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FIRST ROUND OF 2019 STANLEY CUP PLAYOFFS CULMINATES IN CAPITALS-HURRICANES GAME 7 SHOWDOWN WEDNESDAY

NEW YORK (April 23, 2019) -- The First Round of the 2019 Stanley Cup Playoffs reaches its exciting conclusion Wednesday with Game 7 between the Washington Capitals and Carolina Hurricanes at Capital One Arena (7:30 p.m., ET, NBCSN, Sportsnet, TVAS).

Together with the doubleheader of Game 7s that will be played tonight (Toronto at Boston, 7 p.m., ET; Vegas at San Jose, 10 p.m., ET), the opening round of the 2019 Stanley Cup Playoffs features three Game 7s, marking the 14th time in NHL history - and first time since 2014 (3) - that at least three such contests will be played in the opening round.

The Capitals will play in their 12th Game 7 since the beginning of the 2008 Stanley Cup Playoffs, the most among all teams in that span, while the Hurricanes will be making their first appearance since winning Game 7s in consecutive series of the 2009 Stanley Cup Playoffs en route to the Eastern Conference Final.

Both rosters feature players who appear among the all-time leaders of several Game 7 lists:

* Capitals forwards **Nicklas Backstrom** and **Alex Ovechkin** are set to make their 12th career Game 7 appearances. The only players in NHL history who have appeared in more Game 7s are **Patrick Roy** (13), **Scott Stevens** (13) and **Zdeno Chara** (set to skate in his 13th tonight in Boston's game vs. Toronto).

* Capitals forward **Carl Hagelin** is 8-1 in nine career Game 7s. His eight victories are tied for the most in NHL history with **Brad Richards** (8-0), **Ray Bourque** (8-1) and **Glenn Anderson** (8-4).

* Hurricanes captain **Justin Williams** is the leading Game 7 scorer in NHL history (7-7--14 in 8 GP). Williams, in his second stint with the club, will be making his first Game 7 appearance for the Hurricanes in 13 years. During the club's Stanley Cup-winning run in 2006, Williams tallied a goal and two assists in a 4-2 win over Buffalo in Game 7 of the Eastern Conference Final and notched the insurance goal in the 3-1 win over Edmonton in the winner-take-all finale of the Stanley Cup Final.

Most Points, Game 7 (All-Time)

14 - Justin Williams (7-7--14 in 8 GP)
13 - Doug Gilmour (3-10--13 in 11 GP)
12 - Wayne Gretzky (6-6--12 in 6 GP)
12 - Trevor Linden (6-6--12 in 9 GP)
12 - Mark Messier (5-7--12 in 9 GP)

Williams will take to the ice Wednesday 16 years and two days after making his first Game 7 appearance in the NHL. He tallied the game-winning goal and added two assists for the Philadelphia Flyers in a 6-1 win over Toronto in the 2003 Eastern Conference Quarterfinal (April 22, 2003).

Rookie head coaches **Todd Reirden** (Washington) and **Rod Brind'Amour** (Carolina) are set to become the seventh set of first-year head coaches to meet in a Game 7. The last such meeting came in 1990, when **Mike Milbury's** Boston Bruins defeated **Rick Ley's** Hartford Whalers in Game 7 of the Adams Division Semifinal.

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Individual Game 7 Statistics

Washington	GP	W-L	G	A	Pts.
Nicklas Backstrom	11	4-7	2	2	4
Andre Burakovsky	4	2-2	2	0	2
John Carlson	8	3-5	0	3	3
Brett Connolly	1	1-0	0	0	0
Christian Djoos	1	1-0	0	0	0
Lars Eller	4	2-2	0	1	1
Carl Hagelin	9	8-1	0	2	2
Michal Kempny	1	1-0	0	0	0
Evgeny Kuznetsov	4	2-2	1	1	2
Matt Niskanen	6	2-4	0	0	0
Dmitry Orlov	2	1-1	0	0	0
Brooks Orpik	8	4-4	0	2	2
T.J. Oshie	2	1-1	0	0	0
Alex Ovechkin	11	4-7	4	3	7
Devante Smith-Pelly	2	1-1	0	0	0
Chandler Stephenson	1	1-0	0	0	0
Jakub Vrana	1	1-0	0	0	0
Tom Wilson	5	2-3	0	2	2

