



Fevered Fans

Die-hard Canucks supporters never stop believing. Their beloved team has made it to the Stanley Cup finals three times, and even gone all the way to game seven—twice—but has never won the coveted trophy. Local fans remain faithful, though, already anticipating that lucky season 41 will see Roberto Luongo, Ryan Kesler, the Sedin twins and all the rest of the hardworking lads bring Lord Stanley's cup home to its rightful place, within sight of the 400-hectare (1,000-acre) park that also bears Stanley's name. Season 40 proved to be the most successful so far, racking up the Presidents' Trophy for the team, the Art Ross Trophy for Daniel Sedin (one year after his identical twin, Henrik, won the honour) and the William M. Jennings Trophy for goalies

Luongo and Cory Schneider. Fans are already breaking out the blue and green face paint and hand-lettering signs in anticipation of the season opener Oct. 6 against the Pittsburgh Penguins.

Tickets

With a waitlist for season's tickets estimated to be up to a decade long, and every game sold out since November 2002, tickets to Canucks games are harder to find than a Toronto Maple Leafs fan in downtown Vancouver—unless you know where to look. Visit www.ticketmaster.ca first. If that ends in a shutout, try the Prime Seat Club on canucks.nhl.com. It's where season's-ticket holders sell off unneeded

GO CANUCKS GO!

To mark the start of the local NHL team's 41st season, we present an intro to the Canucks, Vancouver's favourite team **BY SHERI RADFORD**

(Above) Brimming over with team spirit, Vancouver Canucks fans show their true colours—and a few sport homemade Stanley Cup hats

(Opposite, L) Twins Daniel and Henrik Sedin are crowd favourites. (Opposite, middle) Daniel looks on as Henrik skates to the net with the puck. (Opposite, R) Goalie Roberto Luongo high-fives eager fans

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tickets. Follow the team on Twitter (twitter.com/VanCanucks) and Facebook (www.facebook.com/Canucks) to get updates on last-minute ticket releases.

Gear

Looking for your own Luongo jersey or Kesler t-shirt? Head to the Canucks Team Store (page 26) to find everything from official jerseys, hockey pucks and baseball hats to foam fingers, coffee mugs and adorable little onesies.

(Below, L) During the 2011 Stanley Cup run, Lord Stanley's statue in Stanley Park was outfitted with a Canucks jersey and a homemade version of his eponymous cup. **(Below, R)** Basketball superstar Steve Nash, who grew up in British Columbia, cheers for the Canucks. **(Opposite)** Fans fill Red Card Sports Bar + Eatery to root for the home team

Clues That the Canucks Are in Town

- Line-ups at bars and restaurants with big-screen TVs.
- Ear-shattering shouts of "Luuuuuuu!"
- Fans of all ages and sizes, from tots to grannies, dressed in blue and green.
- Flags and white towels everywhere.
- Hand-lettered signs reading "Believe" and "Ryan Kesler, marry me!" and the ubiquitous "Go Canucks go!"
- Across the street from Rogers Arena, a line-up out the door at the Costco concession, where \$1.50 buys a jumbo hot dog and pop.
- Random sightings of the spandex-clad green men.

Where to Watch

If you can't score tickets to a seat in Rogers Arena, head to one of the many restaurants and bars around town filled with giant screens showing the game. A few of our favourites:

- Forum (page 54).
- G Sports Bar and Grill (page 54).
- Red Card Sports Bar + Eatery (page 54).
- Score on Davie (page 54).
- Cactus Club Cafe (page 65).
- Phat Sports Bar and Restaurant (page 65).
- Shark Club Bar and Grill (page 54). We especially love that this one briefly changed its name to the Vancouver Club back in May, while the Canucks battled the San Jose Sharks during the playoffs. [W](#)

OCTOBER 2011 HOME GAMES AT ROGERS ARENA

oct. 6 Pittsburgh Penguins | oct. 18 New York Rangers | oct. 20 Nashville Predators
oct. 22 Minnesota Wild | oct. 26 St. Louis Blues | oct. 29 Washington Capitals



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