Maple Leaf Sports and Entertainment | Owner

\$1.15B

Forbes 2013 valuation NHL rank: First

19,446

Average 2013-14 attendance

NHL rank: Sixth

\$69.25M

Current 2014-15 payroll NHL rank: Sixth *Must be under \$69M by today



Brendan Shanahan | President

Senior VP, general manager **Dave Nonis** Assistant general manager **Kyle Dubas** Assistant to the general mgr. **Brandon Pridham** Dir. of player development **Jim Hughes** Dir., hockey/scouting admin.

Reid Mitchell

Head coach **Randy Carlyle** $Assistant\ coaches$ **Peter Horachek Steve Spott Chris Dennis Rick St. Croix** (goalies) Scouting directors **Dave Morrison** (amateur) **Steve Kasper** (pro)

2014-15 OUTLOOK

The poster boy for the 2014-15 version of the Toronto Maple Leafs is a baby-faced forward who stands 5-foot-8 and 167 pounds. He can skate and has the skill to play on the second line. He is precisely the kind of player who, in previous years, would not have been given an opportunity.

But this year is different. And the addition of Brandon Kozun is proof

"I think it would be somewhat of a surprise to pretend ... that a 24-year-old who spent three-quarters of the season with the Marlies is able to jump into the NHL," said head coach Randy Carlyle. "Now the true test is going to come.'

Not just for Kozun, but also for the Leafs.

After bombing out at the end of last season, this is a much different Toronto team. The Leafs have gone all-in and embraced advanced analytics, which showed last season that the Leafs' would be unable to maintain their early success. They enter the season without a true enforcer, have a fourth line that looks more like a third line and plan on giving more responsibility to players who can skate and carry the

"We feel that we have a group that can skate. But they have to get the puck," Carlyle said. "We have to make sure we work hard enough to take time and space from the opposition who has the puck to take it back and transition ... We probably have a great number of players that fit that mold than before."

Will paying attention to Corsi and zone starts change the Leafs' fortunes? Well, you cannot end a 47-year-old championship drought overnight. But with a watered-down Eastern Conference, the Leafs should at least be competing for one of the bottom-end playoff spots.

Once again, it will come down to an offence that is built around Phil Kessel (80 points) and James van Riemsdyk (61 points), a goaltending duo that had a combined .918 save percentage and a defence that is older and more experienced. Of those three factors, the latter received the biggest upgrade.

Free-agent acquisition Stéphane Robidas provides a veteran presence (ne is 37 years old) and — unlike Carl Gunnarsson — should take ease of the load of hard minutes demanded of captain Dion Phaneuf. Meanwhile, the Leafs hope that Roman Polak can become the physical, stay-at-home defenceman that Tim Gleason, Mike Komisarek, Ryan O'Byrne and Jeff Finger were not. But the biggest X-factor could come from the kids, where 20-yearold Morgan Rielly, 22-year-old Stuart Percy and 24-year-old Jake Gardiner all have the ability to play keep-away with the puck.

"If we're able to keep teams hemmed in, that's going to help us a lot," Rielly said of the team's new defensive approach. "Hold our red line and hold our blue line. That's the goal so that teams are not able to chip it in. I think we're going to be a

If not, you can't say the Leafs didn't try something new. $Michael\ Traikos,\ National\ Post$

lot better with that this year."

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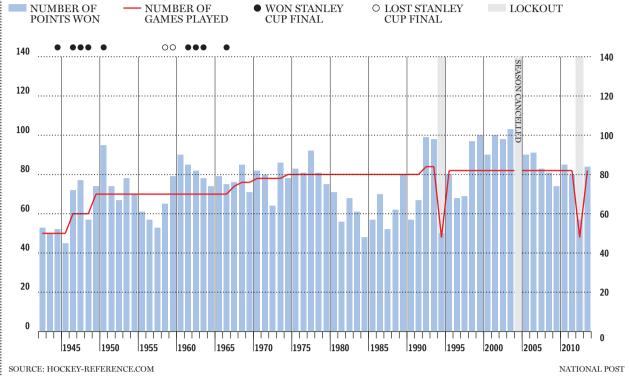
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TORONTO MAPLE LEAFS YEARBOOK

2013-14 | 84 points (38-36-8), sixth in Atlantic | 2.71 goals per game (14th); 3.07 goals allowed per game (26th) 0.92 5-on-5 goal ratio (22nd) | 19.8% power play (6th); 78.4% penalty kill (28th) | -8.0 shot differential per game (T29th) 2013-14 post-season | Did not qualify

