

2007-08 Season Review and Playoff Media Guide



Detroit Red Wings 2008 Stanley Cup Playoffs

2008 President's Trophy Winners



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NOTES

In 2007-08, Detroit....

- Captured its sixth Presidents' Trophy in 13 years.
- Qualified for post-season play for the 17th consecutive season — the longest current streak in professional sports (The NY Yankees are second with 13).
- Qualified as a top-4 seed in the Stanley Cup Playoffs for the 16th consecutive year.
- Captured its seventh consecutive Central Division title (11 of last 14).
- Hit the 100-point plateau for the eighth consecutive season, tying the NHL record set by the Montreal Canadiens (1974-75 through 1981-82).
- Posted its fifth 50-win season in franchise history.
- Posted its third consecutive 50-win season, marking only the fourth time in NHL history a team has gone three straight years with 50 wins. The last time was 1975-76 through 1978-79 when Montreal went four years.
- Saw Head Coach Mike Babcock become the first coach in NHL history to post 50-win seasons in each of his first three years with a team.
- Led the NHL in Wins (54, ahead by 4), Points (115, ahead by 5), Goal Differential (+73, ahead by 33), Goals Against (2.18), Shots (34.4), Shots Against (23.5), and Face Off Percentage (53.3).
- Posted the NHL's best home record (29-9-3) and tied for the second-best road record (25-12-4 w/ Montreal).

Sixth Presidents' Trophy in 13 Years

- With a 3-2 victory over the Columbus Blue Jackets on Thursday night, the Detroit Red Wings captured the 2008 Presidents' Trophy as the National Hockey League's regular season champion with a league best 53-21-7 record (113 points) The 2008 title marks the Red Wings' sixth Presidents' Trophy in the 22-year history of the award. The Presidents' Trophy was introduced at the start of the 1985-86 NHL season by the league's Board of Governors as an annual award to the club finishing the regular season with the best overall record. While only six of the previous 21 winners have gone on to become Stanley Cup Champion, five of the last eight Presidents' Trophy winners have advanced to the Conference Finals and three of the last eight have gone on to win the Cup.
- In five previous years in which the Wings captured the Presidents' Trophy, they have produced one of every result possible: One Stanley Cup Championship; one run ending in the Stanley Cup finals; one run ending in the Conference Finals; one run ending in the Conference Semifinals; and one elimination in the first round.
- The Presidents' Trophy serves as an honored symbol of the best team in the National Hockey League during the regular season. Detroit has captured the Presidents' Trophy with the NHL's best regular season record six times in the last 13 years. The last time an NHL team finished first in the league six times in a shorter span was when the Montreal Canadiens' dynasty finished in first place six times in just 11 seasons from 1967-68 through 1977-78. During that stretch, the NHL was made up of between 12 and 18 teams. Detroit's streak has been accomplished with the league consisting of 26 to 30 teams.

A 10-Year Snap Shot of a Winning Tradition

- Since the beginning of the 1997-98 season the Detroit Red Wings have won more games (556) than any other team in the NHL. The franchises 493 regular-season victories are tops in the NHL over the 10-season span, while its 63 playoff wins rank second behind New Jersey and Colorado (65 each).
- The Red Wings have won seven consecutive Central Division (2001-2008) titles and 11 of the last 14. In two of the three seasons that the Wings did not win the Central, the club won the Stanley Cup (1997 & 1998).
- Dating back to the 1999-00 campaign the Red Wings have recorded eight consecutive 100-point seasons, tying the NHL record set by the Montreal Canadiens (1974-75 through 1981-82).

Mike and Marian Ilitch Celebrate 25 Years as Owners of the Red Wings

- Red Wings owners Mike and Marian Ilitch begin their 26th year of ownership in 2007-08. In their first 26 years, they resurrected a struggling franchise that had failed to qualify for the playoffs in 11 of the previous 12 seasons. Two of the first decisions by the new owners were to hire Jim Devellano as general manager and draft Steve Yzerman with their first selection in the 1983 NHL Entry Draft. Their successes include three Stanley Cup Championships, six Presidents' Trophies and 14 Division titles.

Closing In On 200

- Detroit's 199 postseason games from 1991 to present are the most for any major professional sports team over that span.

Most Postseason Games Since 1991

1. Detroit Red Wings 199
2. San Antonio Spurs 189
3. New Jersey Devils 185
4. Los Angeles Lakers 176
5. Colorado Avalanche 165

*-NY Yankees lead MLB with 128

For the Defense

-Detroit boasts the highest scoring defensive group in the NHL with 225 points (45-180—225).

-Detroit and Philadelphia are the only teams in the NHL with three defenseman that have scored 30-or-more points — Nicklas Lidstrom (10-60—70), Brian Rafalski (13-42—55) and Niklas Kronwall (7-28—35).

Shot Shortage

-Detroit allowed 20 or fewer shots on net in 22 games this season. The Wings led the NHL in shots against, averaging just 23.5 per game.

-The Wings posted a season-high 51 shots at Minnesota on 12/22.

Wings Mark First Half of Season With Best Record Ever

-The Red Wings reached the 30 win mark at the season's 41-game, mid-way point (30-8-3) — the best win total at the half-way point for any NHL team in and 82-game season and the best win total after the first 41 games for any Red Wings team in the franchise's 82-year history.

Streaking Wings

-Detroit posted a franchise-record-tying **nine-game win streak** (10/18-11/9). It was the seventh time in franchise history Detroit posted a club record nine-game win streak.

-Detroit posted a **seven-game win streak** 11/27-12/10 which was included in a **12-game point streak** (10-0-2) and an **eight-game win streak** 1/19-2/5.

-Detroit followed the eight-game win streak by **losing six straight** (0-5-1) en route to a 1-8-2 streak 2/7-2/29.

-Detroit then rebounded with **five straight wins** (3/2-3/13), before **losing two** and then **winning four** more (3/18-3/25).

-The Wings saw their streak of 95 home games without two consecutive regulation losses come to an end with losses to LA and Anaheim (2/7 and 2/10).

-The Wings saw their streak of 35 consecutive road games scoring at least two goals come to an end with a 1-0 loss at Dallas on 2/17.

-On 2/18 at Colorado, the Red Wings ended the only four-game no-point streak since Mike Babcock became head coach of the Wings.

Wings Streak to Wins In NHL

The Wings posted three of the top seven win streaks in the NHL this season.

Top Winning Streaks in 2007-08

<u>Team</u>	<u>Games</u>	<u>Dates</u>
San Jose	11	2/21-3/14
Detroit	9	10/18-11/9
New Jersey	9	11/17-12/7
Detroit	8	1/19-2/5
Ottawa	8	10/13-11/6
Pittsburgh	8	12/23-1/10
Detroit	7	11/27-12/13

Three other teams with 7

The Wings also boast the fifth-best home winning streak this season.

Top Home Winning Streaks in 2007-08

<u>Team</u>	<u>Games</u>	<u>Dates</u>
Anaheim	10	2/17-3/26
Pittsburgh	8	3/2-4/6
Edmonton	7	2/4-3/2
Anaheim	7	12/19-1/15
Detroit	6	11/21-12/13

Eight other teams with 6

And the Wings have the third-best road winning streak this season.

Top Road Winning Streaks in 2007-08

<u>Team</u>	<u>Games</u>	<u>Dates</u>
San Jose	10	11/14-12/31
San Jose	9	2/21-3/21
Detroit	6	12/22-1/6

Five other teams with 6

Wings' Management/Scouting Staff Look Past The First Round

From 1997 through 2006, Detroit entered the NHL Draft with just three first round picks. The Wings chose defensemen with each pick:

Year	Player	Round	Overall	Note
1998	Jiri Fischer	1st	25	Medical
2000	Niklas Kronwall	1st	29	In 2007-08: 65 GP, 7-28—35, +26
2005	Jakub Kindl	1st	19	In 2007-08 w/ Grand Rapids: 73 GP, 3-13—16

A look at how Detroit's management/scouting staff drafted the 2007-08 team:

Year	Player	Round	Overall
1989	Nicklas Lidstrom	3rd	53
	Dallas Drake	6th	116
1991	Chris Osgood	3rd	54
1992	Darren McCarty	2nd	46
1994	Tomas Holmstrom	10th	257
1998	Pavel Datsyuk	6th	171
1999	Henrik Zetterberg	7th	210
2000	Niklas Kronwall	1st	29
	Tomas Kopecky	2nd	38
2002	Jiri Hudler	2nd	58
	Valtteri Filppula	3rd	95
	Derek Meech	7th	229
	Jonathan Ericsson	9th	291
2003	Jimmy Howard	2nd	64
	Kyle Quincey	4th	132
2004	Johan Franzen	3rd	97
	Mattias Ritola	4th	103
2005	Justin Abdelkader	2 nd	42
	Darren Helm	5th	132

Fountain of Youth?

-On Feb. 12 at Nashville, the experienced Wings' defensive corps boasted an average age of 33. Two weeks later against Vancouver with the loss of Nicklas Lidstrom, Brian Rafalski and Chris Chelios, the average age of the defense was down to 26. The Wings enter their Conference Quarterfinal matchup with Nashville with a team average age of 31.1.

-Darren Helm appeared in his first NHL game on 3/13 vs Dallas at the age of 21 years and 52 days. Helm's status as the youngest member of the Wings team was short lived as Detroit then called up Mattias Ritola on 3/15. Ritola, who celebrated his 21st birthday on (3/13), played two games for the Wings (3/15 vs NSH and 3/16 at CBJ) before being assigned to Grand Rapids. The two 21-year-olds were the youngest Red Wings since Kyle Quincey played his first game for Detroit on Nov. 25, 2005 at the age of 20 years and 105 days.

Don't Blink — Wings Set Franchise Record for Fastest Two Goals

-Tomas Holmstrom and Pavel Datsyuk scored just five seconds apart in the second period of Detroit's game at Columbus 11/24, breaking the record for the two fastest goals in Red Wings history. The previous mark of seven seconds was set on two occasions: Nov. 5, 1936 by Syde Howe and Larry Aurie; and Nov. 25, 1987 by Jeff Sharples and Brent Ashton vs. Winnipeg.

-The NHL record for the fastest two goals by a team is three seconds set by Minnesota on Jan. 21, 2004 vs. Chicago.

-The Wings have scored two goals in under a minute three times this year. In addition to the Nov. 24 game at Columbus, Detroit tallied a pair of goals in under a minute in two consecutive December games: 30 seconds apart at St. Louis on 12/20 (Filppula and Samuelsson) and 45 seconds apart two nights later at Minnesota 12/22 (Franzen and Cleary).

INDIVIDUAL NOTES

In 2007-08, Detroit....

-Pavel Datsyuk was...

1st the National Hockey League in plus/minus with +41.

2nd in the NHL in assists with 66 – the highest total by Red Wing since Sergei Fedorov recorded 68 in 1995-96.

3rd in the NHL in total points with 97 (31-66—97) – the highest total by a Red Wing since Sergei Fedorov recorded 107 in 1995-96.

3rd in the NHL in power play assists with 30.

3rd in the NHL in power play points with 40.

-Kris Draper was...

3rd in the NHL in faceoff percentage with 58.7.

Johan Franzen was...

5th in the NHL in game winning goals with 8.

11th in the NHL in power play goals with 14.

-Dominik Hasek was...

1st in the NHL with Chris Osgood in goals allowed with 184, winning the 2007-08 Jennings Trophy.

-Niklas Kronwall was...

13th in the NHL in plus/minus with +25.

-Nicklas Lidstrom was...

1st in the NHL in total points by a defenseman with 70 (10-60—70).

2nd in the NHL in plus/minus with +40 (one behind Pavel Datsyuk).

4th in the NHL in time on ice per game with 26:??.

5th in the NHL in assists with 60.

5th in the NHL in power play assists with 29.

-Chris Osgood was...

1st in the NHL in goals against average with 2.09 – a personal-best mark in his 14-year NHL career.

1st in the NHL with Dominik Hasek in goals allowed with 184, winning the 2007-08 Jennings Trophy.

-Brian Rafalski was...

8th in the NHL in total points by a defenseman with 55 (13-42—55).

9th in the NHL in plus/minus with +27.

-Henrik Zetterberg was...

2nd in the NHL in shots with 358 – the second highest total ever by a Red Wing behind Steve Yzerman's 388 set in 1988-89.

5th in the NHL in goals with 43 – the highest total by a Red Wing since Brendan Shanahan recorded 47 in 1996-97.

6th in the NHL in total points with 92 (43-49—92).

6th in the NHL in plus/minus with +30.

6th in the NHL in power play goals with 16.

8th in the NHL in power play points with 36.

Career Highs Set In 2007-08

Dan Cleary — 20 Goals; 22 Assists; 42 Pts; 177 Shots; +21

Pavel Datsyuk — 31 Goals; 66 Assists; 97 Pts; 6 GWG; 264 Shots; +41

Aaron Downey — 56 GP; 116 PIM; 19 Shots

Valtteri Filppula — 78 GP; 19 Goals; 17 Assists; 36 Pts; 28 PIM; 3 PPG; 3 GWG; 122 Shots; +16

Johan Franzen — 27 Goals; 38 Pts; 51 PIM; 14 PPG; 8 GWG; 199 Shots

Jiri Hudler — 81 GP; 29 Assists; 42 Pts; 3 PPG; 131 Shots

Tomas Kopecky — 77 GP; 5 Goals; 7 Assists; 12 Pts; 43 PIM; 1 GWG; 87 Shots

Niklas Kronwall — 7 Goals; 28 Assists; 35 Points; 108 Shots; +25

Brett Lebeda — 78 GP; 110 Shots

Andreas Lilja — 2 GWG

Chris Osgood — 2.09 GAA;

Brian Rafalski — 13 Goals; 55 Pts; 10 PPG

Mikael Samuelsson — 73 GP; 29 Assists; 3 PPG; 249 Shots

Brad Stuart — 69 PIM

Henrik Zetterberg — 43 Goals, 49 Assists; 92 Pts; 1 SHG; 358 Shots

Milestones Accomplished

Kris Draper 300th NHL point (goal) (10/12)

Tomas Holmstrom 700th game played (10/3)

Jiri Hudler 100th NHL game played (10/18)

Kris Draper 900th NHL game played (11/7)

Kirk Maltby 900th NHL game played (11/17)

Dan Cleary 500th NHL game played (11/24)

Nick Lidstrom 1,200th NHL game played (11/27)

Chris Osgood 350th NHL victory (12/10)

Mike Babcock 200th NHL victory (12/15)

Nick Lidstrom 900 NHL point (12/22)

Nick Lidstrom 700th NHL assist (1/2)

Chris Chelios Passed Moe Roberts to become the oldest US-born player and 2nd oldest player overall (to Gordie Howe) in the history of the NHL.

Brian Rafalski 300th NHL assist (1/19).

Chris Osgood 356th NHL victory passing Rogie Vachon for 15th all-time (1/22)

Dominik Hasek 81st NHL shutout (3/30).

Chris Chelios 1,600th NHL game played (2/10).

1,616th NHL game, passing Larry Murphy for 6th all-time in NHL (4/3)

Dallas Drake	1,000th NHL game played (3/11)
	300th NHL assist (3/11)
Dominik Hasek	386th NHL victory moving him past Mike Vernon for 10th all-time in the NHL (3/22)

Babcock's Winning Ways

- Last year, Detroit Red Wings Head Coach Babcock became the second-fastest NHL Head Coach to win 100 games with a particular team. He also made Red Wings history by becoming the first Head Coach to lead the Wings to back-to-back 50-win seasons.
- This season, Babcock made NHL history by becoming the first coach to guide a team to three consecutive 50-win seasons in his first three seasons with that team.

Setting The Record Straight

- Chris Chelios enters the 2008 Stanley Cup Playoffs having played 246 post-season games, just one game from tying Patrick Roy's NHL record of 247 SC Playoff games played.
- Chelios will be appearing in his 23rd Stanley Cup Playoffs, extending his NHL record – Ray Bourque is 2nd with 21. In his 24-year career, Cheli's teams have missed the playoffs just once – Chicago in 1997-98.

Durability Defined....

- Chris Chelios became the second oldest player in NHL history on Jan. 8 vs. Colorado. Cheli passed goaltender Maurice "Moe" Roberts who played ten total NHL games. Roberts played two games in 1925-26 for Boston and seven total games for the New York Americans in 1931-32 and 1933-34. He played a total of 405 games in the IHL, IAHL, AHL and E AHL through 1945-46 with a three-year break for military service during WWII. Roberts claimed the record as the NHL's oldest player during the 1951-52 season. While working as the assistant trainer for Chicago, Roberts got the nod to replace injured Blackhawks starter, and former Red Wing, Harry Lumley in the third period of a game against Detroit (11/25/51). Detroit won the game 5-2, but Roberts did not allow a goal his 20 minutes of action which included a save on a close-in shot by Mr. Hockey, Gordie Howe, who eventually passed Roberts as the oldest NHL player ever three decades later. While he may slip to No. 3 for one NHL longevity record, Roberts still holds the record for longest period of time between NHL appearances at 17 seasons. Roberts, who passed away in 1975 at the age of 70, was born in Waterbury, CT and inducted posthumously into the U.S. Hockey Hall of Fame in 2005 as the oldest U.S.-born player in the NHL.

Oldest Players In NHL History

Gordie Howe	52 years, 6 days
Chris Chelios	46 years, 75 days entering Round 1, Game 1
Moe Roberts	45 years, 347 days
Johnny Bower	45 years, 32 days

- Chelios is currently older than seven NHL head coaches, including three bench bosses of the Atlantic Division. NHL Coaches who received their licenses after Cheli: Detroit's Mike Babcock, Nashville's Barry Trotz, New Jersey's Brent Sutter, Pittsburgh's Michel Therrien, Carolina's Peter Laviolette, Philadelphia's John Stevens and Toronto's Paul Maurice.
- Cheli played his first NHL game on March 8, 1984 before two current Red Wings were born (Valtteri Filppula and Derek Meech).

Cheli Tops Among Active Players; 6th All-Time

- Chris Chelios leads all active players with 1,616 games played. Cheli moved ahead of Larry Murphy (1,615) 4/3 vs CBJ into 6th place on the all-time games played list.

Cheli In the Nick of Time

- Shortly after Nicklas Lidstrom was injured in the first period at Colorado 2/18, Chris Chelios scored the game winning goal in a 4-0 Wings win. It was Cheli's first GWG since Oct. 21, 2002 when he tallied the winner in a 4-0 victory vs. Calgary.

On The Mic, On The Ice & In The Record Books

- In the TV booth and between the benches during several Wings' games this year is FSN Detroit analyst, former Red Wing and Hockey Hall of Famer Larry Murphy. Among the many accomplishments from Murph's 21-year career is an NHL record set in his very first NHL season as a rookie with the LA Kings — 1980-81. In that season, Murphy set the NHL record for assists by a rookie defenseman with 60 helpers. No. 2 on the all-time list is current Red Wing Chris Chelios who in his rookie year of 1984-85 tallied 55 assists with the Montreal Canadiens.
- Murphy also tallied 16 goals in his rookie campaign and holds the record for points by a rookie defenseman with 76.

Cleary Second From The Rock

- On Jan. 10 against Minnesota, Dan Cleary played in his 522nd NHL game and passed Darren Langdon (Deer Lake, NF) for the

No. 2 spot for the most NHL games by a Newfoundland-born player. Cleary, who was born in Caronear, Newfoundland trails only Keith Brown, who played in 876 NHL games and was born in Cornerbrook, NF.

Datsyuk Earns His Stars

-Pavel Datsyuk recorded a point in 63 of 82 games. Pavel is the only Red Wing to appear in all 82 regular-season games in 2007-08.

-Pavel's 31 goals and 97 points are new career highs.

-Pavel led the Wings in scoring for the third consecutive season – a feat only accomplished by three other players in Red Wings history: Ted Lindsay, Gordie Howe and Steve Yzerman.

-Pavel earned the NHL's Second Star honors for the month of December as he tallied 22 points (7-15—22) and posted a +11 in 15 games. Detroit went 12-2-1 in December.

-Pavel was named the NHL's First Star for the week coming out of the All-Star Break as he assisted on all of Detroit's goals in a 3-2 win over Phoenix and a 2-0 win over Colorado. He continued the streak with his sixth assist in six Wings' goals with a helper on the game-tying goal at Boston and broke his streak by scoring the next goal—the game-winner in a 3-1 win over the Bruins.

March Madness For The Mule

-Johan Franzen, the third-year forward from Sweden, finished an incredible month of March scoring 14 goals and adding 4 assists for 18 points in 13 games.

-Six of Franzen's 14 goals were game-winning goals, eclipsing the old franchise record of 5 held by Mr. Hockey, Gordie Howe (February 1952 and January 1956) and teammate Henrik Zetterberg (February 2007).

-Franzen had three consecutive game-winning goals 3/2 at BUF, 3/5 vs STL and 3/9 vs NSH.

-For his efforts, Franzen was named the 'Carhartt Hardest Working Player of the Month' and also took home the NHL's Third Star honors for the month of March (1-Ovechkin-WSH; 2-Fleury-PIT).

Hasek On A Roll

-Dominik Hasek recorded five shutouts this season raising his career total to 81. His last shutout was March 30th vs. Nashville.

-On March 22, Dominik Hasek moved past former Red Wing Mike Vernon (385) for 10th in all-time NHL wins.

-Dominik Hasek is 19-5-2 in his last 26 starts.

They Said It...

-Eric McErlain, The SportingNews.com, on **the leading candidates for this year's Hart Trophy**: "Defensemen: **Nicklas Lidstrom, Red Wings: The list on the blue line begins and ends with the humble Swede** who leads the breakout, disrupts the enemy attack and seemingly never makes a mistake while logging more ice time per night than any other player in the NHL. Oh, and he's doing it for the best team in hockey. **It has been eight years since the last defenseman**, Chris Pronger, won the Hart. **It might very well be time to end that streak.**"

Another Triple for Nick

-Nick Lidstrom had a goal and two assists in the Wings' 3-2 win over Phoenix on Jan. 30. It was his 44th career game with three-or more points (third three-point game of the season and second in four games). Detroit has a 41-2-1 record in games in which Nick scores at least three points, including a current streak of 32 consecutive wins. (Stats courtesy of Elias Sports Bureau).

Five For 5....And Counting...

-Nicklas Lidstrom has won the Norris Trophy five times in the last six years (2001, 2002, 2003, 2006, 2007). Only Bobby Orr (8) and Doug Harvey (7) have won more Norris Trophies. Below is a look at the top contenders for this year's Norris.

Rk	Name	Team	GP	G	A	Pts	+/-
1.	Nicklas Lidstrom	DET	76	10	60	70	+40
2.	Sergei Gonchar	PIT	78	12	53	65	+13
3.	Mark Streit	MTL	81	13	49	62	-6
4.	Brian Campbell	SJS	82	8	53	61	+9
5.	Dion Phaneuf	CGY	82	17	43	60	+12

Lidstrom and Rafalski, NHL's Top Blue Line Pair, Cruise Past The Century Mark

-Nicklas Lidstrom and Brian Rafalski are the highest scoring defensive pair in the NHL with 125 points.

Lidstrom Hits 1,200

-Nick Lidstrom appeared in his 1,200th NHL game on Nov. 27th becoming the 72nd player in NHL history to hit the 1,200-game plateau.

-Among active players, Lidstrom ranks 16th.

-In 15+ seasons, Nick has missed just 28 games.

Top Five Plus/Minus Ratings Since 1991-92

1. **Nicklas Lidstrom** +378
2. Scott Stevens +282
3. Jaromir Jagr +279
4. **Chris Chelios** +254
5. Sergei Fedorov* +247

*Was +276 in his first 13 seasons in the NHL as a member of the Red Wings.

Jennings Trophy

-The William M. Jennings Trophy is an annual award given to the goalkeeper(s) having played in a minimum of 25 games for the team with the fewest goals scored against it.

-The Red Wings' Chris Osgood, Dominik Hasek (and Jimmy Howard, 4 GP) combined to allow just 184 goals and win the competition for this year's Jennings Trophy. Detroit is the only NHL team to be in the top five for the last three consecutive seasons.

-In the 26 years since the Jennings Trophy was first awarded in 1982, this marks only the second time the Red Wings have captured the award. Chris Osgood and Mike Vernon combined to win in 1996. Dominik Hasek's name appears twice on the Jennings from his playing time in Buffalo: 1994 (with Grant Fuhr) and 2001.

Goals Against

<u>2007-08</u>		<u>2006-07</u>		<u>2005-06</u>	
Detroit	184	Minnesota	191	Calgary	200
Anaheim	189	Dallas	197	Detroit	209
San Jose	189	Detroit	199	Ottawa	211
New Jersey	195	San Jose	199	NY Rangers	215
NY Rangers	196	NJ/Vancouver	201	Minnesota	215

Osgood and Hasek Climb All-Time Wins List

-A look at where Chris Osgood and Dominik Hasek stand in the NHL record books for all-time victories.

<u>Rk</u>	<u>Goaltender</u>	<u>Wins</u>
1	Roy, Patrick	551
2	Brodeur, Martin	537
3	Belfour, Ed	484
4	Joseph, Curtis	449
5	Sawchuk, Terry	447
6	Plante, Jacques	437
7	Esposito, Tony	423
8	Hall, Glenn	407
9	Fuhr, Grant	403
10	Hasek, Dominik	389
11	Vernon, Mike	385
12	Vanbiesbrouck, John	374
13	Moog, Andy	372
14	Barrasso, Tom	369
15	Osgood, Chris	363
16	Vachon, Rogie	355

Ozzie Returns

-Since his return to the Red Wings in 2005-06, Chris Osgood has a record of 58-18-15.

Ozzie On The Mark

-Ozzie's first regulation loss this season, a 3-2 decision at Chicago on 11/11, broke his string of wins in his previous nine starts and a streak of at least a point in 20 straight games — 15-0-5. The 20-game streak is actually Ozzie's second-longest. He holds the two-best streaks in the NHL since 1989-90.

Most Consecutive Decisions without a Regulation Loss, Since 1989-90

Chris Osgood	21 (19-0-2)	01/10/1996 - 03/27/1996
Chris Osgood	20 (15-0-5)	01/13/2007 - 11/9/2007
Mike Richter	20	10/24/1993 - 12/19/1993
Manny Legace	19	01/07/2001 - 11/30/2001
Niklas Backstrom	17	03/08/2007 - 10/21/2007
Patrick Roy	17	01/30/1994 - 03/24/1994

Hank's Scoring Streaks

-Henrik Zetterberg has recorded a point in 60 of 74 games played this season. Detroit is 7-6-1 in games that Hank has not scored and 6-1 in games he has not played.

-Hank's 43 goals and 92 points are new career highs.

Scoring Streaks for Henrik Zetterberg This Season

Home—27 games, 12/9/06-11/29/07, (23-22—45)

Road— 21 games, 2/8/07-11/13/07, (16-18—34)

Overall— 24 games, 2/8/07-11/13/07, (22-21—43)

***Season Start**— 17 games, 10/3/07-11/11/07, (13-14—27)

*Hank set a new Red Wings record for consecutive games with a point to start a season—previous mark was set by Norm Ulman at 14 (1960-61). The 17-game streak to start the season ranks as the second-longest in the NHL since 1993-94.

Longest Season-Opening Point Streaks Since 1993-94:

Games	Player	Club	Season
22	Dany Heatley	Ottawa	2005-06
17	Henrik Zetterberg	Detroit	2007-08
15	Jaromir Jagr	Pittsburgh	1999-00
13	Ron Francis	Pittsburgh	1994-95

Hank Shoots, Hank Scores

-Henrik Zetterberg currently stands 2nd in the NHL in shots with 355—the highest total by a Red Wing since Steve Yzerman fired a club record 388 shots on net during the 1988-89 season (80 game schedule).

DRW Single-Season Shot Totals

Rk	Player	Shots	Season
1.	Steve Yzerman	388	1988-89
2.	Henrik Zetterberg	358	2007-08
3.	Steve Yzerman	337	1993-94
4.	Steve Yzerman	332	1989-90
5.	Steve Yzerman	326	1990-91
6.	Brendan Shanahan	323	1996-97

-Through 20 games, Hank was second in the NHL in both shots (110) and points (30). After 20 games last season, Hank had just 60 shots and nine points (6-3—9).

-Zetterberg did not have a shot on net in the Wings' 5-4 shootout win at Columbus on 11/18 — although he did shoot and score in the shootout. It ended a run of 41 games with at least on shot for Hank that began Jan. 6, 2007 at Los Angeles.

Injuries (current injuries in bold)

Kyle Quincey	10-Broken left hand
Johan Franzen	9-Sprained knee MCL
Mikael Samuelsson	3-Sore groin (10/14-18)
Dallas Drake	4-Fractured cheek bone (10/18-28)
Nicklas Kronwall	4-Sore Groin (10/28-11/7)
Dominik Hasek	3-Sore Hip (10/28-11/1)
Tomas Kopecky	3-Bruised Shoulder (11/21-11/28)
Kirk Maltby	19-Back Strain (11/28-1/6)
Kris Draper	9-Sprained Knee (11/27-12/17)
Tomas Holmstrom	2-Sore Knee (12/13-12/15)
Henrik Zetterberg	5-Back (12/22-12/31)
Tomas Holmstrom	8-Bruised Knee (12/22-1/6)
Dallas Drake	5-Bruised Knee (1/15-1/23)
Henrik Zetterberg	2-Back (1/22-1/23)
Brett Lebda	1-Wrist (1/30)
Niklas Kronwall	13-SC Sprain (2/1-2/28)
Dan Cleary	19-Fractured Jaw (2/9-3/22)
Dominik Hasek	6-Hip Flexor (2/11-2/23)
Brian Rafalski	8-Groin (2/14-3/2)
Nicklas Lidstrom	6-Right Knee (2/18-3/5)
Chris Chelios	6-Right Leg (2/23-3/9)
Tomas Holmstrom	13-Groin (3/9-4/3)
Darren McCarty	9-Ribs (3/9-3/25)
Kris Draper	5-Groin (3/13-3/20)
Dominik Hasek	2-Back (3/13-3/15)
Valtteri Filppula	4-Groin (3/19-3/25)

Brad Stuart	8-Broken Finger (3/20-present)
Dallas Drake	2-Bruised Sternum (3/22-3/25)
Mikael Samuelsson	5-Groin (3/28-present)
Kris Draper	3-Groin (4/2-4/6)
Kirk Maltby	2-Hamstring (4/3-present)
Brian Rafalaski	1-Neck (4/6)
Chris Chelios	1-Groin (4/6)
TOTAL	200

2007-08 Transactions

- 10/1/07 **Jimmy Howard** assigned to Grand Rapids.
Jonathan Ericsson assigned to Grand Rapids.
Mattias Ritola assigned to Grand Rapids.
Johan Ryno assigned to Grand Rapids.
Evan McGrath assigned to Grand Rapids.
Igor Grigorenko assigned to Grand Rapids.
Mark Hartigan placed on waivers.
Kyle Quincey place in injured reserve (retroactive 9/27).
- 10/2/07 **Mark Hartigan** cleared waivers and assigned to Grand Rapids.
- 10/3/07 **Aaron Downey** signed as a free agent.
- 10/8/07 **Aaron Downey** cleared waivers.
- 10/19/07 **Darren Helm** assigned to Grand Rapids.
- 10/21/07 **Johann Franzen** placed on injured reserve retroactive 10/6.
- 10/22/07 **Igor Grigorenko** recalled to Detroit from Grand Rapids.
- 10/25/07 **Jimmy Howard** recalled to Detroit from Grand Rapids.
Dallas Drake placed in injured reserve retroactive 10/18.
- 10/26/07 **Kyle Quincey** activated from IR and assigned to Grand Rapids.
Igor Grigorenko assigned to Grand Rapids.
Dallas Drake activated from injured reserve.
- 10/30/07 **Johan Franzen** activated from injured reserve.
Dominik Hasek placed on injured reserve.
- 11/3/07 **Jimmy Howard** assigned to Grand Rapids for conditioning.
- 11/7/07 **Jimmy Howard** recalled and assigned to Grand Rapids.
Dominik Hasek activated from injured reserve.
- 11/22/07 **Johan Ryno** assigned to Djurgarden-Sweden.
- 11/28/07 **Kris Draper** placed on injured reserve.
- 11/29/07 **Mark Hartigan** recalled to Detroit from Grand Rapids.
- 11/30/07 **Mark Hartigan** assigned to Grand Rapids.
- 12/13/07 **Mark Hartigan** recalled to Detroit from Grand Rapids.
- 12/15/07 **Mark Hartigan** assigned to Grand Rapids.
- 12/18/07 **Kris Draper** activated from injured reserve.
- 12/22/07 **Mark Hartigan** emergency recall from Grand Rapids.
- 12/23/07 **Mark Hartigan** assigned to Grand Rapids.
- 12/26/07 **Mark Hartigan** emergency recall from Grand Rapids.
- 1/2/08 **Mark Hartigan** assigned to Grand Rapids.
- 1/3/08 **Derek Meech** assigned on 14-day conditioning to Grand Rapids.
- 1/8/08 **Kirk Maltby** activated from injured reserve.
- 1/15/08 **Derek Meech** recalled from Grand Rapids.
- 2/11/08 **Niklas Kronwall** placed on injured reserve retroactive to Jan. 30.
Jimmy Howard recalled from Grand Rapids.
- 2/14/08 **Brian Rafalski** placed on injured reserve.
Kyle Quincey recalled from Grand Rapids.
- 2/20/08 **Jonathan Ericsson and Mark Hartigan** recalled from Grand Rapids.
Brian Rafalski and Dominik Hasek placed on injured reserve.
- 2/21/08 **Matt Ellis** placed on waivers — claimed by Los Angeles.
- 2/23/08 **Garrett Stafford** recalled from Grand Rapids.
- 2/25/08 **Darren McCarty** signed to a one-year contract.
- 2/26/08 **Darren McCarty** assigned on 14-day conditioning to Grand Rapids.
Brad Stuart acquired from the LA Kings for a 2nd Round Pick in 2008 and a 4th Round Pick in 2009.
Jimmy Howard, Garret Stafford, Kyle Quincey and Jonathan Ericsson assigned to Grand Rapids.
Dominik Hasek activated from injured reserve.
Kyle Quincey and Jonathan Ericsson recalled from Grand Rapids.
Garrett Stafford emergency recall from Grand Rapids.
- 2/27/08 **Garret Stafford** assigned to Grand Rapids.

2/28/08 **Kyle Quincey** assigned to Grand Rapids.
Niklas Kronwall activated from injured reserve.
3/3/08 **Brian Rafalski** activated from injured reserve.
3/7/08 **Darren McCarty** recalled from Grand Rapids.
3/10/08 **Jonathan Ericsson** assigned to Grand Rapids.
3/11/08 **Jimmy Howard and Darren Helm** emergency recall from Grand Rapids.
3/15/08 **Mattias Ritola** emergency recall from Grand Rapids.
Jimmy Howard assigned to Grand Rapids.
3/16/08 **Mattias Ritola and Darren Helm** assigned to Grand Rapids.
3/18/08 **Darren Helm** emergency recall from Grand Rapids.
3/23/08 **Darren Helm** assigned to Grand Rapids.
3/24/08 **Jimmy Howard** emergency recall from Grand Rapids.
2/26/08 **Jimmy Howard** assigned to Grand Rapids.
3/27/08 **Jimmy Howard** emergency recall from Grand Rapids.
3/29/08 **Jimmy Howard** assigned to Grand Rapids
4/3/08 **Justin Abdelkader** amateur tryout.
4/4/08 **Justin Abdelkader** signed to a three-year contract.
4/5/08 **Darren Helm** recalled from Grand Rapids.
4/5/08 **Jonathan Ericsson** recalled from Grand Rapids.
4/6/08 **Jonathan Ericsson** assigned to Grand Rapids.

2007-08 Overtime (2-2) / Shootout (5-5)

10/3 vs. ANA

Result: Won (SO); Shots For: 8; Shots Against: 2; PP: 0-1; PK: 0-0

10/6 at CHI

Result: Lost (SO); Shots For: 2; Shots Against: 4; PP: 0-0; PK: 0-0

11/7 vs NSH

Result: Won (SO); Shots For: 2; Shots Against: 3; PP: 0-1; PK: 0-0

11/18 at CBJ

Result: Won (SO); Shots For: 5; Shots Against: 4; PP: 0-0; PK: 0-0

11/24 at CBJ

Result: Lost (SO); Shots For: 1; Shots Against: 4; PP: 0-0; PK: 1-1

12/13 vs EDM

Result: Lost (SO); Shots For: 4; Shots Against: 2; PP: 0-0; PK: 0-0

12/17 vs WSH

Result: Won (SO); Shots For: 2; Shots Against: 1; PP: 0-0; PK: 0-0

1/10 vs MIN

Result: Lost (SO), Shots For: 2; Shots Against: 3; PP: 0-0, PK: 0-0

1/17 vs VAN

Result: Won (SO), Shots For: 5; Shots Against 0; PP: 0-1, PK: 0-0

2/5 at MIN

Result: Won (OT), Shots For: 1; Shots Against: 1; PP: 0-0; PK: 0-0

2/9 at TOR

Result: Lost (OT); Shots For: 0; Shots Against: 1; PP: 0-0; PK: 0-0

2/26 at EDM

Result: Lost (SO); Shots For: 6; Shots Against: 3; PP: 0-0; PK: 0-0

3/28 vs STL

Result: Lost (OT); Shots for: 0; Shots Against: 1; PP: 0-0; PK: 0-0

3/30 vs NSH

Result: Won (OT); Shots for: 5; Shots Against: 1; PP: 0-0; PK: 0-0

2007-08 Shootout Stats

10/3 vs. ANA, Won 1-0

Goaltenders: DET: D. Hasek; ANA: I. Bryzgalov

Team	Shooter	Result
DET	P. Datsyuk	Missed Net
ANA	T. Bertuzzi	Save
DET	H. Zetterberg	Missed net
ANA	R. Getzlaf	Save
DET	J. Hudler	Scored (GW)
ANA	C. Perry	Save

10/6 at CHI, Lost 1-0

Goaltenders: DET: D. Hasek; CHI: N. Khabibulin

Team	Shooter	Result
DET	P. Datsyuk	Missed Net
CHI	P. Kane	Scored (GW)
DET	H. Zetterberg	Save
CHI	Y. Perreault	Save
DET	J. Hudler	Save

11/7 vs NSH, Won 2-0

Goaltenders: DET: C. Osgood; NSH: C. Mason

Team	Shooter	Result
DET	P. Datsyuk	Scored (GW)
NSH	A. Radulov	Save
DET	H. Zetterberg	Scored
NSH	J. Dumont	Save

11/18 at CBJ, Won 3-2

Goaltenders: DET: C. Osgood; CBJ: P. LeClaire

Team	Shooter	Result
DET	P. Datsyuk	Scored
CBJ	N. Zherdev	Scored
DET	H. Zetterberg	Save
CBJ	J. Novotny	Save
DET	J. Hudler	Scored
CBJ	R. Nash	Scored
DET	D. Cleary	Save
CBJ	S. Fedorov	Save
DET	J. Franzen	Scored (GW)
CBJ	D. Vymorny	Save

11/24 at CBJ, Lost 3-2

Goaltenders: DET: C. Osgood; CBJ: P. LeClaire

Team	Shooter	Result
CBJ	M. Peca	Scored
DET	P. Datsyuk	Scored
CBJ	R. Nash	Scored (GW)
DET	H. Zetterberg	Save
CBJ	N. Zherdev	Scored

12/13 vs EDM, Lost 1-0

Goaltenders: DET: D. Hasek; EDM: D. Roloson

Team	Shooter	Result
DET	P. Datsyuk	Save
EDM	S. Gagner	Save
DET	H. Zetterberg	Save
EDM	A. Hemsky	Scored (GW)
DET	J. Hudler	Save

12/17 vs WSH, Won 3-1

Goaltenders: DET: D. Hasek; WSH: O. Kolzig

Team	Shooter	Result
DET	P. Datsyuk	Scored
WSH	V. Kozlov	Save
DET	H. Zetterberg	Scored (GW)
WSH	A. Semin	Scored
DET	J. Hudler	Scored

1/10 vs MIN, Lost 2-1

Goaltenders: DET: C. Osgood; MIN: J. Harding

Team	Shooter	Result
DET	P. Datsyuk	Save
MIN	P. Demitra	Save
DET	H. Zetterberg	Save
MIN	B. Rolston	Scored
DET	J. Hudler	Scored
MIN	M. Gaborik	Scored (GW)

1/17 vs VAN, Won 1-0

Goatenders: DET: D Hasek; VAN: R. Luongo

DET P. Datsyuk Save
VAN A. Edler Save
DET H. Zetterberg Scored (GW)
VAN T. Linden Save
DET J. Hudler Save
VAN T. Pyatt Save

2/26 at EDM, Lost 1-0

Goaltenders: DET: C. Osgood; EDM: M. Garon

DET P. Datsyuk Save
EDM S. Gagner Save
DET H. Zetterberg Save
EDM A. Hemsky Save
DET J. Hudler Save
EDM R. Nilsson Scored (GW)

2007-08 Red Wings Team Highs and Lows

Most Goals For:

Home Period: 4, Jan. 19 at SJS (2nd) Road Period: 4, Nov.13 at STL (2nd)
Road Period: 3, 2x, Mar. 20 at NSH (2nd & 3rd) Home Game: 6, Jan. 10 vs MIN (SO)
Home Game: 6, Dec. 19 vs LAK Road Game: 6, 2x, Apr. 2 @ CHI
Road Game: 6, 2x, Mar. 20 at NSH

Most Goals Against:

Fewest Goals For:

Home Game: 0, Dec. 31 vs STL Home Game: 0, 4x, Mar. 30 vs NSH
Road Game: 0, Feb. 22 at CGY Road Game: 0, 4x, Feb. 18 at COL

Fewest Goals Against:

Most Shots For:

Home Period: 20, Jan. 15 vs ATL (2nd) Home Period: 17, Dec. 15 vs FLA (3rd)
Road Period: 20, Mar. 16 at CBJ (3rd) Road Period: 17, Nov.18 at CBJ (1st)
Home Game: 47, Jan. 15 vs ATL Home Game: 35, Dec. 15 vs FLA
Road Game: 51, Dec. 22 at MIN Road Game: 40, Nov.18 at CBJ

Most Shots Against:

Fewest Shots For:

Home Period: 3, Mar. 19 vs CBJ (1st) Home Period: 1, 2, Feb. 1 vs COL (2nd)
Road Period: 3, Oct.18 at SJ (1st) Road Period: 1, Jan. 19 at SJS (1st)
Home Game: 21, Feb. 15 vs CBJ Home Game: 11, Oct.26 vs SJ
Road Game: 21, Mar. 22 at CBJ Road Game: 12, Mar. 22 at CBJ

Fewest Shots Against:

Most Power Play Goals For:

Home Game: 3, Dec. 15 vs FLA Home Game: 3, Jan. 15 vs ATL
Road Game: 2, 9x, Mar. 22 at CBJ Road Game: 3, 2x, Jan. 19 at SJS

Most Power Play Goals Against:

Most Shorthanded Goals For:

Home Game: 1, Dec. 7 vs MIN Home Game: 3, Nov.17 vs CHI
Road Game: 1, 3x, Mar. 22 at CBJ Road Game: 2, Oct.15 at ANA

Most Shorthanded Goals Against:

The Last Time...

Detroit had a shutout:

Home: Mar. 30, 2008, 1-0 (OT) vs Nashville (Dominik Hasek)
Away: Feb. 18, 2008, 4-0 at Colorado (Chris Osgood)

Detroit was shutout:

Home: Dec. 31, 2007, 2-0 vs St. Louis (Manny Legace)
Away: Feb. 22, 2008, 1-0 at Calgary (Mikka Kiprusoff)

A Detroit player scored an overtime goal:

Home: Mar. 9, 2007, Mikael Samuelsson vs. LA (S. Burke)
Away: Feb. 5, 2008, Brett Lebda at MINN (Niklas Backstrom)

A rival player scored an overtime goal against Detroit:
Home: Mar. 28, 2008, vs St. Louis, Brad Boyes (Chris Osgood)
Away: Feb. 9, 2008, at Toronto, Nikolai Antropov (Dominik Hasek)

A Detroit player had a three-goal game:
Home: Mar. 19, 2008, Henrik Zetterberg vs. Columbus (Fredrik Norrena)
Away: Feb. 24, 2007, Tomas Holmstrom at Nashville (Tomas Vokoun)

A rival player had a three-goal game:
Home: Jan. 15, 2008, Marian Hossa (Atlanta)
Away: Nov. 13, 2005, Todd Bertuzzi (Vancouver)

A Detroit player had a four-goal game:
Home: Mar. 15, 2001, Brendan Shanahan vs. Calgary
Away: Dec. 2, 1995, Vyacheslav Kozlov at Montreal

A rival player had a four-goal game:
Home: Jan. 7, 1992, Ray Ferraro (NY Islanders)
Away: Feb. 24, 2004, Daniel Sedin (Vancouver)

A Detroit player had a five-goal game:
Home: Dec. 26, 1996, Sergei Fedorov vs. Washington
Away: Never

A rival player had a five-goal game:
Home: Never
Away: Feb. 2, 1977, Ian Turnbull (Toronto)

A Detroit player had a penalty shot:
Home: Dec. 15, 2007, Valtteri Filppula vs Florida (Tomas Vokoun) Successful
Away: Dec. 10, 2007, Valtteri Filppula at Nashville (Dan Ellis) Successful

A rival player had a penalty shot:
Home: Mar. 11, 2008, R. Lang vs. Chicago (Chris Osgood) Unsuccessful
Away: Dec. 29, 2007, R. Verbata at Phoenix (Chris Osgood) Successful

A Detroit player scored on a penalty shot:
Home: Dec. 15, 2007, Valtteri Filppula vs Florida (Tomas Vokoun)
Away: Dec. 10, 2007, Valtteri Filppula at Nashville (Dan Ellis)

A Detroit player scored a shorthanded goal:
Home: Dec. 7, 2007, Henrik Zetterberg vs Minnesota
Away: Mar. 22, 2008, Pavel Datsyuk at Columbus

A Detroit player scored two shorthanded goals in single game:
Home: Never
Road: Oct. 10, 2002, Kirk Maltby at San Jose (Miikka Kiprusoff)



REGULAR SEASON STATISTICS

Rk	Pos	Player	Sw #	GP	TOI/G	G	A	Pts	+/-	PIM	PP	SHG	GW	S	S%
1	C	Pavel Datsyuk	13	82	21:23	31	66	97	41	20	10	1	6	264	11.7
2	L	Henrik Zetterberg	40	75	22:04	43	49	92	30	34	16	1	7	358	12.0
3	D	Nicklas Lidstrom	5	76	26:43	10	60	70	40	40	5	0	4	188	5.3
4	D	Brian Rafalski	28	73	24:04	13	42	55	27	34	10	0	1	175	7.4
5	R	Dan Cleary	11	63	17:23	20	22	42	21	33	5	0	3	177	11.3
6	C	Jiri Hudler	26	81	13:10	13	29	42	11	26	3	0	2	131	9.9
7	L	Tomas Holmstrom	96	59	17:32	20	20	40	9	58	11	0	5	137	14.6
8	R	Mikael Samuelsson	37	73	16:15	11	29	40	21	26	3	0	1	249	4.4
9	R	Johan Franzen	93	72	17:43	27	11	38	12	51	14	0	8	199	13.6
10	C	Valtteri Filppula	51	78	16:57	19	17	36	16	28	3	0	3	122	15.6
11	D	Niklas Kronwall	55	65	21:06	7	28	35	25	44	0	0	0	108	6.5
12	D	Brad Stuart	23	72	21:09	6	17	23	-10	69	2	0	1	132	4.5
13	C	Kris Draper	33	65	15:37	9	8	17	-2	68	0	2	2	97	9.3
14	D	Brett Lebda	22	78	16:28	3	11	14	-1	48	0	0	1	110	2.7
15	C	Tomas Kopecky	82	77	9:36	5	7	12	2	43	0	0	1	87	5.7
16	D	Chris Chelios	24	69	16:57	3	9	12	11	36	0	0	1	60	5.0
17	D	Andreas Lilja	3	79	18:13	2	10	12	-2	93	0	0	2	72	2.8
18	L	Kirk Maltby	18	61	12:03	6	4	10	-8	32	0	0	1	70	8.6
19	R	Dallas Drake	17	65	10:42	3	3	6	-12	41	0	1	0	46	6.5
20	C	Mark Hartigan	44	23	7:09	3	1	4	-2	16	0	0	0	19	15.8
21	R	Aaron Downey	20	56	4:35	0	3	3	0	116	0	0	0	15	0.0
22	D	*Derek Meech	14	32	12:08	0	3	3	-5	6	0	0	0	44	0.0
23	D	*Jonathan Ericsson	52	8	15:58	1	0	1	-3	4	1	0	0	19	5.3
24	R	Darren McCarty	25	3	7:46	0	1	1	2	2	0	0	0	3	0.0
25	C	*Mattias Ritola	42	2	5:46	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	0.0
26	C	*Darren Helm	43	7	7:00	0	0	0	-2	2	0	0	0	7	0.0
27	D	*Kyle Quincey	4	6	13:58	0	0	0	-3	4	0	0	0	5	0.0
28	D	Garrett Stafford	36	2	6:45	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
29	L	*Justin Abdelkader	8	2	12:13	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	6	0.0

Rk	Pos	Goalie	Sw #	GP	W	L	OT	SA	GA	GAA	Sv	Sv%	SO	A	PIM	MIN
1	G	Chris Osgood	30	43	27	9	4	976	84	2.09	892	.914	4	3	0	2,408:53
2	G	Dominik Hasek	39	41	27	10	3	855	84	2.14	771	.902	5	1	12	2,350:04
3	G	*Jimmy Howard	35	4	0	2	0	95	7	2.13	88	.926	0	0	0	197:04



GAME BY GAME RESULTS

Game by Game Summary - Detroit Red Wings (*=Overtime, **=Shootout, +=Sellout)

