

# LA KINGS REGULAR-SEASON PREVIEW: GAME 35 @ VANCOUVER

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## Los Angeles Kings 2015-16 Regular Season:

### Game 35 @ Vancouver, December 28, 2015, 7pm PST

Coming off their overtime win in Arizona on Saturday, the **Los Angeles Kings** continue their four-game road trip as they visit western Canada for their remaining three contests. Their first stop will be Canada's third-largest city on Monday night when they visit **Rogers Arena** to take on the 14-14-9 **Vancouver Canucks**.

This is the third of five meetings between the Kings and Canucks this season with each team winning one, both in Los Angeles. **Ryan Miller** and the Canucks **shut out** the Kings 3-0 back on Oct. 13, but the silver-and-black got the better end on Dec. 1 thanks to a 2-1 **overtime win** on a goal by **Anze Kopitar**. Speaking of Kopitar, he will look to build on his personal success against the Canucks. In 38 **career games** against the Canucks, Kopitar has 30 points (9 goals, 21 assists).

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While they did win on Saturday, it came at a cost for the Kings. **Jeff Carter**, the club's leading scorer, left the game with an upper-body injury and did not return. Furthermore, he did not make the trip to Vancouver with the team, so the silver-and-black will have to make due without No. 77 for a few games. However, GM **Dean Lombardi** said on Sunday that **the club hopes** to have Carter back in the lineup before their road trip is done. Initially, it was feared that Carter would miss the remainder of said trip, so this is definitely better news.

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For the Canucks, they are coming off a 2-1 overtime win against the **Oilers** on Saturday keeping pace with Los Angeles but jumping over the Sharks into second in the **Pacific**. The Canucks enter Tuesday's matchup seven points behind the Kings. A win — a regulation win especially — would do wonders for the confidence of a club that has already won two-straight.

**Daniel Sedin** leads the way in scoring for the Canucks this season with 16 goals and 37 points while brother **Henrik** is close behind with 33 points. The twins always fare well against their rivals from SoCal so the silver-and-black will need to step up their defensive game a notch should they hope to keep either, or even both, off the scoresheet.

It may not be a playoff game but the atmosphere is always similar to one when the Kings and Canucks square off. Do not expect Tuesday night to be any different.

Enjoy the game!