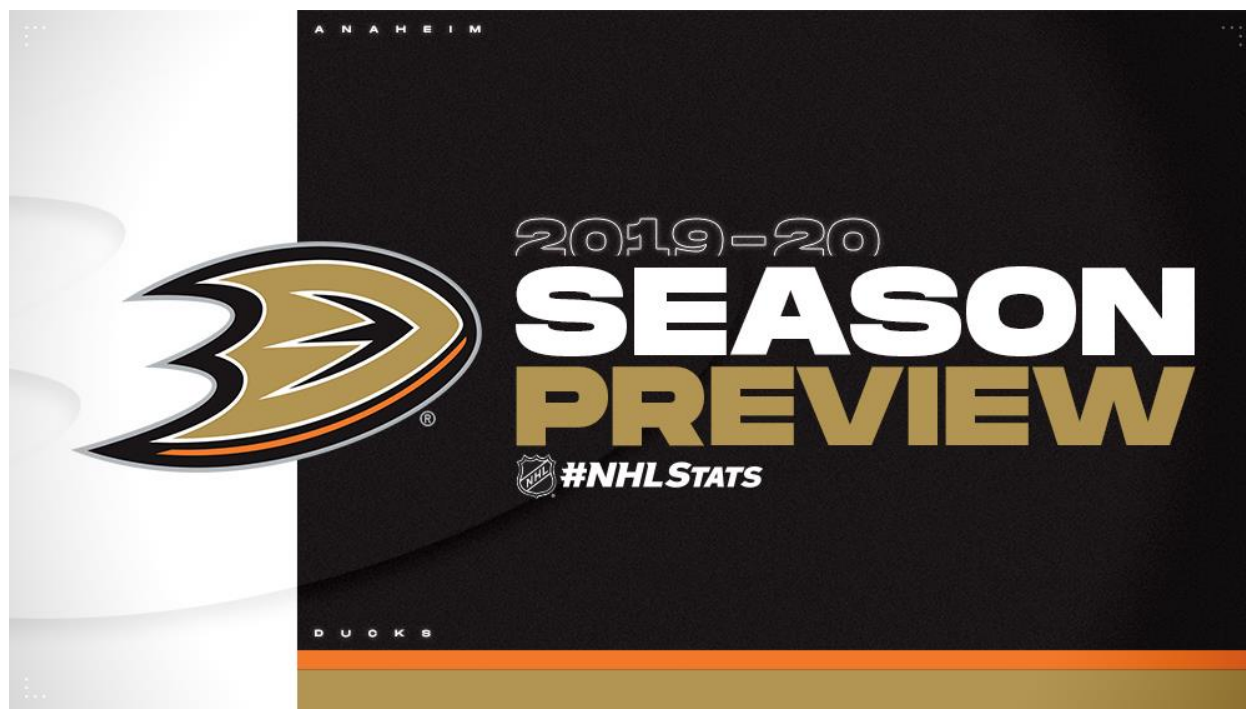


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ANAHEIM DUCKS: TEAM LOOK-AHEAD

The Ducks look to return to the playoffs after their six-year run ended in 2018-19. Anaheim has not missed consecutive postseasons since a three-season drought from 1999-00 to 2001-02, claiming six Pacific Division titles and the No. 1 seed in the Western Conference twice since.

SEASON-OPENING STATS

* The Ducks own the second-longest [point streak from the start of a season](#) in NHL history (16 GP), opening 2006-07 with a 12-0-4 run before closing it with their first Stanley Cup win.

OFFENSIVE OUTLOOK

* After parting ways with **Corey Perry**, the Ducks are poised to rely on an influx of young players to carry the offense this season, with **Troy Terry**, **Sam Steel** and **Max Comtois** expected to log significant time. Each player is age 22 or younger with experience playing for new head coach **Dallas Eakins** with the San Diego Gulls of the American Hockey League.

* Anaheim scored a League-low 199 goals (including shootout-deciding) in 2018-19, just the fourth time they accumulated less than 200 in an 82-game season. The last time they did that was in 2003-04 (184 GF), but they promptly followed that campaign with a trip to the Conference Finals in 2005-06 and a Stanley Cup victory in 2006-07.

