

2022-23 Season Review – Pittsburgh Penguins

Standings

Pittsburgh Penguins							League	
Season	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA	Rank	PlyOff
2021-22	46	25	11	103	269	222	12	Yes
2022-23	40	31	11	91	261	263	19	No
Change	-6	+6	+0	-12	-8	-41	-7	

Team Record by Game Type

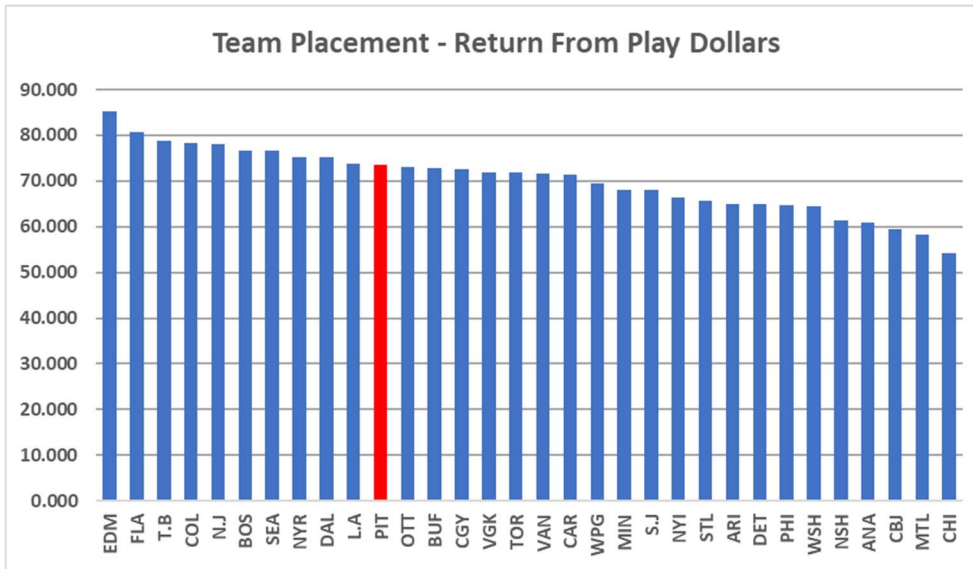
Game Type	GP	Record	Point %
Best 10-Game Streak	10	8 - 1 - 1	0.850
OT/SO	20	9 - 0 - 11	0.725
Vs. Non-Playoff Team	38	24 - 8 - 6	0.711
Scoring Exactly 3 Goals	12	7 - 3 - 2	0.667
Conceding Exactly 3 Goals	16	8 - 4 - 4	0.625
Home Games	41	23 - 13 - 5	0.622
Defensive Battles (fewer than 4 goals in a game)	9	5 - 3 - 1	0.611
2-Goal Margin	15	9 - 6 - 0	0.600
All Games	82	40 - 31 - 11	0.555
Fire-wagon Hockey (More than 8 goals in a game)	19	8 - 7 - 4	0.526
Away Games	41	17 - 18 - 6	0.488
Vs. Playoff Team	44	16 - 23 - 5	0.420
1-Goal Margin (Excluding overtime games)	13	5 - 8 - 0	0.385
Worst 10-Game Streak	10	2 - 6 - 2	0.300
Blowouts (More than 4-goal margin)	4	1 - 3 - 0	0.250

