

DUCKS AT LARGE

OUTLOOK

The Ducks improved on their previous season's success by advancing beyond the second round of the playoffs, to within one win of the Stanley Cup finals. Once again, bowing out to the eventual Stanley Cup Champions, this time to the Chicago Blackhawks.

Last season's acquisition of Ryan Kesler payed dividends in the post season, and the 31-year old veteran was re-signed to a six-year contract extension, that carries an AAV of \$6,875,000. GM Bob Murray has done a magnificent job managing his teams cap, but it remains to be seen if Kesler will continue to be a relevant factor until he turns 37.

The emergence of Hampus Lindholm and Sami Vatanen on the blueline was a revelation, and along with Cam Fowler, the trio will anchor the Ducks back end for the foreseeable future. The loss of Veteran Francois Beauchemin will be mitigated with the addition of Kevin Bieksa.

Murray added more depth up front as well, acquiring speedster Carl Hagelin from the Rangers, and signing free agent power forward Chris Stewart and depth centre Shawn Horcoff. Along with the veteran acquisitions, Anaheim will be looking for continued development from young players such as Jakob Silfverberg, Patrick Maroon and Rickard Rakell. 2014 first-round selection Nick Ritchie will look to make the jump from junior to the pro ranks and will challenge for a roster spot on the big team.

In goal, John Gibson and Frederik Anderson both performed admirably and have bright futures, but were also injured for a stretch, leaving the Ducks vulnerable as they were forced to turn to Ilya Bryzgalov out of desperation. In an effort to avoid a repeat Murray added goalie Anton Khudobin to insulate the crease.

Anaheim continues to trend in the right direction, and is poised to join the elite ranks along with Chicago and Los Angeles, who dispatched the Ducks the last two playoffs in a row. With a strong mix of veterans and youth, expect the Ducks to pass the 100 point level, and be in the hunt for another Stanley Cup.

PLAYER TO WATCH

Jakob Silfverberg - Builds off torrid 2nd half that fuelled by a sizzling postseason

Rickard Rakell - Former OHL star scored close to a 2nd line pace in transitional phase

NEW ARRIVALS

Kevin Bieksa-D (Van) .. Matthew Hackett-G (Buf) .. Carl Hagelin-F (NYR) .. Shawn Horcoff-F (Dal) .. Anton Khudobin-G (Car) .. Brian McGrattan-F (Cgy) .. Chris Mueller-F (NYR) .. Shane O'Brien-D (Fla) .. Joe Piskula-D (Nsh) .. Mike Santorelli-F (Nsh) .. Chris Stewart-F (Min) .. Harry Zolnierczyk-F (NYI)

DEPARTURES

Francois Beauchemin-D (Col) .. Matt Beleskey-F (Bos) .. Igor Bobkov-G .. Ilya Bryzgalov-G .. Mathieu Carle-D .. Emerson Etem-F (NYR) .. Ryan Faragher-G .. Mark Fistric-D .. Tomas Fleischmann-F .. John Kurtz-F .. Jason LaBarbera-G (Phi) .. Antoine Laganiere-F .. Louis Leblanc-F (NYI) .. Kyle Palmieri-F (NJ) .. Colby Robak-D .. Sheldon Souray-D .. James Wisniewski-D (Car)



RYAN KESLER

2015-16 PREDICTIONS

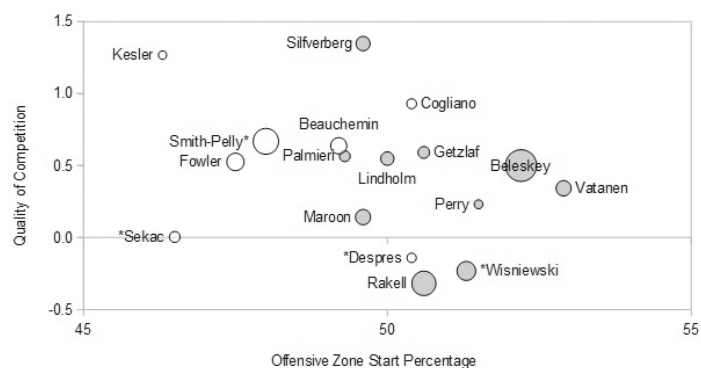
RK	PACIFIC	W	L	OTL	GF	GA	PTS
1	Anaheim	52	25	5	239	217	109
2	Los Angeles	43	27	12	232	211	98
3	Calgary	41	31	10	236	234	92
4	Vancouver	41	34	7	222	226	89
5	Edmonton	39	36	7	215	240	85
6	San Jose	38	36	8	233	227	84
7	Arizona	28	42	12	181	237	68

