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Standings

Florida Panthers							League	
Season	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA	Rank	PlyOff
2021-22	58	18	6	122	337	242	1	Yes
2022-23	42	32	8	92	288	272	17	Yes
Change	-16	+14	+2	-30	-49	-30	-16	

Team Record by Game Type

Game Type	GP	Record	Point %
Blowouts (More than 4-goal margin)	4	4 - 0 - 0	1.000
Conceding Exactly 3 Goals	15	12 - 2 - 1	0.833
Best 10-Game Streak	10	7 - 2 - 1	0.750
Defensive Battles (fewer than 4 goals in a game)	6	4 - 1 - 1	0.750
OT/SO	14	6 - 0 - 8	0.714
Vs. Non-Playoff Team	42	27 - 12 - 3	0.679
Home Games	41	23 - 13 - 5	0.622
1-Goal Margin (Excluding overtime games)	13	8 - 5 - 0	0.615
All Games	**82**	**42 - 32 - 8**	**0.561**
Away Games	41	19 - 19 - 3	0.500
Fire-wagon Hockey (More than 8 goals in a game)	16	5 - 6 - 5	0.469
Vs. Playoff Team	40	15 - 20 - 5	0.438
2-Goal Margin	21	8 - 13 - 0	0.381
Scoring Exactly 3 Goals	16	5 - 10 - 1	0.344
Worst 10-Game Streak	10	3 - 7 - 0	0.300

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	1	0	18 to 23	18%	5%	Drafted by Current Team	48%	20%	
PR-Star	2	2	24 to 28	45%	77%	Drafted by Other Team	41%	76%	
PR-First5	2	1	29 to 33	29%	8%	Undrafted	10%	4%	
PR-Regular	3	3	34+	8%	9%				
PR-Fringe	3	0							
PR-CallUp	9	3							

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Return From Play

Team Placement - Return From Play Dollars

Lines and Pairs

Lines and Pairs - NHL vs. FLA (43.05)
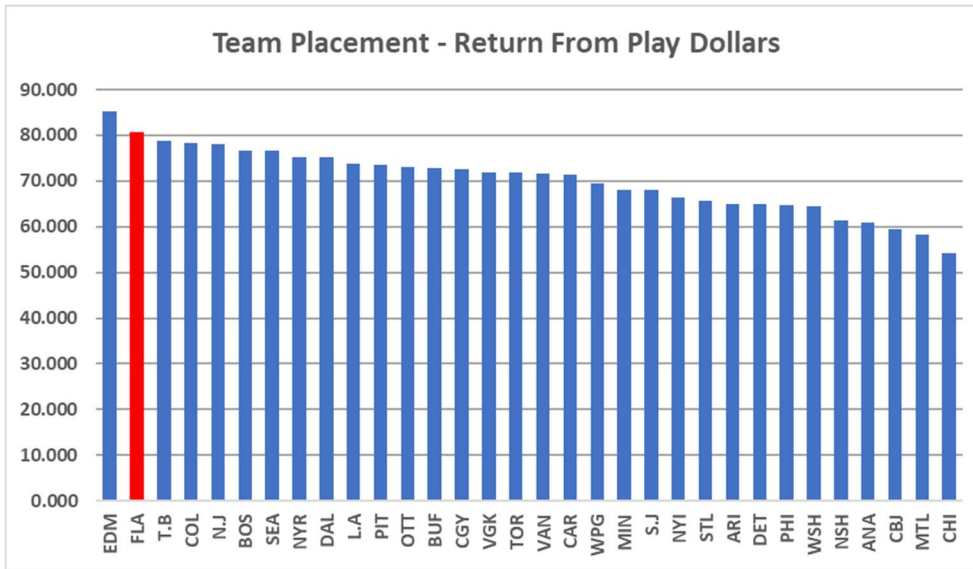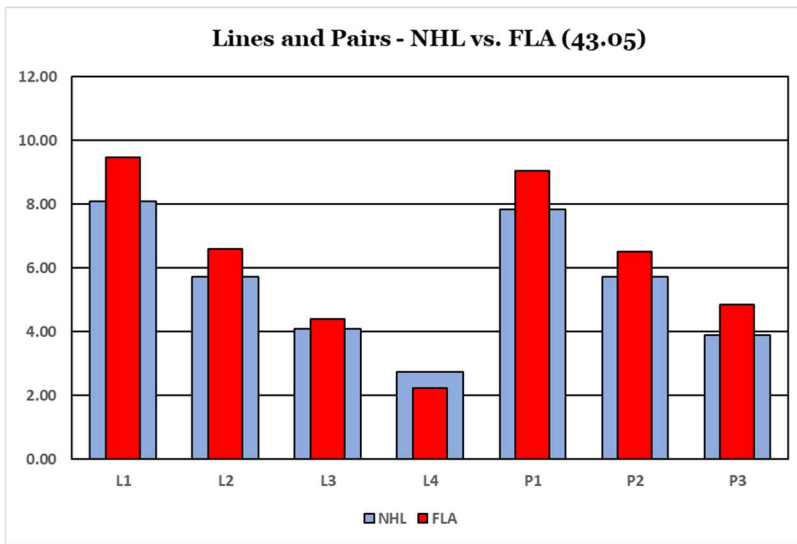
L1	Matthew Tkachuk	Aleksander Barkov		Sam Reinhart	
L2	Carter Verhaeghe	Eetu Luostarinen		Sam Bennett	
L3	Anton Lundell	Eric Staal		Ryan Lomberg	
L4	Nick Cousins	Colin White		Anthony Duclair	
P1		Gustav Forsling		Brandon Montour	
P2		Aaron Ekblad		Radko Gudas	
P3		Marc Staal		Josh Mahura	

