

# 2018-19 TAMPA BAY LIGHTNING



*Regular Season Record: 51-13-4, 106 points through games played March 8  
Clinched 11th all-time playoff appearance with Montreal's regulation loss Friday in Anaheim*

## **PLAYOFF QUICK HITS**

*Playoff History*

**All-Time Playoff Appearance:** 11th

**Consecutive Playoff Appearances:** 2

**Most Recent Playoff Appearance:** 2018 (FR: 4-1 W vs. NJD; SR: 4-1 W vs. BOS; CF: 4-3 L vs. WSH)

**All-Time Playoff Record:** 73-60 in 133 GP (14-9 in 23 series)

*Playoff Records*

**Game 7s:** 5-3 (3-1 at home, 2-2 on road)

**Overtime:** 15-8 in 23 GP (3-4 at home, 12-4 on road)

**Facing Elimination:** 10-9 (5-3 at home, 5-6 on road)

**With Chance to Clinch Series:** 14-9 (10-4 at home, 4-5 on road)

*Stanley Cup Final*

**Stanley Cup Final Appearances:** 2

**Stanley Cups:** 1 (2004)

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## **LOOKING AHEAD: 2019 STANLEY CUP PLAYOFFS**

### *Team Notes*

\* The Lightning return to the Stanley Cup Playoffs for the fifth time in the past six seasons (since 2013-14). **They have reached at least the Eastern Conference Final in four of the last eight years** – a feat achieved by only seven other franchises since the round was introduced in 1981-82 – including a trip to the 2015 Stanley Cup Final (4-2 L vs. CHI).

\* Since the 1982 Stanley Cup Playoffs, only four franchises have reached the Conference Finals at least five times in a span of nine years or less: the Blackhawks (5x from 1982-90 and 5x from 2009-15), Avalanche (6x from 1996-2002), Red Wings (5x from 1995-2002) and Oilers (7x from 1983-91 and 7x from 1984-92). The Lightning aim to become the fifth club to do so in that span.

\* Tampa Bay also can join Edmonton (4x from 1983-87, 1984-88, 1987-91 and 1988-92), Colorado (4x from 1996-2000, 1997-2001 and 1999-2002), Detroit (4x from 1995-98) and Boston (4x from 1988-92) as the only clubs to reach the Conference Finals four times in a span of five years or less since 1982.

\* The Lightning own a .652 winning percentage in 23 playoff overtime games, the second-highest such percentage in NHL history behind the Islanders (.673; 22-16 in 49 GP).

\* Tampa Bay has contested five of its eight all-time Game 7s in the Conference Finals – they won in 2004 vs. PHI and 2015 at NYR and lost in 2011 at BOS, 2016 at PIT and 2018 vs. WSH.

### *Player Notes*

\* **Nikita Kucherov** (29-30—59 in 62 GP) needs nine points to match **Martin St. Louis** (33-35—68 in 63 GP) for the most playoff points in franchise history. Kucherov is also four goals from tying St. Louis for the most in franchise playoff history.

\* **Steven Stamkos** (22-29—51 in 66 GP), **Tyler Johnson** (24-26—50 in 64 GP) and **Victor Hedman** (7-41—48 in 82 GP) also rank among the top six on Tampa Bay's all-time playoff points list, behind St. Louis, Kucherov and **Vincent Lecavalier** (24-28—52 in 63 GP).

\* Johnson (7) needs one game-winning goal to tie St. Louis (8) for the most in Lightning playoff history.

\* **Andrei Vasilevskiy** (15-11 in 29 GP) needs six wins to tie **Nikolai Khabibulin** (21-12 in 33 GP) and **Ben Bishop** (21-13 in 36 GP) for the most playoff wins in franchise history.

\* **Jon Cooper** holds a career playoff record of 36-28 since taking over as Lightning head coach in 2013-14, accounting for nearly half of Tampa Bay's all-time postseason wins – **John Tortorella** (24-21), **Guy Boucher** (11-7) and **Terry Crisp** (2-4) are a combined 37-32.

\* Three Lightning players have tallied a winning goal in a Game 7: **Braydon Coburn**, **Dan Girardi** and **Alex Killorn**.

