

2023-24 NEW HEAD COACHES & GENERAL MANAGERS

There are six new head coaches and four new general managers entering the 2023-24 regular season.

NEW HEAD COACHES

* Six teams will begin 2023-24 with a head coach who did not hold the position last season (interim or otherwise): Anaheim (**Greg Cronin**), Calgary (**Ryan Huska**), Columbus (**Pascal Vincent**), Nashville (**Andrew Brunette**), NY Rangers (**Peter Laviolette**) and Washington (**Spencer Carbery**).

* Of the six head coaches:

- 1 has won a [Stanley Cup](#) as head coach: **Peter Laviolette** (2006 CAR)
- 2 have been a finalist for the [Jack Adams Award](#): Laviolette (2005-06 w/ CAR & 2014-15 w/ NSH) and **Andrew Brunette** (2021-22 w/ FLA)
- 2 have been the head coach of a [Presidents' Trophy](#)-winning team: Laviolette (2005-06 w/ CAR, 2017-18 w/ NSH) and Brunette (2021-22 w/ FLA)
- 3 have [NHL head coaching experience](#), with more than 1,500 combined regular season games coached

* **Bruce Cassidy** won the Stanley Cup in 2022-23, his first season with Vegas. There are only two spans of consecutive seasons in NHL history that saw a first-year head coach win the Cup: a five-season stretch from 1989-90 to 1993-94 when **John Muckler** (1990 EDM), **Bob Johnson** (1991 PIT), **Scotty Bowman** (1992 PIT), **Jacques Demers** (1993 MTL) and **Mike Keenan** (1994 NYR) all did so, along with a two-season span from 1954-55 to 1955-56 when **Jimmy Skinner** (1955 DET) and **Toe Blake** (1956 MTL) combined for the feat.

* The 2023 Stanley Cup Final was the [seventh in NHL history](#) in which both head coaches were in their first season with their respective franchise (**Bruce Cassidy** w/ VGK def. **Paul Maurice** w/ FLA). The only consecutive championship series to feature two head coaches in their first year with a franchise were 1990 (**John Muckler** w/ EDM def. **Mike Milbury** w/ BOS) and 1991 (**Bob Johnson** w/ PIT def. **Bob Gainey** w/ MNS).

Greg Cronin, Anaheim Ducks

* Head coach of Colorado Eagles of the AHL from 2018-19 to 2022-23, posting a 164-101-30 record and four trips to the postseason.

* Spent time as an assistant/associate coach in the NHL with the Islanders (1998-99 to 2002-03 & 2014-15 to 2017-18) and Maple Leafs (2011-12 to 2013-14).

* Served as head coach Northeastern University of the NCAA from 2005-06 to 2010-11 as well as two seasons with the University of Maine in 1995-96 and 1996-97.

Ryan Huska, Calgary Flames

* Spent the past five seasons (2018-19 to 2022-23) as an assistant coach with the Flames, which included acting as the head coach of record for the club from March 6-7, 2021. He had a 0-1-1 record through that span – a 3-2 loss to the Oilers on [March 6](#) and a 4-3 shootout loss to the Senators on [March 7](#).

* Served as head coach of the Adirondack Flames/Stockton Heat franchise of the AHL from 2014-15 to 2017-18.

* Won a Memorial Cup in 2004 with the Kelowna Rockets of the WHL as an assistant coach.

Pascal Vincent, Columbus Blue Jackets

* Vincent, who has been behind the Blue Jackets' bench as an associate coach for the past two seasons, has served as either head coach or associate coach across four leagues over the past 29 years (NHL, AHL, QMJHL, QMAAA).

* Received the Louis A.R. Pieri Memorial Award as the AHL's Coach of the Year in 2017-18 after helping the Manitoba Moose achieve a 42-26-8 (92 points) record.

* Awarded the Ron Lapointe Trophy as the QMJHL Coach of the Year after serving behind the bench of the Cape Breton Screaming Eagles in 2007-08.

Andrew Brunette, Nashville Predators

* Brunette (.720 in 75 GC) enters 2023-24 ranking second in points percentage among head coaches with a minimum of 70 games served, behind only **Tom Johnson** (.738 in 208 GC).

* Made his head coaching debut with Florida in 2021-22 and led the club to its first-ever Presidents' Trophy. Florida posted a 51-18-6 record in his 75 games.

* Served as an assistant coach with the Wild (2014-15 to 2015-16), Panthers (2020-21 to 2021-22) and Devils (2022-23).

