



## Sedins say split adds some ‘spark’

Ben Kuzma – The Province

[But team’s power play is another matter; more chances would be big help](#)

BUFFALO, N.Y. — John Tortorella wouldn’t go there because it’s too early to blame the officials. Maybe a hint, though.

While the Vancouver Canucks head coach is being rightfully lauded for again splitting up Henrik and Daniel Sedin — leading to the tying and winning goals Tuesday in Philadelphia — his ability to improve a 27th-ranked power play that has scored just twice in 20 chances is more daunting.

The Canucks drew one power play against the Flyers and aren’t doing enough to draw infractions.

And drawing them means drawing the attention of the referees — a long-running saga between the Canucks and league officials.

The Canucks rank 20th in powerplay opportunities but their aggressive forecheck and outmaning the opposition in the offensive zone are well-suited to getting more power plays.

“It’s not my call — it’s the refs’ call,” Tortorella said Wednesday following practice in Philadelphia.

“I don’t think we’re being lazy, we’re moving our feet out and we got stronger as the game went on. Last night was not good. We had a couple of good (power-play) chances and couldn’t score.”

The Canucks scored on their first power play Oct. 3 in San Jose.

The next one was two nights later against Edmonton and they drew six power plays in each of those games. In the last five, they haven’t scored on just eight chances.

“It’s really tough right now because we’re getting one or two chances a game,” said Canucks captain Henrik Sedin. “It’s going to come, but one chance a game and you’re off a bit. Suddenly, it doesn’t look good.”

What’s my line?

No sooner did Henrik Sedin line up at practice Wednesday with Ryan Kesler and Chris Higgins — the trio ignited the third-period comeback win in Philadelphia — than Tortorella stopped the media short of coming up with a nickname for the new line. Even though the Sedins have embraced the changes.

“I think they (Sedins) want it,” said Tortorella. “They’re smart enough to know they were being checked pretty closely, and I wasn’t going to take them off because the opposing team was putting its checking line out there. They got to find a way to get through it.”

“I’m not sure what the lines are going to be.”

Jordan Schroeder centred Daniel Sedin and Zack Kassian at practice Wednesday while Brad Richardson was between Tom Sestito and Dale Weise.

“We’re excited about this, and it’s a good thing as a team and for us personally,” said Daniel of being split from Henrik.

“It’s been like that for a lot of years and now we can spread things out. It gives us a spark that we need and it’s going to happen more.”

Block, block, block

That third-period penalty kill sequence against the Flyers is still getting rave reviews.

Chris Tanev, Dan Hamhuis and Kesler dove in front of pucks before Kesler potted the winning goal.

The Canucks had 18 blocked shots, with Jason Garrison collecting five and Tanev four.

“We had three major blocks and that’s huge,” said Tortorella.

“People asked me about blocking shots and it’s taken on a life of its own. We don’t teach them how to do it, we just want them to do it. To me, the willingness is the most important thing.”

Unlike the power play, the penalty kill is ranked second at 91.3 per cent efficiency, allowing just two powerplay goals on 23 chances.

Hamhuis off ice, Burrows not

Hamhuis blocked a shot with his upper body in the second period Tuesday and didn’t participate in practice Wednesday.

He’s expected to face the Buffalo Sabres on Thursday.

Alex Burrows was working out without a protective boot from his foot fracture Oct. 3. But he’s not close to playing.

“I have no idea,” said Tortorella. “He went out there (Tuesday) out of boredom, but he’s a ways away.”

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## Will real Zack Kassian stand up?

Ben Kuzma – The Province

[Boom or bust? No clear picture yet on talented but inconsistent winger](#)

Zack Kassian doesn’t have a history with Luke Schenn. There’s not that significant difference of opinion or disdain that would lead to the dropping of gloves.

However, the Vancouver Canucks winger did just that in the first period Tuesday and the combatants slugged it out to a draw during a 3-2 comeback victory over the Philadelphia Flyers to open a seven-game road trip.

The bout was sparked when the Flyers’ Zac Rinaldo levelled Canucks defenceman Yannick Weber with a heavy sideboards check. Kassian had a case of mistaken identity and thought it was Schenn who had done the damage. Right idea. Wrong guy. “Yeah, I saw that after,” Kassian said following a brief practice in Philadelphia Wednesday.

