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ROUND ROBIN NOTES

* Teams in the Eastern Conference Round Robin have won the Presidents' Trophy a combined four times in the past five years (BOS in 2019-20, TBL in 2018-19, WSH in 2015-16 & 2016-17) and five times in the last seven years (also BOS in 2013-14).

* The Stanley Cup Final has featured one of these four clubs in six of the past 10 years: Boston has made three appearances in that span (L in 2019, L in 2013 & W in 2011), while Washington (W in 2018), Tampa Bay (L in 2015) and Philadelphia (L in 2010) each have one.

* Since 2007-08, the Capitals (10x), Bruins (5x), Lightning (2x) and Flyers (1x) have combined for 18 division titles, including eight over the past five seasons.

* In all but two of 14 seasons since 2006-07, the [Maurice "Rocket" Richard Trophy](#) has been claimed by a player from one of these four teams. Since 2003-04, players with Tampa Bay and Washington have combined for four [Art Ross Trophy](#) wins.

#NHLSTATS: BOSTON BRUINS

* After falling in Game 7 of the 2019 Stanley Cup Final, Boston will return to the postseason for the fourth consecutive year and 11th time in the past 13 seasons. This will mark their 73rd [all-time playoff appearance](#), second in NHL history behind Montreal.

* Boston can become the fifth franchise in the last 20 years to make consecutive trips to the Stanley Cup Final (PIT: 2016 & 2017, 2008 & 2009; DET: 2008 & 2009; NJD: 2000 & 2001; and DAL: 1999 & 2000).

* The Bruins set their sights on becoming the ninth team to win the Presidents' Trophy and the Stanley Cup in the same season (since 1985-86).

* The Bruins made the playoffs each season from 1967-68 through 1995-96, a run of [29 consecutive postseason appearances that stands as the longest in NHL history](#).



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* **David Pastrnak** is averaging 1.02 points per game in the playoffs (17-26—43 in 42 GP), highlighted by a performance in Game 2 of the 2018 First Round where he became the youngest player in NHL history to record six points in a playoff game. Pastrnak, who celebrated his 24th birthday on May 25, stands as one of six active players to average at least one point per game played in the postseason prior to his 25th birthday (min. 40 GP).



PLAYER	P/GP
SIDNEY CROSBY	1.32
EVGENI MALKIN	1.18
CLAUDE GIROUX	1.10
JAKE GUENTZEL	1.05
DAVID PASTRNAK	1.02
ERIC STAAL	1.00

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* **Tuukka Rask** (50-39) needs three wins during the Stanley Cup Playoffs to tie **Gerry Cheevers** (53-34) for the most in [franchise history](#). Only **Marc-Andre Fleury** (78) and **Henrik Lundqvist** (61) have more career playoff wins among active goaltenders.

* **Zdeno Chara's** last playoff game was his NHL-record 14th career Game 7 during the Stanley Cup Playoffs, surpassing **Patrick Roy** (6-7) and **Scott Stevens** (7-6) on the all-time list. Chara is 6-8 in those contests, with four assists.

* After becoming the second European-trained captain to win the Stanley Cup in 2011, Chara now aims to become the fifth player to hoist the Cup at age 42 or older. The only players to do so: **Johnny Bower** in 1967 (42), **Dominik Hasek** in 2008 (43), **Mark Recchi** in 2011 (43) and **Chris Chelios** in 2008 (46). Rangers coach **Lester Patrick** won the Cup at age 44 in 1928 [after playing goal in one playoff game](#).

* Chara is one of five players who won the Stanley Cup with Boston in 2011 and remain with the team. The others: **Patrice Bergeron**, **David Krejci**, **Brad Marchand** and Rask.

* Bergeron and Krejci are tied for second place on the [Bruins' all-time playoff points list](#), with each player 58 points shy of franchise leader **Ray Bourque**. They also rank among the top 10 on franchise lists for career playoff [goals](#) and [assists](#).

* The Bruins were the only team to reach the 100-point mark before the pause, making **Bruce Cassidy** the 11th head coach in NHL history to record 100+ points in each of his first three full seasons with a club.

* The Bruins have faced the Flyers in three neutral-site games during the regular season, detailed below.

#NHLSTATS: TAMPA BAY LIGHTNING

* The Lightning will return to the Stanley Cup Playoffs for the sixth time in the past seven seasons (since 2013-14), advancing to at least the Conference Finals three times in that span.