## **IN REVIEW: 2018-19 REGULAR-SEASON**

### *Team Notes*

\* The Lightning (68 GP) tied for the second-fewest games to clinch a playoff spot since 2005-06, equaling the 2008-09 Sharks (68 GP on March 15, 2009) and one shy of the 2009-10 Capitals (67 GP on March 11, 2010). In terms of calendar date, Tampa Bay was fastest to clinch in that span (three days earlier than the Capitals).

\* Aided by a franchise-record 10-game win streak from Feb. 9-27, the Lightning matched the NHL record for fewest games to 50 wins in a season, improving to 50-12-4 in their 66th game on March 2. The 1995-96 Red Wings also hit 50 wins in 66 games en route to setting the [NHL record for wins in a season](#).

\* Tampa Bay became the fourth team in NHL history to require 63 or fewer games to reach the 100-point mark in a season, joining Montreal in 1976-77 (62 GP) and 1977-78 (62 GP) as well as Boston in 1971-72 (63 GP). All three of the previous teams went on to capture the Stanley Cup.

\* Tampa Bay aims to win its division for the second straight season and fourth time in franchise history. The Lightning have finished atop their conference twice: in 2003-04 when they won the Stanley Cup and 2017-18 when they reached the Eastern Conference Final.

\* The Lightning are on pace to win the Presidents' Trophy for the first time in franchise history. Since the trophy first was awarded in 1985-86, eight teams have won it en route to hoisting the Stanley Cup – including only two of the past 15 winners (the 2012-13 Blackhawks and 2007-08 Red Wings). Dating to the League's founding in 1917-18, 40 teams have finished as both the No. 1 seed in the regular season and as Stanley Cup champions.

\* Tampa Bay has held first place in the NHL standings since its 26th game on Nov. 29. Since the 82-game schedule was introduced in 1995-96, only three teams have occupied first place in the League from their 26th game or earlier until the end of the season: the 1998-99 Stars, 2001-02 Red Wings and 2007-08 Red Wings. Each of those clubs finished the campaign by hoisting the Stanley Cup.

\* This is Tampa Bay's third season with 50 or more wins (also 50 in 2014-15 and 54 in 2017-18) and sixth with at least 100 points. The franchise record for points in one campaign is 113, [achieved last season](#).

\* The Lightning have earned 28 home victories in 2018-19 (with five home contests remaining), four from matching the single-season franchise record set in 2014-15 (32-8-1). The NHL record for most home wins in the regular season and playoffs combined is 42, a mark set by the 1975-76 Flyers and matched by the 1995-96 Red Wings.

\* The Lightning had a 16-game point streak from Nov. 29 – Jan 3 (14-0-2), two games shy of the franchise record set from Feb. 5 – March 12, 2004 (14-0-4). Eleven teams have posted a regular-season point streak of at least 16 games en route to winning the Stanley Cup, including the Lightning with their 18-game run before their first championship in 2004.

\* With 14 games remaining, the Lightning lead the NHL in power-play percentage (29.0%) and penalty kill percentage (85.6%). Since 1977-78 when those statistics were first officially tracked, only one team has ended a season as the leader in both categories: the 2015-16 Ducks (PP%: 23.1 % and PK%: 87.2%).

#### *Player Notes*

\* On Feb. 21 against Buffalo, **Nikita Kucherov** picked up his 100th point in just his 62nd game of 2018-19 to become the fastest player to hit the century mark since **Mario Lemieux** in 1996-97 (61 GP). Kucherov has led the League in points since Dec. 27, currently pacing all players with 31-77—108 – tied for the most points in franchise history – as he aims to join **Martin St. Louis** (2003-04 and 2012-13) as the only Lightning players to win the Art Ross Trophy.

\* **Louis Domingue** posted an 11-game win streak from Nov. 29, 2018 – Feb. 19, 2019 to establish a franchise record for [longest winning streak by a goaltender](#), nearly matched by **Andrei Vasilevskiy** from Feb. 9 – March 5 (10-0-0). Tampa Bay became the first team in NHL history to have multiple goalies each post a double-digit win streak in the same season.