“I should have grabbed Rinaldo — it would have been an easier fight for me.”

The symbolism of the strange skirmish wasn’t lost on anybody trying to get a real read on Kassian — especially curious coach John Tortorella — because the enigma is still trying to make the right impression.

To transition from fun-loving kid to consummate professional, the rare fight was just another means to contribute because Kassian’s potential remains untapped. And knowing the trade comparison to Cody Hodgson will surface yet again Thursday in Buffalo when Kassian faces his former club, he’s banking on better perspective and performance potential to silence his critics.

It will be easier if he doesn’t listen to sports talk radio.

“That’s hockey,” shrugged Kassian. “People need to talk about something. So be it. I just care about what the team thinks of me. We’re two different players, and I wish him the best. I need to worry about my business in Vancouver. The only thing I like about it (going back to Buffalo) is it’s in the same time zone as my family, and it’s going to be pretty cool to have them there. There will be at least 20 — I’m still getting texts.”

Aside from five goals in seven games while aligned with Henrik and Daniel Sedin to start the lockout-shortened season, Kassian has scored just twice in his last 37 games. His 14 points (8-6) in 58 games with the Canucks since that Feb. 27, 2012 trade are dwarfed by Hodgson’s 48 points

(19-29) in 76 games with the Sabres. In Hodgson, the Sabres have a reliable centre with 20-goal potential. In Kassian, the Canucks have — well, they're not sure what they have.

Is Kassian a budding Milan Lucic or a bust? It's too early to pass judgment on a 22-year-old first-round draft pick because he shows flashes of form that any team would covet. He skates well, passes better than given credit for and can get to the net. He hits and will fight — he's had nine career NHL bouts — but putting all that together on a consistent basis has been the ongoing challenge.

“You need to do things out there to be recognized,” said Kassian, who played 9:47 against the Flyers and had no points and no shots but delivered three hits.

“I'm kind of lucky if I'm not scoring goals that I can bring other attributes to the team. You want to put up goals, but at the same time, you need to look where you're playing. My goal is to create energy and be hard to play against. It will come eventually.”

It didn't help that Kassian received an eight-game suspension for his errant stick that broke the jaw of Edmonton centre Sam Gagner on Sept. 21. It led to Oilers rookie head coach Dallas Eakins calling it “a disturbing play by a disturbing player.” How did Kassian respond? “He can think what he wants — good for him.”

That's Kassian. A little playful, a little edgy. However, the suspension put him a step behind to come to grips with Tortorella's system, one that should suit a player who needs to play aggressively on a pressure forecheck.

“No one is behind the eight-ball,” said Tortorella. “It aggravated me with the suspension because he had a really good camp and that put a bit of a wrench into it. We've just got to get him some minutes. What he did in that game (Tuesday) needs to be a big part of his game. The physicality and that type of attitude. It's unfair to judge him, good or bad, because he just hasn't played enough.”

A projected top-six player, being on the third line with Jordan Schroeder and David Booth says something about where Kassian is at in his development curve. He came to camp in the best shape of his career and vowed to be leaner, meaner and smarter. His head appears to be on straight, too. Kassian's eyes were opened last season when he learned first-hand everybody knows your name and your game — especially in Vancouver's social scene. You're always been watched and one seemingly innocent smartphone camera click away from being Twitter fodder. He's learning.

And instead of taking a shot at Sabres general manager Darcy Regier for trading him, Kassian was thankful for his 27 games with Buffalo in the 2011-12 season.

“They drafted me and gave me a chance to play in the NHL and made my dream come true,” said Kassian. “It's part of the business and there are very few players on one team their whole career. I love Vancouver and it's not a bad place to be traded to.”

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# Opposites attract behind the bench

Ed Willies – The Province

[Tortorella and Sullivan, contrasts in personalities, are on their third team as a coaching tandem](#)

When the Vancouver Canucks hired John Tortorella as their head coach, the perception in the hockey world was that Mike Sullivan came as part of the package.

Sullivan, after all, had spent four years in New York as Tortorella's right-hand man, and another year in Tampa with the combustible bench boss. During that time, they'd formed an airtight working relationship: Tortorella, the fiery field general; Sullivan, the cerebral consigliere.

