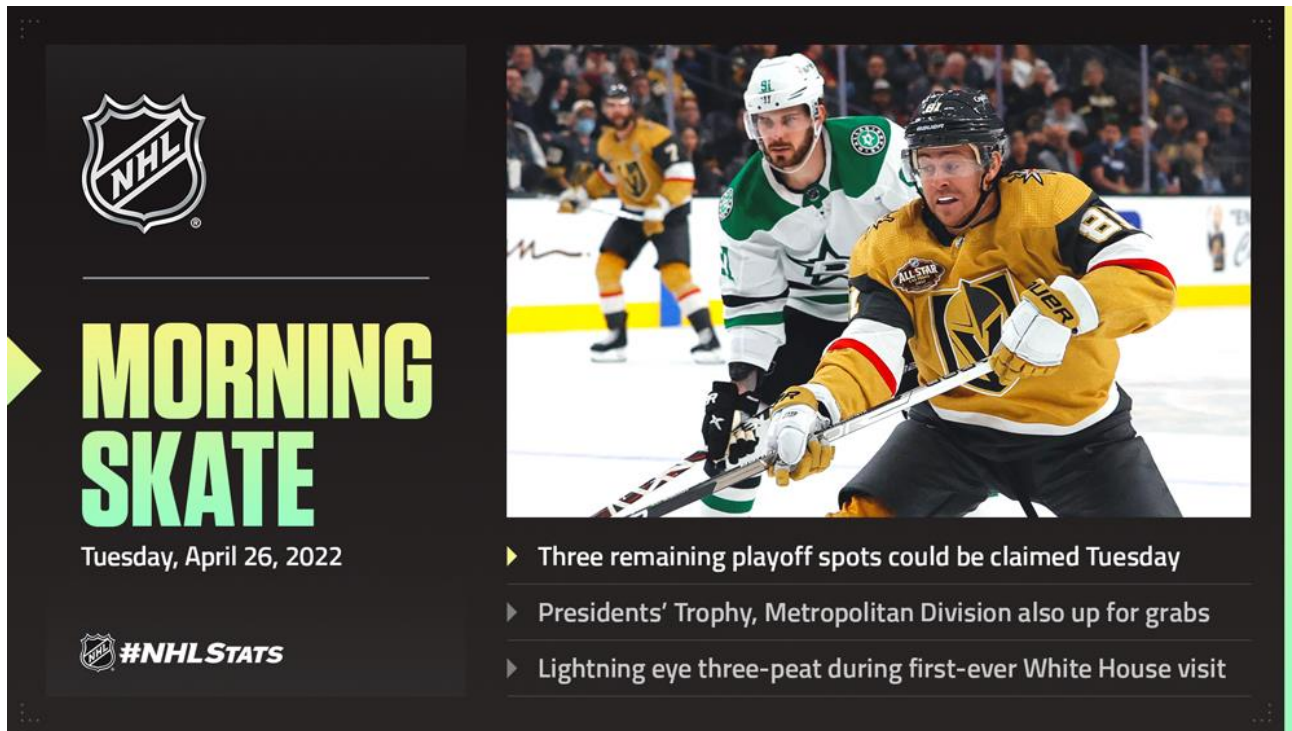


## NHL MORNING SKATE – APRIL 26, 2022



The graphic features the NHL logo at the top left. Below it, the text 'MORNING SKATE' is written in large, bold, green letters. Underneath that, it says 'Tuesday, April 26, 2022'. To the right of the text is a photograph of two hockey players in action on the ice. One player is wearing a yellow and black jersey (Pittsburgh Penguins) and the other is wearing a white and green jersey (Dallas Stars). Below the photo, there are three bullet points with right-pointing chevrons.

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**MORNING SKATE**

Tuesday, April 26, 2022

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- ▶ Three remaining playoff spots could be claimed Tuesday
- ▶ Presidents' Trophy, Metropolitan Division also up for grabs
- ▶ Lightning eye three-peat during first-ever White House visit

\* The three remaining playoff spots in the Western Conference could be claimed Tuesday, with the outcome of the Stars-Golden Knights game impacting a number of [clinging scenarios](#).