#	Date	Team	W/L/OT	Record	GF-GA	Scorers	W Goal	PP	PK	SF-SA	W-L GltDr.	Attend.
1	10/3/2007	ANA	W**	1-0-0	3-2	40p,96p,26x	26	2-7	4-5	42-15	39-30	17610
2	10/6/2007	@ CHI	O**	1-0-1	3-4	28p, 5, 96p	88	2-7	4-4	26-27	39-39	18768
3	10/8/2007	EDM	W	2-0-1	4-2	37, 24, 96p, 33	96	1-5	4-4	35-20	39-35	16913
4	10/10/2007	CGY	W	3-0-1	4-2	40p, 96, 33, 11p	33	2-3	2-2	28-21	30-34	16629
5	10/12/2007	CHI	L	3-1-1	2-3	40, 33	20	0-5	6-8	36-29	39-39	17696
6	10/14/2007	@ LA	W	4-1-1	4-1	13, 33s, 96, 40	33	0-2	5-6	30-28	30-45	17215
7	10/15/2007	@ ANA	L	4-2-1	3-6	33, 40, 28p	26	1-9	9-11	35-29	30-39	17174
8	10/18/2007	@ SJ	W	5-2-1	4-2	55, 40p, 8, 13p	8	2-5	4-5	27-25	30-20	17496
9	10/20/2007	@ PHX	W	6-2-1	5-2	26, 18, 18, 22, 40	18	0-3	6-6	42-21	39-32	14154
10	10/24/2007	VAN	W	7-2-1	3-2	8, 96p, 96	96	1-4	4-5	39-15	39-1	17015
11	10/26/2007	SJ	W	8-2-1	5-1	51, 3, 40, 40, 18	3	0-6	1-2	39-11	30-20	18289
12	10/28/2007	@ VAN	W	9-2-1	3-2	96, 37, 26	26	0-2	5-5	32-29	30-1	18630
13	10/30/2007	@ EDM	W	10-2-1	2-1	40p, 51	51	1-3	3-3	34-16	30-35	16839
14	11/1/2007	@ CGY	W	11-2-1	4-1	26p, 40, 11, 40p	40	2-3	7-7	26-27	30-34	19289
15	11/7/2007	NSH	W**	12-2-1	3-2	11p, 26p, 13x	13	2-8	5-5	45-30	30-30	16885
16	11/9/2007	CBJ	W	13-2-1	4-1	11p, 96p, 11, 40	96	2-6	6-7	36-16	39-31	18654
17	11/11/2007	@ CHI	L	13-3-1	2-3	26, 5	19	0-6	4-6	32-27	39-30	19045
18	11/13/2007	@ STL	L	13-4-1	3-4	13, 11, 51	21	0-4	3-5	30-16	34-39	18440
19	11/17/2007	CHI	L	13-5-1	3-5	28, 96p, 40	10	1-5	3-3	42-17	39-39	20066+
20	11/18/2007	@ CBJ	W**	14-5-1	5-4	5p, 96p, 22, 13, 93x	93	2-4	2-5	35-40	30-31	15503
21	11/21/2007	STL	W	15-5-1	3-0	40p, 37p, 11	40	2-11	3-3	38-12	30-34	19124
22	11/22/2007	@ NSH	L	15-6-1	2-3	93p, 40p	14	2-8	6-7	30-29	30-39	14346
23	11/24/2007	@ CBJ	O**	15-6-2	2-3	96p, 13	61	1-3	4-4	25-28	31-30	17513
24	11/27/2007	CGY	W	16-6-2	5-3	13, 33, 96p, 13, 51	13	1-7	4-5	35-22	30-31	17108
25	11/29/2007	TB	W	17-6-2	4-2	26, 13p, 82, 11	82	1-2	3-3	39-23	30-30	17001
26	12/1/2007	PHX	W	18-6-2	3-2	13p, 40, 11p	11	2-4	3-3	39-26	30-30	18557
27	12/4/2007	@ MTL	W	19-6-2	4-1	13, 13, 55, 40p	13	1-3	5-5	34-16	39-31	21273
28	12/7/2007	MIN	W	20-6-2	5-0	40, 40s, 26, 93p, 40	40	1-2	4-4	34-19	39-29	19508
29	12/9/2007	CAR	W	21-6-2	5-2	51, 93p, 3, 13, 96	3	1-7	4-5	38-17	39-30	19609
30	12/10/2007	@ NSH	W	22-6-2	2-1	82, 51	51	0-6	7-7	35-31	30-39	15056
31	12/13/2007	EDM	O**	22-6-3	3-4	44, 40p, 40	83	1-4	3-4	42-25	35-39	18859
32	12/15/2007	FLA	W	23-6-3	5-2	13p, 93p, 11, 28p, 51	11	3-6	3-3	46-35	30-29	20066+
33	12/17/2007	WSH	W**	24-6-3	4-3	96p, 40p, 96, 40x	40	2-4	5-7	30-30	39-37	19483
34	12/19/2007	LA	W	25-6-3	6-2	40p, 26, 96, 11p, 93, 51	96	2-5	3-4	35-20	39-35	19516
35	12/20/2007	@ STL	L	25-7-3	2-3	51, 37	12	0-4	2-4	36-24	34-30	19150
36	12/22/2007	@ MIN	W	26-7-3	4-1	13p, 93, 11, 82	93	1-7	1-2	51-19	39-32	18568
37	12/26/2007	@ STL	W	27-7-3	5-0	5, 26, 51p, 51, 28p	5	2-3	5-5	27-20	30-34	19250
38	12/27/2007	@ COL	W	28-7-3	4-2	51, 51, 26, 37	26	0-1	4-4	29-24	39-31	18007
39	12/29/2007	@ PHX	W	29-7-3	4-2	37, 28p, 13, 33	13	1-3	4-4	35-34	30-30	17866
40	12/31/2007	STL	L	29-8-3	0-2	-	6	0-4	5-5	31-23	34-39	20066+
41	1/2/2008	DAL	W	30-8-3	4-1	11, 93, 17, 13	93	0-3	3-3	26-24	30-35	20066+
42	1/5/2008	@ DAL	W	31-8-3	3-0	28, 11, 93	28	0-2	2-2	23-22	39-41	18584
43	1/6/2008	@ CHI	W	32-8-3	3-1	40, 11, 37p	11	1-2	2-2	28-20	30-39	21869
44	1/8/2008	COL	W	33-8-3	1-0	13	13	0-2	1-1	25-19	39-60	19160
45	1/10/2008	MIN	O**	33-8-4	5-6	40, 51, 17s, 55, 11	10	0-5	3-3	46-28	29-30	17848
46	1/12/2008	@ OTT	L	33-9-4	2-3	28p, 26	11	1-6	3-5	29-32	1-39	20208
47	1/15/2008	ATL	L	33-10-4	1-5	55	18	0-2	1-4	47-25	32-30	17408
48	1/17/2008	VAN	W**	34-10-4	3-2	11, 11, 40x	40	0-3	2-2	49-28	39-1	18878
49	1/19/2008	@ SJ	W	35-10-4	6-3	40, 33s, 55, 5p, 96p, 11	5	2-5	3-6	28-18	39-20	17496
50	1/22/2008	@ LA	W	36-10-4	3-0	96, 37, 93	96	0-3	2-2	27-27	30-35	18118
51	1/23/2008	@ ANA	W	37-10-4	2-1	28p, 51	51	1-6	4-5	33-25	39-35	17355
52	1/30/2008	PHX	W	38-10-4	3-2	40, 96, 5	5	0-3	1-1	39-34	30-30	17591
53	2/1/2008	COL	W	39-10-4	2-0	40, 33	40	0-4	3-3	36-15	39-31	20066+
54	2/2/2008	@ BOS	W	40-10-4	3-1	40, 13, 28p	13	1-4	4-4	32-23	30-30	17565
55	2/5/2008	@ MIN	W*	41-10-4	3-2	93, 11, 22	22	0-3	3-4	38-26	39-32	18568
56	2/7/2008	LA	L	41-11-4	3-5	82, 40, 40	6	0-3	3-5	29-25	35-30	18852
57	2/9/2008	@ TOR	O*	41-11-5	2-3	5, 37	80	0-2	1-2	34-25	35-39	19510
58	2/10/2008	ANA	L	41-12-5	2-3	13p, 93p	40	2-8	2-2	29-19	35-30	20066+
59	2/12/2008	@ NSH	L	41-13-5	2-4	93p, 13p	71	2-6	5-5	42-23	30-30	15692
60	2/15/2008	CBJ	L	41-14-5	1-5	13p	33	1-4	3-5	21-23	31-30	20066+
61	2/17/2008	@ DAL	L	41-15-5	0-1	-	15	0-4	4-4	28-31	35-35	18584
62	2/18/2008	@ COL	W	42-15-5	4-0	24, 51p, 40p, 40	24	2-6	3-3	40-18	30-60	18007
63	2/22/2008	@ CGY	L	42-16-5	0-1	-	40	0-6	5-5	38-26	34-30	19289
64	2/23/2008	@ VAN	L	42-17-5	1-4	13p	6	1-7	2-3	29-35	1-35	18630
65	2/26/2008	@ EDM	O**	42-17-6	3-4	52p, 13p, 51	12	2-7	5-6	43-29	32-30	16839

66	2/29/2008 SJ	L	42-18-6	2-3	40p, 37p	16	2-4	2-3	22-22	20-39	20066+
67	3/2/2008 @ BUF	W	43-18-6	4-2	17, 51p, 93, 18	93	1-5	4-5	39-24	39-30	18690
68	3/5/2008 STL	W	44-18-6	4-1	13, 93, 28, 13	93	0-6	3-4	32-19	39-34	18064
69	3/9/2008 NSH	W	45-18-6	4-3	93p, 26p, 23, 93p	93	3-8	5-7	33-23	39-30	20066+
70	3/11/2008 CHI	W	46-18-6	3-1	18, 13, 93	13	0-2	2-2	47-20	30-50	18632
71	3/13/2008 DAL	W	47-18-6	5-3	93p, 13, 13, 37, 51	37	1-6	1-2	31-19	30-35	19453
72	3/15/2008 NSH	L	47-19-6	1-3	55	37	0-6	3-3	35-27	39-30	20066+
73	3/16/2008 @ CBJ	L	47-20-6	3-4	82, 93p, 93p	13	2-6	2-2	46-17	30-39	18188
74	3/19/2008 CBJ	W	48-20-6	3-1	40, 40p, 40	40	1-5	6-7	27-23	30-30	19061
75	3/20/2008 @ NSH	W	49-20-6	6-3	55, 24, 28p, 93, 13, 13	93	1-6	4-5	36-29	39-30	17113
76	3/22/2008 @ CBJ	W	50-20-6	4-1	5p, 40p, 93, 13s	40	2-5	5-5	21-12	39-30	17681
77	3/25/2008 @ STL	W	51-20-6	2-1	40, 93p	93	1-5	3-3	32-18	30-34	19150
78	3/28/2008 STL	O*	51-20-7	3-4	28p, 93p, 93	22	2-7	5-6	39-21	34-30	20066+
79	3/30/2008 NSH	W*	52-20-7	1-0	93	93	0-5	6-6	36-22	39-39	20066+
80	4/2/2008 @ CHI	L	52-21-7	2-6	40p, 18	20	1-6	6-8	28-28	39-39	21365
81	4/3/2008 CBJ	W	53-21-7	3-2	44, 93p, 40	40	1-7	5-6	39-22	39-31	19435
82	4/6/2008 CHI	W	54-21-7	4-1	26, 5p, 44, 5p	26	2-5	3-4	38-28	39-39	20066+



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Date	Opp	# 3	# 4	# 5	# 8	# 8	# 11	# 13
Oct 3	Vs ANA	0-0 0/-1 17:06	INJ	0-1 5/0 34:11	DND	MIN	0-0 2/0 13:23	0-1 2/0 21:50
Oct 6	@ CHI	0-0 0/0 21:29	INJ	1-1 4/0 30:37	DND	MIN	0-0 1/0 15:58	0-0 4/-1 21:38
Oct 8	Vs EDM	0-0 0/-1 18:27	INJ	0-2 0/2 26:10	0-0 0/0 3:11	MIN	0-1 1/-1 17:11	0-1 3/1 19:53
Oct 10	Vs CGY	0-1 0/0 15:52	INJ	0-0 0/1 26:46	0-0 0/0 5:07	MIN	1-0 3/-1 16:09	0-2 4/1 20:59
Oct 12	Vs CHI	0-1 0/0 17:10	INJ	0-0 4/1 26:09	0-0 1/0 2:01	MIN	0-0 2/1 16:15	0-0 2/1 21:17
Oct 14	@ L.A	0-0 1/1 20:20	INJ	0-0 0/3 24:16	0-0 4/0 5:01	MIN	0-0 0/1 17:46	1-2 5/3 21:59
Oct 15	@ ANA	0-0 0/-2 15:03	INJ	0-0 8/-2 32:52	0-1 0/1 5:47	MIN	0-1 2/0 19:47	0-1 5/0 22:55
Oct 18	@ S.J	0-0 1/1 19:11	INJ	0-0 6/-1 29:52	1-0 (W) 2/1 6:34	MIN	0-0 2/-1 18:47	1-0 3/1 23:30
Oct 20	@ PHX	0-0 2/0 19:26	INJ	0-1 2/1 27:26	0-1 2/2 8:11	MIN	0-1 5/2 18:23	0-1 3/-1 18:52
Oct 24	Vs VAN	0-0 2/0 19:43	INJ	0-1 5/0 27:00	1-0 1/1 8:38	MIN	0-0 1/-1 18:43	0-1 7/1 20:16
Oct 26	Vs S.J	1-0 (W) 1/1 15:08	MIN	0-1 2/3 24:53	0-0 1/0 9:05	MIN	0-1 3/2 19:19	0-1 2/1 21:16
Oct 28	@ VAN	0-0 1/0 19:37	MIN	0-1 5/2 26:59	0-0 0/1 5:04	MIN	0-0 2/-1 19:15	0-1 4/0 22:10
Oct 30	@ EDM	0-0 1/0 19:32	MIN	0-1 0/0 29:37	DND	MIN	0-0 2/0 18:51	0-1 2/1 22:12
Nov 1	@ CGY	0-0 0/1 19:12	MIN	0-2 2/1 29:15	DND	MIN	1-0 1/1 18:28	0-2 6/0 21:43
Nov 7	Vs NSH	0-0 1/-2 21:04	MIN	0-0 3/0 35:10	0-0 0/0 6:02	MIN	1-0 6/0 18:24	0-0 2/-1 23:11
Nov 9	Vs CBJ	0-0 1/0 17:25	MIN	0-2 3/2 28:36	DND	MIN	2-0 4/1 11:33	0-0 2/1 22:35
Nov 11	@ CHI	0-0 0/-1 13:41	MIN	1-0 2/2 27:15	DND	MIN	0-0 3/1 15:04	0-0 2/0 21:07
Nov 13	@ STL	DND	MIN	0-0 3/0 27:35	DND	MIN	1-0 6/2 20:07	1-0 3/1 22:18
Nov 17	Vs CHI	0-0 0/0 19:47	MIN	0-1 4/-2 27:37	DND	MIN	0-1 4/-1 18:45	0-1 3/-1 19:44
Nov 18	@ CBJ	0-0 1/-1 15:12	MIN	1-2 5/1 25:38	DND	MIN	0-0 2/0 17:32	1-1 7/2 22:58
Nov 21	Vs STL	0-0 1/1 14:21	MIN	0-1 3/1 28:01	DND	MIN	1-1 6/1 18:28	0-0 2/0 18:54
Nov 22	@ NSH	0-0 0/-1 15:19	MIN	0-0 2/-1 29:05	0-0 0/0 2:36	MIN	0-1 1/-2 17:10	0-1 5/0 22:31
Nov 24	@ CBJ	0-0 1/-1 21:22	MIN	0-0 2/0 30:15	DND	MIN	0-0 2/0 16:12	1-1 5/-1 21:12
Nov 27	Vs CGY	0-0 0/1 14:43	MIN	0-2 3/0 27:27	DND	MIN	0-0 4/1 16:33	2-1 (W) 6/2 21:39
Nov 29	Vs T.B	0-1 4/0 19:43	MIN	0-1 0/-1 25:29	DND	MIN	1-0 5/3 18:43	1-0 3/-2 23:40
Dec 1	Vs PHX	0-0 0/-1 17:17	MIN	0-0 2/0 26:16	0-0 0/-1 5:16	MIN	1-0 (W) 5/0 14:28	1-0 4/0 21:11
Dec 4	@ MTL	0-0 0/0 18:06	MIN	0-0 2/0 28:20	0-0 2/0 5:59	MIN	0-0 2/0 14:21	2-1 (W) 4/1 19:47
Dec 7	Vs MIN	0-0 0/0 21:39	MIN	0-1 3/4 26:46	0-0 3/0 6:58	MIN	0-0 3/0 16:58	0-3 2/3 19:57
Dec 9	Vs CAR	1-0 (W) 2/3 17:25	MIN	0-2 0/0 25:27	0-0 0/0 1:59	MIN	0-1 3/0 19:21	1-0 2/1 22:39
Dec 10	@ NSH	0-1 0/1 19:38	MIN	0-0 3/0 29:17	0-0 0/0 2:47	MIN	0-0 3/0 18:03	0-1 4/0 20:51
Dec 13	Vs EDM	0-0 0/0 16:04	MIN	0-0 2/0 30:41	0-1 1/1 3:55	MIN	0-2 4/0 22:35	0-0 8/1 24:22
Dec 15	Vs FLA	0-1 2/1 12:49	MIN	0-1 5/0 24:38	0-0 1/-1 6:18	MIN	1-0 (W) 6/0 19:50	1-1 5/0 23:06
Dec 17	Vs WSH	0-0 1/1 18:48	MIN	0-2 1/1 27:49	0-0 1/0 5:10	MIN	0-0 1/0 22:22	0-3 0/1 23:14
Dec 19	Vs L.A	0-1 1/2 17:51	MIN	0-1 1/1 20:55	0-0 0/0 6:44	MIN	1-1 2/3 18:06	0-1 2/0 19:21
Dec 20	@ STL	0-0 0/2 15:37	MIN	0-1 3/2 27:32	0-0 1/1 3:57	MIN	0-0 1/0 17:22	0-0 5/0 24:07
Dec 22	@ MIN	0-0 1/2 16:53	MIN	0-1 5/1 24:28	0-0 1/0 4:23	MIN	1-1 8/1 20:12	1-0 2/1 21:03
Dec 26	@ STL	0-0 2/2 15:49	MIN	1-1 (W) 4/1 21:07	0-0 0/0 7:12	MIN	0-0 1/0 16:19	0-3 1/1 16:48
Dec 27	@ COL	0-0 3/-1 21:31	MIN	0-0 1/3 23:11	0-0 1/0 6:05	MIN	0-0 4/2 18:35	0-0 2/2 21:22
Dec 29	@ PHX	0-0 1/-1 15:47	MIN	0-2 2/3 25:58	0-0 2/0 6:51	MIN	0-0 1/0 19:05	1-2 (W) 5/2 19:48
Dec 31	Vs STL	0-0 0/-1 15:51	MIN	0-0 1/-1 27:25	0-0 1/0 4:31	MIN	0-0 2/1 19:31	0-0 5/-2 20:38
Jan 2	Vs DAL	0-0 1/0 20:51	MIN	0-2 1/3 22:59	0-0 0/-1 6:15	MIN	1-1 2/2 17:18	1-0 2/2 20:12
Jan 5	@ DAL	0-0 0/1 20:16	MIN	0-1 2/2 23:29	0-0 0/0 5:04	MIN	1-1 2/2 18:34	0-1 1/2 20:54
Jan 6	@ CHI	0-1 0/0 18:40	MIN	0-1 0/1 26:32	0-0 1/0 7:26	MIN	1-0 (W) 5/1 18:49	0-1 0/1 21:03
Jan 8	Vs COL	0-0 1/0 19:10	MIN	0-0 1/0 25:37	DND	MIN	0-0 3/0 17:12	1-0 (W) 2/1 18:20
Jan 10	Vs MIN	0-0 0/-1 17:11	MIN	0-0 5/-1 31:43	DND	MIN	1-2 2/2 18:16	0-1 4/1 24:00
Jan 12	@ OTT	0-0 1/0 16:57	MIN	0-1 5/1 28:54	DND	MIN	0-0 1/1 17:15	0-1 1/0 23:28
Jan 15	Vs ATL	0-0 2/-1 22:27	MIN	0-0 3/1 25:23	DND	MIN	0-0 2/-1 19:36	0-0 6/0 19:55
Jan 17	Vs VAN	0-1 1/1 20:11	MIN	0-0 3/-1 28:20	DND	MIN	2-0 7/1 18:33	0-0 6/-1 21:07
Jan 19	@ S.J	0-0 0/1 20:09	MIN	1-2 (W) 2/3 26:19	DND	MIN	1-2 3/2 17:57	0-1 1/2 20:52
Jan 22	@ L.A	0-0 1/0 19:05	MIN	0-1 1/2 25:57	0-1 1/1 4:28	MIN	0-0 4/1 18:29	0-1 2/1 20:07
Jan 23	@ ANA	0-0 1/0 19:30	MIN	0-1 2/1 26:04	0-0 1/0 7:57	MIN	0-0 0/0 2:35	0-1 6/1 23:39
Jan 30	Vs PHX	0-0 1/-2 16:32	MIN	1-2 (W) 7/3 26:43	DND	MIN	0-0 1/0 15:04	0-3 2/3 20:35
Feb 1	Vs COL	0-0 1/0 16:39	MIN	0-1 1/1 29:52	DND	MIN	0-0 3/0 16:07	0-2 7/2 21:38
Feb 2	@ BOS	0-0 1/-1 20:38	MIN	0-1 2/2 26:55	DND	MIN	0-0 2/-1 14:06	1-1 (W) 4/2 18:18
Feb 5	@ MIN	0-1 1/1 21:38	MIN	0-0 2/0 27:05	DND	MIN	1-1 5/1 17:18	0-0 1/0 20:11
Feb 7	Vs L.A	0-0 2/-1 19:08	MIN	0-1 1/-3 26:46	0-0 0/-1 3:25	MIN	0-1 2/1 19:32	0-0 1/-1 20:49
Feb 9	@ TOR	0-0 5/0 20:40	MIN	1-1 2/0 28:11	DND	MIN	0-0 1/0 4:50	0-1 1/0 22:50
Feb 10	Vs ANA	0-0 0/0 17:03	MIN	0-1 2/0 26:48	DND	MIN	DND	1-0 3/-1 21:26
Feb 12	@ NSH	0-0 2/-2 19:52	MIN	0-1 3/-3 27:38	0-0 0/-1 3:43	MIN	DND	1-0 5/1 22:50
Feb 15	Vs CBJ	0-0 2/-1 22:47	0-0 0/-1 10:22	0-1 2/-1 26:26	DND	MIN	INJ	1-0 2/-1 18:53
Feb 17	@ DAL	0-0 1/-1 21:05	0-0 0/-1 6:53	0-0 1/0 25:09	DND	MIN	INJ	0-0 4/0 22:55
Feb 18	@ COL	0-0 1/1 23:44	0-0 0/0 18:16	0-0 0/0 3:04	DND	MIN	INJ	0-3 4/2 19:25
Feb 22	@ CGY	0-0 1/0 25:51	0-0 3/-1 16:13	DND	DND	MIN	INJ	0-0 2/-1 22:55
Feb 23	@ VAN	0-0 1/-1 20:42	0-0 0/0 13:39	DND	Traded to L.A	MIN	INJ	1-0 1/-2 22:11
Feb 26	@ EDM	0-0 2/0 24:38	0-0 2/0 18:27	DND	-	MIN	INJ	1-0 6/0 22:35
Feb 29	Vs S.J	0-0 0/-1 21:26	MIN	DND	-	MIN	INJ	0-1 2/-2 23:01
Mar 2	@ BUF	0-0 1/0 21:14	MIN	DND	-	MIN	INJ	0-1 3/1 20:28
Mar 5	Vs STL	0-1 1/1 19:26	MIN	DND	-	MIN	INJ	2-0 2/2 17:51
Mar 9	Vs NSH	0-0 0/0 15:56	MIN	0-2 1/-1 24:34	-	MIN	INJ	0-1 0/0 23:38
Mar 11	Vs CHI	0-0 0/0 11:51	MIN	0-0 2/1 26:25	-	MIN	INJ	1-0 (W) 10/1 20:34
Mar 13	Vs DAL	DND	MIN	0-2 1/1 27:59	-	MIN	INJ	2-1 5/2 22:02
Mar 15	Vs NSH	0-0 1/0 12:59	MIN	0-0 3/-1 26:12	-	MIN	INJ	0-0 4/-1 23:32
Mar 16	@ CBJ	0-0 2/-2 12:59	MIN	0-1 3/0 27:04	-	MIN	INJ	0-1 3/-1 23:36
Mar 19	Vs CBJ	DND	MIN	0-1 1/1 26:45	-	MIN	INJ	0-1 0/2 22:37
Mar 20	@ NSH	0-0 1/0 14:42	MIN	0-1 2/1 28:50	-	MIN	INJ	2-0 4/3 23:47
Mar 22	@ CBJ	0-0 0/1 19:08	MIN	1-0 2/-1 22:11	-	MIN	INJ	1-2 2/0 22:43
Mar 25	@ STL	0-0 1/-1 12:47	MIN	0-1 3/1 25:51	-	MIN	0-1 2/0 17:13	0-1 1/1 19:44
Mar 28	Vs STL	0-0 1/-1 13:35	MIN	0-0 3/-1 29:25	-	MIN	0-0 5/-1 19:40	0-3 4/1 21:14
Mar 30	Vs NSH	0-0 1/0 18:19	MIN	0-0 2/1 30:40	-	MIN	0-0 4/0 17:26	0-0 0/0 23:26
Apr 2	@ CHI	0-0 0/0 15:44	MIN	0-1 1/-1 25:10	-	MIN	0-0 3/-1 21:14	0-1 0/-1 18:06
Apr 3	Vs CBJ	0-0 1/0 12:40	MIN	0-1 6/0 29:05	-	0-0 3/-1 11:20	0-0 1/0 16:42	0-2 5/1 22:27
Apr 6	Vs CHI	0-0 2/1 21:14	MIN	2-0 (W) 2/0 16:33	-	0-0 3/1 13:06	0-1 1/0 17:41	0-0 2/0 14:59

date	Opp	MEECH # 14	DRAKE # 17	MALTBY # 18	DOWNEY # 20	LEBDA # 22	STUART # 23	CHELIOS # 24
Oct 3	Vs ANA	DND	0-0 0/0 8:13	0-0 0/0 8:15	DND	0-0 3/0 15:35	-	0-0 0/0 14:50
Oct 6	@ CHI	DND	0-0 0/-1 11:59	0-0 1/0 10:42	DND	0-0 0/-1 14:31	-	0-0 0/-2 14:55
Oct 8	Vs EDM	DND	0-0 0/-2 12:42	0-0 3/0 10:28	DND	0-0 1/-1 16:19	-	1-0 4/2 18:07
Oct 10	Vs CGY	DND	0-1 0/-1 12:16	0-0 0/0 10:28	DND	0-1 0/0 15:05	-	0-0 3/0 21:03
Oct 12	Vs CHI	DND	0-0 1/-1 7:45	0-0 1/0 10:26	DND	0-0 2/0 15:44	-	0-0 0/1 17:49
Oct 14	@ L.A	DND	0-0 0/0 9:03	0-0 2/0 14:04	0-0 1/0 3:41	0-0 1/0 16:10	-	0-0 2/1 18:45
Oct 15	@ ANA	DND	0-0 1/0 8:22	0-0 0/-1 13:05	0-0 0/0 2:21	0-1 0/2 8:35	-	0-0 0/1 13:42
Oct 18	@ S.J	DND	0-0 0/0 1:33	0-0 0/-1 15:58	0-0 0/0 2:42	0-0 0/1 13:24	-	0-0 0/0 15:03
Oct 20	@ PHX	DND	INJ	2-0 (W) 3/2 15:57	0-0 0/1 6:26	1-0 1/3 15:38	-	0-2 3/2 14:49
Oct 24	Vs VAN	DND	INJ	0-0 3/-1 14:56	0-0 0/0 4:25	0-0 1/1 15:52	-	0-0 1/0 18:40
Oct 26	Vs S.J	DND	INJ	1-0 2/1 15:05	0-0 0/0 7:20	0-0 2/1 20:50	-	0-0 3/1 16:06
Oct 28	@ VAN	0-0 2/0 12:51	INJ	0-0 0/-1 15:56	0-0 0/0 2:52	0-0 1/-1 17:09	-	0-0 1/-1 19:11
Oct 30	@ EDM	0-0 0/0 9:09	0-0 1/0 6:56	0-0 1/0 15:10	DND	0-0 3/0 20:48	-	0-0 0/0 10:55
Nov 1	@ CGY	0-0 1/0 9:29	0-0 1/0 8:56	0-0 3/1 15:21	DND	0-1 0/0 16:08	-	0-0 0/0 17:16
Nov 7	Vs NSH	0-0 1/0 8:13	DND	0-0 3/-1 11:55	0-0 0/0 3:21	0-0 1/-1 16:34	-	0-0 0/-1 14:09
Nov 9	Vs CBJ	DND	0-0 0/0 7:42	0-2 3/2 12:13	DND	0-1 2/0 11:29	-	0-0 1/0 17:58
Nov 11	@ CHI	DND	0-0 1/0 7:20	0-0 0/0 9:16	DND	0-0 0/0 18:18	-	0-0 3/-1 18:35
Nov 13	@ STL	0-0 0/-1 7:57	0-0 0/-1 5:35	0-0 0/0 11:02	DND	0-0 1/3 15:11	-	0-0 0/1 18:44
Nov 17	Vs CHI	0-0 0/0 9:13	0-0 0/0 5:38	0-0 1/1 11:49	DND	0-0 2/-1 16:15	-	DND
Nov 18	@ CBJ	DND	DND	0-0 2/0 14:10	0-0 1/0 4:33	1-0 1/0 16:57	-	0-0 2/0 21:55
Nov 21	Vs STL	DND	0-0 1/0 7:43	0-0 2/1 11:16	DND	0-0 0/0 14:26	-	0-0 1/0 18:04
Nov 22	@ NSH	DND	DND	0-0 1/-2 10:52	0-0 1/0 3:57	0-0 0/0 11:32	-	0-0 0/-1 16:21
Nov 24	@ CBJ	DND	0-0 1/0 7:20	0-0 0/0 14:12	0-0 0/0 4:44	0-0 1/0 14:20	-	0-0 1/0 18:44
Nov 27	Vs CGY	DND	0-0 0/-1 9:37	0-0 1/1 13:33	0-0 0/-1 3:45	0-0 1/1 12:57	-	0-0 2/1 17:54
Nov 29	Vs T.B	DND	0-0 0/0 14:30	DND	0-0 0/0 4:01	0-1 2/1 16:26	-	0-1 1/2 18:09
Dec 1	Vs PHX	DND	0-0 1/0 13:47	DND	0-0 0/-1 5:08	0-0 1/0 16:36	-	0-0 1/0 19:26
Dec 4	@ MTL	DND	0-0 0/0 14:44	DND	0-0 0/0 5:14	0-0 3/1 13:56	-	0-0 0/1 19:54
Dec 7	Vs MIN	DND	0-0 0/0 12:02	DND	0-0 1/0 6:16	0-1 0/1 12:24	-	0-0 2/2 16:25
Dec 9	Vs CAR	DND	0-0 2/0 11:30	DND	0-0 0/0 1:12	0-0 1/0 13:03	-	0-0 1/0 14:47
Dec 10	@ NSH	0-0 1/0 6:46	0-0 1/0 12:44	DND	0-0 0/1 3:02	0-0 0/0 10:28	-	DND
Dec 13	Vs EDM	DND	0-0 1/0 12:49	DND	0-0 0/1 2:09	0-0 2/0 16:33	-	0-0 0/-1 15:50
Dec 15	Vs FLA	DND	0-0 1/0 13:09	DND	0-0 0/-1 2:19	0-0 2/-1 16:04	-	0-0 0/-1 17:07
Dec 17	Vs WSH	DND	0-0 0/-1 12:01	DND	0-0 0/0 2:26	0-0 2/0 16:59	-	0-0 1/0 19:23
Dec 19	Vs L.A	DND	0-0 1/0 9:49	DND	DND	0-0 2/0 18:55	-	0-1 2/0 22:13
Dec 20	@ STL	0-0 1/-1 8:56	0-1 0/1 9:04	INJ	DND	0-0 4/-1 16:34	-	DND
Dec 22	@ MIN	DND	0-0 1/1 15:09	INJ	0-0 0/0 4:30	0-1 2/1 18:50	-	0-0 1/0 15:02
Dec 26	@ STL	DND	0-0 1/1 16:32	INJ	0-0 1/0 8:54	0-0 2/0 20:51	-	0-0 0/0 23:31
Dec 27	@ COL	0-0 0/0 8:43	0-0 0/0 14:00	INJ	0-0 0/0 5:42	0-1 1/0 18:36	-	DND
Dec 29	@ PHX	DND	0-0 2/1 14:30	INJ	0-0 0/0 6:21	0-0 1/0 17:43	-	0-0 1/1 18:54
Dec 31	Vs STL	DND	0-0 1/-1 12:45	INJ	0-0 0/0 5:00	0-0 3/0 15:20	-	0-0 1/0 18:36
Jan 2	Vs DAL	DND	1-0 1/1 12:56	INJ	0-1 0/0 5:00	0-0 3/-1 16:31	-	0-1 0/0 16:12
Jan 5	@ DAL	MIN	0-0 1/0 15:46	INJ	0-0 0/0 4:50	0-0 1/0 16:05	-	0-0 1/0 16:50
Jan 6	@ CHI	MIN	0-0 1/0 15:43	INJ	0-0 0/0 6:10	0-0 0/0 15:12	-	0-0 1/0 17:45
Jan 8	Vs COL	MIN	0-0 0/0 12:13	0-0 1/0 11:33	DND	0-0 2/0 14:51	-	0-0 0/0 15:12
Jan 10	Vs MIN	MIN	1-0 2/1 8:59	0-0 0/0 7:32	DND	0-1 0/0 12:59	-	0-0 1/2 15:52
Jan 12	@ OTT	MIN	0-0 1/-1 7:21	0-0 0/0 8:27	DND	0-0 1/-1 13:26	-	0-0 1/-1 12:44
Jan 15	Vs ATL	MIN	DND	0-0 1/-1 8:41	0-0 1/-1 3:57	0-0 1/-1 11:30	-	0-0 0/-1 15:34
Jan 17	Vs VAN	MIN	DND	0-0 0/-1 12:05	0-0 0/0 2:47	0-0 3/1 16:41	-	0-1 1/1 16:59
Jan 19	@ S.J	MIN	DND	0-0 0/0 11:27	0-0 1/0 3:50	0-0 1/0 11:44	-	0-0 0/1 14:06
Jan 22	@ L.A	0-0 1/0 10:10	DND	0-0 0/0 9:13	0-0 0/1 5:33	0-0 2/0 17:05	-	DND
Jan 23	@ ANA	DND	DND	0-0 1/0 13:37	0-0 0/0 3:21	0-0 1/0 13:00	-	0-0 1/1 17:50
Jan 30	Vs PHX	0-0 2/0 15:23	0-0 0/-1 11:06	0-0 0/-1 10:36	DND	DND	-	0-1 1/1 18:20
Feb 1	Vs COL	0-0 0/0 10:36	DND	0-0 1/0 11:00	0-0 0/0 4:50	0-0 1/1 19:37	-	0-0 0/0 16:23
Feb 2	@ BOS	0-0 2/0 10:47	0-0 0/0 10:14	0-0 2/0 11:29	DND	0-0 3/-1 16:21	-	0-0 1/0 20:48
Feb 5	@ MIN	0-0 1/0 11:41	0-0 1/0 8:09	0-0 1/0 9:45	DND	1-0 (W) 3/2 19:53	-	0-0 1/0 15:48
Feb 7	Vs L.A	0-0 1/2 12:08	DND	0-0 0/-1 8:37	DND	0-0 1/0 17:43	-	0-0 1/2 18:30
Feb 9	@ TOR	0-0 2/0 14:54	0-0 2/0 10:47	0-0 0/0 14:04	0-0 1/0 6:47	0-0 2/1 19:01	-	0-0 1/-1 14:10
Feb 10	Vs ANA	0-0 0/-1 10:36	0-0 1/0 9:17	0-0 1/0 6:28	0-0 0/0 4:58	0-0 3/-2 21:32	-	0-0 1/-1 13:43
Feb 12	@ NSH	0-0 3/0 13:28	0-0 0/1 9:52	0-0 1/-2 8:14	DND	0-0 1/-1 12:37	-	0-0 1/0 14:29
Feb 15	Vs CBJ	0-0 1/-1 13:42	0-0 1/0 8:24	0-0 1/0 8:45	0-0 0/0 4:48	0-0 2/-2 20:07	-	0-0 1/0 23:18
Feb 17	@ DAL	0-0 0/0 14:06	0-0 1/-1 8:15	0-0 0/-1 12:14	0-0 0/0 3:30	0-0 2/0 23:36	-	0-0 1/0 24:00
Feb 18	@ COL	0-1 4/2 24:26	0-0 1/0 11:13	0-0 3/0 10:51	0-0 1/0 2:25	0-0 0/0 24:12	-	1-0 (W) 2/1 21:38
Feb 22	@ CGY	0-0 2/0 20:15	0-0 1/0 10:46	0-0 1/0 9:39	0-0 1/0 3:14	0-0 4/-1 26:52	-	0-0 0/0 3:13
Feb 23	@ VAN	0-1 3/0 22:17	0-0 0/-1 10:00	0-0 0/-1 9:44	0-0 1/0 4:47	0-0 4/-2 28:17	-	DND
Feb 26	@ EDM	0-1 8/-2 27:19	0-0 3/0 14:37	0-0 3/0 14:39	DND	0-1 2/0 27:41	DND	DND
Feb 29	Vs S.J	0-0 1/-1 15:18	0-0 0/0 8:37	0-0 2/-1 10:18	0-0 0/0 4:36	0-0 2/-1 21:11	0-0 2/0 21:07	DND
Mar 2	@ BUF	0-0 2/-1 11:00	1-0 2/1 12:18	1-0 1/2 12:34	0-0 0/-1 5:23	0-0 0/0 20:45	0-0 2/2 24:47	DND
Mar 5	Vs STL	DND	0-0 0/0 12:13	0-0 1/1 12:17	0-1 1/0 7:18	0-0 2/0 18:32	0-0 2/1 22:34	DND
Mar 9	Vs NSH	DND	0-0 1/0 12:17	0-0 1/0 13:12	0-0 0/0 4:24	DND	1-0 4/1 21:16	DND
Mar 11	Vs CHI	DND	0-1 2/0 12:19	1-0 1/1 13:48	0-0 0/0 3:11	DND	0-0 5/1 20:24	0-0 1/0 13:28
Mar 13	Vs DAL	DND	0-0 0/-2 11:54	0-0 2/-2 13:46	0-0 1/0 2:37	0-0 0/0 9:58	0-1 1/2 19:50	0-0 0/-1 11:40
Mar 15	Vs NSH	DND	0-0 0/0 12:12	0-0 1/0 12:13	DND	0-0 2/0 13:57	0-0 1/-1 18:46	DND
Mar 16	@ CBJ	DND	0-0 1/-2 8:16	0-0 2/-3 10:03	DND	DND	0-0 2/-1 17:36	0-0 0/-1 12:36
Mar 19	Vs CBJ	0-0 0/0 3:29	0-0 0/0 12:42	0-0 1/0 16:11	0-0 0/0 2:58	0-0 0/0 14:22	0-0 2/1 20:30	0-0 0/0 15:17
Mar 20	@ NSH	0-0 0/-1 7:30	0-0 3/-1 13:32	0-1 1/0 14:17	0-0 1/0 5:08	0-0 1/0 12:52	DND	1-0 2/3 16:05
Mar 22	@ CBJ	0-0 0/0 6:41	DND	0-0 2/0 17:06	0-0 0/0 6:54	0-0 2/0 14:50	DND	0-1 0/1 18:29
Mar 25	@ STL	0-0 1/0 5:51	DND	0-0 1/0 16:07	0-0 0/0 3:13	0-0 0/-1 12:07	DND	0-0 2/0 16:48
Mar 28	Vs STL	DND	0-0 0/0 6:38	0-0 1/0 15:00	DND	0-0 2/-1 13:56	DND	0-0 0/1 21:52
Mar 30	Vs NSH	DND	0-0 0/0 6:28	0-0 1/0 14:58	0-0 0/0 4:18	0-0 2/0 16:44	DND	0-0 0/0 13:04
Apr 2	@ CHI	DND	0-0 1/0 11:52	1-0 3/0 9:03	0-0 0/0 7:46	0-0 1/-1 15:51	DND	0-0 0/-2 18:04
Apr 3	Vs CBJ	0-0 0/0 8:16	0-0 0/0 11:06	DND	0-1 1/1 4:39	0-0 0/0 13:07	DND	0-1 0/1 16:35
Apr 6	Vs CHI	0-0 4/0 17:19	DND	DND	0-0 0/0 11:23	0-1 1/1 21:17	DND	DND

Skaters: Goals-Assists (GameWinning or GameTying) Shots / (+/-) TOI

Goalies: Goals Allowed / Shots Decision Minutes Played

date	Opp	MCCARTY # 25	HUDLER # 26	RAFALSKI # 28	DRAPER # 33	STAFFORD # 36	SAMUELSSON # 37	ZETTERBERG # 40
Oct 3	Vs ANA	-	0-0 0/1 16:18	0-1 2/0 26:08	0-0 1/0 15:19	MIN	0-0 4/1 19:19	1-1 5/1 24:54
Oct 6	@ CHI	-	0-0 4/1 16:44	1-1 2/1 26:51	0-0 0/0 18:33	MIN	0-1 3/0 17:53	0-3 1/1 23:29
Oct 8	Vs EDM	-	0-1 2/2 14:01	0-0 0/1 21:50	1-0 3/1 17:35	MIN	1-1 8/2 17:09	0-2 5/1 20:41
Oct 10	Vs CGY	-	0-0 2/0 14:05	0-1 1/0 21:24	1-0 (W) 3/1 15:11	MIN	0-1 1/0 17:51	1-0 3/2 21:48
Oct 12	Vs CHI	-	0-0 2/0 13:10	0-0 2/0 23:56	1-0 4/0 17:27	MIN	0-0 2/1 16:16	1-0 6/1 21:49
Oct 14	@ L.A	-	0-0 1/0 12:50	0-0 1/2 20:17	1-0 (W) 3/1 15:16	MIN	INJ	1-2 3/3 22:41
Oct 15	@ ANA	-	0-0 0/2 6:21	1-0 6/1 28:48	1-0 1/1 17:16	MIN	INJ	1-0 8/0 24:20
Oct 18	@ S.J	-	0-0 0/1 10:49	0-3 1/0 22:39	0-0 3/0 16:53	MIN	INJ	1-1 4/0 25:03
Oct 20	@ PHX	-	1-0 1/1 8:53	0-0 2/0 23:16	0-0 0/1 16:39	MIN	0-0 3/1 13:02	1-1 7/0 20:22
Oct 24	Vs VAN	-	0-0 0/0 5:08	0-2 0/1 20:28	0-0 1/1 18:40	MIN	0-1 4/1 14:06	0-1 6/1 21:46
Oct 26	Vs S.J	-	0-0 2/2 12:40	0-0 0/3 25:46	0-1 2/1 16:08	MIN	0-1 1/2 14:24	2-0 9/2 21:16
Oct 28	@ VAN	-	1-0 (W) 2/1 11:12	0-0 1/2 22:36	0-1 0/1 16:56	MIN	1-1 1/2 15:25	0-1 8/1 23:18
Oct 30	@ EDM	-	0-0 2/1 10:34	0-1 4/0 27:41	0-0 3/0 16:36	MIN	0-0 4/0 14:45	1-0 6/0 22:02
Nov 1	@ CGY	-	1-0 1/0 8:58	0-1 1/0 28:29	0-1 1/1 18:08	MIN	0-1 2/0 9:50	2-0 (W) 5/0 20:14
Nov 7	Vs NSH	-	1-1 4/0 11:06	0-0 4/0 31:40	0-0 3/1 15:42	MIN	0-0 3/1 17:35	0-1 8/1 23:18
Nov 9	Vs CBJ	-	0-0 0/0 5:36	0-1 2/2 26:39	0-0 0/1 15:41	MIN	0-2 3/0 14:51	1-0 6/1 23:34
Nov 11	@ CHI	-	1-1 2/2 14:34	0-0 5/1 23:52	0-0 1/0 13:35	MIN	0-0 1/1 16:09	0-1 6/1 23:55
Nov 13	@ STL	-	0-2 3/1 15:54	0-1 1/1 25:32	0-0 0/0 14:41	MIN	DND	0-0 6/0 25:13
Nov 17	Vs CHI	-	0-0 0/3 14:02	1-0 2/1 24:45	0-1 4/1 15:05	MIN	0-0 5/3 14:23	1-1 8/1 22:28
Nov 18	@ CBJ	-	0-0 1/0 7:46	0-2 1/1 25:38	0-0 0/0 16:57	MIN	0-0 4/0 16:43	0-1 0/0 22:29
Nov 21	Vs STL	-	0-1 5/0 14:38	0-1 1/0 21:05	0-1 1/1 13:54	MIN	1-0 3/0 16:23	1-0 (W) 4/0 21:05
Nov 22	@ NSH	-	0-1 0/0 13:08	0-0 2/0 21:20	0-0 2/2 15:55	MIN	0-0 5/0 14:39	1-0 5/0 23:35
Nov 24	@ CBJ	-	0-0 0/0 9:40	0-1 2/0 24:08	0-0 0/0 16:52	MIN	0-0 2/0 17:29	0-0 3/1 23:14
Nov 27	Vs CGY	-	0-1 0/1 12:50	0-1 2/0 23:59	1-0 1/0 4:13	MIN	0-1 5/1 16:02	0-1 3/2 23:25
Nov 29	Vs T.B	-	1-1 1/2 10:20	0-0 0/1 21:18	INJ	MIN	0-0 5/2 14:15	0-0 5/2 22:46
Dec 1	Vs PHX	-	0-1 0/0 11:56	0-2 4/0 21:48	INJ	MIN	0-0 3/0 17:05	1-1 9/0 22:56
Dec 4	@ MTL	-	0-0 3/1 13:55	0-1 0/1 20:30	INJ	MIN	0-1 4/1 15:02	1-1 5/0 22:17
Dec 7	Vs MIN	-	1-0 3/1 14:41	0-0 1/2 22:02	INJ	MIN	0-0 2/0 16:24	3-0 (W) 4/3 21:06
Dec 9	Vs CAR	-	0-3 3/2 18:01	0-0 3/0 22:57	INJ	MIN	0-0 4/2 17:11	0-1 4/1 22:48
Dec 10	@ NSH	-	0-0 2/0 13:39	0-0 5/0 26:07	INJ	MIN	0-0 0/1 14:56	0-0 5/1 23:22
Dec 13	Vs EDM	-	0-0 1/1 17:00	0-2 3/1 25:44	INJ	MIN	0-0 4/1 18:39	2-0 6/0 24:24
Dec 15	Vs FLA	-	0-1 2/0 15:44	1-1 5/1 26:49	INJ	MIN	0-0 4/0 18:32	0-2 3/0 22:42
Dec 17	Vs WSH	-	0-0 2/0 13:13	0-0 2/1 22:48	INJ	MIN	0-0 3/0 13:53	1-1 9/0 24:36
Dec 19	Vs L.A	-	1-0 1/1 15:07	0-0 0/0 18:10	0-0 3/1 14:15	MIN	0-1 2/0 14:31	1-1 5/0 19:37
Dec 20	@ STL	-	0-0 1/1 13:25	0-1 2/0 26:42	0-0 0/0 13:17	MIN	1-0 4/0 13:58	0-1 5/1 24:11
Dec 22	@ MIN	-	0-1 2/1 17:28	0-1 5/2 23:36	0-1 3/1 16:50	MIN	0-1 4/1 19:25	DND
Dec 26	@ STL	-	1-1 2/2 15:15	1-2 2/2 19:54	0-0 0/0 16:09	MIN	0-2 4/2 16:44	DND
Dec 27	@ COL	-	1-0 (W) 2/1 13:02	0-1 2/0 26:06	0-1 1/1 18:25	MIN	1-1 4/1 16:11	DND
Dec 29	@ PHX	-	0-1 3/0 13:48	1-0 3/0 21:09	1-0 3/1 17:09	MIN	1-0 6/0 16:15	DND
Dec 31	Vs STL	-	0-0 4/1 18:23	0-0 2/2 18:56	0-0 1/0 16:18	MIN	0-0 3/0 18:21	DND
Jan 2	Vs DAL	-	0-0 0/0 14:48	0-0 1/3 19:44	0-0 1/0 15:55	MIN	0-0 4/0 16:29	0-2 3/1 20:32
Jan 5	@ DAL	-	0-0 1/0 13:27	1-0 (W) 2/2 21:41	0-0 3/1 16:22	MIN	0-0 3/0 17:15	0-1 3/1 20:09
Jan 6	@ CHI	-	0-2 2/1 12:31	0-1 4/1 22:30	0-0 0/0 17:55	MIN	1-0 4/0 14:26	1-0 5/0 16:53
Jan 8	Vs COL	-	0-0 0/0 12:59	0-0 2/0 23:01	0-0 1/0 15:10	MIN	0-0 4/1 14:53	0-0 2/1 18:48
Jan 10	Vs MIN	-	0-1 3/1 15:00	0-1 3/1 25:37	0-0 2/0 13:03	MIN	0-0 2/2 16:02	1-1 6/0 20:22
Jan 12	@ OTT	-	1-0 3/0 12:52	1-0 1/0 25:02	0-0 2/0 16:08	MIN	0-0 3/0 14:50	0-1 4/1 20:34
Jan 15	Vs ATL	-	0-0 1/1 12:41	0-0 4/1 24:07	0-0 0/1 15:10	MIN	0-1 7/1 13:00	0-1 7/1 21:26
Jan 17	Vs VAN	-	0-0 1/0 9:53	0-0 6/2 23:52	0-0 4/1 19:48	MIN	0-1 5/1 19:16	0-0 4/1 22:12
Jan 19	@ S.J	-	0-1 0/1 9:11	0-3 2/2 23:08	1-0 1/2 16:55	MIN	0-0 3/0 15:26	1-2 6/2 23:15
Jan 22	@ L.A	-	0-0 1/0 18:37	0-1 1/3 23:34	0-0 2/0 17:32	MIN	1-1 5/2 17:40	DND
Jan 23	@ ANA	-	0-0 4/0 15:43	1-0 2/0 21:28	0-0 4/0 15:44	MIN	0-0 4/0 17:06	DND
Jan 30	Vs PHX	-	0-0 1/1 15:46	0-0 2/2 26:21	0-0 4/1 15:42	MIN	0-0 2/0 13:02	1-0 7/3 21:01
Feb 1	Vs COL	-	0-0 0/1 12:45	0-1 4/2 25:13	0-0 2/1 14:18	MIN	0-0 4/0 14:41	1-0 (W) 4/2 22:06
Feb 2	@ BOS	-	0-0 1/0 13:30	1-0 1/2 24:17	0-0 2/0 14:14	MIN	0-0 2/1 13:45	1-1 5/2 17:52
Feb 5	@ MIN	-	0-0 1/0 14:12	0-0 3/1 25:46	0-0 1/0 13:47	MIN	0-0 5/1 15:07	0-1 4/1 21:03
Feb 7	Vs L.A	-	0-0 1/0 9:13	0-1 3/0 24:41	0-0 1/2 14:02	MIN	0-2 3/2 16:34	2-0 5/2 22:17
Feb 9	@ TOR	-	DND	0-0 1/0 24:50	0-0 1/0 14:54	MIN	1-0 4/0 16:41	0-1 4/0 23:20
Feb 10	Vs ANA	-	0-1 0/0 18:52	0-0 0/2 24:52	0-0 1/2 11:24	MIN	0-1 1/1 16:14	0-1 3/1 21:46
Feb 12	@ NSH	-	0-1 2/1 12:09	0-0 6/2 29:29	0-0 1/0 13:25	MIN	0-0 3/0 13:20	0-0 3/3 22:25
Feb 15	Vs CBJ	-	0-0 1/1 14:43	DND	0-0 0/1 15:39	MIN	0-0 1/0 17:24	0-1 1/1 20:08
Feb 17	@ DAL	-	0-0 2/0 9:40	DND	0-0 1/1 14:21	MIN	0-0 4/0 17:30	0-0 1/0 20:57
Feb 18	@ COL	-	0-1 2/0 15:23	DND	0-0 1/0 15:41	MIN	0-1 2/0 16:50	2-0 9/1 22:31
Feb 22	@ CGY	-	0-0 1/0 11:19	INJ	0-0 1/0 13:50	MIN	0-0 4/0 19:04	0-0 5/0 25:34
Feb 23	@ VAN	-	0-0 0/0 12:03	INJ	0-0 1/1 12:43	0-0 1/0 8:29	0-0 0/0 18:20	0-0 3/2 20:50
Feb 26	@ EDM	DND	0-0 1/0 8:53	INJ	0-0 2/0 16:32	0-0 0/0 5:01	0-1 8/0 20:06	0-0 1/0 24:43
Feb 29	Vs S.J	DND	0-0 0/0 11:39	INJ	0-0 1/0 11:24	MIN	1-0 3/0 17:11	1-1 4/0 23:00
Mar 2	@ BUF	DND	0-1 1/1 10:56	INJ	0-1 0/1 15:54	MIN	0-1 8/1 16:51	0-0 3/1 20:52
Mar 5	Vs STL	DND	0-0 1/0 10:20	1-0 3/3 21:02	0-0 0/1 16:22	MIN	0-1 2/2 16:09	0-1 3/2 20:41
Mar 9	Vs NSH	DND	1-0 4/0 14:38	0-0 3/1 25:34	0-0 0/1 15:38	MIN	0-1 4/1 14:45	0-1 4/1 22:24
Mar 11	Vs CHI	DND	0-1 0/1 12:54	0-0 2/1 22:09	0-0 3/0 15:47	MIN	0-0 5/1 16:37	0-0 5/1 21:26
Mar 13	Vs DAL	DND	0-1 0/1 14:14	0-1 3/1 25:59	DND	MIN	1-0 (W) 5/1 19:50	0-1 2/2 23:38
Mar 15	Vs NSH	DND	0-0 2/2 18:28	0-0 0/1 25:24	DND	MIN	0-1 1/0 17:38	0-0 10/2 22:25
Mar 16	@ CBJ	DND	0-0 6/0 15:38	0-0 4/1 26:32	DND	MIN	0-0 2/1 19:54	0-2 5/1 23:34
Mar 19	Vs CBJ	DND	0-0 3/0 14:49	0-1 4/1 24:36	DND	MIN	0-0 2/2 15:39	3-0 (W) 6/2 24:06
Mar 20	@ NSH	DND	0-1 0/2 13:05	1-0 7/3 25:48	DND	MIN	0-1 6/2 18:05	0-1 1/2 22:57
Mar 22	@ CBJ	DND	0-0 0/1 10:45	0-2 2/0 20:44	0-0 2/0 17:25	MIN	0-0 2/1 17:32	1-0 (W) 4/1 21:23
Mar 25	@ STL	DND	0-0 2/0 15:34	0-1 2/1 28:01	0-0 2/0 18:04	MIN	0-0 2/0 16:21	1-0 5/0 20:56
Mar 28	Vs STL	0-0 1/0 5:03	0-0 1/1 16:22	1-0 3/0 24:55	0-0 2/0 17:00	MIN	DND	0-3 6/1 22:59
Mar 30	Vs NSH	DND	0-0 6/0 12:47	0-1 5/1 25:45	0-0 0/0 16:44	MIN	DND	0-1 6/1 21:48
Apr 2	@ CHI	0-0 0/0 7:01	0-0 4/2 16:27	0-0 4/1 21:52	DND	MIN	DND	1-0 4/2 16:53
Apr 3	Vs CBJ	DND	0-0 3/0 11:47	0-0 1/0 26:01	DND	MIN	DND	1-0 (W) 7/1 22:42
Apr 6	Vs CHI	0-1 2/2 11:16	1-1 3/1 14:12	DND	DND	MIN	DND	0-0 3/0 16:06