### GAME-BY-GAME RECORD IN BEST-OF-SEVEN SERIES

	Overall Record	Home Record	Road Record
Game 1	9-14 (.391)	5-8 (.385)	4-6 (.400)
Game 2	15-8 (.652)	8-5 (.615)	7-3 (.700)
Game 3	14-9 (.609)	6-4 (.600)	8-5 (.615)
Game 4	13-10 (.565)	3-7 (.300)	10-3 (.769)
Game 5	11-9 (.550)	8-3 (.727)	3-6 (.333)
Game 6	6-7 (.462)	3-4 (.429)	3-3 (.500)
Game 7	5-3 (.625)	3-1 (.750)	2-2 (.500)

### PLAYOFF SITUATIONS, BEST-OF-SEVEN SERIES

	Overall Series Record	Starting at Home	Starting on Road
Lead 1-0	7-2 (.778)	5-0 (1.000)	2-2 (.500)
Lead 2-0	5-0 (1.000)	3-0 (1.000)	2-0 (1.000)
Lead 3-0	3-0 (1.000)	1-0 (1.000)	2-0 (1.000)
Trail 1-0	7-7 (.500)	5-3 (.625)	2-4 (.333)
Trail 2-0	1-3 (.250)	1-2 (.333)	0-1 (0.000)
Trail 3-0	0-1 (0.000)	0-1 (0.000)	—
Tied 1-1	8-6 (.571)	6-1 (.857)	2-5 (.286)
Tied 2-2	5-6 (.455)	4-2 (.666)	1-4 (.200)
Tied 3-3	5-3 (.625)	3-1 (.750)	2-2 (.500)
Lead 2-1	7-3 (.700)	6-1 (.857)	1-2 (.333)
Lead 3-1	6-0 (1.000)	5-0 (1.000)	1-0 (1.000)
Trail 2-1	4-5 (.444)	3-1 (.750)	1-4 (.200)
Trail 3-1	1-2 (.333)	—	1-2 (.333)
Lead 3-2	4-2 (.667)	2-1 (.667)	2-1 (.667)
Trail 3-2	3-4 (.429)	2-1 (.667)	1-3 (.250)

### GAME 7 HISTORY

Date	Series	vs.	Result
5/23/18	CF	WSH	4-0 L
5/26/16	CF	PIT	2-1 L
5/29/15	CF	NYR	2-0 W
4/29/15	FR	DET	2-0 W
5/27/11	CF	BOS	1-0 L
4/27/11	CQF	PIT	1-0 W
6/7/04	F	CGY	2-1 W
5/22/04	CF	PHI	2-1 W

^Home games in **bold**

Goaltender	GWG
Andrei Vasilevskiy	—
Andrei Vasilevskiy	—
Ben Bishop	Alex Killorn
<b>Ben Bishop</b>	<b>Braydon Coburn</b>
Dwayne Roloson	—
Dwayne Roloson	Sean Bergenheim
<b>Nikolai Khabibulin</b>	<b>Ruslan Fedotenko</b>
<b>Nikolai Khabibulin</b>	<b>Freddy Modin</b>



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### WITH CHANCE TO CLINCH SERIES

Date	Game	Series	vs.	Result
<b>5/23/2018</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>CF</b>	<b>WSH</b>	<b>4-0 L</b>
5/21/2018	6	CF	WSH	3-0 L
<b>5/6/2018</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>SR</b>	<b>BOS</b>	<b>3-1 W</b>
<b>4/21/2018</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>FR</b>	<b>NJD</b>	<b>3-1 W</b>
5/26/2016	7	CF	PIT	2-1 L
<b>5/24/2016</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>CF</b>	<b>PIT</b>	<b>5-2 L</b>
<b>5/8/2016</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>SR</b>	<b>NYI</b>	<b>4-0 W</b>
<b>4/21/2016</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>FR</b>	<b>DET</b>	<b>1-0 W</b>
5/29/2015	7	CF	NYR	2-0 W
<b>5/26/2015</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>CF</b>	<b>NYR</b>	<b>7-3 L</b>
<b>5/12/2015</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>SR</b>	<b>MTL</b>	<b>4-1 W</b>
5/9/2015	5	SR	MTL	2-1 L
<b>5/7/2015</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>SR</b>	<b>MTL</b>	<b>6-2 L</b>
<b>4/29/2015</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>FR</b>	<b>DET</b>	<b>2-0 W</b>
5/27/2011	7	CF	BOS	1-0 L
<b>5/4/2011</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>CSF</b>	<b>WSH</b>	<b>5-3 W</b>
4/27/2011	7	CQF	PIT	1-0 W
<b>6/7/2004</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>CGY</b>	<b>2-1 W</b>
<b>5/22/2004</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>CF</b>	<b>PHI</b>	<b>2-1 W</b>
5/20/2004	6	CF	PHI	5-4 L OT
4/29/2004	4	CSF	MTL	3-1 W
<b>4/16/2004</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>CQF</b>	<b>NYI</b>	<b>3-2 W OT</b>
4/20/2003	6	CQF	WSH	2-1 W 3OT