"He's probably one of the most intellectual hockey guys I've met and that's what drew me to him," Tortorella said. "I'm at one end of the spectrum, and it's more meat and potatoes. He's very astute on the trends and the science of the game."

Still, when the subject of his assistants came up during a dinner meeting with the Canucks' brass in Boston last summer, Tortorella didn't make the hiring of Sullivan a precondition to his own employment. He said he wanted to bring the 45-year-old Bostonian to Vancouver with him. But he wanted the Vancouver brass to be comfortable with Sullivan.

Talk to him yourself, Tortorella said. If you have any misgivings, don't hire him.

Tortorella and Sullivan are now on their third NHL stop together. Apparently, the Canucks saw the same things in Sullivan that Tortorella sees.

"I can't believe he's still an assistant coach in this league," Tortorella said. "It actually pisses me off. I don't want to lose him but he's such a good coach and it hasn't been recognized. And he's a better person."

"Right from the start we saw eye-to-eye on how to run a team," Sullivan said.

"We're very different personalities. I'm not as confrontational as Torts can be. But, as far as how we see the game, we're very similar."

And that contrast is what makes this partnership so interesting. Their personalities and their backstories couldn't be more different, but they've found a bond in their vision of the game.

That vision will now shape their new team and the Canucks are betting there's still magic in the chemistry between the two hockey lifers.

Tortorella and Sullivan are both from the Boston area, both played college hockey in the East and both are self-described detail geeks when it comes to the game. But that's where the similarities end.

As a player, Tortorella never rose above the Atlantic coast Hockey League, the precursor to the East Coast league. Sullivan, for his part, carved out an 11-year NHL career on an indefatigable work ethic and a willingness to play whatever role was demanded of him. As for talent, well, he did play 709 regular-season games. Alas, his career-highs in goals (nine) and points (21) both came in the 1995-96 season with Calgary.

"He was a smart player," Tortorella says. "He wasn't any good. But he was a smart player."

Sullivan, in fact, was the prototype of the player who becomes a successful coach. After four seasons at Boston University — where he played with, among others, Tony Amonte, Shawn McEachern and current Canucks' radio colour man Dave Tomlinson — he quickly concluded there was only one way he was going to last in the NHL.

And it wasn't as a power play specialist.

"There are players who have success in this league because they have an innate talent to play the game," Sullivan says. "At the NHL level, I wasn't one of those guys. I had to control everything within my power to give myself a chance to be successful."

That also left an impression on a series of coaches, including Bobby Francis, who coached Sullivan as his career was winding down in Phoenix. Tortorella was on Francis's staff with the Coyotes but says the two weren't really close in those days.

That began to change in the summer of 2004 when Sullivan, who'd finished his first year as head coach of the Boston Bruins, called Tortorella to congratulate him on his Stanley Cup win with Tampa.

After the niceties, the two men began talking about their experiences with their two young stars: Vinny Lecavalier in Tampa and Joe Thornton in Boston.

"Once we started talking about the coaching part of it, we were just drawn to one another," says Tortorella.

"Our relationship grew from that conversation," says Sullivan.

That relationship became permanent when Sullivan was dismissed in Boston after the 2005-06 season. He'd been given the Bruins' job at the tender age of 35 and led them to a second-place finish in the East in 2003-04. But, coming out of the lockout, the Bruins dismantled their team, trading Thornton to San Jose early in the year. They would miss the playoffs and Sullivan would pay the price.

Tortorella, meanwhile, had been charting Sullivan's career when an opening came up on his staff in Tampa. In the spring of 2007, Sullivan was coaching the American team at the world championship in Moscow when he received a voice mail from Tortorella. Assuming it was about a player, he didn't immediately return the call. Tortorella then called again the morning after Sullivan got back to the States and offered him a job in Tampa.

The two have been together, more or less, ever since.

In Vancouver, both men talk about instilling their philosophy on the Canucks while they learn about their new team. Both favour an up tempo, aggressive style. Both are hands-on in their approach.

It's all new for the players. After coaching in the East for a decade, a lot of it is new for Tortorella and Sullivan. But, whatever success the Canucks have this season will be determined, to a large extent, by the coaches minimizing their adjustment to their new surroundings while maximizing their impact on the players.