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GOAL

ROOKIE WATCH

Kozun, Percy, Leivo

DEPTH CHART

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TOI

Phil Kessel

Brandon Kozun†

David Clarkson

Jonathan Bernier

James Reimer

Matt Frattin*

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| Lupul | 69 | 22 | 22 | 18:28 | |

LEFT WING

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Dion Phaneuf

Jake Gardiner

Roman Polak*

TSN4

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| Joffrey Lupul | 69 | 22 | 22 | 18:28 | Nazem Kadı |
| Leo Komarov^ | 52 | 12 | 22 | n/a | Mike Santor |
| Daniel Winnik* | 76 | 6 | 24 | 15:23 | Peter Hollar |

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| n/a | Mike Santorelli* | 49 | 10 | 18 | 18:34 | |
| 18:28 | nazem Kadri | 18 | 20 | 30 | 17:23 | |

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| 23:34 | Stéphane Robidas* | 38 | 5 | 5 | 20:10 |
| 21:05 | Morgan Rielly | 73 | 2 | 25 | 17:37 |
| 17:20 | Stuart Percy† | 71 | 4 | 21 | n/a |

DEPTH PLAYERS

LW Carter Ashton, RW Troy Bodie; Injured: LW David Booth, RW Josh Leivo, D Cody Franson; AHL: LW Frazer McLaren, RW Colton Orr, D Korbinian Holzer

* Acquired in off-season, stats are with previous team; † rookies, 2013-14 stats are from AHL; ^ 2013-14 stats from KHL

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FRANCHISERECORDS

Season records are from beginning of Original Six era (1942-present)

GAMES PLAYED, CAREER

1. George Armstrong | 1949-71 1,187 **2.** Tim Horton | 1949-70 1,185 3. Borje Salming | 1973-89 1,099

GOALS, CAREER

1. Mats Sundin | 1994-2008 420 2. Darryl Sittler | 1970-82 3. Dave Keon | 1960-75

GOALS, SEASON

Rick Vaive | 1981-82

ASSISTS, CAREER 1. Borje Salming | 1973-89

620

527

916

858

219

160

2. Mats Sundin | 1994-2008 3. Darryl Sittler | 1970-82

ASSISTS, SEASON

Doug Gilmour | 1992-93 POINTS, CAREER

1. Mats Sundin | 1994-2008 2. Darryl Sittler | 1970-82

3. Dave Keon | 1960-75

POINTS, SEASON

Doug Gilmour | 1992-93

PLUS-MINUS, SEASON

+47 Ian Turnbull | 1976-77

PENALTY MINUTES, SEASON

Tie Domi | 1997-98

GOALIE WINS, CAREER

1. Turk Broda | 1936-52 2. Johnny Bower | 1958-70 3. Felix Potvin | 1991-99

GOALIE WINS, SEASON

37 Ed Belfour | 2002-03

Andrew Raycroft | 2006-07

GOALS AGAINST AVERAGE, **CAREER** 1. Al Rollins | 1949-52

2. Lorne Chabot | 1928-33

3. Harry Lumley | 1952-56

GOALS AGAINST AVERAGE,

SEASON

Al Rollins | 1950-51

SAVE PCT.. CAREER

1. James Reimer | 2010-14

.914 2. Ed Belfour | 2002-06 .912 3. Curtis Joseph | 1998-2002, 2008-09

SAVE PCT., SEASON

Sources: Hockey-Reference.com, MapleLeafs.NHL.com, NHL.com, Forbes.com, Capgeek.com

SCHEDIII

| SCH | EDULE | All times Eastern |
|---------|------------------------|-------------------|
| Oct. 8 | Montreal, 7 p.m. | SN, TVA |
| Oct. 11 | Pittsburgh, 7 p.m. | HNIC |
| Oct. 12 | at NY Rangers, 7 p.m. | CITY, TVA |
| Oct. 14 | Colorado, 7:30 p.m. | TSN4, TVA |
| Oct. 17 | Detroit, 7:30 p.m. | SN-O |
| Oct. 18 | at Detroit, 7 p.m. | HNIC |
| Oct. 21 | at NY Islanders, 7 p.m | ı. TSN4 |
| Oct. 22 | at Ottawa, 7 p.m. | SN360, SN1, TVA |
| Oct. 25 | Boston, 7 p.m. | HNIC |
| Oct. 28 | Buffalo, 7:30 p.m. | TSN4 |
| Oct. 31 | at Columbus, 7 p.m. | SN-O |
| Nov. 1 | Chicago, 7 p.m. | HNIC |
| Nov. 4 | at Arizona, 9 p.m. | SN-O |
| Nov. 6 | at Colorado, 9 p.m. | TSN4 |
| Nov. 8 | NY Rangers, 7 p.m. | HNIC |
| Nov. 12 | Boston, 8 p.m. | SN, TVA |
| Nov. 14 | Pittsburgh, 7:30 p.m. | TSN4, TVA |
| Nov. 15 | at Buffalo. 7 p.m. | HNIC |