\* The NHL could see a first-time Presidents' Trophy winner by the end of Tuesday's slate as the Eastern Conference-leading Panthers aim for the League's top seed.

\* After a visit to the White House on Monday, the Lightning could know their First Round opponent by the end of the night, while the fourth and final division crown of 2021-22 could be handed out on Broadway.

\* **REMINDER:** Early registration is open for the 2022 Stanley Cup Playoffs Bracket Challenge at [NHL.com/Bracket](https://www.nhl.com/Bracket).



# TONIGHT'S SCHEDULE

TUESDAY, APRIL 26, 2022

7:00 PM ET		@		SNO, BSEDET	7:00 PM ET		@		BSFL, NESN
7:00 PM ET		@		RDS2, TSN5, MSG+	7:00 PM ET		@		BSSUN, BSOH
7:00 PM ET		@		BSSO, MSG	7:00 PM ET		@		ESPN, SNP, SNE, SN360, TVAS
7:00 PM ET		@		NBCSWA, MSG+ 2	8:00 PM ET		@		BSSO, SNW
8:00 PM ET		@		BSAZX 2, BSWIX, BSNX	8:30 PM ET		@		BSSWX, ATTSN-RM
9:30 PM ET		@		ESPN, SN360, TVAS	10:00 PM ET		@		SNP, ROOT-NW+
10:30 PM ET		@		BSSC, NBCSCA					



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## HEAD-TO-HEADS WITH CLINCHING IN THE CARDS

There's a [long list of clinch scenarios](#) on the docket, including these ones rooted in head-to-head matchups on Tuesday's schedule:

- \* A victory *in regulation* would put the Stars (44-30-5, 93 points) into the 2022 Stanley Cup Playoffs when they host the Golden Knights (42-31-6, 90 points). Vegas, meanwhile, will need at least a point to stay in the hunt for a fifth consecutive postseason berth since entering the NHL.
- \* If Dallas wins *in any fashion*, the idle Kings (43-27-10, 96 points) will secure both a playoff berth and a date with the Oilers (46-27-6, 98 points) in the First Round. Edmonton, meanwhile, can clinch the No. 2 seed in the Pacific Division with *any sort of win* against Pittsburgh (45-24-11, 101 points).



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## LONGEST POINT STREAK VS. ONE OPPONENT

► FRANCHISE HISTORY

PLAYER	OPPONENT	SPAN	GP
MAX PACIORETTY	SJS	MARCH 5, 2021 - PRESENT	8*
JONATHAN MARCHESSAULT	MTL	NOV. 7, 2017 - PRESENT	8*
MARK STONE	ANA	MARCH 1, 2019 - FEB. 9, 2021	8
JONATHAN MARCHESSAULT	VAN	NOV. 29, 2018 - APRIL 3, 2022	7
WILLIAM KARLSSON	BUF	OCT. 17, 2017 - FEB. 1, 2022	7
MARK STONE	SJS	FEB. 13, 2021 - APRIL 21, 2021	7
REILLY SMITH	SJS	NOV. 24, 2017 - OCT. 4, 2019	7
MAX PACIORETTY	DAL	DEC. 9, 2018 - PRESENT	6*

\* ACTIVE STREAK

\* SEVEN OTHER INSTANCES OF SIX-GAME POINT STREAKS

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\* The Metropolitan Division title will be at stake when the Hurricanes (52-20-8, 112 points) visit the Rangers (51-22-6, 108 points) on Broadway. Carolina needs a *win of any kind* to wrap up the No. 1 seed in its division for the second straight season and sixth time in franchise history – they would also set a [new club benchmark](#) for wins and points in a season (currently tied in each category).



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Jordan Staal leads all Hurricanes players with 13-19-32 in 63 career games versus the Rangers. The only teams he has recorded more points against are the Flyers (21-23-44 in 70 GP) and Islanders (13-30-43 in 68 GP).


