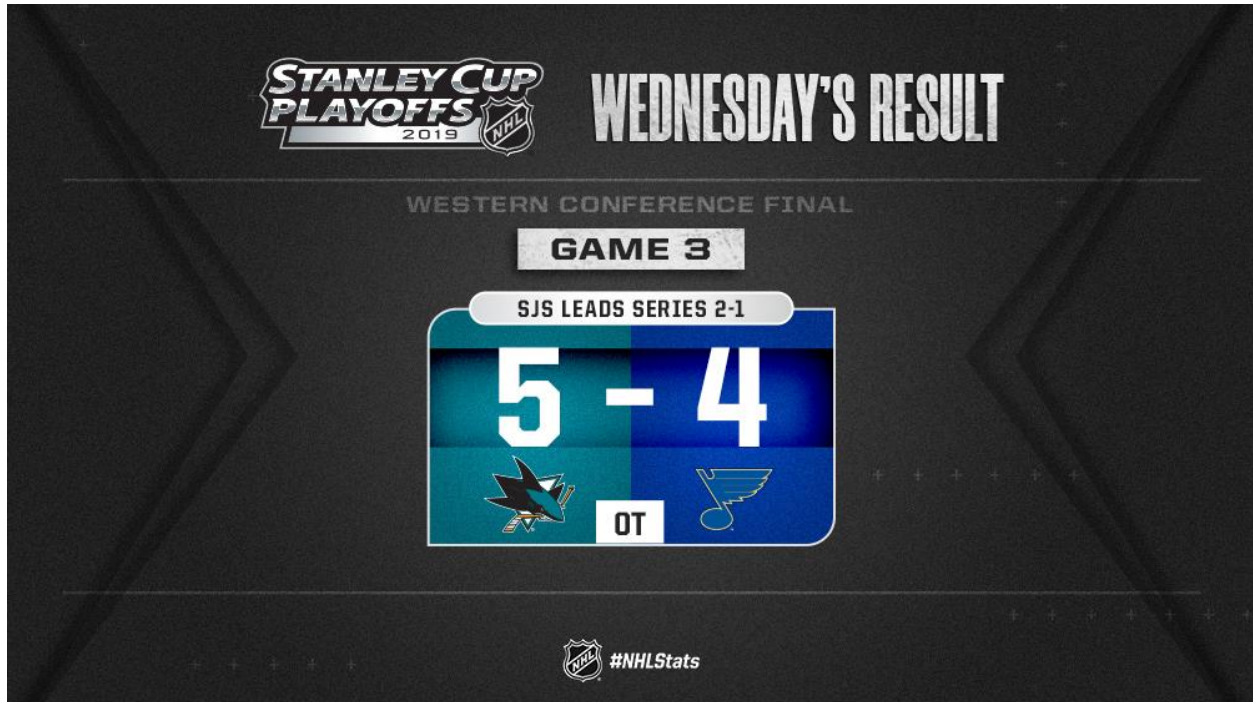


## NHL MORNING SKATE: STANLEY CUP PLAYOFFS EDITION – MAY 16, 2019



### THREE HARD LAPS: QUICK HITS FROM WEDNESDAY

\* The Sharks won in overtime after scoring a tying goal with 1:01 left on the clock to win Game 3 and take a 2-1 series lead in the Western Conference Final.

\* When a best-of-seven series is tied 1-1, the winner of Game 3 owns an all-time series record of 215-104 (67.4%) – including a 54-17 mark in the Conference Finals/Semifinals (76.1%).

\* The Bruins look to close out the Hurricanes and advance to the Stanley Cup Final for the 20th time in franchise history and third time in the last eight years (2011 and 2013).