RANK	NAME, TM	AGE	P	GP	G	A	PTS
1	Corey Perry, Ana	30	RW	81	40	35	75
2	Ryan Getzlaf, Ana	30	C	77	22	52	74
3	Jakob Silfverberg, Ana	24	RW	82	24	30	54
4	Ryan Kesler, Ana	31	C	75	22	28	50
5	Patrick Maroon, Ana	27	LW	74	16	24	40
6	Carl Hagelin, Ana	27	LW	82	18	20	38
7	Sami Vatanen, Ana	24	D	77	9	29	38
8	Hampus Lindholm, Ana	21	D	77	7	31	38
9	Cam Fowler, Ana	23	D	81	10	27	37
10	Chris Stewart, Ana	27	RW	74	15	19	34
11	Rickard Rakell, Ana	22	C	74	12	20	32
12	Andrew Cogliano, Ana	28	LW	82	13	18	31
13	Mike Santorelli, Ana	29	C	68	9	15	24
14	Shawn Horcoff, Ana	36	LW	70	7	17	24
15	Kevin Bieksa, Ana	34	D	71	5	18	23
16	Simon Despres, Ana	24	D	80	4	19	23
17	Jiri Sekac, Ana	23	RW	52	6	10	16

TEAM STATS REPORT

CATEGORY	RECORD	RANK	CATEGORY	STAT	RANK
RECORD	51-24-7	3T	GOALS FOR	228	11
HOME	26-12-3	6	GOALS AGAINST	221	20
ROAD	25-12-4	2	POWER PLAY	15.7	28
SHOOTOUT	8-5	6T	PENALTY KILL	81.0	15

Anaheim Ducks - Player Usage



Rob Vollman's Analysis: Superstars Ryan Getzlaf and Corey Perry were not quite as dominant as usual, relative to the rest of the team. Either the team around them has really improved, or the two long-time Ducks are simply slowing down as they enter their 30s – or a bit of both.

Few teams can boast a blue line as young and affordable as Anaheim's last year. Hampus Lindholm, Sami Vatanen, Cam Fowler, Simon Despres, and Josh Manson were all between 21 and 23 years old, and carried a combined cap hit of just over \$7.5 million. Fowler took a step back this year, but Lindholm and Vatanen both had breakout seasons.

Among the team's abundance of young, secondary forwards, Jakob Silfverberg really stands out. Like the better known shutdown center Ryan Kesler, Silfverberg is a complete, 200-foot player who can contribute in all game situations, and one of the team's most underrated and notable young talents.

FORWARDS

15 **Ryan GETZLAF** C

AGE: 30 H/W: 6-3/210 NHL: 10 SALARY: \$9,000,000 CONTRACT: 2021

YR	TEAM	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	MIN	PPG
12-3	Anaheim (NHL)	44	15	34	49	41	20.1	1.11
13-4	Anaheim (NHL)	77	31	56	87	31	21.2	1.13
14-5	Anaheim (NHL)	77	25	45	70	62	20.1	0.91
Career		710	208	470	678	626		0.95
Prediction		77	22	52	74			0.96