Talent Distribution

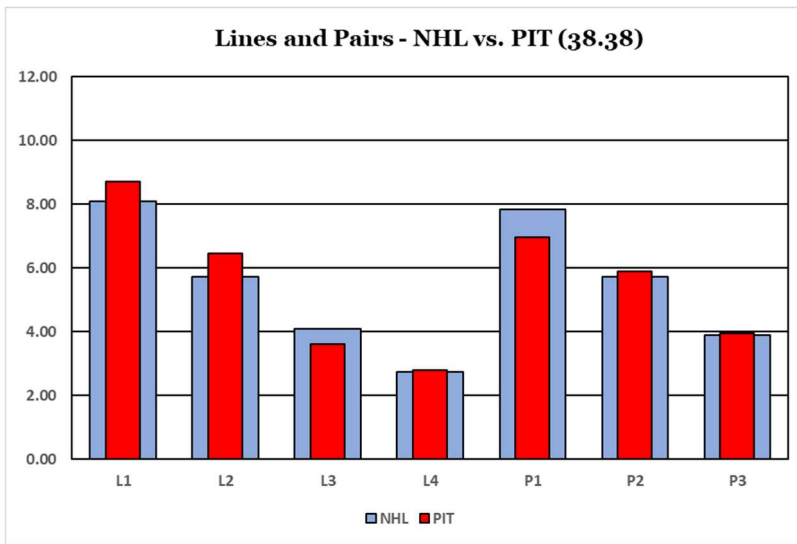
Count by Category			PR% by Age Group			PR% by Draft Status		
PR Category	Fwd	Def	Age Group	NHL PR%	Team PR%	Draft Status	NHL PR%	Team PR%
PR-Elite	0	0	18 to 23	18%	9%	Drafted by Current Team	48%	42%
PR-Star	3	0	24 to 28	45%	26%	Drafted by Other Team	41%	50%
PR-First5	3	3	29 to 33	29%	33%	Undrafted	10%	8%
PR-Regular	1	2	34+	8%	32%			
PR-Fringe	7	2						
PR-CallUp	7	4						

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Return From Play



Lines and Pairs



L1	Sidney Crosby	Evgeni Malkin	Jake Guentzel
L2	Rickard Rakell	Bryan Rust	Jason Zucker
L3	Jeff Carter	Ryan Poehling	Danton Heinen
L4	Brock McGinn	Josh Archibald	Kasperii Kapanen
P1	Brian Dumoulin		Kris Letang
P2	Jeff Petry		Marcus Pettersson
P3	Pierre-Olivier Joseph		Jan Rutta

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Team Leaders – Stapled To The Bench Categories

Category	Name	Rating
Most Productive	Sidney Crosby	PR-Star
Most Valuable	Sidney Crosby	VR-Star
Best Center	Sidney Crosby	# 1-Center
Most Disruptive	Evgeni Malkin	DX-A
Best Power Player	Evgeni Malkin	PX-A+
Best Penalty Killer	Jeff Petry	KX-A

Team Leaders – On-Ice Situations

PIT - Team Leaders in Various On-Ice Situations		
Most Time 5v5	Most Time Power Play	Most Time Penalty Kill
Brian Dumoulin	Evgeni Malkin	Brian Dumoulin
Sidney Crosby	Sidney Crosby	Brock McGinn
Kris Letang	Jake Guentzel	Jeff Petry
Marcus Pettersson	Rickard Rakell	Jan Rutta
Rickard Rakell	Kris Letang	Bryan Rust
Most Time 3v3	Most Used Off. Zone FO	Most Used Def. Zone FO
Jake Guentzel	Jason Zucker	Jeff Carter
Sidney Crosby	Evgeni Malkin	Jeff Petry
Kris Letang	Bryan Rust	Marcus Pettersson
Evgeni Malkin	Sidney Crosby	Brian Dumoulin
Jeff Petry	Rickard Rakell	Pierre-Olivier Joseph

Team Essay – Disappointment

Any team with Sidney Crosby and Evgeni Malkin should make the playoffs. I thought that was part of the operating rules of the NHL, but it turns it they have to actually earn a spot. And old Father Time is starting to get the better of them.

