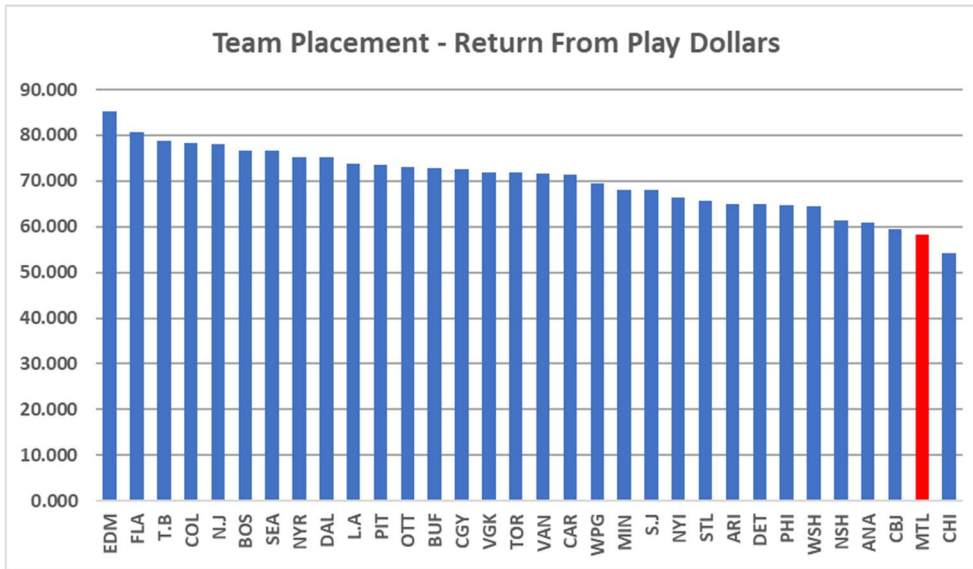
Game Type	GP	Record	Point %
OT/SO	16	10 - 0 - 6	0.813
Scoring Exactly 3 Goals	16	9 - 4 - 3	0.656
Best 10-Game Streak	10	6 - 4 - 0	0.600
Vs. Non-Playoff Team	39	22 - 15 - 2	0.590
Defensive Battles (fewer than 4 goals in a game)	7	3 - 3 - 1	0.500
1-Goal Margin (Excluding overtime games)	15	7 - 8 - 0	0.467
Home Games	41	17 - 21 - 3	0.451
<b>All Games</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>31 - 45 - 6</b>	<b>0.415</b>
Fire-wagon Hockey (More than 8 goals in a game)	17	6 - 10 - 1	0.382
Away Games	41	14 - 24 - 3	0.378
Conceding Exactly 3 Goals	14	4 - 9 - 1	0.321
Vs. Playoff Team	43	9 - 30 - 4	0.256
2-Goal Margin	16	4 - 12 - 0	0.250
Worst 10-Game Streak	10	1 - 8 - 1	0.150
Blowouts	7	1 - 6 - 0	0.143

### Talent Distribution

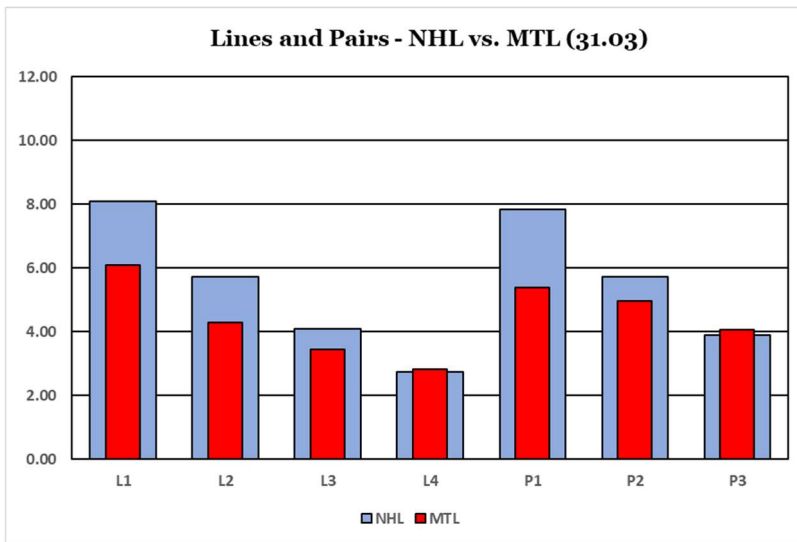
Count by Category			PR% by Age Group			PR% by Draft Status		
PR Category	Fwd	Def	Age Group	NHL PR%	Team PR%	Draft Status	NHL PR%	Team PR%
PR-Elite	0	0	18 to 23	18%	39%	Drafted by Current Team	48%	28%
PR-Star	1	0	24 to 28	45%	37%	Drafted by Other Team	41%	65%
PR-First5	0	0	29 to 33	29%	24%	Undrafted	10%	7%
PR-Regular	4	5	34+	8%	0%			
PR-Fringe	10	3						
PR-CallUp	10	3						

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### Return From Play



### Lines and Pairs



<b>L1</b>	Nick Suzuki	Kirby Dach	Josh Anderson
<b>L2</b>	Christian Dvorak	Cole Caufield	Mike Hoffman
<b>L3</b>	Jake Evans	Jonathan Drouin	Rafael Harvey-Pinard
<b>L4</b>	Evgeny Dadonov	Joel Armia	Sean Monahan
<b>P1</b>	Michael Matheson	David Savard	
<b>P2</b>	Johnathan Kovacevic	Jordan Harris	
<b>P3</b>	Joel Edmundson	Kaiden Guhle	