* Tampa Bay has reached at least the Eastern Conference Final in four of the last nine years. Each of those four Conference Finals series have extended to seven games, against Boston (L in 2011), the NY Rangers (W in 2015), Pittsburgh (L in 2016) and Washington (L in 2018).

* In 2019, Tampa Bay was swept for the second time in its history and first time since 2014 (R1 vs. MTL). The Lightning rebounded from that 2014 sweep by reaching the Stanley Cup Final the next year.

* The Lightning own a .652 winning percentage in 23 playoff overtime games, the second-highest such percentage in NHL history behind the Islanders (.667; 34-17 in 51 GP).



The graphic displays the following data:

FRANCHISE	RECORD	W%
NEW YORK ISLANDERS	34-17	.667
TAMPA BAY LIGHTNING	15-8	.652
CAROLINA HURRICANES	23-14	.622
ANAHEIM DUCKS	24-15	.615
COLORADO AVALANCHE	40-29	.580

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* **Nikita Kucherov** needs seven points to match **Martin St. Louis** for the [most playoff points in franchise history](#); **Steven Stamkos**, **Tyler Johnson** and **Victor Hedman** also rank among the top six.

* Kucherov also is four goals from tying St. Louis for the [most in franchise playoff history](#), while Johnson is tied for third with Lecavalier – one more than Stamkos. Johnson also needs one game-winning goal to tie St. Louis for the [most in Lightning playoff history](#).

* **Andrei Vasilevskiy** (15-15), the NHL wins leader in each of the past three regular seasons, trails only **Nikolai Khabibulin** (21-12) and **Ben Bishop** (21-13) for the [most playoff wins in franchise history](#).

* **Jon Cooper** holds a [career playoff record](#) of 36-32 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.

* The Lightning, who won two neutral-site games in 2019-20, have faced the Capitals in one neutral-site game during the regular season, detailed below.

#NHLSTATS: WASHINGTON CAPITALS

* The Capitals will enter the Stanley Cup Playoffs for the 12th time over the last 13 years, including [six straight appearances](#) dating to 2015.

* Eleven of the 22 players who captured the Stanley Cup with Washington in 2018 remain with the team (**Nicklas Backstrom**, **John Carlson**, **Lars Eller**, **Braden Holtby**, **Michal Kempny**, **Evgeny Kuznetsov**, **Dmitry Orlov**, **T.J. Oshie**, **Alex Ovechkin**, **Jakub Vrana** & **Tom Wilson**).

* The Capitals are 8-1-0 in nine all-time neutral-site games during the regular season, including five consecutive wins. Their only loss was at Halifax Metro Centre on March 9, 1994 (7-5 L at NYR), where former Washington forward **Mike Gartner** factored on four of New York's seven goals (1-3—4).


* The Capitals have faced the Lightning in one neutral-site game during the regular season, [at O-Rena in Orlando, Fla. on March 20, 1994](#). **Don Beaupre** made 23 saves in a 3-0 victory.

* The Capitals and Flyers have met in one neutral-site game during the regular season, [at Richfield Coliseum in Ohio on Feb. 2, 1994](#). Washington scored four unanswered goals to rally for a 5-2 win.

* Ovechkin is the franchise's all-time leader in Stanley Cup Playoffs [goals](#) and [points](#) (65-61—126 in 128 GP), while Backstrom sits atop the [Capitals' all-time postseason assists list](#) (36-70—106 in 123 GP).


* Ovechkin (65), who reached the 700-goal milestone in 2019-20, ranks third among [active players for career playoff goals](#) behind Penguins teammates **Patrick Marleau** (72) and **Sidney Crosby** (66). Ovechkin owns a career goals-per-game average of 0.51 in the Stanley Cup Playoffs, [tied for eighth in NHL history](#) (min. 100 GP).

* Backstrom has assisted on 23 of Ovechkin's 65 career goals in the Stanley Cup Playoffs (35.4%). Only seven players in NHL history have assisted on more postseason goals by a teammate.



