

## 2022-23 Season Review – Calgary Flames

### Standings

Calgary Flames							League	
Season	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA	Rank	PlyOff
2021-22	50	21	11	111	291	206	6	Yes
2022-23	38	27	17	93	258	247	15	No
<b>Change</b>	<b>-12</b>	<b>+6</b>	<b>+6</b>	<b>-18</b>	<b>-33</b>	<b>-41</b>	<b>-9</b>	

### Team Record by Game Type

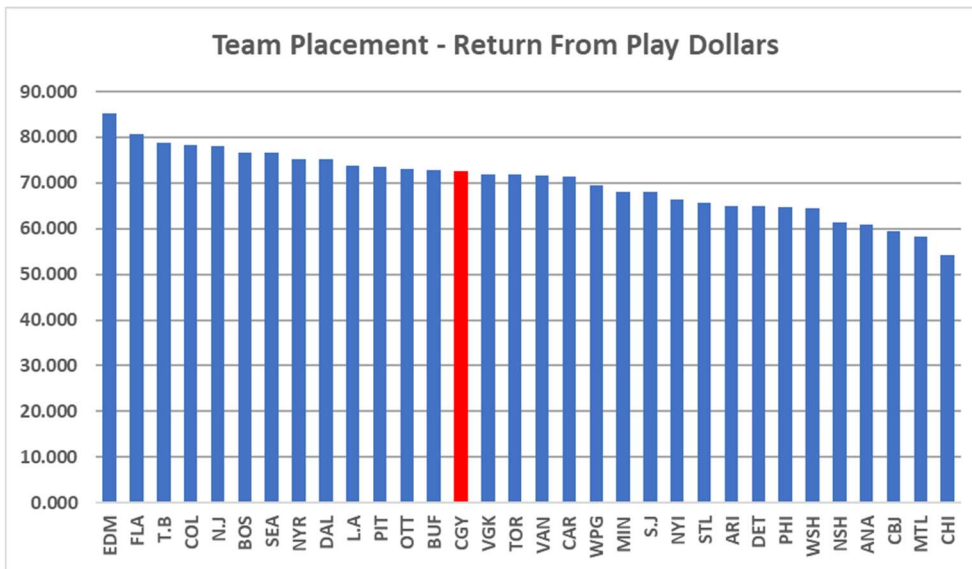
Game Type	GP	Record	Point %
Fire-wagon Hockey (More than 8 goals in a game)	17	11 - 3 - 3	0.735
Best 10-Game Streak	10	6 - 2 - 2	0.700
Blowouts (More than 4-goal margin)	3	2 - 1 - 0	0.667
Scoring Exactly 3 Goals	23	10 - 3 - 10	0.652
OT/SO	24	7 - 0 - 17	0.646
2-Goal Margin	8	5 - 3 - 0	0.625
Away Games	41	18 - 11 - 12	0.585
Vs. Playoff Team	42	20 - 14 - 8	0.571
<b>All Games</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>38 - 27 - 17</b>	<b>0.567</b>
Vs. Non-Playoff Team	40	18 - 13 - 9	0.563
Home Games	41	20 - 16 - 5	0.549
1-Goal Margin (Excluding overtime games)	24	11 - 13 - 0	0.458
Conceding Exactly 3 Goals	20	8 - 10 - 2	0.450
Worst 10-Game Streak	10	2 - 6 - 2	0.300
Defensive Battles (fewer than 4 goals in a game)	11	2 - 7 - 2	0.273

### Talent Distribution

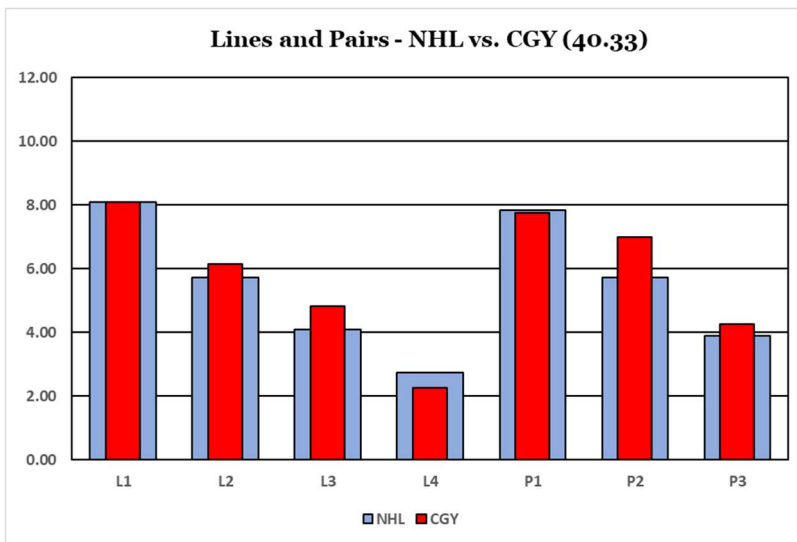
Count by Category			PR% by Age Group			PR% by Draft Status		
PR Category	Fwd	Def	Age Group	NHL PR%	Team PR%	Draft Status	NHL PR%	Team PR%
PR-Elite	0	0	18 to 23	18%	4%	Drafted by Current Team	48%	29%
PR-Star	2	0	24 to 28	45%	50%	Drafted by Other Team	41%	61%
PR-First5	2	4	29 to 33	29%	40%	Undrafted	10%	10%
PR-Regular	4	1	34+	8%	6%			
PR-Fringe	3	1						
PR-CallUp	8	4						

