

Eugene Melnyk | Owner

Bryan Murray | President of hockey operations, general manager

\$380M

18,108

Forbes 2013 valuation  
NHL rank: 15th

Average 2013-14 attendance  
NHL rank: 13th



Assistant general manager;  
dir. of player personnel  
**Pierre Doiron**  
Assistant general manager;  
dir. of hockey operations  
**Randy Lee**  
Scouting and development  
consultant  
**Jason Smith**

Head coach  
**Paul MacLean**  
Assistant coaches  
**Dave Cameron**  
**Mark Reed**  
**Rick Walmsley** (goalies)  
**Tim Pattysyn** (video)  
**Chris Schwartz** (conditioning)

2014-15 OUTLOOK

When the Ottawa Senators named Erik Karlsson captain it signalled the dawn of a new era.

Karlsson, along with Bobby Ryan, Kyle Turris, Clarke MacArthur and Jared Cowen are the Senators' future, while names like Daniel Alfredsson and Jason Spezza are now part of the past.

Spezza was traded this past summer to the Dallas Stars after requesting a fresh start, while longtime captain Alfredsson left two off-seasons ago to sign with Detroit.

The Senators will look to Turris to take over from Spezza as the No. 1 centre. Two years ago Turris was handed the responsibility when Spezza was injured and filled in admirably; now the 25-year-old is looking forward to taking on the job full-time. "It's going to be a challenge and I'm trying to prepare for that, but I definitely feel I'm more ready than I was a couple years ago when I was put into that position," Turris said. "I'm excited about it and it's going to be lots of fun."

MacArthur will likely line up on Turris' left as the two found instant chemistry last season, while Ryan or Mark Stone could play on the right.

Ryan, who recently signed a seven-year extension, has also been playing on the left side with Mika Zibanejad, who is expected to centre the second line, and newcomer Alex Chiasson, acquired in the Spezza trade.

Playing on the left side is nothing new for Ryan as he often did while a member of the Anaheim Ducks.

Ryan has made it clear he's looking for an expanded role, and Senators head coach Paul MacLean says the plan is to have Ryan on the power play as well as the penalty kill.

"When you lose a guy like Spezza and he moves on you've got to replace a lot of different things that he brought to the team," Ryan said. "If I can do that in one regard and they ask me to step up my game in certain areas then certainly it's something that I would like."

"I think it helps you thrive when you know that you're going out for more shifts. Hopefully for me I get a chance to take on those opportunities and then it just keeps you in the game and you can go from there."

The remaining questions up front are how well Milan Michalek's knees hold up, how free-agent centre David Legwand will contribute and if Curtis Lazar is ready to play in the NHL.

The 19-year-old Lazar will start the season with the Senators, but management has made it clear he will only remain in the NHL if they feel it's beneficial to his development. It's likely the Senators will let him play nine games before making a final decision. The only options available for Lazar are to remain in the NHL or return to junior.

Defensively the Senators will once again rely heavily on Karlsson, but they will need him to be much better in his own end.

No one complained about Karlsson's offensive abilities last season as he scored 20 goals and had 54 assists, but on more than one night MacLean was frustrated at his defensive lapses.

It's highly likely Karlsson will be paired with Marc Methot, as long as Methot can recover from a nagging back injury, or Cowen could find himself rounding out the top pairing.

Lisa Wallace, The Canadian Press

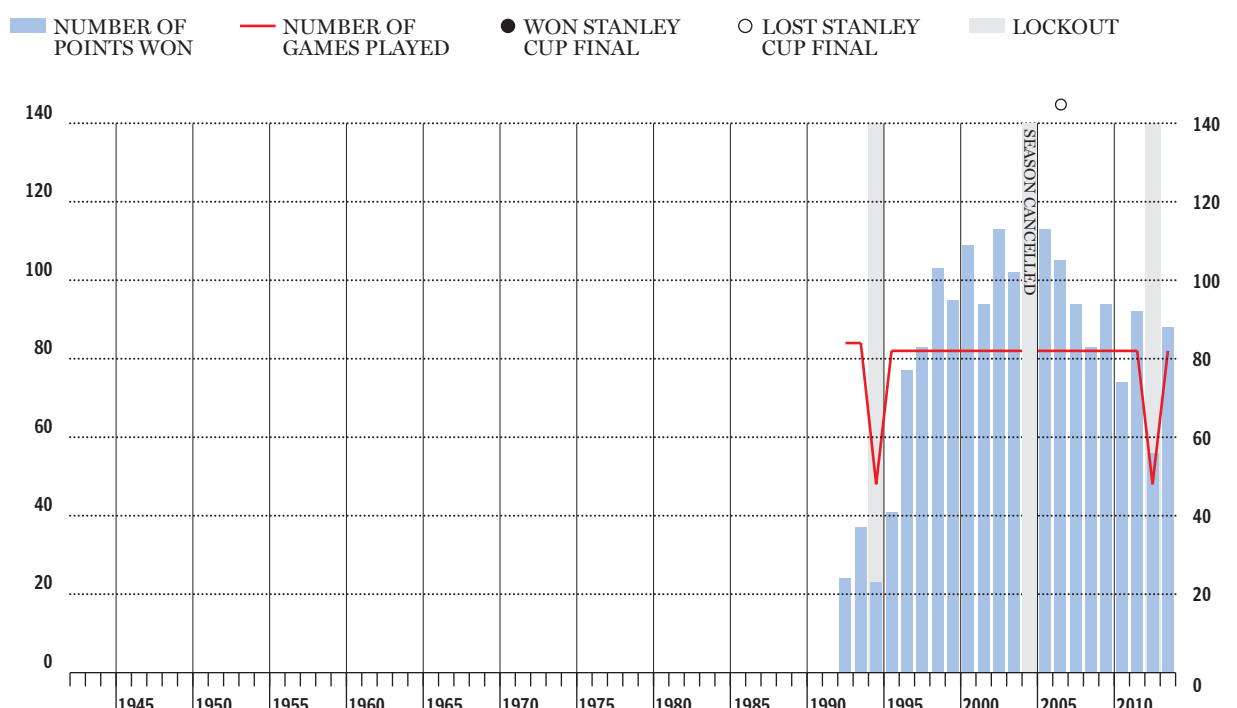
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OTTAWA SENATORS YEARBOOK

