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Jeffrey J. McCaig, Clayton H. Riddell, Byron J. Seaman | Owners**

\$420M
Forbes 2013 valuation
NHL rank: 11th

19,302
Average 2013-14 attendance
NHL rank: Seventh

\$54.64M
Current 2014-15 payroll
NHL rank: 30th



Ken King | President and CEO
Brian Burke | President of hockey operations
General manager
Brad Treliving
Senior VP, assistant GM
Michael Holditch
Assistant general managers
Craig Conroy, Brad Pascall
Dir. of hockey administration
Mike Burke
Director of video analysis
Chris Snow
Head coach
Bob Hartley
Assistant coaches
Jacques Cloutier
Martin Gelinas
Jordan Sigalet (goalies)
Jamie Pringle (sr. video analyst)
Director of scouting
Tod Button

2014-15 OUTLOOK

It's hard to accurately gauge where the Calgary Flames are situated on their road map to relevance. Objects in the mirror may be closer than they appear. Or further.

The NHL-level veteran forwards on the roster would make a great bunch of third lines on better teams. They have their moments, like closing last season with 13 wins in 23 games in March and April. But this is mostly the same team that earned 77 points last season but without 26-goal scorer Mike Cammalleri, who went to New Jersey as a free agent.

The defence corps is solid enough, led by captain Mark Giordano, who would be a warrior star in a bigger market or on a more talented team. The arrival of Jonas Hiller from Anaheim will put a solid, reliable NHL goalie in net most nights.

The part of the Flames' rebuild that's hard to calibrate right now is the degree to which their growing crop of young talent will contribute at the NHL level.

Sean Monahan has already taken over as the centre on the No. 1 line after scoring 22 goals last season and dedicating himself over the summer to adding strength to his frame. The coaching staff noticed.

"He just said I look like a man," Monahan told The Canadian Press of coach Bob Hartley's reaction at the beginning of training camp. "I worked hard this summer so I think it's paid off."

Monahan, the No. 6 pick in the 2013 draft, turns 20 in a couple of weeks, but he's already entrenched as a cornerstone of this renovation. It's the players drafted before and after him who remain works in progress.

Sven Baertschi, the first-round pick in 2011, is in the last season of his three-year rookie contract without yet making a meaningful contribution in the NHL. Before last season, Flames president Brian Burke surmised he saw a "lack of commitment" in Baertschi's game, especially on the defensive side. Still, he started last season in Calgary, played 26 games with a couple of healthy scratches thrown in, and was sent back to the American Hockey League on the same day general manager Jay Feaster was fired.

Baertschi's offensive skill seems unquestioned. Will he be ready to play enough defence to stick around for the whole season? The arrival of left-wingers Mason Raymond and Brandon Bollig seems to indicate the Flames are willing to wait some more. Raymond's groin injury and Bollig's uninspired camp indicates Baertschi might be needed sooner.

The rest of the ready-to-emerge rookie crop — 2011 second-rounder Markus Granlund, 2011 fourth-rounder Johnny Gaudreau, and 2014 first-rounder Sam Bennett — looks quite promising. Bennett, in particular, is making a case for a nine-game NHL tryout before the Flames have to make a decision about whether to send him back to junior. Gaudreau, the diminutive spitfire who is in his first full pro season after college, may have leaped ahead of Baertschi on the left-wing chart. Could he push veterans like Raymond and Bollig down to the third and fourth lines?