* Played 77 games for the Predators during their inaugural season – including the club's first ever game – after being selected from the Capitals in the 1998-99 expansion draft, with current GM **Barry Trotz** then serving as head coach. Brunette scored the first regular-season goal in Predators history ([Oct. 13, 1998 vs. CAR](#)) and now will become the first person to both play for the club and serve as head coach.

Peter Laviolette, New York Rangers

* Ranks eighth all-time in regular season wins (752) behind **Scotty Bowman** (1244), **Joel Quenneville** (969), **Barry Trotz** (914), **Ken Hitchcock** (849), **Lindy Ruff** (834), **Paul Maurice** (817) and **Al Arbour** (782).

* Set to become the first head coach in NHL history to serve behind the bench for both the Rangers and Islanders.

* Set to become the fourth head coach in NHL history to serve that role with at least six different franchises, joining [Mike Keenan](#) (8), [Roger Neilson](#) (8) and [Rick Bowness](#) (6).

* Will have served as head coach for five of eight teams currently in the Metropolitan Division (CBJ, PIT & NJD being the exceptions).

* Won the Stanley Cup in 2006 with the Hurricanes and reached the Final with both the Flyers (2010) and Predators (2017). He is one of four head coaches in NHL history to lead at least three different franchises to the Stanley Cup Final, following **Scotty Bowman** (4; STL, MTL, PIT & DET), **Dick Irvin** (3; CHI, TOR & MTL) and Keenan (3; PHI, CHI & NYR).

Spencer Carbery, Washington Capitals

* Spent the past two seasons as an assistant coach for the Maple Leafs.

* Named ECHL Coach of the Year (John Brophy Award) in 2013-14 with the South Carolina Stingrays. Won an ECHL championship with the Stingrays as a player in 2008-09 under head coach **Jared Bednar** (now with COL).

* Won AHL Coach of the Year (Louis A.R. Pieri Memorial Award) in 2020-21 with the Hershey Bears.



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NEW GENERAL MANAGERS

Craig Conroy (Calgary), **Barry Trotz** (Nashville), **Brad Treliving** (Toronto) and **Kyle Dubas** (Pittsburgh) have taken over a new general manager position for the upcoming season. The only rookie NHL GMs in 2023-24 each have ties to the franchise they are now leading: Conroy played more than 500 games with the Flames and Trotz was head coach for the first 1,200-plus games in Predators history.

Craig Conroy, Calgary Flames

* Spent the past 13 years with the Flames franchise as special assistant to the general manager (2010-11 to 2013-14) and assistant general manager (2014-15 to 2022-23).

* Played 507 regular-season games with Calgary over two stints from 2000-01 to 2003-04 and 2006-07 to 2010-11. He shared the captaincy with multiple players in 2001-02 and 2002-03.

* Reached the Stanley Cup Final with the Flames in 2004 (6-11—17 in 26 GP) and represented the club in a total of 45 playoff games over four postseasons.

Barry Trotz, Nashville Predators

* Nearly 60% of regular season wins in Predators history came during his tenure as head coach from 1998-99 to 2013-14 (557 of 939).

* He is the only active general manager to serve as a head coach and general manager (either at the same time or different stints) with the same franchise.

* Trotz officially took over as Predators general manager July 1, 2023 (two weeks before his 61st birthday), following the retirement of **David Poile** – the only other GM in club history. Trotz became the third GM in NHL history to take the role for the first time at age 60 or older, following **Stan Smyl** with the Canucks (age 63 in 2021-22; 2 games) and **Jeff Solomon** with the Ducks (age 63 in 2021-22; 35 games). Smyl and Solomon both served as interim GMs following in-season changes.

* Won the Stanley Cup as a head coach with the Capitals in 2018.

Kyle Dubas, Pittsburgh Penguins

* Spent the past five seasons as general manager of the Maple Leafs, accumulating 221 wins through that span – the fifth most among all teams behind the Bruins (242), Lightning (238), Avalanche (226) and Hurricanes (226).

* Won the AHL Calder Cup as general manager of the Toronto Marlies during the 2017-18 season.

* Seventh [Penguins GM](#) since the club drafted **Sidney Crosby** in 2005, following **Craig Patrick**, **Ray Shero**, **Jason Botterill** (interim), **Jim Rutherford**, **Patrik Allvin** (interim) and **Ron Hextall**.

