

LA KINGS REGULAR-SEASON PREVIEW: GAME 3 VS. VANCOUVER

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Fans of the silver-and-black are hoping the third time will be the charm as their 0-2-0

Los Angeles Kings eye their first win of this young regular season. After a four-day layoff, the Kings play host to an old rival, the 2-0-1 **Vancouver Canucks**, in what will be the first of five meetings between the two clubs this season.

The Canucks are fresh off a date down the road in **Anaheim** as they visited the **Ducks** on Monday night, winning 2-1 in a shootout. They enter Tuesday night at **STAPLES Center** to take on a Kings club that has not had the greatest success against clubs coming off such little rest. Regardless, the Kings are hoping for a win after a lackluster pair of contests to open 2015-16.

At practice on Monday, the Kings shuffled their forward lines. Having no success thus far on the top line, **Milan Lucic** has been demoted to the second line while captain **Dustin Brown** — one of the few bright spots for the Kings thus far — has moved up to the top line where he will play alongside **Anze Kopitar** and **Marian Gaborik**.

Having played on Monday night, it is unlikely that **Ryan Miller** will get the call in the Vancouver net on Tuesday. Instead, the Canucks will likely put **Richard Bachman** in between the pipes, who, in four games against the Kings in his career, has posted a 3-0-1 record allowing just four goals against in the process. The most notable of those appearances was on October 27, 2013 when Bachman, then with the **Edmonton Oilers**, made 47 saves but lost as the Kings prevailed in a hard-fought shootout win. For a club that has been outscored by a 9-2 margin through their opening two games, the Kings will need much better luck filling the net on Tuesday while keeping the puck out of their own net.



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Speaking of which, **Jonathan Quick** has looked shaky thus far in the Los Angeles net. Of course, in all fairness, so has his defensive corps. Aside from **Drew Doughty** and the always-physical **Matt Greene**, the Kings' defense has been suspect thus far, and will need a much better effort on Tuesday. They will, however, have to do so without the services of **Dwight King** who, despite not playing yet this regular

season, will be sidelined for the next 8 to 10 weeks with a broken bone in his foot. King suffered the injury during his team's preseason finale in Las Vegas against the **Colorado Avalanche** on Oct. 3.

Fans in the **City of Angels** would love a reason to celebrate early and a victory on Tuesday will help. But the silver-and-black will have to earn it.

Enjoy the game!