

2022-23 Season Review – Ottawa Senators

Standings

Ottawa Senators							League	
Season	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA	Rank	PlyOff
2021-22	33	42	7	73	224	264	26	No
2022-23	39	35	8	86	259	270	21	No
Change	+6	-7	+1	+13	+35	-6	+5	

Team Record by Game Type

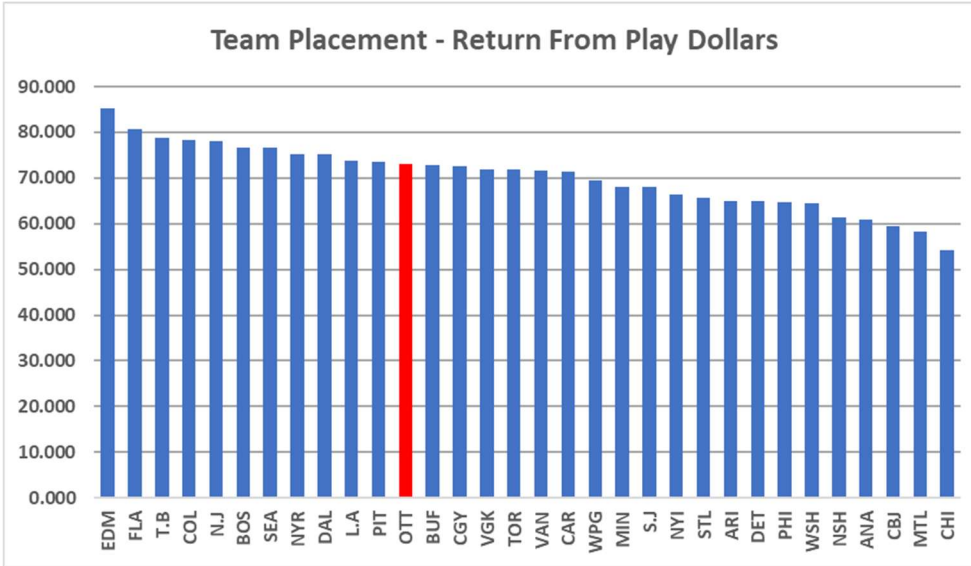
Game Type	GP	Record	Point %
Overtime and Shoot Out Games	16	8 - 0 - 8	0.750
Best 10-Game Streak	10	7 - 2 - 1	0.750
Against Non-Playoff Team	40	25 - 11 - 4	0.675
Home Games	41	24 - 14 - 3	0.622
Scoring Exactly 3 Goals	19	9 - 5 - 5	0.605
Blowouts	7	4 - 3 - 0	0.571
Fire-wagon Hockey (more than 8 goals in game)	17	9 - 7 - 1	0.559
All Games	82	39 - 35 - 8	0.524
Conceding Exactly 3 goals	12	5 - 5 - 2	0.500
1-Goal Margin (Excluding overtime games)	14	7 - 7 - 0	0.500
Away Games	41	15 - 21 - 5	0.427
Against Playoff Teams	42	14 - 24 - 4	0.381
Defensive Battles (fewer than 4 goals in game)	8	3 - 5 - 0	0.375
2-Goal Margin	14	5 - 9 - 0	0.357
Worst 10-Game Streak	10	2 - 7 - 1	0.250

Talent Distribution

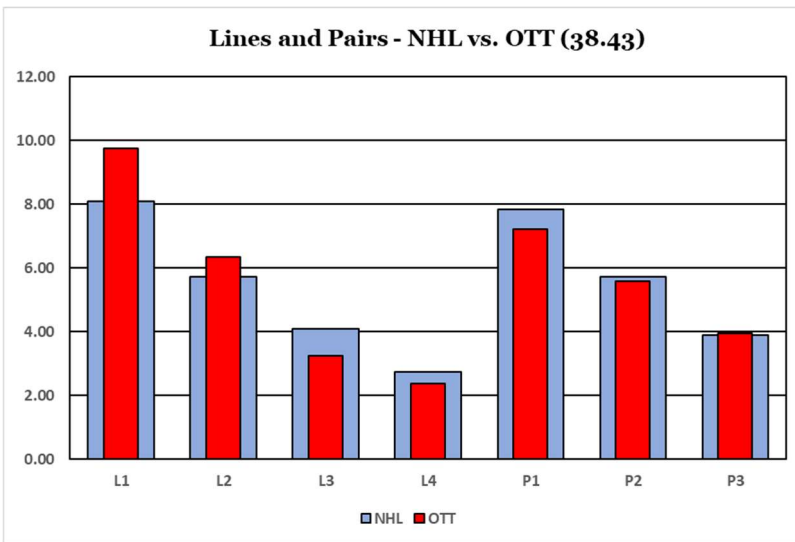
Count by Category			PR% by Age Group			PR% by Draft Status		
PR Category	Fwd	Def	Age Group	NHL PR%	Team PR%	Draft Status	NHL PR%	Team PR%
PR-Elite	2	0	18 to 23	18%	43%	Drafted by Current Team	48%	47%
PR-Star	1	0	24 to 28	45%	32%	Drafted by Other Team	41%	41%
PR-First5	2	3	29 to 33	29%	10%	Undrafted	10%	12%
PR-Regular	1	2	34+	8%	16%			
PR-Fringe	7	1						
PR-CallUp	7	8						

