

## 2022-23 NEW HEAD COACHES & GENERAL MANAGERS

Notes on the 10 head coaches and two general managers taking new roles into 2022-23.

### *Head Coaches*

An NHL record-tying 10 new head coaches will make their team debut when the 2022-23 regular season opens, equaling 1997-98 for the highest start-of-season total in League history.

Nearly one-third of NHL clubs (10 of 32) will begin 2022-23 with a head coach behind the bench who did not hold the position (interim or permanent) last season: Boston (**Jim Montgomery**), Chicago (**Luke Richardson**), Dallas (**Peter DeBoer**), Detroit (**Derek Lalonde**), Florida (**Paul Maurice**), NY Islanders (**Lane Lambert**), Philadelphia (**John Tortorella**), San Jose (**David Quinn**), Vegas (**Bruce Cassidy**) and Winnipeg (**Rick Bowness**).

They will strive to match the success of the three longest-serving head coaches, who account for five of the past seven championships: **Jon Cooper** (hired in 2012-13 by Tampa Bay), **Mike Sullivan** (hired in 2015-16 by Pittsburgh) and **Jared Bednar** (hired in 2016-17 by Colorado).

The highest number of new head coaches to *make the playoffs* in their first season with a club is eight, which occurred in 1989-90. **John Muckler** was one of nine new head coaches that season and led the Oilers to their fifth Stanley Cup.

Of the 10 new head coaches:

- 5 have served as head coach in the Stanley Cup Final (**Peter DeBoer**, **Paul Maurice**, **John Tortorella**, **Bruce Cassidy** & **Rick Bowness**)
- 3 have served as head coach in the Stanley Cup Final since 2016 (**Rick Bowness**: 2020 w/ DAL, **Bruce Cassidy**: 2019 w/ BOS, and **Peter DeBoer**: 2016 w/ SJS)
- 3 have won a Stanley Cup in any role (**Derek Lalonde**: Asst. Coach w/ TBL in 2020 and 2021, **Lane Lambert**: Asst. Coach w/ WSH in 2018, **John Tortorella**: Head Coach w/ TBL in 2004)
- 2 have won the [Jack Adams Award](#) (**John Tortorella**: 2x; **Bruce Cassidy**: 1x)
- 3 are taking their first NHL head coaching job (**Luke Richardson** w/ CHI, **Derek Lalonde** w/ DET, and **Lane Lambert** w/ NYI)
- 7 have NHL head coaching experience, with a combined 5,550 regular-season games served

The only other season to begin with 10 new head coaches was 1997-98. That season saw Anaheim (**Pierre Page**), Boston (**Pat Burns**), Buffalo (**Lindy Ruff**), Calgary (**Brian Sutter**), Montreal (**Alain Vigneault**), Philadelphia (**Wayne Cashman**), Phoenix (**Jim Schoenfeld**), Pittsburgh (**Kevin Constantine**), San Jose (**Darryl Sutter**) and Washington (**Ron Wilson**) all begin with a new bench boss. A few notes on how they fared:

- Seven of 10 teams were in a playoff spot at the end of October 1997 (Anaheim, Boston, Montreal, Philadelphia, Phoenix, Pittsburgh & Washington)
- 8 of 10 teams eventually qualified for the 1998 Stanley Cup Playoffs (Boston, Buffalo, Montreal, Philadelphia, Phoenix, Pittsburgh, San Jose and Washington)
- One won the 1997-98 Jack Adams (**Pat Burns** w/ BOS)
- Two reached the Conference Final (**Lindy Ruff** w/ BUF, **Ron Wilson** w/ WSH)
- One reached the Stanley Cup Final (**Ron Wilson** w/ WSH)

### *General Managers*

Two clubs enter 2022-23 with a new general manager, with **Mike Grier** (San Jose) becoming the first Black GM in NHL history and **Chris MacFarland** (Colorado) becoming the sixth GM to take over for a Stanley Cup-winning club.



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## **NEW HEAD COACHES**

Notes on the new head coaches in 2022-23:

### **Jim Montgomery (Boston Bruins)**

\* Head coach for the University of Denver from 2013-2018. His tenure included three NCAA championships (2017-18, 2016-17 & 2013-14) and a Spencer Penrose Trophy (Coach of the Year) in 2016-17.

\* In his first season as head coach of the Stars in 2018-19, Montgomery led the team past the First Round of the playoffs for the first time in eight seasons.

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### **Luke Richardson, Chicago Blackhawks**

\* Assistant coach for three different franchises: Senators (2008-09 to 2011-12), Islanders (2017-18) and Canadiens (2018-19 to 2021-22).

\* Advanced to 2021 Stanley Cup Final as assistant coach with the Canadiens.

\* Captured the 2016-17 Spengler Cup as head coach of Team Canada.

