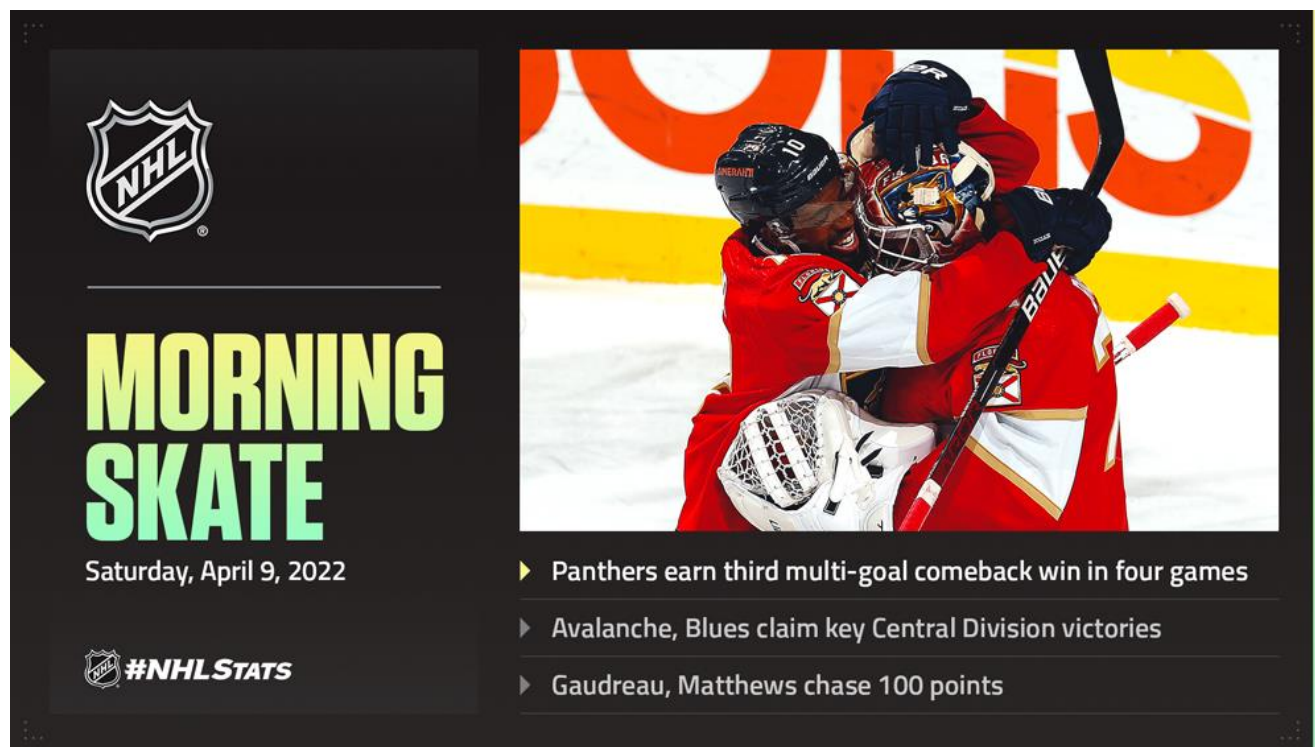


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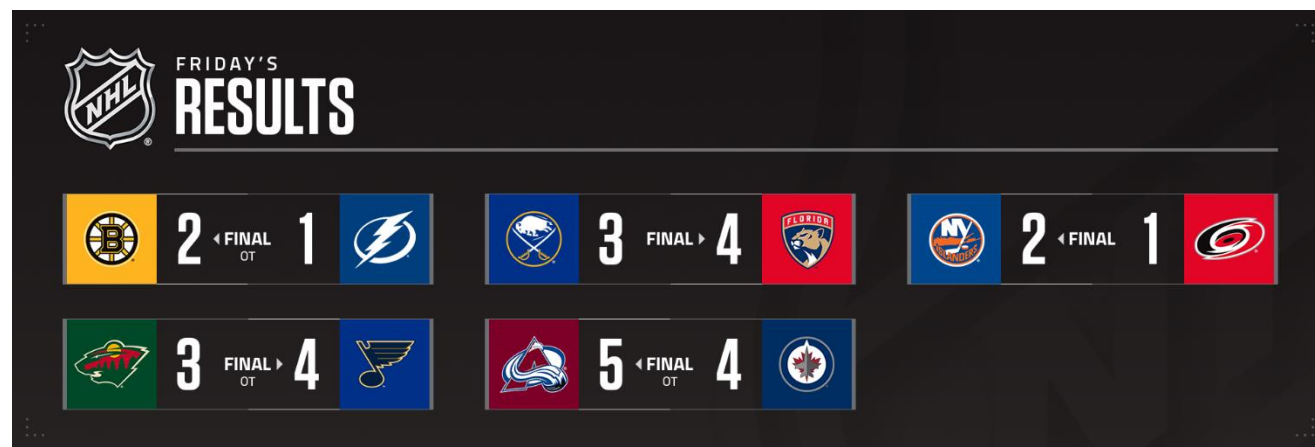
- ▶ Panthers earn third multi-goal comeback win in four games
- ▶ Avalanche, Blues claim key Central Division victories
- ▶ Gaudreau, Matthews chase 100 points

* The Panthers continued their comeback ways, rallying from a multi-goal deficit to win for the eighth time in 2021-22 and third in their last four games.