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Return From Play



Lines and Pairs



L1	Tim Stutzle	Claude Giroux	Brady Tkachuk
L2	Alex DeBrincat	Drake Batherson	Shane Pinto
L3	Derick Brassard	Austin Watson	Mathieu Joseph
L4	Mark Kastelic	Dylan Gambrell	Tyler Motte
P1	Jake Sanderson	Thomas Chabot	
P2	Travis Hamonic	Erik Brannstrom	
P3	Nick Holden	Artem Zub	

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Team Leaders – Stapled To The Bench Categories

Category	Name	Rating
Most Productive	Tim Stutzle	PR-Elite
Most Valuable	Claude Giroux	VR-Star
Best Center	Tim Stutzle	# 1-Center
Most Disruptive	Travis Hamonic	DX-A
Best Power Player	Brady Tkachuk	PX-A+
Best Penalty Killer	Travis Hamonic	KX-B

Team Leaders – On-Ice Situations

OTT - Team Leaders in Various On-Ice Situations		
Most Time 5v5	Most Time Power Play	Most Time Penalty Kill
Thomas Chabot	Brady Tkachuk	Jake Sanderson
Jake Sanderson	Alex DeBrincat	Travis Hamonic
Tim Stützle	Drake Batherson	Nick Holden
Drake Batherson	Tim Stützle	Austin Watson
Claude Giroux	Thomas Chabot	Mathieu Joseph
Most Time 3v3	Most Used Off. Zone FO	Most Used Def. Zone FO
Tim Stützle	Tim Stützle	Thomas Chabot
Thomas Chabot	Brady Tkachuk	Artem Zub
Brady Tkachuk	Drake Batherson	Travis Hamonic
Alex DeBrincat	Alex DeBrincat	Jake Sanderson
Claude Giroux	Claude Giroux	Shane Pinto

Team Essay #1 – Power Play Importance

Ottawa had a good powerplay, a fact which could not really be doubted when you examine the data and a fact which was mentioned about seven times per game on the radio broadcasts. While Ottawa's powerplay wasn't the best in the league, it was more important to Ottawa than any other team's powerplay was important to them.

I measure a team's power play using PPGF60: Power Play Goals For Per 60 Minutes. PPGF60 is very comparable to powerplay percentage: a team that is good in one is good in the other; a team that is bad in one is bad in the other. Ottawa was 8th in the league in PPGF60, scoring 8.58 goals per 60 minutes of powerplay time. Edmonton was way out in front at 13.23, while the rest of the podium was occupied by Tampa Bay (9.62) and Los Angeles (9.56).

Why was Ottawa's powerplay more important to them than it was to Edmonton or Tampa Bay or Toronto, teams that had a better PPGF60? It is because of their season record in games they scored power-play goals.

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Team	One or More Powerplay Goals			No Powerplay Goals			PP Value
	Games	W-L	W%	Games	W	W%	
Ottawa Senators	48	31 - 17	65%	34	8 - 26	24%	41%
Detroit Red Wings	43	26 - 17	60%	39	9 - 30	23%	37%
Carolina Hurricanes	34	28 - 6	82%	48	24 - 24	50%	32%
Toronto Maple Leafs	50	31 - 19	62%	32	19 - 13	59%	3%
Anaheim Ducks	27	8 - 19	30%	55	15 - 40	27%	2%
Chicago Blackhawks	29	7 - 22	24%	53	19 - 34	36%	-12%

WINS INCLUDE OT/SO WINS. LOSSES INCLUDE OT/SO LOSSES.

Ottawa was 31-17 when they scored a powerplay goal in a game, and 8-26 when they didn't. The difference between those two winning percentages is 41%, the biggest in the league.

To give a little context, Boston was a league-leading 42-6 (88%) when scoring a powerplay goal and Carolina was second. Boston was 33-4 (89%) when scoring more powerplay goals than their opponents, also leading the league.

Chicago had the worst record in the league when scoring a powerplay goal (7-22, 24%). They were the only team in the NHL that had a better record when they didn't score a powerplay goal (19-34, 36%). If anybody understands the Chicago conundrum, please publish your analysis.

Team Essay #2 – Third Line Woes

When I heard an announcer on the Team 1200 (Ottawa's best radio station) say that Ottawa's first and second line were among the best in the league, I admit I snorted. It came across, to me, as boosterism, or as a large exaggeration. The top six were better than some, as Stutzle and Giroux were having good years, but among the best? I thought, "You can fool most of the fans, but you can't fool me. I can check the facts."

So I ran the numbers, as a formality, and to my surprise the announcer was correct: Ottawa's top six forwards are the third best in the league, behind only Tampa Bay and Edmonton.

In Ottawa it is the third and fourth lines that are the issue, and to a lesser extent it is the defensemen that are the issue. While their top two lines are almost second-to-none, their bottom two lines are second-to-all: they are 32nd out of 32 teams. As a group, Ottawa's top six defensemen rank 21st in the league in total PR-Score. A little health would go a long way to improving that ranking, as individual player PR-Scores increase when they play more.

Ottawa has no hope of making the playoffs unless they significantly improve their third and fourth lines. It may not need six new players, but it probably needs at least four new ones.