

Aquilini Investment Group | Owner

Trevor Linden | President of hockey operations

\$700M

Forbes 2013 valuation
NHL rank: Fourth

19,770

Average 2013-14 attendance
NHL rank: Fifth



General manager
Jim Benning
VP player personnel, ass't GM
Lorne Henning
VP hockey operations, ass't GM
Laurence Gilman
Dir. of player development
Stan Smyl
Chief amateur scout
Ron Delorme

Head coach
Willie Desjardins
Assistant coaches
Glen Gulutzan
Doug Lidster
Roland Melanson (goalies)
Ben Cooper (video)
Roger Takahashi
(strength and conditioning)
Glenn Carnegie (skills)

\$66.96M

Current 2014-15 payroll
NHL rank: 13th

**2014-15
OUTLOOK**

On April 14, with the Vancouver Canucks logo splashed across the backdrop behind him, John Tortorella spoke like a man who suspected the end was near. The beleaguered coach seemed to speak with unusual candor, even by his standards, especially when asked if the team's roster needed "freshening."

The Canucks had failed to qualify for the playoffs for the first time in six years, just three seasons after the franchise lost Game 7 of the Stanley Cup final at home. Injuries hit hard, production plummeted and controversy took hold off the ice.

"I felt from Day One that it's stale," Tortorella said, during a lengthy season-ending news conference. "That's not their fault. This is a group that has been together for a long time. It's stale. It needs youth. It needs a change."

Canucks general manager Mike Gillis had been fired a week earlier. And two weeks after his media address — "I don't coach to keep my job, I'm not going to go into any meeting to try to save my job" — Tortorella was also sent away.

New team president Trevor Linden swept through the leadership ranks, but he left the core of the roster, that allegedly stale group of players, largely in place. Henrik Sedin and Daniel Sedin turned 34 years old last month, a combined age of 68 for the fraternal forwards who were held to only 97 points last season.

Alex Burrows (33 years old) and Chris Higgins (31) are still among the leading forwards, too. The Canucks signed winger Radim Vrba to a two-year deal in July with the aim of having him play alongside the Sedins. Vrba is 33.

The other notable shake-ups: Signing goaltender Ryan Miller to a three-year contract and trading disgruntled centre Ryan Kesler to the Anaheim Ducks. Vancouver acquired centre Nick Bonino, defence-man Luca Sbis and a pair of draft picks in exchange.

Bonino should slot in on the second line, with Sbis likely playing third-pairing minutes on defence. Will that be enough to shake an allegedly stale core out of its malaise, or will the Canucks ultimately have to follow the path of the other Western Canadian teams and enter a full rebuild?

"We want to win and we don't look at this as a rebuild or anything," Daniel Sedin told The Canadian Press last month. "I think we have deep team and we have a team that can make the playoffs, and anything can happen there."

Vancouver was one of the lowest-scoring teams in the league last year, producing only 140 goals at five-on-five. The teams with fewer goals — Edmonton, New Jersey and Buffalo — also missed the playoffs. Two of them missed the playoffs in the Eastern Conference, which should probably count twice considering the strength of schedule in the West.

"The team is trending, it's getting older," Tortorella said during his the news conference in April. "It's the truth of what's going on. For us ... to get back to being competitive for a long time, you may have to slide sideways and find your way as far as a little bit of a rebuild."

