

NHL MORNING SKATE: STANLEY CUP QUALIFIERS EDITION – AUGUST 6, 2020

The graphic displays the results of Wednesday's Stanley Cup Qualifiers games. It features the Stanley Cup Qualifiers 2020 logo and the text 'WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS'. The results are presented in a grid format with team logos, scores, and series status.

Game	Home Team	Score	Series Status	Away Team	Score	Series Status
1	NYI	2	NYI LEADS 2-1 FINAL	FLA	3	
2	ARI	1	ARI LEADS 2-1 FINAL	MTL	4	
3	CHI	3	CHI LEADS 2-1 FINAL	PIT	4	
4	COL	4	ROUND ROBIN FINAL	STL	0	
5	TOR	3	ROUND ROBIN FINAL	BOS	2	
6	EDM	3	ROUND ROBIN FINAL	OTT	3	

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THREE HARD LAPS

* The 12th-seeded Canadiens and Blackhawks each rallied from deficits to take a 2-1 series lead against the Penguins and Oilers, respectively.

* **Mike Hoffman** recorded his second consecutive multi-point game to help the Panthers stay alive in their series with the Islanders. It marked Florida's first win in a postseason game when facing elimination since 1996.

* The Lightning and Avalanche both earned wins on Wednesday to improve to 2-0-0 in round robin play.

PETRY CAPS CANADIENS' RALLY AS MONTREAL STUNS PITTSBURGH IN GAME 3

The Canadiens scored three unanswered goals – capped by **Jeff Petry** potting the winner at 5:33 of the third period – to erase a 3-1 deficit and defeat the Penguins in Game 3. Montreal rallied from a multi-goal deficit to win a postseason contest for the first time since [Game 1 of the 2008 Conference Semifinals](#).

* Petry, who scored the overtime winner in Game 1, became the sixth defenseman in franchise history with multiple game-winning goals in a single postseason and first since **Chris Chelios** over 31 years ago. He also became the fourth member of that cohort to score two game-winning goals *in a single postseason series*.

PLAYER	YEAR	GWG
J.C. TREMBLAY*	1971	3
JEFF PETRY*	2020	2
CHRIS CHELIOS	1989	2
SERGE SAVARD*	1976	2
GUY LAPOINTE	1971	2
GEORGES MANTHA*	1931	2

*ONLY D-MEN W/ 2 GWG IN A SINGLE SERIES

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* Petry became the seventh defenseman in NHL history – and fourth in the modern era (since 1943-44) – to score two game-winning goals through his team’s first three contests in a postseason. He joined **Georges Mantha** in 1931 (w/ MTL), **Baldy Northcott** in 1935 (w/ MMR), **Babe Pratt** in 1937 (w/ NYR), **Scott Stevens** in 1986 (w/ WSH), **Brian Leetch** in 1994 (w/ NYR) and **Nicklas Lidstrom** in 2007 (w/ DET).

* Petry wasn’t the only Canadiens defenseman to leave his mark on Game 3. **Shea Weber** (1-2—3) established a single-game career high for points in a postseason contest and became the first Montreal blueliner with three or more in a playoff outing since **Andrei Markov** in [Game 5 of the 2014 Conference Finals](#) (0-3—3).

* **Carey Price** made 30 saves to earn the 27th postseason win of his NHL career and move into a tie with **Bill Durnan** for [fifth place on the franchise’s all-time list](#). He now trails only **Ken Dryden** (80), **Patrick Roy** (70), **Jacques Plante** (59) and **Gump Worsley** (29).

BLACKHAWKS ALSO RALLY TO TAKE 2-1 SERIES LEAD

Trailing 3-2 late in the third period, the Blackhawks scored a pair of goals in the final 5:47 of regulation, including a game winner by **Jonathan Toews** (2-0—2) with just 1:16 remaining in the third period, to take a 2-1 series lead against the Oilers.



* It marked the sixth time in Blackhawks history they scored a game-winning goal in the final 2:00 of regulation in a postseason game and the first since **Dave Bolland's** Stanley Cup-clinching goal with 59 seconds remaining in the third period of [Game 6 of the 2013 Stanley Cup Final](#). In that game, Chicago was also trailing late in the third period before **Bryan Bickell's** tying goal with 1:16 remaining in the final frame set the stage for Bolland's dramatic clincher.