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\* The Predators (44-29-6, 94 points) can control their own fate Tuesday as they seek an eighth straight postseason berth – a *regulation win* against the Flames (49-20-10, 108 points) is [one of five scenarios](#) by which Nashville could clinch. The regular-season finale between the two clubs may not be the last they see of each other in 2021-22, as they are currently destined for a First-Round matchup – which would be the first-ever between the franchises. Nashville has defeated Calgary in both previous meetings this season, claiming an [overtime win Nov. 2](#) and [shootout victory April 19](#).



The Predators enter Tuesday with a point in each of their last five games versus the Flames (4-0-1 dating to Oct. 31, 2019). However, Calgary has earned a point in six straight contests at Bridgestone Arena (4-0-2 dating to Oct. 24, 2017).



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### **PRESIDENTS' TROPHY AMONG TUESDAY'S STORYLINES WITHIN THE ATLANTIC**

The Panthers (57-16-6, 120 points) could guarantee themselves the No. 1 seed throughout the 2022 Stanley Cup Playoffs when they visit the Bruins (49-25-5, 103 points) at TD Garden. Florida controls half of its destiny but may quickly shift its post-game attention to a showdown at Ball Arena between the Blues (49-20-11, 109 points) and Avalanche (55-18-6, 116 points).

\* Florida will secure its first [Presidents' Trophy](#) on Tuesday if they defeat Boston *in any fashion* **AND** St. Louis defeats Colorado *in any fashion*. Another avenue for the Panthers would be to secure *one point* against the Bruins **AND** have the Blues defeat the Avalanche *in regulation*.



Florida will aim to become the 23rd franchise to finish as the No. 1 seed in the NHL standings and 18th to win the Presidents' Trophy (since 1985-86). The Panthers have ranked among the top 10 five times (best: 4th in 2020-21).

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\* Others in the Atlantic Division could settle their First-Round fate Tuesday as the Maple Leafs (52-21-7, 111 points) and Lightning (49-22-8, 106 points) hit the ice. Toronto will clinch the No. 2 seed in the division if they get *at least one point* against Detroit **OR** if Columbus defeats Tampa Bay *in any fashion*.

\* A first-ever playoff series between Toronto and Tampa Bay could be confirmed Tuesday, if Tampa Bay wins *in any fashion* **AND** Florida wins *in regulation*.

### **TWENTY-SIX TEAMS, 13 GAMES, ONE TUESDAY NIGHT**

A number of #NHLStats to watch out for Tuesday with 26 teams in action across a 13-game slate:

\* **Nikita Kucherov** (23-39—62 in 44 GP) enters Tuesday with the NHL's longest active goal streak at six games (8-8—16), one shy of his career high; there have only been three longer runs in [franchise history](#). The Lightning, who have outscored opponents 22-7 over the course of three straight wins, have tallied at least six goals in three straight games for the second time in franchise history (also 3 GP from Dec. 22-29, 2018) and can join the Maple Leafs (5 GP from March 29 – April 5, 2022) as the second team to score six-plus in four or more consecutive contests this season.

