2022-23 Season Review – Los Angeles Kings

Standings

Los Angeles Kings							League	
Season	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA	Rank	PlyOff
2021-22	44	27	11	99	235	232	14	Yes
2022-23	47	25	10	104	274	254	10	Yes
Change	+3	-2	-1	+5	+39	-22	+4	

Team Record by Game Type

Game Type	GP	Record	Point %
Best 10-Game Streak	10	8 - 0 - 2	0.900
Conceding Exactly 3 Goals	14	10 - 1 - 3	0.821
Fire-wagon Hockey (More than 8 goals in a game)	15	10 - 2 - 3	0.767
OT/SO	20	10 - 0 - 10	0.750
Vs. Non-Playoff Team	42	28 - 8 - 6	0.738
Home Games	41	26 - 11 - 4	0.683
1-Goal Margin (Excluding overtime games)	17	11 - 6 - 0	0.647
All Games	**82**	**47 - 25 - 10**	**0.634**
Scoring Exactly 3 Goals	14	8 - 5 - 1	0.607
2-Goal Margin	17	10 - 7 - 0	0.588
Away Games	41	21 - 14 - 6	0.585
Defensive Battles (fewer than 4 goals in a game)	10	4 - 3 - 3	0.550
Vs. Playoff Team	40	19 - 17 - 4	0.525
Worst 10-Game Streak	10	3 - 4 - 3	0.450
Blowouts (More than 4-goal margin)	5	2 - 3 - 0	0.400

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%	23%		Drafted by Current Team	48%	52%	
PR-Star	1	1		24 to 28	45%	42%		Drafted by Other Team	41%	32%	
PR-First5	4	3		29 to 33	29%	24%		Undrafted	10%	16%	
PR-Regular	4	0		34+	8%	11%					
PR-Fringe	4	2									
PR-CallUp	6	5									

Return From Play

Team Placement - Return From Play Dollars

Lines and Pairs

Lines and Pairs - NHL vs. L.A (40.00)
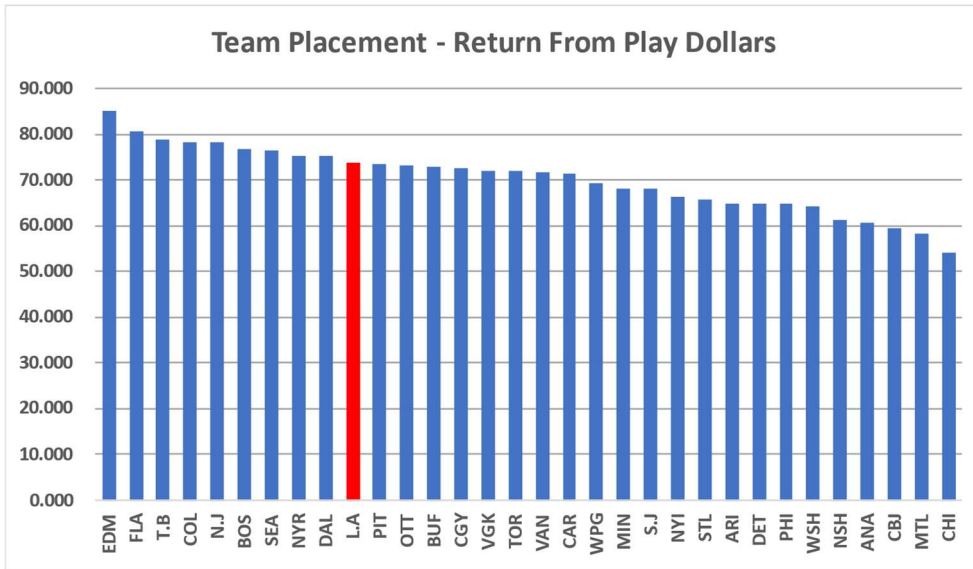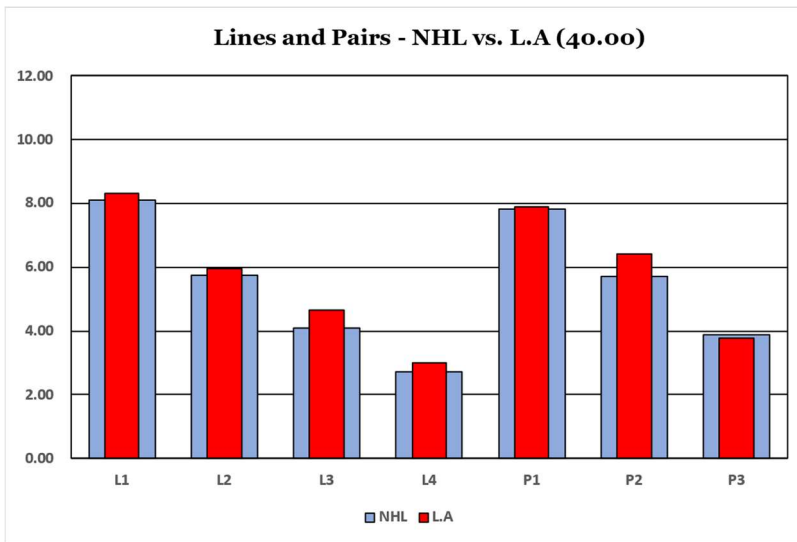
L1	Anze Kopitar		Adrian Kempe		Phillip Danault	
L2	Kevin Fiala		Viktor Arvidsson		Blake Lizotte	
L3	Gabriel Vilardi		Alex Iafallo		Trevor Moore	
L4	Arthur Kaliyev		Carl Grundstrom		Quinton Byfield	
P1		Drew Doughty		Matt Roy		
P2		Mikey Anderson		Sean Durzi		
P3		Sean Walker		Alexander Edler		