2013-14 | 88 points (37-31-14), fifth in Atlantic | 2.79 goals per game (11th); 3.15 goals allowed per game (27th) 0.95 5-on-5 goal ratio (19th) | 18.4% power play (14th); 80.9% penalty kill (22nd) | -1.9 shot differential per game (24th) 2013-14 post-season | Did not qualify

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SOURCE: HOCKEY-REFERENCE.COM

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Erik Karlsson

HARRY HOW / GETTY IMAGES

DEPTH CHART

LEFT WING

Table with 5 columns: Name, GP, G, A, TOI. Rows include Clarke MacArthur, Milan Michalek, Zack Smith, and Mike Hoffman.

CENTRE

Table with 5 columns: Name, GP, G, A, TOI. Rows include Kyle Turris, Mika Zibanejad, David Legwand\*, and Curtis Lazar ^.

RIGHT WING

Table with 5 columns: Name, GP, G, A, TOI. Rows include Bobby Ryan, Alex Chiasson\*, Mark Stone, and Chris Neil.

DEFENCE

Table with 5 columns: Name, GP, G, A, TOI. Rows include Erik Karlsson, Jared Cowan, Chris Phillips, and Eric Gryba.

GOAL

Table with 4 columns: Name, GP, GAA, SV%, SO. Rows include Craig Anderson and Robin Lehner.

DEPTH PLAYERS

LW Colin Greening, RW Erik Condra, D Patrick Wiercioch; Injured: D Marc Methot (IR); Minors: C Jean-Gabriel Pageau

\* Acquired in off-season, stats are with previous team; ^ rookie, stats are from 2013-14 junior season

ROOKIE WATCH

Lazar

FRANCHISE RECORDS

GAMES PLAYED, CAREER

- 1. Daniel Alfredsson | 1995-2013 1,178
2. Chris Phillips | 1997-2014 1,143
3. Chris Neil | 2001-14 855

GOALS, CAREER

- 1. Daniel Alfredsson | 1995-2013 426
2. Jason Spezza | 2002-14 251
3. Alexei Yashin | 1993-2001 218

GOALS, SEASON

50

Dany Heatley | 2006-07

ASSISTS, CAREER

- 1. Daniel Alfredsson | 1995-2013 682
2. Jason Spezza | 2002-14 436
3. Wade Redden | 1996-2008 309

ASSISTS, SEASON

71

Jason Spezza | 2005-06

POINTS, CAREER

- 1. Daniel Alfredsson | 1995-2013 1,108
2. Jason Spezza | 2002-14 687
3. Alexei Yashin | 1993-2001 491

POINTS, SEASON

105

Dany Heatley | 2006-07

PLUS-MINUS, SEASON

+42

Daniel Alfredsson | 2006-07

PENALTY MINUTES, SEASON

318

Mike Peluso | 1992-93

GOALIE WINS, CAREER

- 1. Patrick Lalime | 1999-2004 146
2. Craig Anderson | 2011-14 81
3. Ron Tugnutt | 1996-2000 72

GOALIE WINS, SEASON

39

Patrick Lalime | 2002-03

GOALS AGAINST AVERAGE, CAREER

- 1. Patrick Lalime | 1999-2004 2.32
2. Ron Tugnutt | 1996-2000 2.32
3. Damian Rhodes | 1996-99 2.56

GOALS AGAINST AVERAGE, SEASON

1.69

Craig Anderson | 2012-13

SAVE PCT., CAREER

- 1. Craig Anderson | 2011-14 .920
2. Patrick Lalime | 1999-2004 .908
3. Martin Gerber | 2006-09 .907

SAVE PCT., SEASON

.941

Craig Anderson | 2012-13

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

SCHEDULE

All times Eastern

Table with 4 columns: Date, Location, Time, Broadcast. Lists home and away games from Oct 9 to April 11.

National telecasts: 14 Hockey Night in Canada (station to be announced) | 4 Sportsnet | 4 SN One | 1 SN 360 | 7 CITY | 22 TVA/TVA2
Regional telecasts: 53 TSN5 | 2 SN East | 1 SN Pacific | 54 RDS/RDS2/RDS1 (blackouts may apply)

53,786 Travel kilometres (27th) | 13 Back-to-back game sets
Source: Dirk Hoag's Super Schedule