"We're still trying to learn the players and establish relationships," Sullivan says. "That's the first step. "The one thing we agree with is being honest and candid with our players. We both believe that's the way you solve problems and get better as a team. If you don't have a willingness to challenge difficult situations, it's hard to grow."

In Vancouver, they'll have some difficult situations. Stay tuned to see if they can make the Canucks grow.

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## Tossed Sabre sharpens his fortitude

Brad Ziemer – The Vancouver Sun

[Kassian aims to prove worth to new team, not one that quickly gave up on him](#)

BUFFALO, N. Y. — Zack Kassian picked a fight with the wrong guy.

Kassian confessed Wednesday he was guilty of mistaken identity when he fought Flyers' defenceman Luke Schenn during the first period of Tuesday's 3-2 Vancouver Canucks' win in Philadelphia.

A smiling Kassian said he was certain it was Schenn who seconds earlier had slammed defenceman Yannick Weber into the side boards. He didn't learn until after the scrap that it was actually Zac Rinaldo.

It should have been a Zac vs. Zack tilt.

"Should have gone after Rinaldo," Kassian said.

“Would have been an easier fight for me, I think.”

Kassian did just fine in his scrap with Schenn. And who knows, he might drop the gloves again tonight when he returns to play in his former hockey home.

Kassian isn't expecting any Welcome Back Zack tributes from the Buffalo Sabres when the Canucks meet them in Game 2 of their seven- game National Hockey League road trip. Heck, the Sabres didn't even pay tribute to their former captain Jason Pominville when he visited the other night with the Minnesota Wild.

Kassian wasn't in Buffalo quite as long as Pominville. He spent a grand total of 27 games with the Sabres before Buffalo dealt him to the Canucks in exchange for centre Cody Hodgson in February of 2012.

Kassian does not have a case of the warm and fuzzies about his time in Buffalo, but also insists he harbours no ill will toward the Sabres and general manager Darcy Regier. He knows his job is now to impress the Canucks, not the Sabres.

“It's a part of the business. People get traded,” Kassian said after the Canucks' noonhour practice in Philadelphia. “There are very few players in this league who play for one team their whole career. It just happened to me early in my career.

“They gave me a chance to play in the NHL. They drafted me, they made my dream come true and really, that's it.”

Kassian was selected 13th overall by the Sabres in the 2009 draft.

They fell in love with his size and skill set, but the romance ended early.

The Kassian- Hodgson trade appeared to shock everyone. Kassian didn't see it coming and Hodgson insisted he didn't either.

Kassian said the only thing that has him excited about tonight's game is the fact a large number of his family members will make the trip from his Windsor, Ont., home to watch him play.

“It's going to be pretty cool to have them all there,” he said. “It's tough to get all my family out to Vancouver, with their work schedules and whatnot, so it is going to be great to have them all there. I don't know how many are coming. I am still getting texts right now. Probably 20 or so.”

Kassian, still only 22, has not yet developed into the player the Canucks advertised when they made a deal that to this day remains controversial. He has shown flashes of being the skilled power forward Canuck management thinks he can be, but has yet to deliver it on a consistent basis.



It didn't help that he was nailed with a suspension for his careless hit that shattered the jaw of Oiler centre Sam Gagner in a pre-season game and missed eight games, including the first five of the regular season.

Tuesday's game was just his second of the season and he played on the third line with David Booth and Jordan Schroeder.

Kassian knows his bottom line must improve. He scored some points with his coach for his fight Tuesday, but the team is also expecting him to contribute offensively.

"You obviously need to do things out there to get recognized," Kassian said. "For me I think I am kind of lucky in a sense that if I am not scoring goals I have other attributes in my game that I can bring. Obviously, you want to put up numbers but at the same time you need to look where you are playing and whatnot and my goal right now is to create energy, move my feet, get in on the forecheck.

"When I am doing that and being hard to play against, the goals will come eventually."

Those words seem to come right out of the John Tortorella handbook. The Canucks' new coach said Wednesday it is much too early to pass judgment on Kassian. But he, too, has high expectations.

"It aggravated me with the suspension because I thought he had a really good camp and that threw a little bit of a wrench into it," Tortorella said. "So we'll try and get him some minutes. I like what he did in the game (on Tuesday), trying to be aggressive, fights a guy. I think that has to be a big part of his game, that physicality and that type of attitude. But it's unfair to really comment or judge him either way, good or bad, because he hasn't played enough."

