



DETROIT RED WINGS

Atlantic Division

Preseason Power Ranking **3**

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EASTERN CONF

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PRESIDENTS'

3097
FRANCHISE WINS

41-32-9
91 Points
2023-24 SEASON

5th
DIVISION

Detroit, MI - Little Caesars Arena (19,515)
Head Coach: Derek Lalonde (76-69-19, 3rd Season)

2023-24: Missed Playoffs

The End of the Playoff Drought?

With six weeks to go in the '23-24 season, the Detroit Red Wings were solidly in playoff position and it seemed very promising that the team would get back to the postseason for the first time in eight years. However, they picked a bad time to go on a cold streak, going 3-10-2 in their next 15 games and falling back in the standings. Detroit fought back with a resurgent finish to the year, but it wasn't enough and they lost out on the East's final playoff spot on a tiebreaker. The Wings have a good mix of youth and veterans and hope to finally break through this year.

Dylan Larkin



Photo via Reuters

Forwards

Red Wings captain **Dylan Larkin** is a Michigan native through and through, raised in the Detroit area and an alumnus of the Michigan Wolverines. Now he enters his 10th season for his boyhood team as one of their best players. Larkin was a point-per-game player last year and scored 33 goals, a career high. He has stuck with Detroit through some truly lean seasons and hopes to lead his team to the playoffs for the first time since his rookie year. 22-year-old **Lucas Raymond** had a huge breakout year with 31 goals and 72 points while scoring some clutch goals down the stretch to keep Detroit's playoff hopes alive. **Alex DeBrincat** has topped 65 points each of the last two seasons and is capable of scoring 30-40 goals.

Patrick Kane missed the first half of last season with an injury, but once he returned, he produced at his usually high level with 20 goals and 47 points in 50 games. **J.T. Compher** is a very solid defensive center who has averaged 50 points in each of the last two seasons. **Vladimir Tarasenko's** scoring output has dropped a bit the last two years, but the 2-time Cup champion is still more than capable of a 30-goal season. Like Larkin, **Andrew Copp** is a Michigan-born former Wolverine. He is excellent at winning faceoffs and contributed 13 goals and 33 points last year. **Michael Rasmussen** had the same 33-point stat line as Copp and also laid the second-most hits among Red Wings forwards. **Jonatan Berggren** was called up for the final 12 games of the '23-24 season after leading Detroit's AHL team in scoring. He made an impact with 6 points in 12 games despite playing fourth line minutes. On the fourth line, **Joe Veleno** set career highs in goals and assists last year. Big hitter **Christian Fischer** and penalty killer **Tyler Motte** fill out the rest of the line.

Defense/Goaltending

Most of the Detroit defense doesn't contribute much offensively, but that isn't the case with **Moritz Seider**. He has topped 40 points in all three of his career NHL seasons and he plays superb defense as well. He led the team in minutes played and hits by wide margins. As he enters his age-23 season, the sky is the limit for the former 6th overall pick. **Ben Chiarot** has his struggles defensively at times. Ideally, he would be better suited on the 2nd pair., but his physicality still is a help to the Red Wings. **Simon Edvinsson** spent most of the last two seasons in the minors, but the 6'6" 21-year-old is Detroit's top prospect and will get an extended look in the NHL. **Jeff Petry** was a bit of a liability last year and the veteran's best days may be behind him. He did have a better showing once being paired with Edvinsson last year and the Wings hope that keeping that pairing together will get the best out of him. 2-time Cup champion **Olli Maatta** is a solid depth D-man who is largely unnoticeable when he is on the ice in a good way, rarely making big mistakes. **Erik Gustafsson** had a great season for the Rangers last year and is capable of playing on the power play.

Detroit's Achilles heel may turn out to be their goaltending. Journeyman **Cam Talbot** had a great season for the Kings last year, with a 2.50 GAA (his lowest since the '16-17 season), and a .913 save percentage. However, in '22-23, Talbot's performance was poor and it's hard to know what to expect from the 37-year-old this late in his career. Backup **Alex Lyon** once made 94 saves in a minor league playoff game and he played well late last season, taking over the starting job during the Wings' late playoff push. His overall numbers for the year were average.

The Bottom Line

The Red Wings have been in a long rebuild, led by GM and franchise legend Steve Yzerman, who built much of Tampa Bay's Cup-winning core. It's been slow going, but the team has steadily accumulated young talent and solid veterans. Thus far, Detroit has been hesitant to go out and make big splashes to improve the team. That said, a full season from Kane and the signing of Tarasenko should greatly help the forwards this year, while the defense has an elite young player in Seider and possibly another in Edvinsson. The Wings should contend for a playoff spot, though it will be difficult in the loaded Atlantic Division. Given how close they got to postseason play last year, expect an especially hungry Red Wings team in 2024.

