



## **PLAYOFF HISTORY**

\* This is the fifth all-time postseason meeting between the franchises, following the [2001 Conference Quarterfinals](#), [2002 Conference Quarterfinals](#), [2006 Conference Semifinals](#) and [2009 Conference Quarterfinals](#).

\* Carolina has earned wins in each of its last three series against New Jersey, with the most-recent matchup requiring a [Game 7](#) where **Jussi Jokinen** pulled the Hurricanes even at 18:40 of the third period and **Eric Staal** scored the go-ahead goal [with 31.7 seconds remaining in regulation](#).

## **#NHLSTATS NOTABLES**

\* Fifty-one players have played for both franchises (min. 1 GP in regular-season or playoffs), including nine who have skated for each club during the Stanley Cup Playoffs such as **Dougie Hamilton**, **Stefan Noesen** and **Brendan Smith**.

\* **Paul Stastny** scored the clinching goal in overtime after **Sebastian Aho** pulled Carolina even at 9:24 of the third period in [Game 6 of the 2023 First Round](#) as the Hurricanes earned their sixth series win over the last five years and advanced to the Second Round for a third straight postseason.

\* The Hurricanes' run of six series wins over the last five years dates to 2019, when **Rod Brind'Amour** and Aho made their postseason debut as a head coach and player, respectively. Brind'Amour joined **Pat Burns** (6) and **Toe Blake** (5) as the third bench boss in NHL history to win a playoff series in each of his first five seasons behind a bench, while Aho ascended to the top of the franchise's all-time [playoff goals](#), [assists](#) and [points](#) lists in that span.

\* Stastny scored his third career overtime goal in the Stanley Cup Playoffs (also [Game 2 of 2021 R1](#) w/ WPG & [Game 1 of 2014 R1](#) w/ COL) and matched the total that his father, **Peter**, has during his NHL career. The six postseason overtime goals by Paul and Peter, who played parts of four seasons with the Devils from 1989-90 to 1992-93, mark the highest combined total by a father-son duo in League history.

\* **Akira Schmid** joined **Sean Burke** (Game 6 of 1988 DSF & Game 7 of DF) as well as **Martin Brodeur** (Game 7 of 1994 CQF) as the only rookie goaltenders in Devils/Rockies/Scouts history to record a series-clinching win.

\* New Jersey, which fell behind 2-0 in the First Round, became the second team to advance to the Second Round of the 2023 Stanley Cup after overcoming a multi-game series deficit after Florida climbed back from a 3-1 hole to eliminate Presidents' Trophy-winning and NHL record-setting Boston. The 2023 First Round became the 12th opening round in League history to feature multiple teams achieve the feat, with five of those occurrences taking place in the past 20 years: 2019 (2), 2014 (3), 2013 (2), 2011 (2) and 2003 (3).

\* The 2023 Stanley Cup Playoffs marks the first time the Devils have won a playoff series in 11 years, when they also defeated the Rangers in six games during the 2012 Conference Finals. New Jersey is second team to end a lengthy wait for a postseason series win this year and did so three days after Toronto captured its first since the 2004 Conference Quarterfinals.

### Carolina Hurricanes with Playoff Experience vs. NJD

Player	Pos.	Playoff Team	GP	Record	G	A	P
Derek Stepan	C	NYR	6	2-4	0	1	1

*\*Min. 1 GP in 2022-23 regular-season or playoffs*

\* No Hurricanes goaltenders have postseason experience against the Devils.

### New Jersey Devils with Playoff Experience vs. CAR

Player	Pos.	Playoff Team	GP	Record	G	A	P
Erik Haula	L	NSH, BOS	13	5-8	2	5	7
Ondrej Palat	L	TBL	5	4-1	0	2	2
Curtis Lazar	C	BOS	7	3-4	1	0	1
Jonas Siegenthaler	D	WSH	4	1-3	0	0	0
Brendan Smith	D	NYR	3	0-3	0	0	0

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