It may also be unfair to compare Kassian and Hodgson statistically. They are different players and Hodgson clearly is more gifted offensively. In 76 games with the Sabres since the trade, Hodgson has 18 goals and 47 points. In 58 games with the Canucks, Kassian has eight goals, 14 points and 87 penalty minutes.

"We are two different players," Kassian said. "I wish him the best and I need to worry about my business in Vancouver."

Kassian thinks he can thrive in Vancouver under Tortorella. While the two haven't really had a one-on-one conversation, other than a how-do-you-do phone call during the summer, Kassian likes the energy Tortorella brings to the team.

"You can tell he has a passion for coaching and that's good," he said.

"As players you want to return the favour and do the same thing for him when you are out there playing for him."

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# Sedins don't have a problem if split happens

Brad Ziemer – The Vancouver Sun

[Serving up different looks has already helped Tort's troops net a pair of wins on the road](#)

BUFFALO, N. Y. — Before chartering to Buffalo on Wednesday afternoon, the Canucks practised in Philadelphia, where in the City of Brotherly Love the Sedins once again remained apart. And they're OK with that. Coach John Tortorella kept his lines in practice the same as they were when Tuesday's game against the Flyers ended. Henrik was centring a line with Ryan Kesler and Chris Higgins, while Daniel skated with Mike Santorelli and Jannik Hansen.

Tortorella suggested reporters should not jump to conclusions about what his lines will look like tonight, when the Canucks meet the Sabres in Buffalo.

"I'm not sure what the lines will be ( tonight)," Tortorella said. "I just kept the lines the same as I ended the game ( Tuesday) so we'll see where we go."

Whatever happens, the Sedins sound like they are prepared for some solo time.

"It's going to be a year where you are going to see lines starting games and they are not going to be the same finishing the game," Henrik said. "So it's going to be a year like that. He likes mixing and matching."

It has happened twice now in Vancouver's first seven games. And both times it has sparked come- from- behind wins for the Canucks.

"We did it in Calgary as well," Henrik said. "I think it's good that he does that. We had a lot of time in their ( the Flyers') end but didn't really create any scoring chances so we mixed up a few lines and it seemed to get everyone going.

"You get some new looks, just guys doing different things. It is going to happen throughout the season. It's not the last time it's going to happen, so I think it's good as a team to see that it helps." Daniel is also on board. "I like it, it has worked out fine so far," Daniel said. "We have been down in games a lot this season and when you shake things up you get new looks and get that spark sometimes that you need. It has been working so far. I think it is going to happen more times this season."

The only fly in the ointment is the fact this split- the- Sedins thing could really complicate contract talks.

If Henrik is deemed to be on the new No. 1 line, does that mean he'll demand more money than his brother?

The Canuck captain just smiled when that was put to him on Wednesday. **POWER OUTAGE:** It has been a tale of two different special teams for the Canucks so far this young season.

Their penalty-kill has been humming along nicely and, as of Wednesday, ranked second in the NHL with a kill rate of 91.3 per cent. The power play is another story. It sits 27th and has only clicked on 10 per cent of its chances.

A few more opportunities would help. The Canucks simply aren't drawing many penalties. Tuesday in Philadelphia, they had just one power play opportunity and have only had eight in their last five games.

"It is really tough for our power play right now because we are ending up getting one, maybe two chances a game," Henrik Sedin said. "I think if you look at the game against Montreal we should have had two or three goals, we had some good chances, but just got some bad bounces ... (Tuesday night) wasn't good but that is what is going to happen if you only get one chance a game, if you are off a little bit and all of a sudden it doesn't look good. I think we're close."

So far, the special teams have been a wash. The Canucks have given up just two power play goals and have scored two of their own.

Tortorella liked the work his PK did midway through the third period Tuesday when the game was tied 2-2. He singled out Chris Tanev, Daniel Sedin and Kesler for blocked shots on that kill.

Tanev literally dove in front of a puck during that kill.

"It was great," Tortorella said. "We don't teach them how to do it, we just want them to do it. And to me the willingness is the most important thing in wanting to block shots. Do what you have to do to block a shot."

