# 2022-23 Season Review – Toronto Maple Leafs

## Standings

| Toronto Maple Leafs | | | | | | | League | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Season | W | L | T | Pts | GF | GA | Rank | PlyOff |
| 2021-22 | 54 | 21 | 7 | 115 | 312 | 252 | 4 | Yes |
| 2022-23 | 50 | 21 | 11 | 111 | 278 | 220 | 4 | Yes |
| Change | -4 | +0 | +4 | -4 | -34 | +32 | +0 | |

## Team Record by Game Type

| Game Type | GP | Record | Point % |
|---|---|---|---|
| Best 10-Game Streak | 10 | 9 - 0 - 1 | 0.950 |
| Defensive Battles (fewer than 4 goals in a game) | 10 | 8 - 0 - 2 | 0.900 |
| 1-Goal Margin (Excluding overtime games) | 17 | 13 - 4 - 0 | 0.765 |
| Blowouts (More than 4-goal margin) | 4 | 3 - 1 - 0 | 0.750 |
| Home Games | 41 | 27 - 8 - 6 | 0.732 |
| Fire-wagon Hockey (More than 8 goals in a game) | 9 | 6 - 2 - 1 | 0.722 |
| OT/SO | 19 | 8 - 0 - 11 | 0.711 |
| Vs. Playoff Team | 39 | 23 - 9 - 7 | 0.679 |
| **All Games** | **82** | **50 - 21 - 11** | **0.677** |
| Vs. Non-Playoff Team | 43 | 27 - 12 - 4 | 0.674 |
| Conceding Exactly 3 Goals | 11 | 5 - 2 - 4 | 0.636 |
| Away Games | 41 | 23 - 13 - 5 | 0.622 |
| Scoring Exactly 3 Goals | 22 | 11 - 7 - 4 | 0.591 |
| Worst 10-Game Streak | 10 | 4 - 4 - 2 | 0.500 |
| 2-Goal Margin | 11 | 4 - 7 - 0 | 0.364 |

## 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 | 1 | 0 | 18 to 23 | 18% | 12% | Drafted by Current Team | 48% | 44% |
| PR-Star | 3 | 0 | 24 to 28 | 45% | 54% | Drafted by Other Team | 41% | 40% |
| PR-First5 | 0 | 2 | 29 to 33 | 29% | 27% | Undrafted | 10% | 16% |
| PR-Regular | 4 | 4 | 34+ | 8% | 7% | | | |
| PR-Fringe | 2 | 1 | | | | | | |
| PR-CallUp | 17 | 8 | | | | | | |

