

Florida Panthers at Los Angeles Kings

NHL | Regular | October 6, 2026

Checked Oct 06, 01:08 PM Toronto | prepared snapshot, not live

Away	Florida Panthers
Home	Los Angeles Kings
Venue	crypto.com Arena, Los Angeles, CA, 90185, USA
Scheduled start	Oct 06, 10:00 PM Toronto
Game evidence	S1 source event 401891806

Provisional prediction

Expected score	Florida Panthers 3.0 - Los Angeles Kings 3.2
Winner lean	Los Angeles Kings model probability 52.4%
Margin / total	Home minus away +0.2 goals; total 6.1
Spread meaning	Model margin, not a bookmaker spread or a claim of value.

Lineups not fully set. Historical scoring baseline; probable personnel shown as context, not numeric adjustments. Probabilities are uncalibrated model estimates.

What matters in this matchup

Florida Panthers: 3 completed current-season games; 1 wins, 6 goals for and 7 against. Read the shot, special-teams and scoring-state reviews before interpreting the record.

Los Angeles Kings: 2 completed current-season games; 0 wins, 8 goals for and 13 against. Read the shot, special-teams and scoring-state reviews before interpreting the record.

Tonight's goalie and line decisions can change the outlook. The experimental baseline below does not adjust for confirmed goalies, missing players or opponent shot quality.

Use and confidence

Early research estimate. Small winner differences are weak leans; model probability is not proven accuracy. Recheck personnel and current prices before relying on it.

1. Availability and playing conditions

Florida Panthers - away

Jacob Markstrom - LISTED - NOT CONFIRMED [S1]; Akira Schmid - LISTED - NOT CONFIRMED [S1]

Goalie names in a statistics feed can be candidates or past participants. They are not confirmed starters unless a direct confirmation is recorded.

Captured injury listings [S1]

Player	Reported status / issue	Source effective date
Aaron Ekblad	Day-To-Day / Personal	2026-10-05T04:27Z
Aleksander Barkov	Injured Reserve / Knee	2026-10-03T18:39Z
MacKenzie Entwistle	Injured Reserve / Undisclosed	2026-09-29T16:37Z
Jonah Gadjovich	Injured Reserve / Upper Body	2026-09-17T20:53Z

Final lineup, scratches, replacement roles and any restrictions still require a near-start check. Listed return dates are not clearance.

Los Angeles Kings - home

Anton Forsberg - LISTED - NOT CONFIRMED [S1]; Darcy Kuemper - LISTED - NOT CONFIRMED [S1]

Goalie names in a statistics feed can be candidates or past participants. They are not confirmed starters unless a direct confirmation is recorded.

Captured injury listings [S1]

Player	Reported status / issue	Source effective date
Jakub Dvorak	Injured Reserve / Upper Body	2026-09-24T19:49Z
Jan Jenik	Injured Reserve / Undisclosed	2026-09-24T19:45Z
Kevin Fiala	Injured Reserve / Lower Leg	2026-09-17T19:39Z

Final lineup, scratches, replacement roles and any restrictions still require a near-start check. Listed return dates are not clearance.

Location and conditions

Indoor arena: outdoor wind and precipitation are not direct playing-surface inputs. Travel disruption was not assessed. [S1]

Rest and travel

Florida Panthers: last completed phase game 2026-10-04, 1 full calendar off-days; Los Angeles Kings: last completed phase game 2026-10-03, 2 full calendar off-days. Actual travel itinerary, time-zone adaptation and numerical fatigue effect are unverified.

2. Florida Panthers - recent game evidence

Current regular chronology [S2]

Date	Opponent / venue role	Score (team first)
2026-09-29	Carolina Hurricanes / away	1-0
2026-10-01	San Jose Sharks / away	3-4
2026-10-04	Anaheim Ducks / away	2-3

NHL: every completed regular-season game in the current source schedule is summarized below. NBA: available preseason games only. MLB: every completed current postseason game, not a claim of reviewing all 162 regular-season games.