**GOOD START:** Tortorella liked what he saw of Jordan Schroeder in his first game back from injury.

"He played good, for a guy that was out with an injury, came back and played one exhibition game, got banged up again, and played one practice with us," he said. "I thought he distributed the puck. He made a great play coming across the blue-line when he gave it to Booth and David shot it wide.

"He made some nice plays in our end to get us out of our end zone, turned one over in our own end. It was a pretty good pass, just to the wrong guy. But he made some good plays and you give him credit. He gets thrown into a situation where he hasn't played much at all and I thought he handled himself really well."

**ICE CHIPS:** Defenceman Dan Hamhuis took a maintenance day after blocking a shot in the upper chest area in the second period Tuesday ... Injured winger Alex Burrows is out of his walking boot but is still not close to being ready to play. "He's not even close to discussing as far

as when he's coming back," Tortorella said.

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# Canucks plan to make the switch to LED lighting

Larry Pynn – The Vancouver Sun

Corporate initiatives revealed at conference to launch Metro Vancouver's National Zero Waste Council

Rogers Arena, home to the Vancouver Canucks, expects to switch to LED lighting soon as part of a larger strategy to reduce the venue's environmental footprint and reduce waste.

"We're looking at upgrading our lighting system in the very near future," said Michael Doyle, general manager of Rogers Arena and executive vice-president of Canucks Sports & Entertainment. "LED lights are one of the biggest impacts we'll have."

Doyle was speaking to more than 500 people attending a Metro Vancouver zero-waste conference Wednesday aimed at exchanging ideas on various initiatives to reduce waste from all sectors of society.

The switch at Rogers Arena could involve the replacement of up to 300 1,000-watt bulbs. The National Hockey League would also be involved to ensure the lighting is suitable for broadcasting and to monitor the amount of reflection on the ice surface.

Metro Vancouver used the conference to launch the National Zero Waste Council, an initiative to bring government, business and non-governmental organizations together to work nationally and internationally to influence consumer behaviour, product design and packaging in the hopes of reducing waste and encouraging recycling and reuse of products.

"We need to change the way we are thinking about garbage," said council chair Malcolm Brodie, mayor of Richmond. "We really are on a journey here."

Michael Buda, director of policy and research for the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, credited Metro Vancouver for taking the lead on what is certain to be a challenging issue.

"A culture change, nothing is harder than that," he said. "It's going to be a long, hard road."

Local governments in Canada spend about \$2.6 billion to manage solid waste every year. "It's a great example of the power of local government," Buda said.

Rogers Arena has a goal of diverting 90 per cent of its waste from landfills by 2016, up from the current 54 per cent and 12 per cent from four years ago.

“We obviously use a lot of electricity for lighting and to keep the arena cool for hockey and warm for concerts,” Doyle said. “Montreal (the Bell Center) changed to an LED lighting system that not only saves electricity but also results in much less heat, which also helps in cooling the building.”

Other initiatives include the composting of unused food and donations to the Greater Vancouver Food Bank. Meters are also being installed to measure water, electrical and gas consumption to better track sustainability goals. “How do we get more efficient, producing the best ice ... but using less energy?” Doyle said.

Unused kitchen oil is recycled as bio-diesel oil. Broken hockey sticks go to BC Children’s Hospital to help stabilize legs after surgery.

Boyle said it’s important to make the system easy for customers, noting it is a split-second choice on whether to place compostable and recyclables, such as a pizza box or a beer cup, into the correct bin and avoid it winding up in the waste stream.

“Making it simple is key for us and trying to limit the amount of choices so they can do the right thing.”

Rogers Arena also works with the Green Sports Alliance, which comprises some 200 professional and collegiate teams and venues in Canada and the U.S.

Rogers Arena, formerly GM Place, has entertained 25 million patrons since opening in 1995.

Conference delegates also heard from award-winning documentary filmmakers Grant Baldwin and Jen Rustemeyer, who survived on food that would have been tossed out for their latest 75-minute work, *Just Eat It: A Food Waste Story*, due for release in spring 2014.

Rustemeyer said one of their most shocking discoveries was the amount of food needlessly tossed out simply because it had exceeded the best-before date.

“It’s about peak freshness,” Rustemeyer said. “It’s not the date at which you’ll drop dead if you eat something.”