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Team Leaders – Stapled To The Bench Categories

Category	Name	Rating
Most Productive	Anze Kopitar	PR-Star
Most Valuable	Anze Kopitar	VR-Star
Best Center	Anze Kopitar	#1-Center
Most Disruptive	Sean Durzi	DX-A
Best Power Player	Viktor Arvidsson	PX-B
Best Penalty Killer	Mikey Anderson	KX-C

Team Leaders – On-Ice Situations

L.A - Team Leaders in Various On-Ice Situations		
Most Time 5v5	**Most Time Power Play**	**Most Time Penalty Kill**
Drew Doughty	Drew Doughty	Drew Doughty
Mikey Anderson	Anze Kopitar	Mikey Anderson
Matt Roy	Adrian Kempe	Matt Roy
Anze Kopitar	Kevin Fiala	Anze Kopitar
Sean Durzi	Gabriel Vilardi	Phillip Danault
Most Time 3v3	**Most Used Off. Zone FO**	**Most Used Def. Zone FO**
Anze Kopitar	Alexander Edler	Anze Kopitar
Drew Doughty	Kevin Fiala	Phillip Danault
Adrian Kempe	Blake Lizotte	Viktor Arvidsson
Phillip Danault	Sean Walker	Adrian Kempe
Kevin Fiala	Matt Roy	Sean Durzi

Team Essay – Quick

The Kings traded their long-time goalie Jonathan Quick to the Columbus Blue Jackets in return for Vladislav Gavrikov, a PR-First5 defensemen these last four seasons, and goalie Joonas Korpisalo, who was having a better season than was Quick. The Blues also picked up a 2024-25 third round pick and a conditional 2023-24 first round pick.

I don't want to say the Blue Jackets were fleeced in the trade, but no other adjective comes to mind. Quick wasn't in Columbus long enough to find a good Denny's restaurant, as the Blue Jackets did the right thing and traded Quick to Vegas two days later. In return the Blue Jackets received goalie Michael Hutchinson and a 2025-26 seventh round pick. In summary, the Blue Jackets converted Gavrikov and Korpisalo into a late first-round pick, a third-round pick and a Denny's Grand Slam breakfast coupon.

But I digress: this article is about Jonathan Quick, not the Blue Jackets. To discuss his career, to compare him to his goalie peers, I could use a goalie rating system. The bad news is that I didn't have one, but the good news is that the bad news is in the past tense: I now have a goalie rating system.

I will not go into the details of the goalie rating system in great detail here, because a goal of these team articles is brevity. The data part involves the number of goals a goalie allowed and the number he was expected to allow, and the more below expectation a goalie is, the higher his rating. The table below shows the categories a goalie can fall into (provided he has been on the ice enough), and various counts from the last sixteen seasons, which are all the seasons for which there is goalie data.

Goalie Rating Counts and Percentages			
GR Category	Count	Per Season	Pcnt
GR-Elite	47	2.9	7.2%
GR-Star	129	8.1	19.9%
GR-Number1	218	13.6	33.6%
GR-GoodBU	156	9.8	24.0%
GR-BadBU	66	4.1	10.2%
GR-EBUG	33	2.1	5.1%
Total	649	40.6	100.0%
GOALIE CATEGORIES ARE: ELITE, STAR, NUMBER 1, GOOD BACKUP, BAD BUCK, EMERGENCY BACKUP			

In sixteen seasons there have been 47 GR-Elite seasons. That breaks down to 2.9 GR-Elite per season, and 7.2% of rated goalies being GR-Elite.

Quick has played every season for which I have data. Below is a chart that shows his category counts.

Johnathan Quick GR Counts	
GR Category	Count
GR-Elite	2
GR-Star	3
GR-Number1	3
GR-GoodBU	4
GR-BadBU	1
GR-EBUG	1
Total	14

In 2007-08 and 2016-17, Quick did not play enough to qualify for categorization.

Quick was a fabulous goalie from 2011-12 to 2017-18. Looking at Goalie Ratings over the years in a certain way, Quick is one of the five best goalies since 2007-08.

But, starting in 018-19, he has been rated: GR-EBUG, GR-GoodBU, GR-GoodBU, GR-Star and GR-BadBU. This means he was rated as GR-BadBU in 2022023, the year of his trade out

of Los Angeles. In total he gave up 117 goals compared to an expected goals against of 107.69, so he gave up about 10 more goals than expected.

Korpisalo's 2022-23 season was rated GR-Star. It is conceivable that he could maintain or improve on this level of play for at least another couple of seasons. He is eight years younger and has a much nicer moustache. Los Angeles made a good trade to rescue Korpisalo from the Blue Jackets.

Hockey is a tough game to play, and it is a brutal way to make a living. Not only are players subjected to the competition of their peers, they are subjected to the competition of team mates who want their ice time, and they are subject to the declines of old age. There is a reason that Ken Dryden is no longer playing. Goalies grow older and they are no more immune to the associated drop in effective play than Wayne Gretzky was. In hockey, old age starts in the early thirties.

As a signoff, I would like to note that the goalie rating system used in this article is in its nascent stage, and is subject to modification. In a future article, GR will be properly introduced.