



# POSTGAME NOTES

## OCTOBER 10, 2024 at BUFFALO



1-0-0 (Pacific: T-1st | Western: T-1st)

RECORD

0-3-0 (Atlantic: 8th | Eastern: 16th)

3.00 (10th)

GOALS FOR PER GAME (LEAGUE RANK)

1.00 (19th)

1.00 (3rd)

GOALS AGAINST PER GAME (LEAGUE RANK)

3.33 (11th)

1/5 – 20% (10th)

POWERPLAY (LEAGUE RANK)

0/11 – 0.0% (32nd)

100% (1st)

PENALTY KILL (LEAGUE RANK)

81.8% (12th)

### FINAL SCORE

<b>SABRES</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>KINGS</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>

### KINGS NOTES

- Forward **Anze Kopitar** (3-0=3) scored all three of the Kings goals tonight to register his seventh career hat trick, passing **Wayne Gretzky** and **Dustin Brown** for sole possession of sixth-most hat tricks in franchise history.
- With his goals, Kopitar extended his season-opening point streak to seven games dating back to 2018-19 (8-8=16 in 7 GP), the longest such streak in franchise history, and trails only **Filip Forsberg** (9GP, 4-8=12) for the longest such active run in the NHL.
- The markers were Kopitar's 10th, 11th and 12th career goals in a season-opening game; only **Alex Ovechkin** (13G in 19 GP) has more such goals amongst active skaters. Per NHL PR, Kopitar, who also netted three goals on Oct. 14, 2021, became just the fifth player in NHL history to record a hat trick in multiple season-opening contests, joining **Auston Matthews**, **Connor McDavid**, **Brendan Shanahan**, and **Cam Neeley**.
- The hat trick marked the 420th, 421st, and 422nd of Kopitar's career, tying **Owen Nolan** for 89th on the NHL's all-time goal-scoring list.
- The middle tally of the trifecta marked the captain's 72nd career game-winning goal, one shy of tying **Marcel Dionne** (73) for the most in Kings franchise history.
- Five different Kings assisted on Kopitar's hat trick: defenseman **Joel Edmundson** earned his first point as a King while **Quinton Byfield**, **Kevin Fiala**, **Adrian Kempe**, **Alex Laferriere**, and **Jordan Spence** all recorded an assist apiece for their first points of the season.
- Goaltender **Darcy Kuemper** stopped 33 of 34 shots faced in the victory, including a penalty shot attempt by Sabres forward **Ryan McLeod**. Kuemper improves his all-time penalty shot record to three saves against four attempts. This was Kuemper's first penalty shot against since stopping Calgary's **Blake Coleman** on Oct. 16, 2023 with Washington.
- Forward **Andre Lee** played in his first career NHL game tonight, recording two shots on goal and two hits.

### POSTGAME AUDIO

- LAK: Head Coach Jim Hiller, Anze Kopitar, Darcy Kuemper, and Andre Lee.
- *Please allow up to 60 minutes postgame for all files to be published.*

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### KINGS PRACTICE SCHEDULE (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

The LA Kings will practice tomorrow, Oct. 11 at 1:00 p.m. ET at Warrior Ice Arena in Boston, Mass. The team will return to action on Saturday, Oct. 12 against the Boston Bruins at 1:00 p.m. ET before continuing their seven-game road-trip through Ottawa (Oct. 14), Toronto (Oct. 16), Montreal (Oct. 17), Anaheim (Oct. 20) and Vegas (Oct. 22). For further details and player requests, please contact Justin Cummings ([jcummings@lakings.com](mailto:jcummings@lakings.com)).



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