* Toews recorded his ninth career multi-goal game in the playoffs. Only **Bobby Hull** (14) and **Denis Savard** (10) have more with the Blackhawks franchise.

* Toews has now scored 44 career postseason goals for the Blackhawks to break a tie with **Patrick Sharp** (42) for sole possession of sixth on the franchise's all-time list – one back of **Steve Larmer** (45) for fifth.

HOFFMAN, PANTHERS STAVE OFF ELIMINATION

Panthers forwards **Mike Hoffman** (1-1—2) and **Brian Boyle** (1-0—1) scored two third-period goals in 2:07 to defeat the Islanders and stave off elimination for the first time since the 1996 Conference Finals. Florida improved to 3-5 in the postseason when facing elimination, with their only other such victories coming more than 24 years ago against the Penguins.

* Hoffman, who led Florida with 29 goals during the regular season, has registered 1-1—2 in consecutive games. This marks the first time he has recorded multiple points in consecutive playoff contests (28 GP), and just the fifth time a Panthers player has done so - **Reilly Smith** (3 GP) was the last in 2016, while **Stu Barnes** (2 GP), **Ray Sheppard** (2 GP) and **Jason Wooley** (2 GP) all accomplished the feat in 1996.



COYOTES TAKE 2-1 SERIES LEAD AS KUEMPER ESTABLISHES FRANCHISE RECORD

Darcy Kuemper turned aside 39 of 40 shots – including 19 in the first period – to backstop the Coyotes to a 2-1 lead in their qualifying round series. The Coyotes own a 2-1 lead in a best-of-five postseason series for the second time in franchise history – the first instance was as the Winnipeg Jets against the Flames in the 1985 Division Semifinals, an eventual four-game win.

* Kuemper established a franchise record for most saves in a postseason period. He eclipsed the previous mark of 18, which he achieved in [Game 1](#) along with three other goaltenders: **Sean Burke** ([Game 4 of 2000 CQF](#)), **Ilya Bryzgalov** ([Game 1 of 2010 CQF](#) & [Game 7 of 2010 CQF](#)) and **Mike Smith** ([Game 5 of 2012 CF](#)).



LIGHTNING, AVALANCHE IMPROVE TO 2-0-0 IN ROUND ROBIN PLAY

The Lightning and Avalanche both earned wins on Wednesday to remain undefeated in round robin play.

* The Bruins rallied to tie the game after facing a 2-0 deficit, but **Tyler Johnson** (1-1—2) scored the go-ahead goal with 1:27 remaining in regulation as the Lightning improved to 2-0-0 in round robin play. Johnson scored his eighth career game-winning goal in the postseason to move into a tie with **Martin St. Louis** for the [most in franchise history](#).

* Johnson's winner on Wednesday was the second-latest go-ahead goal in regulation in Tampa Bay postseason history. He scored the latest at 19:58 of the third period in [Game 3 of the 2015 Second Round](#).

* The Lightning will contest their third and final round robin game on Saturday versus the Flyers (1-0-0).



