

2022-23 Season Review – Philadelphia Flyers

Standings

Philadelphia Flyers							League	
Season	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA	Rank	PlyOff
2021-22	25	46	11	61	210	294	29	No
2022-23	31	38	13	75	220	276	26	No
Change	+6	-8	+2	+14	+10	+18	+3	

Team Record by Game Type

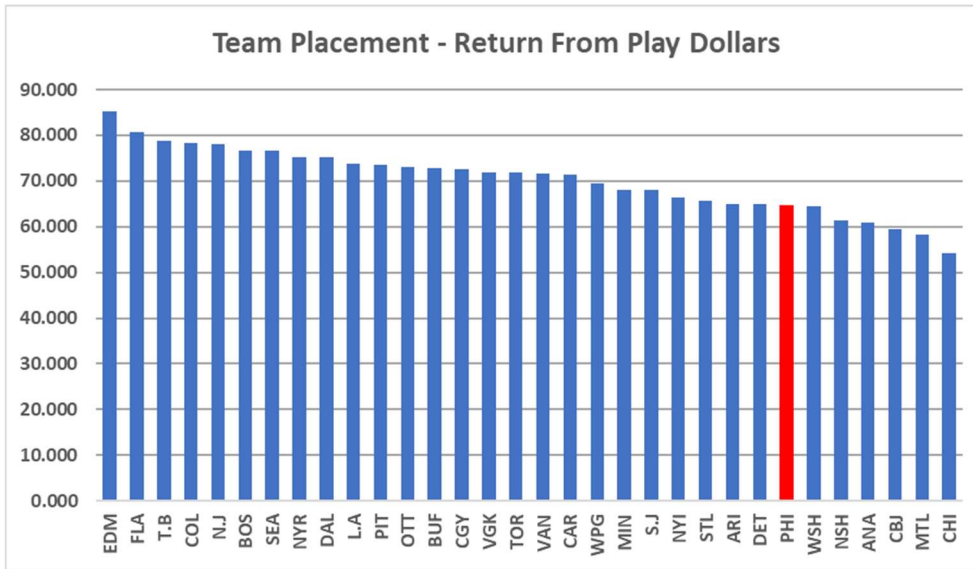
Game Type	GP	Record	Point %
Best 10-Game Streak	10	8 - 2 - 0	0.800
Conceding Exactly 3 Goals	14	8 - 3 - 3	0.679
OT/SO	18	5 - 0 - 13	0.639
Defensive Battles (fewer than 4 goals in a game)	11	5 - 3 - 3	0.591
Vs. Non-Playoff Team	39	20 - 13 - 6	0.590
2-Goal Margin	14	8 - 6 - 0	0.571
Scoring Exactly 3 Goals	18	8 - 8 - 2	0.500
Fire-wagon Hockey (More than 8 goals in a game)	11	3 - 3 - 5	0.500
1-Goal Margin (Excluding overtime games)	16	8 - 8 - 0	0.500
Home Games	41	18 - 18 - 5	0.500
All Games	82	31 - 38 - 13	0.457
Away Games	41	13 - 20 - 8	0.415
Vs. Playoff Team	44	11 - 25 - 8	0.341
Worst 10-Game Streak	10	0 - 7 - 3	0.150
Blowouts (More than 4-goal margin)	2	0 - 2 - 0	0.000

Talent Distribution

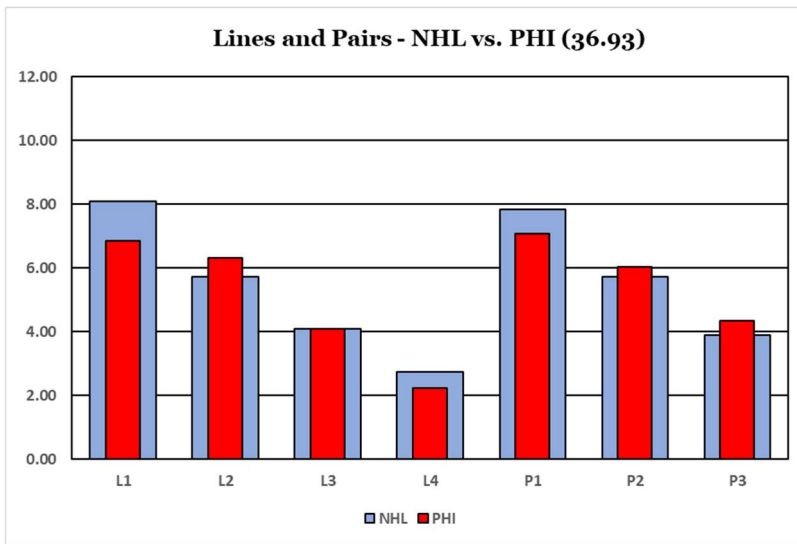
Count by Category			PR% by Age Group			PR% by Draft Status		
PR Category	Fwd	Def	Age Group	NHL PR%	Team PR%	Draft Status	NHL PR%	Team PR%
PR-Elite	0	0	18 to 23	18%	31%	Drafted by Current Team	48%	57%
PR-Star	0	0	24 to 28	45%	47%	Drafted by Other Team	41%	37%
PR-First5	5	3	29 to 33	29%	21%	Undrafted	10%	6%
PR-Regular	3	3	34+	8%	2%			
PR-Fringe	3	1						
PR-CallUp	11	3						