### SHARKS TAKE 2-1 SERIES LEAD IN WESTERN CONFERENCE FINAL

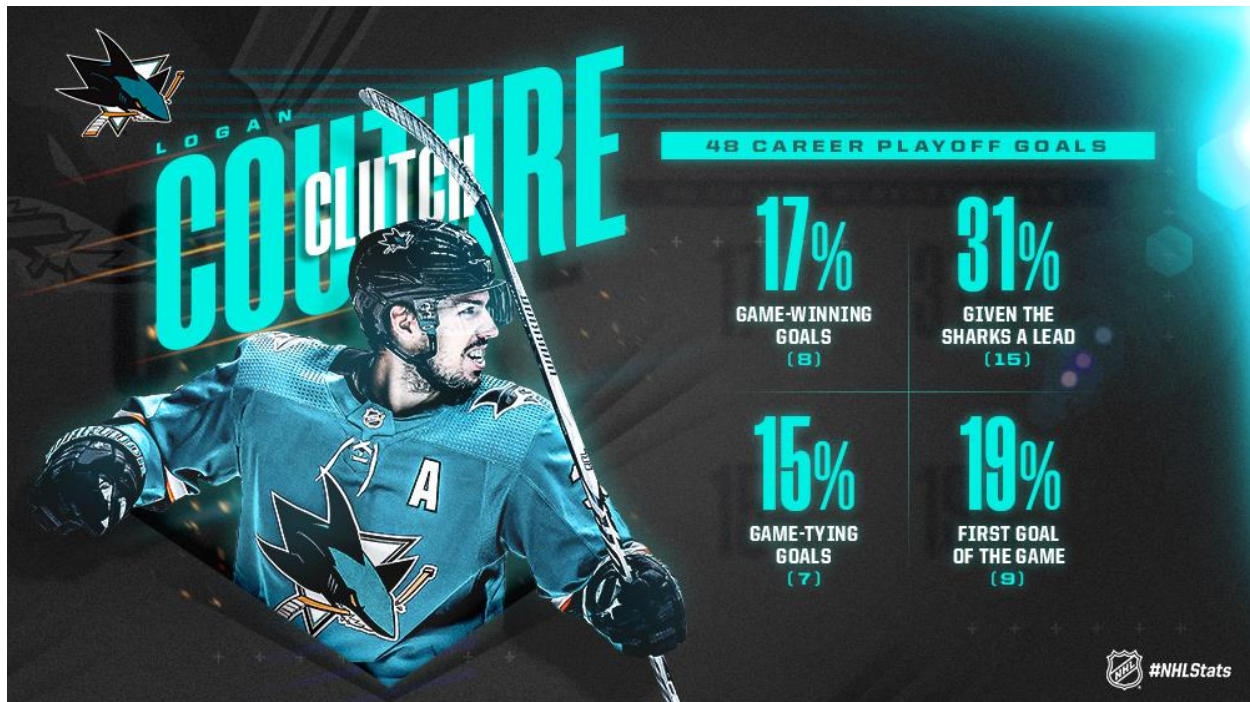
St. Louis scored four second-period goals to overcome deficits of 2-0 and 3-1, but **Logan Couture** tied the game with 61 seconds remaining in regulation, setting the stage for the overtime winner by **Erik Karlsson** (2-0—2) to lift the Sharks to a 2-1 series lead.

\* The Sharks own a 2-1 lead in a best-of-seven Stanley Cup Playoffs series for the 16th time in franchise history and own an all-time series record of 11-4 in the 15 previous instances. San Jose is up 2-1 in the Conference Finals for the second time in franchise history – they also led 2-1 in the 2016 Western Conference Final against St. Louis before reaching the Stanley Cup Final for the first time.

\* The Sharks won a postseason game after scoring a tying goal in the final 90 seconds of regulation for the third time in franchise history. The other instances: [Game 2 of the 2010 Conference Quarterfinals](#) and [Game 2 of the 2013 Conference Quarterfinals](#).

\* San Jose became the first team to win a game in the Conference Finals after scoring a tying in the final 90 seconds of regulation since 2011, when [Vancouver did so against them in Game 5](#).