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Team Leaders – Stapled To The Bench Categories

Category	Name	Rating
Most Productive	Matthew Tkachuk	PR-Elite
Most Valuable	Aleksander Barkov	VR-Elite
Best Center	Aleksander Barkov	#1-Center
Most Disruptive	Radko Gudas	DX-B
Best Power Player	Matthew Tkachuk	PX-A+
Best Penalty Killer	Radko Gudas	KX-B

Team Leaders – On-Ice Situations

FLA - Team Leaders in Various On-Ice Situations		
Most Time 5v5	**Most Time Power Play**	**Most Time Penalty Kill**
Gustav Forsling	Matthew Tkachuk	Gustav Forsling
Brandon Montour	Brandon Montour	Marc Staal
Marc Staal	Sam Reinhart	Aaron Ekblad
Aaron Ekblad	Aleksander Barkov	Eetu Luostarinen
Carter Verhaeghe	Aaron Ekblad	Radko Gudas
Most Time 3v3	**Most Used Off. Zone FO**	**Most Used Def. Zone FO**
Aleksander Barkov	Matthew Tkachuk	Sam Reinhart
Matthew Tkachuk	Sam Bennett	Ryan Lomberg
Carter Verhaeghe	Brandon Montour	Aleksander Barkov
Sam Reinhart	Eetu Luostarinen	Marc Staal
Brandon Montour	Carter Verhaeghe	Carter Verhaeghe

Team Essay – Expectations vs. Reality

Florida had the second highest RFP in the league, behind Boston. When you compare their Lines and Pairs chart (below left) with Boston's (below right), there is not much that's different.
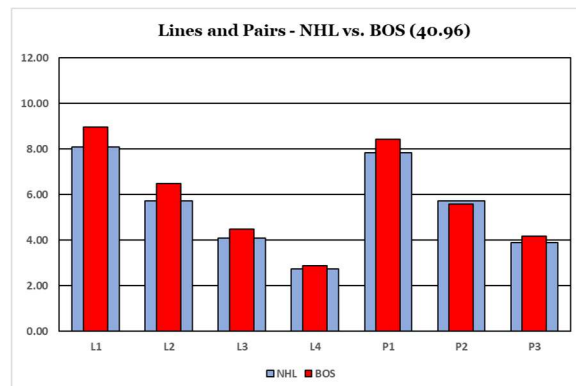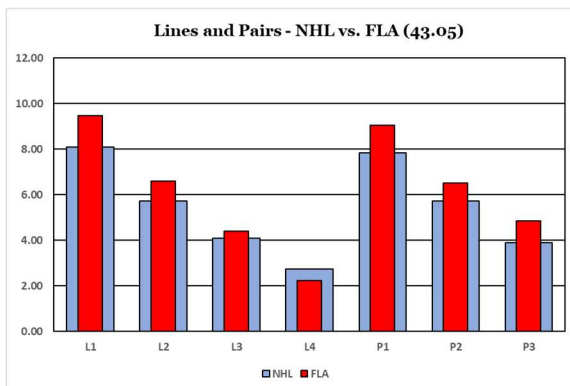