She added there is no law against companies donating such food to the needy. “When we start to look at these dates and treat them as the gospel, we fail to use our own judgment.”

Another speaker at the Vancouver conference, Alain Brandon, director of government relations for Loblaw Companies Ltd., said that even simple management measures can yield big conservation dividends.

Since the company started charging five cents for a plastic bag in 2009, five billion bags have been diverted from landfills, reducing the number of bags leaving its stores by 70 per cent.

“The impact of that small change has been amazing,” he said. “That’s an enormous amount.”

Also starting in 2009, Loblaw teamed up with other competitors in the industry to tackle the problem of clamshell containers, which are widely used by retail food stores to protect food from damage and increase shelf life.

Problem is, they came in a wide range of plastic types that confounded recycling. Today, the number of Canadians with access to recycling programs for these clamshell containers has jumped from 10 per cent to more than 50 per cent.

Brandon added that despite Loblaw’s corporate policy promoting diversion, a survey of the company’s outlets across Canada shows a wide range of compliance, ranging from 17 per cent to 85 per cent.

“It’s not a happy-ever-after story yet,” he said.

Professor Alan Kingstone, director of the Brain and Attention Research Lab at University of B.C., said that by designing more open buildings, people will feel there is a greater chance of being observed by others.

That way, they will be more likely to do the right thing when it comes to putting trash in the proper receptacles, he said.

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## Santorelli building on impressive start with his hometown Canucks

Joshua Clipperton – The Globe and Mail

VANCOUVER — Mike Santorelli has vivid memories of growing up a fan of the Vancouver Canucks.

He recalls going to Game 4 of the 1994 Stanley Cup final as an eight year old — the night that New York Rangers goalie Mike Richter made a memorable penalty shot save on Vancouver superstar Pavel Bure.

“My dad and I went,” Santorelli said recently, the excitement still in his voice. “It was at the Pacific Coliseum and Bure was taken down on that partial breakaway ...

“Everyone was standing. It was wild.”

The Canucks lost that night and went on to lose the series in seven games. But nearly 20 years later, that young boy in the stands from nearby Burnaby, B.C., is making an early mark with his hometown team.

The 27-year-old Santorelli has been one of Vancouver's biggest surprises so far in 2013-14, scoring four goals — including two in overtime — in his first seven games.

“It’s obviously the dream of every Vancouver minor hockey kid to get a chance to play for (the Canucks),” he said. “It’s been unbelievable.”

Santorelli, whose uncle works as a security guard at Rogers Arena and chats with his nephew after every game, has become a favourite of new head coach John Tortorella, sometimes finding himself on the Canucks’ top line with Henrik and Daniel Sedin when the team needs a spark.

“Everywhere I put him, something happens,” Tortorella said after Santorelli’s overtime goal against New Jersey last week. “Right now, everything I do with him, he does great things for us.”

But there were no guarantees Santorelli, a sixth-round pick of the Nashville Predators back in 2004, would even be in the NHL when he signed with Vancouver as a free agent in July.

A 20-goal man with Florida back in 2010-11, the six-foot, 189-pound forward scored just 11 times the last two seasons. He was placed on waivers by the Panthers during the lockout-shortened campaign and was claimed by the Winnipeg Jets, who allowed him to enter free agency.

With the salary cap coming down and the league’s middle class of players getting squeezed, Santorelli’s deal with the Canucks — a one-year, two-way contract that pays him \$550,000 in the NHL, but just \$250,000 in the minors — was a big-time pay cut from the \$1.6 million he made each of the previous two seasons.

Santorelli came to training camp in great shape and with something to prove, finishing first in Tortorella’s gruelling two-mile clocked run, bettering the times of the fitness-obsessed Sedin twins.

He earned a spot on the roster after a strong pre-season and has played more than 20 minutes in three of Vancouver’s first seven contests, including Tuesday’s 3-2 victory in Philadelphia over the Flyers that kicked off a seven-game road trip.

“I just want to go out there and play the way that makes me successful,” said Santorelli, who has 37 goals and 26 assists in 215 career games. “Each day you’ve got to come out and prove yourself and that’s what I want to keep doing.”

Henrik Sedin said Santorelli’s nose for the net was no secret after the numbers he put up with Florida (41 points in 2010-11). It’s the things he does without the puck that have been a pleasant surprise.