Brad Treliving, Toronto Maple Leafs

* Spent the past nine seasons as general manager of the Flames, qualifying for the Stanley Cup Playoffs five times (2014-15, 2016-17, 2018-19, 2019-20 & 2021-22) and finishing with the top record in the Western Conference once (50-25-7, 107 points in 2018-19).

* Won a gold medal with Canada as co-GM alongside **George McPhee** at the 2016 IIHF World Championship.



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TENURE WITH CURRENT TEAM, HEAD COACHES

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HEAD COACH	TEAM	FIRST SEASON	SEASONS*
Jon Cooper	Tampa Bay Lightning	2012-13	12
Mike Sullivan	Pittsburgh Penguins	2015-16	9
Jared Bednar	Colorado Avalanche	2016-17	8
Rod Brind'Amour	Carolina Hurricanes	2018-19	6
Craig Berube	St. Louis Blues	2018-19	6
Todd McLellan	Los Angeles Kings	2019-20	5
Dean Evason	Minnesota Wild	2019-20	5
D.J Smith	Ottawa Senators	2019-20	5
Sheldon Keefe	Toronto Maple Leafs	2019-20	5
Don Granato	Buffalo Sabres	2020-21	4
Lindy Ruff	New Jersey Devils	2020-21	4
Andre Tourigny	Arizona Coyotes	2021-22	3
Jay Woodcraft	Edmonton Oilers	2021-22	3
Martin St. Louis	Montreal Canadiens	2021-22	3
Dave Hakstol	Seattle Kraken	2021-22	3
Jim Montgomery	Boston Bruins	2022-23	2
Luke Richardson	Chicago Blackhawks	2022-23	2
Peter DeBoer	Dallas Stars	2022-23	2
Derek Lalonde	Detroit Red Wings	2022-23	2
Paul Maurice	Florida Panthers	2022-23	2
Lane Lambert	New York Islanders	2022-23	2
John Tortorella	Philadelphia Flyers	2022-23	2
David Quinn	San Jose Sharks	2022-23	2
Bruce Cassidy	Vegas Golden Knights	2022-23	2
Rick Bowness	Winnipeg Jets	2022-23	2
Rick Tocchet	Vancouver Canucks	2022-23	2
Greg Cronin	Anaheim Ducks	2023-24	1
Ryan Huska	Calgary Flames	2023-24	1
Pascal Vincent	Columbus Blue Jackets	2023-24	1
Andrew Brunette	Nashville Predators	2023-24	1
Peter Laviolette	New York Rangers	2023-24	1
Spencer Carbery	Washington Capitals	2023-24	1

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Doug Armstrong	St. Louis Blues	2010-11	14
Kevin Cheveldayoff	Winnipeg Jets	2011-12	13
Jarmo Kekalainen	Columbus Blue Jackets	2012-13	12
Jim Nill	Dallas Stars	2013-14	11
Brian MacLellan	Washington Capitals	2014-15	10
Don Sweeney	Boston Bruins	2015-16	9
Pierre Dorion	Ottawa Senators	2016-17	8
Rob Blake	Los Angeles Kings	2017-18	7
Don Waddell	Carolina Hurricanes	2018-19	6
Lou Lamoriello	New York Islanders	2018-19	6
Julien Brisebois	Tampa Bay Lightning	2018-19	6
Steve Yzerman	Detroit Red Wings	2019-20	5
Ken Holland	Edmonton Oilers	2019-20	5
Bill Guerin	Minnesota Wild	2019-20	5
Tom Fitzgerald	New Jersey Devils	2019-20	5
Kelly McCrimmon	Vegas Golden Knights	2019-20	5
Bill Armstrong	Arizona Coyotes	2020-21	4
Kevyn Adams	Buffalo Sabres	2020-21	4
Bill Zito	Florida Panthers	2020-21	4
Chris Drury	New York Rangers	2020-21	4
Kent Hughes	Montreal Canadiens	2021-22	3
Ron Francis	Seattle Kraken	2021-22	3
Kyle Davidson	Chicago Blackhawks	2021-22	3
Pat Verbeek	Anaheim Ducks	2021-22	3
Patrik Allvin	Vancouver Canucks	2021-22	3
Chris McFarland	Colorado Avalanche	2022-23	2
Mike Grier	San Jose Sharks	2022-23	2
Daniel Briere	Philadelphia Flyers	2022-23	2
Kyle Dubas	Pittsburgh Penguins	2023-24	1
Brad Treliving	Toronto Maple Leafs	2023-24	1
Craig Conroy	Calgary Flames	2023-24	1
Barry Trotz	Nashville Predators	2023-24	1

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