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MOST ASSISTS ON A TEAMMATE'S GOALS

STANLEY CUP PLAYOFFS HISTORY

PLAYER	SCORER	A
WAYNE GRETZKY	JARI KURRI	65
BRYAN TROTTIER	MIKE BOSSY	43
MARK MESSIER	GLENN ANDERSON	31
JARI KURRI	WAYNE GRETZKY	30
GLENN ANDERSON	MARK MESSIER	29
CRAIG JANNEY	CAM NEELY	28
MIKE BOSSY	BRYAN TROTTIER	27
NICKLAS BACKSTROM	ALEX OVECHKIN	23

^4 OTHER INSTANCES OF 23

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* Carlson, the franchise leader in playoff goals (18) and points (60) by a defenseman, is tied with **Calle Johansson** for the second-most [postseason assists by a Capitals blueliner](#) (42; **Scott Stevens**: 44).



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#NHLSTATS: PHILADELPHIA FLYERS

* The Flyers have [reached the Stanley Cup Playoffs](#) every other year since a run of five straight postseason berths ended in 2012.

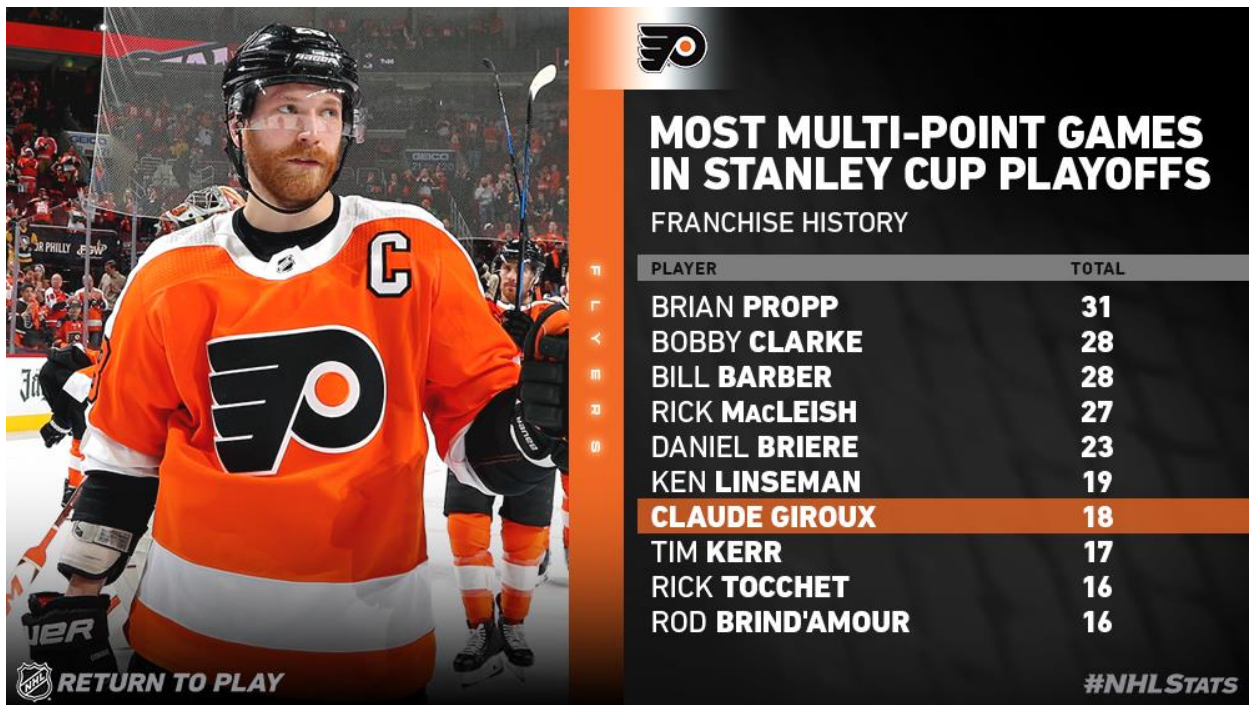
* Philadelphia last won a playoff series in 2012 when it defeated Pittsburgh in the Conference Quarterfinals. It is one of 10 series in Stanley Cup Playoffs history to feature [at least 56 combined goals](#).

* The Flyers have faced the Bruins in three neutral-site games during the regular season, detailed below. Philadelphia's lone victory came on New Year's Eve in 1993 when **Eric Lindros**, **Mikael Renberg** and **Mark Recchi** each had 1-2—3 to help the Flyers rally from a three-goal deficit to win 4-3.

* The Flyers and Capitals have met in one neutral-site game during the regular season, [at Richfield Coliseum in Ohio on Feb. 2, 1994](#).

