

LA KINGS REGULAR-SEASON PREVIEW: GAME 23 VS. CHICAGO

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Coming off their five-game road trip, the **Los Angeles Kings** return home to **STAPLES Center** where, on Saturday night, they close out November against the defending **Stanley Cup** champion, the 13-8-2 **Chicago Blackhawks**.

This marks the second of three meetings between the last two Stanley Cup champions. The Blackhawks took the first contest in Chicago with a 4-2 victory on Nov. 2. But while they are 8-2-1 on home ice, the Hawks are just 5-6-1 away from the **United Center** this season. However, it is notable to mention that the Hawks are on a two-game winning streak with both victories coming on the road. After a Wednesday night win in **San Jose**, the Hawks are coming off a come-from-behind overtime win in **Anaheim** on Friday. While they won't be as rested as the Kings, the silver-and-black must not take them lightly. After all, regardless of how much or little rest they have, this is a still a formidable Blackhawks club that has had great success against the Kings in recent years.



One of Chicago's goal-scorers back on Nov. 2 was **Patrick Kane**. Kane, who **has 28 points** in 29 career regular-season games against the Kings, enters Saturday's contest on the verge of making history.

With a point on Friday night, Kane has extended his point streak to 18 games which ties him with **Ed Olczyk** and **Phil Kessel** for the longest such streak by an American-born player. A point on Saturday will give Chicago's No. 88 the record.



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The silver-and-black will look to do whatever they can to contain the Hawks star not only for the record but because he has had so much career success against Los Angeles.

After **Corey Crawford** played on Friday, **Scott Darling** will most likely get the call in the Chicago goal on Saturday. For the second time as many games, the Kings will be up against a towering goaltender. On Wednesday, it was 6-foot-7 **Ben Bishop**. Darling is 6-foot-6 and **1-0-0 against** the Kings so far in his career allowing just one goal.

As for the Kings, they will likely go with the same lines they went with on Wednesday with **Jonathan Quick** starting in goal. The Kings, though, know they have to play a full 60-minute game in order to beat the Hawks. That may be pointing out the obvious but in their last meeting, the Hawks were trailing entering the third when they scored three goals en route to the comeback win. The Kings cannot do that again should they hope to get back in the win column.

It's always exciting when these two teams meet and Saturday should be no exception.

Enjoy the game!