Notes .. Captain led the team in scoring for the third straight season and to the conference final with some mixed performances along the way .. registering sixty percent of his points in the first half with 42 points in 38 games, bolstered by a brilliant second quarter (21-8-19-27) - versus 28 in 39 games to end the season .. finished sixth in playoff scoring and posted the best points per game (past the first round), yet failed to score a goal in the final 11 playoff games - accumulating a dozen assists (11-0-12-12) - with a career low shooting percentage of 4.2% .. failed to register a shot on goal in five of the final 25 games - missing two April games for rest according to coaching staff .. well off his pace, he recorded two power play points after January 30 (28-1-1-2) contributing to a career low 3.33 Pts/60 at 5v4, earning a point on 63.2% of on-ice goals and generating 17% less individual shot attempts than '13-14 - scoring just three goals, tying his rookie season - scoring only 18.6% of his points on the power play compared to an average of over 30% for the previous three seasons .. at 5v5, he produced 25% less goals while earning a point on a career high 85.5% of on-ice goals, fuelled by 21 primary assists on 29 helpers .. highly-skilled playmaker with terrific athleticism for a big man .. boasts superb patience and protection skills, supported by soft, strong hands .. deploys a booming shot .. threw pucks at the net haphazardly last season - doing most damage around the top of the crease .. increasingly more physical and diligent defensively .. stops moving his feet at times and suffers lapses in discipline and focus and is prone to obstruction and aggression fouls .. awkward and reckless delivering hits .. rehabbed a sports hernia diagnosed in June, no surgery required but monitor before your draft .. should lead the team again with upside with a return to power play form.

10 **Corey PERRY** RW

AGE: 30 H/W: 6-3/210 NHL: 10 SALARY: \$9,000,000 CONTRACT: 2021

YR	TEAM	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	MIN	PPG
12-3	Anaheim (NHL)	44	15	21	36	72	19.0	0.82
13-4	Anaheim (NHL)	81	43	39	82	65	19.3	1.01
14-5	Anaheim (NHL)	67	33	22	55	67	18.1	0.82
Career		722	296	306	602	868		0.83
Prediction		81	40	35	75			0.93

Notes .. An opening night hat trick signaled a strong start and confirmed six-games later when he repeated the feat .. scored a league-leading 11 goals (13-11-4-15 - 23.91 sh%) when the mumps knocked him out of the lineup for five games .. returned to a three-goal intermission before a knee sprain stole ten more games .. recorded his last power play point on Jan 30 - his next point came in the opening game of the playoffs .. scored 22 5v5 goals firing a career-high 16.06 sh% and scoring 44% of all on-ice goals - experiencing an overall 17% drop in goals scored while on the ice .. at 5v4 the 11.43% shooting percentage was the second lowest of his career .. moved into sole possession of second place in franchise playoff points (tied Andy McDonald with 10 playoff goals in a single postseason) with career highs across the

board (16-10-8-18 - 15.6% sh%) .. former London Knight is a big, slippery winger with a tricky wristshot .. manufactures openings with his unusually-long arms and exceptional stickhandling ability .. gangly, short-stride skater lacks a breakaway top gear and strong edge control .. a veteran now, grown stronger and thicker, and sometimes wiser - better able to stand his ground now and more determined to absorb cruel levels of abuse .. success hinges on a large net-front presence, battling to establish positions in front of the crease .. elevates his urgency at key times - wants to be the difference-maker .. still suffers gaps in discipline and composure .. yields his stick recklessly at times which draws the ire of opponents and plenty of aggression-related penalties - an elite-level pest .. if even strength scoring remains the same, there's an upside with better power play numbers.

17 **Ryan KESLER** C

AGE: 31 H/W: 6-2/205 NHL: 10 SALARY: \$5,000,000 CONTRACT: 2022

YR	TEAM	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	MIN	PPG
12-3	Vancouver (NHL)	17	4	9	13	12	19.0	0.76
13-4	Vancouver (NHL)	77	25	18	43	81	21.5	0.56
14-5	Anaheim (NHL)	81	20	27	47	75	19.3	0.58
Career		736	202	238	440	669		0.60
Prediction		75	22	28	50			0.67

Notes .. Former Canucks pivot cashed in with a 6-year, \$41.25 million extension starting in 2016-17 (this is his final season of a previous six-year pact) .. reached 20 regular season goals adding seven more in the playoffs (T-3rd on Ducks) firing at a team-lead 21.2% - third highest among players after Round 1 .. big, strapping forward with impressive speed and conditioning .. works tirelessly at both ends, exhibiting good defensive posture and physical consistency .. his 1.47 Pts/60 represent the baseline for a 3rd line player - and a 0.58 Gls/60 are just short of the 3rd line baseline .. coach Boudreau shaved about four minutes off his Canucks time on ice .. career low 7.55% Sh% produced four 5v4 goals representing 21.1% of the on-ice goals scored over 188 minutes .. oddly producing less than expected while generating 27% more individual shot attempts (34.06 vs 26.84 in '13-14) and 18% better than his prior 3-year average .. the jump in A1/60 (1.27 from 0.47) is a hint that others cashed in on his individual attempts, something to monitor .. spent the most time alongside Matt Beleskey (61.8 GF% & 55 CF%) at 5v5, and significantly different when not together (38.3 GF% & 47.1 CF%) .. likes to support the play down low among defensemen and the crease .. lacks elite finesse skills - more strong than slick .. wins battles with excellent arm and stick power .. a force when driving to the net and striving to unload a good hard shot .. adept at positioning his body for tips and rebounds .. veered from his defense-oriented 'power' game somewhat - at times a tamer version .. 20-goals is the high water mark in the regular season - built for the playoffs - expect similar results and don't overplay.