Skaters: Goals-Assists (GameWinning or GameTying) Shots / (+/-) TOI Goalsies: Goals Allowed / Shots Decision Minutes Played

date	Opp	RITOLA # 42	HELM # 43	HARTIGAN # 44	FILPPULA # 51	ERICSSON # 52	KRONVALL # 55	KOPECKY # 82
Oct 3	Vs ANA	MIN	INJ	MIN	0-0 2/0 15:15	MIN	0-0 5/-1 22:49	0-0 1/0 6:33
Oct 6	@ CHI	MIN	INJ	MIN	0-0 0/0 17:44	MIN	0-0 1/-1 21:34	0-0 0/0 4:55
Oct 8	Vs EDM	MIN	INJ	MIN	0-0 0/1 17:16	MIN	0-0 1/1 19:05	0-0 0/0 4:44
Oct 10	Vs CGY	MIN	INJ	MIN	0-0 2/0 17:35	MIN	0-0 2/-1 19:50	0-0 0/0 6:15
Oct 12	Vs CHI	MIN	INJ	MIN	0-0 1/0 17:59	MIN	0-0 2/0 19:46	0-1 1/1 4:20
Oct 14	@ L.A	MIN	INJ	MIN	0-0 2/0 15:52	MIN	0-0 1/1 20:54	0-0 0/0 11:40
Oct 15	@ ANA	MIN	INJ	MIN	0-0 1/-2 14:11	MIN	0-0 2/-2 21:15	0-0 0/-1 10:05
Oct 18	@ S.J	MIN	INJ	MIN	0-0 0/0 16:51	MIN	1-0 3/1 19:58	0-0 1/1 12:45
Oct 20	@ PHX	MIN	MIN	MIN	0-0 4/0 14:20	MIN	0-1 2/0 19:30	0-1 0/2 10:09
Oct 24	Vs VAN	MIN	MIN	MIN	0-0 1/0 14:36	MIN	0-0 2/0 18:20	0-0 1/1 12:40
Oct 26	Vs S.J	MIN	MIN	MIN	1-1 1/2 12:37	MIN	0-1 1/1 16:52	0-0 3/0 9:03
Oct 28	@ VAN	MIN	MIN	MIN	0-1 2/1 16:31	MIN	DND	0-0 1/1 8:07
Oct 30	@ EDM	MIN	MIN	MIN	1-0 (W) 1/0 12:58	MIN	DND	0-0 0/0 5:47
Nov 1	@ CGY	MIN	MIN	MIN	0-0 2/0 15:16	MIN	DND	0-0 0/0 6:54
Nov 7	Vs NSH	MIN	MIN	MIN	0-1 1/0 19:18	MIN	DND	DND
Nov 9	Vs CBJ	MIN	MIN	MIN	0-0 0/0 14:58	MIN	0-0 2/0 17:56	0-0 0/0 5:44
Nov 11	@ CHI	MIN	MIN	MIN	0-0 0/-1 12:18	MIN	0-0 2/1 18:55	0-1 0/0 5:00
Nov 13	@ STL	MIN	MIN	MIN	1-1 2/2 15:30	MIN	0-2 3/2 25:07	0-0 1/-1 5:52
Nov 17	Vs CHI	MIN	MIN	MIN	0-0 1/-2 13:15	MIN	0-0 0/-2 22:34	0-0 1/0 6:56
Nov 18	@ CBJ	MIN	MIN	MIN	0-1 2/1 17:19	MIN	0-0 0/1 22:32	0-0 1/-1 8:43
Nov 21	Vs STL	MIN	MIN	MIN	0-0 0/0 16:05	MIN	0-0 2/0 18:23	0-0 1/0 4:52
Nov 22	@ NSH	MIN	MIN	MIN	0-0 1/0 13:36	MIN	0-0 2/-1 22:19	DND
Nov 24	@ CBJ	MIN	MIN	MIN	0-0 1/-2 15:34	MIN	0-0 0/-1 19:56	DND
Nov 27	Vs CGY	MIN	MIN	MIN	1-0 1/1 15:42	MIN	0-1 1/1 20:26	DND
Nov 29	Vs T.B	MIN	MIN	0-0 0/0 3:53	0-0 3/1 14:23	MIN	0-1 2/1 18:21	1-0 (W) 2/1 9:07
Dec 1	Vs PHX	MIN	MIN	MIN	0-0 2/0 15:37	MIN	0-1 1/-1 17:33	0-0 1/-1 9:23
Dec 4	@ MTL	MIN	MIN	MIN	0-0 0/2 16:37	MIN	1-0 1/1 18:22	0-0 3/0 9:25
Dec 7	Vs MIN	MIN	MIN	MIN	0-1 1/1 16:03	MIN	0-1 3/0 20:50	0-0 1/0 8:38
Dec 9	Vs CAR	MIN	MIN	MIN	1-0 2/2 16:07	MIN	0-1 3/3 22:48	0-0 1/0 6:32
Dec 10	@ NSH	MIN	MIN	MIN	1-0 (W) 4/1 15:52	MIN	0-0 3/0 23:22	1-0 2/1 9:41
Dec 13	Vs EDM	MIN	MIN	1-0 2/1 5:02	0-0 2/-1 19:45	MIN	0-0 1/0 24:14	0-0 1/-1 13:56
Dec 15	Vs FLA	MIN	MIN	0-0 0/-1 5:39	1-0 1/1 18:21	MIN	0-1 2/0 19:16	0-0 1/0 13:00
Dec 17	Vs WSH	MIN	MIN	MIN	0-0 1/0 17:06	MIN	0-0 1/-1 21:54	0-0 2/0 8:20
Dec 19	Vs L.A	MIN	MIN	MIN	1-0 1/1 14:35	MIN	0-4 2/3 18:45	0-0 1/0 8:53
Dec 20	@ STL	MIN	MIN	MIN	1-0 1/0 17:27	MIN	0-0 1/0 21:43	0-0 2/0 9:40
Dec 22	@ MIN	MIN	MIN	0-0 0/0 4:30	0-1 4/1 20:20	MIN	0-0 6/0 21:17	1-0 4/1 15:05
Dec 26	@ STL	MIN	MIN	0-0 0/0 9:02	2-0 2/1 14:56	MIN	0-0 1/1 19:15	0-0 1/1 13:25
Dec 27	@ COL	MIN	MIN	0-0 0/0 6:52	2-0 5/1 19:51	MIN	0-2 2/2 22:48	0-0 0/-1 13:23
Dec 29	@ PHX	MIN	MIN	0-0 1/0 7:04	0-1 0/2 18:52	MIN	0-1 2/1 21:01	0-0 0/0 14:06
Dec 31	Vs STL	MIN	MIN	0-0 0/0 6:41	0-0 1/-2 18:04	MIN	0-0 2/0 24:17	0-0 2/0 10:37
Jan 2	Vs DAL	MIN	MIN	MIN	0-1 2/2 17:57	MIN	0-0 2/1 22:30	0-0 0/0 8:39
Jan 5	@ DAL	MIN	MIN	MIN	0-1 0/2 17:20	MIN	0-1 1/1 21:09	0-0 1/0 7:56
Jan 6	@ CHI	MIN	MIN	MIN	0-0 3/1 17:04	MIN	0-0 0/0 18:58	0-0 1/0 10:51
Jan 8	Vs COL	MIN	MIN	MIN	0-0 2/0 20:10	MIN	0-1 1/1 20:27	0-0 1/0 8:47
Jan 10	Vs MIN	MIN	MIN	MIN	1-0 4/-1 21:27	MIN	1-0 4/1 22:33	0-0 1/-2 9:26
Jan 12	@ OTT	MIN	MIN	MIN	0-0 1/0 16:14	MIN	0-1 1/1 18:52	0-0 0/-1 4:52
Jan 15	Vs ATL	MIN	MIN	MIN	0-0 3/0 17:20	MIN	1-0 4/1 20:21	0-0 1/-1 6:15
Jan 17	Vs VAN	MIN	MIN	MIN	0-1 1/2 16:54	MIN	0-0 0/0 21:56	0-0 1/0 3:46
Jan 19	@ S.J	MIN	MIN	MIN	0-0 0/0 16:25	MIN	1-0 4/1 22:18	0-0 1/0 4:46
Jan 22	@ L.A	MIN	MIN	MIN	0-0 0/1 18:22	MIN	0-0 0/1 22:44	0-0 1/0 12:48
Jan 23	@ ANA	MIN	MIN	MIN	1-0 (W) 1/1 21:28	MIN	0-0 1/0 20:29	0-1 2/1 13:43
Jan 30	Vs PHX	MIN	MIN	MIN	0-0 1/-1 13:27	MIN	0-0 1/-2 14:57	0-0 1/-1 11:27
Feb 1	Vs COL	MIN	MIN	MIN	0-0 0/0 14:05	MIN	DND	0-0 0/0 9:23
Feb 2	@ BOS	MIN	MIN	MIN	0-0 0/0 12:15	MIN	INJ	0-0 0/0 11:29
Feb 5	@ MIN	MIN	MIN	MIN	0-0 4/0 17:17	MIN	DND	0-1 2/1 8:34
Feb 7	Vs L.A	MIN	MIN	MIN	0-0 2/-1 15:08	MIN	DND	1-0 1/1 11:02
Feb 9	@ TOR	MIN	MIN	MIN	0-0 2/0 18:55	MIN	DND	0-0 0/0 9:10
Feb 10	Vs ANA	MIN	MIN	MIN	0-0 0/0 19:54	MIN	DND	0-0 4/0 15:07
Feb 12	@ NSH	MIN	MIN	MIN	0-1 4/0 16:39	MIN	INJ	0-0 0/0 9:32
Feb 15	Vs CBJ	MIN	MIN	MIN	0-0 3/-1 17:36	MIN	INJ	0-0 1/-1 11:28
Feb 17	@ DAL	MIN	MIN	MIN	0-0 2/0 19:01	MIN	INJ	0-0 0/0 8:40
Feb 18	@ COL	MIN	MIN	MIN	1-0 2/0 17:18	MIN	INJ	0-0 1/1 10:25
Feb 22	@ CGY	MIN	MIN	MIN	0-0 0/0 16:17	0-0 2/0 22:39	INJ	0-0 2/0 7:25
Feb 23	@ VAN	MIN	MIN	MIN	0-0 2/0 19:44	0-0 3/-3 20:39	INJ	0-0 2/0 8:38
Feb 26	@ EDM	MIN	MIN	0-0 0/-1 2:43	1-1 2/0 19:35	1-0 2/-1 19:16	INJ	0-0 0/-1 4:21
Feb 29	Vs S.J	MIN	MIN	DND	0-0 1/-2 20:18	0-0 0/-1 11:53	0-2 0/0 25:40	0-0 1/0 8:22
Mar 2	@ BUF	MIN	MIN	DND	1-1 2/1 15:54	0-0 1/0 10:51	0-2 3/3 25:42	0-0 2/-1 8:34
Mar 5	Vs STL	MIN	MIN	DND	0-0 3/0 16:55	0-0 5/1 12:39	0-0 0/2 24:02	0-1 3/1 7:31
Mar 9	Vs NSH	MIN	MIN	0-0 0/0 3:50	0-1 2/1 17:40	0-0 2/0 10:18	0-2 2/1 21:05	0-0 0/0 6:33
Mar 11	Vs CHI	MIN	MIN	0-0 0/0 4:40	0-0 4/1 18:37	MIN	0-0 2/1 24:24	0-0 1/-1 12:13
Mar 13	Vs DAL	MIN	0-0 1/0 7:00	0-0 0/1 8:17	1-2 3/3 19:21	MIN	0-0 1/1 21:15	0-0 0/0 11:48
Mar 15	Vs NSH	0-0 1/0 4:29	0-0 0/0 5:21	0-0 0/1 7:50	0-0 1/-1 20:37	MIN	1-0 3/-1 19:21	0-0 0/0 11:59
Mar 16	@ CBJ	0-1 1/0 7:04	0-0 0/-3 6:14	0-1 2/1 9:26	0-0 1/0 18:58	MIN	0-0 2/-1 20:51	1-0 7/1 14:21
Mar 19	Vs CBJ	MIN	0-0 0/0 4:12	0-0 1/0 11:11	DND	MIN	0-0 0/1 19:06	0-0 2/0 15:31
Mar 20	@ NSH	MIN	0-0 0/0 5:29	0-0 0/1 11:18	DND	MIN	1-0 1/0 19:46	0-0 2/0 14:40
Mar 22	@ CBJ	MIN	0-0 0/0 5:30	0-0 0/0 11:43	DND	MIN	0-0 0/1 23:48	0-1 1/2 12:17
Mar 25	@ STL	MIN	MIN	0-0 3/0 4:44	DND	MIN	0-0 0/0 23:29	0-0 1/-1 15:21
Mar 28	Vs STL	MIN	MIN	0-0 1/-1 4:12	0-0 3/-3 17:34	MIN	0-0 3/0 21:43	0-0 1/0 11:34
Mar 30	Vs NSH	MIN	MIN	0-0 0/0 3:51	0-0 3/0 17:11	MIN	0-0 3/0 22:31	0-0 2/0 12:06
Apr 2	@ CHI	MIN	MIN	0-0 2/0 9:51	0-0 0/-1 19:43	MIN	0-0 2/-1 22:52	0-0 1/0 13:21
Apr 3	Vs CBJ	MIN	MIN	1-0 4/0 9:37	0-0 0/0 19:01	MIN	0-1 0/1 20:28	0-0 3/0 11:29
Apr 6	Vs CHI	MIN	0-0 6/1 15:14	1-0 2/1 12:37	0-0 0/0 16:56	0-0 4/1 19:29	0-1 0/1 24:53	DND

Skaters: Goals-Assists (GameWinning or GameTying) Shots / (+/-) TOI Goalies: Goals Allowed / Shots Decision Minutes Played

date	Opp	FRANZEN # 93	HOLMSTROM # 96	GRIGORENKO	OSGOOD # 30	HOWARD # 35	HASEK # 39	
Oct 3	Vs ANA	0-0 6/0 13:10	1-0 4/0 15:57	MIN	DNP	MIN	2-15	W 65
Oct 6	@ CHI	0-0 1/0 6:03	1-0 4/2 17:58	MIN	DNP	MIN	3-27	O 65
Oct 8	Vs EDM	INJ	1-0 (W) 4/0 17:15	MIN	DNP	MIN	2-20	W 60
Oct 10	Vs CGY	INJ	1-0 4/1 18:37	MIN	2-21 W 60	MIN	DNP	
Oct 12	Vs CHI	INJ	0-1 3/1 17:51	MIN	DNP	MIN	3-29	L 59
Oct 14	@ L.A	INJ	1-1 3/3 17:30	MIN	1-28 W 60	MIN	DNP	
Oct 15	@ ANA	INJ	0-1 1/1 15:13	MIN	DNP	MIN	5-28	L 58
Oct 18	@ S.J	INJ	0-0 1/1 16:47	MIN	2-25 W 60	MIN	DNP	
Oct 20	@ PHX	DND	0-1 2/1 16:57	MIN	DNP	MIN	2-21	W 60
Oct 24	Vs VAN	INJ	2-0 (W) 3/1 15:13	DND	DNP	MIN	2-15	W 60
Oct 26	Vs S.J	INJ	0-2 4/2 19:14	MIN	1-11 W 60	DNP	DND	
Oct 28	@ VAN	INJ	1-0 1/1 16:48	MIN	2-29 W 60	DNP	DND	
Oct 30	@ EDM	0-0 2/0 11:16	0-0 2/0 19:11	MIN	1-16 W 60	DNP	INJ	
Nov 1	@ CGY	0-0 0/0 6:14	0-0 0/0 16:16	MIN	1-27 W 60	DNP	INJ	
Nov 7	Vs NSH	0-0 0/0 15:16	0-1 5/1 18:03	MIN	2-30 W 65	MIN	DNP	
Nov 9	Vs CBJ	0-0 3/0 14:17	1-0 (W) 4/0 17:23	MIN	DNP	MIN	1-16	W 60
Nov 11	@ CHI	0-0 4/1 13:07	0-0 0/0 17:30	MIN	3-27 L 59	MIN	DNP	
Nov 13	@ STL	0-0 1/1 10:35	0-0 0/1 19:13	MIN	0/4 24	MIN	4-12	L 36
Nov 17	Vs CHI	0-0 3/0 12:54	1-1 4/1 19:20	MIN	DNP	MIN	4-16	L 60
Nov 18	@ CBJ	0-0 2/0 17:29	1-1 3/1 17:59	MIN	4-40 W 65	MIN	DNP	
Nov 21	Vs STL	0-0 4/0 18:06	0-1 1/0 18:16	MIN	0-12 W 60	MIN	DNP	
Nov 22	@ NSH	1-0 2/0 17:04	0-1 1/0 18:54	MIN	DNP	MIN	3-29	L 60
Nov 24	@ CBJ	0-0 1/0 18:25	1-0 3/1 18:02	MIN	2-28 O 65	MIN	DNP	
Nov 27	Vs CGY	0-0 1/0 17:10	1-1 4/1 19:37	MIN	3-22 W 60	MIN	DNP	
Nov 29	Vs T.B	0-1 6/2 19:04	0-1 0/2 19:52	MIN	2-23 W 60	MIN	DNP	
Dec 1	Vs PHX	0-0 5/0 18:50	0-0 0/0 19:27	MIN	2-26 W 60	MIN	DNP	
Dec 4	@ MTL	0-0 3/1 18:57	0-0 2/0 16:33	MIN	DNP	MIN	1-16	W 60
Dec 7	Vs MIN	1-1 3/1 15:48	0-1 2/2 15:09	MIN	DNP	MIN	0-19	W 60
Dec 9	Vs CAR	1-0 5/0 17:41	1-0 2/1 18:53	MIN	DNP	MIN	2-17	W 60
Dec 10	@ NSH	0-0 1/0 19:07	0-0 1/1 16:18	MIN	1-31 W 60	MIN	DNP	
Dec 13	Vs EDM	0-0 4/0 19:26	DND	MIN	DNP	MIN	3-25	O 65
Dec 15	Vs FLA	1-0 6/0 18:37	DND	MIN	2-35 W 60	MIN	DNP	
Dec 17	Vs WSH	0-0 0/0 21:56	2-0 3/0 16:50	MIN	DNP	MIN	3-30	W 65
Dec 19	Vs L.A	1-0 6/3 18:22	1-0 (W) 3/0 17:57	MIN	DNP	MIN	2-20	W 60
Dec 20	@ STL	0-0 3/1 21:30	0-0 2/0 6:46	MIN	3-24 L 59	MIN	DNP	
Dec 22	@ MIN	1-0 (W) 2/1 17:35	DND	MIN	DNP	MIN	1-19	W 60
Dec 26	@ STL	0-0 3/1 16:31	DND	MIN	0-20 W 60	MIN	DNP	
Dec 27	@ COL	0-0 1/1 17:37	DND	MIN	DNP	MIN	2-24	W 60
Dec 29	@ PHX	0-0 2/0 17:39	DND	MIN	2-34 W 60	MIN	DNP	
Dec 31	Vs STL	0-0 2/0 19:22	DND	MIN	DNP	MIN	1-22	L 59
Jan 2	Vs DAL	1-0 (W) 3/2 19:21	DND	MIN	1-24 W 60	MIN	DNP	
Jan 5	@ DAL	1-0 1/1 19:03	DND	MIN	DNP	MIN	0-22	W 60
Jan 6	@ CHI	0-0 1/1 17:32	DND	MIN	1-20 W 60	MIN	DNP	
Jan 8	Vs COL	0-0 1/0 13:25	0-1 1/1 14:12	MIN	DNP	MIN	0-19	W 60
Jan 10	Vs MIN	0-1 1/1 13:45	0-0 6/0 20:26	MIN	5-28 O 65	MIN	DNP	
Jan 12	@ OTT	0-0 2/0 16:04	0-0 1/0 19:41	MIN	DNP	MIN	3-32	L 59
Jan 15	Vs ATL	0-0 1/1 16:49	0-0 3/0 18:14	MIN	4-17 L 27	MIN	1/8 33	
Jan 17	Vs VAN	0-0 0/0 20:35	0-0 6/0 19:05	MIN	DNP	MIN	2-28	W 65
Jan 19	@ S.J	0-1 2/1 17:19	1-0 1/1 14:33	MIN	DNP	MIN	3-18	W 60
Jan 22	@ L.A	1-0 3/1 17:59	1-0 (W) 2/1 16:39	MIN	0-27 W 60	MIN	DNP	
Jan 23	@ ANA	0-0 1/0 20:34	0-0 1/0 17:42	MIN	DNP	MIN	1-25	W 60
Jan 30	Vs PHX	0-0 1/0 14:15	1-0 5/3 17:43	MIN	2-34 W 60	MIN	DNP	
Feb 1	Vs COL	0-0 4/0 15:02	0-0 4/0 17:45	MIN	DNP	MIN	0-15	W 60
Feb 2	@ BOS	0-0 2/1 17:35	0-1 2/2 17:27	MIN	1-23 W 60	MIN	DNP	
Feb 5	@ MIN	1-0 1/1 15:09	0-0 1/0 17:50	MIN	DNP	MIN	2-26	W 62
Feb 7	Vs L.A	0-0 2/1 15:58	0-0 2/1 17:19	MIN	5-25 L 58	MIN	DNP	
Feb 9	@ TOR	0-1 4/0 17:33	0-0 1/1 19:44	MIN	DNP	MIN	3-25	O 61
Feb 10	Vs ANA	1-0 6/2 17:55	0-0 3/1 17:27	MIN	3-19 L 59	MIN	DNP	
Feb 12	@ NSH	1-0 6/2 18:56	0-0 1/1 20:56	MIN	3/4L 9	1-19 50	DND	
Feb 15	Vs CBJ	0-0 0/1 18:25	0-0 2/1 16:51	MIN	4-13 L 31	1-10 29	DND	
Feb 17	@ DAL	0-0 6/0 20:43	0-0 2/0 20:36	MIN	DNP	1-31 L 59	DND	
Feb 18	@ COL	0-1 3/1 19:05	0-1 4/1 17:11	MIN	0-18 W 60	DNP	DND	
Feb 22	@ CGY	0-0 2/1 17:22	0-0 6/1 18:40	MIN	1-26 L 59	DNP	INJ	
Feb 23	@ VAN	0-0 6/0 21:58	0-1 1/2 18:32	MIN	DNP	4-35 L 60	INJ	
Feb 26	@ EDM	0-0 1/0 20:31	0-1 0/0 17:12	MIN	3-29 O 65	MIN	DNP	
Feb 29	Vs S.J	0-0 2/0 19:48	0-0 1/1 20:31	MIN	DNP	MIN	3-22	L 59
Mar 2	@ BUF	1-1 (W) 5/1 19:24	0-0 3/0 17:26	MIN	DNP	MIN	2-24	W 60
Mar 5	Vs STL	1-0 (W) 2/2 18:58	0-1 1/1 14:43	MIN	DNP	MIN	1-19	W 60
Mar 9	Vs NSH	2-0 (W) 5/1 21:06	DND	MIN	DNP	MIN	3-23	W 60
Mar 11	Vs CHI	1-0 4/1 21:13	DND	MIN	1-20 W 60	MIN	DNP	
Mar 13	Vs DAL	1-1 6/1 23:19	DND	MIN	3-19 W 60	DNP	DND	
Mar 15	Vs NSH	0-1 4/1 21:28	DND	MIN	2-26 L 59	DNP	DND	
Mar 16	@ CBJ	2-0 3/0 22:31	DND	MIN	0/7 27	MIN	4-10	L 32
Mar 19	Vs CBJ	0-0 5/0 23:01	DND	MIN	1-23 W 60	MIN	DNP	
Mar 20	@ NSH	1-1 (W) 4/2 20:13	DND	MIN	DNP	MIN	3-29	W 60
Mar 22	@ CBJ	1-0 2/1 19:03	DND	MIN	DNP	MIN	1-12	W 60
Mar 25	@ STL	1-0 (W) 4/0 19:49	DND	MIN	1-18 W 60	DNP	DND	
Mar 28	Vs STL	2-0 2/1 18:45	DND	MIN	4-21 O 62	DNP	DND	
Mar 30	Vs NSH	1-0 (W) 1/1 21:52	DND	MIN	DNP	MIN	0-22	W 63
Apr 2	@ CHI	0-0 2/2 15:49	DND	MIN	3-22 52	MIN	3/6L 8	
Apr 3	Vs CBJ	1-0 4/1 22:12	DND	MIN	DNP	MIN	2-22	W 60
Apr 6	Vs CHI	0-1 2/0 15:52	0-0 1/0 13:54	MIN	DNP	MIN	1-28	W 60

Skaters: Goals-Assists (GameWinning or GameTying) Shots / (+/-) TOI Goalies: Goals Allowed / Shots Decision Minutes Played

BIO; HEAD COACH

HEAD COACH MIKE BABCOCK

Mike Babcock is in his third campaign at the helm for the Detroit Red Wings with a 162-56-28 record as Detroit's head coach and a 231-119-61 mark in four-plus seasons as a head coach in the National Hockey League. In his first two seasons behind the bench in Detroit he guided the franchise to its first back-to-back 50-win seasons, earning 58 victories and a Presidents' Trophy in 2005-06 and 50 wins in 2006-07. Babcock, 44, is part of an exclusive group of NHL head coaches that have led their respective clubs to back-to-back 50-win campaigns. He joins Scotty Bowman (Montreal), Tom Johnson (Boston), Mike Keenan (Philadelphia), Glen Sather (Edmonton) and Fred Shero (Philadelphia).

In his third season (2007-08) Babcock was named the head coach of the Western Conference for the 2008 NHL All-Star Game in Atlanta. Babcock continued the stellar season by becoming the first NHL coach to record 50-win seasons in their first three seasons with a team.

Prior to joining the Red Wings, Babcock spent two seasons with the Anaheim Ducks where in his first season as an NHL head coach, Babcock led the Ducks to their first Stanley Cup Finals appearance. Babcock became the first rookie coach to reach the Finals since Florida's Doug MacLean in 1996. With a four-game sweep over Detroit in the first round, the Ducks became the first team since the 1952 Red Wings (over Toronto) to sweep a defending Stanley Cup Champion.

In his last foray into international competition, Babcock helped lead Team Canada to a victory at the 2004 World Championships in Prague, Czech Republic. He became the first Canadian coach to serve as bench boss for the both the World Junior Championships team (1997) and senior World Championship team (2004).

Prior to joining Anaheim, Babcock spent two seasons as head coach of the Cincinnati Mighty Ducks (2000-02), the primary affiliate for both Detroit and Anaheim in the American Hockey League. While with Cincinnati, he led the club to a 74-59-20-7 record (.547 winning percentage), including a franchise-best 41 wins and 95 points (41-26-9-4) in 2000-2001. The team qualified for the Calder Cup Playoffs each season. Babcock moved to Cincinnati following a successful six-year run as the head coach of the Spokane Chiefs of the Western Hockey League (1994-95 through 1999-2000) where he was twice named WHL Coach of the Year (1996 & 2000) after taking the franchise to the league finals both seasons.

In Canadian University competition, Babcock won a national championship and was named Coach of the Year in his only season with the Lethbridge Pronghorns (1993-94).

Away from the rink Babcock is involved in several charitable causes. Most notably, he donates two tickets to each Red Wings home game to a child battling cancer and meets with him or her prior to the game. He is also a spokesperson for the Jeffrey Thomas Hayden Foundation, which was created to increase awareness about pediatric brain tumors and provide education and support to affected families. The JTHF was created by Tim and Cindy Hayden after losing their 12-year old son Jeffrey to a pediatric brain tumor in September 2004.

Mike and his wife, Maureen, have three children: Allie, Michael and Taylor

MIKE BABCOCK'S PRO HEAD COACHING RECORD

Season	Team	League	REG SEASON			PLAYOFFS	
			W	L	O/T	W	L
2000-01	Cincinnati	AHL	41	26	13	1	3
2001-02	Cincinnati	AHL	33	33	14	1	2
2002-03	Anaheim	NHL	40	27	15	15	5
2003-04	Anaheim	NHL	29	35	18		
2005-06	Detroit	NHL	58	16	8	2	4
2006-07	Detroit	NHL	50	19	13	10	8
2007-08	Detroit	NHL	54	21	7		
DRW Totals			162	56	28	12	12
NHL Totals			231	119	61	27	17



BIOS; GOALTENDERS

#30 Chris Osgood G

AHZ-gud5'10", 178 11/26/72 (35), Peace River, AB, CAN13 NHL / 10 DET Season

Last Win: MAR 25, 2008 @ ST. LOUIS (2) Last Shutout: FEB 18, 2008 @ COLORADO (10)

How Acquired: Signed as a free agent, 8/8/05; Originally drafted by Detroit-3rd round (54th overall) in 1991 NHL Entry Draft. Notes: Note Worthy

-Led NHL in goals against average during 2007-08 regular season (2.09).

-Finished regular season with a 27-9-4 record.

-Ranks 2nd all-time in Red Wings' history in wins with 279 and 15th in NHL with 363.

-Started for the Western Conference in the 2008 NHL All-Star Game in Atlanta.

-Made 18 saves in recording his 47th career shutout 2/18 at COL. 47 is 5th among active goaltenders.

-Named the Carhartt "Hardest Working Player" of the Month for November as he posted a 6-1-1 record.

-A 3-2 loss to Chicago (11/11) ended a 9-game win streak and 20-game streak of at least one point per game (15-0-5).

-Against CBJ (11/18), stopped 36 of 40 shots in regulation and OT (the most saves by a Wings netminder this season) and denied three of five Jackets in shootout for 5-4 Wings win.

-Stopped 26 of 27 shots and was first star in 4-1 win at Calgary (11/1), leading Wings to first-ever sweep of western Canada road swing vs. Vancouver, Edmonton and Calgary.

-Tallied an assist in both games vs. San Jose (10/18 & 26) and is third in points scored among active NHL goaltenders (Brodeur-28 and Hasek-19).

-Entered his 14th NHL season as one of five active goaltenders with 300 wins (Brodeur, Belfour, Joseph, Hasek).

-Would like to become a bullpen catcher for Detroit Tigers when his hockey career is over.

2007-08 HIGHS

Shots Faced - 40, 11/18 at CBJ

Svs - 36, 11/18 at CBJ

GA - 6, 1/10 vs MIN (SO)

CAREER HIGHS

50, 10/29/03, STL at DET

46, 10/22/00, DET at CBJ

7, 2/6/97, DET vs VAN

Season Shootout Stats: Record: 2-3; Saves-Shots: 8-16 (.500)

Career Shootout Stats: Record: 5-6; Saves-Shots: 22-38 (.579)

Contract Status: Signed through the 2007-08 season.

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#39 Dominik Hasek G

(DOH-mih-nihk HAH-shihk)6'1", 166 01/29/65 (43), Pardubice, CZE14 NHL / 3 DET Season

Last Win: APR 6, 2008 vs CHICAGO Last Shutout: MAR 30, 2008 vs NASHVILLE (3)

How Acquired: Signed as a free agent July 31, 2006. Notes: Note Worthy

-Recorded 5th SO of season (81st career) 3/30 vs NSH.

-Passed Mike Vernon for 10th all-time in NHL wins with 386 (3/22 at CBJ).

-DND two games (3/13-15) with sore back.

-DND six games (2/12/-2/23) with inflammation of hip flexor.

-Finished 2007-08 regular season tied for 3rd in NHL in GAA with 2.14 (Nabokov-SJ).

-Finished 2007-08 regular season with a 27-10-3 record.

-Had a streak of 135 minutes and 22 seconds of shutout play ended at Ottawa 1/12.

-Earned Second Star honor for the week ending 12/9 in NHL, giving up only three goals on 52 shots.

-Made 15 saves for his 80th career shutout vs COL 2/1 —eighth all-time in NHL.

-DND for three games (10/28-11/1) with a sore hip. Returned 11/7 as backup but DNP. Returned to action 11/9 and earned 4-1 win vs. Columbus (15 saves).

-3-1 in shootouts this season, stopping 8 of 10 shots he has faced.

2007-08 HIGHS

Shots Faced - 32, 1/12 at OTT

Svs - 29, 1/12 at OTT

GA - 5, 10/15 at ANA

CAREER HIGHS

58, 3/1/96, BUF at NYR

55, 3/1/96, BUF at NYR

8, 1/4/07, DET at SJS

Season Shootout Stats: Record: 3-2; Saves-Shots: 9-12 (.750)

Career Shootout Stats: Record: 6-11; Saves-Shots: 27-44 (.614)

Contract Status: Signed through the 2007-08 season.

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BIOS; SKATERS

#3 Andreas Lilja D

(LIHL-yah)6'3", 220, 07/13/75 (32), Helsin, SWE6 NHL / 2 DET Season

Last Goal: DEC 9, 2007 vs CAROLINA (51) **Last Assist:** MAR 5, 2008 vs ST. LOUIS (12)

How Acquired: Signed as a free agent on August 24, 2005 **Notes:** Note Worthy

- 93 PIM ranks second on the Red Wings.
- GWG, +3 and 1st Star vs CAR 12/9.
- Both goals this season were GWGs.
- Played a season-high 25:51 at CGY 2/22.
- Had an assist and 4 shots on goal on 11/29 vs TB.
- Had season-high six blocked shots vs. CBJ on 11/24.
- Tallied his first goal of the season (2nd career GWG) vs. San Jose (10/26).

2007-08 HIGHS

Goals - 1, 2x, 12/9 vs CAR
Assists - 1, 10x, 3/5 vs STL
Points - 1,12x, 3/5 vs STL
Shots - 5, 2/9 at TOR
PIM - 7, 12/4 at MTL
Plus/Minus - +3, 12/9 vs CAR
Ice Time - 25:51, 2/22 at CGY

CAREER HIGHS

1, 12x, 12/9/07 DET vs CAR
1, 47x, 3/5/08 vs STL
2, 12/9/01 LAK at CHI
5, 2/9/08 at TOR
17, 10/20/03, FLA at NYR

Contract Status: Signed through 2007-08 season.

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#5 Nicklas Lidstrom D

(LIHD-struhm)6'1", 189 04/28/70 (37), Vasteras, SWE15 NHL / 15 DET Season

Last Goal: APR 6, 2008 vs CHICAGO **Last Assist:** APR 3, 2008 vs COLUMBUS (1)

How Acquired: Detroit's third choice (53rd overall) in 1989 Entry Draft

Notes: Note Worthy

- Led all NHL defensemen in scoring with 70 points (10 goals and 60 assists).
- Finished second in the NHL in plus/minus at +40 be only teammate Pavel Datsyuk (+41).
- Finished 4th in NHL in time on ice at 26:43 per game.
- Scored a season high 2 goals in regular season finale against CHI 4/6.
- Suffered a sprained right knee at COL 2/18 and missed six games—the longest absence of his career. Returned with two assists in 4-3 win over NSH 3/9.
- Has played more games (1,250) in the first 15+ years of his career than any other player in the history of the NHL, missing just 26 games in that span.
- Since entering the League in 1991-92, he has the highest plus/minus rating in the NHL with a +378.
- Is the highest scoring defenseman in Red Wings history and currently ranks 2nd all-time among Swedish-born players.
- Winner of the Norris Trophy 5 of the last 6 seasons played (2001, 2002, 2003, 2006, 2007)—only Bobby Orr (8) and Doug Harvey (7) have won more Norris Trophies.
- Joins Orr, Harvey and Pierre Pilote as the only player in NHL history to win 3 consecutive Norris Trophies.
- Named the Best European ever in the NHL and 9th best overall player since 1967 by The Hockey News.

2007-08 HIGHS

Goals - 2, 4/6 vs CHI
Assists - 2, 8x, 1/30 vs PHX
Points - 3, 3x, 1/30 vs PHX
Shots - 8, 10/15 at ANA
PIM - 2, 19x, 3/19 vs CBJ
Plus/Minus - +4, 12/7 vs MIN
Ice Time - 35:10, 11/7 vs NSH

CAREER HIGHS

2, 15x, 10/27/06 at DAL
4, 2x, 3/7/03 vs STL
4, 8x, 4/13/06 at CHI
10, 10/19/00 vs NSH
10, 12/4/96 at WSH

Contract Status: Signed through the 2007-08 season.

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#8 Justin Abdelkader L

AB-del-kay-der6'1", 215 02/25/87 (21), Muskegon, MI, USA NHL / DET Season

Last Goal: **Last Assist:**

How Acquired: Detroit's Second Round Selection (42nd overall) in the 2005 NHL Entry Draft **Notes:** -Signed 3 year entry-level contract 4/4.- Signed to an amateur tryout 4/3.

- Was +1 and registered 3 shots and 2 hits in 13:06 of ice-time 4/6 vs CHI.
- Played in first NHL game 4/3 vs CBJ. Had 3 shots, 3 hits, 1 penalty and was -1 in 11:20 of ice-time.
- Played at Michigan State University the past three years.
- Second on the Spartans with 40 points (19 goals and 21 assists) in 42 games in 2007-08.
- Led Michigan State with 107 PIMS in 2007-08.
- Helped Spartans capture the 2007 NCAA Championship.
- Scored game-winning goal in the championship game vs. Boston College with 18.9 seconds remaining.
- Named 2007 Frozen Four Most Outstanding Player.

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#11 Dan Cleary R

(KLIH-ree)6'0", 210 12/18/78 (29), Carbonear, NF, CAN7 NHL / 2 DET Season
Last Goal: FEB 5, 2008 @ MINNESOTA (8) **Last Assist:** APR 6, 2008 vs CHICAGO
How Acquired: Signed as a free agent October 4, 2005 **Notes:** Note Worthy
-Led all Detroit forwards in ice-time 4/2 @ CHI (21:14)
-Returned to lineup 3/25 at STL since for first time since suffering a broken jaw at TOR 2/9. Missed total of 19 games. Assisted on Detroit's first goal in return (Zetterberg).
-Unassisted game-tying goal with 1:20 to play and assist on OT GWG at MIN 2/5.
-Two goals in 3-2 Wings SO win vs Van 1/17.
-Season-high 3 points (1-2—3) vs MIN 1/10 and at SJS 1/19.
-Goal, assist and career-high 8 shots at MIN 12/22.
-Tallied two assists and logged season high ice time on 12/13 vs EDM.
-Played his 500th NHL game at CBJ 11/24
-Against Columbus on 11/9, scored the game's first goal, left the game and received 20 stitches above his right eye after being hit by a puck, returned in the 3rd period and scored the Wings' 3rd goal of a 4-1 win.
-Established career-highs in goals (20) and points (40) in 2006-07, despite going without a goal for the first 13 games of the season.

2007-08 HIGHS	CAREER HIGHS
Goals - 2, 2x, 1/17 vs VAN	3, 12/28/06, DET at CBJ
Assists - 2, 12/13 vs EDM	2, 10x, 12/13/07, DET vs EDM
Points - 3, 2x, 1/19 at SJS	3, 2x, 1/10/08, DET vs MIN
Shots - 8, 12/22 at MIN	8, 12/22/07 at MIN
PIM - 5, 1/23 at ANA	17, 4/14/02, EDM at MIN
Plus/Minus - +3, 2x, 12/19 vs LAK	
Ice Time - 22:35, 12/13 vs EDM	

Contract Status: Signed through the 2012-13 season.
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#13 Pavel Datsyuk C

5'11", 194 07/20/78 (29), Sverdlovsk, RUS5 NHL / 5 DET Season
Last Goal: MAR 22, 2008 @ COLUMBUS (6) **Last Assist:** APR 3, 2008 vs COLUMBUS (1)
How Acquired: Detroit's sixth round pick (171st overall) in the 1998 entry draft.
Notes: Note Worthy
-Only player on Detroit roster to play all 82 games during regular season.
-Points in 63 of 82 games this season (31-66—97).
-Finished fourth in NHL scoring with 97 points.
-31 goals and 97 points are career highs.
-Led NHL in plus/minus at +41.
-Career high 10 shots and GWG vs CHI 3/11.
-Named NHL's 1st Star week following All-Star Game with an assist on all of Detroit's first 6 goals—he scored the 7th: a GWG at Boston.-3 assists 12/26 at STL—his third 3-assist performance in 10 game span.
-Ended a five-game goal streak vs MIN 12/7 but had three assists and was +3 for 2nd straight game.
-Ended a nine-game scoring streak (2-10—12) vs Nashville (11/7) but had the winner in the shootout—career long is a 12-game streak (2/24-3/22/07, 5-13—18).
-Has led the Red Wings in scoring for the last three seasons joining Ted Lindsay, Gordie Howe and Steve Yzerman as the only players in franchise history to lead the team in scoring in 3 consecutive seasons.

2007-08 HIGHS	CAREER HIGHS
Goals - 2, 5x, 3/20 at NSH	2, 14X, 3/20/08 at NSH
Assists - 3, 6x, 3/28 vs STL	4, 4x, 12/17/07 vs WSH
Points - 3, 9x, 3/28 vs STL	5, 1/11/07 at PHX
Shots - 10, 2/11 vs CHI	10, 2/11/08 vs CHI
PIM - 4, 2/5 at MIN	15, 1/10/04 at BOS
Plus/Minus - +3, 4x, 3/20 at NSH	
Ice Time - 24:22, 12/13 vs EDM	

Contract Status: Signed through the 2013-2014 season.
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#14 Derek Meech D

5'11", 197 04/21/84 (23), Winnipeg, MB, CAN0 NHL / DET Season
Last Goal: **Last Assist:** FEB 26, 2008 @ EDMONTON (8)
How Acquired: Detroit's seventh round pick (229th overall) in 2002 NHL Entry Draft. **Notes:** Note Worthy
-Registered a season high 4 shots in regular season finale 4/6 vs CHI.
-As a forward, played 3:29 vs CBJ 3/19, 6:41 at CBJ 3/22 and 5:51 3/25 at STL.
-Assist and career high 27:19 at EDM 2/26.
-First NHL point (assist) and 24:26 at COL 2/18.

-Appeared in 14 of last 17 games logging over 10 minutes in each contest, including 20+ minutes in four of last six games. Even in those 14 games.

-Assigned to Grand Rapids on 14-day conditioning loan 1/3 and recalled 1/17.

-Saw his first action of the season at Vancouver (10/28) playing 12:51 and appeared in four straight games.

-Beginning the season in the NHL for the first time in his professional career.

2007-08 HIGHS	CAREER HIGHS
Goals – 0	0
Assists – 1, 3x, 2/26 at EDM	1, 3x, 2/26/08 at EDM
Points – 1, 2/18 at COL	1, 2/18/08 at COL
Shots - 4, 4/6 vs CHI	2, 3x, 2/2/08 at BOS
PIM – 2, 3x, 4/6 vs CHI	2, 2/5/08 at MIN
Plus/Minus - +2, 2/7 vs LAK	
Ice Time - 27:19, 2/26 at EDM	

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#17 Dallas Drake R

DRAYK6'0", 186 02/04/69 (39), Trail, BC, CAN 14 NHL / 2 DET Season

Last Goal: MAR 2, 2008 @ BUFFALO (12) **Last Assist:** MAR 11, 2008 vs CHICAGO (9)

How Acquired: Signed as a free agent on July 9, 2007 **Notes:** Note Worthy

-Tallied his 300th career assist in his 1,000th NHL game 3/11 vs CHI.

-Missed five games with bruised right knee, returning 1/30 vs PHX..

-Goal 1/2 vs DAL was his first goal as a Red Wing since 3/7/94 at NYR and first goal overall since 2/24/07 at CBJ.

-Played a season-high 16:22 at STL 12/26.

-Fractured cheekbone on 10/18 at San Jose and missed four games— returned 10/30 at EDM.

-Collected his first point (assist) of the season 10/10 vs. CGY.

-Was originally drafted by the Red Wings 116th overall in sixth round of the 1989 NHL Entry Draft.

-Tallied 28-48—76 in 119 games with Detroit before traded to Winnipeg w/ Tim Cheveldae for Bob Essensa and Sergei Bautin on 3/8/94.

-Makes his home in Traverse City, Michigan (home of Red Wings Training Camp).

2007-08 HIGHS	CAREER HIGHS
Goals – 1, 3x, 3/2 at BUF	2, 15X, 1/18/07, STL at LAK
Assists - 1, 3x, 3/11 vs CHI	5, 10/29/03, STL at DET
Points - 1, 5x, 3/11 vs CHI	5, 10/29/03, STL at DET
Shots - 3, 2x, 3/20 at NSH	8, 11/28/95, WPG vs TOR
PIM - 5, 4x, 12/20 at STL	16, 3/16/93, DET vs WAS
Plus/Minus - +1, 5x, 1/10 vs MIN	
Ice Time - 16:32, 12/26 at STL	

Contract Status: Signed through the 2007-08 season.

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#18 Kirk Maltby L

(MAHLT-bee)6'0", 193 12/22/72 (35), Guelph, ON, CAN13 NHL / 10 DET Season

Last Goal: APR 2, 2008 @ CHICAGO **Last Assist:** MAR 20, 2008 @ NASHVILLE (5)

How Acquired: Obtained March 20, 1996 from Edmonton for Dan McGillis.

Notes: Note Worthy

-Missed 4/3 vs CBJ (hamstring)

-Goal, +2 and 2 PIM in 12:34 at BUF 3/2.

-Missed 19 games with a back strain, returning 1/8 vs COL.

-Played his 900th NHL game vs. Chicago 11/17.

-Tallied 2 assists vs CBJ on 11/9.

-Scored 2 goals, including the game-winner, on 10/20 at PHX. It was his first game-winning goal since 2003-04.

-20 career shorthanded goals are the most among any player on Detroit's current roster, ahead of D. Drake (19) and K. Draper (19).

-Did not score a shorthanded goal in 2006-07, marking the first time in 8 seasons (1996-97) that did not tally a shorthanded marker.

2007-08 HIGHS	CAREER HIGHS
Goals - 2, 10/20 at PHX	3, 12/27/97, DET at TOR
Assists - 2, 11/9 vs CBJ	3, 11/11/98, DET vs STL
Points - 2, 2x, 11/9 vs CBJ	3, 4x, 11/19/02, DET at CGY
Shots - 3, 8x, 4/2 at CHI	6, 2x, 1/3/04, DET vs ANA
PIM - 6, 3/5 vs STL	30, 10/30/03, DET at NSH
Plus/Minus - +2, 2x, 11/9 vs CBJ	
Ice Time - 17:06, 3/22 at CBJ	

Contract Status: Signed through the 2009-10 season.