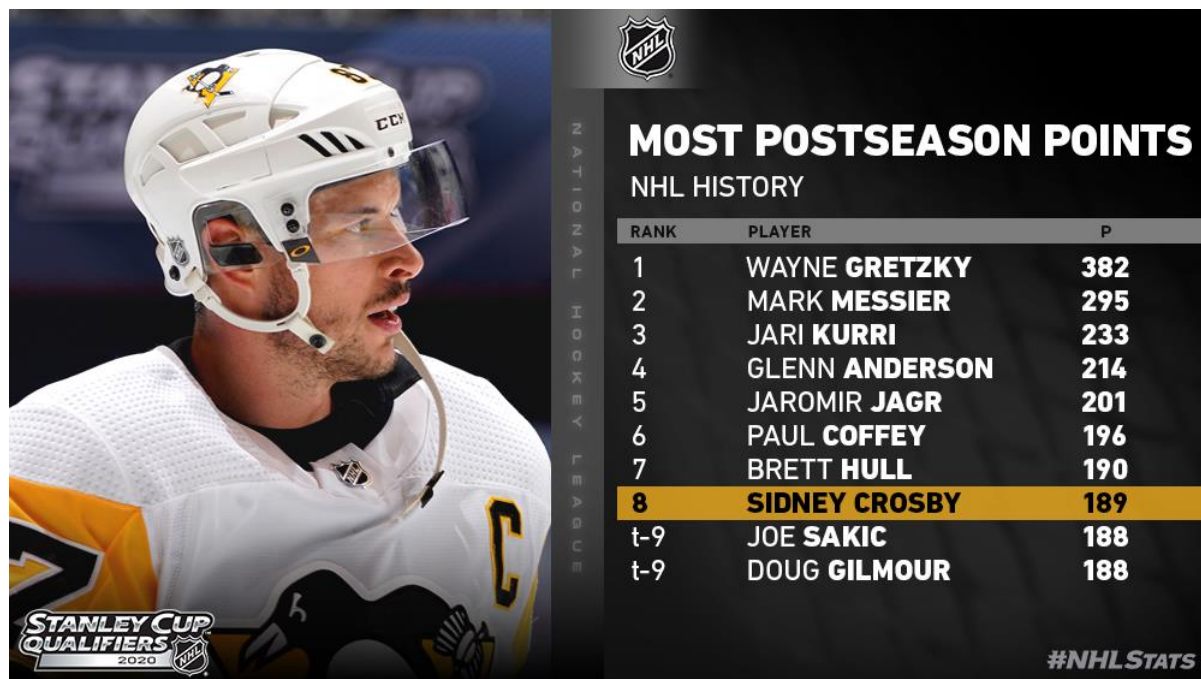
* **Pavel Francouz** turned aside all 27 shots he faced as the Avalanche improved to 2-0-0 in round robin play. Francouz became the first goaltender in Avalanche/Nordiques history to record a shutout in his postseason debut and the third to earn a win, following **Mario Gosselin** ([Game 1 of 1985 DSF](#)) and **Craig Anderson** ([Game 3 of 2010 CQF](#)).

* The Avalanche will play their third and final round robin game on Saturday against the Golden Knights (1-0-0).



CROSBY CLIMBS NHL'S ALL-TIME POSTSEASON POINTS, ASSISTS LISTS

Penguins captain **Sidney Crosby** collected an assist to record the 189th postseason point of his NHL career (68-121—189 in 167 GP) and pass **Joe Sakic** (84-104—188 in 172 GP) and **Doug Gilmour** (60-128—188 in 182 GP) for sole possession of [eighth place on the League's all-time list](#).



RANK	PLAYER	P
1	WAYNE GRETZKY	382
2	MARK MESSIER	295
3	JARI KURRI	233
4	GLENN ANDERSON	214
5	JAROMIR JAGR	201
6	PAUL COFFEY	196
7	BRETT HULL	190
8	SIDNEY CROSBY	189
t-9	JOE SAKIC	188
t-9	DOUG GILMOUR	188

* Crosby recorded the 121st postseason *assist* of his NHL career, tying him with **Al MacInnis** (39-121—160 in 177 GP) and **Glenn Anderson** (93-121—214 in 225 GP) for [10th place in League history](#).



ZOOM MEDIA AVAILABILITY UPDATES

MEDIA REMINDER: Schedules and recordings of all Zoom media availabilities (including post-game) are available daily on the NHL's media site – you must have an account to access this content. The 2020 Stanley Cup Qualifiers Information Guide as well as team playoff media guides also are available on the site.

QUICK CLICKS

- * [NHL announces start times for Cup Qualifier games on Aug. 7](#)
- * [Maple Leafs' Jake Muzzin out for remainder of Stanley Cup Qualifiers](#)
- * [Bruins not worried after losing No. 1 seed in East](#)
- * [Five questions with NHL Central Scouting's Dan Marr](#)

PREVIEW OF TODAY'S ACTION



THURSDAY, AUGUST 6, 2020

GAME 3	 	2:30 PM ET	 
		NHL.TV, FS-N	
ROUND ROBIN	 	4:00 PM ET	  
		NHL.TV, NBCSP, NBCSWA	
ROUND ROBIN	 	6:30 PM ET	 
		NHL.TV, FS-MW, ATTSN-RM	
GAME 3	 	8:00 PM ET	  
		FS-O	
GAME 4	 	10:30 PM ET	  
		NHL.TV	