



PHILADELPHIA FLYERS

Metropolitan Division

Preseason Power Ranking **23**



2173
FRANCHISE WINS

38-33-11
87 Points
2023-24 SEASON

6th
DIVISION

Philadelphia, PA - Wells Fargo Center (19,173)
Head Coach: John Tortorella (69-71-24, 3rd Season)

2023-24: Missed Playoffs

Is Philly's Long Rebuild Complete?

Starting with the '94-95 season, the Philadelphia Flyers were a perennial playoff team for two and a half decades, making the postseason 20 out of the next 25 years, including 6 Eastern Conference Final appearances and 2 losses in the Stanley Cup Final. Recent years have seen Philadelphia fall on hard times as they have missed out on postseason play in each of the last four years. In that time though, the Flyers have accumulated some promising young talent and have shown steady improvement each year. Last season saw the team finish just four points out of a playoff spot and there are more top prospects on the way. No-nonsense head coach John Tortorella leads a team looking to break through and grab a postseason spot this year.

Forwards

Captain **Sean Couturier** has been a member of the Flyers for 13 years, with the height of his career coming when he won the Selke Trophy for the NHL's best defensive forward in 2020. He missed nearly two seasons from '21-'23 with a major back surgery, but he returned last year to play 74 games and put up 38 points. He doesn't produce points at the same level that he used to, but his solid defensive play should remain. **Travis Konecny** was the team's leading scorer last year, setting career highs with 33 goals and 68 points. Also turning in a career-best season was **Owen Tippett** with his 28 goals and 53 points. 22-year-old **Tyson Foerster** played his first full NHL season and put up 20 goals. Philly will look for further development from him as he likely will start the season on the top line. **Joel Farabee** is another youngster coming off of a career-best season, topping 50 points for the first time. **Morgan Frost's** level of play can be inconsistent at times; he played badly enough to be benched multiple times early in the '23-24 season, but he rebounded with a team best 27 points in 32 games late in the season. Philadelphia hopes to get more consistency from him.



Photo via Broad Street Buzz

You know you're a highly thought of prospect when your city's MLB team asks you to throw out the first pitch before you've even stepped on the ice in the NHL. That's the case for **Matvei Michkov**, the 7th overall pick in the 2023 draft who will make his NHL debut this year at age 19. Some believe him to be the best Russian prospect since Alex Ovechkin and he has everything you could want in a winger: speed, a great shot, and terrific passing vision. As a 16-year-old, he broke Lightning star Nikita Kucherov's record for most points scored by a player that young in the Russian U-20 league. **Bobby Brink** will be looking for a rebound this year after struggling at times and briefly getting sent to the minors last year. **Scott Laughton** can be counted on for 30-40 points if healthy. **Garnet Hathaway** plays a mean, physical game and finished second in the league in hits.

Defense/Goaltending

The Flyers have plenty of young talent on the defensive side as well. **Cam York** showed some offensive prowess last year with 10 goals and he will likely start the year playing on the top power play unit. **Travis Sanheim** had a career high 44 points last season while taking on more responsibility on the defensive end and establishing himself as a good top-pair defender after a rough year defensively in '22-23. **Jamie Drysdale** arrived in Philly last year in a blockbuster trade of young players, with the Flyers trading 2022 5th overall pick Cutter Gauthier for Drysdale, the 2020 6th overall pick. Drysdale had 32 points in his rookie season of '21-22, the second-most among rookie D-men, but he has missed significant time with injury the last couple of years. There is still a lot of potential there that the Flyers hope to unlock. **Rasmus Ristolainen** showed excellent ability to create offense during his years with Buffalo, but his production has dropped quite a bit in three seasons in Philly and he played just 31 games last year. **Nick Seeler** blocked 205 shots last season, the 5th most in the NHL. **Egor Zamula** showed improvement defensively as the season went on last year and also got some playing time on the power play.

Samuel Ersson completed his first full NHL season last year with a record of 23-19-7. His save percentage was below average, but his 2.82 GAA was good and he made great improvements throughout the year. **Ivan Fedotov** joined the Flyers late last season after several years playing in Russia. He is an intriguing prospect, standing at 6'8", which ties the record for the tallest goaltender to appear in an NHL game. In the '21-22 season, he led his Russian squad to the KHL championship and he put up a 2.22 GAA over 6 years in Russia.

The Bottom Line

The Flyers narrowly missed a postseason appearance last year and played several of the top teams in the East competitively down the stretch. The team began to see some of the fruits of their rebuild last year and with another year of development for their young players, along with the addition of Michkov, more growth is likely during the upcoming season. John Tortorella is a demanding coach who asks a lot of his players, which can wear thin over time, but he has a history of taking teams to success early in his tenure and he may be the right coach for a young team in order to teach players accountability and effort. It could very well be a fifth-straight year missing the playoffs in '24-25, but this team could surprise and jump into the postseason picture.