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#20 Aaron Downey R

DOW-nee6'1", 215 08/27/74 (33), Shelburne, ON, CAN7 NHL / 0 DET Season

Last Goal: DEC 27, 2006 @ WASHINGTON (64) **Last Assist:** APR 3, 2008 vs COLUMBUS (1)

How Acquired: Signed as a free agent 10/3/07. **Notes:** Note Worthy

- Registered a season high 11:23 of ice time in regular season finale 4/6 vs CHI.
- Assist, +1, 1 shot, 2 hits in 4:39 4/3 vs CBJ
- Assist vs. STL 3/5
- Season high four hits in 6:47 at TOR 2/9.
- First point of season came on 1/2 vs DAL, assisting on GWG.
- Season high 8:54 at STL 12/26.
- Had three hits in one shift vs CAR 12/9.
- Assessed his first fighting majors in each of Detroit's games with San Jose 10/18 with McLaren and 10/26 with R. Davison.
- Saw his first action as a member of the Detroit Red Wings on 10/14 at LA.
- Has played for four Original Six teams (Boston, Detroit, Montreal, Chicago).
- Has spent time with five other NHL clubs (Boston, 1999-00; Chicago, 2000-2002; Dallas, 2002-04; St. Louis and Montreal, 2005-06) prior to joining the Red Wings.
- Signed a free agent on 10/3/06 after being invited to Red Wings training camp for a tryout.

2007-08 GAME HIGHS:

Goals - 0

Assists - 1, 3x, 4/3 vs CBJ

Points - 1, 1/2 vs DAL

Shots - 1, 14x, 4/3 vs CBJ

Plus/Minus - +1, 5x, 4/3 vs CBJ

PIM - 12, 11/24 at CBJ

Ice Time - 11:23 vs CHI

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#22 Brett Lebda D

5'9", 195 01/15/82 (26), Buffalo Grove, IL, USA2 NHL / 2 DET Season

Last Goal: FEB 5, 2008 @ MINNESOTA (24) **Last Assist:** APR 6, 2008 vs CHICAGO

How Acquired: Signed as a free agent July 21, 2004 **Notes:** -Note Worthy

- Season high 28:17 2/23 at VAN.
- Scored on his only shot in 5-4 shootout win at CBJ 11/18.
- Scored his first goal of the season on 10/20 in PHX.
- Notched his first point (assist) of the season 10/10 vs CGY.

2007-08 HIGHS

Goals - 1, 2x, 11/18 at CBJ

Assists - 1, 9x, 4/6 vs CHI

Points - 1, 10x, 12/27 at COL 2, 6x, 4/1/07 at CBJ

Shots - 4, 3x, 2/23 at VAN

PIM - 4, 2x, 4/6 vs CHI

Plus/Minus - +3, 2x, 11/13 at STL

Ice Time - 28:17, 2/23 at VAN

CAREER HIGHS

1, 10X, 11/18 at CBJ

2, 5x, 10/28/06 at CBJ

6, 1/19/07 at CBJ

17, 2/27/07 at CHI

Contract Status: Signed through 2009-10 season.

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#23 Brad Stuart D

(STOO-ihrt)6'2", 213 11/06/79 (28), Rocky Mountain House, CAN8 NHL / 1 DET Season

Last Goal: MAR 9, 2008 vs NASHVILLE (5) **Last Assist:** MAR 13, 2008 vs DALLAS (3)

How Acquired: Acquired from Los Angeles on Feb. 26, 2008 for Detroit's 2nd round pick in 2008 and 4th round pick in 2009.

- Suffered a broken finger vs CBJ 3/19 and is out for the remainder of the regular season.
- +2 in 24:27 at BUF 3/2.
- Played 21:07 in first Wings game 2/29 vs SJS; even and five hits.
- DRAFTED: SJ - 1st round, 3rd overall, 1998 NHL Entry Draft.
- LAST AMATEUR CLUB: Calgary, WHLÖCanadian Major Junior Defenseman of the Year in 1999ÖCanadian Major Junior First Team All-Star in 1999ÖWHL East First Team All-Star in 1999ÖHelped lead the Calgary Hitmen to a WHL championship and a second place finish in the Memorial Cup tournament in 1999ÖWHL East Second Team All-Star in 1998.

Notes: SEASON HIGHS:

Goals: 1 (3/9 vs NSH)

Assists: 2 (2-16 at PHX)

Points: 3 (2-7 at DET)

+/-: Plus-4 (1-1 vs. CHI)

TOI: 29:50 (11-13 at ANA)

Shots: 6 (11-15 vs. ANA)

PIM: 29 (12-12 at CHI)

THIS SEASON: Notched two assists at Phoenix Feb. 16...Tied career high with three points (1-2=3) and notched game-winning goal at Detroit Feb. 7. Notched two assists and was a plus-4 vs. Chicago Jan.1... Recorded his first goal as a King vs. Boston Oct. 12.

LAST SEASON: Played in 75 regular season games with Calgary and Boston, and recorded 22 points (7-15=22) and 44 penalty minutes. Had 17 points (7-10=17) and 26 penalty minutes in 48 regular season games with Boston. Played in his 500th career NHL game vs. Chicago on March 25, 2007. Recorded his 200th career NHL point with Boston, collecting a goal vs. Pittsburgh on Jan. 18, 2007. Recorded five points (0-5=5), 18 penalty minutes and a plus-12 rating in 27 regular season games with Calgary. Collected one point (0-1=1) and six penalty minutes in six postseason games with Calgary.

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#24 Chris Chelios D

(CHEHL-yohz)6'0", 191 01/25/62 (46), Chicago, IL, USA23 NHL / 7 DET Season

Last Goal: MAR 20, 2008 @ NASHVILLE (6) **Last Assist:** APR 3, 2008 vs COLUMBUS

How Acquired: Acquired from Chicago March 23, 1999 in exchange for Anders Eriksson and first round picks in 1999 and 2001. **Notes:** Note Worthy

- Moved into 6th place all-time on the games played list (1,616) 4/3 vs CBJ passing Larry Murphy (1,615).
- Goal and +3 in 6-3 win at NSH 3/20.
- Suffered a chipped fibula at CGY 2/22 and missed six games (2/23-3/9).
- GWG, plus-1 in 21:38 2/18 at COL.
- Was "even" in 23:18 in 5-1 loss to Columbus 2/15.
- 1,612 games played leads all active players and ties him for 7th all-time (Ray Bourque).
- Is the second-oldest player (Gordie Howe) in NHL history to score a goal, tallying a goal on 3/20/08 at NSH.
- Is the oldest US-born player and second-oldest player in NHL history at 46-years and 61-days old heading into tonight's game.
- 24 NHL seasons rank 3rd all-time—tied with Alex Delvecchio and Tim Horton.
- First player in NHL history to play 400 games for three different teams (Montreal, Chicago and Detroit).
- Leads active defensemen in points and assists.

2007-08 HIGHS

Goals - 1, 3, 3/20 at NSH
Assists - 2, 10/20 at PHX
Points - 2, 10/20 at PHX
Shots - 4, 10/8 vs EDM
PIM - 4, 2x, 3/22 at CBJ
Plus/Minus - +3, 6x, 3/20 at NSH
Ice Time - 24:00, 2/17 at DAL

CAREER HIGHS

2, 13x, 2/18/96 CHI at EDM
5, 3/21/95, CHI at SJS
5, 3/21/95, CHI at SJS
10, 11/21/92, CHI at SJS
51, 10/14/93, CHI at HFD

Contract Status: Signed through the 2007-08 season.

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#25 Darren McCarty R

muh-CART-ee6'1", 210 04/01/72 (36), Burnaby, BC, CAN14th NHL / 12th DET Season

Last Goal: MAR 23, 2006 @ ST. LOUIS (41) **Last Assist:** APR 6, 2008 vs CHICAGO

How Acquired: Signed as a free agent on Feb. 25, 2008.

DRAFTED: DET-2nd round, 46th overall, in 1992 Entry Draft **Notes:** Note Worthy

- Registered first point in a Wings uniform 4/6 vs CHI (1 assist) since 3/31/04 at CBJ (0-1—1).
- Played 11:16 on 4/6 vs CHI registering 2 shots, 2 hits, +1 and 1 assist.
- 2 PIM and 7:01 TOI 4/2 @ CHI
- 3/28 vs STL marked first regular season appearance in Wings uniform since 4/3/04 vs CBJ. Played 5:03 and registered 1 shot and 1 hit.
- Last playoff game in a Wings uniform was 5/3/04 vs CGY (played 17:50).
- Last goal in a Wings uniform was 3/29/04 vs MIN (1-0—1, 0, +1, 5-3 W).
- Last fight in a Wings uniform was 3/25/04 at COL (0-1—1, 5, +2, 3-1 W).

In 13 GP with the Grand Rapids Griffins in 2007-08:

5-5—10, -1, 31 PIM

In 11 GP with the Flint Generals in 2007-08:

3-3—6, 30 PIM

In 2006-07 with Calgary:

Missed two games with a groin injury, 10/17/06 @ MTL (L 3-2) and 10/19/06 @ BOS (L 3-2) ... had his 1st multi-fight game of the year (fought J. Gratton & G. Laraque) on 10/24/06 vs. PHX (W 6-1) ... tied a team high 2 hits on 11/04/06 @ STL (W 3-2) ... fought J. Gratton for the 2nd time this season on 12/16/06 @ PHX (W 6-3) ... missed 47 games with a sports hernia injury, returned on 4/08/07 @ COL (L 6-3).

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#26 Jiri Hudler C

5'10", 182 01/04/84 (24), Olomouc, CZE2 NHL / 2 DET Season

Last Goal: APR 6, 2008 vs CHICAGO **Last Assist:** APR 6, 2008 vs CHICAGO

How Acquired: Detroit's second round pick (58th overall) in the 2002 Entry Draft.

Notes: Note Worthy

- 1-1—2 and +1 in 14:12 vs CHI 4/6
- Tied a season and career high with 6 shots 3/30 vs NSH.
- Season high 18:52 vs ANA 2/10
- 1-1—2 and +2 at STL 1/26.
- Career high 3 assists vs CAR 12/9.
- Named first star in 11/29 win vs TB, scoring a goal and assist.
- Did not score in regulation but did in shootout in 5-4 win at CBJ 11/18.

- Goal and assist in Wings 3-2 loss at Chicago (11/11).
- Tallied a goal and assist in Wings' 3-2 shootout win over Nashville (11/7).
- Scored the game winner in 3-2 win at Vancouver on 10/28.
- Scored the game-winning shootout goal in Detroit's season-opener vs. Anaheim.
- Signed a 2-year contract extension on July 3, 2007.

2007-08 HIGHS	CAREER HIGHS
Goals - 1, 13x, 4/6 vs CHI	2, 3/14/07 vs NSH
Assists - 3, 12/9 vs CAR	3, 12/9/07 vs CAR
Points - 3, 12/9 vs CAR	3, 12/9/07 vs CAR
Shots - 6, 3/30 vs NSH	6, 3/30/08 vs NSH
PIM - 2, 11x, 3/15 vs NSH	4, 2x, 1/4/07, DET at SJS
Plus/Minus - +2, 6x, 3/20 at NSH	
Ice Time - 18:52, 2/10 vs ANA	

Contract Status: Signed through 2008-09 season.

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#28 Brian Rafalski D

- ra-FALL-ski 5'10", 191 09/28/73, (34) Dearborn, MI, USA7 NHL / 0 DET Season
Last Goal: MAR 28, 2008 vs ST. LOUIS (3) **Last Assist:** MAR 30, 2008 vs NASHVILLE (2)
How Acquired: Signed as a free agent by Detroit on July 1, 2007. **Notes:** Note Worthy
- Set career high with 13 goals during 2007-08 regular season.
 - Tied a career high with 55 points (13-42—55) in 2007-08 regular season (NJD 2006-07, 8-47—55).
 - Finished regular season tied for third in NHL among defensemen in +/- with a +27 (David Johnny Oduya, NJD). Trailed only teammate Nicklas Lidstrom (+40) and Chicago's Duncan Keith (+30).
 - Returned from injury with a goal vs STL 3/5.
 - Missed eight games with groin strain (2/14-3/2), ending a streak of 223 games played.
 - Season high three assists in both games at San Jose this year—2nd trio were career assists 298, 299 & 300.
 - Played a season-high 31:40 in 3-2 shootout win over Nashville on 11/7.
 - Tied a career high for points and assists in a single game on 10/18 at SJ, tallying 3 assists.
 - Scored the first goal of his RW career at CHI on 10/6.
 - Tallied an assist in his first game as a member of the Detroit Red Wings on 10/3 vs. ANA.

2007-08 HIGHS	CAREER HIGHS
Goals - 1, 13x, 3/28 vs STL	2, 4x, 2/14/07, NJD vs MTL
Assists - 3, 2x, 1/19 at SJS	3, 4x, 10/18/07 at SJS
Points - 3, 2x, 12/26 at STL	3, 11x, 12/26/07 at STL
Shots - 7, 3/20 at NSH	8, 12/28/02, NJD vs WSH
PIM - 4, 2x, 11/22 at NSH	6, 4/2/06, NJD at PIT
Plus/Minus - +3, 4x, 3/20 at NSH	
Ice Time - 31:40, 11/7 vs NSH	

Contract Status: Signed through the 2011-2012 season.

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#33 Kris Draper C

- (DRAY-puhr)5'10", 188 05/24/71 (36), Toronto, ON, CAN16 NHL / 12 DET Season
Last Goal: FEB 1, 2008 vs COLORADO (21) **Last Assist:** MAR 2, 2008 @ BUFFALO (7)
How Acquired: Obtained 6/30/93 from Winnipeg for future considerations.
Notes: Note Worthy
- Missed last three games (4/2-4/6) with a groin injury
 - Missed five games (3/13-20) with a groin injury.
 - Won a season-high 13 faceoffs (out of 17, 76%) at EDM 2/26.
 - Season high 19:48 vs VAN 1/17.
 - Finished 3rd in NHL in face off percentage (58.6%).
 - Missed nine games with sprained knee, but returned 12/19 vs LAK.
 - Appeared in his 900th NHL game vs. Nashville (11/7).
 - Scored a goal on 11/27 vs CGY before leaving the game with a sprained left knee.
 - Established a career high for goals in consecutive games, tallying a goal in five consecutive game from 10/8-10/15.
 - Scored Detroit's first shorthanded goal of the season in LA on 10/14 and his second game-winner in his last four games.
 - Tallied the 300th point of his career with a goal on 10/12 vs. CHI.

2007-08 HIGHS	CAREER HIGHS
Goals - 1, 9x, 2/1 vs COL	2, 9x, 3/4/07, DET vs COL
Assists - 1, 8x, 3/2 at BUF	2, 16x, 11/4/06, DET vs CBJ
Points - 1, 18x, 3/2 at BUF	3, 12/10/03, DET at BUF
Shots - 4, 5x, 1/30 vs PHX	7, 11/29/00, DET at ATL
PIM - 4, 7x, 2/18 at COL	17, 3/29/03, DET at STL
Plus/Minus - +2, 1/19 at SJS	
Ice Time - 19:48, 1/17 vs VAN	

Contract Status: Signed through the 2007-08 season.

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#37 Mikael Samuelsson R

(SAM-yuhl-suhn, MIH-kigh-eh)6'2", 213 12/23/76 (31), Mariefred , SWE5 NHL / 2 DET Season

Last Goal: MAR 13, 2008 vs DALLAS (6) **Last Assist:** MAR 20, 2008 @ NASHVILLE (2)

How Acquired: Signed as a free agent September 17, 2005. **Notes:** Note Worthy

-Missed last five regular season games due to a groin injury (3/28-4/6).

-Season-high 20:06 at EDM 2/26.

-Tallied two assists in 4-1 win over CBJ on 11/9.

-Missed three games (10/14-10/18) due to a groin injury. Returned to the lineup on 10/20 in PHX.

-First star vs. EDM on 10/8 with 1-1—2.

2007-08 HIGHS

Goals - 1, 11x, 3/13 vs DAL

Assists - 2, 3x, 2/7 vs LAK

Points - 2, 5x, 2/7 vs LAK

Shots - 8, 2x, 2/26 at EDM

PIM - 4, 12/4 at MTL

Plus/Minus - +2, 9x, 3/20 at NSH

Ice Time - 20:06, 2/26 at EDM

CAREER HIGHS

2, 6x, 4/7/07 DET vs CHI

3, 4/7/07 DET vs CHI

5, 4/7/07 DET vs CHI

9, 12/12/06 DET vs OTT

9, 11/8/03, FLA at STL

Contract Status: Signed through the 2008-09 season.

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#40 Henrik Zetterberg L

5'11", 195 10/09/80 (27), Njurunda, SWE4 NHL / 4 DET Season

Last Goal: APR 3, 2008 vs COLUMBUS (1) **Last Assist:** MAR 30, 2008 vs NASHVILLE (3)

How Acquired: Detroit's seventh round pick (210th overall) at the 1999 Entry Draft. **Notes:** Note Worthy

-Scored GWG 4/3 vs CBJ with :12 remaining

-Registered 3 assists 3/28 vs STL to tie season highs for assists and points in one game (3).

-Tallied his third career hat trick (natural) in the 3rd period of a 3-1 win vs CBJ 3/19.

-43 goals and 92 points are new career highs.

-Has at least one point in 60 of 75 games played this season.

-Finished 2007-08 season ranked 2nd in NHL in total shots (358).

-Both career 10-shot games have been vs NSH 2/24/07 & 3/15/08.

-Missed two games with back spasms, returning 1/30 with goal vs PHX.

-Sat out five games with back spasms, returning 1/2 vs DAL with 2 assists and +1.

-Tallied his second career hat trick vs MIN 12/7.

-Ended a 27-game home scoring streak (23-22—45) on 11/29 vs TB that dated back to 12/9/06 vs TOR.

-Had no shots on goal 11/18 at CBJ. First time without a shot since 1/6/07 at LAK (41 games with at least one shot).

-Earned the NHL's No. 1 Star and Carhartt "Hardest Working Player of the Month" honors for the month of October by going on a 13-game scoring streak to start the season recording 10-12—22 in the opening month.

-Had 18 points (7-11—18) in first 10 games, one short of the franchise record for the most points in the first 10 games of the season his held by Mud Bruneteau, who tallied 15-4—19 points in the first 10 games of the 1943-44 campaign.

2007-08 HIGHS

Goals - 3, 2x, 3/19 vs CBJ

Assists - 3, 2x, 3/28 vs STL

Points - 3, 6x, 3/28 vs STL

Shots - 10, 3/15 vs NSH

PIM - 2, 13x, 2/5 at MIN

Plus/Minus - +3, 3x, 1/30 vs PHX

Ice Time - 25:34, 2/22 at CGY

CAREER HIGHS

3, 3x, 3/19/08 vs CBJ

3, 5x, 10/6/07 at CHI

4, 5x, 2/17/07 at PHX

10, 2x, 3/15/08 vs NSH

4, 4x, 10/2/06 vs SJS

Contract Status: Signed through the 2008-09 season.

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#43 Darren Helm C

5'11", 172 01/21/87 (21), Winnipeg, MB, CAN NHL / DET Season **Last Goal:** **Last Assist:**

How Acquired: Detroit's 5th Round Selection, 132nd overall, in the 2005 NHL Entry Draft

Notes: -Note Worthy

-Recalled to Detroit 4/5.

-Registered career high 6 shots on goal 4/6 vs CHI.

-First NHL appearances 3/13 vs DAL, 7:00 and even.

-In first season with Grand Rapids, has appeared in 59 games tallying 11 goals and 13 assists for 24 points and 28 PIM.

-Suffered a SC sprain early in 2007 Wings training camp and missed the entire preseason.

-Signed a three-year entry level contract on 9/27/06.

Regular Season -- Playoffs --

Season	Team	GP	G	A	Pts	PIM	GP	G	A	Pts	PIM
2003-04	Selkirk-MJHL	6	0	3	3	0					
2004-05	Medicine Hat-WHL	72	10	14	24	27	13	2	6	8	10
2005-06	Medicine Hat-WHL	70	41	38	79	37	13	5	4	9	2
2006-07	Medicine Hat-WHL	59	25	39	64	53	23	10	12	22	14
2007-08	Grand Rapids-AHL	59	11	13	24	28					

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#44 Mark Hartigan C

6'0", 200 10/15/77 (30), Fort St. John, BC, CAN5 NHL / 1 DET Season Last Goal: APR 6, 2008 vs CHICAGO Last Assist: MAR 16, 2008 @ COLUMBUS (9)

How Acquired: Signed as an unrestricted free agent July 2007. **Notes:** -Recalled from Grand Rapids on 2/20. Griffins leading scorer this season with 23-19—42 and 76 PIM in 48 games.

-1 goal, 2 shots, +1 in 12:37 4/6 vs CHI.

-Scored 1 goal, had 3 hits and registered a season high 4 shots on goal 4/3 vs CBJ.

-Won 6 of 7 face-offs 4/3 vs CBJ (86%).

-Season high 4 PIM 4/2 @ CHI.

-Played 4:30 at MIN12/22 on emergency recall. Reassigned to Grand Rapids on 12/23 and recalled as emergency again on 12/26.

-Scored first goal as a Red Wings on 12/14 vs EDM.

-Appeared in his first RW game on Nov. 29 vs TB.

2007-08 HIGHS

Goals- 1, 3x, 4/6 vs CHI

Assists- 1, 3/16 @ CBJ

Points- 1, 12/13 vs EDM

Shots - 4, 4/3 vs CBJ

PIM - 4 , 4/2 @ CHI

Plus/Minus- 1, 12/13 vs EDM

Ice Time- 11:43, 3/22 at CBJ

Contract Status: Signed through 2007-08 season

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#51 Valtteri Filppula C

6'0", 193 03/20/84 (24), Vantaa, FIN1 NHL / 1 DET Season

Last Goal: MAR 13, 2008 vs DALLAS (7) **Last Assist:** MAR 13, 2008 vs DALLAS (7)

How Acquired: Detroit's Third Round (95th overall) selection of the 2002 NHL Entry Draft **Notes:** Note Worthy:

-Returned to lineup 3/28 vs STL. Missed 4 games with groin strain (3/19-3/25).

-Career high two assists, 3 points and +3 vs DAL 3/13.

-Goal, assist, 2 PIM, +1 in 15:54 at BUF 3/2.

-Scored his second penalty shot 12/15 vs FLA becoming the first Red Wing to attempt, and score on, two penalty shots in one season since Steve Yzerman in Jan. of 1992.

-Tallied penalty shot goal (GWG) at NSH 12/10 becoming the first Red Wings to score on a regular-season penalty shot since Igor Larionov at San Jose 11/22/95. Larionov was in attendance to witness the goal.

-Scored the game winner at Edmonton (10/30) beating Dwayne Roloson with 25 seconds remaining in the game, a 2-1 Detroit victory.

-Began the season with a 10-game scoreless streak before scoring in three consecutive games (10/26, 28, 30; 2-2—4).

2007-08 HIGHS

Goals - 2, 2x, 12/27 at COL

Assists - 2, 13/13 vs DAL

Points - 3, 3/13 vs DAL

Shots - 4, 5x, 3/11 vs CHI

PIM - 4, 2x, 1/19 at SJS

Plus/Minus - +3, 3/13 vs DAL

Ice Time - 21:28, 1/23 at ANA

CAREER HIGHS

2, 2x, 12/27 at COL

2, 3/13/08 vs DAL

3, 3/13/08 vs DAL

5, 12/31/06 vs LAK

4, 2x, 1/19 at SJS

Contract Status: Signed through the 2007-08 season.

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#52 Jonathan Ericsson D

6'4", 206 03/02/84 (24), Karlskrona, SWE NHL / DET Season

Last Goal: FEB 26, 2008 @ EDMONTON (5) **Last Assist:**

How Acquired: Drafted by Detroit in the Ninth Round (291st) of the 2002 NHL Entry Draft. **Notes:** Note Worthy

-Recalled to Detroit 4/5.

-+1, 4 shots on goal in 19:29 4/6 vs CHI.

-Tallied first NHL goal at EDM 2/26.

-In 1st NHL game, played 22:39 and was "even" at CGY 2/22.

-The final pick (291) of the 2002 NHL Entry Draft.

-Recalled to Detroit 2/20. In 54 GP for the Griffins this season, has 7-18—25, +4 and 63 PIM.

-Recalled to Detroit from Grand Rapids on 5/3/07 and was a Black Ace during the 2007 playoffs.

TOITOI/GameFaceoff WLFO Win %HitsTakeawaysGiveawaysBlckd Shots+ / -127:4415:580-00.009093-3
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#55 Niklas Kronwall D

KRAHN - wuh16'0", 189 01/12/81, (27) Stockholm, SWE3 NHL / 3 DET Season

Last Goal: MAR 20, 2008 @ NASHVILLE (7) **Last Assist:** APR 6, 2008 vs CHICAGO

How Acquired: Detroit's first round choice, 29th overall, in the 2000 NHL Entry Draft. **Notes:** Note Worthy

- Finished 5th among NHL defensemen at +25
- Set new career highs
- Two more assists in next game, +3 and new season-high 25:42 at BUF 3/2.
- In first game back, tallied two assists in season-high 25:40 vs SJS 2/29.
- Missed 13 games after suffering SC sprain vs PHX 1/30.
- Two assists and +2 at COL 12/27.
- Tied a club record for assists by a defencemen with four helpers, +3 and 1st Star vs LAK 12/19.
- Assist and season-high +3 vs CAR 12/9.
- Tallied two assists and logged a season high 25:07 at STL on 11/13.
- Missed four games with a sore groin—Returned 11/9 vs CBJ playing 17:56.
- Assisted on Andreas Lilja's GWG vs. San Jose on 10/28.

2007-08 HIGHS

Goals - 1, 7x, 3/20 at NSH
Assists - 4, 12/19 vs LAK
Points - 2, 4x, 3/2 at BUF
Shots - 6, 12/22 at MIN
PIM - 4, 2x, 10/18 at SJS
Plus/Minus - +3, 2x, 3/2 at BUF
Ice Time - 25:42, 3/2 at BUF

CAREER HIGHS

1, 9x, 3/15/08 vs NSH
4, 12/19/07 vs LAK
2, 4x, 11/13/07 at STL
6, 2x, 12/22/07 at MIN
6, 4/13/06 at CHI

Contract Status: Signed through the 2011-2012 season.

TOITOI/GameFaceoff WLFO Win %HitsTakeawaysGiveawaysBlckd Shots+ / -1371:5721:060-00.009311307925
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#82 Tomas Kopecky C

koh-PEHTS-kee6'3", 200 02/05/82 (26), Ilava, SVK0 NHL / 0 DET Season

Last Goal: MAR 16, 2008 @ COLUMBUS (8) **Last Assist:** MAR 22, 2008 @ COLUMBUS (5)

How Acquired: Detroit's 2nd-Round Choice (38th overall) in the 2000 NHL Entry Draft **Notes:** Note Worthy

- Suffered a torn ACL and sprained MCL 4/3 vs CBJ and is out for the remainder of the season.
- Season high 15:21 of ice time at STL 3/25.
- Goal on career high seven shots at CBJ 3/16.
- Goal vs ANA 2/10.
- Goal in 2-1 win at NSH 12/10.
- Scored first goal of the season 11/29 vs TB (GWG)
- Suffered a bruised shoulder vs. STL 11/21 and has missed three games.
- Recorded and assist and first NHL fight 11/11 at CHI.
- Tallied the first assist of his career (10/12 vs. CHI).

2007-08 HIGHS

Goals - 1, 4x, 2/7 vs LAK
Assists - 1, 7x, 3/22 at CBJ
Points - 1, 10x, 3/5 vs STL
Shots - 7, 3/16 at CBJ
PIM - 5, 11/11 at CHI
Plus/Minus - +2, 2x, 3/22 at CBJ
Ice Time - 15:21, 3/25 at STL

CAREER HIGHS

1, 5x, 2/7/08 vs LAK
1, 6x, 3/5/08 vs STL
1, 11x, 3/5/08 vs STL
7, 3/16/08 at CBJ
5, 11/11/07 at CHI

Contract Status: Signed through the 2008-09 season.

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#93 Johan Franzen R

6'3", 220 12/23/79 (28), Vetlanda, SWE2 NHL / 2 DET Season

Last Goal: APR 3, 2008 vs COLUMBUS (1) **Last Assist:** APR 6, 2008 vs CHICAGO

How Acquired: Detroit's third-round choice (97th overall) in 2004 NHL Entry Draft.

Notes: Note Worthy

- Named the NHL's Third Star for the month of March (1-Ovechkin, WSH, 2-Fleury, PIT).
- 8th GWG of season in OT 3/30 vs NSH
- 6 GWG in March breaking franchise record for GWG in one month (5 — 2x, Gordie Howe, February 1952 and January 1956 — 1x, Henrik Zetterberg, February 2007)
- Scored two 3rd period goals 1:52 apart 3/28 vs STL.
- GWG at STL 3/25
- GWGs in 3 consecutive games at BUF 3/2, vs STL 3/5 and vs NSH 3/9.
- Season high 22:31 at CBJ 3/16.
- Tallied the game winner in SO at CBJ 11/18.
- Placed on injured reserve on 10/21 with a retroactive date of 10/6 with a sprained MCL in his knee that he suffered in the 2nd period at CHI on 10/6. Returned to the lineup 10/30 at EDM playing 11:16.
- Led the Red Wings in goals during the pre-season with 5 and ranked second in the NHL behind D. Roy (6).
- At 220 pounds, he his Detroit's biggest forward.

2007-08 HIGHS	CAREER HIGHS
Goals - 2, 3/16 at CBJ	2, 2x, 3/16/08 at CBJ
Assists - 1, 10x, 3/20 at NSH	1, 34x, 3/20/08 at NSH
Points - 2, 6x, 3/20 at NSH	2, 8x, 3/20/08 at NSH
Shots - 6, 6x, 2/23 at VAN	6, 6x, 2/23/08 at VAN
PIM - 5, 12/26 at STL	6, 3/19/06 at VAN
Plus/Minus - +3, 12/19 vs LAK	
Ice Time - 22:31, 3/16 at CBJ	

Contract Status: Signed through the 2008-09 season.

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#96 Tomas Holmstrom L

(HOHLM-struhm)6'0", 203 01/23/73 (35), Pieta, SWE10 NHL / 10 DET Season

Last Goal: JAN 30, 2008 vs PHOENIX (17) **Last Assist:** MAR 5, 2008 vs ST. LOUIS (1)

How Acquired: Detroit's 10th round pick (257th overall) in 1994 Entry Draft. **Notes:** Note Worthy

- Returned to lineup 4/6 vs CHI and played 13:54.
- Missed 13 games with a groin strain (3/9-4/3).
- Suffered a knee injury in 1st period at STL 12/20 and missed eight games, returning 1/8 vs COL with assist on GWG in 1-0 win.
- Returned from 2-game absence to score 2 goals vs WSH 12/17.
- Was 1st Star vs. CBJ (11/9) with GWG.
- Career high seven-game point streak ended on 10/18 at SJ.
- Four-game goal streak ended in Detroit's 3-2 loss to CHI on 10/12. The goal-streak tied a career high for goals in consecutive games.

2007-08 HIGHS	CAREER HIGHS
Goals - 2, 2x, 12/17 vs WSH	3, 3X, 2/24/07 at NSH
Assists - 2, 10/26 vs SJS	3, 4/18/98 at COL
Points - 2, 6x, 11/27 vs CGY	4, 1/11/07 at PHX
Shots - 6, 3x, 2/22 at CGY	8, 12/23/06 at MIN
PIM - 10, 10/15 at LAK	16, 12/31/02 vs STL
Plus/Minus - +3, 2x, 1/30 vs PHX	
Ice Time - 20:36, 2/17 at DAL	

Contract Status: Signed through 2009-10 season.

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SEASON SERIES

Season Series - DETROIT RED WINGS vs. NASHVILLE PREDATORS: Won- 5 Lost- 3 OT-Losses 0

At DETROIT	RED WINGS	PREDATORS	Attend.	Goaltenders	W Goal
7 Nov. 2007	3	2	16885	MASON/ OSGOOD	JOHAN FRANZEN
9 March 2008	4	3	20066	MASON/ HASEK	RICH PEVERLEY
15 March 2008	1	3	20066	ELLIS/ OSGOOD	JOHAN FRANZEN
30 March 2008	1	0	20066	ELLIS/ HASEK	
At NASHVILLE	RED WINGS	PREDATORS	Attend.	Goaltenders	W Goal
22 Nov. 2007	2	3	14346	MASON/ HASEK	RADEK BONK
10 Dec. 2007	2	1	15056	ELLIS/ OSGOOD	VALTTERI FILPPULA
12 Feb. 2008	2	4	15692	MASON/ OSGOOD & HOWARD	JEAN-PIERRE DUMONT
20 March 2008	6	3	17113	MASON & ELLIS/ HASEK	JOHAN FRANZEN

Goals by Period:	1st	2nd	3rd	OT	Total	Shots by Period:	1st	2nd	3rd	OT	Total
RED WINGS	7	9	3	1	21	RED WINGS	97	105	83	7	292
PREDATORS	6	4	9	0	19	PREDATORS	58	75	77	4	214

RED WINGS	GP	G	A	P	+/-	PIM	PP	SH	GW	EN	S	Pctg
JOHAN FRANZEN	8	6	2	8	-1	10	4	0	3	0	23	26.1
PAVEL DATSYUK	8	3	3	6	0	0	1	0	0	1	24	12.5
JIRI HUDLER	8	2	4	6	-1	4	2	0	0	0	20	10.0
HENRIK ZETTERBERG	8	1	4	5	-5	6	1	0	0	0	42	2.4
NIKLAS KRONVALL	6	2	2	4	-1	8	0	0	0	0	14	14.3
VALTTERI FILPPULA	7	1	3	4	1	2	0	0	1	0	16	6.3
NICKLAS LIDSTROM	8	0	4	4	-4	4	0	0	0	0	19	.0
MIKAEL SAMUELSSON	7	0	3	3	1	2	0	0	0	0	22	.0
DANIEL CLEARY	4	1	1	2	-2	4	1	0	0	0	14	7.1
BRIAN RAFALSKI	8	1	1	2	0	12	1	0	0	0	32	3.1
TOMAS HOLMSTROM	4	0	2	2	-3	10	0	0	0	0	8	.0
BRAD STUART	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	20.0
CHRIS CHELIOS	5	1	0	1	1	4	0	0	0	0	3	33.3
TOMAS KOPECKY	6	1	0	1	1	4	0	0	0	0	6	16.7
KIRK MALTBY	7	0	1	1	-5	2	0	0	0	0	9	.0
ANDREAS LILJA	8	0	1	1	-4	6	0	0	0	0	6	.0
JONATHAN ERICSSON	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	.0
MATTIAS RITOLA	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	.0
DARREN HELM	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	.0
MATT ELLIS	4	0	0	0	-1	2	0	0	0	0	0	.0
MARK HARTIGAN	4	0	0	0	-1	4	0	0	0	0	1	.0
DOMINIK HASEK	4	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	.0
DEREK MEECH	4	0	0	0	-1	0	0	0	0	0	5	.0
KRIS DRAPER	5	0	0	0	-4	6	0	0	0	0	6	.0
AARON DOWNEY	6	0	0	0	1	6	0	0	0	0	2	.0
DALLAS DRAKE	6	0	0	0	-2	0	0	0	0	0	5	.0
BRETT LEBDA	7	0	0	0	-2	6	0	0	0	0	7	.0
	GP	Min	GA	GAA	EN	SO	W	L	OT	Shots	Save %	
DOMINIK HASEK	4	243	9	2.22	0	1	3	1	0	103	.913	
CHRIS OSGOOD	4	193	8	2.49	1	0	2	2	0	91	.912	
JAMES HOWARD	1	50	1	1.20	0	0	0	0	0	19	.947	

Power play: 10-53 18.9 %

Penalty killing: 41-45 91.1 %

PREDATORS												
	GP	G	A	P	+/-	PIM	PP	SH	GW	EN	S	Pctg
MARTIN ERAT	8	4	4	8	4	12	2	0	0	0	15	26.7
ALEXANDER RADULOV	8	4	3	7	2	4	0	0	0	0	24	16.7
JEAN-PIERRE DUMONT	8	2	5	7	1	2	0	0	1	0	21	9.5
JASON ARNOTT	8	1	5	6	5	10	0	0	0	0	21	4.8
DAN HAMHUIS	8	1	3	4	3	10	0	0	0	0	14	7.1
SHEA WEBER	7	1	2	3	3	4	1	0	0	0	19	5.3
RYAN SUTER	8	1	2	3	-2	6	0	0	0	0	16	6.3
RICH PEVERLEY	4	1	1	2	2	2	0	0	1	0	2	50.0
DAVID LEGWAND	4	0	2	2	3	2	0	0	0	0	7	.0
MAREK ZIDLICKY	8	0	2	2	0	16	0	0	0	0	7	.0
MARTIN GELINAS	4	1	0	1	1	2	0	1	0	0	3	33.3
JORDIN TOOTOO	7	1	0	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	11	9.1
RADEK BONK	8	1	0	1	-3	10	1	0	1	0	7	14.3
JERRED SMITHSON	8	1	0	1	1	4	0	0	0	1	4	25.0
BRANDON BOCHENSKI	3	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	4	.0
JAN HLAVAC	4	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	5	.0
SCOTT NICHOL	7	0	1	1	1	14	0	0	0	0	14	.0
GREG ZANON	8	0	1	1	4	8	0	0	0	0	6	.0
DARCY HORDICHUK	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	.0
KEVIN KLEIN	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.0
VILLE KOISTINEN	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	.0
JED ORTMAYER	4	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	5	.0
GREG DE VRIES	7	0	0	0	3	8	0	0	0	0	0	.0
VERNON FIDDLER	8	0	0	0	-1	4	0	0	0	0	6	.0
	GP	Min	GA	GAA	EN	SO	W	L	OT	Shots	Save %	
CHRIS MASON	5	278	13	2.81	1	0	2	2	1	172	.924	
DAN ELLIS	4	206	6	1.75	0	0	1	1	1	119	.950	

Power play: 4-45 8.9 %

Penalty killing: 43-53 81.1 %



MATCHUP STATS 1

National Hockey League Career Statistics vs Opponent

Detroit Red Wings vs Nashville Predators

For 2007-2008 Regular season - as of Tue Apr 08 15:39:22 EDT 2008

Player	Prior Seasons					2007-2008 Regular season					Career				
	GP	G	A	P	PIM	GP	G	A	P	PIM	GP	G	A	P	PIM
Abdelkader, Justin	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Chelios, Chris	40	1	15	16	59	5	1	0	1	4	45	2	15	17	63
Cleary, Daniel	30	2	4	6	16	4	1	1	2	4	34	3	5	8	20
Datsyuk, Pavel	29	6	21	27	6	8	3	3	6	0	37	9	24	33	6
Downey, Aaron	7	0	0	0	11	6	0	0	0	6	13	0	0	0	17
Drake, Dallas	39	2	12	14	31	6	0	0	0	0	45	2	12	14	31
Draper, Kris	44	11	10	21	51	5	0	0	0	6	49	11	10	21	57
Ericsson, Jonathan	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Filppula, Valtteri	8	1	2	3	0	7	1	3	4	2	15	2	5	7	2
Franzen, Johan	12	1	2	3	2	8	6	2	8	10	20	7	4	11	12
Hartigan, Mark	6	2	0	2	0	4	0	0	0	4	10	2	0	2	4
Hasek, Dominik	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Helm, Darren	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	2
Holmstrom, Tomas	46	9	19	28	28	4	0	2	2	10	50	9	21	30	38
Howard, James	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hudler, Jiri	9	4	2	6	2	8	2	4	6	4	17	6	6	12	6
Kopecky, Tomas	2	0	0	0	0	6	1	0	1	4	8	1	0	1	4
Kronvall, Niklas	14	0	4	4	10	6	2	2	4	8	20	2	6	8	18
Lebda, Brett	11	0	0	0	6	7	0	0	0	6	18	0	0	0	12
Lidstrom, Nicklas	48	11	29	40	18	8	0	4	4	4	56	11	33	44	22
Lilja, Andreas	18	0	2	2	14	8	0	1	1	6	26	0	3	3	20
Maltby, Kirk	45	8	5	13	64	7	0	1	1	2	52	8	6	14	66
McCarty, Darren	27	5	5	10	34	0	0	0	0	0	27	5	5	10	34
Meech, Derek	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0
Osgood, Chris	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Quincey, Kyle	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rafalski, Brian	10	1	7	8	0	8	1	1	2	12	18	2	8	10	12
Ritola, Mattias	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Samuelsson, Mikael	17	2	4	6	8	7	0	3	3	2	24	2	7	9	10
Stafford, Garrett	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Stuart, Brad	23	1	5	6	10	5	1	1	2	0	28	2	6	8	10
Zetterberg, Henrik	20	7	7	14	6	8	1	4	5	6	28	8	11	19	12

Goalie	Prior Seasons					2007-2008 Regular season					Career				
	GP	W-L-T-OT	SO	GA	GAA	GP	W-L-OT	SO	GA	GAA	GP	W-L-T-OT	SO	GA	GAA
Hasek, Dominik	11	6-2-1-0	1	22	2.21	4	3-1-0	1	9	2.22	15	9-3-1-0	2	31	2.21
Howard, James	0	0-0-0-0	0	0	0.00	1	0-0-0	0	1	1.20	1	0-0-0-0	0	1	1.20
Osgood, Chris	23	15-5-2-1	1	50	2.23	4	2-2-0	0	8	2.49	27	17-7-2-1	1	58	2.26



MATCHUP STATS 2

National Hockey League Career Statistics vs Opponent
 Nashville Predators vs Detroit Red Wings
 For 2007-2008 Regular season - as of Tue Apr 08 15:40:15 EDT 2008

Player	Prior Seasons					2007-2008 Regular season					Career				
	GP	G	A	P	PIM	GP	G	A	P	PIM	GP	G	A	P	PIM
Arnott, Jason	43	8	14	22	59	8	1	5	6	10	51	9	19	28	69
Bochenski, Brandon	5	0	2	2	4	4	0	1	1	0	9	0	3	3	4
Bonk, Radek	12	2	4	6	8	8	1	0	1	10	20	3	4	7	18
De Vries, Greg	27	1	7	8	21	7	0	0	0	8	34	1	7	8	29
Dumont, Jean-Pierre	18	4	7	11	6	8	2	5	7	2	26	6	12	18	8
Ellis, Dan	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Erat, Martin	25	5	8	13	16	8	4	4	8	12	33	9	12	21	28
Fiddler, Vernon	13	1	2	3	8	8	0	0	0	4	21	1	2	3	12
Gelinas, Martin	40	9	8	17	16	4	1	0	1	2	44	10	8	18	18
Hamhuis, Dan	22	2	4	6	12	8	1	3	4	10	30	3	7	10	22
Hlavac, Jan	8	3	3	6	0	5	0	2	2	0	13	3	5	8	0
Hordichuk, Darcy	9	0	0	0	6	1	0	0	0	0	10	0	0	0	6
Klein, Kevin	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Koistinen, Ville	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0
Langfeld, Josh	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Legwand, David	37	10	16	26	18	4	0	2	2	2	41	10	18	28	20
Mason, Chris	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nichol, Scott	22	1	3	4	55	7	0	1	1	14	29	1	4	5	69
Ortmeyer, Jed	2	1	0	1	4	4	0	0	0	2	6	1	0	1	6
Peverley, Rich	4	0	0	0	0	4	1	1	2	2	8	1	1	2	2
Pihlstrom, Antti	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Radulov, Alexander	7	3	1	4	2	8	4	3	7	4	15	7	4	11	6
Rinne, Pekka	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Smithson, Jerred	17	0	1	1	8	8	1	0	1	4	25	1	1	2	12
Suter, Ryan	16	0	2	2	10	8	1	2	3	6	24	1	4	5	16
Tootoo, Jordin	17	1	0	1	23	7	1	0	1	2	24	2	0	2	25
Weber, Shea	11	0	3	3	8	7	1	2	3	4	18	1	5	6	12
Zanon, Greg	7	2	0	2	2	8	0	1	1	8	15	2	1	3	10
Zidlicky, Marek	19	1	11	12	18	8	0	2	2	16	27	1	13	14	34

Goalie	Prior Seasons					2007-2008 Regular season					Career				
	GP	W-L-T-OT	SO	GA	GAA	GP	W-L-OT	SO	GA	GAA	GP	W-L-T-OT	SO	GA	GAA
Ellis, Dan	0	0-0-0-0	0	0	0.00	4	1-1-1	0	6	1.76	4	1-1-0-1	0	6	1.76
Mason, Chris	7	2-2-0-0	0	15	3.15	5	2-2-1	0	13	2.81	12	4-4-0-1	0	28	2.98
Rinne, Pekka	0	0-0-0-0	0	0	0.00	0	0-0-0	0	0	0.00	0	0-0-0-0	0	0	0.00



ROSTER; DETROIT

Detroit Red Wings Roster

Active

SW#	Name	Pos	Height	Weight	Born	Birthplace
3	Andreas Lilja	D	6'3"	220	07/13/1975	Helsin, SWE
5	Nicklas Lidstrom	D	6'1"	189	04/28/1970	Vasteras, SWE
8	Justin Abdelkader	L	6'1"	215	02/25/1987	Muskegon, MI, USA
11	Dan Cleary	R	6'0"	210	12/18/1978	Carbonear, NF, CAN
13	Pavel Datsyuk	C	5'11"	194	07/20/1978	Sverdlovsk, RUS
14	Derek Meech	D	5'11"	197	04/21/1984	Winnipeg, MB, CAN
17	Dallas Drake	R	6'0"	186	02/04/1969	Trail, BC, CAN
18	Kirk Maltby	L	6'0"	193	12/22/1972	Guelph, ON, CAN
20	Aaron Downey	R	6'1"	215	08/27/1974	Shelburne, ON, CAN
22	Brett Lebda	D	5'9"	195	01/15/1982	Buffalo Grove, IL, USA
23	Brad Stuart	D	6'2"	213	11/06/1979	Rocky Mountain House, CAN
24	Chris Chelios	D	6'0"	191	01/25/1962	Chicago, IL, USA
25	Darren McCarty	R	6'1"	210	04/01/1972	Burnaby, BC, CAN
26	Jiri Hudler	C	5'10"	182	01/04/1984	Olomouc, CZE
28	Brian Rafalski	D	5'10"	191	09/28/1973	Dearborn, MI, USA
30	Chris Osgood	G	5'10"	178	11/26/1972	Peace River, AB, CAN
33	Kris Draper	C	5'10"	188	05/24/1971	Toronto, ON, CAN
37	Mikael Samuelsson	R	6'2"	213	12/23/1976	Mariefred, SWE
39	Dominik Hasek	G	6'1"	166	01/29/1965	Pardubice, CZE
40	Henrik Zetterberg	L	5'11"	195	10/09/1980	Njurunda, SWE
43	Darren Helm	C	5'11"	172	01/21/1987	Winnipeg, MB, CAN
44	Mark Hartigan	C	6'0"	200	10/15/1977	Fort St. John, BC, CAN
51	Valteri Filppula	C	6'0"	193	03/20/1984	Vantaa, FIN
52	Jonathan Ericsson	D	6'4"	206	03/02/1984	Karlskrona, SWE
55	Niklas Kronwall	D	6'0"	189	01/12/1981	Stockholm, SWE
82	Tomas Kopecky	C	6'3"	200	02/05/1982	Ilava, SVK
93	Johan Franzen	R	6'3"	220	12/23/1979	Vetlanda, SWE
96	Tomas Holmstrom	L	6'0"	203	01/23/1973	Pieta, SWE

Injury Reserve List

SW#	Name	Pos	Height	Weight	Born	Birthplace
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Active - 28 On IRL - 0 Total - 28

Average - Height: 6'0" Weight: 197 Age: 31.1

Current Streaks

Player	Games	Streak
Mark Hartigan	2	Goals
Niklas Kronwall	2	Assists
Johan Franzen	2	1-1-2 Points (G - A - P)
Mark Hartigan	2	2-0-2
Nicklas Lidstrom	3	2-2-4
Niklas Kronwall	2	0-2-2

Team Records	Detroit Red Wings
Last Game	Sunday Vs Chicago (4-1 W)
Next Game	Thursday Vs Nashville
Overall record / streak	54 - 21 - 7 / Win 2 / Undef 2
Home record / streak	29 - 9 - 3 / Win 3 / Undef 3
Road record / streak	25 - 12 - 4 / Lost 1 /
Last 5 Games	3 - 1 - 1
Last 10 Games	7 - 2 - 1
1-goal games	18-18
2-goal games	14-5
3-goal games	22-5
Scoring first	43-5-2
Opponent scoring first	11-16-5
Leading after 1 period	35-3-1
Trailing after 1 period	5-11-5
Tied after 1 period	14-7-1
Leading after 2 periods	36-3-1
Trailing after 2 periods	6-13-3
Tied after 2 periods	12-5-3
Overtime Record - This Season	7-7
Overtime Record - Franchise	95-73-210
Outshooting opponent	50-15-5
Outshot by opponent	2-4-2
Even shots	2-2-0
vs. Northeast	3-1-1
vs. Atlantic	0-0-0
vs. Southeast	4-1-0
vs. EASTERN CONFERENCE	7-2-1
vs. Central	17-12-3
vs. Pacific	15-5-0
vs. Northwest	15-2-3
vs. WESTERN CONFERENCE	47-19-6

Month by Month Record:

	Detroit Red Wings	
	W - L - OT	Points
	10-2-1	21
November	7-4-1	15
December	12-2-1	25
January	9-2-1	19
February	4-8-2	10
March	10-2-1	21
April	2-1-0	4
Totals	54-21-7	115

Goals By Period

	1	2	3	OT	T	Avg
Detroit Red Wings	76	87	87	2	252	(3.1 avg.)
Opponents	56	68	53	2	179	(2.2 avg.)

Shots By Period

	1	2	3	OT	T	Avg
Detroit Red Wings	896	991	890	43	2820	(34.4 avg.)
Opponents	605	674	621	30	1930	(23.5 avg.)