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Return From Play



Lines and Pairs



L1	Travis Konecny	Scott Laughton	Noah Cates
L2	Kevin Hayes	Owen Tippett	Morgan Frost
L3	Joel Farabee	James van Riemsdyk	Wade Allison
L4	Nicolas Deslauriers	Patrick Brown	Zack MacEwen
P1	Ivan Provorov	Tony DeAngelo	
P2	Travis Sanheim	Rasmus Ristolainen	
P3	Nick Seeler	Cam York	

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Team Leaders – Stapled To The Bench Categories

Category	Name	Rating
Most Productive	Ivan Provorov	PR-First5
Most Valuable	Ivan Provorov	VR-Star
Best Center	Scott Laughton	#2-Center
Most Disruptive	Rasmus Ristolainen	DX-A
Best Power Player	Tony DeAngelo	PX-C
Best Penalty Killer	Noah Cates	KX-B

Team Leaders – On-Ice Situations

PHI - Team Leaders in Various On-Ice Situations		
Most Time 5v5	Most Time Power Play	Most Time Penalty Kill
Ivan Provorov	Tony DeAngelo	Ivan Provorov
Travis Sanheim	Kevin Hayes	Scott Laughton
Tony DeAngelo	Owen Tippett	Rasmus Ristolainen
Rasmus Ristolainen	Travis Konecny	Noah Cates
Kevin Hayes	Morgan Frost	Travis Sanheim
Most Time 3v3	Most Used Off. Zone FO	Most Used Def. Zone FO
Travis Sanheim	Kevin Hayes	Rasmus Ristolainen
Ivan Provorov	Tony DeAngelo	Scott Laughton
Tony DeAngelo	Owen Tippett	Noah Cates
Cam York	Morgan Frost	Travis Sanheim
Travis Konecny	Joel Farabee	Nick Seeler

Team Essay – The First Season With Torts

I have, so far, written only one article about a coach: John Tortorella was the subject. Tortorella has coached three teams (Tampa Bay, New York Rangers and Columbus) for several seasons, and I looked at how those teams played over his tenure. I ignored Vancouver because he only coached there for one season.

On average, his first season saw a drop in scoring, both for his team and against his team. It looks like his team learned to play defense at the expense of playing offense. In Philadelphia, the goals against dropped (following this pattern) but the goals for increased (by a small amount, but up is up).

His teams normally maintained their place in the standings: Philadelphia improved by fourteen points this season. Sure, they almost had nowhere to go but up from 2021-22, but a fourteen-point improvement is not trivial.

It will be fun to see what happens in 2023-24. His second full season usually produces a significant improvement in his teams, with an average increase of 30 goals scored and an

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average decrease of 27 goals allowed. That could bring the Flyers to the low to mid 90s in standing points, which would give them a potential playoff spot.

The fly in the ointment is the talent they have. Looking at the Lines and Pairs chart, they had an above average second line but their top three forwards were woefully inadequate (compared to the league average).

No player had a PR-Star season, and only defenseman Ivan Provorov had VR-Star value. Being somewhat snarky, he is just barely a VR-Star. The VR-Star category is for players with VR-Scores of 8.00 to 9.99, and Provorov had a VR-Score of 8.00. To be fair, that absolutely makes him a VR-Star.

For Philadelphia to improve, some of its players will have to perform at the PR-Star level. Who on their team is capable of that? I can't answer that question, as my crystal ball is in the repair shop right now.

The track record of Tortorella is that his teams improve significantly in his second full year with them. It will be interesting to see if that pattern continues.