\* Skated in 1,417 regular-season contests, the 10th most by a defenseman in NHL history.

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### **Peter DeBoer, Dallas Stars**

\* NHL head coach in each of the past 15 seasons (FLA, NJD, SJS, VGK, DAL), including 2022-23 – only **Peter Laviolette** has a longer active run (21; NYI, CAR, PHI, NSH, WSH).

\* Has reached the Stanley Cup Final in his first season as head coach multiple times, doing so in 2015-16 with the Sharks and 2011-12 with the Devils. He is one of four head coaches in NHL history to achieve the feat, following **Pat Burns** (2002-03 w/ NJD & 1988-89 w/ MTL), **Mike Keenan** (1993-94 w/ NYR & 1984-85 w/ PHI) and **Scotty Bowman** (1991-92 w/ PIT & 1967-68 w/ STL).

\* Has won 13 playoff rounds in his career, the fourth-highest total among active head coaches.

\* Holds a 6-0 record in Game 7s, trailing only **Darryl Sutter** (8) for the most such wins by a head coach in NHL history.

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### **Derek Lalonde, Detroit Red Wings**

\* Two-time Stanley Cup champion as assistant coach of the Tampa Bay Lightning (2020 & 2021).

\* Named 2014-15 ECHL Coach of the Year after leading the Toledo Walleye to a 50-15-7 record, the most wins in a season in franchise history.

\* Reconnects with Red Wings general manager **Steve Yzerman** after spending parts of the 2018-19 season together with the Lightning.

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### **Paul Maurice, Florida Panthers**

- \* Enters 2022-23 with 1,684 regular-season games coached, the [fourth most in NHL history](#).
- \* Ranks seventh place on the all-time wins list [among head coaches](#).
- \* One of four head coaches to lead multiple franchises to their first-ever Conference Finals (since 1981-82) appearance (CAR in 2001-02; WPG in 2017-18).

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### **Lane Lambert, New York Islanders**

- \* Spent the past 11 seasons as an associate/assistant coach on Barry Trotz's staff, serving four seasons with the Islanders (2018-19 to 2021-22), four with the Capitals (2014-15 to 2017-18) and three with the Predators (2011-12 to 2013-14).
- \* Stanley Cup winner as an assistant coach with the Capitals in 2018.
- \* His nephew, **Jimmy Lambert**, signed an ATO with the Islanders' AHL affiliate, the Bridgeport Islanders, on April 18, 2022.
- \* His nephew, **Brad Lambert**, was drafted 30th overall by the Jets at the 2022 NHL Entry Draft.
- \* Played 18 games with the Rangers in 1986-87 and is one of five Islanders head coaches who previously suited up for the long-time rival Blueshirts.

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### **John Tortorella, Philadelphia Flyers**

- \* Needs 27 wins for 700 in his career, a [milestone hit by only 10 head coaches](#) entering 2022-23.
- \* Head coach for the 2004 Stanley Cup-winning Lightning.
- \* Five-time finalist and two-time winner of the [Jack Adams Award](#) – Tortorella is the only active head coach to be named a finalist for the trophy with three different franchises (TBL: 2x; NYR: 1x; CBJ: 2x).

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### **David Quinn, San Jose Sharks**

- \* Spent three seasons as head coach of the Rangers (2018-19 to 2020-21).
- \* Quinn and newly appointed Sharks general manager **Mike Grier** both played college hockey at Boston University – Quinn from 1984-88 and Grier from 1993-96.
- \* Served as associate coach for Boston University en route to an NCAA championship in 2008-09, a team that featured current Sharks forward **Nick Bonino**.

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### **Bruce Cassidy, Vegas Golden Knights**

\* Head coach of the Bruins for at least part of the past six seasons, a tenure that included an appearance in the 2019 Stanley Cup Final.

\* Cassidy was a finalist for the [Jack Adams Award](#) in his first full season behind the Bruins bench in 2017-18 before ultimately claiming the trophy two seasons later (2019-20).

\* Named the third head coach in Golden Knights history.

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### **Rick Bowness, Winnipeg Jets**

\* Head coach of the Stars for at least part of the past three seasons, a tenure that included an appearance in the 2020 Stanley Cup Final.

\* First head coach to serve behind the bench for both the current and original Winnipeg Jets – he was Jets head coach for 28 games in 1988-89 season.

\* Played 45 regular-season games for the Jets in 1980-81, recording 8-17—25 in that campaign.

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### **NEW GENERAL MANAGERS**

Notes on the new general managers in 2022-23:

#### **Chris MacFarland, Colorado Avalanche**

\* Assistant GM of the Avalanche for the past seven seasons, winning the Stanley Cup in 2022.