2026-09-29 | away vs Carolina Hurricanes | W 1-0 (Final/OT)

Period/quarter/inning scores, team first: 1: 0-0; 2: 0-0; 3: 0-0; 4: 1-0 [S3]

Metric	Team	Opponent
Shots total	20	15
Power play goals	0	0
Power play opportunities	7	6
Giveaways	12	15
Penalty minutes	17	19

Recorded scoring sequence: P4 4:55 1-0 Even Strength

Carter Verhaeghe: Goals 0, Assists 1, Shots total 1, Time on ice 18:58. Historical game participation; not tonight's confirmation.

Gustav Forsling: Goals 1, Assists 0, Shots total 2, Time on ice 22:40. Historical game participation; not tonight's confirmation.

Aleksander Barkov: Goals 0, Assists 0, Shots total 1, Time on ice 20:32. Historical game participation; not tonight's confirmation.

Interpretation: Shot margin +5. The result and shot-volume advantage point in the same direction.

Interpretation: These observations describe this game; opponent adjustment and stable repeatability have not been established.

2026-10-01 | away vs San Jose Sharks | L 3-4 (Final/OT)

Period/quarter/inning scores, team first: 1: 0-1; 2: 1-2; 3: 2-0; 4: 0-1 [S4]

Metric	Team	Opponent
Shots total	26	32
Power play goals	1	1
Power play opportunities	6	4
Giveaways	15	20
Penalty minutes	18	22

Recorded scoring sequence: P1 14:20 0-1 Even Strength; P2 5:52 0-2 Shorthanded; P2 10:37 0-3 Power Play; P2 17:10 1-3 Power Play; P3 5:01 2-3 Even Strength; P3 5:18 3-3 Even Strength; P4 3:14 3-4 Even Strength

Eetu Luostarinen: Goals 2, Assists 0, Shots total 3, Time on ice 16:28. Historical game participation; not tonight's confirmation.

Sam Bennett: Goals 0, Assists 1, Shots total 1, Time on ice 20:49. Historical game participation; not tonight's confirmation.

Lars Eller: Goals 0, Assists 1, Shots total 2, Time on ice 14:57. Historical game participation; not tonight's confirmation.

Interpretation: Shot margin -6. The result and shot-volume advantage point in the same direction.

Interpretation: These observations describe this game; opponent adjustment and stable repeatability have not been established.

2026-10-04 | away vs Anaheim Ducks | L 2-3 (Final/OT)

Period/quarter/inning scores, team first: 1: 1-1; 2: 0-1; 3: 1-0; 4: 0-1 [S5]

Metric	Team	Opponent
Shots total	31	20
Power play goals	0	3
Power play opportunities	4	4
Giveaways	23	14
Penalty minutes	8	8

Recorded scoring sequence: P1 16:18 0-1 Power Play; P1 17:09 1-1 Even Strength; P2 0:47 1-2 Power Play; P3 18:10 2-2 Even Strength; P4 4:14 2-3 Power Play

Sam Bennett: Goals 0, Assists 1, Shots total 4, Time on ice 21:52. Historical game participation; not tonight's confirmation.

Lars Eller: Goals 0, Assists 1, Shots total 2, Time on ice 11:32. Historical game participation; not tonight's confirmation.

Brad Marchand: Goals 1, Assists 0, Shots total 3, Time on ice 13:10. Historical game participation; not tonight's confirmation.

Interpretation: Shot margin +11. Final score and shot volume do not tell the same story; finishing and goaltending need separate review.

Interpretation: These observations describe this game; opponent adjustment and stable repeatability have not been established.

Evidence limit: score-state and box-score review does not by itself establish tactics, quality of chances, causal luck, or opponent-adjusted team strength.