* Two players who dressed at least one game during the Flyers' run to the 2010 Stanley Cup Final remain with the team: **Claude Giroux** and **James van Riemsdyk**. The latter is in his second stint with Philadelphia after skating six seasons with Toronto from 2012-13 to 2017-18.

* Giroux has 24-41—65 in 69 career games during the Stanley Cup Playoffs to rank [ninth on the Flyers' all-time postseason points list](#). His 18 career multi-point playoff games – which include a club-record 3-3—6 showing in Game 2 of the 2012 Conference Quarterfinals – are the seventh-most by a Flyers player.



FRANCHISE HISTORY	
PLAYER	TOTAL
BRIAN PROPP	31
BOBBY CLARKE	28
BILL BARBER	28
RICK MACLEISH	27
DANIEL BRIERE	23
KEN LINSEMAN	19
CLAUDE GIROUX	18
TIM KERR	17
RICK TOCCHET	16
ROD BRIND'AMOUR	16

* **Carter Hart**, who is set to turn 22 on Aug. 13, can become the youngest Flyers goaltender to earn a win in the Stanley Cup Playoffs. **Pete Peeters** currently holds that distinction, earning his first playoff win with Philadelphia at age 22 years, 235 days in [Game 1 of the 1980 Preliminary Round](#).

* **Matt Niskanen** is the only Stanley Cup winner on the Flyers' active roster – he won with the Capitals in 2018. His 125 career postseason games are the most among current Philadelphia players, ahead of **Justin Braun** (84 GP), Giroux (69 GP), **Nate Thompson** (62 GP), van Riemsdyk (59 GP) and **Brian Elliott** (45 GP).

* **Alain Vigneault** is 68-71 in 139 career playoff games as an NHL head coach. His 68 wins are the [14th-most in League history](#) and second-most among active head coaches behind **Joel Quenneville** (118-97).

NEUTRAL-SITE GAMES

Neutral-site games by the Bruins, Lightning, Capitals and Flyers (all regular season; **none of these teams have contested a neutral-site game in the playoffs**). A neutral-site game is categorized as one played in an arena that does not normally serve as either club's home ice.

Boston Bruins

DATE	VENUE	LOCATION	OPPONENT	RESULT
Jan. 1, 2019	Notre Dame Stadium	Notre Dame, Ind.	Chicago Blackhawks	4-2 W
Jan. 1, 2016	Gillette Stadium	Foxborough, Mass.	Montreal Canadiens	5-1 L
Oct. 10, 2010	O2 Czech Republic	Prague, Czech Republic	Phoenix Coyotes	3-0 W
Oct. 9, 2010	O2 Czech Republic	Prague, Czech Republic	Phoenix Coyotes	5-2 L
Jan. 1, 2010	Fenway Park	Boston, Mass.	Philadelphia Flyers	2-1 OT W
April 3, 1994	Richfield Coliseum	Richfield, Ohio	Pittsburgh Penguins	6-2 L
Dec. 31, 1993	Target Center	Minneapolis, Minn.	Philadelphia Flyers	4-3 L
March 16, 1993	Providence Civic Center	Providence, R.I.	New Jersey Devils	3-1 W
Feb. 8, 1993	Omni Coliseum	Atlanta, Ga.	Pittsburgh Penguins	4-0 L
March 7, 1968	Maple Leaf Gardens	Toronto, Ont.	Philadelphia Flyers	2-1 W
Dec. 9, 1955	St. Louis Arena	St. Louis, Mo.	Chicago Black Hawks	1-1 T
Oct. 25, 1955	St. Louis Arena	St. Louis, Mo.	Chicago Black Hawks	2-0 L
Feb. 23, 1955	St. Paul Auditorium	St. Paul, Minn.	Chicago Black Hawks	3-3 T
Jan. 21, 1954	Indiana State Fairgrounds Coliseum	Indianapolis, Ind.	Chicago Black Hawks	3-2 W
Feb. 12, 1930	Peace Bridge Arena	Fort Erie, Ont.	Pittsburgh Pirates	4-3 W
Feb. 16, 1929	Peace Bridge Arena	Fort Erie, Ont.	Chicago Black Hawks	3-0 W

