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KINGS' ANZE KOPITAR WINS THIRD CAREER LADY BYNG TROPHY

Los Angeles Captain Honored in Special Surprise Trophy Presentation

NEW YORK (June 12, 2025) – Los Angeles Kings center **Anze Kopitar** is the 2024-25 recipient of the **Lady Byng Memorial Trophy**, awarded "to the player adjudged to have exhibited the best type of sportsmanship and gentlemanly conduct combined with a high standard of playing ability," as selected by the Professional Hockey Writers Association.

The Kings' captain – who is spending his offseason in his native Slovenia – learned the news from his children, who handed him special drawings of the Lady Byng before giving him the replica trophy.

The 37-year-old Kopitar, who previously received the award in 2015-16 and 2022-23, is the third player this century with at least three Lady Byng Trophy wins. The others: **Pavel Datsyuk** (4x) and **Martin St. Louis** (3x).

Kopitar prevailed in a wide-open race in which the top five finishers were separated by fewer than 200 voting points. Kopitar received 50 first-place votes en route to 856 voting points, ahead of Tampa Bay Lightning center **Brayden Point** (second, 793), Vegas Golden Knights center **Jack Eichel** (third, 782), Carolina Hurricanes defenseman **Jaccob Slavin**, a two-time Lady Byng Trophy winner (fourth, 760 points) and Montreal Canadiens center **Nick Suzuki** (fifth, 694).

Kopitar, in his 19th NHL campaign and ninth as the Kings' captain, placed second on the team with 21-46—67 in 81 contests to help Los Angeles (48-25-9, 105 points) match franchise records for wins and points in a season. Kopitar – who finished the campaign in 28th place in NHL history for career assists (838) and in 40th place for career points (1,278) – also ranked among the 2024-25 League leaders (using respective minimums) in percentage of team face-offs taken (5th; 33.5%), shooting percentage (6th; 21.4%) and face-off winning percentage (10th; 57.2%). He logged 1,535:25 of time on ice (an average of 18:57 per game) while recording only four penalty minutes, the fewest among the 527 NHL skaters who made at least 55 appearances during the season.

The best players and coaches from the 2024-25 season will be celebrated in the *2025 NHL Awards*, a one-hour special that will premiere tonight at 6 p.m. ET on TNT in the U.S. and Sportsnet in Canada, before Game 4 of the Stanley Cup Final. The show will highlight all NHL Award winners this season, including Kopitar and others revealed in a series of special surprise video announcements across all League platforms.

2024-25 Lady Byng Trophy Voting

		Pts	(1st-2nd-3rd-4th-5th)
1.	Anze Kopitar, LAK	856	(50-31-11-22-18)
2.	Brayden Point, TBL	793	(27-43-28-21-19)
3.	Jack Eichel, VGK	782	(34-26-28-36-12)
4.	Jaccob Slavin, CAR	760	(33-36-22-17-17)
5.	Nick Suzuki, MTL	694	(8-35-48-29-42)
6.	Cale Makar, COL	221	(12-3-9-8-11)
7.	Marc-Andre Fleury, MIN	195	(16-2-2-2-5)
8.	Mitch Marner, TOR	149	(3-5-10-8-10)

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9.	Colton Parayko, STL	72	(1-2-4-6-10)
10.	Jake Sanderson, OTT	71	(1-1-8-3-5)
11.	Sidney Crosby, PIT	52	(3-0-2-4-0)
12.	Nick Jensen, OTT	40	(0-0-5-4-3)
13.	Alex Ovechkin, WSH	38	(2-1-0-3-2)
14.	Matt Duchene, DAL	24	(0-0-2-3-5)
15.	Kyle Connor, WPG	15	(0-1-1-1-0)
16.	Jesper Bratt, NJD	12	(0-1-1-0-0)
17.	Alex Vlasic, CHI	11	(0-0-1-1-3)
18.	Frederick Gaudreau, MIN	11	(0-0-0-3-2)
19.	Kirill Marchenko, CBJ	10	(1-0-0-0-0)
20.	Aleksander Barkov, FLA	10	(0-0-2-0-0)
21.	Patrick Kane, DET	8	(0-0-1-1-0)
22.	Dylan Holloway, STL	8	(0-0-1-0-3)
23.	Gustav Forsling, FLA	8	(0-0-0-2-2)
t-24.	Leon Draisaitl, EDM	7	(0-1-0-0-0)
t-24.	Claude Giroux, OTT	7	(0-1-0-0-0)
t-24.	Jack Hughes, NJD	7	(0-1-0-0-0)
t-24.	Vladimir Tarasenko, DET	7	(0-1-0-0-0)
t-28.	William Karlsson, VGK	6	(0-0-1-0-1)
t-28.	Teuvo Teravainen, CHI	6	(0-0-1-0-1)
t-28.	Devon Toews, COL	6	(0-0-1-0-1)
31.	Jared Spurgeon, MIN	6	(0-0-0-2-0)
t-32.	Tyler Toffoli, SJS	5	(0-0-1-0-0)
t-32.	Zach Werenski, CBJ	5	(0-0-1-0-0)
t-34.	Cole Caufield, MTL	4	(0-0-0-1-1)
t-34.	Miro Heiskanen, DAL	4	(0-0-0-1-1)
t-34.	Quinn Hughes, VAN	4	(0-0-0-1-1)
t-34.	Auston Matthews, TOR	4	(0-0-0-1-1)
t-34.	Jason Robertson, DAL	4	(0-0-0-1-1)
t-39.	Leo Carlsson, ANA	3	(0-0-0-1-0)
t-39.	Evgenii Dadonov, DAL	3	(0-0-0-1-0)
t-39.	Thomas Harley, DAL	3	(0-0-0-1-0)
t-39.	Victor Hedman, TBL	3	(0-0-0-1-0)
t-39.	Bo Horvat, NYI	3	(0-0-0-1-0)
t-39.	Esa Lindell, DAL	3	(0-0-0-1-0)
t-39.	Steven Lorentz, TOR	3	(0-0-0-1-0)
t-39.	Connor McDavid, EDM	3	(0-0-0-1-0)
t-39.	Ryan McDonagh, TBL	3	(0-0-0-1-0)
t-39.	Gabriel Vilardi, WPG	3	(0-0-0-1-0)
t-49.	Matty Beniers, SEA	1	(0-0-0-0-1)
t-49.	Jonathan Drouin, COL	1	(0-0-0-0-1)
t-49.	Nico Hischier, NJD	1	(0-0-0-0-1)
t-49.	Simon Holmstrom, NYI	1	(0-0-0-0-1)
t-49.	Wyatt Johnston, DAL	1	(0-0-0-0-1)
t-49.	Adam Lowry, WPG	1	(0-0-0-0-1)
t-49.	Sean Monahan, CBJ	1	(0-0-0-0-1)
t-49.	Ryan O'Reilly, NSH	1	(0-0-0-0-1)
t-49.	Rickard Rakell, PIT	1	(0-0-0-0-1)
t-49.	Sam Reinhart, FLA	1	(0-0-0-0-1)
t-49.	Brandon Saad, VGK	1	(0-0-0-0-1)
t-49.	Yegor Sharangovich, CGY	1	(0-0-0-0-1)
t-49.	Chris Tanev, TOR	1	(0-0-0-0-1)
t-49.	Logan Thompson, WSH	1	(0-0-0-0-1)

(10-7-5-3-1 points allocation)

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