

# KINGS REMAIN WINLESS AFTER SHUTOUT LOSS TO MILLER, CANUCKS

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LOS ANGELES — After an 0-2-0 start to the season, the **Los Angeles Kings** were hoping that the third time would be the charm as they played host to the **Vancouver Canucks**. The Canucks, coming off a shootout win in **Anaheim** on Monday, were a tired team, as was netminder **Ryan Miller**, who had played on Monday. It didn't matter, though, as Vancouver shut out an underwhelming Kings squad by a 3-0 count.

After a scoreless opening period, the Canucks took it to the Kings in the second, outshooting them 14-4 while scoring twice. First, **Adam Cracknell** — who was once a preseason King — opened the scoring on a funny bounce for his second of the year at the 5:13 mark. Then, at the 13:23 mark, **Alex Edler** ripped a point shot that clanged off the post and in to make it 2-0 Vancouver.

The Kings, meanwhile, needed to keep a tired Ryan Miller busy but they just could not do it, firing just 15 shots against him as he picked up his 36th-career shutout en route to the victory. **Derek Dorsett's** empty-netter iced the game.

As for the Kings, they continue to struggle. Going 0-for-3 on the man-advantage, the silver-and-black have yet to score their first power-play goal this season while playing collectively uninspired hockey. Promoting captain **Dustin Brown** to the top line didn't do the trick, although he did registered a pair of shots and four hits.

Unlike the first two games, **Jonathan Quick** played very well in the Los Angeles goal as he turned away 23 shots in a losing effort. The Kings' defense did have a better game on this night but the Achilles' heel remains the offense — or lack thereof — as the silver-and-black have mustered just two goals in three games thus far. Overall, the Kings have been outscored 12-2.

The Kings will hope to avoid losing four-straight to start the season as, on Friday, they play host to the always-formidable **Minnesota Wild**.