

# STRONG SECOND PERIOD PROPELS HOFFMAN, SENS PAST LA KINGS

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## Game 30; 19-9-2

OTTAWA — They certainly made things interesting towards the end, but when it was all said and done, the **Los Angeles Kings** fell short in **Ottawa**, losing to the **Senators** by a 5-3 count and seeing their nine-game point streak end in the process. **Mike Hoffman** was the difference on this night, scoring twice to lead Ottawa to victory.

It was the Kings who opened the scoring in this one as **Jamie McBain** glided into the offensive zone, slapping one from the right circle to beat **Craig Anderson** for his second of the year. **Jeff Carter** and **Milan Lucic** helped out with the assists. That was all the scoring to be speak of in the first but in the second, it was a different story.



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2:29 into the middle frame, Mike Hoffman beat **Jonathan Quick** for his 16th to tie the game, but the Sens weren't done there. Just 1:29 later, **Kyle Turris** slapped his 13th past Quick to give Ottawa their first lead of the night. The Sens, though, just kept going as, at the 6:03 mark, last year's **Norris Trophy** winner **Erik Karlsson** took a point shot that bounced off **Brayden McNabb** and in. 3-1 Ottawa but that wasn't all as Mike Hoffman shoveled his second of the night past Quick at the 14:34 mark to give the Senators the 4-1 lead. They were in complete control of this one until the Kings caught a break.



With just 2:13 to go in the second and with the Kings on the power play, **Alec Martinez** shot one into the Sens zone. Craig Anderson went behind the net to play it when it took a funny bounce off the boards in front to the former Ottawa 67, **Tyler Toffoli**, who potted his 12th into the gaping net to cut Los Angeles's deficit in half. Jonathan Quick picked up his first point of the season with the other assist.

In the third, **Jake Muzzin** pulled the Kings to within a goal when he slapped his fourth past Anderson — from Lucic and **Anze Kopitar** — to make things very interesting. Unfortunately for the Kings, the Sens squashed any hopes of a comeback completion as **Mika Zibanejad** tucked his fifth home just 2:11 after Muzzin's goal to make it 5-3 for the home side, and that is how this one ended.

It was certainly a rough middle frame for the Kings in this one. For Jonathan Quick, despite recording an assist, did not have one of his better outings on this night. Stopping just 16 of 21 shots, No. 32 finished the evening with a lowly save percentage of .762.

En route to ending Los Angeles's nine-game point streak, the Senators had productive nights from three of their own. Mike Hoffman and Mika Zibanejad each led the way with three points apiece while Erik Karlsson had a goal and an assist.

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The Kings are now off for a few days as they hope a date with the high-flying **Montreal Canadiens** on Thursday will be what they need to start a new winning streak.