2. Los Angeles Kings - recent game evidence

Current regular chronology [S6]

Date	Opponent / venue role	Score (team first)
2026-09-30	Colorado Avalanche / away	4-8
2026-10-03	San Jose Sharks / away	4-5

NHL: every completed regular-season game in the current source schedule is summarized below. NBA: available preseason games only. MLB: every completed current postseason game, not a claim of reviewing all 162 regular-season games.

2026-09-30 | away vs Colorado Avalanche | L 4-8 (Final)

Period/quarter/inning scores, team first: 1: 1-2; 2: 2-4; 3: 1-2 [S7]

Metric	Team	Opponent
Shots total	31	29
Power play goals	0	4
Power play opportunities	4	5
Giveaways	10	12
Penalty minutes	15	13

Recorded scoring sequence: P1 6:33 0-1 Power Play; P1 15:14 1-1 Even Strength; P1 17:58 1-2 Even Strength; P2 0:23 1-3 Power Play; P2 1:28 2-3 Shorthanded; P2 8:33 2-4 Even Strength; P2 16:01 2-5 Even Strength; P2 17:50 3-5 Shorthanded; P2 18:34 3-6 Power Play; P3 11:51 4-6 Even Strength; P3 14:03 4-7 Even Strength; P3 15:06 4-8 Power Play

Alex Laferriere: Goals 0, Assists 2, Shots total 2, Time on ice 15:31. Historical game participation; not tonight's confirmation.

Joel Armia: Goals 1, Assists 0, Shots total 2, Time on ice 12:55. Historical game participation; not tonight's confirmation.

Erik Haula: Goals 0, Assists 1, Shots total 3, Time on ice 15:26. Historical game participation; not tonight's confirmation.

Interpretation: Shot margin +2. Final score and shot volume do not tell the same story; finishing and goaltending need separate review.

Interpretation: These observations describe this game; opponent adjustment and stable repeatability have not been established.

2026-10-03 | away vs San Jose Sharks | L 4-5 (Final/OT)

Period/quarter/inning scores, team first: 1: 1-0; 2: 1-3; 3: 2-1; 4: 0-1 [S8]

Metric	Team	Opponent
Shots total	35	25
Power play goals	2	1
Power play opportunities	3	2
Giveaways	19	25
Penalty minutes	4	6

Recorded scoring sequence: P1 15:50 1-0 Power Play; P2 1:48 1-1 Power Play; P2 9:52 1-2 Even Strength; P2 12:32 1-3 Even Strength; P2 19:58 2-3 Power Play; P3 4:08 2-4 Even Strength; P3 10:21 3-4 Even Strength; P3 15:00 4-4 Even Strength; P4 3:18 4-5 Even Strength

Quinton Byfield: Goals 1, Assists 1, Shots total 4, Time on ice 22:40. Historical game participation; not tonight's confirmation.

Adrian Kempe: Goals 1, Assists 1, Shots total 6, Time on ice 22:00. Historical game participation; not tonight's confirmation.

Artemi Panarin: Goals 1, Assists 1, Shots total 4, Time on ice 22:21. Historical game participation; not tonight's confirmation.

Interpretation: Shot margin +10. Final score and shot volume do not tell the same story; finishing and goaltending need separate review.

Interpretation: These observations describe this game; opponent adjustment and stable repeatability have not been established.

Evidence limit: score-state and box-score review does not by itself establish tactics, quality of chances, causal luck, or opponent-adjusted team strength.

3. Matchup interpretation and key players

Florida Panthers

Current phase: 3 games, 1 wins; scoring average 2.00 for / 2.33 against. These are descriptive averages, not projected scores.

Current feed metric	Value
Avg goals	2.00
Avg goals against	2.33
Avg shots	25.7
Avg shots against	22.3
Power play pct	5.9
Penalty kill pct	71.4

Feed season scope: 3 completed current-phase games in the captured schedule; metrics are all-strength where supplied. No five-on-five xG model is inferred. [S1]

Los Angeles Kings

Current phase: 2 games, 0 wins; scoring average 4.00 for / 6.50 against. These are descriptive averages, not projected scores.