**Return From Play**



Team Placement - Return From Play Dollars

**Lines and Pairs**



Lines and Pairs - NHL vs. TOR (38.49)
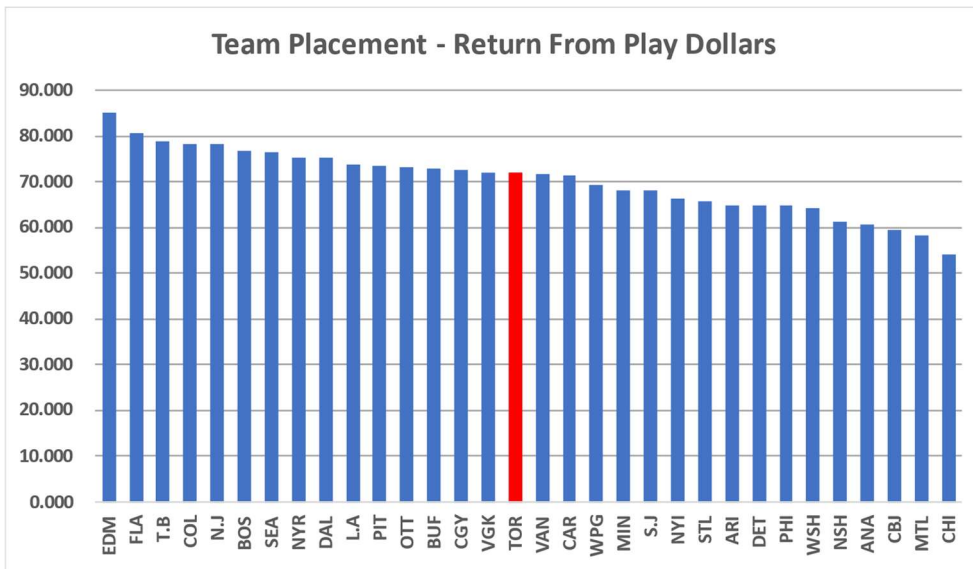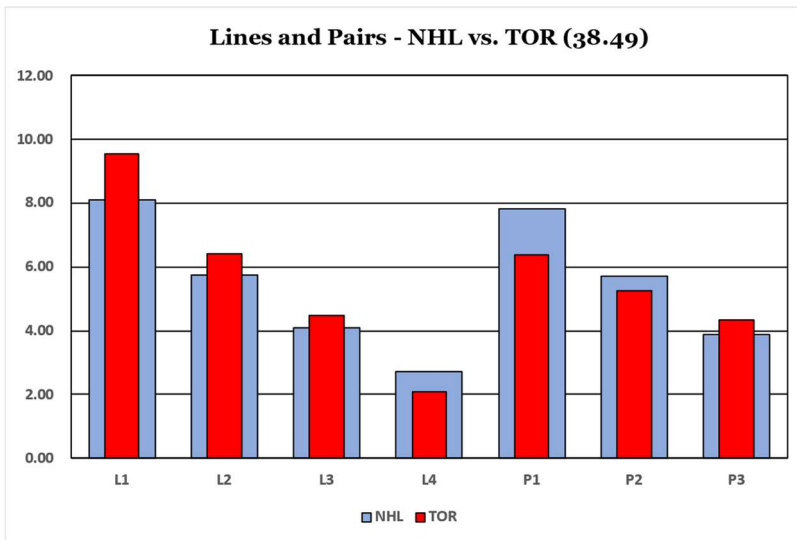
| L1 | Mitchell Marner | | Auston Matthews | | William Nylander | |
|----|-----------------|--|-----------------|--|------------------|--|
| L2 | John Tavares | | Michael Bunting | | David Kampf | |
| L3 | Alexander Kerfoot | | Calle Jarnkrok | | Pierre Engvall | |
| L4 | Zach Aston-Reese | | Pontus Holmberg | | Noel Acciari | |
| P1 | | Justin Holl | | Mark Giordano | | |
| P2 | | Morgan Rielly | | TJ Brodie | | |
| P3 | | Timothy Liljegren | | Rasmus Sandin | | |

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## Team Leaders – Stapled To The Bench Categories

| Category | Name | Rating |
|----------|------|--------|
| Most Productive | Mitchell Marner | PR-Elite |
| Most Valuable | Auston Matthews | VR-Elite |
| Best Center | Auston Matthews | #1-Center |
| Most Disruptive | Auston Matthews | DX-A |
| Best Power Player | John Tavares | PX-A+ |
| Best Penalty Killer | Mark Giordano | KX-A |

## Team Leaders – On-Ice Situations

| TOR - Team Leaders in Various On-Ice Situations | | |
|---|---|---|
| **Most Time 5v5** | **Most Time Power Play** | **Most Time Penalty Kill** |
| Justin Holl | William Nylander | Justin Holl |
| Mark Giordano | Mitchell Marner | David Kampf |
| Auston Matthews | John Tavares | Mitchell Marner |
| Mitchell Marner | Auston Matthews | Mark Giordano |
| William Nylander | Morgan Rielly | TJ Brodie |
| **Most Time 3v3** | **Most Used Off. Zone FO** | **Most Used Def. Zone FO** |
| Auston Matthews | William Nylander | David Kampf |
| Mitchell Marner | Auston Matthews | Alexander Kerfoot |
| William Nylander | Michael Bunting | Justin Holl |
| Morgan Rielly | Mitchell Marner | Mark Giordano |
| John Tavares | John Tavares | Morgan Rielly |

