



POSTGAME NOTES

JANUARY 5, 2026 v. MINNESOTA



18-14-9 (Pacific: 4th | Western: 8th)

RECORD

25-11-8 (Central: 3rd | Western: 3rd)

0/1 – 0.0%

POWER PLAY

1/6 – 16.7%

5/6 – 83.3%

PENALTY KILL

1/1 – 100.0%

33

SHOTS ON GOAL

34

26/54 – 48.1%

FACEOFFS WON

28/54 – 51.9%

FINAL SCORE

WILD	0	0	2	2
KINGS	0	2	2	4

KINGS NOTES

- Forward **Andrei Kuzmenko** (1-1=2) scored his ninth goal of the season after recording his seventh assist of the year to forge his third multi-goal game of the campaign. Kuzmenko becomes the second Russian-born skater in Kings history to record a multi-point effort against the Wild, joining **Alex Frolov** (2-1=3 on Dec. 31, 2009).
- Forward **Warren Foegele** (1-0=1) scored his sixth goal of the season, his fifth career goal against Minnesota, all of which have been scored at even-strength. Foegele's five even-strength goals vs. the Wild ties **David Pastrnak** and **Viktor Arvidsson** for the seventh-most EVG against the Wild among skaters selected in the 2014 NHL Draft.
- Forward **Kevin Fiala** (1-0=1) scored his 15th goal and 29th point of the season to push his point streak to a fourth consecutive game (2-3=5) for the second time this season (3-2=5 in 5 GP from Oct. 13 – 23, 2025).
- With the goal, Fiala extended his point streak against his former team to a ninth game (4-7=11), dating back to Oct. 19, 2023, which stands as the longest in Kings history against the Wild. It is also tied for the fourth-longest such streak in NHL history; the only players who have recorded a longer run against the Wild are **Erik Karlsson** (5-13=18 in 11 GP from Dec. 19, 2009 – Dec. 19, 2017), **Zach Hyman** (5-7=12 in 11 GP from Dec. 7, 2021 – Jan. 15, 2025), and **Alex Ovechkin** (15-10=25 in 13 GP from Nov. 24, 2008 – Nov. 13, 2018).
- Forward **Adrian Kempe** (1-0=1) scored his 15th of the season and extended his goal streak against the Wild to a fifth game, dating back to Dec. 7, 2024. In doing so, Kempe broke a tie with **Jeff Carter** (4G from March 30 – Oct. 3, 2013) for the longest goal streak against the Wild in Kings history. Tonight's empty-net goal marked Kempe's 11th tally and 23rd point (11-12=23) through 31 career games played against the Wild.
- Defenseman **Brian Dumoulin** (0-2=2) collected his ninth and 10th assists of the season tonight, marking his third multi-point game of the campaign. He joins **Brandt Clarke** (5 GP) and **Joel Edmundson** (3 GP) as the third Kings defenseman to record a trio of multi-point efforts through the first half of the 2025-26 campaign.
- Forward **Jeff Malott** (0-1=1) recorded his first assist of the season and his first career helper on home ice.
- Forward **Alex Turcotte** (0-1=1) picked up his sixth assist of the season, his second assist in as many games against the Wild. The assist stands as Turcotte's 25th career helper, becoming the third Illinois-born skater in Kings history to reach the quarter-century mark, joining **Joe Corvo** (50A) and **Tony Granato** (157 A). Turcotte (0-2=2 in 2 GP) joins Corvo (0-2=2 in 2 GP) as the only two Illinois-born skaters in Kings history with points in consecutive against the Minnesota Wild.
- Forward **Quinton Byfield** (0-1=1) notched his 18th assist of the campaign and now has five points (2-3=5) across three consecutive games against Minnesota. Byfield now has nine points (3-6=9) against the Wild through 12 career matchups.
- Byfield skated in his 300th career game tonight, becoming the eighth skater selected in the 2020 NHL Draft to reach the mark. At 23 years, 193 days, old, Byfield becomes the fourth-youngest skater to play 300 games with the Kings, trailing only **Doug Smith** (22y-249d), **Anze Kopitar** (22y-194d) and **Drew Doughty** (22y-89d). Byfield is also the fifth-youngest skater to play his 300th career NHL game as a member of the Kings, behind only Smith, Kopitar, **Rick Hampton** (22y-0164d) and Doughty.
- Forward **Alex Laferriere** (0-1=1) recorded his 10th assist of the season, his second consecutive game with a point against the Wild.
- Goaltender **Darcy Kuemper** made 32 saves on 34 shots to earn his 12th win of the campaign, his seventh career victory against the club that selected him in the sixth round (161st overall) of the 2009 NHL Draft.

POSTGAME AUDIO

- LAK: Head Coach Jim Hiller, Darcy Kuemper, and Andrei Kuzmenko.
- MIN: Head Coach John Hynes, Filip Gustavsson, Kirill Kaprizov, Jared Spurgeon, and Nico Sturm.
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The LA Kings will next practice tomorrow, Tuesday, Jan. 6, at 11:00 a.m. PST at Toyota Sports Performance Center (TSPC) in El Segundo, Calif.. The team will return to action on Wednesday, Jan. 7, at 7:30 p.m. PST when they host the San Jose Sharks at Crypto.com Arena, concluding the team's four-game homestand. The Kings will hold a morning skate at 10:30 a.m. PST at TSPC ahead of Wednesday's game. For further details and player requests, please contact Justin Cummings (jcummings@lakings.com).



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