33 **Jakob SILFVERBERG** R-L

AGE: 24 H/W: 6-1/190 NHL: 3 SALARY: \$3,750,000 CONTRACT: 2019

YR	TEAM	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	MIN	PPG
12-3	Ottawa (NHL)	48	10	9	19	12	16.1	0.40
13-4	Anaheim (NHL)	52	10	13	23	12	14.2	0.44
14-5	Anaheim (NHL)	81	13	26	39	24	15.4	0.48
Career		181	33	48	81	48		0.45
Prediction		82	24	30	54			0.66

Notes .. Former Senators 2009 2nd round pick (39th overall) signed a one-year bargain contract entering 2014-15 and failed to score a goal in the first 16 games - and only one in the first 27 .. ended up with career highs across the

board, due to a hot 3rd (20-5-5-10 - 13.51% sh%) and 4th quarter (20-4-9-13) that spearheaded a voracious playoffs alongside Ryan Kesler scoring 5 or more points in each round (16-4-14-18) .. smart two-way forward - his 1.73 Pts/60 is right on the baseline benchmark for a second line player .. played most minutes alongside Andrew Cogliano in the regular season (57.1 GF% & 52.7 CF%) .. scored six of nine goals and 13 of 20 points in games close situations .. a shoot-out sniper leading the NHL with 9 goals and 69.2% shooting percentage - adept .. skilled - protects the puck well, exploiting broad shoulders and a sizeable wingspan .. persistent, displays a feisty side, gets involved physically .. top weapon is a quick, seeing-eye wristshot .. adept at stickhandling into space and firing in one continuous motion .. dynamic release - gets surprising trajectory .. adept all-around skater - propelled by wide, vigorous strides .. sustains a steady tempo .. creates separation with a strong diagonal crossover step .. conscientious defender - knows how to eliminate space as a checker .. a good bet to inherit some time created by Beleskey's exit and evident chemistry with Kesler - should be an interesting match with Carl Hage lin, with equal speed and defensive acumen .. average of a 52-point pro-rated pace over the last three months of the season - followed by the playoff breakout .. good little sleeper here entering his fourth season at 24-years old.

26 **Carl HAGELIN** L-R

AGE: 27 H/W: 5-11/180 NHL: 4 SALARY: \$4,000,000 CONTRACT: 2015

YR	TEAM	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	MIN	PPG
12-3	NY Rangers (NHL)	48	10	14	24	18	17.2	0.50
13-4	NY Rangers (NHL)	72	17	16	33	44	15.3	0.46
14-5	NY Rangers (NHL)	82	17	18	35	46	15.1	0.43
Career		266	58	72	130	132		0.49
Prediction		82	18	20	38			0.46

Notes .. Former University of Michigan standout was traded to the Ducks by the Blueshirts at the NHL draft for long-time Duck, Emerson Etem .. a solid fit on a second line, helping to solidify a strong two-way scoring unit .. third line duties alongside fellow speed merchant Cogliano is also intriguing .. scored twice in 19 playoff games (2-3-5) with a miserable 5.6 Sh% - following up a pedestrian regular season tying 17 goal career high and pushing points to 35 - firing career high 185 shots on goal .. brave, hyper-active speedster .. not overly big or powerful - yet remarkably resilient - and stronger than he appears .. competes fearlessly along the boards .. solid, speedy option will be a welcome addition to an already quick lineup .. stopped in a penalty shot in Game four versus Washington .. scored eight goals in 31 games (31-8-8-16) and another six in a 14-game one-month span at the end of January (14-6-5-11) .. earned a point on 59.6% of on-ice goals - tying the 12 from '13-14 and posting virtually identical stat lines skating with free agent signing Kevin Hayes (58.2 GF% & 52 CF%) and a variety of third additions .. dynamic skater - light and agile, explosive off the mark - and with a unique ability to accelerate while transitioning between crossovers and his full stride - without compromising balance or edge control .. manufactures space simply by making a sharp cut, reversal, or lateral shift .. good penalty-killer and tireless two-way worker powered by a non-stop engine and great tenacity .. could be more poised in possession and allow plays to develop - as he does have vision and creativity .. good candidate for career numbers if he gets even minimal power play time.

