

## 2022-23 Season Review – Vancouver Canucks

### Standings

Vancouver Canucks							League	
Season	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA	Rank	PlyOff
2021-22	40	30	12	92	246	231	18	No
2022-23	38	37	7	83	270	296	22	No
<b>Change</b>	<b>-2</b>	<b>+7</b>	<b>-5</b>	<b>-9</b>	<b>+24</b>	<b>-65</b>	<b>-4</b>	

### Team Record by Game Type

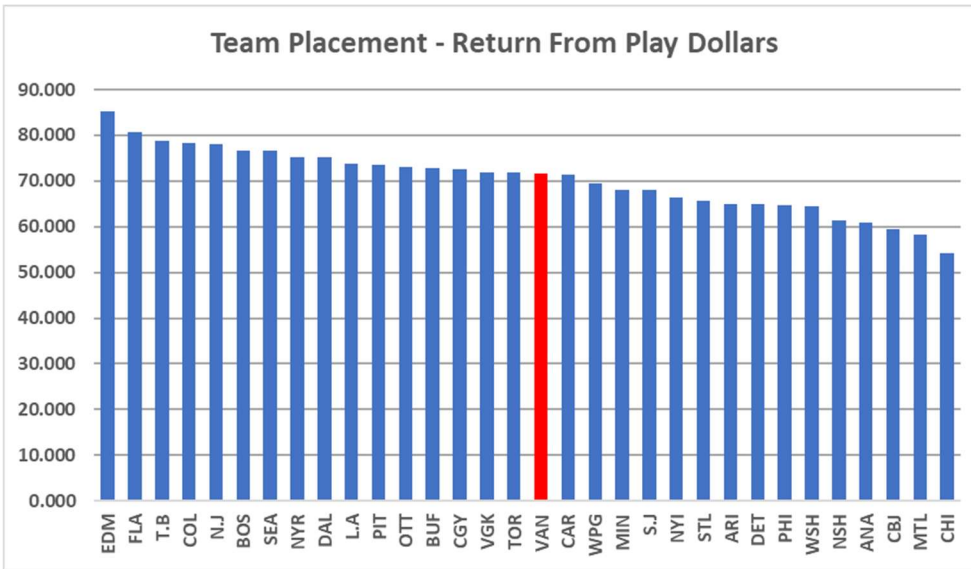
Game Type	GP	Record	Point %
OT/SO	21	14 - 0 - 7	0.833
Best 10-Game Streak	10	8 - 2 - 0	0.800
Vs. Non-Playoff Team	40	24 - 11 - 5	0.663
Scoring Exactly 3 Goals	15	8 - 4 - 3	0.633
Fire-wagon Hockey (More than 8 goals in a game)	21	11 - 6 - 4	0.619
Away Games	41	19 - 17 - 5	0.524
<b>All Games</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>38 - 37 - 7</b>	<b>0.506</b>
Home Games	41	19 - 20 - 2	0.488
Defensive Battles (fewer than 4 goals in a game)	5	2 - 3 - 0	0.400
2-Goal Margin	10	4 - 6 - 0	0.400
Conceding Exactly 3 Goals	13	5 - 8 - 0	0.385
Vs. Playoff Team	42	14 - 26 - 2	0.357
1-Goal Margin (Excluding overtime games)	18	6 - 12 - 0	0.333
Blowouts (More than 4-goal margin)	3	1 - 2 - 0	0.333
Worst 10-Game Streak	10	2 - 8 - 0	0.200

### Talent Distribution

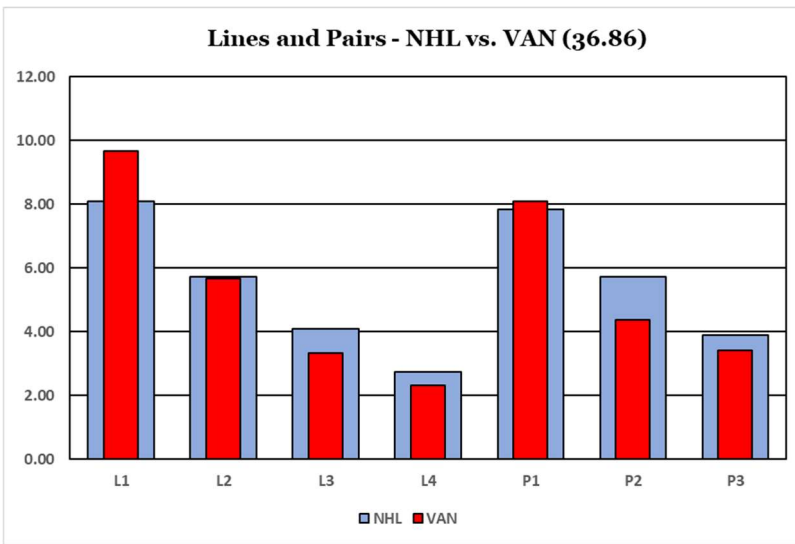
Count by Category			PR% by Age Group			PR% by Draft Status		
PR Category	Fwd	Def	Age Group	NHL PR%	Team PR%	Draft Status	NHL PR%	Team PR%
PR-Elite	2	1	18 to 23	18%	19%	Drafted by Current Team	48%	35%
PR-Star	0	0	24 to 28	45%	57%	Drafted by Other Team	41%	51%
PR-First5	1	0	29 to 33	29%	24%	Undrafted	10%	14%
PR-Regular	3	3	34+	8%	0%			
PR-Fringe	7	2						
PR-CallUp	9	10						

