

Maple Leaf Sports and Entertainment | Owner

Brendan Shanahan | President

\$1.15B

19,446



Forbes 2013 valuation NHL rank: First

Average 2013-14 attendance NHL rank: Sixth

Senior VP, general manager Dave Nonis... Assistant general manager Kyle Dubas...

Head coach Randy Carlyle... Assistant coaches Peter Horachek Steve Spott...

\$69.25M

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

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.

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

"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."

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...

"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..."

Will paying attention to Corsi and zone starts change the Leafs' fortunes? Well, you cannot end a 47-year-old championship drought overnight.

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...

Free-agent acquisition Stéphane Robidas provides a veteran presence (he is 37 years old) and — unlike Carl Gunnarsson — should take ease of the load of hard minutes demanded of captain Dion Phaneuf.

"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."

If not, you can't say the Leafs didn't try something new.

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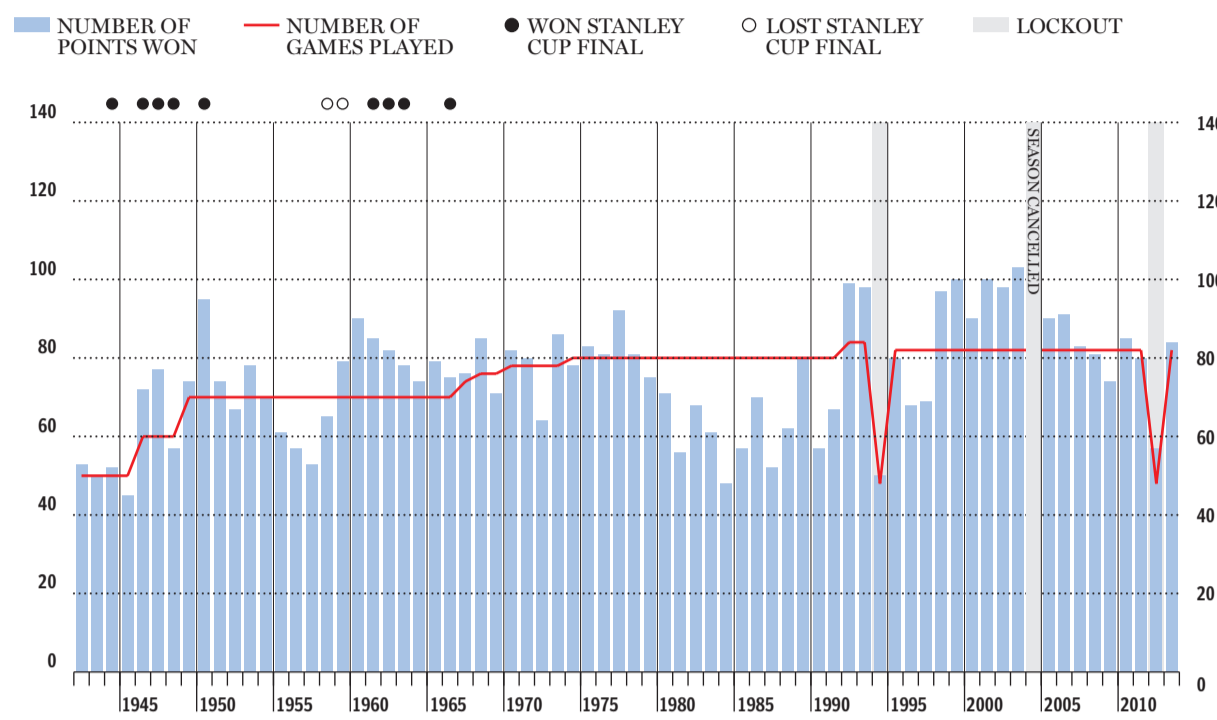
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TORONTO MAPLE LEAFS YEARBOOK

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

THE FRANCHISE INDEX: THE LEAFS SINCE THE ORIGINAL SIX ERA



SOURCE: HOCKEY-REFERENCE.COM

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DEPTH CHART

Table with columns for Left Wing, Centre, Right Wing, Defence, and Goal, listing players, games played (GP), goals (G), assists (A), and total ice time (TOI).

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

ROOKIE WATCH

Kozun, Percy, Leivo

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

FRANCHISE RECORDS

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 | 1970-82 389
3. Dave Keon | 1960-75 365

GOALS, SEASON

54

Rick Vaive | 1981-82

ASSISTS, CAREER

- 1. Borje Salming | 1973-89 620
2. Mats Sundin | 1994-2008 567
3. Darryl Sittler | 1970-82 527

ASSISTS, SEASON

95

Doug Gilmour | 1992-93

POINTS, CAREER

- 1. Mats Sundin | 1994-2008 987
2. Darryl Sittler | 1970-82 916
3. Dave Keon | 1960-75 858

POINTS, SEASON

127

Doug Gilmour | 1992-93

PLUS-MINUS, SEASON

+47

Ian Turnbull | 1976-77

PENALTY MINUTES, SEASON

365

Tie Domi | 1997-98

GOALIE WINS, CAREER

- 1. Turk Broda | 1936-52 302
2. Johnny Bower | 1958-70 219
3. Felix Potvin | 1991-99 160

GOALIE WINS, SEASON

37

Ed Belfour | 2002-03
Andrew Raycroft | 2006-07

GOALS AGAINST AVERAGE, CAREER

- 1. Al Rollins | 1949-52 2.06
2. Lorne Chabot | 1928-33 2.17
3. Harry Lumley | 1952-56 2.20

GOALS AGAINST AVERAGE, SEASON

1.77

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 .910

SAVE PCT., SEASON

.924

James Reimer | 2012-13

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

SCHEDULE

All times Eastern

Table with columns for Date, Time, Location, and TV Broadcast, listing game schedules from Oct 8 to April 11.

National telecasts 24 Hockey Night in Canada (station to be announced) | 11 Sportsnet | 1 SN One | 1 SN 360 | 4 CITY | 27 TVA/TVA2
Regional telecasts 26 TSN4 | 16 SN Ontario | 3 SN West (blackouts may apply)

54,750 Travel kilometres (25th) 18 Back-to-back game sets
Source: Dirk Hoag's Super Schedule