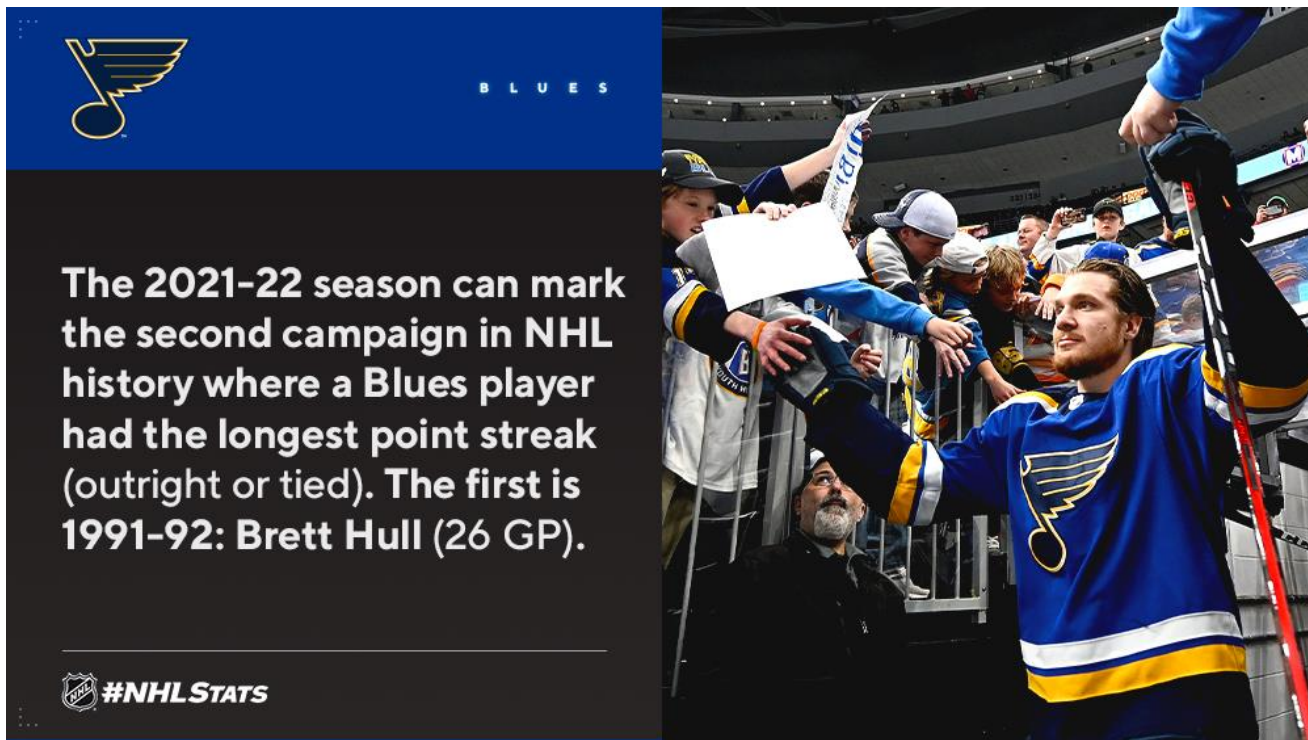
\* **Mitchell Marner** (35-62—97 in 71 GP) and **Steven Stamkos** (37-60—97 in 78 GP) each sit just three points back of their first 100-point season, with two and three games remaining, respectively. The NHL already has [seven players with 100+ points in 2021-22](#) – only three campaigns in the past 30 years have featured nine or more players in the century club: 1992-93 (21), 1995-96 (12) and 1991-92 (9). Notably, **J.T. Miller** (30-66—96 in 77 GP) and **Artemi Panarin** (22-74—96 in 74 GP) are each four points shy of 100 with both the Canucks and Rangers having three games left in their schedules.



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\* **Robert Thomas**, who is currently tied with **Connor McDavid** for the [longest point streak](#) by a player this season, will put his 17-game run on the line Tuesday. As a team, St. Louis owns an active 16-game point streak (a [franchise record](#)) and a seven-game *road* win streak – its [third longest in franchise history](#). With two games remaining in 2021-22, Thomas could become the fourth player in NHL history with at least one point in each of his team’s final 19+ games in a regular season – only **Wayne Gretzky** (28 GP in 1984-85), **Guy Lafleur** (28 GP in 1976-77) and **Adam Oates** (21 GP in 1992-93) have done so.



\* The Avalanche and Hurricanes each enter Tuesday on the precipice of either establishing or matching franchise bests. Already with a club-best 55 wins, Colorado (55-18-6, 116 points) can tie its [franchise record for points](#) in a season (2000-01: 52-16-14, 118 points). Meanwhile, Carolina (52-20-8, 112 points) can surpass its [best-ever win and point totals](#) (2005-06: 52-22-8, 112 points). Coincidentally, each team won the Stanley Cup during its record-setting seasons.