\* Couture scored his League-leading 14th goal of the 2019 Stanley Cup Playoffs (14-6—20 in 17 GP) to match the [franchise record for most in a postseason](#), a mark set by teammate **Joe Pavelski** in 2016 (14-9—23 in 24 GP).

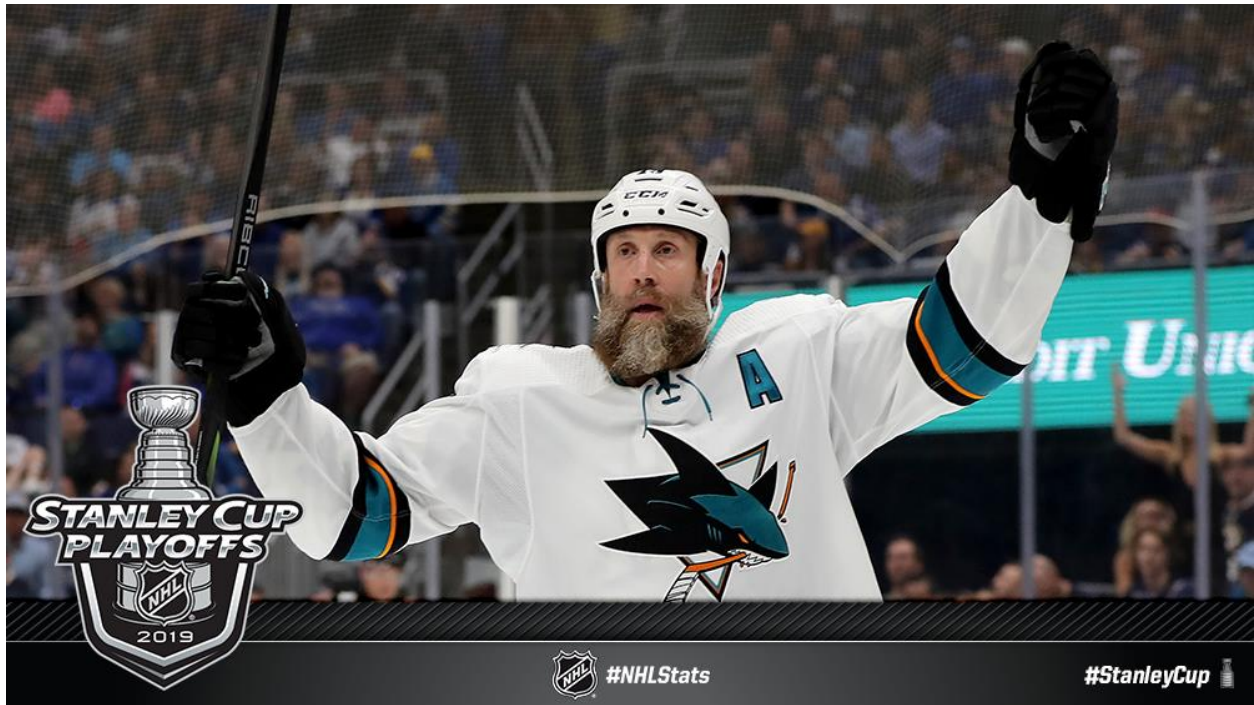


\* Couture, who extended his goal streak to three games (5-1—6), now sits one goal shy of matching **Sidney Crosby** (15 in 2009) and **Alex Ovechkin** (15 in 2018) for the most goals in a postseason over the last 22 years. The NHL record for most in a playoff year is 19, a mark set by Philadelphia's **Reggie Leach** in 1976 (19-5—24 in 16 GP) and matched by Edmonton's **Jari Kurri** in 1985 (19-12—31 in 18 GP).

\* Karlsson scored his first two tallies of the 2019 Stanley Cup Playoffs (2-13—15 in 17 GP) to snap a 31-game goal drought dating to Dec. 29, 2018. Karlsson became the second defenseman in NHL history to record a multi-goal game in the Conference Finals/Semifinals *which included the overtime winner*, joining Montreal's **Georges Mantha** who did so over 88 years ago in Game 3 of the 1931 Semifinals (2-0—2 vs. BOS).