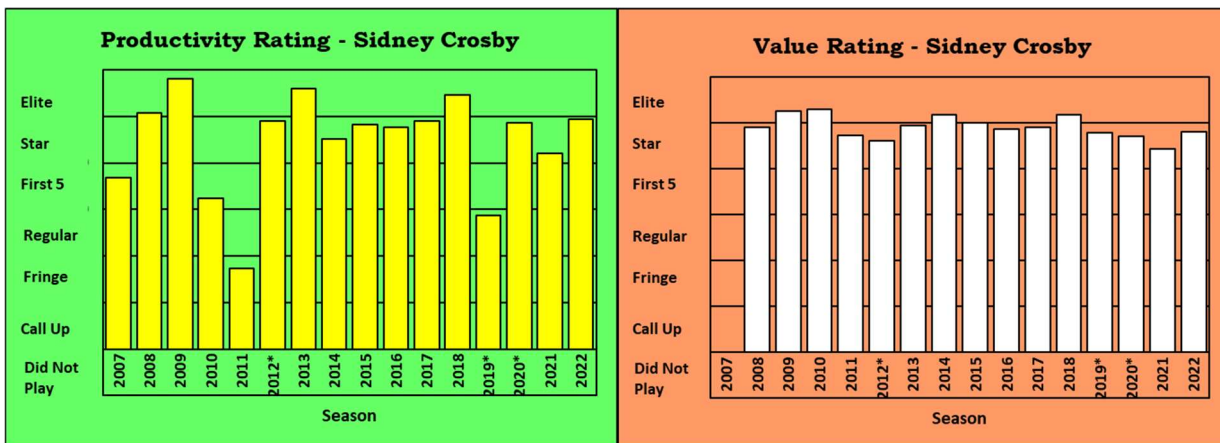
Right at the start of this article is a tryptic of tables on talent distribution. The middle table shows talent by age: Pittsburgh got a whopping 65% of their team's PR-Score from players aged 29 or older. Crosby was 35, Malkin 36, Petry and Letang were 35, Dumoulin was 31, Rust and Zucker were 30 and Rakell was the youngest at 29.

Old players tend to miss games due to injuries, and that hit the Penguins hard on the blue line. Letang missed 18 games and Petry was out for 21 games. With those two healthy, the Penguins probably would have made the playoffs.

Speaking of aging, if you look at the team leaders in Stapled to the Bench categories you will notice that Mr. Sidney Crosby was both the most productive Penguin and the most valuable

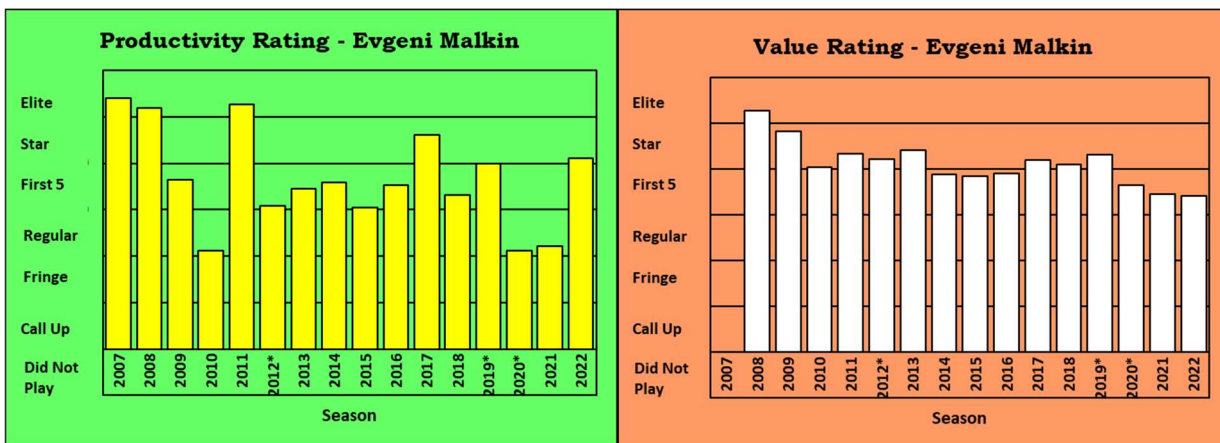
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Penguin. You should also notice that he is rated as PR-Star and VR-Star, not PR-Elite and VR-Elite. His career PR and VR charts follow.



Crosby’s 2022-23 was his best season since 2018-19, and he just missed the PR-Elite category. All he needed was one more goal and one more assist. He has had just two sub-Crosby seasons in his last eleven season, but they were both in the last four seasons.

Malkin also had his best season in a while, and he played a full season for the first time in about fifteen years.



The “grey shadows that once were men,” both having their best seasons in the last several years, could not drag Pittsburgh into the playoffs. The majority of Pittsburgh’s talent is at the stage of their careers where improvements are extremely unlikely, and maintaining a level of play is unlikely. The immediate future for the Penguins is not rosy.

Team Paragraph – Winning Streaks

Between December 6th and December 22nd there were seven different times the Penguins had gone 8-1-1 in their previous ten games.