“We know he’s able to put up points, but he logs a lot of minutes for us, he plays in every situation,” said the Canucks captain. “That’s what you need as a team, to have younger guys who are not supposed to maybe play as many minutes stepping up.”

Canucks defenceman Kevin Bieksa, who assisted on Santorelli’s overtime goal against the Calgary Flames in the third game of the season, said Vancouver-area products who find success with the team they grew up rooting for is a bonus.

“It’s new energy for us. I’ve been here for a while and I like seeing the local guys come in,” said Bieksa. “They grow up cheering for the Canucks, and coming to Canucks games as kids.

“When they get a chance to play it seems they bring a lot of emotion and a lot of passion to the team.”

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## A foolish chemistry experiment by the Canucks

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They were born six minutes apart – Henrik Sedin older than his twin brother, Daniel.

As children, they both played centre. It was at 14, when Daniel moved to left wing, the two began to forge one of the most incredible bonds in sport, skating almost always side by side.

The first time new Vancouver Canucks head coach John Tortorella split the twins this year was three games into the young NHL season.

The team was losing to the Calgary Flames going into the third period. The separation caught some attention as the gambit appeared to work. The Canucks rallied and won.

Things were back to normal the next game. Then, last Tuesday, the Canucks down yet again, this time to the Philadelphia Flyers, Tortorella once more split the Sedins in the third period.

It worked again. With his brother watching from the bench, Henrik booked the 800th and 801st points of his career centering a line of Ryan Kesler and Chris Higgins as the Canucks came back to win 3-2 against one of the league’s worst teams.

Even so, it was a surprise Wednesday in Philadelphia – ahead of a Thursday game in Buffalo – when the Canucks practised and the Sedins were separated (Henrik centering Kesler and Higgins, and Daniel playing left wing with Mike Santorelli at centre and Jannik Hansen at right).

Canucks fans are intrigued – looking for something to click from a lineup that has been mostly the same the past several years and a team that has not excelled early this season (4-3-0).

But splitting the Sedins does not seem like a true answer.

Chemistry is one of the most elusive formulas in professional sports and discarding a time-tested blueprint seems foolhardy. Tortorella has said as much. Still, the coach is experimenting.



So look at the evidence. Granted, the data volume is not overflowing, given the Sedins have spent most of each season together, but the instances of the twins separated does seem to dissolve the magic.

Start, for instance, with the Flames game. Tortorella split the Sedins at the start of the third, with the Canucks down 2-1, and the first thing that happened was the Flames scored again (with Daniel on with Hansen and Higgins). The twins did later both produce first assists to tie the game, which was eventually won in overtime.

Moving back farther in time, March of 2008, there was a short-lived experiment of the Sedins truly separated, or as much as has been seen in the past decade. The Canucks were on a late-season slide – and ended up missing the playoffs – and for a half-dozen games, former coach Alain Vigneault started the Sedins on separate lines. There was a huge amount of line juggling through that stretch, when the Canucks went 3-3, but the experiment, limited as it was, did not reveal superstar Sedins on their own.

They both scored seven points in the six games, but look closer: amid the line juggling, each scored five points when they were skating together – eerily, two goals and three assists apiece. Apart, each managed only two points.

Other available evidence – and it is fairly meagre – is “with or without you” figures from stats.hockeyanalysis.com. The conclusion is when the Sedins are separated, both produce less than when they’re together, and Henrik is the better solo twin than Daniel.

Henrik, through the years, is the one who has seen more solo time, because of a couple injuries to Daniel. Even last Tuesday in Philadelphia, Henrik looked like nothing had changed in the absence of his brother.

“I know we’re brothers and we usually play together,” Henrik said last week in Vancouver, looking to deflate attention after their Calgary separation. He said the brothers “absolutely” enjoyed a bit of time apart.

“It’s very refreshing,” Henrik said. “It’s like everything else – sometimes, you need to get away from something. I’m sure with [Tortorella] it’s going to happen more often than with [Vigneault]. It’s totally fine with us.”

Splitting the Sedins is more of a sideshow to the Canucks bigger, real problems, such as the uncertain second line when centred by Kesler, the myriad problems on the third line, and the disaster of a fourth line.

There are, at the end, only two Sedins.

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