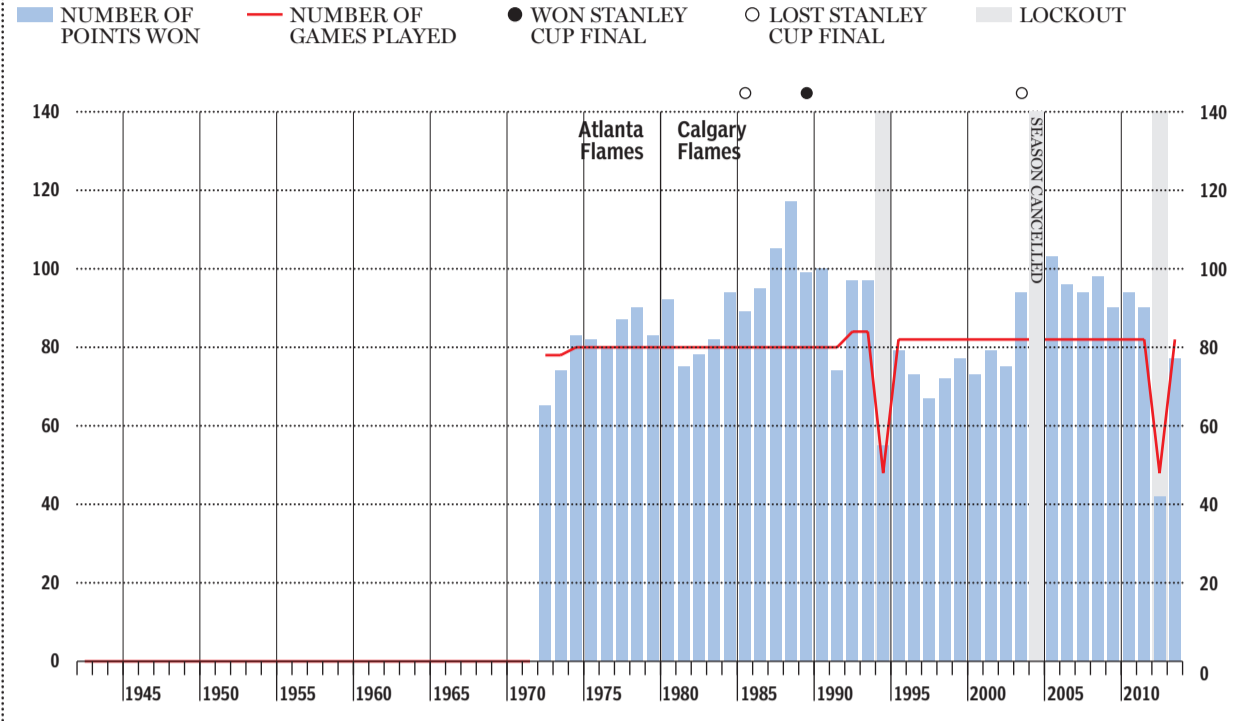
Are any of them ready to make the leap forward, to push aside the less talented but more reliable veterans? Which objects in the mirror are gaining or falling back? That's the question for Burke's new management team and for coach Bob Hartley.

Guy Spurrer, National Post

CALGARY FLAMES YEARBOOK

2013-14 | 77 points (35-40-7), sixth in Pacific | 2.46 goals per game (23rd); 2.90 goals allowed per game (24th)
0.80 5-on-5 goal ratio (28th) | 15.7% power play (24th); 81.7% penalty kill (18th) | -1.8 shot differential per game (23rd)
2013-14 post-season | Did not qualify

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DEPTH CHART

LEFT WING					CENTRE					RIGHT WING				
GP	G	A	TOI		GP	G	A	TOI		GP	G	A	TOI	
Curtis Glencross	38	12	12	17:37	Sean Monahan	75	22	12	15:59	Jiri Hudler	75	17	37	18:51
Mason Raymond*	82	19	26	17:20	Mikael Backlund	76	18	21	18:32	Lance Bouma	78	5	10	12:36
Johnny Gaudreau	1	1	0	15:11	Joe Colborne	80	10	18	14:16	Paul Byron	47	7	14	14:27
Brandon Bollig*	82	7	7	10:17	Matt Stajan	63	14	19	18:22	Brian McGrattan	76	4	4	6:43
DEFENCE					GOAL									
GP	G	A	TOI		GP	GAA	SV%	SO						
Mark Giordano	64	14	33	25:14	T.J. Brodie	81	4	27	24:04	Jonas Hiller*	50	2.48	.911	5
Ladislav Smid†	56	1	5	18:12	Dennis Wideman	46	4	17	22:42	Karri Ramo	40	2.65	.911	2
Kris Russell	68	7	22	23:08	Deryk Engelland*	56	6	6	13:03	Joni Ortio	9	2.51	.891	0
DEPTH PLAYERS					ROOKIE WATCH									
RW David Jones, RW Devin Setoguchi, D Raphael Diaz, D Corey Potter					Gaudreau, C Sam Bennett, C Markus Granlund									
Minors: LW Sven Baertschi														

