

# LAK LOOKAHEAD

DECEMBER 28, 2024 vs. EDMONTON



19-10-5	REGULAR SEASON RECORD	21-11-2
19-10-2	REGULAR SEASUN REGURD	Z

Pacific: 3rd | Western: 5th | League: 10th RANK Pacific: 2nd | Western: 4th | League: 7th

3.06 (16th) GOALS FOR PER GAME (LEAGUE RANK) 3.26 (10th)

2.56 (3rd) GOALS AGAINST PER GAME (LEAGUE RANK) 2.79 (9th)

14/88 – 15.9% (25th) POWER PLAY (LEAGUE RANK) 19/88 – 21.6% (14th)

85/104 – 81.7% (11th) PENALTY KILL (LEAGUE RANK) 59/79 – 74.7% (26th)

## AT A GLANCE

#### **KING OF KINGS**

Captain **Anze Kopitar** returns to Los Angeles with five points (2-3=5) in his last five appearances, dating back to the Kings' 5-1 victory over the New York Rangers on Dec. 14. Kopitar looks to build on his team-leading 37 points (10-27=37) on the campaign tomorrow against the Pacific Division rival Edmonton Oilers. The captain played his first regular season game against the Oilers exactly 18 years ago tomorrow as he registered two points (0-2=2) in the Kings 7-4 victory at Rexall Place on Dec. 28, 2006. In his past four contests against Edmonton, the 37-year-old center has recorded three points (0-3=3) and has tallied an assist in each of the Oilers' last two visits to Crypto.com Arena, dating back to Dec. 30, 2023.

#### **HOME SWEET HOME**

The Kings return to Crypto.com Arena for their Saturday afternoon matinee as they kick off a five-game homestand against Edmonton, Philadelphia (Dec. 29), New Jersey (Jan. 1), Tampa Bay (Jan. 4) and Calgary (Dec. 8). In the team's last contest on home ice on Dec. 7, the Kings defeated the Minnesota Wild, 4-1, to improve their 2024-25 home record to 10-2-1 with 21 points and a .808 points percentage (PTS %), the second-highest in the league. Per NHL PR, as a result of their Dec. 7 victory, the Kings required the fewest games to 10 home wins since the 2014-15 campaign (10-2-1).

#### IT'S A BEAUT, CLARKE

Defenseman **Brandt Clarke** skates into Crypto.com Arena for his first career matchup with the Pacific Division rival Edmonton Oilers with seven points (1-6=7) in the team's 10 divisional matchups so far this season. The young blueliner is currently tied with **Adrian Kempe** for the most assists on the team after the two skaters each recorded their 16th helpers of the season on Sunday in the nation's capital. Clarke's 19 points (3-16=19) are the most by a Kings' blueliner this season and rank fifth overall on the team. Additionally, his 16 assists on the season are tied for the fourth most by any skater 21 years of age or younger and are second the most by a defenseman amongst that cohort.

#### SEASON SERIES

12.28.2024	OILERS 0	1.13.2025	KINGS 0	4.5.2025	OILERS 0	4.14.2025	KINGS	0
CRYPTO.COM ARENA	KINGS 0	ROGERS PLACE	OILERS 0	CRYPTO.COM ARENA	KINGS 0	ROGERS PLACE	OILERS	0
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#### ACTIVE HEAD-TO-HEAD LEADERS

F - ANZE KOPITAR	67 GP, 59 PTS (16-43=59)	F - CONNOR McDAVID	32 GP, 42 PTS (16-26=42)
D - DREW DOUGHTY	59 GP, 42 PTS (13-29=9)	F - LEON DRAISAITL	35 GP, 33 PTS (12-21=33)
F - TREVOR LEWIS	40 GP, 20 PTS (8-12=20)	F - RYAN NUGENT-HOPKINS	41 GP, 25 PTS (11-14=25)

### PACIFIC DIVISION STANDINGS

TEAM	POINTS	W-L-OTL
	49	23-8-3
TII.F.R.S	44	21-11-2
	43	<i>19-10-5</i>
	41	<i>17-10-7</i>
	<b>39</b>	<i>16-11-7</i>
	<b>32</b>	<b>15-19-2</b>
	<b>30</b>	<i>13-16-4</i>
	28	11-20-6

# 1:00 PM PST LOS ANGELES, CA









## **TEAM LEADERS**

POINTS	
A. KOPITAR	<b>37</b>
GOALS	
A. KEMPE	<b>16</b>
ASSISTS	
A. KOPITAR	<b>27</b>
PLUS/MINUS	
A. KEMPE	+17
SAVE PERCENTAGE	
D. KUEMPER	.911