### **39-YEAR-OLD THORNTON SCORES TWICE, RECORDS THREE POINTS**

Thirty-nine-year-old **Joe Thornton** (2-1—3), a veteran of 21 NHL seasons, became the [oldest player in League history](#) to post his first career multi-goal playoff game – doing so in his 176th career postseason contest.



\* Thornton (39 years, 317 days) became the seventh-oldest player in Stanley Cup Playoffs history to record three or more points in a game.

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## OLDEST PLAYERS WITH 3+ POINTS IN A GAME

STANLEY CUP PLAYOFFS HISTORY

| PLAYER            | YEARS, DAYS | SERIES          |
|-------------------|-------------|-----------------|
| MARK RECCHI       | 43-132      | 2011 SCF (GM 6) |
| IGOR LARIONOV     | 41-145      | 2002 CQF (GM 6) |
| DANIEL ALFREDSSON | 40-145      | 2013 CQF (GM 3) |
| CHRIS CHELIOS     | 40-92       | 2002 CQF (GM 6) |
| JAROMIR JAGR      | 40-60       | 2012 CQF (GM 3) |
| NICKLAS LIDSTROM  | 39-364      | 2010 CQF (GM 7) |
| JOE THORNTON      | 39-317      | 2019 CF (GM 3)  |

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\* Thornton also became the oldest player in franchise history to score multiple goals in any game (regular season or playoffs). The previous mark for the playoffs was set by **Jeremy**

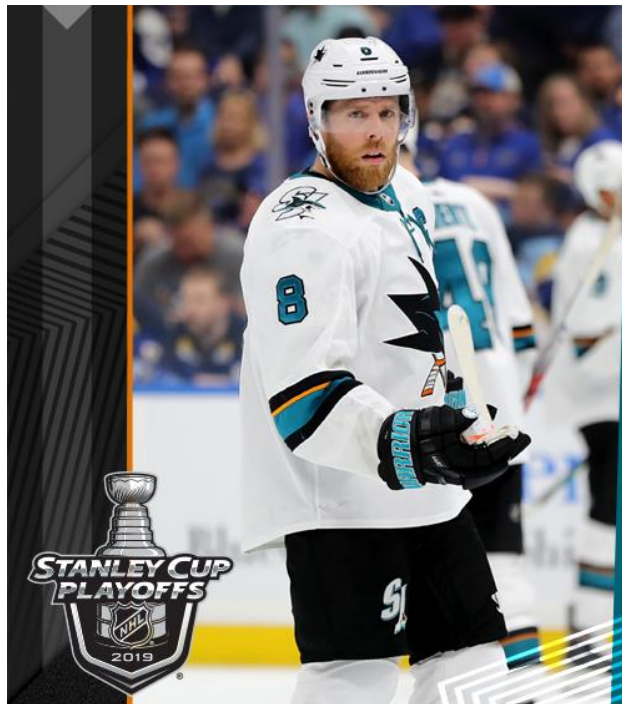
**Roenick** (38 years, 96 days) in Game 7 of the 2008 Conference Quarterfinals (2-2—4 vs. CGY).

\* Overall, Thornton became the 11th different player in NHL history age 39 or older to record a multi-goal game in the Stanley Cup Playoffs and first since Boston's **Mark Recchi** (43 years, 125 days) in Game 3 of the 2011 Stanley Cup Final (2-0—2 vs. VAN) – who tops the list as the oldest.

\* Thornton now has 444-1,167—1,611 in 1,742 career games (regular season and playoffs combined), surpassing **Bryan Trottier** for sole possession of the 16th-most combined points in League history.

### **JOE PAVELSKI NOTCHES 100TH CAREER PLAYOFF POINT**

Captain **Joe Pavelski** (0-1—1), who was selected by the Sharks in the seventh round (205th overall) of the 2003 NHL Draft, recorded his 100th career playoff point. In doing so, he became the fourth player drafted in the seventh round or later to collect at least 100 postseason points.




