



POSTGAME NOTES

DECEMBER 18, 2025 at TAMPA BAY



15-10-9 (Pacific: 4th | Western: 7th)

RECORD

18-13-3 (Atlantic: 4th | Eastern: 8th)

0/1 – 0.0%

POWER PLAY

1/5 – 20.0%

4/5 – 80.0%

PENALTY KILL

1/1 – 100.0%

20

SHOTS ON GOAL

32

29/64 – 45.3%

FACEOFFS WON

35/64 – 54.7%

FINAL SCORE

LIGHTNING	1	0	0	1
KINGS	0	2	0	2

KINGS NOTES

- Forward **Adrian Kempe** (2-0=2) tallied both his 12th and 13th goals of the year tonight at Benchmark International Arena, leapfrogging **Kevin Fiala** (12 G) for the most by a Kings skater this season.
- Kempe's second-period goal marked his first career point in Tampa, while his go-ahead marker secured his 100th career multi-point effort and team-leading eighth such effort of the current campaign. The native of Kramfors, Sweden, ties **Ziggy Palffy** (100 GP) for the 14th most multi-point games in Kings franchise history while breaking a tie with Palffy (29 GP) with his 30th career multi-goal game. Only nine skaters in Kings history have recorded more multi-goal games than Kempe has.
- Captain **Anze Kopitar** (0-1=1) provided the primary set-up on Kempe's first goal, his 11th assist of the 2025-26 season. Kopitar now has 849 career assists and 1,295 points (446-849=1,295); he needs just 12 points to tie **Marcel Dionne** (550-757=1,307) for the LA Kings franchise scoring record.
- Kopitar's assist tonight also marked his 200th career point (66-134=200) in the month of December, marking his third different calendar month with 200 points (235 in March; 200 in February). He is joined by Marcel Dionne as the only two skaters in LA Kings history with at least 200 career points in multiple months.
- The 38-year-old center skated in his 1,484th career regular season game tonight in Tampa, tying fellow two-time Frank J. Selke Trophy-winner **Rod Brind'Amour** for 28th most games played in NHL history.
- Forward **Corey Perry** (0-1=1) notched his eighth assist of the season on Kempe's game-tying goal and is now within two helpers of tying **Larry Robinson** (10 in 1991-92) for the most assists in a season by a Kings player age 40 or older, per NHL PR.
- Perry played in his 713th career regular-season road game this evening, tying **Mike Gartner** (713 GP) for 35th most in NHL history.
- The Kings had 21 blocked shots (BkS) tonight, their third highest single-game total this season behind Oct. 28 at San Jose (23 BkS) and Nov. 28 at Anaheim (24 BkS).
- Goaltender **Anton Forsberg** made 31 saves on 32 shots on goal to earn his fifth victory of the campaign, his fifth career victory against the Tampa Bay Lightning.

POSTGAME AUDIO

- LAK: Head Coach Jim Hiller, Anton Forsberg, and Adrian Kempe.
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KINGS PRACTICE SCHEDULE (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

The LA Kings will have a scheduled day off tomorrow, Dec. 19, and will next practice on Saturday, Dec. 20 at 11:00 a.m. PST at Toyota Sports Performance Center in El Segundo, Calif.. The team will return to action on Monday, Dec. 22 at 7:00 p.m. PST when they host the Columbus Blue Jackets at Crypto.com Arena to begin a three-game homestand (Dec. 23 v. SEA; Dec. 27 v. ANA) in Los Angeles. For further details and player requests, please contact Justin Cummings (jcummings@lakings.com).



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