

Keeping Score

Being No. 1 Isn't Enough

The winner of the National Hockey League's Presidents' Trophy, awarded since the 1985-86 season to the team with the best regular-season record, hasn't snared the Stanley Cup as often as you might expect.



SEASON	PRESIDENTS' TROPHY WINNER	WINNER'S PLAYOFF RECORD
1985-86	Edmonton Oilers	Lost in 2nd round
1986-87	Edmonton Oilers	Won Stanley Cup
1987-88	Calgary Flames	Lost in 2nd round
1988-89	Calgary Flames	Won Stanley Cup
1989-90	Boston Bruins	Lost in Stanley Cup finals
1990-91	Chicago Blackhawks	Lost in 1st round
1991-92	New York Rangers	Lost in 2nd round
1992-93	Pittsburgh Penguins	Lost in 2nd round
1993-94	New York Rangers	Won Stanley Cup
1994-95	Detroit Red Wings	Lost in Stanley Cup finals
1995-96	Detroit Red Wings	Lost in conference finals
1996-97	Colorado Avalanche	Lost in conference finals
1997-98	Dallas Stars	Lost in conference finals
1998-99	Dallas Stars	Won Stanley Cup
1999-2000	St. Louis Blues	Lost in 1st round
2000-01	Colorado Avalanche	Won Stanley Cup
2001-02	Detroit Red Wings	Won Stanley Cup
2002-03	Ottawa Senators	Lost in conference finals
2003-04	Detroit Red Wings	Lost in 2nd round

Note: The 2004-05 season was canceled because of a labor dispute.

Sources: Stats LLC; WSJ Market Data Group