* **Cale Makar** tied **Ray Bourque** for the second-most assists in a season by an Avalanche/Nordiques defenseman before netting his third overtime winner of 2021-22.

* The Central Division continues to provide plenty of intrigue with the Blues and Wild jockeying for home ice advantage in a potential First Round showdown.

* **Johnny Gaudreau** (34-65—99 in 71 GP) and **Auston Matthews** (56-41—97 in 66 GP) will each continue their pursuit of 100 points in two of five games featured Saturday on Hockey Night in Canada.



FRIDAY'S RESULTS

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'COMEBACK CATS' CAPTURE NHL-LEADING 30TH HOME WIN OF 2021-22

Aleksander Barkov (0-2—2) recorded his sixth straight multi-point outing (6-8—14) and **Jonathan Huberdeau** (0-1—1) extended his point streak to 10 games (7-12—19) as the Panthers overcame a 3-1 deficit to earn their NHL-leading 30th home win of the season (30-6-0). It marked Florida's eighth multi-goal comeback victory of 2021-22, the most in a single campaign in franchise history.

* Florida has now earned a multi-goal comeback victory in three of their last four appearances. The last team to record three multi-goal comeback wins in a four-game span was Detroit in 2018-19.

* Barkov moved into a tie with Huberdeau (6 GP in 2018-19) for the second-longest streak of multi-point games in Panthers history behind **Pavel Bure** (7 GP in 2000-01). Meanwhile, Huberdeau became the second player to record *multiple* double-digit point streaks in a season with the franchise (also 10 GP from Jan. 27 – Feb. 26), joining Bure (13 GP & 11 GP in 1999-00).



The graphic features the Florida Panthers logo and name at the top. Below it, text states: "Only three teams in NHL history required fewer games than Florida (36 GP) to record 30 home wins in a season: Philadelphia (34 GP in 1975-76), Boston (34 GP in 1970-71 & 35 GP in 1973-74) and Detroit (35 GP in 1995-96)". At the bottom left is the NHL #NHLStats logo. On the right is a photo of two Florida Panthers players, Aleksander Barkov (number 16) and Jonathan Huberdeau (number 9), celebrating on the ice.

* **ICYMI:** The Bruins (45-21-5, 95 points) [defeated the defending Stanley Cup-champion Lightning](#) (43-20-8, 94 points) in overtime at AMALIE Arena, opening up a one-point lead over Tampa Bay for third place in the tightly-contested Atlantic Division standings.

MAKAR MAKES HIS MARK WITH THIRD OVERTIME WINNER OF 2021-22

After **Nikolaj Ehlers** (2-1—3) tied the game for the Jets (33-28-11, 77 points) with just 16 seconds remaining in regulation, **Cale Makar** (1-1—2) scored the overtime winner to help his Avalanche (51-14-6, 108 points) quell the comeback attempt.

* The goal marked Makar's third overtime tally of 2021-22 – the [most among all defensemen](#) – as he matched the franchise record for the [most in a season by an Avalanche/Nordiques skater](#). **Nathan MacKinnon** (3 in 2017-18), **Tyson Barrie** (3 in 2013-14) and **David Jones** (3 in 2010-11) had previously hit the mark.



AVALANCHE

Cale Makar recorded his 52nd assist of 2021-22, matching Ray Bourque (52 in 2000-01) for the second-most helpers in a season by an Avalanche/Nordiques defenseman. Only Steve Duchesne (62 in 1992-93 w/ QUE) has more with the franchise.

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#STANLEYCUP PLAYOFF RACE: BLUES, WILD BATTLE IN CENTRAL DIVISION

The Blues (41-20-10, 92 points) rallied from a multi-goal deficit to defeat the Wild (43-21-6, 92 points) in overtime, as the two teams jockey for home ice in a potential First Round series between the clubs. Every Saturday for the balance of the regular season, the #NHLStats team will place a weekly spotlight on one of the League's postseason races.



PLAYOFF RACE

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CENTRAL	GP	W	L	OT	PTS	P%
COLORADO	71	51	14	6	108	.761
MINNESOTA	70	43	21	6	92	.657
ST. LOUIS	71	41	20	10	92	.648

STANLEY CUP PLAYOFFS BEGIN MAY 2 ESPN TNT SN TV SPORTS

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* Minnesota and St. Louis have been stationed within the top three of the Central Division for 151 and 150 days, respectively, in 2021-22. Only four teams have held a top-three position in their division for a longer span this season: Florida (178 days), Carolina (176 days), NY Rangers (172) and Toronto (159).

