

2022-23 Season Review – Tampa Bay Lightning

Standings

Tampa Bay Lightning							League	
Season	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA	Rank	PlyOff
2021-22	51	23	8	110	285	228	7	Yes
2022-23	46	30	6	98	280	252	13	Yes
Change	-5	+7	-2	-12	-5	-24	-6	

Team Record by Game Type

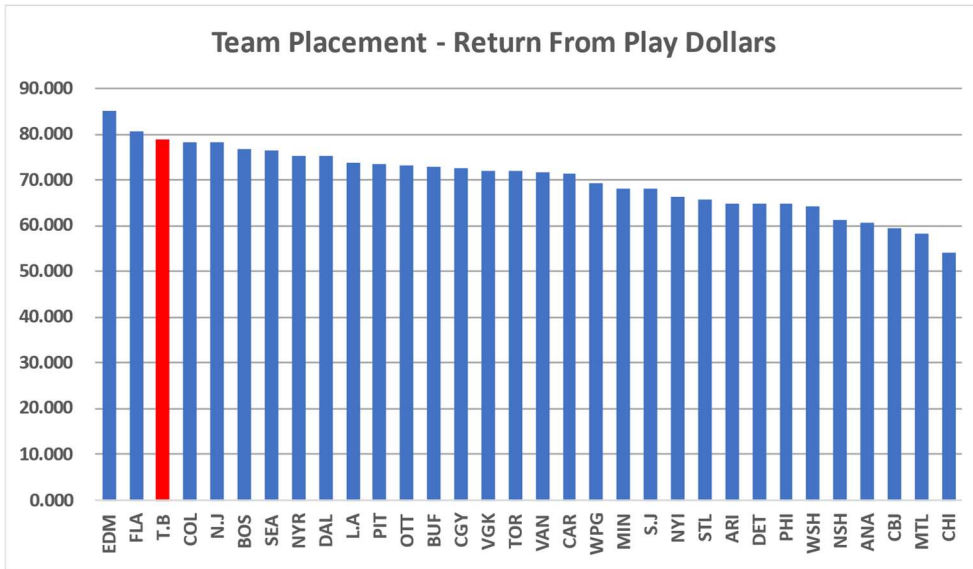
Game Type	GP	Record	Point %
Best 10-Game Streak	10	8 - 2 - 0	0.800
OT/SO	14	8 - 0 - 6	0.786
Home Games	41	28 - 8 - 5	0.744
Vs. Non-Playoff Team	43	28 - 11 - 4	0.698
Conceding Exactly 3 Goals	17	11 - 6 - 0	0.647
Defensive Battles (fewer than 4 goals in a game)	4	2 - 1 - 1	0.625
All Games	82	46 - 30 - 6	0.598
2-Goal Margin	17	9 - 8 - 0	0.529
Blowouts (More than 4-goal margin)	8	4 - 4 - 0	0.500
Vs. Playoff Team	39	18 - 19 - 2	0.487
Scoring Exactly 3 Goals	16	6 - 7 - 3	0.469
Away Games	41	18 - 22 - 1	0.451
Fire-wagon Hockey (More than 8 goals in a game)	14	5 - 7 - 2	0.429
1-Goal Margin (Excluding overtime games)	11	4 - 7 - 0	0.364
Worst 10-Game Streak	10	3 - 7 - 0	0.300