\* Sixth instance in NHL history of the Stanley Cup champions beginning their title-defending season with a new general manager.

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#### **Mike Grier, San Jose Sharks**

\* Became the first Black general manager in NHL history.

\* Served as a scout for the 2015 Stanley Cup-winning Blackhawks.

\* Played three seasons with the Sharks from 2006-2009, amassing 35-43—78 in 221 regular-season games.

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## **TENURE WITH CURRENT TEAM, HEAD COACHES**

A register of all head coaches in NHL history, including bio pages with individual season-by-season and career breakdowns, is available on [Records.NHL.com](https://www.nhl.com/records).

<b>Head Coach</b>	<b>Team</b>	<b>First Season</b>	<b>Seasons*</b>
Jon Cooper	Tampa Bay Lightning	2012-13	11
Mike Sullivan	Pittsburgh Penguins	2015-16	8
Jared Bednar	Colorado Avalanche	2016-17	7
Rod Brind'Amour	Carolina Hurricanes	2018-19	5
Craig Berube	St. Louis Blues	2018-19	5
Dallas Eakins	Anaheim Ducks	2019-20	4
Todd McLellan	Los Angeles Kings	2019-20	4
Dean Evason	Minnesota Wild	2019-20	4
John Hynes	Nashville Predators	2019-20	4
D.J. Smith	Ottawa Senators	2019-20	4
Sheldon Keefe	Toronto Maple Leafs	2019-20	4
Don Granato	Buffalo Sabres	2020-21	3
Darryl Sutter	Calgary Flames	2020-21	3
Lindy Ruff	New Jersey Devils	2020-21	3
Peter Laviolette	Washington Capitals	2020-21	3
André Tourigny	Arizona Coyotes	2021-22	2
Brad Larsen	Columbus Blue Jackets	2021-22	2
Jay Woodcroft	Edmonton Oilers	2021-22	2
Martin St. Louis	Montreal Canadiens	2021-22	2
Gerard Gallant	New York Rangers	2021-22	2
Dave Hakstol	Seattle Kraken	2021-22	2
Bruce Boudreau	Vancouver Canucks	2021-22	2
Jim Montgomery	Boston Bruins	2022-23	1
Luke Richardson	Chicago Blackhawks	2022-23	1
Peter DeBoer	Dallas Stars	2022-23	1
Derek Lalonde	Detroit Red Wings	2022-23	1
Paul Maurice	Florida Panthers	2022-23	1
Lane Lambert	New York Islanders	2022-23	1
John Tortorella	Philadelphia Flyers	2022-23	1
David Quinn	San Jose Sharks	2022-23	1
Bruce Cassidy	Vegas Golden Knights	2022-23	1
Rick Bowness	Winnipeg Jets	2022-23	1

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David Poile	Nashville Predators	1998-99	24
Doug Armstrong	St. Louis Blues	2010-11	13
Kevin Cheveldayoff	Winnipeg Jets	2011-12	12
Jarmo Kekalainen	Columbus Blue Jackets	2012-13	11
Jim Nill	Dallas Stars	2013-14	10
Brad Treliving	Calgary Flames	2014-15	9
Brian MacLellan	Washington Capitals	2014-15	9
Don Sweeney	Boston Bruins	2015-16	8
Pierre Dorion	Ottawa Senators	2016-17	7
Rob Blake	Los Angeles Kings	2017-18	6
Don Waddell	Carolina Hurricanes	2018-19	5
Lou Lamoriello	New York Islanders	2018-19	5
Chuck Fletcher	Philadelphia Flyers	2018-19	5
Julien Brisebois	Tampa Bay Lightning	2018-19	5
Kyle Dubas	Toronto Maple Leafs	2018-19	5
Steve Yzerman	Detroit Red Wings	2019-20	4
Ken Holland	Edmonton Oilers	2019-20	4
Bill Guerin	Minnesota Wild	2019-20	4
Tom Fitzgerald	New Jersey Devils	2019-20	4
Kelly McCrimmon	Vegas Golden Knights	2019-20	4
Bill Armstrong	Arizona Coyotes	2020-21	3
Kevyn Adams	Buffalo Sabres	2020-21	3
Bill Zito	Florida Panthers	2020-21	3
Chris Drury	New York Rangers	2020-21	3
Ron Hextall	Pittsburgh Penguins	2020-21	3
Pat Verbeek	Anaheim Ducks	2021-22	2
Kyle Davidson	Chicago Blackhawks	2021-22	2
Kent Hughes	Montreal Canadiens	2021-22	2
Ron Francis	Seattle Kraken	2021-22	2
Patrik Allvin	Vancouver Canucks	2021-22	2
Chris MacFarland	Colorado Avalanche	2022-23	1
Mike Grier	San Jose Sharks	2022-23	1

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