## **PLAYOFF HISTORY**

- \* There have been 289 unique series matchups in NHL history, including one in the 2023 First Round (SEA-COL). The Florida-Toronto series will increase that number, as will the Edmonton-Vegas series and one other potential Second Round matchup (SEA-DAL).
- \* After eliminating Tampa Bay in the First Round, Toronto will now line up against Florida. This marks the fourth time the Maple Leafs have faced teams from the same state or province in consecutive rounds within a postseason. The other instances were in 1976 (PRLM vs. PIT and QF vs. PHI), 1977 (PRLM vs. PIT and QF vs. PHI) and 1999 (CQF vs. PHI and CSF vs. PIT).

## **#NHLSTATS NOTABLES**

- \* Forty-eight players have played a game for both Toronto and Florida (regular season or playoffs), including current Maple Leafs skater **Noel Acciari**. He spent three seasons with the Panthers from 2019-20 to 2021-22 and recorded 27-19—46 in 127 games played. He went scoreless through 19 career playoff games with the franchise.
- \* Current Panthers head coach **Paul Maurice** spent two seasons with the Maple Leafs from 2006-07 to 2007-08. During his tenure, he went 76-66-22 in 164 games.
- \* The Maple Leafs went 3-0-1 against the Panthers (FLA: 1-2-1) in the regular season with three of the games coming in late March and early April.
- \* The Panthers have 10 players on their current playoff roster who were born in Ontario, including six of which that were born in a city within a two-hour drive or fewer of Toronto (**Givani Smith**, **Ryan Lomberg**, **Brandon Montour**, **Sam Bennett**, **Carter Verhaeghe**, **Nick Cousins**, **Zac Dalpe**.

## Toronto Maple Leafs with Playoff Experience vs. FLA

Player John Tavares Luke Schenn	Pos. C D	Playoff Team(s) NYI TBL		<b>GP</b> 6 3	Team Record 4-2 (W-L) 2-1 (W-L)	5	<b>A</b> 4 0	<b>P</b> 9 0		
Goaltender Ilya Samsonov	<b>POS</b>	Playoff Team WSH	<b>GP</b> 5	<b>GS</b> 4	<b>Decisions</b> 1-4 (W-L)	<b>so</b> 0		<b>SV</b> 135	 <b>GAA</b> 2.97	

Florida Panthers	with	Playo	off Expe	erience v	vs. TOR
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Player	Pos.	Playoff Team(s)	GP	Team Record	G	Α	Р
Eric Staal	С	MTL	6	4-2 (W-L)	0	4	4