### ***MOST POSTSEASON POINTS, PLAYERS DRAFTED IN 7TH ROUND OR LATER***

SINCE 1963-64

| TOTAL | PLAYER            | G-A-PTS    |
|-------|-------------------|------------|
| 188   | DOUG GILMOUR      | 60-128-188 |
| 127   | LUC ROBITAILLE    | 58-69-127  |
| 120   | HENRIK ZETTERBERG | 57-63-120  |
| 100   | JOE PAVELSKI      | 48-52-100  |

\* 11 UNDRAFTED PLAYERS TO DEBUT SINCE 1963-64 (THE SEASON AFTER THE FIRST DRAFT) HAVE RECORDED 100+ PLAYOFF POINTS

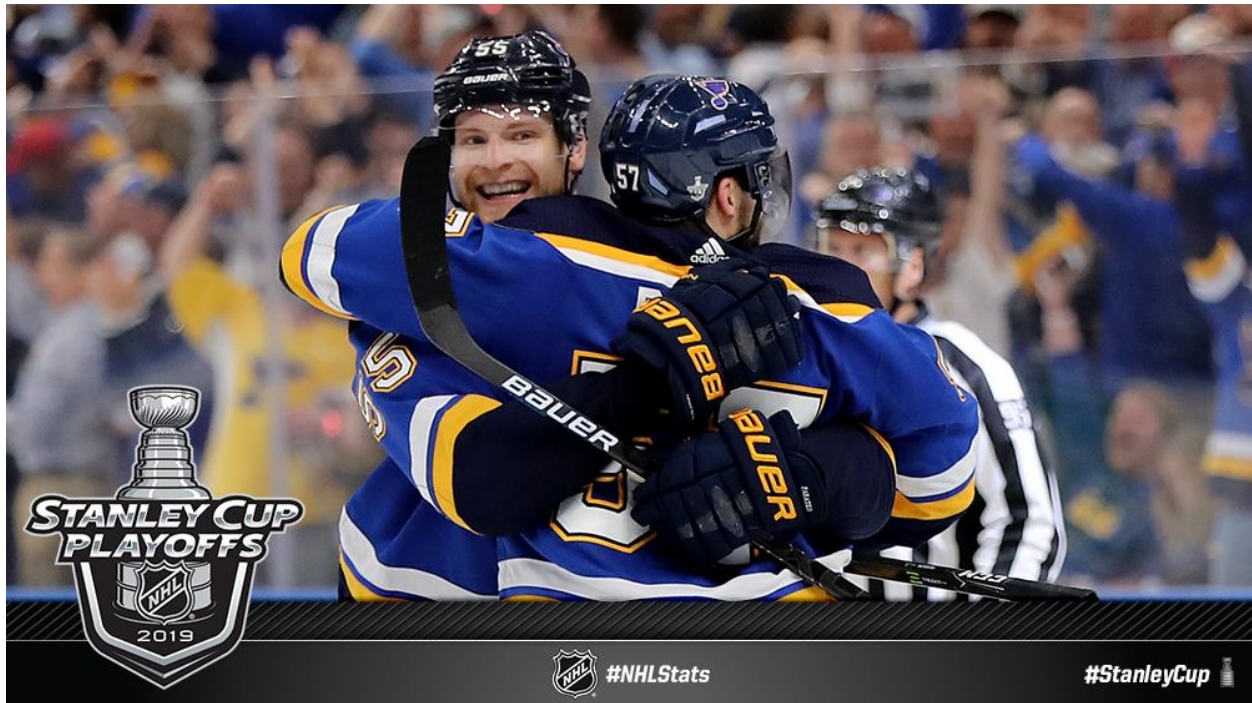
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### **BLUES DEFENSESMAN COLTON PARAYKO MATCHES FRANCHISE RECORD**

Trailing 2-0, the Blues scored four goals in the second period to take the lead, marking the first time in 19 years that they scored at least that many goals in a playoff period. Their last such instance also came against San Jose, when they scored five times in the middle frame of a 6-2 victory to stave off elimination in Game 6 of the 2000 Conference Quarterfinals.