Current feed metric	Value
Avg goals	4.00
Avg goals against	6.50
Avg shots	33.0
Avg shots against	27.0
Power play pct	28.6
Penalty kill pct	28.6

Feed season scope: 2 completed current-phase games in the captured schedule; metrics are all-strength where supplied. No five-on-five xG model is inferred. [S1]

How to read the matchup

Compare the two recent-game sections: did score and underlying volume agree, did the game change late, and did current absences affect the players producing those numbers? Where shot-quality, possession or bullpen detail is missing, the report cannot declare a repeatable style edge.

Conditional game scripts

If one team sustains a shot-volume and special-teams advantage, it has a plausible territorial route to scoring. A different goalie, changed lines or poor conversion can break that route. This is a conditional scenario, not a claim that tonight's deployment is confirmed.

4. Executed simulations and prediction limits

EXPERIMENTAL TEAM-SCORE BASELINE. This run is real and reproducible, but is not adjusted for the personnel, injuries, game-flow evidence, weather or tactical factors described in this report. It supplies the provisional prediction on page one; no accuracy or betting edge is established.	
Scenario win share	Florida Panthers 47.6% Los Angeles Kings 52.4%
Average sampled score	Florida Panthers 2.96 Los Angeles Kings 3.15
Total scenarios	Mean 6.11; central 80% sampled totals 3-10
Trials / seed	100,000 / 2827099365
Raw ties	15.9%; assumed 50/50 winner split
Run completed	2026-10-06T17:08:30.551668+00:00
Input hash	See retained JSON run record

Method: pooled venue scoring/conceding moments; independent negative-binomial draws where overdispersed, otherwise Poisson. For NHL, current completed regular-season results augment the preserved prior sample. NBA preseason estimates explicitly transfer preserved regular-season scoring without a rotation model. There is no opponent-strength, roster, goalie/pitcher or recency adjustment. Historical NHL overtime/shootout scores are included; raw ties are not regulation ties. MLB postseason transfer remains unvalidated.

Monte Carlo repeat-run error approximately +/- 0.31 percentage points at 95%. This only measures simulation noise; it excludes model and input uncertainty. No accuracy, calibration or ROI is claimed.

Florida Panthers: 85 historical qualifying games; 44 in this venue role. Latest input 2026-10-05T00:00Z.

Los Angeles Kings: 84 historical qualifying games; 41 in this venue role. Latest input 2026-10-04T02:00Z.

Spread and total probabilities

DraftKings via ESPN, captured 2026-10-06T17:00:45.253835+00:00 [S1]. Snapshot, not a live available offer.

Captured spread	Los Angeles Kings +1.5; model cover 74.6%; away cover 25.4%; push 0.0%
Captured total	5.5; model over 56.4%; under 43.6%; push 0.0%

These fractions come from the same uncalibrated score scenarios. Price, bookmaker availability and edge are not established. NHL historical shootout scores and fair random tie breaking are a proxy, not exact sportsbook settlement.

Conditional player-prop outlook

Brady Tkachuk | Florida Panthers

Conditional expected shots on goal: 3.0; 3+ probability 57.7%. Observed sample 3 games: 1.0, 4.0, 4.0.

Only if dressed with similar ice time; lineup/role not confirmed. No current bookmaker player line captured.

Poisson with observed current-season per-appearance mean; tiny-sample and role uncertainty unmodeled. Opportunity sensitivity: 2.4-3.6. +/-20% opportunity is an explicit illustrative assumption, not measured uncertainty. Sources: S3, S4, S5

Anton Lundell | Florida Panthers

Conditional expected shots on goal: 2.3; 3+ probability 41.3%. Observed sample 3 games: 3.0, 3.0, 1.0.

Only if dressed with similar ice time; lineup/role not confirmed. No current bookmaker player line captured.

