

# LAKLOOKAHEAD

JANUARY 4, 2025 vs. TAMPA BAY



Pacific: 2nd | Western: 4th | League: 7th RANK Atlantic: 4th | Eastern: 7th | League: 16th

3.14 (12th) GOALS FOR PER GAME (LEAGUE RANK) 3.86 (1st)

2.54 (4th) GOALS AGAINST PER GAME (LEAGUE RANK) 2.80 (10th)

15/93 – 16.1% (27th) POWER PLAY (LEAGUE RANK) 28/106 – 26.4% (3rd)

93/113 – 82.3% (9th) PENALTY KILL (LEAGUE RANK) 81/99 – 81.8% (11th)

## AT A GLANCE

#### **POPPIN' BOTTLES ON NEW YEAR'S DAY**

Forward **Andre Lee** scored his first career NHL goal Wednesday afternoon against the Devils, a breakaway tally which also stood as the game-winning goal (GWG). In doing so, Lee became the seventh skater in franchise history to score their first career goal against the Devils franchise, and only the second to do so at home, joining **Daryl Evans** (March 3, 1982 vs. then-Rockies). Per NHL PR, Lee also became the 29th player in NHL history to score their first career goal on Jan. 1 and just the third to do so in the last 13 seasons (**Jake Lucchini** in 2023 w/ OTT & **Will Borgen** in 2022 w/ SEA). Other notable players to do so include **Todd Elik** (1990 – only other LA Kings player to do so) as well as Hockey Hall of Famers **Willie O'Ree** (1961), **Leo Boivin** (1953) and **Bill Gadsby** (1947).

#### **PHILLING UP THE NET**

During the Kings' 3-0 shutout victory over the New Jersey Devils on New Year's Day, forward **Phillip Danault** (0-1=1) picked up his 17th assist of the season on **Quinton Byfield**'s insurance marker. In doing so, Danault extended his assist streak to a career-best fifth game (0-5=5), dating back to Dec. 19, 2024, in Philadelphia. The current streak is the fourth time in his career he has had an assist streak of five games and his second such stretch this season (Nov. 2 – Nov. 9, 2024, 1-5=6). Danault, who faced-off against Tampa Bay in the 2021 Stanley Cup Final, has been dominant against the franchise since joining the Kings that following offseason. The 31-year-old pivot has scored four goals and added an assist (4-1=5) in six games against the Lightning beginning on Dec. 14, 2021.

#### **HOME SWEET HOME**

The Kings kicked off 2025 with a 3-0 shutout victory over the New Jersey Devils on New Year's Day to extend their home winning streak to eight games, tied for the third-longest such run in franchise history. It also the sixth different home winning streak of at least eight games in franchise history and matches the team's eight-game run at the end of the 2023-24 campaign. With Wednesday's win coming on the heels of the team's back-to-back sweep (4-3 W on Dec. 28 vs. EDM; 5-4 W on Dec. 29 vs. PHI) over the weekend in DTLA, the Kings skate into Crypto.com Arena with a home record of 13-2-1 with 27 points and a .844 points percentage (PTS %), the highest in the League this season.

## **SEASON SERIES**

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1.4.2025	LIGHTNING	0		1.30.2025	KINGS	0
CRYPTO.COM ARENA	KINGS	0		AMALIE ARENA	LIGHTNING	0

#### ACTIVE HEAD-TO-HEAD LEADERS

F - ANZE KOPITAR	24 GP, 17 PTS (3-14=17)	F - NIKITA KUCHEROV	17 GP, 23 PTS (9-14=23)
D - DREW DOUGHTY	23 GP, 10 PTS (4-6=10)	D - VICTOR HEDMAN	21 GP, 15 PTS (7-8=15)
F - PHILLIP DANAULT	6 GP, 5 PTS (4-1=5)	F - BRAYDEN POINT	12 GP, 10 PTS (4-6=10)

#### PACIFIC DIVISION STANDINGS

TEAM	POINTS	W-L-OTL
	<b>55</b>	26-9-3
	49	<i>22-10-5</i>
MIFRS	47	<b>22-12-3</b>
	44	<i>18-11-8</i>
	<b>43</b>	<i>18-13-7</i>
	<b>37</b>	<i>17-19-3</i>
	<b>36</b>	<i>16-17-4</i>
	30	<i>12-23-6</i>

## 6:00 PM PST LOS ANGELES, CA









## **TEAM LEADERS**

POINTS	
A. KOPITAR	<b>39</b>
GOALS	
A. KEMPE	18
ASSISTS	
A. KOPITAR	<b>27</b>
PLUS/MINUS	
A. KEMPE	+19
SAVE PERCENTAGE	
D. KUEMPER	.916