

MRAZEK MRVELOUS AS RED WINGS END LA KINGS' THREE-GAME WIN STREAK

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DETROIT — Their struggles at **Joe Louis Arena** continue as the **Los Angeles Kings** saw their three-game winning streak come to an end on Friday night, falling to the **Detroit Red Wings** by a 3-2 count.

Jhonas Enroth got the call in goal instead of **Jonathan Quick** and early on, he was sharp. But the Wings were able to open the scoring.

At the 14:10 mark of the first with Detroit on the power play, the home team were attacking when a wide-open **Tomas Tatar** slid his sixth past Enroth to make it 1-0 for the Wings. But to their credit, the Kings hung in there and tied it while shorthanded.



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Just 2:11 after Tatar's goal, with **Drew Doughty** in the box, **Anze Kopitar** sprung **Jeff Carter** in on a breakaway where No. 77 used his long reach to beat a sprawling **Petr Mrazek** to tie the game. The goal was Carter's ninth with **Alec Martinez** picking up the second assist.

Just 3:45 into the second, Detroit regained their lead as defenseman **Mike Green** shoveled his first past Enroth for his first as a Red Wing. Then, just 2:23 later, the Wings flew into the Kings zone where **Justin Abdelkader** and **Henrik Zetterberg** helped set up rookie **Dylan Larkin** who potted his seventh past Enroth to give the home side a two-goal lead.



The Kings, though, got one back shortly past the halfway mark of the second, as Jeff Carter took a weak shot that trickled past Mrazek and in for his second of the night. It was a goal Mrazek would have liked to have back but Carter and the Kings gladly took it with the assists going to **Tyler Toffoli** and **Jake Muzzin**.

The silver-and-black were busy on this night, firing 37 shots against Mrazek but the Czech netminder stood tall as the Wings held on for the 3-2 win, ending Los Angeles's win streak.

For Enroth, while he did make 26 saves, it was en route to his first loss of the season while Mrazek improves to 6-4-1 on the year.

Defenseman **Derek Forbort** looked out of place quite a few times in this one, taking a costly penalties and committing some key turnovers.

Overall, the effort from the Kings was a good one but they just did not have enough in the tank to beat the Red Wings. As a result, the silver-and-black continue their losing ways in the Motor City having not won in Hockeytown since March, 2011.

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It's now off to North Carolina as the Kings continue their road trip. They will next prepare for an early game on Sunday where they look to sweep their season series with the **Carolina Hurricanes**.