Nashville, 7:30 p.m.

| Nov. 20 | Tampa Bay, 7:30 p.m. | TSN |
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| Nov. 22 | Detroit, 7 p.m. | HNIC |
| Nov. 26 | at Pittsburgh, 7:30 p.m. | SN, TV |
| Nov. 29 | Washington, 7 p.m. | HNIC |
| Dec. 2 | Dallas, 7:30 p.m. | TSN |
| Dec. 4 | New Jersey, 7:30 p.m. | TSN |
| Dec. 6 | Vancouver, 7 p.m. | HNIC |
| Dec. 9 | Calgary, 7:30 p.m. | TSN4, SN-V |
| Dec. 10 | at Detroit, 8 p.m. | SN, TV |
| Dec. 13 | Detroit, 7 p.m. | HNIC, TV |
| Dec. 14 | Los Angeles, 5 p.m. | SN-O, TV |
| Dec. 16 | Anaheim, 7:30 p.m. | TSN4, TV |
| Dec. 18 | at Carolina, 7 p.m. | TSN |
| Dec. 20 | Philadelphia, 7 p.m. | HNIC |
| Dec. 21 | at Chicago, 7 p.m. | CITY, TV |
| Dec. 23 | at Dallas, 7 p.m. | SN-0 |
| Dec. 28 | at Florida, 5 p.m. | SN-O, TV |
| Dec. 29 | at Tampa Bay, 7:30 p.m. | SN-0 |
| Dec. 31 | at Boston, 7 p.m. | SN, TV |
| Jan. 2 | at Minnesota, 8 p.m. | SN-0 |
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| n. 7 | Washington, 7 p.m. | SN |
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| n. 9 | Columbus, 7:30 p.m. | TSN4 |
| n. 12 | at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m. | SN-0 |
| n. 14 | at Anaheim, 10 p.m. | SN-0 |
| n. 15 | at San Jose, 10:30 p.m. | TSN4 |
| n. 17 | at St. Louis, 7 p.m. | HNIC |
| n. 19 | Carolina, 7:30 p.m. | TSN4 |
| n. 21 | at Ottawa, 7 p.m. | SN, TVA |
| n. 28 | at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m. | SN |
| n. 29 | Arizona, 7:30 p.m. | TSN4 |
| n. 31 | at Philadelphia, 7 p.m. | HNIC |
| b. 3 | at Nashville, 8 p.m. | TSN4 |
| b. 6 | at New Jersey, 7 p.m. | SN-O, TVA |
| b. 7 | Edmonton, 7 p.m. | HNIC |
| b. 10 | NY Rangers, 7:30 p.m. | TSN4 |
| b. 12 | at NY Islanders, 7 p.m. | TSN4 |
| b. 14 | at Montreal, 7 p.m. | HNIC, TVA |
| b. 17 | Florida, 7:30 p.m. | SN-0 |
| b. 20 | at Carolina, 7 p.m. | SN-0 |
| b. 21 | Winnipeg, 7 p.m. | HNIC |
| b. 26 | Philadelphia, 7:30 p.m. | TSN4, TVA |
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| Feb. 28 | at Montreal, 7 p.m. | HNIC, TVA |
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| March 1 | at Washington, 7 p.m. | CITY, TVA |
| March 3 | at Florida, 7:30 p.m. | TSN4 |
| March 5 | at Tampa Bay, 7:30 p.m. | SN-O, TVA |
| March 7 | St. Louis, 7 p.m. | HNIC |
| March 9 | NY Islanders, 7:30 p.m. | SN-O |
| March 11 | Buffalo, 7 p.m. | SN |
| March 13 | at Calgary, 8 p.m. | TSN4, SN-W |
| March 14 | at Vancouver, 7 p.m. | HNIC |
| March 16 | at Edmonton, 9:30 p.m. | SN-O, SN-W |
| March 19 | San Jose, 7:30 p.m. | TSN4, TVA |
| March 21 | at Ottawa, 7 p.m. | HNIC, TVA2 |
| March 23 | Minnesota, 7:30 p.m. | TSN4 |
| March 26 | Florida, 7:30 p.m. | TSN4 |
| March 28 | Ottawa, 7 p.m. | HNIC, TVA2 |
| March 31 | Tampa Bay, 7:30 p.m. | TSN4, TVA |
| April 1 | at Buffalo, 7:30 p.m. | SN |
| April 4 | at Boston, 7 p.m. | HNIC |
| April 5 | Ottawa, 7:30 p.m. | CITY, TVA |
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