Tampa Bay Lightning

DATE	VENUE	LOCATION	OPPONENT	RESULT
Nov. 9, 2019	Ericsson Globe	Stockholm, Sweden	Buffalo Sabres	5-3 W
Nov. 8, 2019	Ericsson Globe	Stockholm, Sweden	Buffalo Sabres	3-2 W
Oct. 5, 2008	O2 Czech Republic	Prague, Czech Republic	New York Rangers	2-1 L
Oct. 4, 2008	O2 Czech Republic	Prague, Czech Republic	New York Rangers	2-1 L
March 20, 1994	O-Rena	Orlando, Fla.	Washington Capitals	3-0 L
Jan. 24, 1994	O-Rena	Orlando, Fla.	Buffalo Sabres	4-0 W
Jan. 17, 1994	Target Center	Minneapolis, Minn.	Detroit Red Wings	6-3 L
Jan. 4, 1994	Copps Coliseum	Hamilton, Ont.	Toronto Maple Leafs	1-0 W
Jan. 2, 1994	O-Rena	Orlando, Fla.	Mighty Ducks of Anaheim	4-1 L
Dec. 26, 1993	O-Rena	Orlando, Fla.	Florida Panthers	3-1 L
Dec. 14, 1993	O-Rena	Orlando, Fla.	Montreal Canadiens	1-1 T
Feb. 20, 1993	Halifax Metro Centre	Halifax, N.S.	Quebec Nordiques	5-2 L
Dec. 9, 1992	Miami Arena	Miami, Fla.	New York Rangers	6-5 L

Washington Capitals

DATE	VENUE	LOCATION	OPPONENT	RESULT
March 3, 2018	Navy-Marine Corps Memorial Stadium	Annapolis, Md.	Toronto Maple Leafs	5-2 W
Jan. 1, 2015	Nationals Park	Washington, D.C.	Chicago Blackhawks	3-2 W
Jan. 1, 2011	Heinz Field	Pittsburgh, Pa.	Pittsburgh Penguins	3-1 W
Oct. 26, 2005	Blue Cross Arena	Rochester, N.Y.	Buffalo Sabres	3-2 W
March 20, 1994	O-Rena	Orlando, Fla.	Tampa Bay Lightning	3-0 W
March 9, 1994	Halifax Metro Centre	Halifax, N.S.	New York Rangers	7-5 L
Feb. 2, 1994	Richfield Coliseum	Richfield, Ohio	Philadelphia Flyers	5-2 W
March 16, 1993	Bradley Center	Milwaukee, Wis.	Detroit Red Wings	4-2 W
Nov. 3, 1992	Market Square Arena	Indianapolis, Ind.	Chicago Blackhawks	4-1 W



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Philadelphia Flyers

DATE	VENUE	LOCATION	OPPONENT	RESULT
Oct. 4, 2019	O2 Czech Republic	Prague, Czech Republic	Chicago Blackhawks	4-3 W
Feb. 23, 2019	Lincoln Financial Field	Philadelphia, Pa.	Pittsburgh Penguins	4-3 OT W
Feb. 25, 2017	Heinz Field	Pittsburgh, Pa.	Pittsburgh Penguins	4-2 L
Jan. 2, 2012	Citizens Bank Park	Philadelphia, Pa.	New York Rangers	3-2 L
Jan. 1, 2010	Fenway Park	Boston, Mass.	Boston Bruins	2-1 OT L
Feb. 2, 1994	Richfield Coliseum	Richfield, Ohio	Washington Capitals	5-2 L
Dec. 31, 1993	Target Center	Minneapolis, Minn.	Boston Bruins	4-3 W
Feb. 22, 1993	Richfield Coliseum	Richfield, Ohio	Detroit Red Wings	5-5 T
Feb. 16, 1993	Riverfront Coliseum	Cincinnati, Ohio	Calgary Flames	4-4 T
Dec. 22, 1968	Cow Palace	Daly City, Calif.	Oakland Seals	2-1 L
March 30, 1968	Le Colisée	Quebec City, Que.	Pittsburgh Penguins	2-0 L
March 28, 1968	Le Colisée	Quebec City, Que.	St. Louis Blues	2-0 W
March 17, 1968	Le Colisée	Quebec City, Que.	Toronto Maple Leafs	7-4 W
March 14, 1968	Le Colisée	Quebec City, Que.	Los Angeles Kings	0-0 T
March 10, 1968	Le Colisée	Quebec City, Que.	Minnesota North Stars	2-0 W
March 7, 1968	Maple Leaf Gardens	Toronto, Ont.	Boston Bruins	2-1 L
March 3, 1968	Madison Square Garden	New York, N.Y.	Oakland Seals	1-1 T



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