

SUN SETS IN SUNRISE AS LA KINGS COMPLETE SEASON SWEEP OF PANTHERS

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SUNRISE, Fla. — Hoping to end their two-game slide, the **Los Angeles Kings** entered the Sunshine State in hopes of returning to the win column, hoping to sweep their season series against the **Florida Panthers**. Thanks to goals from **Tyler Toffoli**, **Alec Martinez** and **Marian Gaborik**, the Kings did just that, beating the Panthers by a 3-1 count.

Coming off an early-day loss at **Carolina** on Sunday, the Kings were hoping to rebound. **Jonathan Quick**, who played decently in two periods of action against the **Hurricanes** stepped up his game on Monday night, making 33 saves en route to his team's win. But Quick wasn't a factor in the beginning. Instead, the silver-and-black's offensive onslaught set the tone, outshooting the Panthers by a 17-4 margin in the first.



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Despite the barrage of shots, though, the Kings only managed to score once — but it was a beautiful shot courtesy of Tyler Toffoli.

At the 7:47 mark of the period, Toffoli stood in front of the net where took a **Milan Lucic** pass to snipe a one-timer over the glove hand of netminder **Al Montoya** to open the scoring. The TLC Line struck again with **Jeff Carter** providing the other assist.

Unfortunately for the Kings, they had a goal disallowed a little later as **Nick Shore** crashed the net, making contact with Montoya before the puck crossed the line. While the puck did cross the line before the net was taken off its moorings, the goal was waved off citing goaltender interference. Even challenging the play was to

no avail as the no-goal stood. Unfortunately for Montoya, he got the worst of things as he had to leave the game, making way for **Roberto Luongo**.

In the second, the Panthers took over in the shots department — 15 to 7 to be exact — and they made it count as **Aleksander Barkov** potted his sixth past Quick — a power play goal — 5:07 into the frame to tie it. With the assist, **Jaromir Jagr** recorded his 31st-career point in his 32nd game against the Kings.

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But with just under three minutes left in the second, the Kings got their lead back.

Jordan Nolan crossed the offensive blue line where he dropped a pass to **Kyle Clifford** who took a shot where it was picked up by the usually-defensive Alec Martinez who shoveled his third past Luongo.

In the third, the Kings wasted little time in getting some insurance.

1:05 into the third, Marian Gaborik came speeding down the wing where he steered in front before roofing his third over Luongo to make it 3-1 Los Angeles. **Anze Kopitar** and **Tanner Pearson** provided the assists.

The Panthers would again outshoot the Kings by a 15-7 margin but Quick nor his defensive unit was having any of it, shutting down the home team for the remainder of the contest.

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With the win, the Kings end their two-game losing streak while tying San Jose for first in the Pacific Division.

The Kings did allow another power play goal and they did find themselves on the short end of a no-goal but in the end, it didn't matter as the silver-and-black were more than good enough to earn a couple of points.

With their road trip now at an even 2-2, the Kings will hope to get above .500 on this trip as they close out the stand on Wednesday when they go to St. Petersburg to visit the **Tampa Bay Lightning**.