Power Play

	G	Att	Pct
Overall	81	391	20.7 (3rd NHL)
Home	42	203	20.7 (6th NHL)
Road	39	188	20.7 (2nd NHL)

7 SHORT HANDED GOALS ALLOWED (T-11th NHL)

Penalty Killing

	G	Att	Pct
Overall	57	357	84 (8th NHL)
Home	28	166	83.1 (T-14th NHL)
Road	29	191	84.8 (4th NHL)

5 SHORT HANDED GOALS SCORED (T-22nd NHL)

Penalties

	GP	Min	Avg. / Rank
	82	937	11.4 (1st NHL)

Individual Leaders

Detroit Red Wings

Points	P. Datsyuk (97),H. Zetterberg (92),N. Lidstrom (70)
Goals	H. Zetterberg (43),P. Datsyuk (31),J. Franzen (27)
Assists	P. Datsyuk (66),N. Lidstrom (60),H. Zetterberg (49)
PP Goals	H. Zetterberg (16),J. Franzen (14),T. Holmstrom (11)
SH Goals	K. Draper (2),D. Drake (1),P. Datsyuk (1)
GW Goals	J. Franzen (8),H. Zetterberg (7),P. Datsyuk (6)
3+ goals	H. Zetterberg(2)
PIM	A. Downey (116),A. Lilja (93),B. Stuart (69)
Shots	H. Zetterberg (358),P. Datsyuk (264),M. Samuelsson (249)
Plus/Minus	P. Datsyuk (+41),N. Lidstrom (+40),H. Zetterberg (+30)

Goaltenders

Detroit Red Wings

	GP	Min	GA	Avg	W	L	OT/SO
C. Osgood	43	2409	84	2.09	27	9	4
D. Hasek	41	2350	84	2.14	27	10	3
J. Howard	4	197	7	2.13	0	2	0

Situational Goals

Detroit Red Wings

	For	Against
5 on 5	149	106
5 on 4	64	6
5 on 3	14	0
4 on 4	6	5
4 on 3	3	0
3 on 3	0	0
3 on 4	0	0
3 on 5	0	7
4 on 5	5	50
Empty Net	9	4
Pen. Shot	2	1
Totals	252	179

Detroit Red Wings Special Teams Scoring

Power Play	G	A	Pts	Short Handed	G	A	Pts
B. Lebda	0	3	3	D. Cleary	0	1	1
B. Rafalski	10	21	31	D. Drake	1	0	1
B. Stuart	2	8	10	H. Zetterberg	1	0	1
D. Cleary	5	7	12	J. Franzen	0	1	1
D. Meech	0	3	3	K. Draper	2	0	2
H. Zetterberg	16	20	36	N. Lidstrom	0	1	1
J. Ericsson	1	0	1	P. Datsyuk	1	0	1
J. Franzen	14	2	16				
J. Hudler	3	12	15				
M. Samuelsson	3	8	11				
N. Kronvall	0	8	8				
N. Lidstrom	5	29	34				
P. Datsyuk	10	30	40				
T. Holmstrom	11	7	18				
V. Filppula	3	5	8				



ROSTER; NASHVILLE

Nashville Predators Roster

Active

SW#	Name	Pos	Height	Weight	Born	Birthplace
2	Dan Hamhuis	D	6'1"	200	12/13/1982	Smithers, BC, CAN
3	Marek Zidlicky	D	5'11"	190	02/03/1977	Most, CZE
4	Ville Koistinen	D	5'11"	190	06/17/1982	Oulu, FIN
5	Greg Zanon	D	5'11"	211	06/05/1980	Burnaby, BC, CAN
6	Shea Weber	D	6'3"	213	08/14/1985	Sicamous, BC, CAN
7	Greg de Vries	D	6'2"	215	01/04/1973	Sundridge, ON, CAN
8	Kevin Klein	D	6'1"	195	12/13/1984	Kitchener, ON, CAN
10	Martin Erat	R	6'0"	195	08/29/1981	Trebic, CZE
11	David Legwand	C	6'2"	190	08/17/1980	Detroit, MI, USA
12	Scott Nichol	C	5'9"	175	12/31/1974	Edmonton, AB, CAN
14	Radek Bonk	C	6'3"	213	01/09/1976	Krnov, CZE
16	Darcy Hordichuk	L	6'1"	215	08/10/1980	Kamsack, SK, CAN
17	Jan Hlavac	L	6'0"	201	09/20/1976	Prague, CZE
19	Jason Arnott	C	6'4"	220	10/11/1974	Collingwood, ON, CAN
20	Ryan Suter	D	6'1"	196	01/21/1985	Madison, WI, USA
22	Jordin Tootoo	R	5'9"	194	02/02/1983	Churchill, MB, CAN
24	Brandon Bochenski	R	6'1"	187	04/04/1982	Blaine, MN, USA
25	Jerred Smithson	C	6'3"	194	02/04/1979	Vernon, BC, CAN
30	Chris Mason	G	6'0"	195	04/20/1976	Red Deer, AB, CAN
37	Rich Peverley	C	6'0"	185	07/08/1982	Guelph, ON, CAN
38	Vernon Fiddler	C	5'11"	204	05/09/1980	Edmonton, AB, CAN
39	Dan Ellis	G	6'0"	185	06/19/1980	Saskatoon, SK, CAN
47	Alexander Radulov	R	6'1"	188	07/05/1986	Nizhi Tagil, RUS
71	J.P. Dumont	R	6'1"	205	04/01/1978	Montreal, QC, CAN

Injury Reserve List

SW#	Name	Pos	Height	Weight	Born	Birthplace
23	Martin Gelas	L	5'11"	202	06/05/1970	Shawinigan, QC, CAN
26	Steve Sullivan	L	5'8"	165	07/06/1974	Timmins, ON, CAN
41	Jed Ortmeyer	R	6'0"	197	09/03/1978	Omaha, NE, USA

Active - 24 On IRL - 3 Total - 27

Average - Height: 6'1" Weight: 198 Age: 28.0

Current Streaks

Player	Games	Streak	Goals
(no players)			
Jean-Pierre Dumont	2	2	Assists
Jean-Pierre Dumont	2	1-2-3	Points (G - A - P)

Team Records	Nashville Predators
Last Game	Friday At Chicago (3-1 L)
Next Game	Thursday At Detroit
Overall record / streak	41 - 32 - 9 / Lost 1 /
Home record / streak	23 - 14 - 4 / Win 3 / Undef 3
Road record / streak	18 - 18 - 5 / Lost 1 /
Last 5 Games	3 - 1 - 1
Last 10 Games	6 - 3 - 1
1-goal games	17-18
2-goal games	7-6
3-goal games	17-17
Scoring first	34-6-4
Opponent scoring first	7-26-5
Leading after 1 period	24-4-2
Trailing after 1 period	4-17-4
Tied after 1 period	13-11-3
Leading after 2 periods	26-1-1
Trailing after 2 periods	5-24-4
Tied after 2 periods	10-7-4
Overtime Record - This Season	8-9
Overtime Record - Franchise	53-48-60
Outshooting opponent	19-16-4
Outshot by opponent	20-15-4
Even shots	2-1-1
vs. Northeast	2-3-0
vs. Atlantic	0-0-0
vs. Southeast	3-1-1
vs. EASTERN CONFERENCE	5-4-1
vs. Central	18-9-5
vs. Pacific	8-11-1
vs. Northwest	10-8-2
vs. WESTERN CONFERENCE	36-28-8

Month by Month Record:

	Nashville Predators	
	W - L - OT	Points
	4-7-0	8
November	8-2-2	18
December	6-9-0	12
January	8-3-3	19
February	6-4-3	15
March	7-6-1	15
April	2-1-0	4
Totals	41-32-9	91

Goals By Period

Nashville Predators	1	2	3	OT	T	Avg
Predators	69	64	89	5	227	(2.8 avg.)
Opponents	65	82	73	4	224	(2.7 avg.)

Shots By Period

Nashville Predators	1	2	3	OT	T	Avg
Predators	809	757	821	38	2425	(29.6 avg.)
Opponents	774	856	769	41	2440	(29.8 avg.)

Power Play

	G	Att	Pct
Overall	53	358	14.8 (27th NHL)
Home	31	198	15.7 (22nd NHL)
Road	22	160	13.8 (26th NHL)

10 SHORT HANDED GOALS ALLOWED (T-21st NHL)

Penalty Killing

	G	Att	Pct
Overall	49	335	85.4 (3rd NHL)
Home	27	163	83.4 (12th NHL)
Road	22	172	87.2 (2nd NHL)

7 SHORT HANDED GOALS SCORED (T-16th NHL)

Penalties

	GP	Min	Avg. / Rank
	82	1027	12.5 (T-7th NHL)

Individual Leaders

Nashville Predators

Points	J. Dumont (72),J. Arnott (72),A. Radulov (58)
Goals	J. Dumont (29),J. Arnott (28),A. Radulov (26)
Assists	J. Arnott (44),J. Dumont (43),M. Zidlicky (38)
PP Goals	J. Arnott (13),J. Dumont (7),R. Bonk (6)
SH Goals	S. Nichol (2),J. Smithson (2),M. Gelinas (1)
GW Goals	J. Dumont (8),M. Erat (6),J. Arnott (3)
3+ goals	M. Erat(1),J. Arnott(1),D. Legwand(1)
PIM	J. Tootoo (100),S. Nichol (72),G. De Vries (71)
Shots	J. Arnott (248),J. Dumont (192),A. Radulov (183)
Plus/Minus	J. Arnott (+19),V. Koistinen (+13),S. Nichol (+12)

Goaltenders

Nashville Predators

	GP	Min	GA	Avg	W	L	OT/SO
C. Mason	51	2692	130	2.9	18	22	6
D. Ellis	44	2229	87	2.34	23	10	3
P. Rinne	1	29	0	0	0	0	0

Situational Goals

Nashville Predators

	For	Against
5 on 5	152	150
5 on 4	49	8
5 on 3	2	0
4 on 4	7	9
4 on 3	1	0
3 on 3	0	0
3 on 4	0	0
3 on 5	0	10
4 on 5	7	38
Empty Net	9	7
Pen. Shot	0	2
Totals	227	224

Nashville Predators Special Teams Scoring

Power Play	G	A	Pts	Short Handed	G	A	Pts
A. Radulov	4	2	6	D. Hamhuis	0	3	3
B. Bochenski	1	1	2	D. Legwand	0	1	1
D. Hamhuis	1	7	8	J. Hlavac	0	1	1
D. Legwand	4	9	13	J. Ortmeier	1	1	2
J. Arnott	13	9	22	J. Smithson	2	3	5
J. Dumont	7	9	16	M. Gelinas	1	0	1
J. Hlavac	0	1	1	S. Nichol	2	0	2
J. Smithson	0	1	1	V. Fiddler	1	0	1
M. Erat	4	11	15				
M. Zidlicky	4	21	25				
R. Bonk	6	5	11				
R. Suter	1	10	11				
S. Nichol	0	1	1				
S. Weber	5	5	10				
V. Fiddler	2	3	5				
V. Koistinen	2	9	11				



DETROIT GAME-BY-GAME STANLEY CUP PLAYOFF RESULTS

1947

DETROIT VS. TORONTO

Date	W/L	Score	Home/Away
3/26	L	2-3(OT)#	Away
3/29	W	9-1	Away
4/1	L	1-4	Home
4/3	L	1-4	Home
4/5	L	1-6	Away

#Howie Meeker scored at 3:05 of OT
Toronto won series 4 games to 1

1948

DETROIT VS. NEW YORK RANGERS

Date	W/L	Score	Home/Away
3/24	W	2-1	Home
3/26	W	5-2	Home
3/28	L	2-3	Away
3/30	L	1-3	Away
4/1	W	3-1	Home
4/4	W	4-2	Away

Detroit won series 4 games to 2

STANLEY CUP FINALS

DETROIT VS. TORONTO

Date	W/L	Score	Home/Away
4/7	L	3-5	Away
4/10	L	2-4	Away
4/11	L	0-2*	Home
4/14	L	2-7	Home

*Shutout by Turk Broda
Toronto won series 4 games to 0

1949

DETROIT VS. MONTREAL

Date	W/L	Score	Home/Away
3/22	W	2-1(OT)#	Home
3/24	L	3-4(OT)##	Home
3/26	L	2-3	Away
3/29	W	3-1	Away
3/31	W	3-1	Home
4/2	L	1-3	Away
4/5	W	3-1	Home

#Max McNab scored at 4:42 of 3rd OT
##Gerry Plamondon scored at 2:59 of OT
Detroit won series 4 games to 3

STANLEY CUP FINALS

DETROIT VS. TORONTO

Date	W/L	Score	Home/Away
4/8	L	2-3(OT)#	Home
4/10	L	1-3	Home
4/13	L	1-3	Away
4/16	L	1-3	Away

#Joe Klukay scored at 17:31 of OT
Toronto won series 4 games to 0

1950

DETROIT VS. TORONTO

Date	W/L	Score	Home/Away
3/28	L	0-5*	Home
3/30	W	3-1	Home
4/1	L	0-2*	Away
4/4	W	2-1(OT)#	Away
4/6	L	0-2*	Home
4/8	W	4-0**	Away
4/9	W	1-0(OT)##	Home

*Shutouts by Turk Broda
**Shutouts by Harry Lumley
#Leo Reise scored at :38 of OT
##Leo Reise scored at 8:39 of OT
Detroit won series 4 games to 3

STANLEY CUP FINALS

DETROIT VS. NEW YORK RANGERS

Date	W/L	Score	Home/Away
4/11	W	4-1	Home
4/13	L	1-3	Away
4/15	W	4-0*	Away
4/17	L	3-4 (OT)#	Home
4/20	L	1-2 (OT)##	Home
4/22	W	5-4	Home
4/23	W	4-3 (OT)###	Home

-Games Played in Toronto
*Shutout by Harry Lumley
#Don Raleigh scored at 8:54 of OT
##Don Raleigh scored at 1:38 of OT
###Pete Babando scored at 8:31 of 2nd OT
Detroit won series 4 games to 3
1949-50 - Detroit Red Wings - Harry Lumley, Jack Stewart, Leo Reise Jr., Clare Martin, Al Dewsbury, Lee Fogolin, Marcel Pronovost, Red Kelly, Ted Lindsay, Sid Abel (Captain), Gordie Howe, George Gee, Jimmy Peters, Marty Pavelich, Jim McFadden, Pete Babando, Max McNab, Gerry Couture, Joe Carveth, Steve Black, Johnny Wilson, Larry Wilson, Doug McKay, Jack Adams (Manager), Tommy Ivan (Coach), Carl Mattson (Trainer).

1951

DETROIT VS. MONTREAL

Date	W/L	Score	Home/Away
3/27	L	2-3 (OT)#	Home
3/29	L	0-1(OT)##	* Home
3/31	W	2-0**	Away
4/3	W	4-1	Away
4/5	L	2-5	Home
4/7	L	2-3	Away

#Maurice Richard scored at 1:09 of 4th OT
##Maurice Richard scored at 2:20 of 3rd OT
*Shutout by Terry Sawchuk
**Shutout by Gerry McNeil
Montreal won series 4 games to 2

1952

DETROIT VS. TORONTO

Date	W/L	Score	Home/Away
3/25	W	3-0*	Home
3/27	W	1-0*	Home
3/29	W	6-2	Away
4/1	W	3-1	Away

*Shutouts by Terry Sawchuk
Detroit won series 4 games to 0

STANLEY CUP FINALS

DETROIT VS. MONTREAL

Date	W/L	Score	Home/Away
4/10	W	3-1	Away
4/12	W	2-1	Away
4/13	W	3-0*	Home
4/15	W	3-0*	Home

*Shutouts by Terry Sawchuk
Detroit won series 4 games to 0
1951-52 - Detroit Red Wings - Terry Sawchuk, Bob Goldham, Benny Woit, Red Kelly, Leo Reise Jr., Marcel Pronovost, Ted Lindsay, Tony Leswick, Gordie Howe, Metro Prystai, Marty Pavelich, Sid Abel (Captain), Glen Skov, Alex Delvecchio, Johnny Wilson, Vic Stasiuk, Larry Zeidel, Glenn Hall, Jack Adams (Manager), Tommy Ivan (Coach), Carl Mattson (Trainer).

1953**DETROIT VS. BOSTON**

<u>Date</u>	<u>W/L</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Home/Away</u>
3/24	W	7-0*	Home
3/26	L	3-5	Home
3/29	L	1-2(OT)#	Away
3/31	L	2-6	Away
4/2	W	6-4	Home
4/5	L	2-4	Away

*Shutout by Terry Sawchuk

#Jack McIntyre scored at 12:29 of OT

Boston won series 4 games to 2

1954**DETROIT VS. TORONTO**

<u>Date</u>	<u>W/L</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Home/Away</u>
3/23	W	5-0*	Home
3/25	L	1-3	Home
3/27	W	3-1	Away
3/30	W	2-1	Away
4/1	W	4-3 (OT)#	Home

*Shutout by Terry Sawchuk

#Ted Lindsay scored at 1:01 of 2nd OT

Detroit won series 4 games to 1

STANLEY CUP FINALS**DETROIT VS. MONTREAL**

<u>Date</u>	<u>W/L</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Home/Away</u>
4/4	W	3-1	Home
4/6	L	1-3	Home
4/8	W	5-2	Away
4/10	W	2-0*	Away
4/11	L	0-1(OT)# **	Home
4/13	L	1-4	Away
4/16	W	2-1(OT)##	Home

*Shutout by Terry Sawchuk

**Shutout by Gerry McNeil

#Kenny Mosdell scored at 5:45 of OT

##Tony Leswick scored at 4:29 of OT

Detroit won series 4 games to 3

1953-54 - Detroit Red Wings - Terry Sawchuk, Red Kelly, Bob Goldham, Benny Woit, Marcel Pronovost, Al Arbour, Keith Allen, Ted Lindsay (Captain), Tony Leswick, Gordie Howe, Marty Pavelich, Alex Delvecchio, Metro Prystai, Glen Skov, Johnny Wilson, Bill Dineen, Jimmy Peters, Dutch Reibel, Gilles Dube, Dave Gatherum, Jack Adams (Manager), Tommy Ivan (Coach), Carl Mattson (Trainer).

1955**DETROIT VS. TORONTO**

<u>Date</u>	<u>W/L</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Home/Away</u>
3/22	W	7-4	Home
3/24	W	2-1	Home
3/26	W	2-1	Away
3/29	W	3-0*	Away

*Shutout by Terry Sawchuk

Detroit won series 4 games to 0

STANLEY CUP FINALS**DETROIT VS. MONTREAL**

<u>Date</u>	<u>W/L</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Home/Away</u>
4/3	W	4-2	Home
4/5	W	7-1+	Home
4/7	L	2-4	Away
4/9	L	3-5	Away
4/10	W	5-1++	Home
4/12	L	3-6	Away
4/14	W	3-1	Home

+4-Goal hat trick by Ted Lindsay

++Hat trick by Gordie Howe

Detroit won series 4 games to 3

1954-55 - Detroit Red Wings - Terry Sawchuk, Red Kelly, Bob Goldham, Marcel Pronovost, Benny Woit, Jim Hay, Larry Hillman, Ted Lindsay (Captain), Tony Leswick, Gordie Howe, Alex Delvecchio, Marty Pavelich, Glen Skov, Dutch Reibel, Johnny Wilson, Bill Dineen, Vic Stasiuk, Marcel Bonin, Jack Adams (Manager), Jimmy Skinner (Coach), Carl Mattson (Trainer).

1956**DETROIT VS. TORONTO**

<u>Date</u>	<u>W/L</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Home/Away</u>
3/20	W	3-2	Home
3/22	W	3-1	Home
3/24	W	5-4(OT)#	Away
3/27	L	0-2*	Away
3/29	W	3-1	Home

#Ted Lindsay scored at 4:22 of OT

*Shutout by Harry Lumley

Detroit won series 4 games to 1

STANLEY CUP FINALS**DETROIT VS. MONTREAL**

<u>Date</u>	<u>W/L</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Home/Away</u>
3/31	L	4-6	Away
4/3	L	1-5	Away
4/5	W	3-1	Home
4/8	L	0-3*	Home
4/10	L	1-3	Away

*Shutout by Jacques Plante

Montreal won series 4 games to 1

1957**DETROIT VS. BOSTON**

<u>Date</u>	<u>W/L</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Home/Away</u>
3/26	L	1-3	Home
3/28	W	7-2	Home
3/31	L	3-4	Away
4/2	L	0-2*	Away
4/4	L	3-4	Home

*Shutout by Don Simmons

Boston won series 4 games to 1

1958**DETROIT VS. MONTREAL**

<u>Date</u>	<u>W/L</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Home/Away</u>
3/25	L	1-8	Away
3/27	L	1-5	Away
3/30	L	1-2(OT)#	Home
4/1	L	3-4	Home

#Andre Pronovost scored at 11:52 of OT

Montreal won series 4 games to 0

1960**DETROIT VS. TORONTO**

<u>Date</u>	<u>W/L</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Home/Away</u>
3/23	W	2-1	Away
3/26	L	2-4	Away
3/27	L	4-5 (OT)#	Home
3/29	W	2-1(OT)##	Home
4/2	L	4-5	Away
4/3	L	2-4	Home

#Frank Mahovlich scored at 3:00 of 3rd OT

##Gerry Melnyk scored at 1:54 of OT

Toronto won series 4 games to 2

1961**DETROIT VS. TORONTO**

<u>Date</u>	<u>W/L</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Home/Away</u>
3/22	L	2-3(OT)#	Away
3/25	W	4-2	Away
3/26	W	2-0*	Home
3/28	W	4-1	Home
4/1	W	3-2	Away

#George Armstrong scored at 4:51 of 2nd OT

*Shutout by Terry Sawchuk

Detroit won series 4 games to 1

STANLEY CUP FINALS**DETROIT VS. CHICAGO**

<u>Date</u>	<u>W/L</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Home/Away</u>
4/6	L	2-3	Away
4/8	W	3-1	Home
4/10	L	1-3	Away
4/12	W	2-1	Home
4/14	L	3-6	Away
4/16	L	1-5	Home

Chicago won series 4 games to 2

1963**DETROIT VS. CHICAGO**

<u>Date</u>	<u>W/L</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Home/Away</u>
3/26	L	4-5	Away
3/28	L	2-5	Away
3/31	W	4-2	Home
4/2	W	4-1	Home
4/4	W	4-2	Away
4/7	W	7-4	Home

Detroit won series 4 games to 2

STANLEY CUP FINALS**DETROIT VS. TORONTO**

<u>Date</u>	<u>W/L</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Home/Away</u>
4/9	L	2-4	Away
4/11	L	2-4	Away
4/14	W	3-2	Home
4/16	L	2-4	Home
4/18	L	1-3	Away

Toronto won series 4 games to 1

1964**DETROIT VS. CHICAGO**

<u>Date</u>	<u>W/L</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Home/Away</u>
3/26	L	1-4	Away
3/29	W	5-4+	Away
3/31	W	3-0*	Home
4/2	L	2-3 (OT)#	Home
4/5	L	2-3	Away
4/7	W	7-2+	Home
4/9	W	4-2	Away

+Hat tricks by Norm Ullman

#Murray Balfour scored at 8:21 of OT

*Shutout by Terry Sawchuk

Detroit won series 4 games to 3

STANLEY CUP FINALS**DETROIT VS. TORONTO**

<u>Date</u>	<u>W/L</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Home/Away</u>
4/11	L	2-3	Away
4/14	W	4-3(OT)#	Away
4/16	W	4-3	Home
4/18	L	2-4	Home
4/21	W	2-1	Away
4/23	L	3-4(OT)##	Home
4/25	L	0-4*	Away

#Larry Jeffrey scored at 7:52 of OT

##Bobby Baun scored at 1:42 of OT

*Shutout by Johnny Bower

Toronto won series 4 games to 3

1965**DETROIT VS. CHICAGO**

<u>Date</u>	<u>W/L</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Home/Away</u>
4/1	W	4-3	Home
4/4	W	6-3	Home
4/6	L	2-5	Away
4/8	L	1-2	Away
4/11	W	4-2+	Home
4/13	L	0-4*	Away
4/15	L	2-4	Home

+Hat trick by Norm Ullman

*Shutout by Glenn Hall

Chicago won series 4 games to 3

1966**DETROIT VS. CHICAGO**

<u>Date</u>	<u>W/L</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Home/Away</u>
4/7	L	1-2	Away
4/10	W	7-0*	Away
4/12	L	1-2	Home
4/14	W	5-1	Home
4/17	W	5-3	Away
4/19	W	3-2	Home

*Shutout by Roger Crozier

Detroit won series 4 games to 2

STANLEY CUP FINALS**DETROIT VS. MONTREAL**

<u>Date</u>	<u>W/L</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Home/Away</u>
4/24	W	3-2	Away
4/26	W	5-2	Away
4/28	L	2-4	Home
5/1	L	1-2	Home
5/3	L	3-5	Away
5/5	L	2-3(OT)#	Home

#Henri Richard scored at 2:20 of OT

Montreal won series 4 games to 2

1970**DETROIT VS. CHICAGO**

<u>Date</u>	<u>W/L</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Home/Away</u>
4/8	L	2-4	Away
4/9	L	2-4	Away
4/11	L	2-4	Home
4/12	L	2-4	Home

Chicago won series 4 games to 2

1978**DETROIT VS. ATLANTA**

<u>Date</u>	<u>W/L</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Home/Away</u>
4/11	W	5-3	Away
4/13	W	3-2	Home

Detroit won series 2 games to 0

DETROIT VS. MONTREAL

<u>Date</u>	<u>W/L</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Home/Away</u>
4/17	L	2-6	Away
4/19	W	4-2	Away
4/21	L	2-4	Home
4/23	L	0-8*	Home
4/25	L	2-4	Away

*Shutout by Ken Dryden

Montreal won series 4 games to 1

1984**DETROIT VS. ST. LOUIS**

<u>Date</u>	<u>W/L</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Home/Away</u>
4/4	L	2-3	Away
4/5	W	5-3	Away
4/7	L	3-4(OT)#	Home
4/8	L	2-3(OT)##	Home

#Mark Reeds scored at 17:07 of 2nd OT

##Jorgen Pettersson scored at 2:42 of OT

St. Louis won series 3 games to 1

1985**DETROIT VS. CHICAGO**

<u>Date</u>	<u>W/L</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Home/Away</u>
4/10	L	5-9	Away
4/11	L	1-6	Away
4/13	L	2-8	Home

Chicago won series 3 games to 0

1987**DETROIT VS. CHICAGO**

<u>Date</u>	<u>W/L</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Home/Away</u>
4/8	W	3-1	Home
4/9	W	5-1	Home
4/11	W	4-3(OT)#	Away
4/12	W	3-1	Away

#Shawn Burr scored at 4:51 of OT

Detroit won series 4 games to 0

DETROIT VS. TORONTO

<u>Date</u>	<u>W/L</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Home/Away</u>
4/21	L	2-4	Home
4/23	L	2-7	Home
4/24	W	4-2	Away
4/27	L	2-3(OT)#	Away
4/29	W	3-0*	Home
5/1	W	4-2	Away
5/3	W	3-0*	Home

#Mike Allison scored at 9:31 of OT

*Shutouts by Glen Hanlon

Detroit won series 4 games to 3

DETROIT VS. EDMONTON

<u>Date</u>	<u>W/L</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Home/Away</u>
5/5	W	3-1	Away
5/7	L	1-4	Away
5/9	L	1-2	Home
5/11	L	2-3	Home
5/13	L	3-6	Away

Edmonton won series 4 games to 1

1988**DETROIT VS. TORONTO**

<u>Date</u>	<u>W/L</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Home/Away</u>
4/6	L	2-6	Home
4/7	W	6-2+	Home
4/9	W	6-3	Away
4/10	W	8-0*	Away
4/12	L	5-6(OT)#	Home
4/12	W	5-3	Away

+Hat trick by Peter Klima

#Ed Olczyk scored at :34 of OT

*Shutout by Glen Hanlon

Detroit won series 4 games to 2

DETROIT VS. ST. LOUIS

<u>Date</u>	<u>W/L</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Home/Away</u>
4/19	W	5-4	Home
4/21	W	6-0+*	Home
4/23	L	3-6	Away
4/25	W	3-1	Away
4/27	W	4-3	Home

*Shutout by Greg Stefan

+Hat trick by Peter Klima

Detroit won series 4 games to 1

DETROIT VS. EDMONTON

<u>Date</u>	<u>W/L</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Home/Away</u>
5/3	L	1-4	Away
5/5	L	3-5	Away
5/7	W	5-2	Home
5/9	L	3-4(OT)#	Home
5/11	L	4-8	Away

#Jari Kurri scored at 11:02 of OT

Edmonton won series 4 games to 1

1989**DETROIT VS. CHICAGO**

<u>Date</u>	<u>W/L</u>	<u>Scored</u>	<u>Home/Away</u>
5/5	W	3-2	Home
5/6	L	4-5(OT)#+	Home
5/8	L	2-4	Away
4/10	L	2-3	Away
4/11	W	6-4	Home
4/13	L	1-7	Away

#Duane Sutter scored at 14:36 of OT

+Hat trick by Steve Yzerman

Chicago won series 4 games to 2

1991**DETROIT VS. ST. LOUIS**

<u>Date</u>	<u>W/L</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Home/Away</u>
4/4	W	6-3+	Away
4/6	L	2-4	Away
4/8	W	5-2	Home
4/10	W	4-3	Home
4/12	L	1-6	Away
4/14	L	0-3*	Home
4/16	L	2-3	Away

+Hat trick by Steve Yzerman

*Shutout by Vincent Riendeau

St. Louis won series 4 games to 3

1992**DETROIT VS. MINNESOTA**

<u>Date</u>	<u>W/L</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Home/Away</u>
4/18	L	3-4	Home
4/20	L	2-4	Home
4/22	W	5-4(OT)#	Away
4/24	L	4-5	Away
4/26	W	3-0*	Home
4/28	W	1-0(OT)## *	Away
4/30	W	5-2	Home

#Yves Racine scored at 1:15 of OT

*Shutouts by Tim Cheveldae

##Sergei Federov scored at 16:13 of OT

Detroit won series 4 games to 3

DETROIT VS. TORONTO

<u>Date</u>	<u>W/L</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Home/Away</u>
5/2	L	1-2	Home
5/4	L	1-3	Home
5/6	L	4-5	Away
5/8	L	0-1*	Away

*Shutout by Ed Belfour

Chicago won series 4 games to 0

1993**DETROIT VS. TORONTO**

<u>Date</u>	<u>W/L</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Home/Away</u>
4/19	W	6-3	Home
4/21	W	6-2	Home
4/23	L	3-4	Away
4/25	L	2-3	Away
4/27	L	4-5(OT)#	Home
4/29	W	7-3+	Away
5/1	L	3-4(OT)##	Home

#Mike Foligno scored at 2:05 of OT

+Hat trick by Dino Ciccarelli

##Nikolai Borschevsky scored at 2:35 of OT

Toronto won series 4 games to 3

1994**DETROIT VS. SAN JOSE**

<u>Date</u>	<u>W/L</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Home/Away</u>
4/18	L	4-5	Home
4/20	W	4-0*	Home
4/22	W	3-2	Away
4/23	L	3-4	Away
4/26	L	4-6	Away
4/28	W	7-1	Home
4/30	L	2-3	Home

*Shutout by Chris Osgood

San Jose won series 4 games to 3

1995**DETROIT VS. DALLAS**

<u>Date</u>	<u>W/L</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Home/Away</u>
5/7	W	4-3	Home
5/9	W	4-1	Home
5/11	W	5-1+	Away
5/14	L	1-4	Away
5/15	W	3-1	Home

+Hat trick by Dino Ciccarelli

Detroit won series 4 games to 1

DETROIT VS. SAN JOSE

<u>Date</u>	<u>W/L</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Home/Away</u>
5/21	W	6-0*	Home
5/23	W	6-2	Home
5/25	W	6-2	Away
5/27	W	6-2	Away

*Shutout by Mike Vernon

Detroit won series 4 games to 1

DETROIT VS. CHICAGO

<u>Date</u>	<u>W/L</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Home/Away</u>
6/1	W	2-1(OT)#	Home
6/4	W	3-2	Home
6/6	W	4-3(OT)##	Away
6/8	L	2-5	Away
6/11	W	2-1(OT)### Home	Home

#Nicklas Lidstrom scored at 1:01 of OT

##Vladimir Konstantinov scored at 10:35 of 2nd OT

###Vyacheslav Kozlov scored at 2:25 of 2nd OT

Detroit won series 4 games to 1

STANLEY CUP FINALS**DETROIT VS. NEW JERSEY**

<u>Date</u>	<u>W/L</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Home/Away</u>
6/17	L	1-2	Home
6/20	L	2-4	Home
6/22	L	2-5	Away
6/24	L	2-5	Away

New Jersey won series 4 games to 0

1996**DETROIT VS. WINNIPEG**

<u>Date</u>	<u>W/L</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Home/Away</u>
4/17	W	4-1	Home
4/19	W	4-0*	Home
4/21	L	1-4	Away
4/23	W	6-1	Away
4/26	L	1-3	Home
4/28	W	4-1	Away

*Shutout by Chris Osgood

Detroit won series 4 games to 2

DETROIT VS. ST. LOUIS

<u>Date</u>	<u>W/L</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Home/Away</u>
5/3	W	3-2	Home
5/5	W	8-3	Home
5/8	L	4-5(OT)#	Away
5/10	L	0-1*	Away
5/12	L	2-3	Home
5/14	W	4-2	Away
5/16	W	1-0(OT)## Home	Home

#Igor Kravchuk scored at 3:23 of OT

*Shutout by Jon Casey

##Steve Yzerman scored at 1:15 of 2nd OT

Detroit won series 4 games to 3

DETROIT VS. COLORADO

<u>Date</u>	<u>W/L</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Home/Away</u>
5/19	L	2-3(OT)#	Home
5/21	L	0-3*	Home
5/23	W	6-4	Away
5/25	L	2-4	Away
5/27	W	5-2	Home
5/29	L	1-4	Away

#Mike Keane scored at 17:31 of OT

*Shutout by Patrick Roy

Colorado won series 4 games to 2

1997**DETROIT VS. ST. LOUIS**

<u>Date</u>	<u>W/L</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Home/Away</u>
4/16	L	0-2*	Home
4/18	W	2-1	Home
4/20	W	3-2	Away
4/22	L	0-4*	Away
4/25	W	5-2	Home
4/27	W	3-1	Away

*Shutouts by Grant Fuhr

Detroit won series 4 games to 2

DETROIT VS. ANAHEIM

<u>Date</u>	<u>W/L</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Home/Away</u>
5/2	W	2-1(OT)#	Home
5/4	W	3-2(OT)##	Home
5/6	W	5-3	Away
5/8	W	3-2(OT)### Away	Away

#Martin Lapointe scored at :59 of OT

##Vyacheslav Kozlov scored at 1:31 of 3rd OT

###Brendan Shanahan scored at 17:03 of 2nd OT

Detroit won series 4 games to 0

DETROIT VS. COLORADO

<u>Date</u>	<u>W/L</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Home/Away</u>
5/15	L	1-2	Away
5/17	W	4-2	Away
5/19	W	2-1	Home
5/22	W	6-0*	Home
5/24	L	0-6**	Away
5/26	W	3-1	Home

*Shutout by Mike Vernon

**Shutout by Patrick Roy

Detroit won series 4 games to 2

**STANLEY CUP FINALS
DETROIT VS. PHILADELPHIA**

<u>Date</u>	<u>W/L</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Home/Away</u>
5/31	W	4-2	Away
6/3	W	4-2	Away
6/5	W	6-1	Home
6/7	W	2-1	Home

Detroit won series 4 games to 0

1996-97- Detroit Red Wings - Steve Yzerman (Captain), Doug Brown, Mathieu Dandenault, Kris Draper, Sergei Fedorov, Viacheslav Fetisov, Kevin Hodson, Tomas Holmstrom, Joe Kocur, Vladimir Konstantinov, Vyacheslav Kozlov, Martin Lapointe, Igor Larionov, Nicklas Lidstrom, Kirk Maltby, Darren McCarty, Larry Murphy, Chris Osgood, Jamie Pushor, Bob Rouse, Tomas Sandstrom, Brendan Shanahan, Tim Taylor, Mike Vernon, Aaron Ward, Mike Ilitch (Owner/ Chairman), Marian Ilitch (Owner), Atanas Ilitch, Christopher Ilitch (Vice Presidents), Denise Ilitch Lites, Ronald Ilitch, Michael Ilitch, Jr., Lisa Ilitch Murray, Carole Ilitch Trepeck, Jim Devellano (Senior Vice President), Scotty Bowman (Head Coach/ Director of Player Personal), Ken Holland (Asst. General Manager) Barry Smith, Dave Lewis (Associate Coaches), Mike Krushelnyski (Assistant Coach), Jim Nill (Director of Player Development), Dan Belisle, Mark Howe, (Pro Scouts), Haken Andersson (Director of European Scouting), John Wharton, (Athletic Trainer), Paul Boyer (Equipment Manger), Tim Abbott, (Asst. Equipment Manager), Sergei Mnatsakanov (Masseur).

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DETROIT VS. PHOENIX

<u>Date</u>	<u>W/L</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Home/Away</u>
4/22	W	6-3	Home
4/24	L	4-7	Home
4/26	L	2-3	Away
4/28	W	4-2	Away
4/30	W	3-1	Home
5/3	W	5-2	Away

Detroit won series 4 games to 2

DETROIT VS. ST. LOUIS

<u>Date</u>	<u>W/L</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Home/Away</u>
5/8	L	2-4	Home
5/10	W	6-1	Home
5/12	W	3-2(OT)#	Away
5/14	W	5-2	Away
5/17	L	1-3	Home
5/19	W	6-1	Away

#Brendan Shanahan scored at 31:12 of OT

Detroit won series 4 games to 2

DETROIT VS. DALLAS

<u>Date</u>	<u>W/L</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Home/Away</u>
5/24	W	2-0*	Away
5/26	L	1-3	Away
5/29	W	5-3	Home
5/31	W	3-2	Home
6/3	L	2-3(OT)#	Away
6/5	W	2-0*	Home

*Shutout by Chris Osgood

#Jamie Langenbrunner scored at :46 of OT

Detroit won series 4 games to 2

**STANLEY CUP FINALS
DETROIT VS. WASHINGTON**

<u>Date</u>	<u>W/L</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Home/Away</u>
6/9	W	2-1	Home
6/11	W	5-4(OT)#	Home
6/13	W	2-1	Away
6/16	W	4-1	Away

#Kris Draper scored at 15:24 of OT

Detroit won series 4 games to 0

1997-98 - Detroit Red Wings - Steve Yzerman (Captain), Doug Brown, Mathieu Dandenault, Kris Draper, Anders Eriksson, Sergei Fedorov, Viacheslav Fetisov, Brent Gilchrist, Kevin Hodson, Tomas Holmstrom, Mike Knuble, Joe Kocur, Vyacheslav Kozlov, Martin Lapointe, Igor Larionov, Nicklas Lidstrom, Jamie Macoun, Kirk Maltby, Darren McCarty, Dimitri Mironov, Larry Murphy, Chris Osgood, Bob Rouse, Brendan Shanahan, Aaron Ward, Mike Ilitch (Owner/Chairman), Marian Ilitch (Owner), Atanas Ilitch, Christopher Ilitch (Vice Presidents), Denise Ilitch, Ronald Ilitch, Michael Ilitch, Jr., Lisa Ilitch Murray, Carole Ilitch Trepeck, Jim Devellano (Senior Vice President), Scotty Bowman (Head Coach), Ken Holland (General Manager), Don Waddell (Asst. General Manager), Barry Smith, Dave Lewis (Associate Coaches), Jim Bedard (Goaltending Consultant), Jim Nill (Director of Player Development), Dan Belisle, Mark Howe (Pro Scouts), Haken Andersson (Director of European Scouting), Mark Leach (USA Scout), Joe McDonnell (Eastern Scout), Bruce Haralson (Western Scout), John Wharton (Athletic Trainer), Paul Boyer (Equipment Manger), Tim Abbott (Asst. Equipment Manager), Bob Huddleston (Masseur), Wally Crossman (Dressing Room Assistant).

1999

DETROIT VS. ANAHEIM

<u>Date</u>	<u>W/L</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Home/Away</u>
4/21	W	5-3	Home
4/23	W	5-1	Home
4/25	W	4-2	Away
4/27	W	3-0*	Away

*Shutout by Chris Osgood

Detroit won series 4 games to 0

DETROIT VS. COLORADO

<u>Date</u>	<u>W/L</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Home/Away</u>
5/7	W	3-2(OT)#	Away
5/9	W	4-0*	Away
5/11	L	3-5	Home
5/13	L	2-6	Home
5/16	L	0-3**	Away
5/18	L	2-5	Home

#Kirk Maltby scored at 4:18 of OT

*Shutout by Chris Osgood

**Shutout by Patrick Roy

Colorado won series 4 games to 2

2000

DETROIT VS. LOS ANGELES

<u>Date</u>	<u>W/L</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Home/Away</u>
4/13	W	2-0*	Home
4/15	W	8-5+	Home
4/17	W	2-1	Away
4/19	W	3-0*	Away

*Shutouts by Chris Osgood

+Hat trick by Martin Lapointe

Detroit won series 4 games to 0

Date	W/L	Score	Home/Away
4/27	L	0-2*	Away
4/29	L	1-3	Away
5/1	W	3-1	Home
5/3	L	2-3(OT)#	Home
5/5	L	2-4	Away

*Shutout by Patrick Roy
 #Chris Drury scored at 10:21 of OT
 Colorado won series 4 games to 1

2001
DETROIT VS. LOS ANGELES

Date	W/L	Score	Home/Away
4/11	W	5-3	Home
4/14	W	4-0*	Home
4/15	L	1-2	Away
4/18	L	3-4(OT)#	Away
4/21	L	2-3	Home
4/23	L	2-3(OT)##	Away

*Shutout by Chris Osgood
 #Eric Belanger scored at 2:36 of OT
 ##Adam Deadmarsh scored at 4:48 of OT
 Los Angeles won series 4 games to 2

2002
DETROIT VS. VANCOUVER

Date	W/L	Score	Home/Away
4/17	L	3-4(OT)#	Home
4/19	L	2-5	Home
4/21	W	3-1	Away
4/23	W	4-2	Away
4/25	W	4-0*	Home
4/27	W	6-4+	Away

+Hat Trick by Brett Hull
 *Shutout by Dominik Hasek
 #Henrik Sedin scored at 13:59 of OT
 Detroit won series 4 games to 2

DETROIT VS. ST. LOUIS

Date	W/L	Score	Home/Away
5/2	W	2-0*	Home
5/4	W	3-2	Home
5/7	L	1-6	Away
5/9	W	4-3	Away
5/11	W	4-0*	Home

*Shutouts by Dominik Hasek
 Detroit won series 4 games to 1

DETROIT VS. COLORADO

Date	W/L	Score	Home/Away
5/18	W	5-3+	Home
5/20	L	3-4(OT)#	Home
5/22	W	2-1(OT)##	Away
5/25	L	2-3	Away
5/27	L	1-2(OT)###	Home
5/29	W	2-0*	Away
5/31	W	7-0*	Home

+Hat trick by Darren McCarty
 #Chris Drury scored at 2:17 of OT
 ##Fredrik Olausson scored at 12:44 of OT
 ###Peter Forsberg scored at 6:24 of OT
 *Shutouts by Dominik Hasek
 Detroit won series 4 games to 3

STANLEY CUP FINALS

DETROIT VS. CAROLINA

Date	W/L	Score	Home/Away
6/4	L	2-3(OT)#	Home
6/6	W	3-1	Home
6/8	W	3-2(OT)##	Away
6/10	W	3-0*	Away
6/13	W	3-1	Home

#Ron Francis scored at :58 of OT
 ##Igor Larionov scored at 54:47 of OT
 *Shutout by Dominik Hasek

Detroit won series 4 games to 1

2001-02 - Detroit Red Wings - Steve Yzerman (Captain), Chris Chelios, Mathieu Dandenault, Pavel Datsyuk, Boyd Devereaux, Kris Draper, Steve Duchesne, Sergei Fedorov, Jiri Fischer, Dominik Hasek, Tomas Holmstrom, Brett Hull, Igor Larionov, Manny Legace, Nicklas Lidstrom, Kirk Maltby, Darren McCarty, Fredrik Olausson, Luc Robitaille, Brendan Shanahan, Jiri Slegr, Jason Williams, Mike Ilitch (Owner/Gov.), Marian Ilitch (Owner/Sec.-Tres.), Ronald Ilitch, Michael Ilitch, Jr., Lisa Ilitch Murray, Atanas Ilitch, Carole Ilitch-Trepeck, Jim Devellano (Sr. V.P.), Christopher Ilitch (V.P.), Denise Ilitch (Alt. Governor), Ken Holland (G.M.), Jim Nill (Asst. G.M.), Scotty Bowman (Head Coach), Jim Berard (Goaltending Consultant), Joe Kocur (Video Coord.), John Wharton (Trainer), Paul Boyer (Equipment Mgr.), Piet Van Zant (Asst. Trainer), Tim Abbott (Asst. Equipment Mgr.), Sergei Tchekmarev (Masseur), Dan Belisle, Mark Howe, Bob McCammon (Pro Scouts), Hakan Andersson (Dir. of European Scouting), Mark Leach, Bruce Haralson, Joe McDonnell, Glenn Merkosky (Scouts).