Talent Distribution

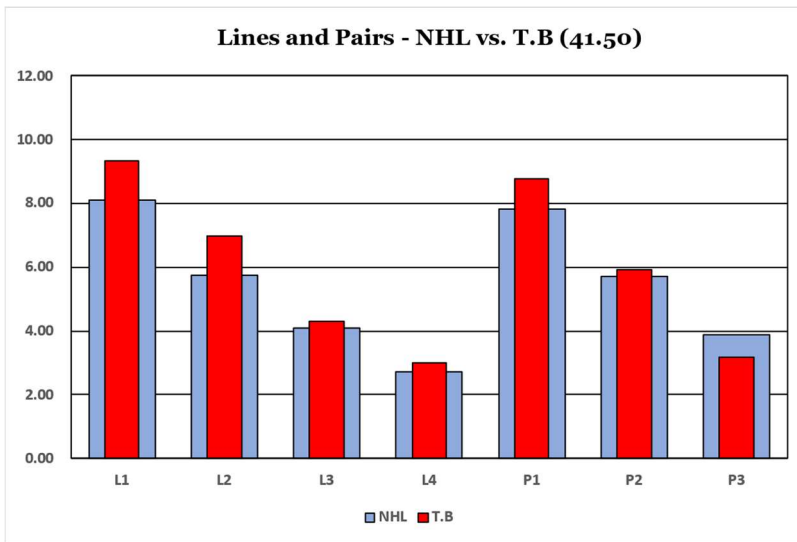
Count by Category			PR% by Age Group			PR% by Draft Status		
PR Category	Fwd	Def	Age Group	NHL PR%	Team PR%	Draft Status	NHL PR%	Team PR%
PR-Elite	0	0	18 to 23	18%	0%	Drafted by Current Team	48%	53%
PR-Star	4	1	24 to 28	45%	53%	Drafted by Other Team	41%	40%
PR-First5	1	2	29 to 33	29%	38%	Undrafted	10%	6%
PR-Regular	3	2	34+	8%	8%			
PR-Fringe	4	1						
PR-CallUp	6	4						

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Return From Play



Lines and Pairs



L1	Brayden Point	Nikita Kucherov	Brandon Hagel
L2	Steven Stamkos	Alex Killorn	Nick Paul
L3	Anthony Cirelli	Ross Colton	Corey Perry
L4	Pierre-Edouard Bellemare	Vladislav Namestnikov	Pat Maroon
P1		Mikhail Sergachev	Victor Hedman
P2		Ian Cole	Erik Cernak
P3		Nick Perbix	Zach Bogosian

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Team Leaders – Stapled To The Bench Categories

Category	Name	Rating
Most Productive	Brayden Point	PR-Star
Most Valuable	Victor Hedman	VR-Star
Best Center	Brayden Point	# 1-Center
Most Disruptive	Ian Cole	DX-A
Best Power Player	Nikita Kucherov	PX-A+
Best Penalty Killer	Brandon Hagel	KX-A+

Team Leaders – On-Ice Situations

T.B - Team Leaders in Various On-Ice Situations		
Most Time 5v5	Most Time Power Play	Most Time Penalty Kill
Mikhail Sergachev	Nikita Kucherov	Ian Cole
Victor Hedman	Steven Stamkos	Erik Cernak
Ian Cole	Brayden Point	Mikhail Sergachev
Nikita Kucherov	Mikhail Sergachev	Pierre-Edouard Bellemare
Brayden Point	Victor Hedman	Brandon Hagel
Most Time 3v3	Most Used Off. Zone FO	Most Used Def. Zone FO
Nikita Kucherov	Nikita Kucherov	Alex Killorn
Brayden Point	Brayden Point	Nicholas Paul
Mikhail Sergachev	Victor Hedman	Ian Cole
Victor Hedman	Steven Stamkos	Steven Stamkos
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Team Essay – Skaters

Before you delve into this article, I'll ask you to take a quick glance back at two of the standard season-review charts: Return From Play and Lines and Pairs. Tampa Bay had the third most talented set of skaters in the league (RFP chart), with an excellent set of six top forwards along with their top two defensemen (L&P chart). To say they had a weak third-pair of defensemen is both accurate and pedantic: it's better to have a weak third-pair than a weak first-pair.