## Team Essay #1 – Chart Options

I come neither to praise the Leafs nor to bury them. I live in Ottawa and am a fan of the Senators: it isn't necessary to dislike the Leafs, but it happens naturally. To avoid both bashing and praising the Leafs, I'll do an article about how best to show an oddity in Toronto's regular season play. Let's start with worst way: just numbers.

| Team | vs. Playoff Teams | | | | vs. Non-playoff Teams | | | | Season Points |
|------|----|----|----|-----|----|----|----|-----|----|
| | **W** | **L** | **T** | **Pct** | **W** | **L** | **T** | **Pct** | |
| **Carolina Hurricanes** | 21 | 14 | 5 | 0.588 | 31 | 7 | 4 | 0.786 | 113 |
| **New Jersey Devils** | 19 | 13 | 7 | 0.577 | 33 | 9 | 1 | 0.779 | 112 |
| **Toronto Maple Leafs** | 23 | 9 | 7 | 0.679 | 27 | 12 | 4 | 0.674 | 111 |
| **Vegas Golden Knights** | 22 | 13 | 5 | 0.613 | 29 | 9 | 4 | 0.738 | 111 |
| **Edmonton Oilers** | 22 | 14 | 4 | 0.600 | 28 | 9 | 5 | 0.726 | 109 |
| **Colorado Avalanche** | 19 | 14 | 6 | 0.564 | 32 | 10 | 1 | 0.756 | 109 |
| **Dallas Stars** | 17 | 10 | 12 | 0.590 | 30 | 11 | 2 | 0.721 | 108 |
| **New York Rangers** | 22 | 12 | 5 | 0.628 | 25 | 10 | 8 | 0.674 | 107 |

Now I have to admit that I'm a numbers guy, so the oddity just jumped out at me from this table (it's also visible on the Team Results Table). When comparing teams it is generally good to compare teams that are similar: the other teams in the table all were within four points of Toronto at the end of the season.

I will reveal the oddity after the next examples. The two charts are the same chart showing the same data, with the only difference between them being the horizontal scale.
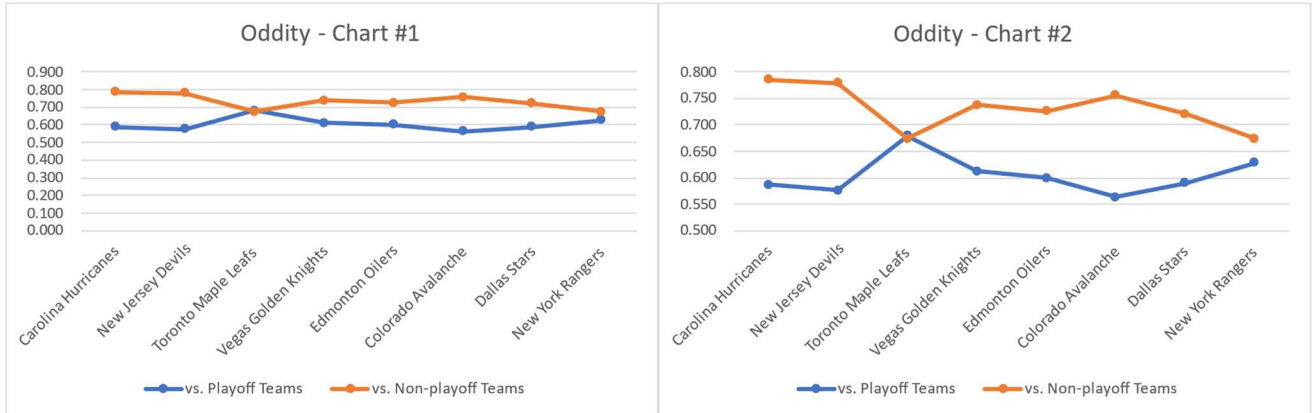


The oddity for Toronto is that they had a better record against playoff-bound teams than against teams that didn't make the playoffs.

It is usually a good idea to ensure charts go down to 0.000, as does Chart #1. In this specific instance, it is a good idea to zoom in on the actual data range, as in Chart #2. This could be considered a statistical trick, as it emphasizes the difference between the blue and orange lines. That's okay with this oddity because it is the difference which is interesting.