\* **Colton Parayko** assisted on three straight goals to match the franchise record for points in a playoff period – a feat last achieved by **Jochen Hecht** in the game noted above.

\* Parayko also became the 10th player in franchise history – and first defenseman – to record three points in a game during the Conference Finals/Semifinals. The only other Blues skater to collect three assists in a Conference Finals/Semifinals game is **Ab McDonald** (0-3—3 in Game 2 of 1970 SF vs. PIT).



### **FAN VOTING OPENS FOR 2019 NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE FAN CHOICE AWARDS**

Voting is open for the *2019 NHL Fan Choice Awards*, which has expanded from ten categories in 2018 to 20 this year. The NHL Fan Choice Awards gives fans the opportunity to engage with and vote on the best photos, videos and GIFs shared by teams and players during the 2018-19 NHL season on social media. Fans can vote at [NHL.com/FanChoiceAwards](https://www.nhl.com/FanChoiceAwards).



### **PLAYOFF QUICK CLICKS**

- \* [Ralph Krueger](#) hired as Sabres coach
- \* "Skates Off" Feature: Blues forward [Ryan O'Reilly](#)
- \* World Championship Buzz: [Patrick Kane](#) leads U.S. to third straight victory
- \* [Tuukka Rask](#) having fun, success for Bruins in playoffs, [Gerry Cheevers](#) says
- \* NHL Executive Suite Podcast Episode 17: [Dale Tallon](#)

### **BRUINS EYE BERTH IN STANLEY CUP FINAL**

The Bruins and Hurricanes are set to clash in Game 4 of the Eastern Conference Final at PNC Arena, with Boston needing a win to advance to the Stanley Cup Final for the 20th time in franchise history and third in the last eight years (2011 and 2013). Teams that take a 3-0 lead in a best-of-seven series own an all-time series record of 189-4 (97.9%) – including a 3-0 mark in 2019.



\* With wins in each of their last six contests, the Bruins look to close out the Hurricanes and post their [longest playoff winning streak](#) in 47 years. Only three teams in the last 11 postseasons have had a win streak of seven or more games: the 2012 Kings, 2011 Lightning and 2010 Blackhawks.

\* **Tuukka Rask** has backstopped Boston in each of those six victories, posting a 1.50 goals-against average, .956 save percentage and one shutout over that span. Rask trails only **Gerry Cheevers** - one of three goaltenders to win multiple Cups with the Bruins - for the longest postseason win streak in franchise history (10-0 in 1970).

\* Rask is the second netminder in as many postseasons to post a save percentage of at least .956 over a span of six games, after **Marc-Andre Fleury** began the 2018 Stanley Cup Playoffs with a .967 save percentage with the Golden Knights.

\* **David Krejci** enters Game 4 with points in each of his last five contests (2-4—6) and in 12 of 16 games this postseason (4-9—13). After netting 1-1—2 in Boston's series-clinching game in Columbus, the 33-year-old now has 7-17—24 in 26 potential series-clinching games - the highest such total in franchise history. Only four active NHL players have more points in such contests: **Sidney Crosby** (10-28—38 in 37 GP), **Evgeni Malkin** (11-24—35 in 36 GP), **Patrick Kane** (14-15—29 in 21 GP) and **Jonathan Toews** (11-16—27 in 21 GP).

\* Hurricanes captain **Justin Williams**, who has posted 15-13—28 in 24 games with his team facing elimination (17-7), played a part in one of the four instances in NHL history of a team overcoming a 3-0 series deficit to win. He registered each of his six points in the 2014 First Round in Games 4-7 to propel the Kings past the Sharks, winning both the Stanley Cup and Conn Smythe Trophy.

**BOS LEADS 3-0**

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