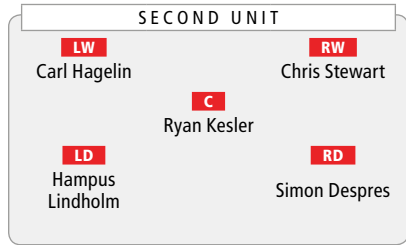
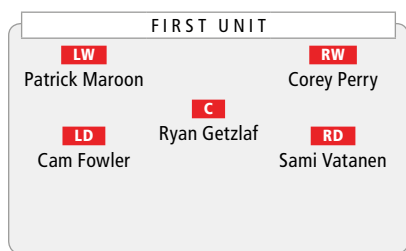
19 **Patrick MAROON** LW

AGE: 27 H/W: 6-4/225 NHL: 2 SALARY: \$1,900,000 CONTRACT: 2018

YR	TEAM	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM	MIN	PPG
12-3	Anaheim (NHL)	13	2	1	3	10	9.5	0.23
12-3	Norfolk (AHL)	64	26	24	50	139		0.78
13-4	Anaheim (NHL)	62	11	18	29	101	12.2	0.47
14-5	Anaheim (NHL)	71	9	25	34	82	14.2	0.48
Career		146	22	44	66	193		0.45
Prediction		74	16	24	40			0.54

Notes .. A long road to the NHL at 27-years old with only 148 games under his belt .. solidified his top line role when he came alive with a seven-goal playoff performance on a 16.7% shooting percentage, only two shy of his 71-game regular season total - where he recorded career-high assists and points .. scored 4-of-7 and 13 of 18 in games close - earning a point on 77.3% of on-ice goals in games close and 65.8% of total 5v5 goals .. scored half his goals in the 3rd quarter (21-5-7-12 - 11.11 sh%) .. played mostly alongside Ryan Getzlaf (55 GF% & 55.8 CF%) - seeing a big shift in play away from him (47.1 GF% & 48.7 CF%) .. missed eight games with a knee sprain only three games into the season .. strapping, physical forward with big frame and wingspan, facilitating a great net drive and presence .. skating is average - lacks dynamic footspeed and first two-step burst - but does maintain solid cruising speed .. heads-up bull that is difficult to contain with the puck .. an aware playmaker, but lacks elite skill and offensive touch .. hands aren't very quick and misses a one-on-one technique other than driving for the goal - but remains tough and difficult to contain up front .. deploys a quick release on his shot .. seems to be the answer to a long search to find a winger for the top two guns, and set to inherit

POWER PLAY



DEPTH CHART



2015-16 ROSTER

Table with columns: NO#, CENTER, AGE, S, HT/WT, ACQUIRED, '14-15 TEAM, GP, G, A, PTS, PM, PIM, SLRY. Lists players like CRAMAROSSA, GETZLAF, KESLER, etc.

COACH: Bruce Boudreau GM: Bob Murray
ARENA: Honda Centre (capacity: 17,174) AFFILIATE: San Diego Gulls

2015 DRAFT PICKS

Table with columns: RD, PK, PLAYER, POS, AGE, HT/WT, TEAM, GP, W, G, L, A, T, PTS, PIM, SV%, SLRY, CS, RANK. Lists draft picks like Jacob LARSSON, Julius NATTINEN, etc.

TOP PROSPECTS

Nick RITCHIE LW 19 6-2/225 RANK 1 OVERALL 21

Table with columns: TEAM, GP, G, A, PTS, PIM, PPG. Row for Pbo-SSM (OHL).