Sean Fitz-Gerald, *National Post*

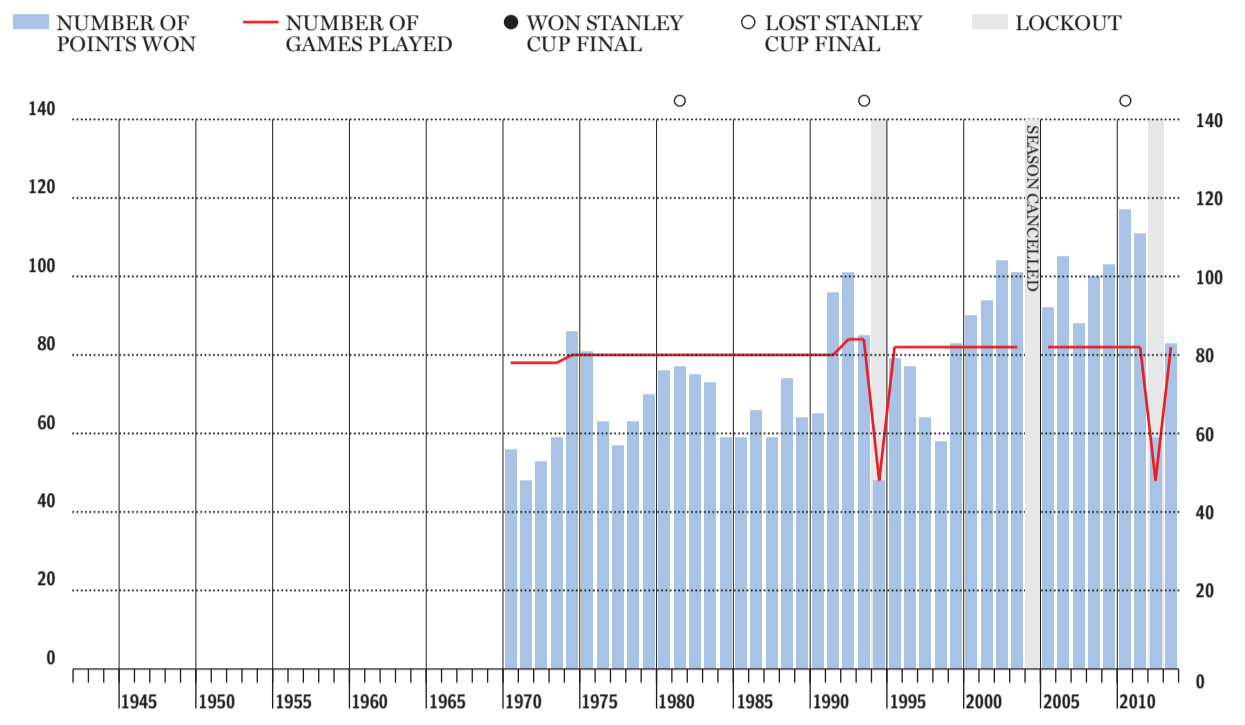
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VANCOUVER CANUCKS YEARBOOK

2013-14 | 83 points (36-35-11), fifth in Pacific | 2.33 goals per game (28th); 2.53 goals allowed per game (14th)
0.93 5-on-5 goal ratio (21st) | **15.2%** power play (26th); **83.2%** penalty kill (9th) | **+2.4** shot differential per game (8th)
2013-14 post-season | Did not qualify

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SOURCE: HOCKEY-REFERENCE.COM

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Ryan Miller

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DEPTH CHART

LEFT WING					CENTRE					RIGHT WING				
GP	G	A	TOI	GP	G	A	TOI	GP	G	A	TOI			
Daniel Sedin	73	16	31	20:36	Henrik Sedin	70	11	39	20:40	Radim Vrba*	80	20	31	17:57
Chris Higgins	78	17	22	19:10	Nick Bonino*	77	22	27	16:14	Alex Burrows	49	5	10	17:49
Brad Richardson	73	11	12	14:54	Linden Vey*	18	0	5	12:08	Zack Kassian	73	14	15	12:56
Derek Dorsett	51	4	4	11:02	Shawn Matthias†	18	3	4	15:35	Jannik Hansen	71	11	9	15:40
DEFENCE					GOAL									
GP	G	A	TOI	GP	G	A	TOI	GP	GAA	SV%	SO			
Alex Edler	63	7	15	23:17	Chris Tanev	64	6	11	20:44	Ryan Miller*	59	2.64	.918	1
Dan Hamhuis	79	5	17	23:57	Kevin Biaksa	76	4	20	22:46	Eddie Lack	41	2.41	.912	4
Luca Sbis*	30	1	5	17:03	Ryan Stanton	64	1	16	14:43					

DEPTH PLAYERS				ROOKIE WATCH			
LW Tom Sestito	RW Nicklas Jensen	D Yannick Weber	D Frank Corrado	LW Hunter Shinkaruk	C Bo Horvat		

* Acquired in off-season, stats are with previous team; † acquired during 2013-14 season, stats are with Vancouver only