Carolina	GP	W-L	G	A	Pts.
Dougie Hamilton	2	1-1	0	0	0
Nino Niederreiter	1	1-0	2	1	3
Jordan Staal	4	2-2	2	0	2
Teuvo Teravainen	2	1-1	0	0	0
Trevor van Riemsdyk	1	0-1	0	0	0
Justin Williams	8	7-1	7	7	14

	GP	W-L	GAA	SV%
Braden Holtby	7	3-4	1.81	.934

	GP	W-L	GAA	SV%
Petr Mrazek	1	0-1	1.03	.938

Date	Score	Dec.	Shots
5/23/18	WSH 4 at TBL 0	Win	29
5/10/17	PIT 2 at WSH 0	Loss	28
5/13/15	WSH 1 at NYR 2 (OT)	Loss	39
4/27/15	NYI 1 at WSH 2	Win	11
5/13/13	NYR 5 at WSH 0	Loss	27
5/12/12	WSH 1 at NYR 2	Loss	31
4/25/12	WSH 2 at BOS 1 (OT)	Win	32

Date	Score	Dec.	Shots
4/29/15	DET 0 at TBL 2	Loss	16

Washington Head Coach

Todd Reirden (0-0)

Carolina Head Coach

Rod Brind'Amour (0-0)

Team Game 7 Results

Washington Capitals (5-11)

5/23/18, Eastern Conference Final vs. Tampa Bay (WSH 4 at TBL 0)
5/10/17, Eastern Conference Second Round vs. Pittsburgh (PIT 2 at WSH 0)
5/13/15, Eastern Conference Second Round vs. NY Rangers (WSH 1 at NYR 2, OT)
4/27/15, Eastern Conference First Round vs. NY Islanders (NYI 1 at WSH 2)
5/13/13, Eastern Conference QF vs. NY Rangers (NYR 5 at WSH 0)
5/12/12, Eastern Conference SF vs. NY Rangers (WSH 1 at NYR 2)
4/25/12, Eastern Conference QF vs. Boston (WSH 2 at BOS 1, OT)
4/28/10, Eastern Conference QF vs. Montreal (MTL 2 at WSH 1)
5/13/09, Eastern Conference SF vs. Pittsburgh (PIT 6 at WSH 2)
4/28/09, Eastern Conference QF vs. NY Rangers (NYR 1 at WSH 2)
4/22/08, Eastern Conference QF vs. Philadelphia (PHI 3 at WSH 2, OT)
5/18/95, Eastern Conference QF vs. Pittsburgh (WSH 0 at PIT 3)
5/1/92, Patrick Division SF vs. Pittsburgh (PIT 3 at WSH 1)
4/30/88, Patrick Division Final vs. New Jersey (NJD 3 at WSH 2)
4/16/88, Patrick Division SF vs. Philadelphia (PHI 4 at WSH 5, OT)
4/18/87, Patrick Division SF vs. NY Islanders (NYI 3 at WSH 2, 4OT)

Carolina Hurricanes (4-3)

5/14/09, Eastern Conference SF vs. Boston (CAR 3 at BOS 2, OT)
4/28/09, Eastern Conference QF vs. New Jersey (CAR 4 at NJD 3)
6/19/06, Stanley Cup Final vs. Edmonton (EDM 1 at CAR 3)
6/1/06, Eastern Conference Final vs. Buffalo (BUF 2 at CAR 4)
5/1/92 *, Adams Division Semifinal vs. Montreal (HFD 2 at MTL 3, 2OT)
4/17/90 *, Adams Division Semifinal vs. Boston (HFD 1 at BOS 3)
4/29/86 *, Adams Division Final vs. Montreal (HFD 1 at MTL 2, OT)

* prior to Hartford's relocation to Carolina in 1997-98