2024-25 Projection: 45-30-7 (85 points) - 6th in Metro



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Travis Sanheim



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FLYERS 5-YEAR POINT TREND

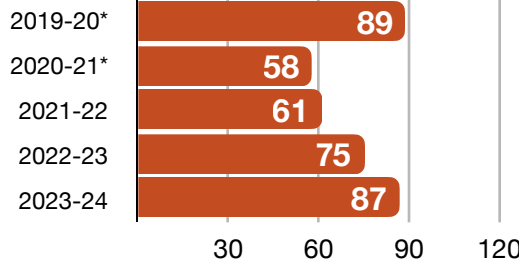


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2024-25 Schedule

October 2024

					VAN ¹¹ 10:00	CGY ¹² 10:00
		EDM ¹⁵ 10:00		SEA ¹⁷ 10:00		VAN ¹⁹ 7:00
		WSH ²² 6:00	WSH ²³ 7:30			MIN ²⁶ 1:00
MTL ²⁷ 7:00		BOS ²⁹ 7:00		STL ³¹ 7:00		

November 2024

						BOS ² 1:00
		CAR ⁵ 7:00		TB ⁷ 7:30		FLA ⁹ 6:00
	SJ ¹¹ 7:00			OTT ¹⁴ 7:00		BUF ¹⁶ 7:00
	COL ¹⁸ 7:00		CAR ²⁰ 7:30			CHI ²³ 1:00
	VGK ²⁵ 7:00		NSH ²⁷ 8:00		NYR ²⁹ 1:00	STL ³⁰ 7:00

December 2024

				FLA ⁵ 7:00		BOS ⁷ 1:00
UTA ⁸ 7:00		CBJ ¹⁰ 7:00		DET ¹² 7:00		MIN ¹⁴ 2:00
			DET ¹⁸ 7:00	LA ¹⁹ 7:30		CBJ ²¹ 7:00
	PIT ²³ 7:00					ANA ²⁸ 4:00
LA ²⁹ 9:00		SJ ³¹ 8:00				

January 2025

						VGK ² 10:00
TOR ⁵ 7:00		TOR ⁷ 7:30		DAL ⁹ 7:00		ANA ¹¹ 7:00
	FLA ¹³ 7:00	CBJ ¹⁴ 7:00		NYI ¹⁶ 7:30		NJ ¹⁸ 12:30
		DET ²¹ 7:00		NYR ²³ 7:00	NYI ²⁴ 7:30	
	NJ ²⁷ 7:00		NJ ²⁹ 7:00	NYI ³⁰ 7:30		

February 2025

COL ² 3:00		UTA ⁴ 9:00		WSH ⁶ 7:00		PIT ⁸ 7:00
2025 NHL 4 Nations Face-Off						
2025 NHL 4 Nations Face-Off						EDM ²² 1:00
		PIT ²⁵ 7:00		PIT ²⁷ 7:00		

March 2025

						WPG ¹ 7:00
		CGY ⁴ 7:00		WPG ⁶ 7:00		SEA ⁸ 12:30
NJ ⁹ 1:00		OTT ¹¹ 7:00		TB ¹³ 7:00		CAR ¹⁵ 7:00
	TB ¹⁷ 7:00			WSH ²⁰ 7:00		DAL ²² 2:00
CHI ²³ 3:00		TOR ²⁵ 7:00		MTL ²⁷ 7:00		BUF ²⁹ 1:00

March/April 2025

		NSH ³¹ 7:00				MTL ⁵ 7:00
				NYR ⁹ 7:30		NYI ¹² 12:30
OTT ¹³ 1:00		CBJ ¹⁵ 7:00			BUF ¹⁷ 7:00	

HOME

AWAY

Projected PHI Lineup

Forwards

	Left Wing	Center	Right Wing
Line 1	71 Tyson Foerster	14 Sean Couturier	11 Travis Konecny
Line 2	74 Owen Tippett	48 Morgan Frost	39 Matvei Michkov
Line 3	86 Joel Farabee	21 Scott Laughton	10 Bobby Brink
Line 4	27 Noah Cates	25 Ryan Poehling	19 Garnet Hathaway

Defense

Line 1	8 Cam York	6 Travis Sanheim
Line 2	24 Nick Seeler	9 Jamie Drysdale
Line 3	5 Egor Zarnula	55 Ramus Ristolainen

Goaltenders

Starter	33 Samuel Ersson
Backup	82 Ivan Fedotov

2023-24 NHL Ranks

POINTS - 87 (21st)
 GF - 231 (21st)
 GA - 258 (18th)
 PP% - 12.20 (32nd)
 PK% - 83.40 (4th)
 SV% - .884 (31st)

PLAYER SPOTLIGHT

TRAVIS KONECNY - RW



2023-24 Statistics

GP	G	A	PTS	+/-
76	33	35	68	+4

Konecny established himself as a top offensive option for Philadelphia when he scored 24 goals in three straight seasons from '17-18 to '19-20. He has since taken his game to the next level, topping 30 goals last year and increasing his assist totals. Konecny's 68 points were a career best and he has also become an effective penalty killer and a valuable player on both ends of the ice. The 27-year-old is one of the veterans on this team now and his strong leadership capabilities will help the plethora of young players in Philly.

12.2 < Number to Know

Philly's power play scored on just 12.2% of its opportunities last year, dead last in the NHL by a huge margin and the 20th worst power play in NHL history.