

POSTGAME NOTES

MARCH 8, 2025 vs. ST. LOUIS



32-20-9 (Pacific: 3rd Western: 7th)	RANK	31-27-7 (Central: 5th Western: 9th)
0/2 - 0.0%	POWERPLAY	0/2 - 0.0%
2/2 – 100.0%	PENALTY KILL	2/2 – 100.0%
24	SHOTS ON GOAL	20
30/58 – 51.7%	FACEOFES WON	28/58 - 48.3%

FINAL SCORE (OT)

BLUES	0	0	1	0	1
KINGS	1	0	0	1	2

KINGS NOTES

- Forward **Quinton Byfield** (1-0=1) fired home his second overtime goal of the season (also Dec. 28 vs. EDM) to seal tonight's victory over the Blues. Byfield is now the only skater selected in the 2020 NHL Draft to have scored multiple overtime goals this season.
- Forward **Anze Kopitar** (1-0=1) opened the scoring this evening with his 15th goal of the season, reaching the 15-goal plateau for the 16th time in his career.
- With the goal, Kopitar (21-44=65) ties **Alexander Ovechkin** (21-17=38) for the third most cumulative goals scored against the Blues amongst active NHL players. Per NHL PR, Kopitar (670) also passes **Luc Robitaille** (669) for sole possession the second most home points in Kings history, trailing only **Marcel Dionne** (700).
- Defenseman **Drew Doughty** (0-1=1) notched his fifth assist of the season. The assist marked his 33rd career helper against the St. Louis Blues, tying **Ryan Suter** for the most assists against St. Louis by an active defenseman.
- Doughty played in his 595th career home game tonight, passing **Chris Phillips** (594) for sole possession of the 40th most by a defenseman in League history.
- Doughty and Kopitar factored on the same goal for the 307th time to pass **Bobby Orr** and **Phil Esposito** (306) and tie **Sidney Crosby** and **Kris Letang** (307) most by a forward-defenseman duo in League history. Only **Wayne Gretzky** and **Paul Coffey** (350) and have done so more times.
- Defenseman **Mikey Anderson** (0-1=1) notched his 12th assist of the season and now has helpers in back-to-back games (0-2=2). The assist marks the 59th of his career, breaking a tie with Vancouver's **Carson Soucy** for the third most all-time among active NHL defenseman from the University of Minnesota-Duluth.
- Forward **Adrian Kempe** (0-1=1) assisted on Byfield's overtime tally with his 25th helper of the campaign. Kempe has now reached the quarter-century mark in the assist column for the third consecutive season.
- Goaltender **Darcy Kuemper** turned aside 19 of the Blues' 20 shots on goal to improve his record to 19-8-7 on the year.
- With tonight's victory, the Kings' home record now stands at 20-3-4 through 27 games played at Crypto.com Arena. This marks the fastest pace to reach the 20-win mark at home in franchise history (previous best: 20-9-1 in 30GP, 2005-06).

POSTGAME AUDIO

- LAK: Head Coach Jim Hiller, Adrian Kempe, and Andrei Kuzmenko.
- STL: Head Coach Jim Montgomery, Zack Bolduc, Joel Hofer, Nick Leddy.
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KINGS PRACTICE SCHEDULE (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

The LA Kings will play the second leg of this weekend's back-to-back set when they return to action tomorrow, Sunday, March 9, as they visit the Vegas Golden Knights at T-Mobile Arena at 5:00 p.m. PST. For further details and player requests, please contact Justin Cummings (<u>icummings@lakings.com</u>).