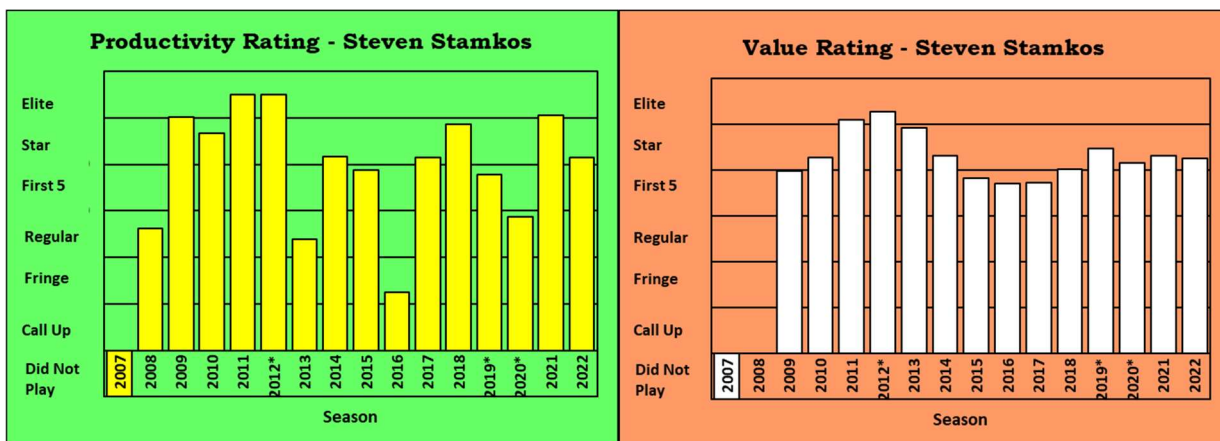
The Team Leaders – Stapled To The Bench Categories table shows their top player in six categories, and a somewhat conspicuous absence from the list is Mr. Steven Stamkos. He was once one of the very best in the league, and now, thanks to wear and tear, he is merely one of the best in the league.

Stamkos was among the super-elite players in the league a decade ago, when he could have been a top-10 player and was easily a top-20 player. In 2022-23, he was outside the top 50.

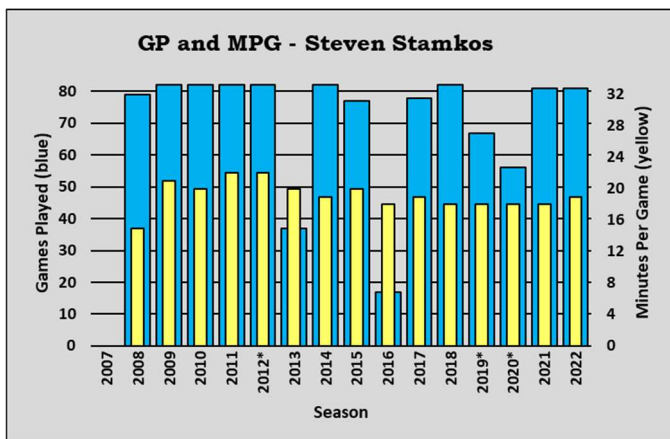
A decade ago, Stamkos was a 50-goal scorer; he is now a threat to score 40. Before he was a sniper, with more goals than assists. He is turning more playmaker in his senior years.

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Below are his career Productivity Rating and Value Rating charts. The Value rating chart shows his career peaked in 2012-13, slid down a lot over the next four seasons, then ramped up a touch in the next few seasons. These last three seasons have been consistent.



Why the dips in Productivity Rating in 2013-14 and 2016-17? A third chart, his career GP & MPG chart, shows the general reason.



In both 2013-14 and 2016-17 he played less than half a season. While the chart doesn't say he missed games due to injuries, I can assure you that he wasn't benched or playing in the AHL. From reading about him on Wikipedia I found that his 2013-14 injury was a broken tibia (ouch), while in 2016-17 he had thoracic outlet syndrome (a compression of nerves in the neck/shoulder area; ouch).

He also missed games in 2019-20 and 2020-21. The asterisk in the season identifier at the bottom indicates a shortened season: the data in those columns have been adjusted to take the season length into consideration.

Is it worrying that he played as many games and had a little more ice-time per game last season (GP and MPG chart) yet had a lower Productivity Rating (PR chart)? Yes. He has reached the age where PR-Score improvements are rare.