2024-25 Projection: 42-33-7 (91 points) - 5th in Atlantic



Detroit Red Wings

Moritz Seider



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RED WINGS 5-YEAR POINT TREND

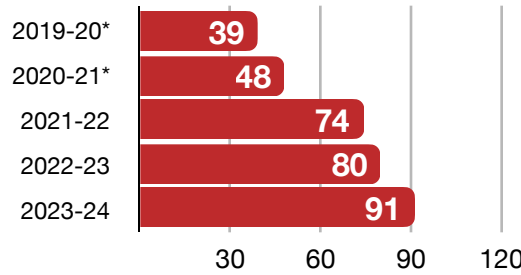


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2024-25 Schedule

October 2024

			PIT 10:00		NSH 12:00
	NYR 7:00		NYR 7:30		NSH 2:00
		NYI 7:45	NJ 7:00		BUF 2:00
EDM 6:00			WPG 7:30		

November 2024

					BUF 7:00
			CHI 8:00	TOR 7:00	NYR 7:00
			PIT 7:30	ANA 10:00	LA 8:00
	SJ 10:30		NYI 7:00		BOS 7:00
	NYI 7:30		CGY 7:30	NJ 3:00	

December 2024

VAN 12:30		BOS 7:00		OTT 7:00	COL 7:00
				PHI 7:00	TOR 7:00
			PHI 7:00	MTL 7:00	MTL 7:00
	STL 7:00			TOR 7:00	
WSH 5:00		PIT 8:00			

January 2025

			CBJ 7:00		WPG 3:00
			OTT 7:00		CHI 7:00
SEA 3:00		SJ 7:00		FLA 7:00	TB 7:00
DAL 8:00		PHI 7:00		MTL 7:00	TB 7:00
	LA 7:00			EDM 9:00	

February 2025

					CGY 10:00
VAN 8:00		SEA 10:00			TB 1:00
2025 NHL 4 Nations Face-Off					MIN 12:30
ANA 6:00		MIN 8:00		CBJ 7:00	

March 2025

					CBJ 6:00
		CAR 7:00		UTA 7:00	WSH 7:00
	OTT 7:30		BUF 7:30		CAR 7:00
VGK 1:00		WSH 7:00			VGK 1:00
	UTA 9:00	COL 9:00		OTT 7:00	BOS 8:00

April 2025

		STL 8:00			CAR 7:00
FLA 5:30		MTL 7:00		FLA 7:00	TB 7:00
	DAL 7:00		NJ 7:30	TOR 7:00	

Projected DET Lineup

Forwards

	Left Wing	Center	Right Wing
Line 1	23 Lucas Raymond	71 Dylan Larkin	10 Vladimir Tarasenko
Line 2	93 Alex DeBrincat	37 J.T. Compher	88 Patrick Kane
Line 3	27 Michael Rasmussen	18 Andrew Copp	48 Jonatan Berggren
Line 4	64 Tyler Motte	90 Joe Veleno	36 Christian Fischer

Defense

Line 1	8 Ben Chiarot	53 Moritz Seider
Line 2	77 Simon Edvinsson	46 Jeff Petry
Line 3	2 Olli Maatta	56 Erik Gustafsson

Goaltenders

Starter	39 Cam Talbot
Backup	34 Alex Lyon

2023-24 NHL Ranks

POINTS - 91 (18th)
 GF - 275 (9th)
 GA - 273 (24th)
 PP% - 23.08 (9th)
 PK% - 79.58 (14th)
 SV% - .897 (18th)

14 < Number to Know

Detroit's league high 14 wins in overtime last year ended up costing them. Regulation wins are the first tiebreaker used in the league standings and the Wings ended up with 5 fewer than the Capitals, who snatched the East's last playoff spot.

PLAYER SPOTLIGHT

PATRICK KANE - RW



2023-24 Statistics

GP	G	A	PTS	+/-
50	20	27	47	-5

Last year, there were questions about how productive Kane would be after a major hip surgery in the offseason. He quickly answered those questions by putting up 47 points in 50 games and becoming a veteran leader for Detroit's young players. The 35-year-old is on track to break the NHL record for most points scored by an American and he's a proven playoff performer, winning the Stanley Cup 3 times with Chicago. He will be a valuable piece as the Detroit seeks a return to the postseason.

HOME

AWAY