Proved a vital acquisition by Sault Ste. Marie, catching fire down the stretch and into the playoffs .. won gold with Team Canada at the U20's as part of a pounding bottom-line which played a key role, after beginning the tournament on the top line (7-1-0-1) .. strong hulking power winger boasts a quick, heavy shot plus notable quickness and lateral skating agility for a big man .. an assertive physical presence who has made gains in his defensive play and work consistency - areas that must keep improving at the pro level .. not one to drop the gloves frequently, but capable of defending a big hit .. another large body up front for Anaheim who was drafted in the top ten to ultimately play with Getzlaf and Perry - perhaps as soon as this season.

Shea THEODORE D 20 6-2/185 RANK 2 OVERALL 59

Table with columns: TEAM, GP, G, A, PTS, PIM, PPG. Rows for Seattle (WHL) and Norfolk (AHL).

Topped all WHL blueliners with a 1.12 points-per-game average, appearing in just 43 games after suffering an elbow injury at Anaheim's camp .. led Seattle in playoff scoring (6-3-6-9) and also produced during his AHL debut .. delivered a strong performance for Team Canada to win gold at the U20 WJC (7-1-1-2) .. a bold and skilled defenceman propelled by a fast forward gear and a thirst for attacking .. strikes with a quick, accurate wristshot released in full flight .. gradually maturing as a puckmover, learning to make better risk assessments .. progressing as a defender, showing better patience one-on-one and utilizing his acceleration to aggressively close and manage gaps .. elite mobility in all four directions helps compensate for improper reads and decisions .. skating/puck skills equate to a top-four NHL defenceman role with proper development.

Jacob LARSSON D 18 6-2/190 RANK 3 OVERALL 105

Table with columns: TEAM, GP, G, A, PTS, PIM, PPG. Row for Frolunda (Swe Jr).

Drafted late in the first round of the 2015 draft after playing 20 games in the SHL as a 17 and 18-year-old .. impressed for Sweden at the U18's and with Frolunda's J20 program, racking up eight goals from the back end in just 30 games (19 points) .. big, strong, mobile two-way defender .. accurate shot .. excellent backwards skater, hard to beat one-on-one wide as a result .. lacks physical presence despite his size .. good lateral agility with a feathery change of direction with the puck - strong puck handler .. active defender in the defensive zone, doesn't watch the play develop, goes after it, which can be a blessing and a curse .. doesn't take advantage of his skating abilities offensively .. leaves you wanting more .. projects as a number four or five defenceman for the Ducks.

Stefan NOESEN LW 22 6-1/205 RANK 4 OVERALL 122

Table with columns: TEAM, GP, G, A, PTS, PIM, PPG. Row for Norfolk (AHL).

Suffered significant injuries his first two pro seasons, first blowing out his knee the first week of 2013-14 - and returning for the second round of the AHL playoffs .. then suffered a torn Achilles tendon five games into the 2014-15 AHL season, returning in February to play 27 games .. excellent hand-eye coordination - skilled at tips .. strong on his stick .. knows what to do as a puck manager .. stride is stiff .. bow-legged .. acceleration on first few steps has strengthened .. crossover startup stride is awkward .. takes smart routes to shooting spots .. has instincts to alter angle of body to better receive pass .. uses spin-around shot to surprise goalies and create rebounds .. generates everything with his hustle .. shows greater purpose away from the puck physical, willing bodychecker .. third-line NHL upside.

Nic KERDILES LW 21 6-1/200 RANK 5 OVERALL 168

Table with columns: TEAM, GP, G, A, PTS, PIM, PPG. Row for Norfolk (AHL).

Kerdiles' first pro season was an eye opener for the former top-40 NHL pick as he struggled to produce, scoring just nine goals in 51 games for Norfolk .. good cruising speed with the puck, able to employ nice speed bursts, above average skating power and speed .. strong finishing abilities around the net, and decent offensive vision for creating plays .. flashes a competitive physical side but tends to bounce off checks .. his compete level can be sporadic, will stop moving his feet in defensive backchecking assignments .. defensive reads and positioning are areas to focus on in his sophomore season .. good shot-blocker .. will need to learn to fight through physical play, get stronger, and produce at the AHL level before he can compete for a top three NHL left-wing spot.