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### Team Leaders – Stapled To The Bench Categories

Category	Name	Rating
Most Productive	Nick Suzuki	PR-Star
Most Valuable	Nick Suzuki	VR-First5
Best Center	Nick Suzuki	# 1-Center
Most Disruptive	David Savard	DX-A
Best Power Player	Nick Suzuki	PX-D
Best Penalty Killer	Johnathan Kovacevic	KX-C

### Team Leaders – On-Ice Situations

MTL - Team Leaders in Various On-Ice Situations		
Most Time 5v5	Most Time Power Play	Most Time Penalty Kill
Nick Suzuki	Nick Suzuki	David Savard
Johnathan Kovacevic	Kirby Dach	Joel Edmundson
David Savard	Mike Hoffman	Johnathan Kovacevic
Jordan Harris	Mike Matheson	Jake Evans
Joel Edmundson	Cole Caufield	Christian Dvorak
Most Time 3v3	Most Used Off. Zone FO	Most Used Def. Zone FO
Nick Suzuki	Nick Suzuki	David Savard
Mike Matheson	Mike Matheson	Jordan Harris
Kaiden Guhle	Josh Anderson	Johnathan Kovacevic
Mike Hoffman	Joel Edmundson	Mike Matheson
Cole Caufield	Mike Hoffman	Joel Edmundson

### Team Essay – Injuries?

As I made my rough plans for team essays before I started the detailed team-level analysis, I thought that Columbus would get an injury essay. I thought about how the existing data might show the impact of injuries on a team, and came to the conclusion that teams with injured players wouldn't have a lot of players playing a lot of games.

So I ran the numbers, and switched the injury essay to les habitants de Montréal. The following table shows how many players played at least 70 games with one team last season. Montreal stands out in this table like Connor McDavid on the league scoring list.

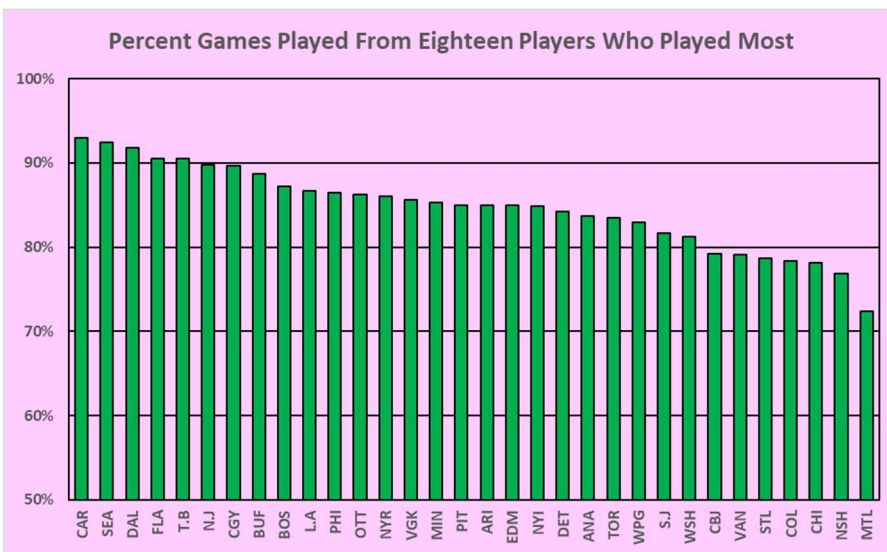
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70+ GP	Teams
15	Seattle, Carolina, Dallas
14	Florida, Calgary, Tampa Bay, New Jersey
13	NY Rangers, Buffalo
12	Philadelphia
11	Boston, NY Islanders, Winnipeg, Toronto
10	Detroit, San Jose, Los Angeles, Vegas, Ottawa
9	Minnesota, Anaheim, Pittsburgh, Arizona, Edmonton
8	Vancouver, Colorado
7	Columbus, Chicago, St. Louis
6	Washington, Nashville
5	
4	
3	
2	Montreal

In searching the internet for corroborating data, I found a website called [mangameslost.com](http://mangameslost.com). I kid you not. While it requires a paid membership to see its full depth and beauty, it displays a couple of sentences of an article as a teaser, and one teaser had the information I wanted.

Montreal lost 751 man-games to injury, while Toronto lost 596. On the other end of the scale, the Rangers lost only 51 man-games to injury and Calgary lost 105.

Another way to look at the data is to calculate the percentage of games played by the 18 players who were dressed the most for each team. That data is shown below. Please note that the vertical axis bottoms out at 50% instead of 0%: it's a statistician's trick that is used to emphasize the differences between columns.



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As usual, one must be careful with data, as it doesn't come with context. While injured players miss games, not all players who miss games are injured.

Two other reasons for a player not to dress are that he is dressing for another team (traded) or that he is dressing in street clothes (sitting in the press box). Eric Brannstrom played 74 games for Ottawa, and of his eight lost man-games at least one was caused by him being a healthy scratch.

Montreal had only two players who dressed for 70 or more games: Nick Suzuki dressed for all 82 games and Johnathan Kovacevic dressed for 77. The Habs had 17 players who played between 30 and 59 games, by far the most in the league in that category (Nashville was second with 13 players).

As a guess, Montreal's missing man-games were largely injuries combined with a good amount of experimentation with players. Several players were given a good amount of time to show whether they could play in the NHL. It was a good year for such an experiment, because Montreal was never going to be anywhere near the playoffs.