2003

DETROIT VS. ANAHEIM

Date	W/L	Score	Home/Away
4/10	L	2-3(OT)#	Home
4/12	L	2-3	Home
4/14	L	1-2	Away
4/16	L	2-3(OT)##	Away

#Paul Kariya scored at 48:18 of OT
 ##Steve Ruchin scored at 6:53 of OT
 Anaheim won series 4 games to 0

2004

DETROIT VS. NASHVILLE

Date	W/L	Score	Home/Away
4/7	W	3-1	Home
4/10	W	2-1	Home
4/11	L	1-3	Away
4/13	L	0-3*	Away
4/15	W	4-1	Home
4/17	W	2-0**	Away

*Shutout by Tomas Vokoun
 **Shutouts by Curtis Joseph
 Detroit won series 4 games to 2

DETROIT VS. CALGARY

Date	W/L	Score	Home/Away
4/22	L	1-2(OT)#	Home
4/24	W	5-2	Home
4/27	L	2-3	Away
4/29	W	4-2	Away
5/1	L	0-1*	Home
5/3	L	0-1(OT)# *	Away

*Shutouts by Miikka Kiprusoff
 #Marcus Nilson scored at 2:39 of OT
 ##Martin Gelin scored at 19:13 of OT
 Calgary won series 4 games to 2

2006

DETROIT VS. EDMONTON

Date	W/L	Score	Home/Away
4/21	W	3-2 (OT)#	Home
4/23	L	2-4	Home
4/25	L	3-4 (OT)#	Away
4/27	W	4-2	Away
4/29	L	2-3	Home
5/1	L	4-3	Away

#Kirk Maltby at 2:39 of OT
 ##Jarret Stoll at 8:44 of OT

2007

DETROIT VS. CALGARY

Date	W/L	Score	Home/Away
4/21	W	4-1	Home
4/15	W	3-1	Home
4/17	L	2-3	Away
4/19	L	2-3	Away
4/21	L	5-1	Home
4/22	W	2-1(2OT)#	Away

#Johan Franzen scored at 4:23 of 2OT

DETROIT VS. SAN JOSE

Date	W/L	Score	Home/Away
4/26	L	0-2	Home
4/28	W	3-2	Home
4/30	L	2-1	Away
5/2	W	3-2 (OT)#	Away
5/5	W	4-1	Home
5/7	W	2-0**	Away

*Shutout by Evgeni Nabokov
 ** Shutout by Dominik Hasek
 #Mathieu Schneider scored at 16:04 of OT

DETROIT VS. ANAHEIM

Date	W/L	Score	Home/Away
5/11	W	2-1	Home
5/13	L	3-4 (OT)#	Home
5/15	W	5-0*	Away
5/17	L	3-5	Away
5/20	L	1-2 (OT)##	Home
5/22	L	3-4	Away

*Shutout by Dominik Hasek
 #Scott Niedermayer scored at 14:17 of OT
 ## Teemu Selanne scored at 11:57 of OT



RED WINGS' TEAM PLAYOFF RECORDS

MOST GOALS FOR, ONE GAME: 9

- vs. Toronto, Apr. 7, 1936, Detroit 9, Toronto 4;
- vs. Toronto, Mar. 29, 1947, Detroit 9, Toronto 1

MOST GOALS FOR, ONE YEAR: 75

- 1998 (24 vs. Phoenix, 23 vs. St. Louis, 15 vs. Dallas, 13 vs. Washington)

MOST GOALS AGAINST, ONE YEAR: 57

- 1987 (20 vs. Chicago, 14 vs. Toronto, 23 vs. Edmonton)

MOST GOALS FOR, ONE SERIES: 32

- vs. Toronto, 1988

MOST GOALS AGAINST, ONE SERIES: 25

- vs. Toronto, 1942; Chicago, 1989

MOST GOALS FOR, ONE HOME GAME: 9

- vs. Toronto Apr. 7, 1936, Detroit 9, Toronto 4

MOST GOALS AGAINST, ONE HOME GAME: 8

- vs. Montréal, Apr. 23, 1978, Montréal 8, Detroit 0;
- vs. Chicago, April 13, 1985, Chicago 8, Detroit 2

MOST GOALS FOR, ONE ROAD GAME: 9

- vs. Toronto, Mar. 29, 1947, Detroit 9, Toronto 1

MOST GOALS AGAINST, ONE ROAD GAME: 9

- vs. Toronto, Apr. 14, 1942, Toronto 9, Detroit 3;
- vs. Chicago, April 10, 1985, Chicago 9, Detroit 5

FASTEST TWO GOALS: *5 seconds

- Apr. 11, 1965, second period vs. Chicago (both by Norm Ullman, 17:35, 17:40 against Glenn Hall), Detroit 4, Chicago 2

FASTEST THREE GOALS: 1:30

- Mar. 29, 1947, third period at Toronto (Jim Conacher, 17:30, Roy Conacher, 18:30; Ed Bruneteau, 19:00), Detroit 9, Toronto 1

FASTEST FOUR GOALS: 4:46

- Mar. 23, 1939, third period vs. Montréal Canadiens (Syd Howe, 13:44; Syd Howe, 14:39; Sid Abel, 17:02; Ed Wares, 18:30), Detroit 7, Montréal 3

MOST POWER-PLAY GOALS, ONE YEAR: 22

- 1995 vs. Dallas, San Jose, Chicago, New Jersey

MOST POWER-PLAY GOALS, ONE SERIES: 11

- vs. Toronto, 1988

MOST POWER-PLAY GOALS FOR, ONE GAME: 4

- vs. Montréal Canadiens Mar. 23, 1939, Detroit 7, Montréal 3;
- vs. Chicago Apr. 4, 1965, Detroit 6, Chicago 3;
- vs. Chicago Apr. 10, 1966, Detroit 7, Chicago 0;
- vs. Toronto, Apr. 29, 1993, Detroit 7, Toronto 3;
- vs. Winnipeg, Apr. 23, 1996, Detroit 6, Winnipeg 1
- vs. Phoenix, May 3, 1998, Detroit 5, Phoenix 2

MOST POWER-PLAY GOALS FOR, ONE PERIOD: 3

- vs. Atlanta Apr. 11, 1978, Detroit 5, Atlanta 3;
- vs. Winnipeg Apr. 23, 1996, Detroit 6, Winnipeg 1;
- vs. St. Louis May 5, 1996, Detroit 8, St. Louis 3
- vs. Phoenix, May 3, 1998, Detroit 5, Phoenix 2

MOST POWER-PLAY GOALS AGAINST, ONE YEAR: 20

- 1988 vs. Toronto, St. Louis, Edmonton

MOST POWER-PLAY GOALS AGAINST, ONE SERIES:

- 10 vs. Chicago, 1989

MOST POWER-PLAY GOALS AGAINST, ONE GAME: 4

- vs. Chicago, Mar. 28, 1963, Chicago 5, Detroit 2

MOST SHORTHANDED GOALS FOR, ONE GAME: 2

- vs. Toronto, Apr. 5, 1936 (Syd Howe, Bucko McDonald), Detroit 3, Toronto 1;
- vs. Toronto, Apr. 29, 1993 (Steve Yzerman, Paul Ysebaert), Detroit 7, Toronto 3;
- vs. Winnipeg, Apr. 12, 1996 (Coffey, Brown), Detroit 4, St. Louis 0
- vs. Vancouver, Apr. 27, 2002 (LIDSTROM, Hull), Detroit 6, Vancouver 4
- vs. Calgary, Apr. 21, 2007 (CLEARY, CHELIOS) Detroit 5, Calgary 1

MOST SHORTHANDED GOALS, ONE PERIOD: 2

- vs. Toronto, Apr. 29, 1993 (Steve Yzerman, Paul Ysebaert), Detroit 7, Toronto 3
- vs. Vancouver, Apr. 27, 2002 (LIDSTROM, Hull), Detroit 6, Vancouver 4
- vs. Calgary, Apr. 21, 2007 (CLEARY, CHELIOS) Detroit 5, Calgary 1

MOST SHORTHANDED GOALS, ONE YEAR: 7

- 2002 vs. Vancouver, St. Louis, Colorado, Carolina

MOST SHORTHANDED GOALS AGAINST, ONE GAME: 2

- vs. Montréal, Apr. 23, 1978, Montréal 8, Detroit 0;
- vs. Chicago, Apr. 11, 1989, Detroit 6, Chicago 4
- vs. Phoenix, Apr. 24, 1998, Phoenix 7, Detroit 4

MOST SHORTHANDED GOALS AGAINST, ONE PERIOD: 2

- vs. Montréal, Apr. 23, 1978, Montréal 8, Detroit 0
- vs. Phoenix, Apr. 24, 1998, Phoenix 7, Detroit 4 (both SHG unassisted by Jeremy Roenick)

MOST SHORTHANDED GOALS AGAINST, ONE YEAR: 4

- vs. Chicago, 1989

MOST PENALTY MINUTES, ONE GAME: *152

- vs. St. Louis, Apr. 12, 1991

MOST PENALTY MINUTES, ONE PERIOD: 114

- vs. St. Louis, Apr. 12, 1991

MOST PENALTIES, ONE GAME: 33#

- vs. St. Louis, Apr. 12, 1991

MOST PENALTIES, ONE PERIOD: 20

- vs. St. Louis, Apr. 12, 1991

MOST CONSECUTIVE VICTORIES, ONE YEAR: 8

- 1952 vs. Toronto, Montréal; 1995 vs. Dallas, San Jose, Chicago

MOST CONSECUTIVE VICTORIES: 11

- Final five games of 1998 (Dallas, Washington) and first six games of 1999 (Anaheim, Colorado)

MOST CONSECUTIVE DEFEATS: 8

- Final four games of 1966 Finals vs. Montréal; first four in '70 vs. Chicago

MOST CONSECUTIVE HOME VICTORIES: 11

- Apr. 16, 1954, vs. Montréal; Mar. 22-24, 1955, vs. Toronto; Apr. 3-5-10-14, 1955, vs. Montréal; Mar. 20-22-29, 1956, vs. Toronto; April 5, 1956, vs. Montréal

MOST CONSECUTIVE HOME DEFEATS: 5

- Apr. 22, 1945, vs. Toronto; Mar. 24-26, 1946, vs. Boston; Apr. 1-3, 1947, vs. Toronto; Apr. 28-May 1-5, 1966, vs. Montréal; Apr. 11-12, 1970, vs. Chicago; Apr. 21-23, 1978, vs. Montréal; Apr. 7-8, 1985, vs. St. Louis; Apr. 13, 1985, vs. Chicago

MOST CONSECUTIVE ROAD VICTORIES: 6 (twice)

- Apr. 28, 1998 vs. Phoenix; May 3, 1998 vs. Phoenix; May 12, 1998 vs. St. Louis; May 14, 1998 vs. St. Louis; May 19, 1998 vs. St. Louis; May 24, 1998 vs. Dallas
- June 13, 1998 vs. Washington; June 16, 1998 vs. Washington; Apr. 25, 1999 vs. Anaheim; Apr. 27, 1999 vs. Anaheim; May 7, 1999 vs. Colorado; May 9, 1999 vs. Colorado

MOST CONSECUTIVE ROAD DEFEATS: 8

- Mar. 27, 1956, vs. Toronto; Mar. 31, 1956, vs. Montréal; Apr. 3-10, 1956, vs. Montréal; Mar. 31-Apr. 10, 1957, vs. Boston; Mar. 25-27, 1958, vs. Montréal

MOST CONSECUTIVE SEASONS QUALIFYING FOR PLAYOFFS: 20

- 1939 through '58

MOST CONSECUTIVE SEASONS NOT QUALIFYING FOR PLAYOFFS: 7

- 1971 through '77

EARLIEST PLAYOFF DATE: Mar. 19

- 1929 vs. Toronto; 1940 vs. New York Americans;
- 1946 vs. Boston

LATEST PLAYOFF DATE: June 24 – 1995 vs. New Jersey

*-NHL record

#-Shares NHL record

ACTIVE PLAYERS IN CAPITALS



RED WINGS' INDIVIDUAL PLAYOFF RECORDS

- MOST YEARS IN PLAYOFFS:** 20 - Steve Yzerman
MOST CONSECUTIVE YEARS IN PLAYOFFS: 15 - Steve Yzerman (1991-2006),
NICKLAS LIDSTROM (1992-present)
MOST GAMES, CAREER: 196 - Steve Yzerman
MOST POINTS, CAREER: 185 - Steve Yzerman
MOST GOALS, CAREER: 70 - Steve Yzerman
MOST ASSISTS, CAREER: 115 - Steve Yzerman
MOST GAMES, ONE YEAR: 23 - 14 Players on 2002 team
MOST POINTS, ONE YEAR: 24
- Sergei Fedorov, 7 goals, 17 assists, 1995, 17 games
- Steve Yzerman, 6 goals, 18 assists, 1998, 22 games
MOST GOALS, ONE YEAR: 10
- Petr Klima, 1988, 12 games
- Sergei Fedorov, 1998, 22 games
- Brett Hull, 2002, 23 games
MOST ASSISTS, ONE YEAR: 18
- Sergei Fedorov, 1996, 19 games
- Steve Yzerman, 1998, 22 games
MOST POINTS, ONE GAME: 5
- Norm Ullman (twice), 2 goals, 3 assists Apr. 7, 1963, and 3 goals, 2 assists Apr. 7,
1964, both vs. Chicago;
- Steve Yzerman, 2 goals, 3 assists May 5, 1996 vs. St. Louis
MOST GOALS, ONE GAME: 4
- Carl Liscombe (Apr. 3, 1945, vs. Boston)
- Ted Lindsay (Apr. 5, 1955, vs. Montréal)
MOST ASSISTS, ONE GAME: 4
- Dutch Reibel, Apr. 5, 1955, vs. Montréal;
- Sergei Fedorov (twice), Apr. 23, 1996 vs. Winnipeg and May 23, 1996 vs.
Colorado
- CHRIS CHELIOS, Apr. 27, 2002 at Vancouver
- NICKLAS LIDSTROM, Apr. 21, 2007 vs. Calgary
MOST POINTS BY ROOKIE: 9 - Shawn Burr, 1987
MOST GOALS BY ROOKIE: 7 - Shawn Burr, 1987
MOST ASSISTS BY ROOKIE: 5 - Paul Woods, 1978; Sergei Fedorov, 1991
LONGEST POINT STREAK: 12 games - Gordie Howe, 1964
LONGEST GOAL STREAK: 5 games - Gordie Howe, 1949, '64; Ted Lindsay, 1952
MOST POINTS BY ONE LINE, ONE YEAR: 51
- 1955 vs. Toronto, Montréal, 11 games (Gordie Howe, 9-11-20; Dutch Reibel,
5-7-12; Ted Lindsay, 7-12-19)
MOST THREE-GOAL GAMES, CAREER: 4
- Steve Yzerman, 1 in 1989, 1 in 1991, 1 in 1996, 1 in 1999
MOST THREE-GOAL GAMES, ONE YEAR: 2 - Norm Ullman, 1964; Petr Klima, 1988
MOST THREE-GOAL GAMES, ONE SERIES: 2 - Norm Ullman, 1964 vs. Chicago
MOST POWER-PLAY GOALS, CAREER: 26 - Steve Yzerman
MOST POWER-PLAY GOALS, ONE YEAR: 6
- Andy Bathgate, 1966, 12 games;
- Dino Ciccarelli, 1995, 16 games;
- Dino Ciccarelli, 1996, 17 games
MOST POWER-PLAY GOALS, ONE SERIES: (5)
- Andy Bathgate, 1966, vs. Chicago, 6 games
MOST POWER-PLAY GOALS, ONE GAME: 3
- Syd Howe, Mar. 23, 1939, vs. Montréal;
- Dino Ciccarelli (twice), Apr. 29, 1993, at Toronto, May 11, 1995, at Dallas
MOST POWER-PLAY GOALS, ONE PERIOD: 2
- Syd Howe, Mar. 23, 1939, third period vs. Montréal;
- Floyd Smith, Apr. 10, 1966, first period at Chicago;
- Dino Ciccarelli, Apr. 29, 1993, second period at Toronto
MOST POINTS, ONE PERIOD: 3
- Ted Lindsay, 3 goals, Apr. 5, 1955, second period vs. Montréal;
- Alex Delvecchio, 3 assists, Apr. 14, 1966, third period vs. Chicago;

- Vyacheslav Kozlov, 3 assists, May 21, 1995 third period vs. San Jose;
- Steve Yzerman, 1 goal, 2 assists, May 5, 1996, first period vs. St. Louis
- Sergei Fedorov, 1 goal, 2 assists, May 3, 1998, second period at Phoenix
- Brendan Shanahan, 2 goals, 1 assists, Apr. 23, 1999 first period vs. Anaheim
- CHRIS CHELIOS, 3 assists, Apr. 27, 2002, second period at Vancouver
- MIKAEL SAMUELSSON, 3 assists, May 22, 2007 at Anaheim

MOST GOALS, ONE PERIOD: 3 - Ted Lindsay, Apr. 5, 1955, second period vs. Montréal

MOST ASSISTS, ONE PERIOD: 3#

- Alex Delvecchio, Apr. 14, 1966, third period vs. Chicago
- Vyacheslav Kozlov, May 21, 1995 third period vs. San Jose
- CHRIS CHELIOS, Apr. 27, 2002 second period at Vancouver
- MIKAEL SAMUELSSON, May 22, 2007 at Anaheim

MOST POINTS BY DEFENSEMAN, ONE YEAR: 19

- NICKLAS LIDSTROM, 1998, 22 games

MOST POINTS BY DEFENSEMAN, ONE GAME: 5

- Eddie Bush, Apr. 9, 1942, at Toronto (1 goal, 4 assists)

MOST GOALS BY DEFENSEMAN, ONE YEAR: 6

- Paul Coffey, 1995, 18 games
- NICKLAS LIDSTROM, 1998, 22 games

MOST ASSISTS BY DEFENSEMAN, ONE YEAR: 13

- NICKLAS LIDSTROM, 1998, 22 games;
- CHRIS CHELIOS, 2002, 23 games

MOST ASSISTS BY DEFENSEMAN, ONE GAME: 4

- Eddie Bush, Apr. 9, 1942, at Toronto;
- CHRIS CHELIOS, Apr. 27, 2002 at Vancouver
- NICKLAS LIDSTROM, Apr. 21, 2007 vs. Calgary

MOST GAME-WINNING GOALS, CAREER: 12 – Vyacheslav Kozlov

MOST GAME-WINNING GOALS, ONE YEAR: 4

- Petr Klima, 1988
- Vyacheslav Kozlov, 1995 & 1998

MOST SHORTHANDED GOALS, CAREER: 5

- KIRK MALTBY

MOST SHORTHANDED GOALS, GAME: 1 (several times)

- Most recent KIRK MALTBY, May 13, 2007 vs. Anaheim

MOST OVERTIME GOALS, CAREER: 2

- Leo Reise, Mud Bruneteau, Syd Howe, Ted Lindsay, Vyacheslav Kozlov, Brendan Shanahan

MOST OVERTIME GOALS, ONE YEAR: 2 – Leo Reise, 1950

FASTEST GOAL FROM START OF GAME: 9 seconds

- Gordie Howe, Apr. 1, 1954, vs. Toronto against Harry Lumley

FASTEST TWO GOALS: *5 seconds

- Norm Ullman, Apr. 11, 1965, second period vs. Chicago, 17:35, 17:40 against Glenn Hall

MOST PENALTY MINUTES, CAREER: 218 – Gordie Howe

MOST PENALTY MINUTES, ONE YEAR: 71 – Joe Kocur, 1987, 16 games

MOST PENALTY MINUTES, ONE GAME: 29

- Randy McKay, Apr. 12, 1991, vs. St. Louis, 2 minors, 3 majors, game misconduct

MOST GAMES BY GOALTENDER, CAREER: 84 – Terry Sawchuk

MOST GAMES BY GOALTENDER, ONE YEAR: 23, DOMINIK HASEK, 2002

MOST MINUTES BY GOALTENDER, ONE YEAR: 1455 – DOMINIK HASEK, 2002, 23 games

MOST SHUTOUTS, CAREER: 11 – Terry Sawchuk

MOST SHUTOUTS, ONE YEAR: 6

- DOMINIK HASEK, 2002 vs. Vancouver, St. Louis, Colorado, Carolina 23 games

LONGEST SHUTOUT SEQUENCE, ONE YEAR: 248 minutes, 32 seconds

- Norm Smith, 1936, vs. Montréal Maroons

LONGEST SHUTOUT SEQUENCE, ONE GAME: 176 minutes, 30 seconds

- Norm Smith, Mar. 24-25, 1936, at Montréal; Detroit 1, Montréal Maroons 0; winning goal by Mud Bruneteau

SHUTOUT BY DETROIT GOALIE IN PLAYOFF DEBUT:

- Norm Smith, Mar. 24-25, 1936, at Montréal; Detroit 1, Montréal Maroons 0, 6 OTs;
- Chris Osgood, Apr. 20, 1994, vs. San Jose; Detroit 4, San Jose 0

*-NHL record



RED WINGS' PLAYOFF SCORING LEADERS

	GP	G	A	PTS
Steve Yzerman	196	70	115	185
Sergei Fedorov	162	50	113	163
Gordie Howe	154	67	91	158
NICKLAS LIDSTROM	192	39	97	136
Alex Delvecchio	121	35	69	104
Ted Lindsay	123	44	44	88
Vyacheslav Kozlov	114	42	37	79
Norm Ullman	80	27	47	74
Brendan Shanahan	106	33	41	74
TOMAS HOLMSTROM	108	32	30	62
Igor Larionov	105	20	39	59
Sid Abel	96	28	30	58
Paul Coffey	49	14	36	50
Darren McCarty	150	20	25	45
Syd Howe	68	17	27	44
Bob Probert	63	14	29	43
Carl Liscombe	57	22	18	40
KRIS DRAPER	164	20	20	40
Gerard Gallant	58	18	21	39
Adam Oates	38	12	27	39
Martin Lapointe	86	17	22	39
Mud Bruneteau	77	23	14	37
Red Kelly	94	16	21	37
Doug Brown	71	16	19	35
Larry Murphy	67	7	27	34
Joe Carveth	57	19	14	33
Shawn Burr	79	16	17	33
Dino Ciccarelli	47	24	8	32
Marcel Pronovost	118	7	23	30
PAVEL DATSYUK	60	11	20	31
Don Grosso	44	15	14	29
KIRK MALTBY	137	16	13	29
Marty Pavelich	91	13	15	28
CHRIS CHELIOS	83	3	25	28
Petr Klima	31	13	14	27
Steve Chiasson	46	12	14	26
Metro Prystai	43	12	14	26
HENRIK ZETTERBERG	40	15	10	25
Brent Ashton	32	11	14	25
Brett Hull	39	13	11	24
Robert Lang	36	9	14	23
Ray Sheppard	42	14	9	23
Herbie Lewis	38	13	10	23
Floyd Smith	44	12	11	23
Bruce MacGregor	55	9	14	23
Marty Berry	23	9	12	21
John Chabot	22	5	16	21
Viacheslav Fetisov	78	1	19	20
John Wilson	50	11	9	20
Vic Stasiuk	40	10	10	20
John Sorrell	31	8	12	20
Dutch Reibel	35	6	14	20



DETROIT GOALTENDERS' ALL-TIME PLAYOFF RECORDS

PLAYER	YRS	GP	W	L	T	GA	SO	AVG
Terry Sawchuk	10	84	47	37		209	11	2.51
CHRIS OSGOOD	9	68	38	25		144	9	2.16
Mike Vernon	3	42	30	12		88	2	2.08
DOMINIK HASEK	2	41	26	15		79	8	1.86
Harry Lumley	5	54	24	30		129	6	2.26
John Mowers	4	32	19	13		80	2	2.45
Greg Stefan	5	30	12	17		99	1	3.53
Tim Cheveldae	3	25	9	15		71	0	3.00
Roger Crozier	4	23	9	12		57	1	2.59
Glen Hanlon	3	18	9	6		42	3	2.58
Norm Smith	2	12	9	2		18	3	1.28
Glenn Hall	2	15	6	9		43	0	2.86
Cecil Thompson	2	11	5	6		27	1	2.32
Wilf Cude	1	9	4	5		21	1	2.21
Curtis Joseph	2	13	4	8		22	1	1.64
Manny Legace	3	11	4	6		27	0	2.54
Earl Robertson	1	6	3	2		8	2	1.71
John Ross Roach	1	4	2	2		8	1	2.00
Bill Ranford	1	4	2	2		10	1	3.28
Jim Rutherford	1	3	2	1		12	0	4.00
Ralph Almas	1	5	1	3		13	0	3.00
Hank Bassen	2	5	1	3		11	0	2.44
Bob Champoux	1	1	1	0		4	0	4.00
Connie Dion	1	5	1	4		17	0	3.40
Ron Low	1	4	1	3		17	0	4.25
Vincent Riendeau	1	2	1	0		4	0	3.29
Bob Essensa	1	4	0	2		9	0	4.95
Norm Maracle	2	2	0	0		3	0	3.10
Allan Bester	1	1	0	0		1	0	3.00
Alex Connell	1	2	0	1	1	3	0	1.50
Clarence Dolson	1	2	0	2		7	0	3.50
Roy Edwards	1	4	0	3		11	0	3.14
Jim Franks	1	1	0	1		2	0	3.00
Corrado Micallef	1	3	0	0		8	0	9.80
Eddie Mio	1	1	0	1		3	0	2.86
Sam St. Laurent	1	1	0	0		1	0	6.00
Kevin Hodson	4	1	0	0		0	0	0.00

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Ken Holland**Scout-savvy Red Wings are still flying high and mighty**

By Kevin Allen /USA TODAY

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The salary cap, instituted after the 2004-05 lockout, was expected to change the NHL's competitive balance because big-market teams couldn't buy their way to success.

In 2003-04, the Detroit Red Wings had the NHL's best regular-season record and the highest payroll. At nearly \$80 million, it topped the lowest-spending Pittsburgh Penguins' payroll by more than \$54 million.

Three years into the new system, the Red Wings still have the No. 1 team entering All-Star weekend in Atlanta despite a \$46.1 million payroll that ranks 18th out of 30 NHL clubs. Four Wings — defenseman Nicklas Lidstrom, forwards Pavel Datsyuk and Henrik Zetterberg and goalie Chris Osgood— were named to play in the game, although Zetterberg cannot go because of back spasms.

"I never thought the Red Wings would be in trouble because one of the biggest fallacies is that the Red Wings bought their championships. Nothing could be further from the truth," NBC analyst Pierre McGuire says. "They have drafted better than anyone else, and they have given chances to guys that other teams didn't. It's all about scouting."

The Red Wings have made the playoffs 16 consecutive seasons and have won three Stanley Cups (1997, 1998 and 2002) in the past 10 years. At 37-10-4 (following Wednesday's 2-1 win vs. the Anaheim Ducks at Anaheim), they have an outside shot at becoming the third NHL team to record 60 victories in a season. They hold the record of 62, set in 1995-96.

"Detroit's success is an example of what good, committed ownership and astute management can accomplish," NHL Deputy Commissioner Bill Daly says. "The team's success is especially impressive given the nature of our new system, where teams are competing on a much more level playing surface than ever before."

Little Caesars Pizza magnate Mike Ilitch, 78, has owned the Red Wings since 1982, and he and his wife, Marian, are heavily involved. "The Ilitches are all about winning," Detroit general manager Ken Holland says.

Holland says his owners have never rejected any move on the basis of cost. He recalls that when he moved to Detroit from Medicine Hat, Alberta, in 1994, Mike Ilitch personally intervened to make sure Holland's children "got into the best Catholic schools."

"Mr. Ilitch wanted to make sure my family was happy, and that's how he deals with all of our people," Holland says. "If we can help players' families get into schools, Mr. Ilitch wants it done. He wants it done first-class."

Familiarity breeds success

Continuity has also been key to Detroit's success. Senior vice president Jim Devellano, Ilitch's first general manager, has been with the club since 1982, European scouting director Hakan Andersson since 1989, amateur scouting director Joe McDonnell since 1992 and assistant general manager Jim Nill since 1993. Holland, named general manager in 1997, joined the organization in 1985 as a scout.

Scotty Bowman arrived as coach in 1993 and remains a consultant. Steve Yzerman, the team's captain for two decades, is now a vice president.

"Every four years we don't have someone coming in with a different philosophy or mind-set," Holland says. "We like skill. We like puck possession."

Holland says the team hasn't changed its approach to accommodate the salary cap — just the dollars.

"Before the lockout we played Vancouver and Brian Burke (then the Canucks' general manager) said, 'You've got \$40 million (in salary) on the power play against us,'" Holland says. "We really had a lot of our money tied up in five or six players and then we filled in, and really nothing has changed for us. We still put our money into five or six players, and then we find ways to fill out our roster."

This season, the Red Wings have just over \$20 million tied up in Lidstrom (\$7.6 million), Datsyuk (\$6.7 million) and defenseman Brian Rafalski (\$6 million). Next summer Zetterberg's pay likely will go from \$2.5 million to about \$7 million.

Holland says he read The Blueprint about the New England Patriots and was pleased his organization had a similar approach.

"They make sure they don't lose Tom Brady, and we don't lose Nick Lidstrom," Holland says. "The idea is, don't lose your key guys and don't overpay your middle-class guys. And then you have to draft well and develop well."

Holland makes it sound simple, but he's trying to do this at a time when players are still hitting the jackpot as free agents. Players have taken less to stay with the Red Wings. Tomas Holmstrom, a 30-goal scorer, re-signed for \$2.25 million a season. Lidstrom could have asked for 20% of the league's \$50.3 million cap, but he took less to help the team stay on top.

"The big factor in our success is that we have probably had the NHL's best defenseman for 10 years," Holland says.

At 37, Lidstrom seems on his way to winning his sixth Norris Trophy as top defenseman. He leads defensemen in scoring and leads the league in plus-minus rating (plus 40).

"Nick is the centerpiece, because he calms down our team and especially our defense," Osgood says.

Lidstrom replaced Yzerman as captain, and the winning has continued.

"Guys respect him," Ilitch says. "It's a very similar leadership style that Stevie showed. He wasn't outspoken. He only spoke at certain times and led by example. Lidstrom follows the same pattern. He's quieter than Steve, but he is smart and he realized he had to speak up more. And he has."

Model of professionalism

Although the Red Wings have star power, Holland believes their success also is aided by their pro scouts. They find players such as defenseman Andreas Lilja and forwards Mikael Samuelsson and Dan Cleary, who have struggled in other organizations and blossomed in Detroit.

Dallas Stars co-general manager Brett Hull played for Detroit and says that affects how he runs his team.

"When I was first offered the job as GM, I said if I could copy a guy who is doing this it would be Kenny Holland," Hull says. "They build from within, and the reason they win is because of the quality of the people they have in the organization."

Ilitch also owns the Detroit Tigers and is proud his teams have what he says is "a family feeling."

"What you want is relationships with your players that are sincere, because these guys are smart. And they smell you out if you aren't sincere," Ilitch says. "Players want to know that you really care about the team and really care about them."

Holland makes final decisions but doesn't make a move unless he consults with his inner circle that includes Nill, Yzerman, Bowman, coach Mike Babcock, Devellano and others.

"Ken has a lot of respect for the knowledge that we have in this organization," Ilitch says.

Holland has respect for Ilitch's opinions, even on players.

"I know I'm somewhere watching a hockey game every night, and I know Mike Ilitch is somewhere watching a hockey game, as well," Holland says.

Holland knows Ilitch likes a player on another team when he starts asking about that player's contract status.

Players get comfortable playing in Detroit. Defenseman Chris Chelios, who turns 46 on Friday, was thought to be near the end of his career when he came to the Red Wings in 1999. He's in his eighth season with Detroit.

"We try to get passionate players and keep them around," Babcock says. The Red Wings "treat them right so they don't want to leave."

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Major moves from Motown

Detroit Red Wings general manager Ken Holland says of the team's transition to the salary-cap era: "We could talk about this until we are blue in the face, but if we didn't have (forwards Henrik) Zetterberg and (Pavel) Datsyuk, there would have been a drop." That comment is a reflection of the Red Wings' scouting staff.

The captain's next shot at fame

Yzerman sharpens off-ice skills in front-office role

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He still looks like he could play. Same weight, same love of the game. Unfortunately, same right knee, too.

"Oh, the knee is terrible," Steve Yzerman said, chuckling. "I have a tough time doing a lot of things, but I still do them."

For Yzerman, the final steps on the ice were painful ones. Now, the Next Step is a tender one, and he's not sure where it will lead. A year and a half since retiring after 22 seasons with the Red Wings, Yzerman's most immediate step is to enter the Michigan Sports Hall of Fame tonight at the Max M. Fisher Music Center, where he'll join 10 other inductees.

Induction is a great time to look back at a legendary career, and to look forward. The only thing Yzerman, 42, is certain of these days is that he'll stay in hockey. He's a vice president with the Wings, a job he enjoys, part of a front office loaded with respected minds such as Scotty Bowman, Jimmy Devellano, Ken Holland and Jim Nill.

Yzerman also again landed the prestigious general manager position for Team Canada in the World Championship this spring, after winning the gold medal in the same role last year. His name surfaces periodically when NHL executive positions open up, especially in Toronto.

For now, it's one step at a time.

"I know I want to be in hockey, but where exactly I'm headed, I don't really know," Yzerman said. "I still consider myself in an educational phase. I don't know what'll happen in the future, but this is my home. I really enjoy what the Red Wings have going here. I'm just trying to find my way and add some value to the franchise."

The Wings are in a great spot and a tough spot — the more experience Yzerman gains with a successful team, the more likely he'll be coveted by someone else.

He said he has no plans to leave the only NHL team he has known, in the city that has become home. There's no lessening of his loyalty to the Wings, just a growing itch.

"At some point, I definitely want to do more," Yzerman said. "But I'd be very, very careful about going somewhere else. I don't want to say 'no,' I definitely wouldn't do that (or) I'm here forever, because I can't say that for certain.

"I fully understand the time commitment these general managers put in. To me, it's very exciting. But I'm not sitting around and waiting to replace Ken Holland. I'm trying to help this organization any way I can. I also don't want it perceived that I'm just kind of floating through life here, killing time. I'm very motivated to do well in this business. Things will evolve, and it'll all work out fine."

Talented front office

Yzerman long has talked of his respect for Pistons President Joe Dumars, who successfully made the transition from the playing arena to the front office. But the Pistons were in a tough spot when Dumars took over and needed him to step in. The Wings are in the midst of a phenomenal run, again with the best record in hockey.

Holland, 52, is a terrific general manager and Nill, 49, is a widely respected assistant general manager. Neither is near retirement age.

The Wings always have room for another sharp mind, and that's pretty much where it stands now. It's working, it's growing and as long as the Wings keep winning, it can only lead to better options for everyone.

"I think everybody's happy," Holland said. "Sometimes Steve wonders what his specific role is, but I think he's contributing way more than he even knows. Ultimately, we all want to be at the pinnacle; Jim Nill could be a GM, Steve's not far from being able to be a GM. It comes down to how patient everyone wants to be.

"At some point, no doubt Steve will be running his own team. What's the time frame? I don't know if there is a plan. My feeling is, as long as we continue to have success, everybody's going to get their just rewards. Maybe it's not as quickly as you hope, but sometimes it's not bad getting there a year or two late instead of a year or two early. Better to be overprepared than underprepared."

There are no timetables and no deep discussions about it. Right now, the Wings are just trying to figure out how good they are, and whether a significant move is needed by the trade deadline.

And Yzerman is trying to figure out how quickly and deeply he wants to dive back into the competitive waters. He has eased in, working with Holland and Nill, exploring all facets of the team — player evaluations, contract issues and more — that sets the hockey standard for front-office excellence.

"Everyone's been great to me, and I've learned a lot," Yzerman said. "There's no undermining, no pacts or deals or promises. One reason it works very well here is there's no BS. It's just a group of people trying to win a Stanley Cup. I think we're all very comfortable amongst one another."

Is coaching in future?

There is another possible career path, and Yzerman admits the notion of Coach Yzermanis intriguing, but perhaps not realistic.

"Coaching would be really interesting," he said. "But if I want to be a coach, I've got to start coaching. And for me, that'd be difficult. I'd have to pack up my family and move, and I don't want to be doing that. I have no intention of applying for any coaching vacancies in the NHL in the near future."

It's hard to imagine Yzerman anywhere but in Detroit, and it's certainly premature to predict it. Life is good now, too good for him to get overly restless. After years of holding off time, he finally has some to play with.

Keeping life simple

He spends it with his family, a needed break after injuries riddled the end of his career, after an NHL-record 20 seasons as the Wings captain. And he doesn't mind roaming the Halls — besides tonight's induction, he recently was enshrined in Ottawa's Sports Hall of Fame. Of course, there's a guaranteed spot in the Hockey Hall of Fame in 2009.

Yzerman is a son of Canada who became a son of Detroit, where he has lived since 1983. He met his wife, Lisa, here. His three daughters were born here. He won three Stanley Cups here.

Quite a transformation, considering that when he arrived here, Yzerman was a scrawny 18-year-old who had no idea what was ahead.

"The only thing Jimmy D. and I talked about when I was drafted was, I'm gonna play until I'm 35 and we've got to win five Stanley Cups," Yzerman said, smiling at the recollection. "I didn't envision playing until I was 40. It went by quick. As the years go by, it just becomes home, and it feels right."

It never was difficult for Yzerman to become ingrained here, and he keeps his life pretty simple. He watches hockey games at night and European soccer on Saturday and Sunday mornings. He goes to his kids' school activities. He golfs and skis (when the knee allows) and takes the boat for a spin.

After years of training, surely there are some guilty pleasures?

"Um, not really," he said, laughing. "I have to be busy, because if I'm not, I sit around and eat all day."

Hey, it's good to stay hungry. Yzerman exhausted every last possibility on the ice, playing until his knee told him he could play no more. Competitiveness like that doesn't turn off when the playing career ends. As the Next Step beckons, you can bet he'll be ready, wherever it takes him.

Mike Babcock

Belief in himself works for Wings' Babcock

Red Wings coach faced no crisis in confidence at his 'dream job'

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ATLANTA — It's OK to be a little starstruck. Even Mike Babcock was willing to admit that Friday as he started rattling off possible line combinations for Sunday's NHL All-Star Game.

By virtue of the Wings' league-best record at midseason, Babcock was named coach the Western Conference team, a group that boasts a combined 58 All-Star appearances, 15 Stanley Cup rings, two league most valuable player awards, two playoff MVPs, a pair of scoring titles, seven Norris Trophy (best defenseman) awards and a half-dozen Olympic gold medals.

"Really, you just want to enjoy the experience, being around the greatest players in the world," said Babcock, in his third season in Detroit and his fifth as an NHL coach. "It should be a lot of fun. I'm excited just to sit back and watch."

But there was no time for stargazing in the summer of 2005, when Babcock landed what he now calls his "dream job" in Detroit, serving as the bench boss for one of the most successful franchises in professional sports.

"When you first come in here and you walk down that hall (in Joe Louis Arena), a lot of the players' names are up there on the wall — they're already enshrined here," said Babcock, noting the murals honoring the Wings championship teams from 1997, '98 and 2002. "Those players, they're part of the fabric, they've been here. They're more important than me. So the question walking in is, 'What are you' gonna do to help us win?'"

And yet, it's Babcock's answer that helps explain his inaugural All-Star visit. He insists now, and rather believably, he wasn't intimidated by the challenge he accepted in Detroit, or of coaching the likes of Steve Yzerman, Chris Chelios and Nicklas Lidstrom.

"Not one bit," said Babcock, whose ties to the Wings organization actually date to 2000 when he coached a shared minor-league affiliate in Cincinnati.

"And you know why it wasn't? Because over time, you build a foundation of success and your belief in that, and of your belief in yourself.

"That's the most important attribute for a head coach, especially in the NHL: It's confidence. If you don't have it, they can smell it a million miles away."

Old for his age

Babcock broke into the NHL with Anaheim in 2002 and wasted little time building his own confidence. He took the Ducks within a game of winning the Cup Finals as a rookie coach, an unlikely run sparked by a first-round sweep of the top-seeded Wings.

But after missing the playoffs the following season, and spurred by front-office changes coming out of the 2004-05 lockout, Babcock bolted Anaheim for Detroit, where earlier this month he won his 200th career game. He's on pace to become the first NHL coach to win 50 or more games three consecutive seasons. And at 44, as he's occasionally reminded, he's actually 15 months younger than one of his players, Chelios.

"I may be young in this league, but I'm sure not a young coach," said Babcock, who got his first job coaching college hockey in Canada in 1987 and then worked his way up through the junior and minor pro ranks. "And yet I understand there's still huge room for growth."

And that, most everyone agrees, is Babcock's greatest strength.

"Mike wants to be the best coach in the world," said Ken Holland, general manager for the Red Wings. "He's committed, he's motivated and he's all ears."

Jay Woodcroft, video coach for the Red Wings, calls Babcock "a visionary" when he's not busy scouring through countless hours of game footage looking for an edge. Almost daily, Babcock asks his assistants — Paul MacLean, Todd McLellan and Woodcroft — the same question: "Are we as prepared as we can be?"

"Your preparation has to meet the size of the opportunity — that's his mantra," Woodcroft said. "And we've got a huge opportunity in front of us, so he wants to be as prepared as he can. You can see it in our play and our results: He never wants to be outworked."

Hard-working background

That work ethic was instilled in him at a young age, growing up in northern Manitoba and the Northwest Territories, "where there were 25 homes and a curling rink and it was 40-below all winter long," Babcock says, laughing.

His father, Mike Sr., was a mining engineer whose no-nonsense outlook forms the bedrock of his son's coaching philosophy: "He always told me 'You can never ask anyone to work harder than you're willing to work yourself.' So that's what we're trying to do."

"I read Bill Belichick's Web site every day," Babcock said, referring to the NFL coach whose Patriots will play for their fourth Super Bowl title in seven years next weekend. "To me, he's the best coach in sports right now. He's got a machine there. And I think the Detroit Red Wings are the New England Patriots. That's how I want us to operate, from the top down."

That's a fair comparison, in many respects. The Wings' streak of 16 consecutive playoff appearances is the longest active run in U.S. major pro sports. And like the Patriots, they've managed to re-tool on the fly — winning three Cups with three different starting goaltenders in a six-year stretch, unearthing All-Stars like Pavel Datsyuk and Henrik Zetterberg in the later rounds of the draft, and remaining an elite team even after slashing their payroll in half coming out of the lockout.

But mostly they've cultivated a winning tradition that even square-jawed Babcock didn't fully grasp as he prepared for his first camp in September 2005.

"He was interested to see how some of the veteran guys would react," said Kirk Maltby, a checking-line winger who has been with the team since 1996.

"But I think, if anything, we surprised him with how hard we worked."

Added Holland: "I don't know how many times I said to him that first year, 'Mike, you don't get 100 points five consecutive years running a country club.'"

Our guys, if you give them a day off, they're not gonna go lounge by the pool all day. This is a highly motivated group.

"I think what he's learned to do over the time he's been here is he gives them more space today than he did three years ago. He has learned to respect them and they've learned to respect him."

Winning, of course, has a way of smoothing the rough patches. But in spite of the occasional grumbling, the players have responded well to his structured, up-tempo practices. ("It's been a good change: We needed someone new, something fresh," said Lidstrom, a 10-time All-Star.) And, slowly but surely, they've taken on some of Babcock's own characteristics.

"We play with more of an edge now," Holland said. "We're not gonna beat you up, but we don't back off, either. I think that's a credit to our players, but it's also a credit to Mike Babcock, who hammers that message to 'em every day."

Babcock is quick to point out he's a changed man, too.

"Our players have evolved, the game has evolved, I've evolved," said Babcock, whose team is 37-10-4 — a whopping 17 points better than the next-best team in the West. "It's not about ego, it's about winning. If you're willing to learn, you can learn a lot."

Said Holland: "He doesn't have the (championship) rings. But a lot of things that Mike does sort of reminds me of Scotty, you know?"

Ace in the hole

That's hardly a coincidence. With a little help from Wings assistant GM Jim Nill, Babcock enlisted Scotty Bowman's help as an advisor after knocking off Detroit in the 2003 playoffs. And ever since Babcock joined the Wings, Bowman's role as a consultant has taken on a new twist — "almost like an assistant coach," Holland said.

"I knew he was the best coach in the world," Babcock said of Bowman, the winningest coach in NHL history. "But I didn't know the kind of man he is, and I never, ever knew we'd be friends. I'm not Scotty Bowman, and I don't pretend to be. But it's incredible to have that (opportunity). We talked yesterday, we'll talk today, we'll talk tomorrow."

Said Bowman: "He's got a lot of things going for him, but the thing that stands out to me is he's ultra-competitive. His train of thought was like mine: He's thinking about what he can do to get better all the time. He's intense, you know?"

So what has Babcock learned from his mentor?

"Sometimes talking too much doesn't do you any good," said Babcock, who lives in Northville with his wife, Maureen, and children Alexandra (14), Michael (12) "When you don't talk," Scotty always tells me, "they don't and Taylor (10). " " know what you're thinking."

With Babcock in the final year of his contract, Holland's thinking about what it'll cost to keep him around. He plans to sit down with Babcock and his agent after the All-Star break and hopes to sign him to a multiyear extension before the regular season ends.

"I really think he's one of the best coaches in the league," Holland said. "And I believe he's going to continue to get better."

Likewise, Babcock reiterated Friday he has no desire to look elsewhere. And if Holland needs additional leverage, there's always Babcock's eldest daughter, who'll start high school next fall.

"Allie told me the other day, 'Dad, if we're moving, let's do it this year. Otherwise, we're staying for all three.' She made it very clear," Babcock said, smiling. "It's my dream to coach this team. I'm going to be here as long as they want me. I've got nowhere else I want to go."

And as long as he's sticking around, he'd love to get his name on the wall and get his hands on the Stanley Cup.

"Seen it, never touched it," Babcock said, nodding. "But I will one day."

Paul MacLean / Todd McLellan

The men behind Babcock - assistant duo quiet in public, vocal behind the scenes

George Sipple / Detroit Free Press

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Red Wings fans certainly have seen assistant coaches Paul MacLean and Todd McLellan on television or at games. But heard from them? Not likely. When Scotty Bowman coached the Wings, assistants Barry Smith and Dave Lewis frequently spoke to the media. But Babcock prefers to handle reporters' questions and leave his assistants free to concentrate on other things.

"That's the way I've always done it," Babcock said. "We've got one message when we come in this room. We got one message when we're talking to the media."

Perhaps that extra concentration time has helped his assistants' contributions to the Wings' 45-18-6 record and league-leading 96 points.

MacLean oversees the penalty kill and is responsible for changing defensemen during games.

McLellan oversees the power play. During games, he's either in Babcock's ear suggesting matchups or talking to forwards.

McLellan said the coaching staff has developed "a real strong bond," and tries to create different ways to keep players tuned in.

"You can only tell the guys so many different ways on what the other [team](#) is doing and what we want to do," he said. "Sometimes there's a looser meeting, if you will, and there may be a little laughing in it. Other times, it's a very serious moment. We try to change it up."

Both assistants have been winners. McLellan coached the Houston Aeros of the American Hockey League to the Calder Cup in 2003. MacLean led the Quad City Mallards of the United Hockey League to the 2001 Colonial Cup.

"We all have that mentality of what a head coach wants, when he needs it, and how he's feeling at a certain time," McLellan said. "A lot of times, I know I'll put myself in Mike's situation. What does he need from us? Do we need to be brief? Do we need to expand on things? We need to react to his situation. It's our job to provide him with as much information as we possibly can and his job to either go with it or make some decisions with it."

Babcock hired MacLean — an 11-year NHL veteran and the Hockey [News](#)' 1994 minor league coach of the year — in 2002, when Babcock became Anaheim's head coach.

When Babcock became coach of the Wings in 2005, he brought along MacLean and took a chance on a young, minor league coach he didn't know personally.

"When I moved from Anaheim, I only wanted to bring one" assistant coach, Babcock said. "I wanted someone new, just because I wanted a (former) head coach who had lots of his own ideas. Todd McLellan had been in the Minnesota system. I was a big fan of (Wild coach) Jacques Lemaire, and I thought Todd had something to bring — and he has."

Even though the assistants generally don't speak to the media — "The guy that's in charge of the team should speak for the team, not somebody that is not in charge of the team," MacLean said — they have plenty to say to the players and Babcock. Sometimes the coaches have conflicting opinions on how things should be done.

"When we come in this room, we're always together," Babcock said while standing in the locker room. "But in that (coaches') room, we spend a lot of time disagreeing, battling over what is the right way. It's really important that the people you work with are comfortable in challenging you. You can't coach in this league without really good assistant coaches."

Justin Abdelkader

Wings' Babcock impressed with Abdelkader

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DETROIT — Justin Abdelkader picked the perfect time to make his NHL debut.

Barely 72 hours after he decided to turn pro, the former Michigan State star helped the Red Wings win the Presidents' Trophy with a 3-2 victory against the Columbus Blue Jackets Thursday night at Joe Louis Arena.

Abdelkader played for free, too, but that will change soon enough.

"It was awesome," Abdelkader said. "You could tell there was added intensity with the Presidents' Trophy on the line. It was great to be a part of it. You could tell the guys are really thrilled."

"(Red Wings captain Nicklas) Lidstrom gave me the game puck. It's something I'll keep forever."

Abdelkader took his first shift four minutes into the game, playing on a line with Aaron Downey and Derek Meech. He played 11:20 and had three shots, two of them quality scoring chances early in the third period.

First, Abdelkader's backhand was stopped by Pascal Leclaire on a rebound attempt 2:30 into the period. Leclaire also made a save on Abdelkader's point-blank drive from between the circles.

Then, Abdelkader tried to block Aaron Rome's shot from the blue line that deflected off of him and past Dominik Hasek for a 2-1 Columbus lead with 15:55 remaining.

The Red Wings came back to win when Johan Franzen and Henrik Zetterberg scored during the final 3:30.

"I think I did a solid job," said Abdelkader, who won the Mr. Hockey award as a prep star at Muskegon Mona Shores. "I made a few hits. I failed to block the shot, but I had some chances to score, too."

Abdelkader, a physical, 6-foot-1, 210-pound center, also found himself in the penalty box with a high sticking penalty at 13:37 of the first period.

"I thought he was good," Red Wings coach Mike Babcock said. "He has good hockey sense and skates well. He plays physical."

The Wings and Abdelkader's agent are still working out the final details of a three-year, entry-level contract, but another injury — this time it's Kirk Maltby — had the Wings scrambling for an injury replacement as they attempted to lock up the Presidents' Trophy.

As a result, Abdelkader, who passed up his senior year of eligibility at MSU, was on the ice, playing his first professional game as an amateur, thanks to a clause in the NHL's collective bargaining agreement.

"We're not quite done on the contract, but we're very close," Wings general manager Ken Holland said. "And he's comfortable enough to come in and play (without a signed contract). Under the CBA, an amateur can play one game with no salary. So he's playing for the love of the game tonight."

Holland laughed at that. So did Abdelkader, 21, the Wings' second-round pick (42nd overall) in the 2005 NHL entry draft.

"It's crazy," said Abdelkader, the MVP of the 2007 NCAA Frozen Four when the Spartans won the national championship. "It has been a whirlwind the last few days. The (Spartans') season ended Saturday, we got back Sunday morning, and Monday with my parents we decided I was going to turn pro. And then Detroit came calling Wednesday night, saying they've got some injuries and I had a good chance to play."

"It's a great opportunity. I couldn't pass it up."

Opportunity knocked as Maltby, who suffered what the team is calling a hamstring injury late in Wednesday night's 6-2 loss in Chicago, underwent an MRI exam and ultrasound Thursday morning to determine the extent of his injury.

"But he's done for the rest of the regular season, and there's a chance he won't be ready for the start of the playoffs," said Holland whose list of injury concerns already included forwards Tomas Holmstrom, Kris Draper and Mikael Samuelsson.

Abdelkader, a Muskegon native, could join the Grand Rapids Griffins for a game tonight. But either way, he will be with the Wings during the playoffs.

"And it'll be up to Mike Babcock how he wants to use him," Holland said.

Abdelkader, who must be signed by Saturday to be eligible for the playoffs, considered turning pro after his sophomore season, which he capped by scoring the winning goal in the NCAA Championship Game. But he and the Wings felt he could use another season in college.

Chris Chelios

Chelios sets another milestone tonight

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DETROIT—It's easy to be envious of Detroit Red Wings defenseman Chris Chelios.

There's his celebrity lifestyle: From rock stars to Hollywood actors to top athletes from other sports, Chelios has an impressive list of friends and acquaintances.

There's his drive and determination: He spearheaded the movement to expose and oust suspect players union chief Ted Saskin, when most others were apathetic.

There's his longevity: Seventeen days shy of his 46th birthday, he's older than seven NHL head coaches, including his own, Mike Babcock.

"You kid around and say you want to come back in your next life and be like Cheli," teammate Kris Draper said.

Chelios is one of a kind. Tonight at home against Colorado, he will become the second-oldest player to appear in an NHL game, passing Moe Roberts and trailing only the legendary Gordie Howe, who retired in 1980 at age 52.

"I never really talk about personal things, but I will be honest, it's pretty impressive to be around that long, to be second to Gordie Howe," Chelios said. "Just to toot my own horn, it's a nice accomplishment. I've been fortunate to be on some great teams."

Many consider Chelios the greatest American-born player of all-time. He leads active players with 1,586 games played, eighth on the NHL's career list. If he stays healthy, he'll pass Ray Bourque (1,612) and former Detroit teammate Larry Murphy (1,615) this season. He needs to appear in just two play-off games to break the record of 247 held by former Montreal and Colorado goaltender Patrick Roy.

"It's one thing keeping yourself in good enough shape to play, but to love the game that much and have that much passion, that takes it to another level," Brett Hull, his close friend and former teammate, said. "I think it'll take a little bit until after he retires before people realize how unbelievably special a player he was. But if you sit back and look, it's quite an accomplishment. And he did it at a high level, winning Stanley Cups (two) and Norris Trophies (three)."

Chelios was battling ongoing knee and hip problems when the Red Wings acquired him from the Chicago Blackhawks on March 23, 1999. That same day he agreed to an extension through the 2001-02 season, thinking it would be his last contract. But he continues to go strong in his 24th NHL season, logging more than 17 minutes a game and playing a key role on his club's strong penalty-killing units.

His legendary offseason workout regimen, reduced ice time and just good fortune have extended his career.

"Lady luck, and I mean that," Chelios said. "I look at Stevie Yzerman, whose heart and soul wanted to keep playing but physically he couldn't because of his body. I've just been fortunate."

Current and future players are lucky to have someone like Chelios looking out for them. Chelios challenged Saskin's appointment as NHL Players Association executive director after the lockout in 2005, claiming he didn't follow procedures and accusing him of various improprieties. He was proven correct and Saskin was eventually fired.

"He looked out for a lot of guys, when a lot of guys, including myself, said, 'We're back playing hockey, let's just get on with the game,' " Draper said. "You saw the passion he had for it. He's a street-smart kind of guy."

Red Wings legend Ted Lindsay can relate to Chelios. Lindsay battled NHL owners in the 1950s in a fight that led to the formation of the players union a decade later.

"All the rest of the players in the league, they don't understand business," Lindsay said. "Chris understands business. He has businesses of his own besides hockey (Cheli's Chili Bar in Detroit and Dearborn). And he took it upon himself to rectify the situation."

His energy and drive haven't waned with age.

"My dad (Gus) is 75 years old, he's the same way," Chelios said. "I like to go from early morning until it's time to go to bed. Having four kids sure helps. One kid moved onto junior hockey, so it slows everything down quite a bit. Now I kind of wish I had more kids."

Chelios closely monitors the progress of his oldest son, Dean, 18, who's in his first season as a forward for Cedar Rapids of the USHL.

"There's times between periods or before our games he's sitting on the computer, watching his son play and being a real proud dad," Draper said.

Chelios' wife of 20 years, Tracee, remains supportive of his career.

"She's figured I've gone this long and actually thinks it's kind of neat I've stuck around this long," Chelios said. "I don't think she'd know what to do if I wasn't playing. I think we've gotten along so well because I'm gone half the time. As much as I'd like to be there, my kids are doing great in school, everything's going good, and I'm lucky she's been able to hold the fort together, because if it ever came to a personal thing with my kids I think that would force me to quit."

He has joked about playing until he's 50, but says, "I cannot realistically see myself playing that long." He's determined to play at least one more season, however, and the Red Wings will probably sign him to another one-year extension in the summer.

"He's a fabulous person," Lindsay said. "His salary—and I don't know what it is—it's not anything near what he's worth to the team. Forty-five years of age and he's got the body of a 22-year-old."

Dan Cleary

More to Cleary's game than goals and assists

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A season ago, Red Wings forward Dan Cleary scored 20 goals amid 40 points, both career highs, and followed that up with four goals and 12 points in 18 playoff games.

That he's only got two goals in 14 games this season — the latest came last Thursday at Calgary — would seem to indicate he's unlikely to come through with another big year, but a look back offers evidence that Cleary may just be a slow starter. It wasn't until the 14th game last season that Cleary got going: He had no goals in the first 13 games, then went on a tear, scoring 10 goals over the next 15 games.

Cleary's sluggish production the first month of this season hasn't been for lack of trying. There's only been one game where he failed to get any shots on net, and he's also set up plays that teammates didn't convert.

"He is getting chances," linemate Kris Draper said, "so I think it's only a matter of time. Cleary is confident in himself, keeps shooting a lot in practice and working hard, so hopefully he can get one, two, and kind of get on a roll. As long as you stay confident and you don't get frustrated, then something good is going to happen."