* The Blues have won both games between the clubs in 2021-22 after claiming victory in the 2022 Discover NHL Winter Classic at Target Field (6-4 W). They are scheduled to face each other once more in the regular season (April 16 in St. Louis). The two franchises have met in the postseason twice – both First Round series – with each team winning once: the Blues in [five games in 2017](#) and Wild in [six games in 2015](#).

* The Wild have their sights set on starting a First Round matchup with home-ice advantage for the first time since 2017, the last time these two franchises met in the postseason (4-1 L vs. STL). The Blues are angling for their 45th playoff berth, which would be five more than the next closest non-Original Six club (PHI: 40).

PALMIERI'S LATE GO-AHEAD GOAL FEATURED IN #NHLSTATS: LIVE UPDATES

The [Friday edition of #NHLStats: Live Updates](#) featured **Kyle Palmieri** (1-1—2) factoring on two Islanders goals, including scoring the winner with 15 seconds remaining in regulation, as New York snapped a five-game slide against Carolina with a victory at PNC Arena.

LATEST GO-AHEAD GOALS
▶ REGULAR SEASON, FRANCHISE HISTORY

PLAYER	DATE	TIME
BRYAN TROTTIER	JAN. 17, 1986	59:59
TOM FITZGERALD	DEC. 28, 1991	59:57
PAT LAFONTAINE	MARCH 19, 1987	59:56
MIKE BOSSY	APRIL 1, 1978	59:55
BRENT SUTTER	FEB. 18, 1984	59:54
CLARK GILLIES	JAN. 7, 1982	59:47
KYLE PALMIERI	APRIL 8, 2022	59:45

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NHL WEEKLY PODCAST ROUNDUP:

- * [Fantasy on Ice \(4/4\)](#): Pete & Nick w/ guest **Chris Meaney** (FTN Network) for [playoff preview](#)
- * [The Chirp \(4/5\)](#): Daren is joined by **Katie Guay**, the first woman to referee an AHL game
- * [NHL @TheRink \(4/6\)](#): Dan & Shawn are joined by Hurricanes coach **Rod Brind'Amour**
- * [Fantasy on Ice \(4/7\)](#): The guys answer fan questions for first week of fantasy playoffs

QUICK CLICKS

- * [Lou Nolan](#) celebrates 50th season as Flyers public address announcer
- * [Predators forward Colton Sissons](#) fined for spearing
- * [Oilers forward Evander Kane](#) fined for kneeling
- * [Owen Power](#) signs with Sabres, was No. 1 pick in 2021 NHL Draft
- * [Goaltender Dryden McKay](#) wins Hobey Baker Award

GAUDREAU, MATTHEWS CHASE FIRST 100-POINT SEASON

Flames forward **Johnny Gaudreau** (34-65—99 in 71 GP) and Maple Leafs forward **Auston Matthews** (56-41—97 in 66 GP) will each look to record their first career 100-point season as part of Hockey Night in Canada's five-game slate.

Time (ET)	Team 1	Team 2	Broadcast Channels
2:00 PM	Carolina Hurricanes	St. Louis Blues	BSSWX, MSG+
3:00 PM	Washington Capitals	Pittsburgh Penguins	ABC, ESPN+, SN1
6:00 PM	Buffalo Sabres	Tampa Bay Lightning	BSSO, BSFL
7:00 PM	Florida Panthers	Detroit Red Wings	BSDet, BSOH
7:00 PM	Colorado Avalanche	San Jose Sharks	ROOT-NW, SNW, SN1
7:30 PM	Arizona Coyotes	Columbus Blue Jackets	NBCSP, KCOP-13
8:00 PM	Montreal Canadiens	Edmonton Oilers	BSMW, MSG+
10:00 PM	Los Angeles Kings	San Jose Sharks	SN1, CITY, SNP, NBCSCA
10:00 PM	Philadelphia Flyers	Vancouver Canucks	CBC, SNE, SNO, SNW, TVAS2, ALT
10:00 PM	Chicago Blackhawks	Minnesota Wild	BSAZX, ATTSN-RM

Stream on ESPN+ and NHL LIVE. Blackouts and other restrictions apply.

* Gaudreau, who has matched his career high for points in a season set in 2018-19 (36-63—99 in 82 GP), can become the ninth different player in franchise history to hit the century mark in a season and first since [Theo Fleury in 1992-93](#).

* Matthews, who set a new franchise mark for [goals in a season](#) as well as the most in a single campaign by a U.S.-born skater on Thursday, can become the third different player in Maple Leafs history to record a 100-point season joining **Doug Gilmour** (1993-94 & 1992-93) and **Darryl Sittler** (1977-78 & 1975-76).

* Matthews has scored 49 goals across his last 49 games played (49 in 49 GP dating to Nov. 24, 2021). He can become the first player to score 50 goals in a 50-game span (at any time of a season) since **Mario Lemieux** in 1995-96 (51 in 50 GP from Oct. 26, 1995 to March 7, 1996).



The 2021-22 season could mark the first time multiple U.S.-born skaters reached 100 points in the same campaign since 1992-93, when Pat LaFontaine, Kevin Stevens, Jeremy Roenick and Craig Janney all did so.

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