

LA KINGS REGULAR-SEASON PREVIEW: GAME 24 VS. VANCOUVER

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After closing out November in style, the **Los Angeles Kings** will hope to enter December like a lion as they host the 9-9-7 **Vancouver Canucks** in the second of five meetings between the Pacific rivals this season.

The Canucks drew first blood in this season series when **they shut out** the Kings and quieted **STAPLES Center** with a 3-0 victory on Oct. 13. But the Kings have been a much different team since then. The end result of said game marked the third-straight loss for the Kings to open the season. Following that night, the silver-and-black reeled off seven-straight wins and are now first in the **Pacific Division**. But the Canucks are never pushovers for these Kings, so the host club will need a full effort on Tuesday should they hope to start the new month on a high note.

The Canucks are wrapping up a two-game tour of southern California in as many days. The Canucks enter STAPLES Center on Tuesday having lost their last two including a 4-0 loss in **Anaheim** on Monday night where **Ryan Miller** allowed those four tallies on 29 shots. **Jacob Markstrom** came in to relieve Miller late in Monday's contest, so we will see which netminder gets the call for Vancouver on Tuesday. With that said, do not surprised to see Markstrom in action and Miller warming the bench. If that is the case, the Kings will be facing a goaltender 6-foot-6 or taller for the third-straight game.



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The **Sedin twins** once again lead the way for Vancouver in scoring this season. Daniel is ahead with 11 goals and 27 assists with Henrik is close behind with 23 points (eight goals, 15 assists). In a **combined 112 regular-season** games against the Kings, the twins **have combined for** 23 goals and 56 assists for 79 points. But Daniel and Henrik shouldn't be the only ones the silver-and-black need to watch out for.



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Back on Oct. 13, it was **Adam Cracknell** and **Alex Edler** scoring for the Canucks while **Derek Dorsett** added an empty-netter. **Jannik Hansen** is also a threat, sitting third on the Canucks with seven goals and 15 points. But the Kings are able to counter with a few weapons on their own.

The TLC Line of **Tyler Toffoli**, **Jeff Carter** and **Milan Lucic** are coming off a November where they combined for 13 goals and 29 points. The latter even led the way physically for the Kings last month dishing out 57 hits. **Marian Gaborik** is also coming off on a bit of a hot streak. After just two goals in November, the veteran equaled his total late on Saturday night, tying the game in the third and then scoring in overtime to beat Chicago. The STAPLES Center faithful will hope for more of the same on Tuesday.

There is never any love lost whenever the Kings and Canucks meet and Tuesday will just add another chapter to this intense rivalry. It should be a good one.

Enjoy the game!