Cleary's line with Draper and Kirk Maltby serves primarily as a checking line, and as Draper put it, "you start some shifts and you're 200 feet away from the offensive zone."

Cleary is concentrating on doing the little things, and knows it's a rare player who doesn't go through times when it's tough to find the net.

"You can't tighten up, you can't fight the puck — you've got to be confident in yourself and confident in your shot and get yourself opportunities," Cleary said. "You've got to work hard to find the right spot, get the puck, and make sure it goes on net and eventually, they'll start going in. You get a bounce here and there, and then a kind of snowball effect will happen."

Cleary is averaging nearly 18 minutes a game, but a chunk of that is spent penalty killing, and the rest is spent playing against one of the opponent's top lines.

"He does a really good job, he's a good two-way player, and on the whole that line has been really good for us lately," Henrik Zetterberg said. "It's tiring to play against a line like that all night."

Cleary, 28, is in the last year of his contract, and the Wings would like to re-sign him. The question to settle is, which Cleary will the Wings get — the one from last season or this current version?

Regardless of what's happening on the ice, off the ice Cleary maintains a personality that makes him one of the most popular in the locker room.

"He's the same," Draper said. "Know-it-all, always right, confrontational. That's pretty well Dan Cleary in a bottle right there."

Pavel Datsyuk

Datsyuk: Best player in the NHL?

Teammates enjoy skills from front-row seat

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DETROIT — Red Wings goaltender Chris Osgood has played with and against Pavel Datsyuk.

He prefers being Datsyuk's teammate.

"I remember when I was with St. Louis," Osgood said. "It was a nightmare. We were worried about (Brett) Hull and Shanny (Brendan Shanahan), and this little Russian guy kept splitting the 'D' and going around (Chris) Pronger and putting it through my legs. We were like, 'Who is this kid?' We didn't really know him. It's definitely great to be on his side now."

Red Wings coach Mike Babcock feels the same way.

The Wings have 29-year-old Datsyuk — fresh off a three-assist performance Monday against the Capitals — tied to a long-term contract (seven years, \$46.9 million).

And so far, he's been worth every penny. He's tied for fourth in the NHL in assists (28) and tied for seventh in points (41).

"I thought (Henrik) Zetterberg was the best player in the NHL the first six weeks of the season," Babcock said. "I hear everybody talking about (Vincent)

Lecavalier and (Sidney) Crosby. But the best player in the league right now is Datsyuk, without any question. He just upped the ante that much.

"I think Pavel, if you want to bring someone out of your seat, single flash one-on-one, putting the puck on a string, there's no one that can do it like him."

Lecavalier leads the league in scoring (51 points) but has a plus-6 rating. Datsyuk, a sixth-round pick in 1998, scored at least one goal — and seven total — in five straight games from Nov. 24-Dec. 4. He's had at least one point in all but seven games this season, and has compiled an impressive rating of plus-16.

Dan Cleary played on the line with Datsyuk and Zetterberg Thursday against Edmonton and Saturday against Florida while Tomas Holmstrom was out because of a knee injury.

"I've always wondered how come Homer is always smiling every day, and now I know why," Cleary said. "It's a real treat, an honor. As a player offensively, it's so much fun. They have the puck all night. I just go to the net. It's pretty easy."

Cleary says Datsyuk is shooting the puck more than ever. Babcock has stressed the importance of throwing the puck on net all season, and Datsyuk has taken the advice to heart.

"He's a world-class player," Cleary added of Datsyuk. "He has a great work ethic. He's a great stick-handler. He's shooting the puck more this season and he's got such a deceiving wrist shot."

Datsyuk had 207 shots on goal last season — third to 224 by Zetterberg and Nicklas Lidstrom — 27 goals and a team-high 87 points.

This season, Datsyuk has taken 121 shots in 33 games — 3.67 per game, or more than a shot a game over last season's 2.62.

Still, it's Datsyuk's highlight-reel goals that get the fans out of their seats. Of course, it also drives opposing coaches crazy.

"In those instances, on a one-on-one, he's a very dangerous player," Calgary coach Mike Keenan said.

Against Calgary on Nov. 27 Datsyuk took a pass from Holmstrom, stick-handled around defenseman Cory Sarich, and beat Miikka Kiprusoff with a wrist shot.

"You'd think our team would learn from the first one, at least, and not give him that opportunity to do it again," Keenan said.

Easier said than done, Coach.

Aaron Downey

A fighting chance: Downey finds his niche as an enforcer with Red Wings

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DETROIT — Aaron Downey, the unlikeliest of Red Wings as a journeyman tough guy, is making his sixth NHL stop in eight seasons. But it turns out he's no accidental tourist.

He shares the same agent — Marc Levine — as Wings All-Star forward Henrik Zetterberg. And Zetterberg didn't just put in a good word for Downey with his bosses. He actually put him up in his home for a couple of weeks last fall.

"We needed a player like that on our team," said Zetterberg, who first met Downey in Sweden before the NHL lockout.

It only took a few games for Downey, 33, a free agent who earned the final roster spot in camp, to pay the rent. In the third period of a game at San Jose, he squared off with Kyle McLaren, who'd already sent Wings forward Dallas Drake to the dressing room with a fractured cheekbone and had turned his attention to Zetterberg.

Downey won the fight. The Wings won the game. And afterward, Downey said, "I'm sending a message right now: No one's going to be messing with this team this year."

Asked last week about the coincidence — dropping the gloves in defense of Zetterberg for his first fight in a Wings uniform — Downey laughed.

"Isn't that weird?" Downey said. "Pretty cool, eh?"

His teammates certainly think so. While Downey has been cooling his heels of late — a healthy scratch the last three games with Kirk Maltby and Tomas Holmstrom returning from injuries — he's hardly forgotten, thanks to his boisterous, happy-go-lucky attitude.

"He has been excellent," coach Mike Babcock said, "He does what he does, he has a niche here — it's important for us. He's such a positive guy. And he doesn't require any maintenance — I don't have to baby-sit him for one second."

Seeing an opportunity

Indeed, it's Downey who plays the watchdog role for the notoriously docile Wings, who were whistled for 10 fighting majors last season.

"Let's face it: The one thing you know he's going to do is take care of everybody in this room," forward Kris Draper said. "That's something we haven't had in a few years."

"For example," adds Zetterberg, "the (second) time we played St. Louis away, Downey wasn't in the lineup."

That was the 3-2 loss to the Blues on Dec. 20, a game in which Babcock later fumed, "We let them dictate the physical style of play."

A week later, the Wings won in St. Louis, 5-0, "and their guys acted way differently," Zetterberg said. "Was it because Downey was in the lineup? I would say so."

Downey thought so, too, which is why he "pursued" the Wings last summer. The 6-foot, 215-pound winger finished the 2006-07 season in the minors after being waived by the Canadiens in February. An expected free-agent offer from the Flyers never materialized, either, so he approached the Wings about a tryout.

"I said to myself, 'If this team had somebody through the regular season that could take some of the load off, it'd give 'em some more energy come play-off'" said Downey, who time — maybe take away a few extra bumps and bruises,' signed a two-year, \$525,000 contract Oct. 3. "That's the role I've been playing my whole career. So why not here?"

Farm living

That's the question Downey has been asking since his childhood, growing up in Shelburne, Ontario, a small farming community 70 miles northwest of Toronto. Home was a fourth-generation potato farm where Downey's father, brothers and cousins all still work the nearly 2,000 acres of land.

Like most Ontario-born boys, Downey grew up dreaming of NHL stardom. But it was clear by the time he started playing juniors with the now-defunct Grand Valley Harvesters that he had his work cut out. And even as his junior career took him far away from home — he was a top-10 scorer in the Nova Scotia Maritime Hockey League while racking up 320 penalty minutes in 40 games for the Cole Harbour Red Wings in 1994-95 — the offseason still brought him back to the farm.

"Summers were tough," said Downey, who also is a two-time Canadian Greco-Roman wrestling champion. "Harvest usually starts the end of August or early September. And you're out there anywhere from a month to a month-and-a-half just digging. Every day, from seven in the morning 'til seven at night." Planting season was no different, he said. But therein lies Downey's dirty little secret.

"That's actually how I started my training for the NHL," said Downey, who went undrafted but worked his way through the minor leagues with stops in Hampton, Va., Portland, Maine, and, finally, Providence, R.I., where he helped the Bruins affiliate win the Calder Cup in 1999. (For the record, Downey says he assisted on the championship winner.)

Downey turned the potato fields into his own private gym, using the 4-foot-wide catwalk on the back of the planter for a crude form of circuit training.

"Every time I took a trip around (the field), I'd do 25 push-ups and 25 sit-ups," he said. "By the end of the day, I'd be up to like 4,500. It got kind of crazy." Crazy as it sounds, it worked. He made his NHL debut as a minor league call-up with Boston in 1999 against St. Louis. ("I wanted to punch out (Chris) Pronger that game," Downey recalls.) A year later, he latched on with Chicago. And by 2001-02 he was an NHL regular, even scoring his first NHL goal against Detroit.

Moment of Zen

Of course, it's hardly his scoring touch that has gotten him to this point in his career. It's his energetic, physical play, and a willingness to stand up for his teammates. (Downey's 407 penalty minutes with the Providence Bruins in 1997-98 remain a franchise record.)

"I don't believe in premeditated fighting," said Downey, describing his personal enforcement code. "I believe in paybacks and I believe that other guys aren't supposed to run your skill guys. Finishing a hit is one thing, but running a guy deliberately? Once. Twice, and there's a price to pay.

"And I like doing it. When I'm in shape and I'm feeling on top of my game, it's actually a real Zen-like feeling — being in the moment of it, being there for your teammate. But it takes a lot of work and dedication to have that feeling of confidence and knowing that you're prepared."

Making his reputation

There's a video on the Internet — it's not hard to find — of Downey's crowning moment as an NHL heavyweight: a dramatic, one-punch knockout of Carolina's Jesse Boulerice on Feb. 11, 2003. But Downey doesn't need to watch the video — the memory is still fresh in his mind's eye.

"That morning when I woke up, the coffee tasted better, my vocabulary was expanded — this is a true story: I was using words that I don't normally use — and I could see things better when I was driving down the road, cars seemed bigger," Downey said. "I had, like, an instant awakening. I felt like time was just standing still for me.

"I went out there and had an unbelievable hit on Aaron Ward, and I could hear all the way down at the other end of the ice, Boulerice yelling, 'Come on, Downey! Come on, Downey!' So I just turned around, threw my gloves down and said, 'OK.' I was totally in the moment. And it was just one of those things. I'd like to thank God for that opportunity. But it was a lucky punch."

He has picked other fights, too, of course. But one of the few he regrets came last February when he was with Montreal. Pittsburgh's Sidney Crosby was jeered by the Montreal crowd — and by Downey from the bench — in a 4-3 overtime loss for embellishing a high-sticking non-call by the referees. Crosby took issue with Downey's comments and the league suddenly had a minor controversy on its hands.

"It was just the heat of the moment," Downey said. "He'd had a couple of games where he was diving all over the ice and I just said if he wants to be a superstar in the league, he should act like one.

"But then I started to think about the situation. He's just a kid, he's 19 and he's trying to lead the league. And this year, I think he's turned into a real man in the league."

Positive spirit

Downey's nothing if not positive, as his teammates can attest.

"He's such a good guy off the ice," Zetterberg said. "He keeps a good spirit in the locker room."

Eternally optimistic, the farm boy simply knows no other way.

"You can't control what Mother Nature's gonna bring you," he said. "You can't wake up and it's sunny one morning and be happy and the next day it's raining and you sit around and complain. So I come to the rink every day and enjoy it. There's gonna be down days. But you gotta remember — it's just rain, that's all it is. Grab a coffee and put on a smile. Keep on keepin' on."

A few locker stalls away, Draper can't help but smile.

"It's refreshing," he said. "There's a lot of us that realize how fortunate we are here. But he walks through the door every day and says it. We all should be more like that."

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Dallas Drake

Central: Any way you slice it, Drake's a winner

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He was part of perhaps the greatest draft by one team in NHL history.

Eighteen years later, following trips to Winnipeg, Phoenix and St. Louis, Dallas Drake is back in Detroit.

Drake, now 38, remembers that memorable draft, but not the day back in 1989 when the Red Wings selected center Mike Sillinger in the first round, defensemen Bob Boughner and Nicklas Lidstrom in the next two rounds, followed by center Sergei Fedorov, Drake in the sixth and defenseman Vladimir Konstantinov much later.

"I wasn't anywhere near Minnesota and the draft — and actually didn't know I'd been picked until a day later," Drake said. "But you never forget the team that drafts you, and, yes, sometimes you wonder what would have happened if you played your entire career with that team."

Lidstrom, who is now the captain of the Wings, and Fedorov were part of Stanley Cup champions in 1997, '98 and 2002 in Detroit. Konstantinov was a key part of the 1997 team before being paralyzed in a limousine accident.

"I've watched Detroit grow and establish a skilled, yet disciplined, team over the years," Drake said after being released by St. Louis in June after being captain there for the last couple seasons. He signed with the division-rival Wings less than a week later.

"I watched the Wings fall two wins short of the Stanley Cup Final last season. And to get a good chance to win a Cup at this stage of my career is exciting. This is a team that competes for the Stanley Cup every year and that's what I was looking for."

Drake said it's all about commitment. It's all about paying a price to win. It's all about chemistry.

"When I started out in this League with Detroit, I had visions of scoring 20 and 30 goals every season, but you soon learn that there's much, much more involved in winning," Drake said. "What is important is making your team difficult to play every night. And that starts with everyone competing. To me, the only way to think about it is to play each game like it might be your last."

Drake is the one player most likely to hold himself and his teammates accountable after a game — win or lose.

"He's just a real good character guy," Red Wings General Manager Ken Holland said. "He was a captain in St. Louis, a glue guy that teams can't have enough of."

"The work ethic that Dallas Drake brings, he brings that every night," said defenseman Chris Chelios, also a warrior who never takes a night off.

It's practically a homecoming for Drake in more ways than just returning to the team that drafted him. For the last 10 off-seasons, Dallas has lived in near-by Traverse City, Mich.

In 60 games last season, Drake had 12 points (six goals, six assists) and averaged 12:53 of ice time with the Blues. But you can forget those numbers, because Drake is still one of those under-the-radar guys. His play is all about intangibles like heart and soul and dedication, yet he makes an impact every time he gives his body up to show that at 6-foot-1, 195 pounds, he's still pound-for-pound the hardest hitter in the game and he'll do whatever it takes to block a shot.

"Give me 20 Dallas Drakes and I'll show you a team wearing Stanley Cup rings when the season is over," former Winnipeg, Phoenix and St. Louis teammate Keith Tkachuk said countless times in speaking volumes about what Dallas Drake brings to a team. "You start with all of the little things like heart and soul, winning battles, fighting to draw a line that the opponent can't pass that help a team win games, and you've got Dallas Drake."

The scars that frame Drake's face are badges of courage. The competitive nature and determination to get down and dirty is never lost on Drake.

"When I'm asked what comes to my mind when Dallas Drake's name is mentioned, I think of blood and guts and a guy who has the biggest heart in the game," Blues defenseman Barret Jackman said. "We affectionately call him 'Mutt' because of all of the marks he has earned on his face. But it's clear to everyone that if you go into the corner with Dallas, you're in for a fight."

We all know about the grit and determination, but there aren't many smarter players in the game. The Northern Michigan University graduate is more than just street smart. No one watches more hockey from around the NHL than Drake. He knows the tendencies, he knows the players to watch, he knows the players you can distract with a big hit — even before the coaching staff goes over the opposition in a pre-game video session.

The hard-working winger from Trail, B.C., spent the better part of his first two NHL seasons in Detroit. But he made it well-known that he was unhappy with his ice time with the Red Wings, and they obliged in March of 1994 by trading him, along with goaltender Tim Cheveldae, to Winnipeg for goalie Bob Essensa.

Drake got plenty of ice time over the next 10 seasons in Winnipeg, Phoenix and St. Louis. Last season, his production waned because both age and a neck injury caught up to him.

Ice time isn't a factor anymore to Drake. He'll do whatever it takes to make the team better — and he'll do it while presenting the youngsters in Detroit with a voice of reason ... when they need it.

"I hate to lose — in anything I do," Drake said with a smile. "I have a friend I go fishing with each summer and if I come home without a fish you don't want to be around me. When I lose at cards to my wife, I'm hard to live with. And when my son beats me at PlayStation ..."

Well, you can draw a line in front of Drake and he'll attempt to cross it every time. Regardless of the opponent, he won't check to see if that guy is four inches and 40 pounds heavier than him — he'll throw his body at that opponent like a missile.

At a charity game a few years ago, Columbus defenseman Adam Foote, also a warrior on the ice, was asked to put the performance of Drake into perspective from a guy who has to bang against him all the time.

"Players often ask you if you caught the license plate on that truck after you get plastered into the boards," Foote said. "When you play against Dallas Drake, you have that license plate memorized. You expect to be pounded by him. Not a more fierce and honest competitor in the game."

But Drake isn't a truck. He isn't 6-4, 240 pounds. Far from it. Instead, he's one of those SUV's that pulls and pushes the bigger trucks around.

That fight, that fire, that competitiveness is why the Red Wings are thrilled to have Dallas Drake back in their uniform once again.

Cris Draper

Life surely is going Draper's way

Contract solidifies his status for three years, and passion remains to go to rink, gym every day.

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DETROIT — Kris Draper was having a Kodak moment after a recent practice at Joe Louis Arena.

Draper took advantage of his kids' day off from school.

He skated with his 7-year-old daughter, Kennedy, and 5-year-old son, Kienan.

They then took a few minutes to pose for pictures for Draper's father, Mike, who made the trip from Toronto to watch a couple of games.

This is the best of times for Draper, who has been with the Red Wings since 1993.

He has been a part of three Stanley Cup championships (1997, '98, 2002).

He signed a new three-year, \$4.75 million contract that will take him into his late 30s. He knows he will have the chance to win more titles before the end of his career.

Draper is still able to play at 36 because of his dedication to conditioning, along with his passion for the game.

"My two priorities are my family and hockey," Draper said.

"I have a passion to go to the rink and gym every day. Playing in the NHL is something I've always wanted to do, and I don't want it to end."

Draper has played in 902 NHL games heading into Tuesday night's contest at St. Louis, 882 with the Red Wings. He's a strong defensive forward who takes pride in killing off penalties and winning critical faceoffs.

He also showed he has the ability to score in bunches, getting goals in five straight games from Oct. 8-15.

Competitive nature

Draper challenges himself on the ice and in the weight room. He makes sure he is prepared for the night's assignment to give the Red Wings a shot at a victory.

Draper's teammates love him. Dan Cleary enjoys playing on his line, along with Kirk Maltby. Goaltender Chris Osgood competes against Draper for bragging rights. Draper has taken Jiri Hudler under his wing to display the conditioning required for a long NHL career.

Oh, and you can't forget the kindness of Henrik Zetterberg, who gave young Kienan a Red Bull energy drink after he was done skating. Draper quickly collected the drink with a promise of getting even with the NHL's leading scorer.

"It's easy to play with him," Cleary said.

"He wins faceoffs so we always have the puck. I thought we played well last year and it's carried over to this season. It's been fun, plus we're great friends.

"He has a great work ethic and a shut-down mentality. He has a creative side offensively where he sees the ice well, has outstanding speed and a great shot."

Osgood loves to win as much as Draper at anything.

"He thinks he's Mr. Fitness," Osgood said of Draper.

"He's always been in good shape. He's a real worker off the ice. It's nice to beat him, and I did this year, bench-pressing my weight more times than he did. It felt great, especially since he beat me the last couple of years."

Hudler has a locker next to Draper. He gets a chance to see first-hand what type of dedication it takes to play, and stay, in the NHL for a long period of time.

Draper doesn't take his career for granted.

"It's special to be able to call yourself a three-time Stanley Cup champion," Draper said.

"Every year we feel we have the opportunity to win the Stanley Cup if things go our way, things like staying injury-free.

"I live for being on the ice in critical situations. You want to take big faceoffs where people are depending on you.

"A lot (of that success) has to do with preparation, and that's why I take care of myself on and off the ice. There's no secret that once your legs go so does your career."

Pain to glory

Draper suffered terrible pain from the result of a cheap shot — hit from behind by Claude Lemieux of Colorado in Game 6 of 1996 Western Conference finals — that resulted in serious facial injuries.

The play resulted in starting a major rivalry with the Avalanche, highlighted March 26, 1997, when Darren McCarty got revenge on Lemieux, who attempted to protect himself by going in the turtle position.

The Red Wings went on to win the Stanley Cup that season for the first time in 42 years.

Tragedy followed six days later when star defenseman Vladimir Konstantinov and masseur Sergei Mnatsakanov were critically injured in a limousine accident. Konstantinov would never play again.

The Red Wings would repeat in 1998 and 2002.

"I'll never forget winning that first Stanley Cup in 1997," Draper said. "It ended the drought. Everybody dreams of taking that lap around the rink with the Stanley Cup. It felt great.

"Then, to repeat was unbelievable. I think destiny played a big part, with it coming after the accident. It was one of the greatest moments to see Stevie (Yzerman) grab the Cup and put it on Vladie's lap."

Jonathan Ericsson

Red Wings like Ericsson's size, intelligence

Ansar Khan / Booth Newspapers

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DETROIT — Ask Detroit Red Wings coach Mike Babcock what he likes about top defensive prospect Jonathan Ericsson and the first thing he mentions is the soon-to-be 24-year-old's 6-foot-5, 225-pound frame.

"I like that he's big," Babcock said. "I think we had to get a new uniform made because we couldn't get a Red Wings (jersey) that big. So it's very exciting."

This club is not accustomed to having players that big, but there's more to Ericsson's game than his size. He has good mobility for a big man, a knack for making a good first pass, and his shot was clocked at 100 mph at the AHL skills competition last month.

The last player selected in the 2002 NHL entry draft (291st overall) — in the NFL, he would be known as Mr. Irrelevant — Ericsson will make his NHL debut tonight in Calgary, after being recalled Wednesday from Grand Rapids due to Nicklas Lidstrom's sprained knee.

"I think he has the potential to be an outstanding player," Babcock said. "He skates good, shoots good, passes good. He's intelligent, he's just got to become consistent, and he's definitely an NHL player."

Ericsson followed his solid rookie season with the Griffins by making the AHL All-Star team this year. He's had two strong training camps for the Red Wings, who are anxious to see him in an NHL game. He was paired with Brett Lebda in Thursday's practice, but Babcock indicated he might mix up his pairings on a unit that's missing its top three players because of injuries.

"Of course, I will be a little bit nervous, but I think that will be a positive for me," Ericsson said. "I think you need to be a little nervous to get on your toes."

A natural center while growing up in Sweden, Ericsson was moved to defense for one game in 2001-02 and made a great first impression. Hakan Andersson, Detroit's director of European scouting, was at that game and convinced Ericsson to switch permanently.

"It's impressive, it really is," Lidstrom said. "It's not easy going from forward to D, where if you make a mistake it shows a lot quicker than if you're playing forward. It's a big transition."

Ericsson said he's surprised by his rapid development.

"I've had a lot of help, you got to have some luck, too," Ericsson said. "I'm trying to be consistent defensively. I still need to work a lot on it. I need to be more physical, a little bit mean out there. That's what I'm going to try to bring here. Try to use my size and body out there."

He gets involved physically and stands up for his teammates by getting into an occasional fight.

"He's got a great head on his shoulders and he's learning fast," said Red Wings goaltender Jimmy Howard, Ericsson's teammate with the Griffins. "You can see him getting better and more relaxed and confident and making the first pass and taking a hit as he goes back to get the puck in the corner."

Valtteri Filppula

Central: Filppula Detroit's latest budding star

Larry Wigge / NHL.com
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At first, the conversation I walked into sounded a little strange. But the more I think about it, it's beginning to make more and more sense with each passing day.

"Once Phil learns that he needs to shoot more to make himself a more complete player, I think he'll become a real threat," the coach said. "You know something, his skills remind me a little of Hank when he first came into the NHL."

My first thought when I heard this was that there were no players named Phil or Hank on the [Detroit Red Wings](#). But when I realized Phil was short for [Valtteri Filppula](#) and Hank was [Henrik Zetterberg](#), the conversation with coach Mike Babcock was his way of warning the rest of the NHL that Filppula just might be another of those prized all-world draft choices the Wings seem to find regularly.

The 23-year-old Vantaa, Finland native, who was picked in the third round (95th overall) in the 2002 Entry Draft, had 10 goals in 73 games with the Red Wings last season. He started slowly this season, with no goals in his first 10 games. But ...

"You've got to remember, he was supposed to spend all of last season in the American League ... he wasn't supposed to get his feet wet at this level until this season," Babcock continued. "Now, I just think the sky's the limit to his potential."

That night, Filppula started a stretch in which he scored six goals in five games to give him nine goals in 10 games and 13 for the season – and that includes two breathtaking penalty-shot goals.

And after that night's game in St. Louis on Dec. 20, he moved up to the No. 1 line. With Zetterberg and [Tomas Holmstrom](#) out, Filppula, well, he simply was outstanding. The stretch included his first two-goal game in the NHL, Dec. 26 in St. Louis, and another two-goal game in Denver one night later.

"Was that 51 or 40?" Red Wings captain [Nicklas Lidstrom](#) joked, referring to some of those Zetterberg-like skills that Filppula can bring to the Red Wings' lineup. "The kid has size, speed ... and great skill." Funny how the Red Wings find these nearly Finn-ished products with such great talent, isn't it?

The story on this 23-year-old forward is typical. Filppula followed his older brother Lars, who currently plays in the Finnish Elite League, to the rink. He lived to play hockey. He had posters of [Teemu Selanne](#) and [Saku Koivu](#) in his room back home.

"My parents were the driving force," Valtteri said. "My brother and I got our athletic ability from my dad, who played Finnish baseball. And my mom ... she's a teacher ... and she made sure both of us learned more than just one language, so we could succeed in the world. That has become very, very important to me."

Raimeri Filppula, Val's father, currently works as an electrical engineer. His mom, Liisa, still is a kindergarten teacher.

Filppula wasn't one of those too-small prospects the Red Wings dug up late in the 1998 and 1999 drafts, when they selected [Pavel Datsyuk](#) 171st in 1998 and Zetterberg 210th the following year. But there still were some anxious moments for Val.

"I had a pretty good year scoring in my final year in the Finnish Elite League (10 goals and 30 points, plus another 11 points in 12 playoff games for Jokerit Helsinki in 2004-05), but when I got to North America ... it was like the walls were closing in on me ... no room to move on the smaller ice surface over here," Filppula said. "I didn't know if I'd make it here."

Make it he did, scoring 20 goals and 50 points in 74 games at Grand Rapids. Then he was recalled early last season because of a couple injuries, and he's never looked back.

And just like that he joined the likes of [Niklas Kronvall](#) and [Derek Meech](#) on defense and [Johan Franzen](#), [Jiri Hudler](#) and [Tomas Kopecky](#) up front as young prospects ready to contribute to the Red Wings' cause. But Filppula's breakout year is just a small part of the formula that makes the Red Wings the best team in the NHL this season.

As the calendar turns to the 2008 part of his season, there are plenty of teams assessing where they are and what they need to do to be productive in the second half. Not in Detroit, though, where it seems the Wings seem to introduce two or three new players into the NHL each season – and the transition from prospect to productive NHL player seems seamless.

I've often wondered the age-old chicken-egg theory regarding hockey in Detroit. Is it coaching? The leadership inside the locker room? Drafting? Answer: It's all of the above – and just a part of the Red Wings' success that has produced three Stanley Cups in the last 10 years, led or tied for the most points in the regular season the last three seasons and four of the last six seasons, along with 10 divisional first-place finishes in the last 13 seasons.

That's New England Patriots consistent success, and more.

"It all started long before I got here," said Babcock. "Scotty Bowman weeded out all of the players who didn't fit. He basically said: 'If you don't love hockey, you're gone.' Then, he and (GM) Kenny Holland decided that they wanted their leaders to be a part of grooming the players in the Red Wings' way of doing things, so they kept the right veterans around and used them to mentor the young guys in this room, answering their questions and giving them advice so that the transition to the NHL isn't as difficult as it might be.

“But for me,” Babcock added, “it all starts with good players – and that’s exactly what they give me to work with here. I’ve often joked that I feel like my right arm is (director of European scouting) Hakan Andersson, (assistant GM) Jimmy Nill, Kenny Holland and our scouting staff, because they not only draft good players, but they pick the right player to fit our system. It’s amazing how I’ll be thinking maybe we need a player to do this, and just like that he walks into our room.” And it’s not just picking the right players. It’s knowing when they’re ready, not being put into situations that maybe they can’t handle just yet.”

While some general managers say there is no cookie-cutter approach to building a team, the Red Wings disprove that argument – at the draft table, in development, behind the bench and in the dressing room. It’s hands-on all the way through the process in Detroit.

Other teams often ask veterans to watch and talk to youngsters and help them along, maybe bring a young prospect into their homes to help with the transition. But not to the extent that the Wings do.

Babcock said that when the team brought Dallas Drake in this summer as a free agent, they knew he was a leader, a former captain, a heart-and-soul veteran who plays and practices with passion and he’d fit right in. But the coach immediately told Drake that he wanted him to mentor Kopecky, a winger who needs to learn to play with passion and grit, just like Drake. They asked him to work with Kopecky. Answer any questions he has. Give him advice.

“It’s a hard transition from draft choice to prospect to professional and then to making – and staying – at the NHL level,” explained Babcock. “There are no guarantees that come with these prospects, so you have to try to mold them the best way you can. I think Kenny Holland really hit on the right formula when he decided he was going to pick and choose to keep the veterans who could set an example for the young guys and show them the way. The right way.”

Besides Drake working with Kopecky, Babcock said Datsyuk looks after Filppula, Kris Draper mentors Hudler, Chris Chelios helps Brett Lebda and Meech.. And what does Datsyuk said to Filppula?

“He tells me to be comfortable and confident. Enjoy myself,” Filppula said of his time on the ice and off the ice watching movies like The Usual Suspects, the Die Hard series and James Bond action flicks, plus listening to his favorite Metallica songs, playing tennis or working on his golf game.

“And, oh yes,” Filppula said, with a giant smile. “Pav always tells me to shoot more.”

How can you argue with the success?

Johan Franzen

Johan Franzen helping Wings score the goals they want to score

Helene St. James / Detroit Free Press
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When Johan Franzen drove to the net draped by two defenders, ignored their hacks and whacks, took control of the puck and scored, his coach made a note of it.

Franzen’s goal helped propel the Wings to a 4-1 victory over the Blues on Wednesday, giving Detroit its first winning streak since early February. Franzen battled for possession along the boards, got the puck to Henrik Zetterberg, who passed it out front to Mikael Samuelsson. Samuelsson fired the puck on net, where Franzen was able to get to it despite being attacked by Jay McKee and Eric Brewer.

“We said that right when we came in after the period – that’s the kind of goals we want to score. That’s the kind of goals you’ve got to score at playoff time,” coach Mike Babcock said. “You’ve got to be willing to take the punishment and get to the net, and that’s good to see.”

Franzen will enter Sunday’s game against Nashville having scored in two straight games, the fourth time he has done so this season. Franzen joked after the Blues game that he isn’t used to scoring streaks but said that might change now that he’s gelling with his linemates.

“We’re starting to find each other – me, Sammy and Hank,” Franzen said. “We’re playing better and better.”

Franzen would need to score six goals over the remaining 14 games to match the 20-goal plateau he reached last season. He looked well on his way to surpassing it after a terrific training camp, but then suffered an injured right knee in the second game of the season. After returning, he continued to be bothered by aftereffects.

“It took awhile to get back from that injury, for sure,” Franzen said. “I was hoping for a better season, point-wise, but it is what it is. I’m starting to get it together.”

By the time Franzen returned, Dan Cleary had supplanted him on an offensive line, leaving Franzen in more of a checking role. It’s no coincidence Franzen has four goals since Feb. 10 – that’s the day after Cleary suffered a broken jaw, which gave Franzen an opportunity to be reunited with Zetterberg and Samuelsson.

“I got playing more when Cleary got injured,” Franzen said. “You don’t wish that for him, but I’ve been playing a lot more power play, and I start scoring more.”

Cleary and Franzen (nicknamed Mule) fill identical roles because they’re big and strong and have good shooting hands. They can play power play and kill penalties, and they’re willing to take the punishment that comes with rushing the net. Their style of play is essential to winning in the playoffs, and Franzen seems to be rounding into form just in time.

“Mule is a real important part of our team, and we tell him that on a regular basis,” Babcock said. “He’s a big, big body. He’s got good hands. He’s good

defensively, good offensively. He can play any kind of physical game you want. For us, him and Dan Cleary are probably the only guys like that on our team, so that's what makes them real important."

NOTEBOOK: Part of what makes Dominik Hasek the goalie he is is his ability to have a sense of humor about his failings. Wednesday night, for example, it was he who noted a nice change from his two previous starts. "Most important, we won the game," he said, smiling. "And I didn't give up the goal on the first shot. That was also good."

Mark Hartigan
Hartigan makes a statement

Forward scores first goal since '06, hopes to stay in big.

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DETROIT— For Detroit Red Wings forward Mark Hartigan, scoring his first goal since Oct. 6, 2006, in Thursday's loss to the Edmonton Oilers was the easy part. Now the 30-year-old forward has to find a way to stick with an NHL club. The Wings are Hartigan's fourth NHL team in seven seasons. In 81 games in the league, he's got 17 goals and 10 assists. "I thought Hartigan he was good and came with a lot of energy," Wings coach Mike Babcock said. "But can he do it two days or three days in a row. We're hopeful he can and it looks like he's going to be in the lineup again tomorrow and we'll see how it goes." "I've got to keep my feet moving and play good defensively and whenever I do have a chance offensively do what I did last night," Hartigan said. "I've just got to keep it simple and keep playing the game plan," Hartigan added. "When you're playing like five to six minutes a game, you don't want to do anything fancy or (have) turnovers at the blue line. Keeping it simple is the way to go." Hartigan scored on his first shift Thursday, just 2:46 into the first period, on an assist from Matt Ellis. Ellis started the play, taking a big hit to keep the puck in the Oilers' zone. After Hartigan got the puck, he was hoping Edmonton goalie Dwayne Roloson would drop his shoulder, which he did. "I was aiming for that spot," Hartigan said. "I didn't get it up as high as I was hoping to, but it went in." Hartigan isn't a stranger to posting points in the minors. In 59 games last season with two teams in the AHL, he totally 57 points. In 49 games two years ago with Syracuse of the AHL, Hartigan had 34 goals and 41 assists. "Every time you get called up it's always exciting," said Hartigan, who signed a one-year contract with the Wings this past offseason. "You don't mind the travel or all the movement. I know how to handle it. "Whenever you get called up and you can do that on your first shift it's always nice," Hartigan added. "I would have liked to put a couple more in." Hartigan appeared in his only other game with the Wings on Nov. 29. He was returned to Grand Rapids the very next day. Hartigan, who has 12 goals and 10 assists with the Griffins this season, played just over five minutes Thursday on nine shifts, which was three more shifts than his linemates Ellis and Aaron Downey saw. "I've got to stop caught watching the game," said Hartigan, who averages 20-plus minutes of ice time in Grand Rapids. "You get caught in the zone when watching (Henrik) Zetterberg and (Pavel) Datsyuk out there." Teammates fished the puck out of the net and presented it to Hartigan on the bench, which was something his older brother, Colin, didn't see happen in television. "The first words out of his mouth was whether or not I got the puck because he didn't see them get it after the goal," Hartigan laughed. "I reassured him it was in my stall." His older brother is a life-long Wings fan. "Whenever you score for the Red Wings you're kind of in the history books," Hartigan said. "My brother has always been a Red Wings fan and was kind of in tears after last night. I think he was more excited about the goal than I was. He's a diehard, Steve Yzerman Red Wing fan, so he was pretty excited." Hartigan said when he gets called up he receives about four or five text messages from friends or family. After scoring a goal Thursday, he said he had about five times that amount. "I was texting for about an hour last night with all my buddies at home," Hartigan said. "Then I checked my e-mail and I got a bunch of those too. It's nice to have the support and know that people care."

Dominik Hasek

EASY JOB SHARING: Hasek on relationship with Osgood: Best in 25 years

Helene St. James / Detroit Free Press
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Dominik Hasek has to think back 25 years to the last time he had a relationship this good with a fellow goaltender. He and Chris Osgood are, at the moment, engaged in a unique situation in the NHL, alternating games at least through late February. That it works as smoothly as it does is thanks to the two having established camaraderie rare among NHL goalies. It is especially remarkable on Hasek's end. He's a renowned workhorse, a man who would gladly pen himself in to start 65-70 times during the 82-game regular season. But when the Wings host the Atlanta Thrashers tonight, it is Hasek who is slated to be the backup behind Osgood, leaving Hasek with 23 starts in 46 games. "Right now, it's just the way it works very well," Hasek said. "We both play great; the team is winning, so I take it the way it is. I don't argue with it because I know Ozzie is playing great and he is winning his games. I liked it when I played like 70% of the games last year, I felt even better and more in the action, which I like, but at this point, there is no reason to change anything." Players do, of course, answer to their coach and don't set their own schedule. But they certainly can't be told how to deal with situations, and that Hasek has accepted Mike Babcock's decision to alternate goalies through Game 60 is a result of how highly Hasek thinks of Osgood. "When I was in my childhood, there was a goalie, he was like 36 and I was 17, and we had a great relationship," Hasek said. "He was like my daddy and he showed me what is hockey about. Since then, I have to say this is the best relationship I've had with another goalie, just because we support each other. This is very important. Sometimes if one goalie doesn't play, he's very disappointed, but in our case, it's working very well." Babcock's decision stems from how well Osgood has played this season and the fact Hasek will be 43 on Jan. 29. Barring injury, Hasek is expected to start playing the bulk of the games by March, enabling him to get on a roll entering the playoffs. For now, Hasek is content to take turns. He is able to stay sharp because he treats practices like playoff games, something Osgood has started to do, too. Scotty Bowman, the legendary coach who is now a consultant for the Wings, says it's a trait characteristic of great goalies, naming Patrick Roy and Martin Brodeur as other examples of goalies who realize intense practice methods translate to successful games. "Those guys, they played a lot of games, but they use practices to stay sharp," Bowman said. "Dom does that, and it's the same thing with Chris, now. They've been good for each other." Have they ever. In 2003-04 the temperature in the Wings' locker room was chilled by the unfriendly relations between Hasek and Curtis Joseph, both of whom wanted the starting job. In the 2 1/2 seasons Hasek and Osgood have been coworkers, "I've never once seen them fight or bicker with each other or be negative towards each other," forward Kirk Maltby said. "When Dom says he's never had another relationship like this with a goalie," Kris Draper said, "he's never had another goalie like Chris Osgood to play with. That's exactly why Ozzie is such an important part of this organization and this team." Longtime friends Draper and Maltby rave about how laidback Osgood, 35, is. It helps, too, that both he and Hasek have backstopped teams to Stanley Cups, have established their places. Osgood, in fact, has just signed a three-year extension and credits his durability to seeing Hasek in action. "He's relaxed off the ice, but really intense on the ice," Osgood said. "The biggest thing I've learned from him is I used to mentally blow myself up before games all day. Now I just go out and relax and when the game starts, I focus on the puck and play."

“Dom’s a funny guy. He cracks jokes and we joke around in our stalls quite a bit. It’s easy to get along with him. It was never difficult. I think we met up at the perfect time in our careers; that has a lot to do with it, too. We’re not threatened by one another — we’re both having fun and we just want to win, I think that’s the biggest thing.”

Darren Helm

Rookie Helm makes NHL debut in place of hobbled Kris Draper

George Sipple / Detroit Free Press
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Darren Helm made his NHL debut Thursday night, replacing Kris Draper in the Red Wings’ lineup against Dallas.

Draper has a groin injury and expects to miss at least the next two games as well. The Wings host Nashville on Saturday, then play Sunday at Columbus. “I tried to skate yesterday, and it didn’t seem to loosen up for me,” Draper said. “So they sent me to go get an ultrasound, and I guess they found a small tear.”

Draper said he originally injured the groin during a trip to western Canada in late February. He didn’t miss any games and said the groin didn’t bother him until the third period of Tuesday’s game against Chicago.

“If I were to continue to play, it could gradually get worse,” Draper said. “Right now I have time to rest and let it heal.”

Draper doesn’t want a repeat of last season, when he was injured in the playoffs and had to have off-season surgery for a sports hernia. Trainer Piet Van Zant suggested he rest before the playoffs.

“Right now I’ve got an opportunity to take care of it,” Draper said. “We’re going to be smart about it. From the sounds of it, take the next three games (off) and next week try to skate again and see how it is.

“That’s the one thing Piet keeps saying. Everything I went through in the playoffs, you don’t want to go through again. So, we got some time right now. I’m going to take advantage of that.”

Draper said he made sure to welcome Helm, a speedy 21-year-old center, to the team Thursday morning.

“One day he’s going to take my job,” Draper said. “I’m just glad I signed that three-year deal.

“He’s a great skater. Anytime you can skate, you give yourself an opportunity to play in this league.”

General manager Ken Holland said he went to Grand Rapids on Wednesday night with the intent of calling up Helm and saw the first-year pro have his best game — two goals and two assists in a 7-1 victory over the Toronto Marlies.

“Great speed, plays with a lot of energy and a lot of passion. Hounds the puck,” Holland said of Helm, whom he described as “a lot like Kris Draper.” “I think he’s got a similar character, a real good pro, really focused. Now, let’s let him develop.”

Helm saw seven minutes of ice time in 10 shifts.

“As the game progressed, I thought I was getting more confident,” said Helm. “It was pretty much exactly what I thought it was going to be: a lot faster, a lot crisper puck movement. Next time I’ll be a little more prepared for that, and hopefully I’ll do a little bit better.”

Babcock was pleased with Helm’s effort.

“There’s something special — your first NHL game,” Babcock said. “He’s going to be an NHL player. It’s just a matter of time. He’s gotta get stronger and thicker. When he does that, he’s got the tools to play.”

Helm, selected in the fifth round of the 2005 NHL draft by the Wings, has 11 goals and

13 assists in 59 games in his first season with the Griffins.

Tomas Holmstrom

Swede still on target

Late bloomer Holmstrom nets 20 goals again

Dave Waddell / Windsor Star

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DETROIT - When Detroit Red Wings assistant general manager Jim Nill first saw Tomas Holmstrom, he initially thought the team’s European super scout Hakan Andersson had been spending too many nights alone in cold Swedish hockey arenas.

Andersson had billed Holmstrom as a replacement for an aging Dino Ciccarelli but, to Nill, the young Swede looked more like the guy who sends away for a bodybuilding kit after he gets sand kicked in his face at the beach by the local bully.

“To be honest, the first time I saw Tomas, he looked a bit of a weakling,” said Nill of the five-foot-nine, 160-pound teenager.

“He wasn’t a very good skater and it looked like you could just push him over.

“But, over the next couple of years, he got a lot bigger and stronger. He still needed to improve his skating, but we felt he was worth taking a chance on late in the 1994 draft.

“He was a classic late bloomer.”

No one dared imagine the Wings’ 10th round (257th overall) pick would turn into the fearless front-net presence who has become the bane of NHL net-minders.

Having just turned 34 last month, Holmstrom has continued his late-blooming by reaching the 20-goal mark for the third straight season.

Despite missing 10 games through injury, Holmstrom still has a shot at bettering his career highs of 30 goals and 59 points.

“He’s a heart-and-soul Red Wing,” Detroit coach Mike Babcock said. “He makes his teammates better by how hard he competes.

“At one time, Scotty (Bowman) used him as a fourth-line guy who contributed on the power play. Now, we use him as a top line player, who plays against the best people all the time.

“To me he’s become an excellent, excellent player.”

Holmstrom arrived in Detroit in 1996 as a 23-year-old from Pitea, which is located just about where the Arctic Circle cuts across Sweden.

Almost immediately, coach Bowman recognized what Holmstrom’s ticket to success was going to be.

“When I got over here Scotty told me never to leave the front of the net,” said Holmstrom, who has 20 goals and 36 points in 44 games heading into tonight’s game at home against the L.A. Kings (7:30 p.m., FSN). “He said, ‘Don’t even go into the corner, just stay in front.’”

“I don’t mind it (playing in front). Sooner or later the puck is going to come to the front of the net because that’s where everything happens.”

Holmstrom, who is signed through the 2009-10 season at \$2.25-million per season, may make his job sound simple, but his game is far more subtle than just standing out front dodging bullets at 160 kilometres per hour.

What Holmstrom really does is best described as shadowing a goalie.

As tightly as he can get to without touching the goalie, Holmstrom mimics the movement of a netminder all the time making himself as large as possible.

He’ll widen his base for stability while lifting what-ever shoulder he detects the goalie might be peaking over.

“After I left Detroit, whenever I played against the Wings all I remember is seeing Homer’s red pants in my face all night,” Wings goalie Chris Osgood said of his tours with the Islanders and Blues.

After a game, Holmstrom peels his equipment off like a knight taking off his armor at the end of a day’s battle. He has extra pads on the back of his legs and back to protect against the inevitable slashes from defencemen and irate goalies.

Still, Holmstrom is usually a mass of ugly red welts, aching muscles, ice bags and smiles after a game.

Earlier this season, after watching Holmstrom torment his Sharks, San Jose coach Ron Wilson of Windsor said the Swede was an example of what courage is in the NHL.

Wilson said Holmstrom is the best example of a player having the guts to go to a place where he knows he’s going to get abused, takes it, then goes back on the next shift to the same spot where the guy just punched him.

Wins the battles

“He has that courage,” said Babcock of why the six-foot, 210-pound winger is arguably the best at what he does. “You tell everyone to go there (front of the net), and they go, but they’ll fly by.

“He goes and he stays and he wins the battles. He gets the puck back as good as anyone in the league.

“He can tip the puck, he’s got good skill and he rolls around in there and he’s competitive.

“You’ll never get the upper hand on him as far as working harder or competing harder than him.”

Holmstrom says he expects and prepares for the physical abuse he takes, but he knows he can’t seek any retribution.

“Sometimes it’s very frustrating,” said Holmstrom, who said he prepares for the jostling he takes by playing with his three active young children. “I’ve lost my temper, like against Anaheim when all that stuff was happening in the playoffs.

“The defence can hit you, cross check you and punch you in the head, but if I turn around and do it, I go (to the penalty box) right away.”

To be willing to do that on a nightly basis takes a special breed.

Perhaps that’s why his fellow Swedes on the Wings feel Holmstrom is properly located next to the goalies in the Detroit dressing room.

“He belongs with the goalies,” Henrik Zetterberg joked. “He’s different than the rest of us.

“He grew up so far north in Sweden, up there with the reindeer, that he’s closer to being one of (Valtteri) Filppula’s people (Finnish). I don’t think even the Finns will take him, so we just consider Homer a Laplander.”

Vocal leader

Holmstrom is unlike the Wings other Europeans in that he’s a vocal leader. Most of the time, Holmstrom’s points are punctuated with a humorous ending.

“He’s likes telling jokes to keep everyone loose,” Zetterberg said.

“The problem is he tells them in two languages at the same time. He doesn’t speak English or Swedish, he has his own language Swenglish.”

Holmstrom often jokes you could add up the combined distances from where he’s scored his 208 NHL goals and they wouldn’t reach centre ice.

Though he rarely scores from beyond 20 feet, he’s a great puck handler. His work along the boards in tight spaces and his passing down low are first rate.

He credits his poise with the puck to one of the most patient players to ever pull on a pair of blades, retired teammate Igor Larionov.

"Igor told me never panic with the puck," Holmstrom said.

"If you have the puck, you're deciding what's happening on the ice. It's up to them to try and take the puck from you.

"But Hank (Zetterberg) and Pavel (Datsyuk) won't give me the puck. That's why I have to go to the front of the net to get it."

Jimmy Howard

Howard learns while he waits

Wings 'goalie of future' soaks up knowledge, shows patience during stint as second-stringer

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GRAND RAPIDS — Jimmy Howard has been labeled the Red Wings' "goalie of the future" since becoming the team's top pick in the 2003 draft.

Howard, 23, is working hard on his game — and conditioning — so he's ready to step in and deliver once the opportunity presents itself.

Howard is in his third season with the Grand Rapids Griffins of the American Hockey League. Dominik Hasek is putting the final touches on his Hall of Fame career with the Red Wings while Chris Osgood has been outstanding as his backup this season.

Howard made the current three-game trip through western Canada with the Red Wings, backing up Osgood while Hasek, 42, is out with a sore hip. When Hasek returns, Howard will go back to Grand Rapids.

"I expected to be here right from the start," Howard said after the Griffins' home opener Oct. 20 at Van Andel Arena. "(Red Wings general manager) Ken Holland said I needed another year. I'm the goaltender of the future. I know I need to work on some things.

"Nothing is etched in stone. They expect me to live up to my end of the bargain, and that's to work hard and be prepared. If I do those things I could have the chance to play until I'm 40.

"I don't want things handed to me. I want to earn it. It will make it that much sweeter."

Howard had a taste of the NHL last season, appearing in four games with the Red Wings. He has learned a lot watching Hasek, a six-time Vezina Trophy winner and two-time league MVP, as well as Osgood, who helped the Red Wings win consecutive Stanley Cup titles in 1997-98.

"It was definitely a good taste," Howard said of his time with the Red Wings. "It's made me hungry to get back. I have to work on the fundamentals and do the little things like suck in the rebounds, know when to stay up or get down."

Learning the ropes

Howard worked with Red Wings goaltending coach Jim Bedard all summer to prepare for this season.

"We worked on stopping shots from different angles and to save energy and let the puck come to you," Howard said. "We also worked a lot on when to stay up and go down — things you're constantly working on to be more consistent."

Howard was born in Syracuse, N.Y., and grew up a Rangers fan. His father played Division II hockey at Oswego State University of New York.

"My Dad was definitely an influence on me," Howard said. "He played college hockey and loved the sport. I grew up a Rangers fan. Mike Richter was my favorite player."

Howard was an accomplished amateur player. He was named USA Hockey goaltender of the year in 2001-02, setting a U.S. national development program record for save percentage (.933) while leading his country to a gold medal at the World U18 Championships in Slovakia.

Howard then moved on to the University of Maine and set NCAA single-season records for save percentage (.956) and goals-against average (1.19) during his sophomore year in 2003-04. However, Maine lost to Denver, 1-0, in the national championship game. He left college after his junior year to pursue his dream of playing in the NHL.

No regrets

When asked if he regretted leaving early, preventing him from a chance at the Hobey Baker Award and national title, Howard replied, "I don't live in the past. It was a good decision. It was the next phase of my career. I accomplished a lot and the odds are against you winning a national title. A lot of things really have to come together at the right time."

Now, Howard's sights are on a strong AHL season to prepare for a long NHL career.

"I want to be consistent every night," Howard said. "I want to be the best goalie in the AHL. There's no reason I can't be."

