



# POSTGAME NOTES

JANUARY 3, 2026 v. MINNESOTA



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RECORD

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1/3 – 33.3%

POWER PLAY

1/4 – 25.0%

3/4 – 75.0%

PENALTY KILL

2/3 – 66.6%

38

SHOTS ON GOAL

28

32/63 – 50.8%

FACEOFFS WON

31/63 – 49.2%

## FINAL SCORE (SO)

WILD	1	1	2	0	(1)	4
KINGS	1	1	2	0	(2)	5

## KINGS NOTES (1 OF 2)

- Forward **Quinton Byfield** (1-1=2) forged his second consecutive multi-point game against the Minnesota Wild (1-1=2 on Oct. 13, 2025) by scoring his sixth goal and 17th assist of the season. Byfield has now recorded six points (3-3=6) over his last five games against Minnesota, dating back to Nov. 5, 2024.
- Only Carolina Hurricanes forward **Seth Jarvis** (6 A) has recorded more assists against the Wild among skaters selected in the 2020 NHL Draft than Byfield's five, while Byfield's eight points (3-5=8) tie **Tim Stützle** (3-5=8), **Jake Neighbours** (6-2=8) and **Lucas Raymond** (6-2=8) for the most points among 2020 NHL Draft selections.
- Forward **Adrian Kempe** (1-0=1) scored his 14th goal of the season, tying **Kevin Fiala** for the most goals by a Kings skater this season. Kempe also extends his goal streak against the Wild to a fourth game, dating back to Dec. 7, 2024, joining **Jeff Carter** (4 G from March 30 – Oct. 3, 2013) as the only two Kings players to record a four-game goal streak against the Wild in team history.
- The goal is Kempe's 10th goal and 22nd career point (10-12=22) through 30 career games played against the Minnesota Wild. The native of Kramfors, Sweden, now ranks 10th among Swedish-born players in career goals scored against the Wild, breaking a tie with both **Erik Karlsson** (9 G) and **William Nylander** (9 G).
- Forward **Corey Perry** (1-0=1) scored his ninth goal of the season tonight, his 25th career goal and 46th point (25-21=46) against the Minnesota Wild through 58 meetings with the Central Division club. In doing so, he ties **Patrick Kane** (25 G) for the fourth-most goals scored against the Wild in NHL history and breaks a tie with **Gabriel Landeskog** (21=24=45) for 13th most points against Minnesota all-time.
- Forward **Samuel Hedenius** (1-0=1) found the scoresheet for the first time this season by scoring his fifth career goal to give the Kings a 4-3 lead in the final eight minutes of regulation.
- Captain **Anze Kopitar** (0-1=1) picked up his 15th assist of the campaign tonight. This marks his 44th career helper against the Minnesota Wild, tying **Daniel Sedin** (44 A) for the second most assists against the Wild in NHL history. Kopitar has now recorded 14 points (3-11=14) over his last 14 games against the Wild, dating back to Oct. 16, 2021.
- Tonight's contest marked the captain's 70th career game against Minnesota, becoming the sixth skater in League history to play as many against the franchise. He joins **Paul Stastny** (73 GP), **Patrick Marleau** (73 GP), **Daniel Sedin** (82 GP), **Jarome Iginla** (84 GP) and **Henrik Sedin** (86 GP).
- With his 853rd career assist, Kopitar also passes **Bobby Clarke** (852 A) and ties Penguins forward **Evgeni Malkin** (853 A) for the 27th most assists in NHL history.
- The 38-year-old center also becomes the 20th different skater in NHL history to record 20 or more 15-assist campaigns.
- Kopitar now has 1,299 career points (446-853=1,299) and sits one point shy of becoming the 39th skater in NHL history to record 1,300 career points. Per NHL PR, the native of Jesenice, Slovenia, would become the eighth player born outside of North America with 1,300 career points, joining **Jaromir Jagr** (1,921), **Alex Ovechkin** (1,657), **Stan Mikita** (1,467), **Teemu Selanne** (1,457), **Jari Kurri** (1,398), **Evgeni Malkin** (1,375) and **Mats Sundin** (1,349).
- Forward **Alex Laferriere** (0-1=1) collected his ninth assist of the season on Kempe's game-opening goal. The 24-year-old forward has 19 points (10-9=19) on the season and now has points (1-1=2) across each of his last pair of home games against the Wild, dating back to Dec. 7, 2024.



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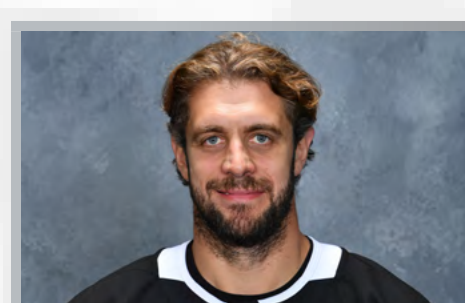
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- Defenseman **Brandt Clarke** (0-1=1) picked up his 14th assist of the campaign on Perry's power play goal, boosting his team-leading totals in both assists and points (5-14=19) by a Kings defenseman this season.
- The assist marks Clarke's fourth point (0-4=4) over his last four home games, dating back to Dec. 23, 2025, versus Seattle, and also stands as his first career home point against Minnesota through two games played at Crypto.com Arena.
- Clarke also scored the deciding goal in his first career shootout attempt.
- Forward Kevin Fiala (0-1=1) forged his 14th assist and 28th point of the season. With the helper, Fiala extended his point streak against his former team to an eighth game, (3-7=10), dating back to Oct. 19, 2023, breaking a three-way tie with teammate Anze Kopitar (2-9=11 in 7 GP from Feb. 24, 2011 – April 4, 2013) and **Jack Johnson** (2-6=8 in 7 GP from Feb. 24, 2009 – Oct. 25, 2010) for the longest point streak against the Wild in Kings history.
- Forward **Alex Turcotte** (0-1=1) collected his fifth assist of the season on Helenius' tally, the 24-year-old's first career point against the Minnesota Wild.
- Goaltender **Darcy Kuemper** made 24 saves in regulation and overtime and turned aside two of three shootout attempts to earn his 11th win of the campaign, his sixth career victory against the club that selected him in the sixth round (161st overall) of the 2009 NHL Draft.
- Tonight's contest was the Kings' 15th contest of the season to require extra time, tied with the Vegas Golden Knights and tonight's opponent, the Minnesota Wild, for the most among all NHL clubs so far this season.



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**POINTS AWAY**  
446 G • 853 A = 1,299

**LA KINGS FRANCHISE SCORING RECORD**  
**MARCEL DIONNE (1,307)**

## POSTGAME AUDIO

- LAK: Head Coach Jim Hiller, Quinton Byfield and Samuel Helenius.
- MIN: Head Coach John Hynes, Matt Boldy, Brock Faber, Jake Middleton, and Jesper Wallstedt.
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## KINGS PRACTICE SCHEDULE (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

The LA Kings will have a scheduled day off tomorrow, Sunday, Jan. 4. The team will return to action on Monday, Jan. 5, at 7:30 p.m. PST when they host the Minnesota Wild at Crypto.com Arena for the two teams' second consecutive meeting in DTLA. The Kings will hold a morning skate at 10:30 a.m. PST at Toyota Sports Performance Center in El Segundo, Calif., ahead of Monday's game. For further details and player requests, please contact Justin Cummings ([jcummings@lakings.com](mailto:jcummings@lakings.com)).



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