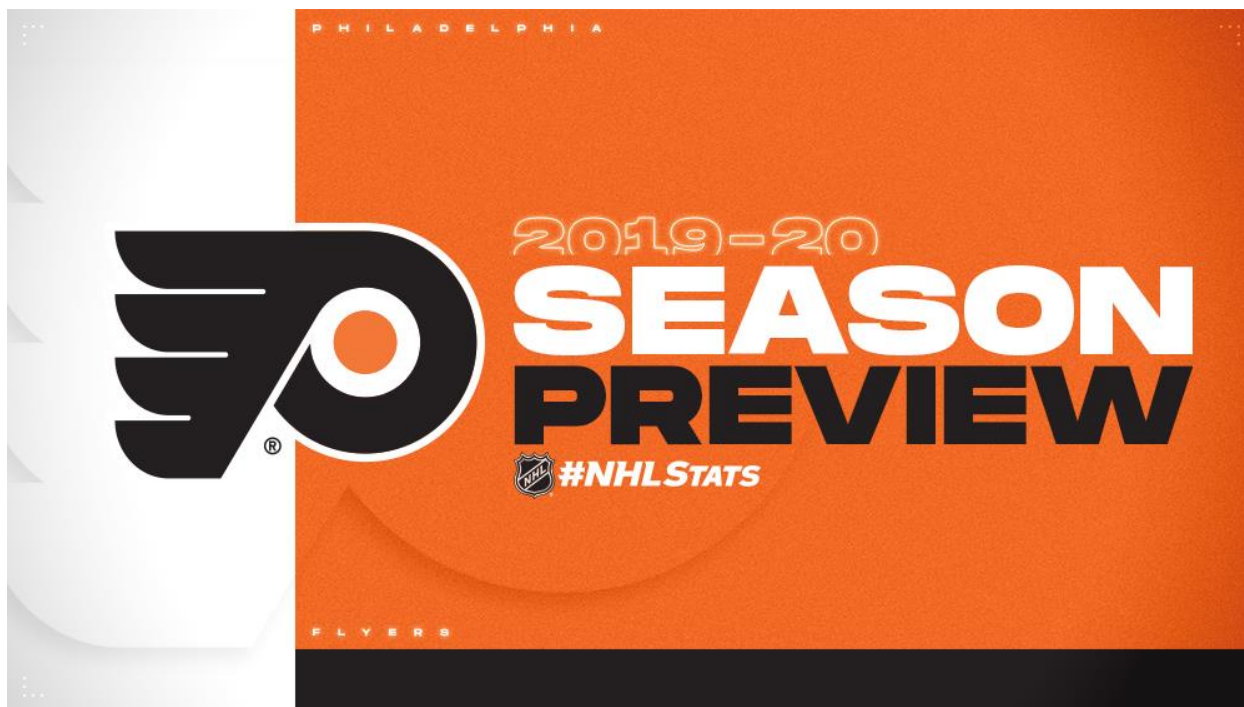


## Philadelphia Flyers 2019-20 Season Preview



### PHILADELPHIA FLYERS: TEAM LOOK-AHEAD

With new head coach **Alain Vigneault** behind the bench, the Flyers enter the 2019-20 season looking to clinch a berth in the Stanley Cup Playoffs for the second time in three seasons and advance past the opening round for the first time since 2012.

### SEASON-OPENING STATS

\* The Flyers have won each of their last three season-opening contests, outscoring opponents 14-7 including a 5-2 defeat of the Golden Knights to start 2018-19. They trail only the Lightning and Canucks for the longest active streak of season-opening victories (both 5-0-0).

### OFFENSIVE OUTLOOK

\* Fresh off his fourth season with at least 85 points, **Claude Giroux** (236-526—762 in 820 GP) sits 38 points shy of becoming the fourth player to record at least [800 points with the franchise](#).

\* **Jakub Voracek** (195-444—639 in 846 GP), who looks for a seventh 20-goal season, can become the second member of the 2007 NHL Draft class to collect at least 700 career points – **Patrick Kane** (356-582—938 in 903 GP) is the only one to hit the mark, while **Jamie Benn** (281-368—649 in 745 GP) sits just ahead of him.

\* **Sean Couturier** can join **Jeff Carter** (3; 2008-09—2010-11), **John LeClair** (5; 1995-96—1999-00) and Eric Lindros (4; 1995-96—1998-99) as just the fourth Flyers player in the last 25 years to record three straight 30-goal seasons.

\* **Shayne Gostisbehere** (46-141—187 in 298 GP) sits 13 points shy of reaching the 200-point milestone in his NHL career. Only one defenseman has debuted with the Flyers and reached the mark in 350 games or fewer: **Behn Wilson** (313 GP).



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### THE FUTURE IS NOW

\* The Flyers selected **Joel Farabee** with the 14th overall pick in the 2018 NHL Draft. He collected 17-19—36 in 37 GP with Boston University in 2018-19 en route to being named the NCAA (Hockey East) Rookie of the Year as well as the NCAA's Top Collegiate Rookie. Farabee will celebrate his 20th birthday on Feb. 25.

### BETWEEN THE PIPES

\* **Carter Hart**, 21, strung together wins in eight consecutive appearances from Jan. 14 – Feb. 9, 2019 en route to a 16-13-1 record in his rookie season (31 GP). He can become the second active goaltender to record 30 or more career regular-season wins before turning 22, in which he would join **Carey Price** (47).

### FIRST IMPRESSIONS

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

First game with the Flyers. . .

#### *SKATERS*

**Most goals:** 2 (6x; last: **Daniel Briere** on Oct. 4, 2007)

**Most assists:** 3 (**Al Hill** on Feb. 14, 1977 and **Paul Coffey** on Dec. 19, 1996)

**Most points:** 5 (**Al Hill** on Feb. 14, 1977)

#### *DEFENSEMEN*

**Most goals:** 1 (7x; last: **Derian Hatcher** on Oct. 14, 2005)

**Most assists:** 3 (**Paul Coffey** on Dec. 19, 1996)

**Most points:** 3 (**Paul Coffey** on Dec. 19, 1996 and **Eric Weinrich** on Oct. 4, 2001)

#### *GOALTENDERS*

**Most saves:** 42 (**Michel Belhumeur** on Nov. 15, 1972)

**Shutout:** Yes (4x; last: **Ray Emery** on Oct. 2, 2009)

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#### *SKATERS*

**Most goals:** 45 (**Reggie Leach** in 1974-75)

**Most assists:** 56 (**Peter Forsberg** in 2005-06)

**Most points:** 82 (**Mikael Renberg** in 1993-94)

#### *DEFENSEMEN*

**Most goals:** 20 (**Mark Howe** in 1982-83)

**Most assists:** 47 (**Mark Howe** in 1982-83)

**Most points:** 67 (**Mark Howe** in 1982-83)

#### *GOALTENDERS*

**Most wins:** 37 (**Ron Hextall** in 1986-87)

**Most Shutouts:** 10 (**Roman Cechmanek** in 2000-01)



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