Poisson with observed current-season per-appearance mean; tiny-sample and role uncertainty unmodeled. Opportunity sensitivity: 1.9-2.8. +/-20% opportunity is an explicit illustrative assumption, not measured uncertainty. Sources: S3, S4, S5

Sam Reinhart | Florida Panthers

Conditional expected shots on goal: 2.3; 3+ probability 41.3%. Observed sample 3 games: 2.0, 2.0, 3.0.

Only if dressed with similar ice time; lineup/role not confirmed. No current bookmaker player line captured.

Poisson with observed current-season per-appearance mean; tiny-sample and role uncertainty unmodeled. Opportunity sensitivity: 1.9-2.8. +/-20% opportunity is an explicit illustrative assumption, not measured uncertainty. Sources: S3, S4, S5

Adrian Kempe | Los Angeles Kings

Conditional expected shots on goal: 4.5; 3+ probability 82.6%. Observed sample 2 games: 3.0, 6.0.

Only if dressed with similar ice time; lineup/role not confirmed. No current bookmaker player line captured.

Poisson with observed current-season per-appearance mean; tiny-sample and role uncertainty unmodeled. Opportunity sensitivity: 3.6-5.4. +/-20% opportunity is an explicit illustrative assumption, not measured uncertainty. Sources: S7, S8

Quinton Byfield | Los Angeles Kings

Conditional expected shots on goal: 3.5; 3+ probability 67.9%. Observed sample 2 games: 3.0, 4.0.

Only if dressed with similar ice time; lineup/role not confirmed. No current bookmaker player line captured.

Poisson with observed current-season per-appearance mean; tiny-sample and role uncertainty unmodeled. Opportunity sensitivity: 2.8-4.2. +/-20% opportunity is an explicit illustrative assumption, not measured uncertainty. Sources: S7, S8

Artemi Panarin | Los Angeles Kings

Conditional expected shots on goal: 3.0; 3+ probability 57.7%. Observed sample 2 games: 2.0, 4.0.

Only if dressed with similar ice time; lineup/role not confirmed. No current bookmaker player line captured.

Poisson with observed current-season per-appearance mean; tiny-sample and role uncertainty unmodeled. Opportunity sensitivity: 2.4-3.6. +/-20% opportunity is an explicit illustrative assumption, not measured uncertainty. Sources: S7, S8

What changes the prediction

Different starter; scratch or minutes restriction; changed batting order/rotation; material weather change; corrected source results. The current model does not recompute player-specific team adjustments. This prepared report does not refresh itself.

5. Sources and freshness

Source numbers refer to the captured snapshots below. This is a prepared report; personnel and conditions may change before the game.

S1 | fetched 2026-10-06T17:00:45.253835+00:00

<https://site.api.espn.com/apis/site/v2/sports/hockey/nhl/summary?event=401891806>

S2 | fetched 2026-10-06T17:00:47.816177+00:00

<https://site.api.espn.com/apis/site/v2/sports/hockey/nhl/teams/26/schedule?season=2027&seasontype=2>

S3 | fetched 2026-10-06T17:00:49.162232+00:00

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S4 | fetched 2026-10-06T17:00:53.489498+00:00

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S5 | fetched 2026-10-06T17:00:53.556281+00:00

<https://site.api.espn.com/apis/site/v2/sports/hockey/nhl/summary?event=401891778>

S6 | fetched 2026-10-06T17:00:47.967643+00:00

<https://site.api.espn.com/apis/site/v2/sports/hockey/nhl/teams/8/schedule?season=2027&seasontype=2>

S7 | fetched 2026-10-06T17:00:53.780999+00:00

<https://site.api.espn.com/apis/site/v2/sports/hockey/nhl/summary?event=401891780>

S8 | fetched 2026-10-06T17:00:53.802784+00:00

<https://site.api.espn.com/apis/site/v2/sports/hockey/nhl/summary?event=401892441>

Release status: PROVISIONAL RESEARCH. Predictions and conditional prop scenarios are experimental and unvalidated. All 23 catalog entries remain DRAFT; validated forecasts remain disabled.