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

FRANCHISE RECORDS

- GAMES PLAYED, CAREER**
- Jarome Iginla | 1996-2013 | 826
 - Robyn Regehr | 1999-2011 | 803
 - Al MacInnis | 1981-94
- GOALS, CAREER**
- Jarome Iginla | 1996-2013 | 525
 - Theoren Fleury | 1988-99 | 364
 - Joe Nieuwendyk | 1986-95 | 314
- GOALS, SEASON**
- 66**
Lanny McDonald | 1982-83
- ASSISTS, CAREER**
- Al MacInnis | 1981-94 | 609
 - Jarome Iginla | 1996-2013 | 570
 - Theoren Fleury | 1988-99 | 466
- ASSISTS, SEASON**
- 82**
Kent Nilsson | 1980-81
- POINTS, CAREER**
- Jarome Iginla | 1996-2013 | 1,095
 - Theoren Fleury | 1988-99 | 830
 - Al MacInnis | 1981-94 | 822
- POINTS, SEASON**
- 131**
Kent Nilsson | 1980-81
- PLUS-MINUS, SEASON**
- +51**
Joe Mullen | 1988-89
- PENALTY MINUTES, SEASON**
- 375**
Tim Hunter | 1988-89
- GOALIE WINS, CAREER**
- Miikka Kiprusoff | 2003-13 | 305
 - Mike Vernon | 1982-94, 2000-02 | 262
 - Dan Bouchard | 1972-81 | 168
- GOALIE WINS, SEASON**
- 45**
Miikka Kiprusoff | 2008-09
- GOALS AGAINST AVERAGE, CAREER**
- Miikka Kiprusoff | 2003-13 | 2.46
 - Roman Turek | 2001-04 | 2.53
 - Fred Brathwaite | 1998-2001 | 2.54
- GOALS AGAINST AVERAGE, SEASON**
- 1.69**
Miikka Kiprusoff | 2003-04
- SAVE PCT., CAREER**
- Miikka Kiprusoff | 2003-13 | .913
 - Fred Brathwaite | 1998-2001 | .909
 - Roman Turek | 2001-04 | .906
- SAVE PCT., SEASON**
- .933**
Miikka Kiprusoff | 2003-04
- Sources: NHL.com, Flames.NHL.com, Hockey-Reference.com, Forbes.com, Capgeek.com
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SCHEDULE All times Mountain