^Home games in **bold**

Goaltender	GWG
<b>Andrei Vasilevskiy</b>	—
Andrei Vasilevskiy	—
<b>Andrei Vasilevskiy</b>	<b>J.T. Miller</b>
<b>Andrei Vasilevskiy</b>	<b>Nikita Kucherov</b>
Andrei Vasilevskiy	—
<b>Andrei Vasilevskiy</b>	—
<b>Ben Bishop</b>	<b>Victor Hedman</b>
<b>Ben Bishop</b>	<b>Alex Killorn</b>
Ben Bishop	Alex Killorn
<b>Ben Bishop</b>	—
<b>Ben Bishop</b>	<b>Steven Stamkos</b>
Ben Bishop	—
<b>Ben Bishop</b>	—
<b>Ben Bishop</b>	<b>Braydon Coburn</b>
Dwayne Roloson	—
<b>Dwayne Roloson</b>	<b>Marc-Andre Bergeron</b>
Dwayne Roloson	Sean Bergenheim
<b>Nikolai Khabibulin</b>	<b>Ruslan Fedotenko</b>
<b>Nikolai Khabibulin</b>	<b>Freddy Modin</b>
Nikolai Khabibulin	—
Nikolai Khabibulin	Brad Richards
<b>Nikolai Khabibulin</b>	<b>Martin St. Louis</b>
Nikolai Khabibulin	Martin St. Louis

### FACING ELIMINATION

Date	Game	Series	vs.	Result
<b>5/23/2018</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>CF</b>	<b>WSH</b>	<b>4-0 L</b>
5/26/2016	7	CF	PIT	2-1 L
6/15/2015	6	F	CHI	2-0 L
5/29/2015	7	CF	NYR	2-0 W
<b>4/29/2015</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>FR</b>	<b>DET</b>	<b>2-0 W</b>
4/27/2015	6	FR	DET	5-2 W
4/22/2014	4	FR	MTL	4-3 L
5/27/2011	7	CF	BOS	1-0 L
<b>5/25/2011</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>CF</b>	<b>BOS</b>	<b>5-4 W</b>
4/27/2011	7	CQF	PIT	1-0 W
<b>4/25/2011</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>CQF</b>	<b>PIT</b>	<b>4-2 W</b>
4/23/2011	5	CQF	PIT	8-2 W
<b>4/22/2007</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>CQF</b>	<b>NJD</b>	<b>3-2 L</b>
4/29/2006	5	CQF	OTT	3-2 L
<b>6/7/2004</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>CGY</b>	<b>2-1 W</b>
6/5/2004	6	F	CGY	3-2 W 2OT
<b>5/22/2004</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>CF</b>	<b>PHI</b>	<b>2-1 W</b>
5/2/2003	5	CSF	NJD	2-1 L 3OT
<b>4/27/1996</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>CQF</b>	<b>PHI</b>	<b>6-1 L</b>

^Home games in **bold**

Goaltender	GWG
<b>Andrei Vasilevskiy</b>	—
Andrei Vasilevskiy	—
Ben Bishop	—
Ben Bishop	Alex Killorn
<b>Ben Bishop</b>	<b>Braydon Coburn</b>
Ben Bishop	Tyler Johnson
Kristers Gudlevskis	—
Dwayne Roloson	—
<b>Dwayne Roloson</b>	<b>Martin St. Louis</b>
Dwayne Roloson	Sean Bergenheim
<b>Dwayne Roloson</b>	<b>Steve Downie</b>
Dwayne Roloson	Vincent Lecavalier
<b>Johan Holmqvist</b>	—
Sean Burke	—
<b>Nikolai Khabibulin</b>	<b>Ruslan Fedotenko</b>
Nikolai Khabibulin	Martin St. Louis
<b>Nikolai Khabibulin</b>	<b>Freddy Modin</b>
John Grahame	—
<b>Daren Puppa</b>	—



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