Grand Rapids defenseman Brad Ference, a former first-round draft pick of Vancouver in 1997, is impressed with Howard.

"Jimmy's an elite goalie in the AHL," said Ference, who was signed as a free agent by the Red Wings during the summer. "His next step is playing in the NHL. He's not that far away. He really challenges the shooter and is quick side-to-side.

"He's learned how to train as a pro in terms of conditioning. He's a driven guy."

Jiri Hudler

Hudler gets his shot to produce

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DETROIT — Jiri Hudler feels right at home with the Red Wings.

Hudler, a 23-year-old forward from the Czech Republic, signed a two-year contract with the club this summer.

He has an easygoing personality and likes to dish out nicknames to teammates. His locker is next to veteran Kris Draper's, and Draper has proudly taken Hudler under his wing.

Hudler displayed his potential during his rookie season a year ago, contributing 15 goals and 10 assists while averaging just 10 minutes in 76 games.

"It's a great organization," said Hudler, who was drafted by the Wings in the second round of the 2002 draft.

"The guys are awesome. We have a lot of veterans and some young guys, too — just great chemistry."

Hudler started the season on a line with Henrik Zetterberg and Mikael Samuelsson.

"I played on different lines last year," he said. "I'm a year older now. I have a year of experience under my belt."

"I'm not putting pressure on myself. I'm just going to play hard."

Draper said Hudler worked hard on his conditioning during the summer. Draper plans to work hard with him during the season.

"I think this is his year to prove what type of player he is," Draper said. "Talent-wise he's right there. Hank (Zetterberg) and Sammy (Samuelsson) are guys who can score. Jiri sees the ice well. He can really shoot the puck."

"He's a great kid. He comes to the rink in a good mood. He wants to be successful. He worked real hard during the summer on his conditioning and now he has to maintain it. I'm working with him on his off-ice routine. He knows you have to work hard to play at a high level in the NHL."

'Pure goal scorer'

Wings coach Mike Babcock sees a high ceiling for Hudler.

"He has the gift to be an elite scoring force," Babcock said. "He's a talented kid with a great hockey sense. He's real competitive. We've put Kris Draper in charge of him to work on his preparation because the rest of it will take care of itself."

Babcock has displayed confidence in Hudler, putting him on the ice for shootouts in the first two games of the season, a victory over Anaheim and a loss at Chicago.

"It's great," said Hudler, who scored the winner against the defending Stanley Cup champion Ducks a week ago.

"I should have scored against Chicago. I need to score when I'm out there."

Wings goalie Chris Osgood said Hudler is working on becoming a complete player.

"He's always been a pretty big scorer and he's only going to get better when he rounds out his game," Osgood said of Hudler, who had 36 goals and 96 points for Grand Rapids in the American Hockey League two seasons ago. "He's working on getting better in his own zone. He knows he can't be one dimensional. He's already matured a lot from last year at this time."

"He's intense, too. He wants so badly to do well that sometimes he gets grumpy — too grumpy for someone his age."

Red Wings captain Nicklas Lidstrom likes the added youth of Hudler in the lineup.

"He's a pure goal scorer," Lidstrom said. "He's a great scorer and playmaker. He's quick in corners, has great vision and makes great passes. He also adds youth to our lineup."

Switching lines

At 5-foot-9, 180 pounds, Hudler is not afraid to throw his weight around and mix it up in front of the net.

He joined Samuelsson and Valtteri Filppula to form a line during Monday's 4-2 victory over Edmonton at Joe Louis Arena. Hudler had a plus-two, accounting for an assist.

Babcock made the line change to create a dominant line against the Oilers — Zetterberg, Tomas Holmstrom and Pavel Datsyuk.

Oh, and on the subject of nicknames "He calls me Oprah," Osgood said. "I have no reason why."

Tomas Kopecky

Kopecky flashes scoring touch in Wings' victory

Ansar Khan / Booth News
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DETROIT — It was a goal-scorer's goal, the kind you would expect from a slick puck-handling artist like Pavel Datsyuk or Henrik Zetterberg. Instead, it came from a guy who hadn't scored this season and had only one previous NHL goal to his credit.

Tomas Kopecky's nifty second-period goal Thursday put the Detroit Red Wings ahead by three and turned out to be the game-winner in their 4-2 victory against the Tampa Bay Lightning at Joe Louis Arena.

His team up 2-0, Kopecky, who had sat out the last three games with a bruised shoulder, took a pass from Andreas Lilja and broke loose down the right side against Lightning goaltender Marc Denis. Kopecky faked a forehand shot, dragging the puck to his backhand, and fired it into an open net at 7:39 of the second period.

"It was a couple of great plays before it; Mule (Johan Franzen, who earned his first assist of the season) passed it to Lils, and a great pass by Lils right

on my tape,” Kopecky said. “We knew (Denis) is challenging shots a lot. I tried to make sure when I hit that backhand that it went to the net. He came out pretty far and I was a little patient.

“We practice hard these kind of shots coming from the angle and Ozzie (Red Wings goalie Chris Osgood) helps us a lot, gives us tips, what the goalies usually do.”

Osgood, who made 21 saves to raise his season record to 12-1-1 and career mark vs. Tampa Bay to 16-0, was asked if Kopecky ever scored a goal like that against him in practice.

“Never, I would have poked-checked him before it happened,” Osgood said. “He must have sold that shoulder drop, that was the lowest one I’ve ever seen, but it worked.”

Kopecky is counted on for providing physical play on the fourth line. He has just two goals and three assists in 47 career NHL games, but he has some offensive abilities, which he displayed during his 32-goal, 72-point season in Grand Rapids (AHL) in 2005-06.

“He’s got really good skill, he’s got a good shot, that’s good confidence for him,” teammate Dan Cleary said. “He was happy, we’re all happy for him.”

Despite missing two of their best defensive forwards, Kris Draper and Kirk Maltby, with injuries, the Red Wings did a good job against a potent group of Lightning forwards that includes the league’s leading scorer, Vincent Lecavalier, as well as former NHL MVP Martin St. Louis and Brad Richards. Detroit outshot Tampa Bay 17-1 in the first period and 39-23 for the game.

Jiri Hudler opened the scoring at 3:24 of the first period by banging in a long pass from Chris Chelios, who faked a shot from the point. Datsyuk’s easy tap-in on the power play made it 2-0 at 4:04 of the second period. Cleary knocked in a big rebound on shot by Brett Lebda to give the Red Wings a 4-1 lead at 2:05 of the third.

“They played last night in Chicago, we were rested, we wanted to come out strong and get a lot of shots on Denis, he hasn’t played in a long time (since Nov. 1),” Cleary said. “I really thought we did a good job against Lecavalier, St. Louis, Richards. We really deflected and kept their speed to the outside.”

Lightning coach John Tortorella broke up his top line (Lecavalier, St. Louis, Vaclav Prospal) in the second period to try to generate more attack.

“Nick (Lidstrom) was awesome against St. Louis, took him right out of the game in the first period,” Osgood said. “They tried to switch him around to get away from him but they couldn’t. And Rafi (Brian Rafalski) did a great job against Lecavalier.”

The Red Wings are 8-0-1 in their past nine home games vs. the Lightning, which has lost five in a row and is winless in six (0-5-1).

As for Osgood’s career mark vs. Tampa Bay, he said, “I don’t know, just certain teams I have real good records against. I didn’t know I hadn’t lost yet.”

Red Wings coach Mike Babcock said he hasn’t decided if Osgood or Dominik Hasek will start Saturday at home against Phoenix but said Hasek will definitely start one of the next two games.

“It’s important to get Dom in and yet it’s important to ride the hot hand when you can,” Babcock said.

Niklas Kronwall

Kronwall another emerging star for Red Wings

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The 2007-08 season is shaping up to be a breakout year for several NHL players. The dynamic play of Washington’s Mike Green is rivaled by the heroics of the Coyotes’ Ilja Bryzgalov and Pascal Leclaire of the Columbus Blue Jackets.

Several rookie forwards are having superb seasons, among them Green’s teammate Nicklas Backstrom, Patrick Kane of the Chicago Blackhawks, and Andrew Cogliano of the Edmonton Oilers.

Detroit Red Wings head coach Mike Babcock believes he too has a success story in Swedish defenseman Niklas Kronwall.

“I think Niklas Kronwall will continue to develop and be a strong offensive guy for us,” Babcock said. “With Brian Rafalski and Niklas Lidstrom, plus Kronwall, it gives us three real puck movers. Brett Lebda, Andreas Lilja and Chris Chelios can move the puck, but the other three are all guys you can count on offensively and are among the top scorers in the NHL on the back end. In today’s game you need offense from your defensemen.”

Kronwall is an exceptional skater with great hockey sense and those talents allow him to join the Red Wings rush as the fourth attacker and even step into the deep slot to one-time the puck. Some regard Kronwall as the next dominant European defensemen.

“I think he’s great,” says New York Rangers Brendan Shanahan, who spent nine seasons in Detroit. “Kronwall just had some bad luck with injuries, but if he hadn’t been hurt the first few years of his career I think he would be an All-Star by now. Kronwall has offensive upside. He is a big hitter and a great skater. This guy is just a great player that the NHL hasn’t seen enough of yet, because he has had some freakish injuries.”

This season, unfortunately, has been no exception. He missed 13 games in February to a sternoclavicular joint sprain, but has jumped back into the game in a big way, picking up four assists in his first two games back.

Kronwall showed his stuff early in his professional career, but serious injuries derailed his emergence as the elite player the Red Wings projected him to become when they drafted Kronwall 29th overall in the 2000 Entry Draft

“Injuries have set me back a little, but there’s not much you can do as it’s part of the game,” Kronwall said. “I have to work as hard as I can to get to the level of where I want to be. When you are trying to get back after being out of the lineup, you sometimes force things. You want more than you can real-

ly produce and end up stressing yourself and making wrong decisions. I still need to make better decisions, when to jump in and when not to jump in. But all of the veterans on this team are an inspiration to me. When you look around this locker room you see Chris Chelios, Dominik Hasek, Nicklas Lidstrom and what they do is absolutely inspiring. They come to work every day and they just show up every night. That's what you look up to as a younger guy establishing himself in this organization. I look at them and realize that's where I want to be."

Kronvall began his professional career in 2003-04 with Detroit's American Hockey League affiliate, the Grand Rapids Griffins. He appeared in 20 games for Detroit that season, but was injured during the warm-up prior to a game against the Los Angeles Kings and missed the remainder of the season. The next season Kronvall led the entire Grand Rapids squad in scoring with 53 points in 76 games and became the first European-born player to win the Eddie Shore Trophy as the AHL's top defenseman.

"Kronvall would have come on a bit earlier, but he had quite a few setbacks with those injuries," Ottawa Senators captain Daniel Alfredsson said. "Niklas is such a good skater and, especially under the new rules, he is able to join the rush and get the rush going. He is not a big guy, but he can really throw the big hits because he's got great timing.

"I played with Niklas in the 2005 World Championships and he was unbelievable," Alfredsson said. "I hadn't seen him before (that event), so he caught me a little by surprise but he was outstanding. I thought for sure that he was going to be the next star offensive defenseman in the NHL. I think he has the potential to be one of the best in the League.

Kronvall is not just an offensive force. He relishes physical play. Although not a huge defenseman at 6-foot, 189 pounds, Kronvall hits like a behemoth.

"He certainly does," Lidstrom said. "Kronvall is so good at reading the play, timing the big hits, and he is strong on his feet. He's got strong legs, good balance, and he is so good at stepping up for that big hit. That's one of the elements we're looking for on this team because we don't have many guys who are real big hitters. He is a guy that can step up and make that open ice hit."

One might think that a player who has missed the major parts of three seasons due to a broken leg, torn knee and fractured sacrum would be tentative about physical confrontation, especially when the player is gifted offensively. But Kronvall wants to be the complete package. He admits that timing is the secret behind his punishing bodychecks.

"I think it all comes down to timing," says Kronvall. "You don't have to be 6-5 and 240 pounds. It's all about timing. If you hit a player at the right spot it doesn't matter how big you are or how much you weigh. Hitting is something I've always enjoyed doing. You hit and get hit and that's part of the game.

"And he is good at it," says teammate Dan Cleary. "The first thing that comes to mind about Kronvall is he has great awareness on the ice. He hits with gusto and has great balance. Then when he gets the puck he is so fluid with it, efficient, a good passer, and sees the ice well. Kronvall is going to be a great defenseman. He is only now starting to show what he can do as a complete defenseman."

"Kronvall was such a huge loss for us last year," Cleary said. "People didn't even realize how big he was for this team when he got injured (and missed the playoffs). But this year he has been quite healthy and is a big part of our defense, moving the puck, and playing on our second power play. That's why our transition game is so good. It's the defense moving the puck. Kronvall is a budding superstar in the weeds."

Kronvall's boyhood hero has seen a huge improvement in his play.

"He is playing real well for us this year," Lidstrom said. "He has had a series of injuries in the past that slowed him down, but he has been healthy for most of this year and has settled down into his role as a top four defenseman. He is picking his spots, when to get into the rush and when to get up into the play. I think when he came back from injuries he pushed a little more because he wanted to be part of the offense and show people what he could do. But now he has settled down, is real sound defensively, and very seldom gets beaten one-on-one or in his own end. I think he is playing a lot smarter than ever before and joining the rush at the right times. He knows when to be part of the offense.

For Kronvall, the journey has just begun.

"I've seen him for a handful of years and knew what the potential was," says teammate Kirk Maltby. "Unfortunately he plays a lot bigger than he is and ends up with injuries that maybe if he was a little bigger he wouldn't have got but he is undoubtedly a great player. He is going to be the guy that fills Nick Lidstrom's shoes when Nick moves on. Niklas Kronvall is definitely coming into his own this season."

Brett Lebda

Blackhawks' rivalry thrives in Lebda family

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DETROIT — Brett Lebda's kid brother is getting on his nerves. It seems Arik Lebda, 22, can't stop reminding Brett, a 25-year-old defenseman for the Detroit Red Wings, about the resurgent Chicago Blackhawks' 3-0 record against his team this season.

"My brother's giving me a hard time about it," Lebda said. "It's starting to really irritate me."

The Lebdas are from Buffalo Grove, Ill., a northwest suburb of Chicago, and grew up as big Blackhawks fans. Arik's allegiance apparently hasn't shifted.

"He's probably the only one in the family that hasn't come over to the Detroit side," Lebda said. "I think he's more a Blackhawks fan just to make me mad."

The best way to shut him up is to win the season series, which will be near impossible if the Red Wings don't defeat the Blackhawks tonight at Joe Louis Arena.

"We got a little friendly wager on the season series, so we need to pick it up a little," Lebda said. "He said if we won the season series he'd become a Detroit fan and I wouldn't have to hear it anymore. If (Chicago) wins, I have to buy him a Blackhawks jersey of his choice."

Odds are, he'd pick Patrick Kane's No. 88 or Jonathan Toews' 19.

The rookie forwards have spearheaded Chicago's rise. Kane has seven goals and 22 points and Toews has eight goals and 15 points.

A complete player

Detroit's Kris Draper paid Toews quite a compliment, calling him a complete player in the mold of former Red Wings captain Steve Yzerman and New York Islanders star Bryan Trottier.

"Obviously, it's early to compare him to those Hall of Famers (future, in Yzerman's case), but if he keeps improving, he has a great chance to be in that mix," Draper said. "Kane doesn't need much time. He's a quick skater, he gets his shot off fast."

Lebda called Kane and Toews Chicago's version of Henrik Zetterberg and Pavel Datsyuk.

"I don't think they're near that level, but they could be one day," Lebda said.

Kane and Toews are coming off two poor games, as Blackhawks coach Denis Savard noted they're starting to see the other team's best checkers.

"It's kind of amazing that teams are focusing on them already," Savard said. "It's one of the things they're going to have to get used to."

Said Toews: "We're at that point where we're not flying under the radar anymore."

Neither is their team.

"It's good to see them doing well," Lebda said.

"I'd like to see the fans come back a little bit, and they're on the right track. They're doing a good job of promoting the young kids and they got a good team."

The Red Wings are coming off consecutive losses and are just 2-3-1 vs. the Central Division. Two of their losses to Chicago have come in regulation and one in a shootout. Draper said there are 10 important points at stake in the five remaining games against the Blackhawks.

"We're 0-3 against them, it's up to us to respond," Draper said.

"We've done well against other teams, but Chicago's had our number. You have a lot of pride and you kind of want to make a statement. Those guys have kind of said, 'We're here, we're for real.' "

Nicklas Lidstrom

Lidstrom an unheralded superstar

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So digest these statistics. Over the course of his superb career, Scott Niedermayer has rightfully earned a reputation as one of the top two or three defencemen in hockey while playing for strong teams in New Jersey and Anaheim that included four Stanley Cup championships.

Over those years, Niedermayer has accumulated a plus-170 rating. Well done.

During roughly the same period, Detroit Red Wings defenceman Nicklas Lidstrom has been similarly dominant while playing 16 seasons and winning three Cups.

Over his career, Lidstrom is a plus-374.

In other words, he's been on the ice for more than double the number of even-strength goals for versus even-strength goals against compared to a contemporary who is one of the best to ever play.

That's either a misprint or utterly amazing.

Over the last two seasons prior to last night's game, Niedermayer was plus-1.

Lidstrom was plus-86.

Yet the excellence of Lidstrom isn't about numbers, or about being one of the best skaters in the history of the sport like Niedermayer.

It's about quiet brilliance. Being, to knock off the old Johnny Rodgers nickname, an ordinary superstar.

His Red Wings are running away with the NHL regular season, by far the best team in the opening four months with a shot – not a great shot, but still more than a mathematical possibility – at breaking league records for wins and points in a single season.

Lidstrom is the best player on the best team. So shouldn't an awful lot more people be making an awful lot more noise about Lidstrom winning his first Hart Trophy as league MVP this season?

"I have no idea why Nick Lidstrom hasn't won a Hart already," said an exasperated Detroit GM Ken Holland. "I just don't know what people are watching. I mean, he doesn't win because why, he's not a good quote?"

At 37, Lidstrom is as good as ever playing on a team that needs him more than ever. Yes, the Wings have talented Brian Rafalski, who has turned into a nearly perfect replacement for Mathieu Schneider.

Nicklas Kronwall is an emerging star, but injured a lot. Then there's 46-year-old Chris Chelios followed by Andreas Lilja, Derek Meech and Brett Lebda.

That group just doesn't hold a candle to Anaheim's Big Four of Niedermayer, Schneider, Chris Pronger and Francois Beauchemin, aided capably by Sean O'Donnell and Kent Huskins.

So Lidstrom's got a heavier load to carry, and does it seemingly without extra effort.

"The thing that's amazing to me is they give the Hart to players whose teams don't win," said Wings head coach Mike Babcock. "No one's team wins more than (Lidstrom's). He's our leader, and our leader does it the right way every single day. He has no ego, so (Pavel) Datsyuk doesn't, and (Henrik) Zetterberg doesn't."

These days, defencemen generally don't bring the "wow" factor the way Bobby Orr and Paul Coffey once did. So with Lidstrom coming to the ACC this week along with the rest of the Red Wings, there's no buzz as there would be if Pittsburgh and Sidney Crosby or even Washington and Alex Ovechkin were en route.

Oh, yes, and he quarterbacks the power play in his spare time.

So maybe this is a good week to have a good, long look when he skates against the Maple Leafs on Saturday.

He's the best player in the sport this season, leading the best team to one of the more dominant seasons in league history. End of discussion.

Andreas Lilja

Lilja's consistency with Wings mostly unnoticed

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DETROIT — The only time Detroit Red Wings defenseman Andreas Lilja seems to get noticed is when he turns the puck over, leading to an opposing team's goal, or when he gets caught pinching in, resulting in a scoring chance.

What often gets overlooked, according to coach Mike Babcock, is how well Lilja has played this season, despite the occasional mistake. In sort of a career renaissance, hes gone from No. 7 defenseman and frequent healthy scratch last season to a reliable top-four defender. A year ago, it appeared he had no future with this club. Now, the team is likely to sign him to a two-year contract extension by the end of the season.

I think hes just gotten better and better, Babcock said. Hes one of those guys — because hes not a puck (carrying) D-man — he makes a turnover. His hockey sense and his ability to play the game are better than his hands. Once in a while, the way we play gets him in trouble. But, hes a great shot-blocker, our most physical guy, stands up for his teammates all the time, penalty kills, plays great in match-up situations, lets Junior (defense partner Niklas Kronwall) be up the ice all night long.

Lilja has played in all but one game and has a plus-7 rating. Last season he played in only 57 games. An injury to Kronwall enabled Lilja to play regularly in the playoffs. And despite his disastrous turnover that resulted in Teemu Selanne's overtime goal in Game 5 of the Western Conference finals vs. Anaheim, Lilja had a solid postseason.

Last year I got off to a bad start, I was the seventh (defenseman), I didnt get to play every game, Lilja said. Thats not good for your confidence. This year when I came into camp I wanted to get my job back, and thats what I got.

Hes been more physical this season (he leads the club with 93 hits) and has even gotten into a few fights.

I think Ive always been physical, but if I can hit somebody, I will hit somebody, Lilja said. Im not going to chase after anybody to try to make a big hit and (take a) risk defensively, but if I got a chance to run somebody I will.

The Red Wings eventually will need to make room for some of the promising, young defensemen in their system (Kyle Quincey, Jonathan Ericsson and Jakub Kindl in Grand Rapids). But it wont come at Liljas expense, at least for a couple of years. And Lilja doesnt anticipate any roadblocks to a deal.

Who wouldnt want to be a Detroit Red Wing? Lilja said. I love it here, my family loves it here. I like everything about this team.

Kirk Maltby

Wings duo feed off friendship

Bob Duff / Windsor Star
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DETROIT - In hockey, it used to be that pairs came with flash and panache.

Gretzky and Kurri. Hull and Oates. Lemieux and Jagr.

Their game produced goals, their delivery came with added excitement.

In today's game, the longest-running combos are much less dynamic. They are duos who duel, whose greatest talents are in stifling and disrupting the flow of the game.

Take Kris Draper and Kirk Maltby of the Detroit Red Wings, for instance.

For more than a decade, they've filled a valuable role as defensively-dominant forwards who not only shut down the opposition, but drive them to distraction with their agitating antics.

After Draper and Maltby, the National Hockey League's longest-running forward tandem is the New Jersey checking pair of John Madden and Jay Pandolfo.

They've been an item since 1999.

Draper and Maltby were first united three years earlier, embarking upon a relationship that is as symbiotic as it is long-standing.

LOT OF HISTORY

"A brother from another mother," is how Draper describes Maltby, his teammate for a dozen years and linemate for the vast majority of that time.

Two stalls over in the Red Wings' dressing room, Maltby pauses briefly to consider Draper's assessment, then nods in agreement.

"We have a lot of history together," he says. "It's just something on and off the ice where we both have a lot of similarities and interests."

Certainly, they are the most buoyant and enthusiastic members of the team.

Seldom do you see either without a beaming smile.

Other than when they are on the ice, that is.

There, they are a pair as popular among opponents as a case of hemorrhoids, or a bout of eczema.

Two of the league's most irritating presences, Draper and Maltby also represent the changing of the game to a defence-first mentality, an alteration that was in its infancy when Draper, 36, arrived in Detroit for good late in the 1993-94 season.

Maltby, 35, came two years later in a trade-deadline deal with the Edmonton Oilers, to suggest that for either it was love at first sight would be untrue.

Draper struggled to find his niche. He was buried in Adirondack, Detroit's American Hockey League farm club, in the last year of his contract and weighing his options.

"He was wondering what he was going to do," remembered former Wings goalie Kevin Hodson, who roomed with Draper that season.

Shortly thereafter, Draper was called up to Detroit. He's been there ever since.

Maltby also found it difficult to find his role when he arrived as the Wings were rolling to an NHL-record 62 wins in 1995-96.

"I didn't really know where I fit in," Maltby said. "Even the following year, nothing really fell into place until they brought Joey (Kocur) in and put the three of us together.

"Obviously, a lot has happened since then."

That trio formed the Grind Line, as dominant and productive a checking line as the league has seen in the past decade.

While the third member of the unit has changed many times, Draper and Maltby remain a combo, embracing their roles, taking less money to stay in Detroit.

Both recognize each makes the other a more effective player.

"For me, he's a guy I can always rely on," Draper said of Maltby. "I know exactly where he's going to be, whether it's playing five-on-five or killing penalties together."

"There's a lot of things that don't show up in the statistics that we feel we've accomplished," Maltby added. "We have good chemistry on the ice."

Off it, as well.

Darren McCarty

McCarty dusts off old number

Popular forward could play for Wings as earlier as Tuesday

Dave Waddell / Windsor Star

March 08, 2008

DETROIT - After stumbling around seeking some stability the past few years, Darren McCarty found what he was looking for Friday.

McCarty was back at Joe Louis Arena getting some treatment for some sore ribs, but what really brought a smile to his face was once again mingling with old teammates.

"It's nice to dust off 25 and put it back into play," McCarty said. "Its like it was meant to be."

However, McCarty admits this is just the latest step in a long journey that began last July when he finally admitted to himself he had created his own problems and he was the one who had to climb out of it.

It's been nearly four years since McCarty last walked into the dressing room as a Red Wing.

And it gave him much to think about on his morning commute.

"Driving down here this morning, I didn't know what to expect," said McCarty, who hopes to play one final time for Grand Rapids tonight and then join the Wings for the rest of the season.

"But there are a lot of guys still here, so it's seeing some familiar faces and meeting a few new guys. It feels like home.

"I'm grateful to be back."

With his personal life no longer in shambles and serving as an anchor, McCarty feels like he's a rookie again.

The Leamington native said he's ready to stand on his own two feet in the battle to secure a spot in the Wings' lineup.

"I've got to earn it like everyone else," McCarty said. "I'm here to compliment the role guys, to come and fill a role and to help this team win.

"No matter what capacity that it is, I'm going to be influential in the room and positive.

"To come in here and help any way I can is my goal. I've got to earn my spot and hopefully, I'll get an opportunity to do that."

EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY

Assuming his sore ribs allow him, McCarty is likely to get that chance during the Wings extended homestand that sees them play the next four games at Joe Louis Arena. The earliest he'd likely play would be Tuesday against Chicago.

Judging by the huge crowds he's drawn in Grand Rapids and Flint, McCarty's first shift in Detroit will assuredly trigger a lot of emotions.

"I'm going to let it happen," said McCarty of not trying to fixate on the moment. "Whatever the feeling is it'll be natural.

"I've thought about it, but it's like today. What are you feeling walking into this room again? I'm sure it'll be pretty big."

Friday, Wings coach Mike Babcock seemed to hint McCarty will get to experience that moment sooner rather than later.

"He's a guy who has proven himself many times," Babcock said.

"He's been a real competitor for his team. You just don't bring a guy back for what he used to do. He's got to do it now and that's going to be up to him totally.

"We're going to give him the opportunity and he has to take advantage of it."

McCarty arrives in the Wings' room just as the team seems to be re-energizing itself after a brutal, injury-filled month of February.

With defenceman Nick Lidstrom expected back Sunday, McCarty already in tow and Chris Chelios announcing he'd be ready to play Tuesday, the Wings were a jovial lot Friday.

"It's great, what a story," Chelios said. "I think he's going to help us. You talk to Malts and Drapes and what he's going to mean to those guys.

"The support he's going to give us physically. Mac knows what he's got to do.

"He's been there and he gives us a depth of experience. It's good to see him after what he's been through the past couple years."

Standing in the hallway of a building that's been the setting of many of the greatest moments of his life, McCarty was in a reflective mood.

No longer concerned with pleasing all the people all the time, the 35-year-old right-winger sees life in a much more focused way.

He was lavish in his praise of teammate Kris Draper and Wings general manager Ken Holland for reaching out to help him mount this comeback bid.

"I feel like I've got a second chance," McCarty said. "I feel good about where I'm at in life and that's a huge start.

GIVING THANKS

"Loyalty is a huge thing with me. When you're down and out and times are really tough, you know who the most important (people) are. I can never thank them enough.

"It goes to show what type of people they are. They've been huge in getting me to this point.

"I've got a lot of amends to make . . . It goes to show you it's beyond hockey, it's life."

Derek Meech

At 23, Red Wings' Meech boasts mature approach

Dan Rosen / NHL.com

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Derek Meech would rather be guaranteed at least 10 minutes a night on Detroit's blue line than wonder if he's going to dress at all when he arrives at the rink.

Then again, who wouldn't?

The uncertainty can wear on a player by draining his attitude or sapping his personality. But the Red Wings' rookie defenseman won't let it bother him. Meech was 11-years-old when he gained perspective on life and hockey, and odds are he'll never lose it.

"It's something that kind of forces you to grow up a little more than you're ready for at the time," Meech said when asked about his mother, Linda, who lost her battle with cancer when he was only a little guy learning to skate in rinks in and around Winnipeg.

"It's one of those diseases that I think touches everybody's life," Meech continued. "It forced me to mature a little faster than a regular 11-year-old would have."

Twelve years later, Meech, who said he thinks about his mother every day, understands the way he handled his grief back then has turned him into the mature person and professional he is today.

As a result, he's too strong to let a coach's decision affect his personality.

"You think of all the obstacles a hockey player goes through in his career, be it being sent down or going through bumps and bruises along the way, then look at that obstacle for me and all these other things seem miniscule," said Meech, a seventh-round draft pick in 2002. "I am able to deal with things and not panic as much as other people might because I have perspective."

Meech also has a pretty good idea of where he stands on the Red Wings' defensive depth chart. When recent injuries sidelined Detroit's top four — Nicklas Lidstrom, Brian Rafalski, Niklas Kronwall and Chris Chelios — Meech knew this was finally his chance to show coach Mike Babcock and GM Ken Holland what he could do.

He spent the last three seasons with Grand Rapids of the AHL, and played in only 10 of the Red Wings' first 51 games after surviving the final cuts coming out of training camp. This was his first real opportunity to impress the Red Wings' top brass.

"It seemed like guys were dropping like flies and it was my opportunity," Meech said. "I had to get in there to show them how I could play so they could trust me and put me out when they need me."

Meech was so good that he might even find himself as one of the top seven defensemen on the Red Wings' playoff roster despite a glut of blue liners all competing for spots at the end of the depth chart.

When the playoffs begin Lidstrom, Rafalski, Kronwall, Chelios, and Brad Stuart should be locks unless the injury bug bites again. Andreas Lilja and Brett Lebda would appear to be fighting for the No. 6 spot, but Meech has forced his name into the discussion.

Beginning Jan. 30, Meech played in 16-straight games, averaging more than 15 minutes a night, before he was a healthy scratch for this past Wednesday's 4-1 win over St. Louis.

He played 20 minutes or more in four straight games in late February, including a season-high 27:19 at Edmonton on Feb. 26 when he also registered a season-high eight shots on goal. He would have scored his first NHL goal three nights earlier in Vancouver, but it was called back.

"I was starting to get more ice time as the games went on," Meech said. "My confidence level was high. It's a lot easier when you're getting minutes like that and you don't have to think, you just react to plays."

Meech hardly has it all figured out, which is why he feels lucky to be in his situation in Detroit where he can use a slew of veteran and perhaps future Hall of Fame defensemen as resources. Is there a better place for a young and eager defenseman to learn?

"Obviously on a team like this with guys like Lidstrom, Chelios, Rafalski, you have all these Hall of Fame defensemen who have been around a long time," Meech said. "They have all been really supportive with me. It's been a good situation. These guys are the best. It's great to learn them."

But now that they're all returning from their various bumps and bruises, plus the Red Wings also added Stuart at the deadline, — Meech knows his ice time will be cut considerably, if he dresses at all down the stretch.

He's prepared, though, because he has perspective.

"When you're scratched you try to think of what you can be doing better, but if you look at the 'D' we have it's a tough decision for the coaches to make," Meech said. "My job is to keep trying to make it tougher for them."

Chris Osgood

Osgood on 3-year deal: 'I'll do whatever they ask'

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DETROIT — Chris Osgood isn't sure what the future holds, whether he'll be a starting goaltender or a backup, whether he'll play 60 games a season or 30, whether he will be teamed up with Dominik Hasek, Jimmy Howard or someone else.

He just knows he will be a Detroit Red Wing for three more seasons after this one, and he will accept any scenario.

"I don't know how much I'm going to play next year or the year after or who I'm even going to be playing with," Osgood, 35, said. "It doesn't matter. I just wanted to finish here, and I'll do whatever they ask. I'll give it my all until the very end of the contract."

Osgood, who signed a three-year, \$4.25 million contract extension on Wednesday, said it was always a foregone conclusion that he would remain a Red Wing. He never considered testing the free-agent market in July. And he preferred the security of a long-term pact over a one-year incentive-laden deal (incentives aren't allowed in multi-year contracts).

"The main (reason) for signing for three years is there's numbers I want to get to, I want more opportunities to win," said Osgood, who will start tonight's game against Minnesota at Joe Louis Arena. "I want to make sure I'm still playing at that age (38)."

Osgood's main motivation is to win another Stanley Cup, but he also has some personal goals. With 355 career victories, he is tied with Rogie Vachon for 15th place on the NHL's all-time list. He would like to win 400 games and crack the top 10. With 271 wins as a Red Wing, he also would like to take a run at Terry Sawchuk's franchise record of 352 victories.

"I'm fired up to know I'm going to be here for maybe the rest of my career," Osgood said. "I started here (in 1993), and I always wanted to finish here."

Osgood, in the final season of a two-year deal averaging \$850,000, will earn \$1.7 million next season, \$1.45 million in 2009-10 and \$1.1 million in 2010-11 season. He is enjoying a spectacular season, with a 19-2-1 record and league-leading 1.68 goals-against average. His chances of being named as a reserve for the Jan. 27 All-Star Game in Atlanta improved on Wednesday, when Roberto Luongo of the Vancouver Canucks, voted in as the Western Conference starter, pulled out of the game so he can be with his expectant wife.

"Great for him, the way he played, not only this year, but last year when he came back (from injury) he was on top of his game," Hasek said. "It's good for our organization to have such an experienced goalie locked for next three years. He's a great addition to the locker room, everybody likes him, and he can do his job on the ice."

Hasek, who turns 43 on Jan. 29, said before training camp that this would likely be his final season. He said on Wednesday that he won't decide for sure until after the playoffs.

"I'm going to focus on my game, and if it comes to my mind that I want to play, we can talk about it after the season," Hasek said.

Would winning the Cup impact his decision?

"Good question. It depends how I feel emotionally," Hasek said. "If I feel the fire is in me and I want to play, we will come back and talk about it. If I don't feel like I have fire enough to play one more season there is no reason to play."

If Hasek retires, Osgood will likely be the No. 1 goalie next season, with Howard apprenticing as his backup. Howard, the organization's goaltender of the future, is out of options in Grand Rapids (AHL) after this season.

The Red Wings signed center Kris Draper and defenseman Nicklas Lidstrom earlier this season. They have offered defenseman Andreas Lilja a two-year extension and they are working on signing forward Dan Cleary to a long-term pact.

"They identify the guys they want to have here and they keep their core together, and that makes other players want to come here and stay," Osgood said. "They've always taken care of their players. We'll have our nucleus together — we might only have to add one or two guys, if that, even, and that's what keeps us at the top of the standings. It's a great place to play. Guys have played together for a certain amount of time and just enjoy being around each other. You always have a chance to win."

Kyle Quincey

Quincey hoping to make most of return to Wings

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DETROIT — An injury scuttled Kyle Quincey's first chance to make an impression with the Detroit Red Wings this season, and now an injury is giving him a second opportunity.

Quincey, called up from the Grand Rapids Griffins of the AHL, got his first action of the year with the Red Wings on Friday night against the Columbus Blue Jackets. He is replacing defenseman Brian Rafalski (groin), who is expected to be out at least two more games.

"It's great to be back. I'm just going to do my job, play physical and make simply plays. and that's just about it," Quincey said.

The solid stay-at-home type defenseman, who impressed the coaching staff with his performance in the playoffs last season, broke his left hand in train-

ing camp this season and lost his chance to make the Red Wings' squad.

"He played real well for us last year at playoff time, but he had an unfortunate incident in training camp," Red Wings coach Mike Babcock said. "The team was going good and we didn't have any injuries on the back end and we were winning on a regular basis, so he never got the call.

"We're big believers here in Detroit to bring them here when they're ready or over-ready rather than before they're ready. We'll see how it goes here. It's not like we're planning on him being here long-term, and yet there are always opportunities for good players."

While Quincey likely will be sent back to Grand Rapids at some point in the regular season, he is expected to be back with the Red Wings in the post-season.

"He showed that he could play against the top teams in the playoffs," Detroit defenseman Nicklas Lidstrom said.

He added that Quincey, who is exempt from waivers, is caught in a numbers game.

"It's tough to find a spot for him right now, but with guys injured he's got a chance to play and a chance to show the coaching staff and management what he can do," Lidstrom said.

Quincey plans to make the most of his second chance with the Red Wings.

"Injuries happen, but the timing of that wasn't very good. I thought I was playing decent," he said. "This is like my second opportunity — it's my training camp, I guess.

"When I get called up, they usually tell me a timeline, but in the back of my mind there's usually a little bit of hope, thinking if I play well I might be able to stay up a little bit longer. I'm hoping I can make an impression and stay up a little bit longer."

The quicker the Griffins are eliminated from the AHL playoffs, the faster Quincey will rejoin the Red Wings. But it might not even come to that because the Griffins might not reach the postseason.

"We're fighting every game, every game is like our last (one), trying to get into the playoffs," Quincey said. "It's been like a four-month playoff for us. But that's the way I like to play — grind it out — so it's my style of hockey and I kind of enjoy it."

Quincey got a lot of enjoyment and knowledge from his playoff run with the Red Wings last year and hopes to use that experience to improve this season.

"I learned that I can play in this league and that I can play with the best players, so that gave me a lot of confidence," he said. "The game picks up in the playoffs and everybody's at the top of their game, so every mistake ends up in the back of your net. You have to keep it simple.

"I know opportunities don't come by that often, so I've got to make the best of it and show them I'm a playoff player and I can grind like I did last year in the playoffs."

Brian Rafalski

RIGHT AT HOME: In return to Michigan, Rafalski finds himself in the perfect spot

Helene St. James / Detroit Free Press
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For the first time in more than a half-dozen years, Brian Rafalski is spending Christmas at home.

It's a delightful feeling for the Red Wings newcomer, one matched by how well his overall homecoming has gone. Headed into tonight's game at Montreal, Rafalski ranks fourth in the NHL in scoring among defensemen, with 22 points in 26 games.

Rafalski, who signed a five-year deal worth \$30 million this past July, made an immediate impact, setting up a goal in his first game and rarely slowing down since. While Detroit teammates were somewhat familiar with Rafalski's play after watching him with New Jersey for seven seasons, just how good he is offensively has been a pleasant surprise.

"He's really good at getting the puck out," goaltender Chris Osgood said. "He's like a quarterback back there for us. He gets the puck and he looks around and sometimes he goes to the third option. He's real patient with the puck, and his passes are always right on guys' tape."

Rafalski, 34, first developed those skills while playing youth hockey in the Detroit area, from about age 9 to 15.

"We had a really good passing team," Rafalski said. "Our coach focused on passing, shooting, stick-handling — all the fundamentals. We always emphasized team passing, focusing on tape-to-tape passes."

Rafalski went on to hone his skills for four seasons at the University of Wisconsin, followed by stints in Sweden and Finland.

"The biggest thing is on breakouts. Now with most teams chipping it in and trying to forecheck the D, if you beat that forecheck, you spend a lot less time in your own zone, and that's always something I focused on, too," Rafalski said. "That's just being aware of where the forecheck is coming from and where your own players are."

Rafalski, who shoots right, has played almost exclusively with Nicklas Lidstrom, who shoots left; it's a pairing that allows for fast passes on the power play and, if they switch sides, two powerful shots.

"With him being a right-hander, it's easier to go D-to-D," Lidstrom said. "Or we can go to our off sides and take one-timers. We just read off each other really well. He's been a great addition."

The two generally are on the ice at the same time as the top line of Henrik Zetterberg, Pavel Datsyuk and Tomas Holmstrom, especially when the Wings have a man advantage. Rafalski's presence has helped stabilize the power play, which sagged for most of last season.

"The big key for us this year has been that power play is good, and Rafi is a really good complement to Nick on that," Zetterberg said. "Both are good passers and have a good shot, and that's what you want to have on your power play. You get more options out there, from more angles, and that makes a lot of difference. It makes it a lot harder for the other team, too, to take away all the options. You should be able to make some passes when you are one guy more, but sometimes it's tough and you have to go to that third guy, that third option, to go into the zone, and he can make that happen."

Off the ice, he is relishing having his dad, Harry, at every home game; the two used to watch the Wings on CBC's "Hockey Night in Canada" together when Rafalski was a kid.

Rafalski is also looking forward to spending his first Christmas since 1999 in Michigan with his family, which includes his dad, who lives in Utica, and his mom, who is in Saline.

"It'll be nice to see my cousins, too," Rafalski said, "and just be able to do the holidays with my extended family."

Mikael Samuelsson

WINGS CORNER: Mikael Samuelsson plays with confidence

George Sipple / Detroit Free Press
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GLENDALE, Ariz. — Wings forward Mikael Samuelsson doesn't believe he's a streaky player. He will allow that confidence has a huge bearing on how he plays.

Samuelsson entered Saturday's game against the Coyotes with a lot of confidence and a season-high five-game point streak (2-5—7). The streak came after a six-game pointless streak. He extended that streak Saturday night.

What's been the difference?

"My confidence," Samuelsson said. "Sometimes you get one point and one more point and it keeps rolling. I'm not thinking so much right now.

"Sometimes it's there for you."

Samuelsson did say one reason his confidence has been rising lately is that he's been playing down low on the power play because of injuries to Henrik Zetterberg (back spasms) and Tomas Holmstrom (knee).

"I don't think I've had any points there, but still it gives you confidence," Samuelsson said. "If you stand on the blue line — obviously, I like to do that, too — it's a different role. You get more involved when you're down low on the power play. You get some chances and that gets over to the five-on-five game, too."

Although he frowns at the "streaky" tag, Samuelsson said he can't argue with what bears out.

He had two three-game point streaks in a span of eight games in October and points in eight of his first 13 games this season. Then he had just a goal and two assists over the next 16 games, before starting his recent hot streak.

"I don't know why it's turned out that way," Samuelsson said. "Maybe sometimes I'm hard on myself when I'm not putting points up there. It gets me down for the next game. I don't know if that's the reason or whatever. It's so hard to answer that."

Wings coach Mike Babcock said the reason for the streak might just simply be due to Samuelsson playing better of late.

"He's one of those guys that for whatever reason in his career his confidence is more fleeting," Babcock said. "In other words, it comes and goes more. He's an elite, elite player offensively and defensively. He's 6-foot-2 and 215 pounds. He can skate. He can shoot."

Brad Stuart

New Wing Brad Stuart brings a physical force to Detroit's defense

Helene St. James / Detroit Free Press
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When the Red Wings acquired Brad Stuart three weeks ago, they immediately grew bigger, stronger and meaner. When they paired him with Niklas Kronwall, they gained the sort of defensive duo that's the bane of opposing forwards.

The Wings already had one such pairing in Nicklas Lidstrom and Brian Rafalski, but while those two thwart opponents with tremendous positional play and deft moves with the puck, Stuart and Kronwall provide physical punishment.

"They're bigger and they'll make more open-ice hits," goaltender Chris Osgood said. "Guys expect to get hit by them. They complement each other real well because Kronner is really physical, moves the puck real well and is great in front of our net, and Stuie is a big guy, and he also gets the puck out of our zone really good. They've really fit well together."

At 6-feet-2, 213 pounds, Stuart is the biggest of the Wings' top four defensemen. His size was one reason the Wings decided to acquire him Feb. 26 from Los Angeles for two draft picks; just as important was his physical force.

Even though the Wings had witnessed his fierceness over the years, his play the past eight games has been a revelation.

"I didn't know he was going to compete every day as hard as he has," coach Mike Babcock said, "and I didn't know he was going to be as physical as he's been. We think he's really solidified our top four."

Stuart has contributed a goal and an assist since joining Detroit, numbers likely to increase as he adapts to the Wings' puck-possession style. Most of all, he has brought stability to the second pairing, giving them a trustworthy option against teams with big centers, like Anaheim's Ryan Getzlaf and San Jose's Joe Thornton.

Having two terrific defensive pairings is invaluable during a seven-game playoff series, especially during road games when the opponent gets the last line change. The more Kronwall and Stuart can wear on marquee players, the easier the series will be.

"Stuie and Kronner will be a great pair against other teams' top lines, and it'll allow us to have a scoring threat out there as well," forward Kirk Maltby said.

Among the many upsides to the Kronwall-Stuart pairing is this: Both are capable of getting the puck going, which is key for the success of the forwards. The playoff plan is to have Pavel Datsyuk and Henrik Zetterberg each center a line, so the Wings now have the benefit of not overextending Lidstrom and Rafalski because Stuart and Kronwall can handle the puck, too.

"Stuie and Kronner are a pairing that likes to hit, in general, but Kronner's got that offensive ability, too, that vision, like Nick and Raf, to jump in there," forward Dan Cleary said. "I think Kronner knows that Stuie is a real steady guy, a veteran guy, a guy who's got a real good defensive awareness about him, and I think Stuie realizes Kronner's offensive ability and he'll let Kronner go, and cover up."

The success of Stuart's addition is especially noticeable when examining Kronwall's play. Since gaining Stuart as a partner against San Jose on Feb. 29, Kronwall has produced seven points in eight games.

"I do feel freer out there because I know he's always going to be there," Kronwall said. "He's a guy that whenever someone loses his man, he's always there to help out. I feel really good with him out there. He's really solid in the defensive zone; he's always making the right decision and playing simple with the puck. He makes it easy for me."

Stuart called playing with Kronwall a joy. He relishes their opportunity to have an impact on the game in a way that differs from the play of Lidstrom and Rafalski.

"Nick and Rafi move the puck well and make all the right decisions," Stuart said. "We play a little bit more physical game in our own zone, and I think it's important to have that presence."

It's the sort of presence the Wings felt they lacked, and one they expect to pay off over the coming months.

Henrik Zetterberg

From A to Z, Zetterberg's game is complete

Larry Wigge / NHL.com
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He's shifty. He's skilled. He's swift. He's solid and accountable at both ends of the rink.

And, oh yes, [Henrik Zetterberg](#) is very, very smart.

We've seen the [Detroit Red Wings](#)' star center dazzle with his stickwork and speed. We've marveled at his ability to do so many things at a fast pace, always on the move.

From a distance, the 27-year-old native of Njurunda, Sweden, is magic. But there's much, much more to the abracadabra act we see from Zetterberg on the ice. And there's also more than the disheveled blond hair and unshaven look of a surfer.

"When he stepped on the ice for the first time in the NHL, he was already one of the more skilled players in the League," said [St. Louis Blues](#) goaltender [Manny Legace](#), who played behind Zetterberg for the first time in 2002-03 and had to face his many head-shaking moves in practice for three years before joining the Blues. "No offense to [Sidney Crosby](#) or Vinny Lecavalier or anyone else, but there is no better player in the NHL now than Hank.

"He does everything Crosby or Lecavalier does on offense, but there's no one in the game that is that good offensively and defensively. No one."

Legace was asked if he wanted me to use "arguably" in that quote, but he said it wasn't needed. Then he added one more thing to Zetterberg's attributes – the intangible look of a Wayne Gretzky, Mark Messier, Michael Jordan or Magic Johnson.

"It's the fire in Hank's eyes and the passion in his belly," Legace said. "I've seen bigger players try to take liberties with him and he'll just stand there face-to-face and give the other guy the look."

"I don't consider myself scary," Zetterberg said matter-of-factly. "Would you be afraid of me?"

Not that he would knock my block off, but beat my butt in an athletic competition? You bet.

Everyone always goes back to the long wait on draft day in 1999 before the Red Wings finally selected Zetterberg, in the seventh round, No. 210 overall, in the Entry Draft. And look at him now, with 27 goals and challenging for the top spot in the NHL's scoring race – which would, by the way, be the first scoring title for a Red Wings player in 45 years, or since Gordie Howe did it in 1963.

"He can pass and he can shoot at an elite level. That's what makes him so difficult to stop, because you don't know what he's going to do," said Red Wings captain [Nicklas Lidstrom](#). "Seeing that kind of skill coming at you again and again makes defenders back off and creates openings for his teammates."

When watching Zetterberg, you quickly notice the hands, the quick feet, the ability to create while at top speed, the instincts. But what stands out most is Zetterberg's consistency, strength and work ethic.

"You're never going to outwork Hank, that's for sure," Red Wings coach Mike Babcock said.

"There isn't a stronger player on his skates than Zetterberg," said Blues coach Andy Murray. "No one knocks him off his feet and no forward has the kind of stamina that he has. He could still thrive playing two-minute shifts and playing the kind of 28- to 30-minute games defensemen like [Chris Pronger](#), [Scott Niedermayer](#) and [Nicklas Lidstrom](#) play."

The irony is that Zetterberg fell through the cracks in 1999 because he was deemed too slight and fragile for life in the NHL at a time when bigger was better and teams were able to trap and obstruct smaller players who weren't equipped to fight through the hands and arms and stick-checks.

"I was 5-11, but I was only about 165 pounds when I was drafted," Zetterberg laughed.

He wasn't even thinking about the draft in June 1999, when he slipped all the way to the seventh round.

"I was on vacation with my parents on the island of Cyprus," Zetterberg said. "I knew the Red Wings were interested and that I wouldn't be picked early. When my dad picked up the phone and told me it was (Red Wings European scout) Hakan Andersson, the vacation that was pretty good already turned great."

"I remember thinking that Zetterberg was too skinny, too frail to take the pounding he'd receive in the NHL," said former [Calgary Flames](#) General Manager Craig Button. "You have to give the Wings credit for sticking to their guns and drafting for skill and talent up and down the draft."

"He wasn't even on our list," former [Philadelphia Flyers](#) GM Bob Clarke told me.

Zetterberg is as quiet and unflappable in an interview as he is on the ice. He laughs at the "too small" comments. Sort of giving scouts and skeptics the same look that Legace talked about.

"I was a small kid," he said. "But I wasn't the last kid chosen in a pickup game. I had skills and I really worked at making them better and better.

"I remember as a kid I always tried to not get hit and to hold onto the puck until I spotted an open teammate."

That keep-away attitude was not selfish. It was selfless.

When he was 13 he chose hockey over soccer and added Sweden's Mats Sundin to his idol, Wayne Gretzky, as players he most often tried to emulate. When this late bloomer turned 18, he was chosen to play for Sweden's national team. Truth be told, the Red Wings weren't sure of Zetterberg earlier that season, when Andersson took Red Wings assistant GM Jim Nill to a tournament in northern Finland.

"Hakan was trying to show me another player," Nill laughed when I asked him about his first reaction to seeing Zetterberg. "But there was this little Zetterberg guy, who always seemed to have the puck."

Still does. And he does so much more as well.