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### Return From Play



### Lines and Pairs



<b>L1</b>	Mikael Backlund	Elias Lindholm	Tyler Toffoli
<b>L2</b>	Nazem Kadri	Andrew Mangiapane	Blake Coleman
<b>L3</b>	Jonathan Huberdeau	Dillon Dube	Trevor Lewis
<b>L4</b>	Milan Lucic	Adam Ruzicka	Walker Duehr
<b>P1</b>	MacKenzie Weegar		Rasmus Andersson
<b>P2</b>	Noah Hanifin		Nikita Zadorov
<b>P3</b>	Chris Tanev		Michael Stone

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### Team Leaders – Stapled To The Bench Categories

Category	Name	Rating
Most Productive	Mikael Backlund	PR-Star
Most Valuable	Elias Lindholm	VR-Star
Best Center	Elias Lindholm	# 1-Center
Most Disruptive	Chris Tanev	DX-A
Best Power Player	Tyler Toffoli	PX-A
Best Penalty Killer	Noah Hanifin	KX-A+

### Team Leaders – On-Ice Situations

CGY - Team Leaders in Various On-Ice Situations		
Most Time 5v5	Most Time Power Play	Most Time Penalty Kill
MacKenzie Weegar	Nazem Kadri	Noah Hanifin
Noah Hanifin	Tyler Toffoli	Chris Tanev
Rasmus Andersson	Rasmus Andersson	Elias Lindholm
Nikita Zadorov	Elias Lindholm	Rasmus Andersson
Blake Coleman	Jonathan Huberdeau	Nikita Zadorov
Most Time 3v3	Most Used Off. Zone FO	Most Used Def. Zone FO
Rasmus Andersson	Nikita Zadorov	Elias Lindholm
Elias Lindholm	Nazem Kadri	Noah Hanifin
Mikael Backlund	Milan Lucic	Mikael Backlund
Tyler Toffoli	Jonathan Huberdeau	Trevor Lewis
Nazem Kadri	Andrew Mangiapane	Blake Coleman

### Team Essay – Puck Luck

The season review articles are being written in reverse order of standing points: it's a bit like how draft picks are assigned, without the lottery aspect. For some of the teams, the article subject has been hard to find. A couple of teams were a little bad, but not a lot bad; they didn't have any outstanding features in their players; they didn't have any outstanding features in their games. They were plain yogurt. Not vanilla yogurt, just plain yogurt.

Calgary does not suffer from this problem.

I could write about their overtime record (7 wins from 24 games). I could write about the pre-season personnel changes and what it looks like a season later. I could write about their record in blowout games, or about how they were slightly better against playoff teams than against non-playoff teams, or about how they had a better record away from home than at home. I could probably write an article about Coach Darryl Sutter, the person you get when you start with John Tortorella and remove all traces of personality and friendliness.

In the end, I chose to write an article about puck luck.

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Sometimes your team plays a great offensive game but run into a hot goalie, or maybe the goalposts seem to be four inches thick. Sometimes you play a poor offensive game but the opposing goalie lets in a couple of howlers. That's puck luck.

I measure puck luck by comparing a team's expected goals to actual goals, both offensively and defensively. If actual goals are within 1.5 of expected goals, there was no puck luck in the game ("None" in the following tables). An example would be if Calgary had an expected goals for of 3.67 and they scored 5.

On offense, if they are 1.5 actual goals above expected goals, the team had good puck luck. If they are 1.5 actual goals below expected goals, the team had bad puck luck. On defense it's the other way around, of course. If you give up more goals than expected, you had bad puck luck.

In 2022-23, Calgary was more impacted by offensive puck luck than by defensive puck luck, as the following two tables show. The final column, "Pts/82Gm", shows how many points Calgary would get in 82 games with that level of luck.

Calgary Offense										
Puck Luck	GP	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA	GF/Gm	GA/Gm	Pts/82Gm
Good luck	15	12	0	3	27	81	51	5.4	3.4	148
None	44	23	11	10	56	146	134	3.3	3.0	104
Bad luck	23	3	16	4	10	33	67	1.4	2.9	36

Calgary Defense										
Puck Luck	GP	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA	GF/Gm	GA/Gm	Pts/82Gm
Good luck	11	7	2	2	16	27	15	2.5	1.4	119
None	53	27	18	8	62	170	151	3.2	2.8	96
Bad luck	18	4	7	7	15	63	86	3.5	4.8	68

Calgary had 38 games where their offense was impacted by luck, only 29 games where their defense was impacted by luck. They were more consistent on defense.

The change in outcomes based on luck varies much more on offense than defense. On offense, the difference in season pace between good luck and bad luck games was 112 points. On defense, that difference was 51 points.

### Team Paragraph – Close Games

In games decided by one goal, either in regulation or in overtime, Calgary was 18-13-17. That doesn't sound bad, but if they had just broken even on their overtime/shootout games that record would have been 23-13-12. And that would have put them in the playoffs.