\* **Mike Smith** enters play on an eight-game win streak dating to April 1, tied with Boston’s **Jeremy Swayman** (8 GP from Feb. 19 – March 12) and Carolina’s **Frederik Andersen** (8 GP from Oct. 14 – Nov. 3) for the [longest run by a goaltender this season](#). Smith can climb up an Oilers all-time list as only three netminders have posted a [longer win streak in franchise history](#): **Grant Fuhr** (10 GP in 1985-86), **Tommy Salo** (9 GP in 2000-01) and **Andy Moog** (9 GP in 1982-83).



## MOST WINS IN APRIL

► SINGLE SEASON, NHL HISTORY

GOALTENDER	TEAM	SEASON	WINS
BRIAN ELLIOTT	STL	2012-13	11
HENRIK LUNDQVIST	NYR	2012-13	10
ANDREI VASILEVSKIY	TBL	2020-21	9
BRADEN HOLTBY	WSH	2012-13	9
SERGEI BOBROVSKY	CBJ	2012-13	9
MARTIN BRODEUR	NJD	2005-06	9

\* MIKE SMITH (8-0-0 IN APRIL) CAN JOIN THIS LIST

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### LIGHTNING GET SURPRISE VISIT TO OVAL OFFICE DURING TRIP TO WHITE HOUSE

The Lightning partook in their first-ever visit to the White House as they were honored for their 2020 and 2021 Stanley Cup wins with a reception before a [ceremony with President Joe Biden](#) on the White House's South Lawn. After the ceremony, President Biden surprised the Lightning by [inviting them into the Oval Office](#).

\* [Talk of a three-peat](#) was abound while the two-time defending Stanley Cup champions toured the grounds. In less than one week, Tampa Bay will begin its postseason endeavor to become the fourth franchise in NHL history – and first in nearly 40 years – to claim at least three [consecutive Stanley Cup wins](#). The last club to do so was the Islanders dynasty (4x: 1980-1983), and before them the Canadiens (5x: 1956-1960; 4x: 1976-1979) and Maple Leafs (3x: 1947-1949; 3x: 1962-1964) each did so twice.



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**#NHLSTATS LIVE UPDATES: BLACKHAWKS WIN MONDAY'S LONE CONTEST**

Leading off with a sneak peek at Tuesday's clinching scenarios, [#NHLStats: Live Updates](#) for Monday, April 25, also included **Alex DeBrincat** (1-0—1) tying and setting career highs for goals (41) and points (77), respectively, while teammate **Patrick Kane** (0-1—1) matched his highest single-season assist total with his 66th helper of 2021-22.



**QUICK CLICKS**

- \* [Steven Stamkos, Kevin Fiala and Jonathan Quick](#) named NHL 'Three Stars' of the week
- \* [Color of Hockey: Fort Dupont](#) documentary set to premiere in Washington
- \* [Panthers' Ryan Lomberg](#) suspended one game
- \* [Dryden McKay](#), Hobey Baker Award winner, signs AHL contract with Maple Leafs
- \* [PHWA Announces 2022 Bill Masterton Memorial Trophy Nominees](#)



 <p>BILL <b>MASTERTON</b> MEMORIAL TROPHY <b>NOMINEES</b></p>	 RYAN GETZLAF	 MARK BOROWIECKI
	 ANDREW LADD	 NICO HISCHIER
	 JAKE DeBRUSK	 ZDENO CHARA
	 KYLE OKPOSO	 CHRIS KREIDER
	 CHRIS TANEV	 ANTON FORSBERG
	 ANTTI RAANTA	 KEVIN HAYES
	 DYLAN STROME	 BRIAN BOYLE
	 JACK JOHNSON	 BRENT BURNS
	 JUSTIN DANFORTH	 JADEN SCHWARTZ
	 TYLER SEGUIN	 VLADIMIR TARASENKO
	 MARC STAAL	 ALEX KILLORN
	 KRIS RUSSELL	 ONDREJ KASE
	 ANTHONY DUCLAIR	 LUKE SCHENN
	 BLAKE LIZOTTE	 JACK EICHEL
	 JARED SPURGEON	 NICKLAS BACKSTROM
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