Oct. 8	Vancouver, 8 p.m.	SN, TVA2	Nov. 18	Anaheim, 7 p.m.	SN-W	Jan. 7	Detroit, 7:30 p.m.	SN	Feb. 27	at NY Islanders, 5 p.m.	SN-W
Oct. 9	at Edmonton, 7:30 p.m.	SN360	Nov. 20	Chicago, 7 p.m.	SN-Flm	Jan. 9	Florida, 7 p.m.	SN1	March 3	at Philadelphia, 5 p.m.	SN-W, TVA
Oct. 11	at St. Louis, 5 p.m.	SN360	Nov. 22	New Jersey, 8 p.m.	HNIC	Jan. 10	at Vancouver, 8 p.m.	HNIC	March 5	at Boston, 5 p.m.	SN-W
Oct. 14	at Nashville, 6 p.m.	SN360	Nov. 25	at Anaheim, 8 p.m.	SN-W	Jan. 15	at Arizona, 7 p.m.	SN-W	March 6	at Detroit, 5:30 p.m.	SN-W, TVA2
Oct. 15	at Chicago, 6 p.m.	SN	Nov. 26	at San Jose, 8:30 p.m.	SN-W	Jan. 17	at San Jose, 8 p.m.	HNIC	March 8	at Ottawa, 5 p.m.	CITY, TVA
Oct. 17	at Columbus, 5 p.m.	SN-Flm	Nov. 29	at Arizona, 8 p.m.	HNIC	Jan. 19	at Los Angeles, 8:30 p.m.	SN	March 11	Anaheim, 7:30 p.m.	SN-W
Oct. 19	at Winnipeg, 5 p.m.	CITY	Dec. 2	Arizona, 7 p.m.	SN-W	Jan. 21	at Anaheim, 8 p.m.	SN-W	March 13	Toronto, 6 p.m.	SN-W, TSN4
Oct. 21	Tampa Bay, 7 p.m.	SN-Flm	Dec. 4	Colorado, 7 p.m.	SN1, TVA2	Jan. 27	Buffalo, 7 p.m.	SN-W	March 14	at Colorado, 8 p.m.	HNIC, TVA2
Oct. 23	Carolina, 7 p.m.	SN-Flm	Dec. 6	San Jose, 8 p.m.	HNIC	Jan. 29	Minnesota, 7 p.m.	SN-W	March 17	St. Louis, 7 p.m.	SN-W
Oct. 25	Washington, 8 p.m.	HNIC, TVA2	Dec. 9	at Toronto, 5:30 p.m.	SN-W, TSN4	Jan. 31	Edmonton, 8 p.m.	HNIC, TVA	March 19	Philadelphia, 7 p.m.	SN-W
Oct. 28	Montreal, 7 p.m.	SN-Flm, RDS	Dec. 11	at Buffalo, 5 p.m.	SN-Flm	Feb. 2	Winnipeg, 7 p.m.	SN-W, TSN3	March 21	Columbus, 2 p.m.	SN-W
Oct. 31	Nashville, 7 p.m.	SN-W	Dec. 12	at Pittsburgh, 5 p.m.	SN-W, TVA	Feb. 4	San Jose, 8 p.m.	SN1	March 23	Colorado, 7 p.m.	SN-Flm
Nov. 2	at Montreal, 5 p.m.	CITY, RDS	Dec. 14	at Chicago, 6 p.m.	CITY	Feb. 6	Pittsburgh, 7 p.m.	SN-W	March 25	Dallas, 8 p.m.	SN1
Nov. 4	at Washington, 5 p.m.	SN-W	Dec. 16	NY Rangers, 7 p.m.	SN-Flm	Feb. 9	at San Jose, 8:30 p.m.	SN-W	March 27	at Minnesota, 6 p.m.	SN-W
Nov. 6	at Tampa Bay, 5:30 p.m.	SN-Flm	Dec. 19	Dallas, 7 p.m.	SN-W	Feb. 12	at Los Angeles, 8:30 p.m.	SN-W	March 29	at Nashville, 3 p.m.	SN-W
Nov. 8	at Florida, 1 p.m.	SN-W	Dec. 20	at Vancouver, 8 p.m.	HNIC	Feb. 14	Vancouver, 8 p.m.	HNIC, TVA2	March 30	at Dallas, 6:30 p.m.	SN-W
Nov. 10	at Carolina, 5 p.m.	SN-W	Dec. 22	at Los Angeles, 8:30 p.m.	SN-W	Feb. 16	Boston, 7 p.m.	SN-W	April 2	at St. Louis, 6 p.m.	SN-W
Nov. 13	Arizona, 7 p.m.	SN-Flm	Dec. 27	Edmonton, 8 p.m.	HNIC	Feb. 18	Minnesota, 7:30 p.m.	SN1	April 4	at Edmonton, 8 p.m.	HNIC
Nov. 15	Ottawa, 8 p.m.	HNIC, TVA2	Dec. 29	Los Angeles, 7 p.m.	SN-W	Feb. 20	Anaheim, 7 p.m.	SN-W	April 7	Arizona, 7 p.m.	SN-Flm
			Dec. 31	Edmonton, 7:30 p.m.	SN	Feb. 24	at NY Rangers, 5 p.m.	SN-W	April 9	Los Angeles, 7 p.m.	SN-W
			Jan. 2	NY Islanders, 7 p.m.	SN1	Feb. 25	at New Jersey, 5:30 p.m.	SN	April 11	at Winnipeg, 1 p.m.	SN-W, TSN3

National telecasts 13 Hockey Night in Canada (HNIC, station to be announced) | 6 Sportsnet | 3 SN 360 | 6 SN One | 4 CITY | 11 TVA/TVA2
Regional telecasts 39 SN West | 11 SN Flames | 2 TSN3 | 2 TSN4 | 2 RDS (blackouts may apply)
62,561 Travel kilometres (17th) | **10** Back-to-back game sets
 Source: Dirk Hoag's Super Schedule