



POSTGAME NOTES

FEBRUARY 25, 2026 v. VEGAS



23-20-14 (Pacific: 5th | Western: 9th)

RECORD

28-16-14 (Pacific: 1st | Western: 4th)

1/1 – 100.0%

POWER PLAY

1/2 – 50.0%

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PENALTY KILL

0/1 – 0.0%

19

SHOTS ON GOAL

25

27/52 – 51.9%

FACEOFFS WON

25/52 – 48.1%

FINAL SCORE

GOLDEN KNIGHTS	1	0	5	6
KINGS	1	1	2	4

KINGS NOTES (1 OF 2)

- Forward **Quinton Byfield** (2-0=2) scored his 12th goal of the season, his fourth strike on the man-advantage, before following with his 13th goal of the year to secure his first multi-goal effort of the campaign. In doing so, Byfield tied both **Alex Laferriere** (13 G) and **Andrei Kuzmenko** (13 G) the third-most goals by a Kings skater on the campaign.
- Forward **Adrian Kempe** (1-1=2) fired home his team-leading 21st goal and 27th assist (21-27=48) of the season. With his pace-setting 10th multi-point game of the campaign tonight, Kempe has 12 points (6-6=12) in his last 10 games played, and 14 points (4-10=14) in his last 12 games against the Golden Knights.
- Defenseman **Brandt Clarke** (1-1=2) collected his 22nd assist and ninth power play point (1-8=9) of the campaign. With the assist, Clarke ties his career-high (2-7=9 in 2024-25) nine power play points. Clarke then scored his seventh goal of the season to leapfrog also ties **Corey Perry** (11-17=28) for sole possession of fourth-most points on the team in points with (7-22=29.)
- Forward **Artemi Panarin** (0-2=2) recorded an assist on Byfield's power play tally, marking the 34-year-old's first point as a member of the LA Kings. By finding the scoresheet in his debut appearance in black-and-silver, Panarin has now recorded points in his inaugural game with four different franchises (CHI, CBJ, NYR & LAK). The only active players to do so with more teams are **Erik Gustafsson**, **Evander Kane** and **Anthony Duclair** (all w/ 5). **Ray Whitney** has performed the feat the most among all skaters in NHL history, scoring in his debut with eight different franchises, per NHL PR.
- The native of Korkino, Russia, became the third Kings player in the past 20 years to record multiple assists in their team debut, following **Vladimir Tkachev** (0-2=2 on Oct. 14, 2021) and **Ryan Smyth** (0-2=2 on Oct. 3, 2009), per NHL PR.
- Panarin then provided an assist on Kempe's go-ahead marker in the second period, his 40th helper of the campaign. The 34-year-old winger has recorded 40 or more assists in each of his first 11 seasons, becoming the 41st different skater to reach the 40-assist mark 11 or more times. He joins **Evgeni Malkin** (12x) as just the second Russian-born skater to do so.
- Panarin also joins **Jaromir Jagr** (12 from 1995-96 – 2007-08) and **Peter Stastny** (11 from 1980-81 – 1990-91) as the third player born outside of North America to post a run of that length in NHL history. Panarin is the only active player with a streak of that length.
- The pair of assists were recorded in Panarin's 400th career home game and mark the 299th and 300th home assists of his career. Panarin becomes the 10th Russian skater in NHL history to record 300 career home helpers, the first undrafted Russian skater to do so.
- Forward **Andrei Kuzmenko** (0-2=2) registered his 11th assist of the season on Byfield's second tally of the evening before adding his 12th with a secondary helper on Clarke's goal. Kuzmenko extends his home point streak to a third game (3-2=5), dating back to Jan. 20 vs. NYR, and has now recorded six points (3-3=6) over his last five home games.
- Captain **Anze Kopitar** (0-1=1) notched his 17th assist of the year, extending his point streak against the Vegas Golden Knights to a fourth game (1-4=5), dating back to March 9, 2025. Kopitar's assist marked the 1,301st point (446-855=1,301) of his career, breaking a tie with **Jarome Iginla** (625-675=1,300) for sole possession of the 38th-most points in League history. The captain is now just seven points shy of tying **Marcel Dionne** (550-757=1,307) for the most points in LA Kings franchise history.
- Kopitar concludes his 39th and final career regular-season meeting with the Vegas Golden Knights as the League's all-time leader in goals (16), assists (28), points (16-28=45), and power play points (4-12=16) against the Pacific Division rival from Nevada.



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- Kopitar also skated in his 1,496th career regular-season game tonight, breaking a tie with **Phil Housley** (1,495 GP) for sole possession of the of the 26th-most games played among all skaters in NHL history.
- Defenseman **Drew Doughty** played his 1,256th career game regular-season NHL game tonight, tying both **Craig Ludwig** and **Duncan Keith** for the 28th-most games played by a defenseman in League history.
- Defenseman **Mikey Anderson** played his 400th career game this evening, becoming the 15th defenseman in Kings history to reach the mark. The native of Roseville, Minn., joins St. Paul, Minn. native **Craig Johnson** (429 GP), as the only two Minnesota-born skaters to reach 400 games played with the franchise.
- Anderson becomes the sixth defenseman selected in the 2017 NHL Draft to reach the 400-game milestone. Among all skaters selected in 2017, Anderson's career +73 plus/minus rating trails only Dallas' **Jason Robertson** (+115) and Colorado's **Cale Makar** (+164).



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POINTS AWAY

446 G - 855 A = 1,301

LA KINGS FRANCHISE SCORING RECORD

MARCEL DIONNE (1,307)

POSTGAME AUDIO

- LAK: Head Coach Jim Hiller, Quinton Byfield, and Artemi Panarin
- VGK: Head Coach Bruce Cassidy, Pavel Dorofeyev, Tanner Laczynski, and Colton Sissons
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KINGS PRACTICE SCHEDULE (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

The LA Kings will return for the second half of their 11th set of back-to-back games tomorrow, Thursday, Feb. 26, when they host the Edmonton Oilers at Crypto.com Arena at 7:30 p.m. PST. The team will not hold a morning skate prior to tomorrow's contest. For further details and player requests, please contact Justin Cummings (jcumings@lakings.com).



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