**FRANCHISE
RECORDS**

GAMES PLAYED, CAREER

- 1. Trevor Linden | 1988-98, 2001-08 1,140
- 2. Henrik Sedin | 2000-14 1,010
- 3. Daniel Sedin | 2000-14 979

GOALS, CAREER

- 1. Markus Naslund | 1995-2008 346
- 2. Trevor Linden | 1988-98, 2001-08 318
- 3. Daniel Sedin | 2000-14 307

GOALS, SEASON

60

Pavel Bure | 1992-93
Pavel Bure | 1993-94

ASSISTS, CAREER

- 1. Henrik Sedin | 2000-14 649
- 2. Daniel Sedin | 2000-14 498
- 3. Trevor Linden | 1988-98, 2001-08 415

ASSISTS, SEASON

83

Henrik Sedin | 2009-10

POINTS, CAREER

- 1. Henrik Sedin | 2000-14 842
- 2. Daniel Sedin | 2000-14 805
- 3. Markus Naslund | 1995-2008 756

POINTS, SEASON

112

Henrik Sedin | 2009-10

PLUS-MINUS, SEASON

+36

Christian Ehrhoff | 2009-10
Daniel Sedin | 2009-10

PENALTY MINUTES, SEASON

372

Donald Brashear | 1997-98

GOALIE WINS, CAREER

- 1. Roberto Luongo | 2006-14 252
- 2. Kirk McLean | 1987-98 211
- 3. Richard Brodeur | 1980-88 126

GOALIE WINS, SEASON

47

Roberto Luongo | 2006-07

GOALS AGAINST AVERAGE, CAREER

- 1. Cory Schneider | 2008-13 2.20
- 2. Roberto Lunogo | 2006-14 2.36
- 3. Dan Cloutier | 2001-06 2.42

GOALS AGAINST AVERAGE, SEASON

1.96

Cory Schneider | 2011-12

SAVE PCT., CAREER

- 1. Cory Schneider | 2008-13 .927
- 2. Roberto Lunogo | 2006-14 .919
- 3. Alex Auld | 2001-06 .907