* **Ryan Getzlaf** enters his 15th NHL season after leading the club in points in 2018-19 (14-34—48 in 67 GP). Getzlaf is on track to hit the 1,000 games played milestone Nov. 3 against Chicago, 10 days after he likely watches Perry hit the mark when Anaheim visits Dallas Oct. 24. They were selected nine picks apart in the first round of the 2003 NHL Draft and played 891 regular-season games as teammates.

* **Jakob Silfverberg** has scored 20 goals in three of his six seasons with the Ducks, including a career-high and team-leading 24 tallies in 2018-19. Silfverberg saw a greater share of his



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playing time come via the man advantage last season, with 12% of his 1,248:15 coming on the power play (153:23). He also logged the second-most combined *special teams time on ice* among Ducks forwards (278:35) behind **Adam Henrique** (279:27).

* **Rickard Rakell** will aim to regain his 30-goal form after hitting the mark in 2016-17 and 2017-18. Rakell is one of three players to hit the 30-goal mark multiple times for the Ducks since the club won the Stanley Cup in 2007 (Perry: 6x and **Bobby Ryan**: 4x).

THE FUTURE IS NOW

* Already an Olympian, 22-year-old **Troy Terry** will look to become a full-time NHL player in 2019-20 after compiling a total of 54 points last season in the AHL (16-25—41 in 41 GP) and NHL (4-9—13 in 32 GP). The last player age 22 or younger to accumulate 50 points in a season for the Ducks was **Bobby Ryan**, who did so in both 2008-09 and 2009-10.

* Terry and **Sam Steel** each played as 21-year-olds last season, with Anaheim posting a 7-3-2 record with both players in the lineup. Terry (2x) and Steel each had a three-point game in 2018-19, marking the first time in a dozen years that multiple Ducks players age 21 or younger had a three-point game in the same season (also **Ryan Getzlaf** & **Corey Perry** in 2005-06 & 2006-07; **Paul Kariya** & **Oleg Tverdovsky** in 1994-95 & 1995-96).

* **Max Comtois**, 20, logged one point in seven of 10 NHL games – including a goal in each of his first two contests – and held the best points per 60 minutes rating (2.88) among Ducks across those 10 games. Comtois is on track to match **Dan Sexton** (7-7—14 in 20 GP) for the most points through 20 career NHL games in Ducks history.

BETWEEN THE PIPES

* **John Gibson** enters 2019-20 with wins in each of his last four games after closing last season with a 9-2-0 record in his final 11 appearances dating to March 3 – trailing only **Sergei Bobrovsky** for the [most wins in that span](#). Gibson faced 40 or more shots 10 times last season, tied for the third-most such instances in the NHL.

* Since 2015-16 when Gibson and **Frederik Andersen** combined to win the William M. Jennings Trophy, Gibson [leads the NHL in save percentage](#) (.922) and shares the [second-best goals-against average](#) (2.42) among goalies with at least 200 games played.

FIRST IMPRESSIONS

A look at how players have fared historically in their debut game/season with the franchise:

First game with the Ducks. . .

SKATERS

Most goals: 2 – 3 players; most recent: Daniel Winnick (Jan. 19, 2013)

Most assists: 3 – **Stanislav Chistov** (Oct. 10, 2002)

Most points: 4 – **Stanislav Chistov** (Oct. 10, 2002)

DEFENSEMEN

Most goals: 1 – 10 players; most recent: Alex Grant (Nov. 30, 2013)

Most assists: 1 – 16 players; most recent: Andy Welinski (Dec. 11, 2017)

Most points: 2 – Sandis Ozolinsh (Feb. 4, 2003) and Sheldon Souray (Jan. 19, 2013)



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GOALTENDERS

Most saves: 42 – Jonathan Bernier (Oct. 15, 2016)

Shutout: John Gibson (April 7, 2014)

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SKATERS

Most goals: 34 – Petr Sykora (2002-03)

Most assists: 50 – Scott Niedermayer (2005-06)

Most points: 65 – Sergei Fedorov (2003-04)

DEFENSEMEN

Most goals: 14 – Bill Houlder (1993-94)

Most assists: 50 – Scott Niedermayer (2005-06)

Most points: 63 – Scott Niedermayer (2005-06)

GOALTENDERS

Most wins: 21 – Jonathan Bernier (2016-17)

Most shutouts: 4 – 3 players; most recent: Ryan Miller (2017-18)



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