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### Return From Play



### Lines and Pairs



<b>L1</b>	Elias Pettersson	J.T. Miller	Andrei Kuzmenko
<b>L2</b>	Bo Horvat	Brock Boeser	Conor Garland
<b>L3</b>	Dakota Joshua	Ilya Mikheyev	Sheldon Dries
<b>L4</b>	Nils Aman	Phillip Di Giuseppe	Curtis Lazar
<b>P1</b>	Quinn Hughes	Tyler Myers	
<b>P2</b>	Ethan Bear	Oliver Ekman-Larsson	
<b>P3</b>	Luke Schenn	Kyle Burroughs	

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### Team Leaders – Stapled To The Bench Categories

Category	Name	Rating
Most Productive	Elias Pettersson	PR-Elite
Most Valuable	J.T. Miller	VR-Star
Best Center	Elias Pettersson	#1 Center
Most Disruptive	Elias Pettersson	DX-A
Best Power Player	J.T. Miller	PX-A+
Best Penalty Killer	Elias Pettersson	KX-D

### Team Leaders – On-Ice Situations

VAN - Team Leaders in Various On-Ice Situations		
Most Time 5v5	Most Time Power Play	Most Time Penalty Kill
Quinn Hughes	J.T. Miller	Tyler Myers
Tyler Myers	Quinn Hughes	Elias Pettersson
J.T. Miller	Elias Pettersson	J.T. Miller
Elias Pettersson	Andrei Kuzmenko	Ethan Bear
Conor Garland	Brock Boeser	Quinn Hughes
Most Time 3v3	Most Used Off. Zone FO	Most Used Def. Zone FO
Quinn Hughes	Elias Pettersson	Tyler Myers
Elias Pettersson	Quinn Hughes	Oliver Ekman-Larsson
J.T. Miller	Andrei Kuzmenko	Conor Garland
Brock Boeser	Brock Boeser	J.T. Miller
Andrei Kuzmenko	J.T. Miller	Luke Schenn

### Team Essay – Increasing Talent

The phrase that best describes the talent on Vancouver is “top heavy.” Three Canucks are in the PR-Elite category, with Colorado and Edmonton being the only other teams with three PR-Elites.

Vancouver’s PR-Elites are Elias Pettersson, Quinn Hughes and J.T. Miller. As to PR-Star level players, they have none. As to PR-First5 level players, they have Andrei Kuzmenko. If you’re scoring this at home, that’s Three PR-Elites, zero PR-Stars, one PR-First5. The table below shows how Vancouver’s top talent compares to the league average for a team.

	PR Elite	PR Star	PR First5	Total
League Average	$\frac{5}{8}$	$1\frac{3}{4}$	4	$6\frac{1}{3}$
Vancouver Canucks	3	0	1	4

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Forgive me with having a little fun with fractions. I could have said the average team have 0.625 PR-Elite players (the same thing) but I decided to use an irrational number instead of a rational number.

One of two things must happen for Vancouver to improve next season: they acquire talent from other teams, or their current players improve. Looking internally, Vancouver had five PR-Regular players that were with them at the end of the season: Brock Boeser (25 years old), Tyler Myers (32), Conor Garland (26), Ethan Bear (25) and Oliver Ekman-Larson (31).

Boeser and Bear missed 8 and 21 games respectively last year, but would have just made the PR-First5 rating had they played all games (at the rate they were playing). That leaves Conor Garland and two senior citizens (Myers, Ekman-Larson). To see what the chances were that they would improve, I looked at fifteen seasons' worth of data.

I found all players who played a season between 2007-08 and 2021-22, who were in the PR-Regular category and who had played at least 70 games (to get actual PR-Regular players instead of better players who dropped into PR-Regular because they missed a lot of games). I then counted what they did in the next season: improved, held (had another PR-Regular season), declined or didn't play. The table below shows the results.

PR-Regular Progression in Next Season				
Age Range	Improved	Held	Declined	Didn't Play
19-23	31%	40%	22%	7%
24-28	24%	37%	26%	12%
29-33	15%	36%	26%	24%
34-38	10%	23%	16%	52%

Garland, who is in the 24-28 age range, has 1 in 4 chances to improve, while the chances for Myers and Ekman-Larson (29-33) are 1 in 7. The chances that all three will improve are (math math math) 1 in 196.

Maybe the Canucks should look at the trade market.

### Team Paragraph – Lack of Success

Players drafted by the Canucks had the lowest total PR-Score of any team (excluding Vegas and Seattle, recent additions to the league). Four draftees account for almost 60% of the Canucks PR-Score total: Elias Pettersson, Quinn Hughes, Bo Horvat and Gustav Forsling.