SAVE PCT., SEASON

.936

Cory Schneider | 2011-12

Sources: Hockey-Reference.com, Canucks.NHL.com, NHL.com, Forbes.com, Caggeek.com

SCHEDULE

All times Pacific

Oct. 8	at Calgary, 7 p.m.	SN, TVA2	Nov. 20	Anaheim, 7 p.m.	SN-Cnks	Jan. 13	at Nashville, 5 p.m.	SN-P	March 1	St. Louis, 7 p.m.	SN-P
Oct. 11	Edmonton, 7 p.m.	HNIC, TVA2	Nov. 23	Chicago, 7 p.m.	SN-P	Jan. 15	at Philadelphia, 4 p.m.	SN-P	March 3	San Jose, 7 p.m.	SN-P
Oct. 17	at Edmonton, 6:30 p.m.	SN-Cnks	Nov. 25	New Jersey, 7 p.m.	SN-P	Jan. 16	at Carolina, 4 p.m.	SN	March 5	at Arizona, 6 p.m.	SN-P
Oct. 18	Tampa Bay, 7 p.m.	HNIC, TVA2	Nov. 28	at Columbus, 4 p.m.	SN-P	Jan. 19	at Florida, 4:30 p.m.	SN	March 7	at San Jose, 7 p.m.	HNIC
Oct. 21	at Dallas, 5:30 p.m.	SN-Cnks	Nov. 30	at Detroit, 11 a.m.	CITY, TVA	Jan. 20	at Tampa Bay, 4:30 p.m.	SN-P, TVA	March 9	Anaheim, 7 p.m.	SN-P
Oct. 23	at St. Louis, 5 p.m.	SN-Cnks	Dec. 2	at Washington, 4 p.m.	SN-P	Jan. 27	Anaheim, 7 p.m.	SN-P	March 12	Los Angeles, 7 p.m.	SN-P
Oct. 24	at Colorado, 6 p.m.	SN1, TVA2	Dec. 4	at Pittsburgh, 4 p.m.	SN360	Jan. 30	Buffalo, 7 p.m.	SN-P	March 14	Toronto, 4 p.m.	HNIC
Oct. 26	Washington, 7 p.m.	SN-Cnks	Dec. 6	at Toronto, 4 p.m.	HNIC	Feb. 1	Minnesota, 12:30 p.m.	SN-P	March 17	Philadelphia, 7 p.m.	SN-P
Oct. 28	Carolina, 7 p.m.	SN-Cnks	Dec. 7	at Ottawa, 4 p.m.	CITY, TVA	Feb. 3	Winnipeg, 7 p.m.	SN-P, TSN3	March 19	Columbus, 7 p.m.	SN-P
Oct. 30	Montreal, 7 p.m.	SN360, RDS	Dec. 9	at Montreal, 4:30 p.m.	SN-P, SN-E, RDS	Feb. 5	San Jose, 7 p.m.	SN-P	March 21	at Los Angeles, 1 p.m.	SN-P
Nov. 1	at Edmonton, 7 p.m.	HNIC, TVA	Dec. 13	NY Rangers, 7 p.m.	HNIC	Feb. 7	Pittsburgh, 7 p.m.	HNIC	March 22	at Arizona, 5 p.m.	CITY
Nov. 2	Nashville, 7 p.m.	SN-P	Dec. 17	Dallas, 7 p.m.	SN	Feb. 9	at Minnesota, 5 p.m.	SN-P	March 24	Winnipeg, 7 p.m.	SN
Nov. 4	at Colorado, 6 p.m.	SN-P	Dec. 20	Calgary, 7 p.m.	HNIC	Feb. 11	at Chicago, 5 p.m.	SN	March 26	Colorado, 7 p.m.	SN-P
Nov. 6	at San Jose, 7:30 p.m.	SN360	Dec. 22	Arizona, 7 p.m.	SN-P	Feb. 13	Boston, 7 p.m.	SN-P	March 28	Dallas, 7 p.m.	HNIC
Nov. 8	at Los Angeles, 7 p.m.	HNIC, TVA2	Dec. 28	at Anaheim, 5 p.m.	CITY, TVA	Feb. 14	at Calgary, 7 p.m.	HNIC, TVA2	March 30	at St. Louis, 5 p.m.	SN-P
Nov. 9	at Anaheim, 5 p.m.	CITY	Dec. 30	at San Jose, 7 p.m.	SN-P	Feb. 16	Minnesota, 7 p.m.	SN-P	March 31	at Nashville, 5 p.m.	SN-P
Nov. 11	Ottawa, 7 p.m.	SN-P, TSN5, RDS	Jan. 1	Los Angeles, 7 p.m.	SN	Feb. 19	at NY Rangers, 4 p.m.	SN-P, TVA	April 2	at Chicago, 5:30 p.m.	SN-P
Nov. 14	Arizona, 7 p.m.	SN-P	Jan. 3	Detroit, 7 p.m.	HNIC, TVA2	Feb. 20	at New Jersey, 4 p.m.	SN-P	April 4	at Winnipeg, noon	SN-P, TSN3
Nov. 19	at Edmonton, 5 p.m.	SN	Jan. 6	NY Islanders, 7 p.m.	SN-P	Feb. 22	at NY Islanders, 3 p.m.	CITY	April 6	Los Angeles, 7 p.m.	SN-P
			Jan. 8	Florida, 7 p.m.	SN-P	Feb. 24	at Boston, 4 p.m.	SN-P, SN-O	April 9	Arizona, 7 p.m.	SN-P
			Jan. 10	Calgary, 7 p.m.	HNIC	Feb. 26	at Buffalo, 4 p.m.	SN-P	April 11	Edmonton, 7 p.m.	HNIC

National telecasts 15 Hockey Night in Canada (station to be announced) | 8 Sportsnet | 3 SN 360 | 1 SN One | 6 CITY | 13 TVA/TVA2
Regional telecasts 43 SN Pacific | 6 SN Canucks | 1 SN East | 1 SN Oilers | 2 TSN3 | 1 TSN5 | 3 RDS (blackouts may apply)

72,699 Travel kilometres (6th) | 12 Back-to-back game sets
Source: Dirk Hoag's Super Schedule