Florida's is a little better in L1 and all three defensive pairs. Boston has a better L4, which is the least important place to have an advantage over another team.

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Florida struggled for most of the season and squeaked into the playoffs with 92 points, while Boston finished the season with 135 standing points and coasted to first place. How on earth did Florida manage to lose 21½ more games than Boston? Because their reality didn't live up to their expectations.

NHL statistics track "expected goals", which represents how many goals a team should have scored based on the quality of their shots. It addresses the fact that not all shots are created equal: a snap shot from the slot is more dangerous than a wrist shot from the point.

In the following charts you will see expected goals (left side) and actual goals (right side), both for and against (left chart, right chart), for the Bruins and the Panthers.
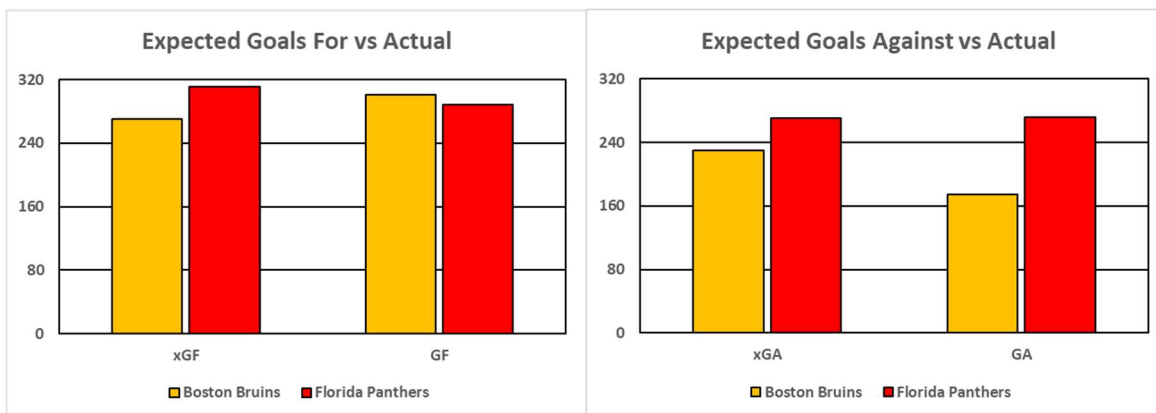
Looking at the expected goals columns in the two charts, you can see that Florida played a more offensive game than Boston: they were expected to score more goals than Boston, and also expected to give up more goals than Boston. The Panthers are a little more "fire-wagon" in their play.

Reality was a bit of a downer for Florida. They scored fewer goals than expected, while Boston scored more than expected. On defense, Florida gave up almost exactly as many goals as expected, while Boston gave up about 50 fewer goals than expected.

Boston's goal results were 86 above expectation (scoring 30.5 more goals, giving up 55.5 fewer goals), while Florida's results were 24 below expectation (scoring 23 goals fewer, giving up 1 goal more).

That 110-goal swing between expectation and reality is the reason that Florida struggled to make the playoffs.

Team Paragraph – Good News for the Future

77% of Florida's team PR comes from players who were 24 to 28 years old (see Talent Distribution Charts). Their eight top players in terms of PR-Score are in that age group, which is "early career prime to prime". If they can retain most of those players, they'll be good for years to come.