I think a bar chart best displays the oddity.
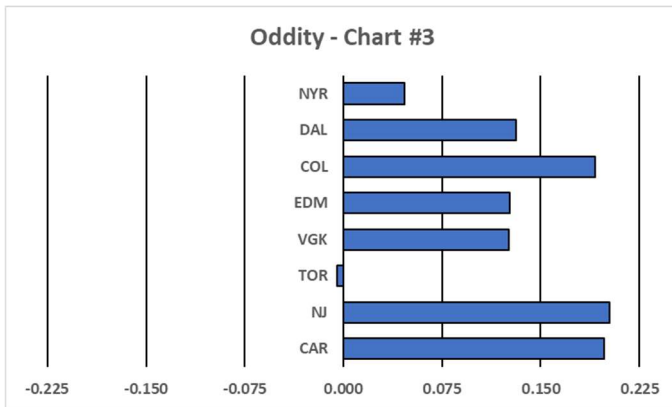


The hardest part about this chart is coming up with a title: I couldn't think of a title that fit inside the chart. "Points Percentage Difference Between Non-Playoff Opponents and Playoff Opponents" is less a title and more a paragraph, but it does explain what is being shown.

Also missing is an explanation of the horizontal scale. Bars going to the right show that a team had a better record against non-playoff teams: for example, Carolina's points-percentage against non-playoff teams was 0.198 higher than their points-percentage against playoff teams. The stub going to the left shows that Toronto had a slightly better record against playoff teams. The different lengths of bars show just how odd Toronto's record against non-playoff teams was, compared to teams that had about the same record.

You'll also notice that I used abbreviations in place of team names. Full team names just made the chart messier to read.

Is focusing on Toronto's record against non-playoff teams a slight to the Leafs? I don't think so, but we could also chart Toronto's record against the playoff-bound teams.



Oddity - Chart #4
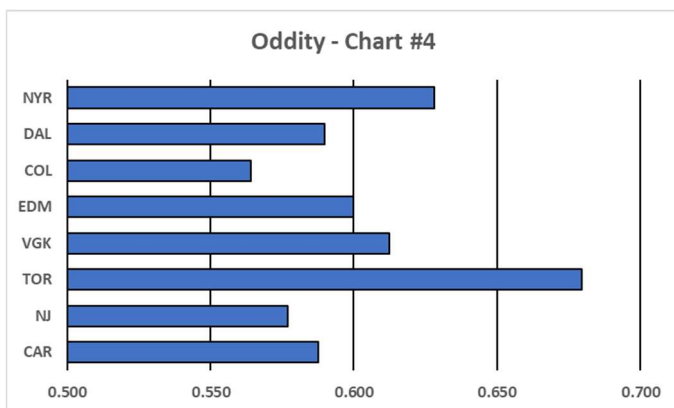
It goes to figure. If Toronto had an unusually poor record against non-playoff teams compared to the teams close to them in the standings, they had to have been better against playoff-bound teams.

Which chart you'd use depends on what you want to focus on.

Toronto's relatively poor play against the lesser lights of the league did not hurt them in the standings. Given their record against playoff-bound teams, they should have gone 33-6-4 against non-playoff teams. That would have given them 123 points instead of the 111 points they actually had. They would have been in exactly the same playoff slot, and would have faced exactly the same first-round opponent.

### Team Essay #2 – Respect Given, Grudgingly

Auston Matthews was the sixth best center in the league, and he was the most disruptive forward in the league (DX – Disruption Index). If you watch a Leaf game and pay attention to what Matthews does when the opposition has the puck, you are bound to be impressed.

John Tavares had the fourth highest powerplay rating in the league (PX – Powerplay Index). No, really, he was fourth in the league. He was the highest rated powerplay specialist that did not play for the Edmonton Oilers.

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Mitchell Marner was the 13th most productive player in the league (Productivity Rating), and Auston Matthews was the 3rd most valuable player in the league (Value Rating).

Mark Giordano was the oldest player in the league, and Toronto got more than their money's worth from him.