

NHL MORNING SKATE: STANLEY CUP PLAYOFFS EDITION – MAY 4, 2022

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- ▶ Malkin propels Penguins to victory with triple-overtime goal
- ▶ Shesterkin shatters Rangers franchise record with 79 saves
- ▶ Avalanche erupt for seven goals to take Game 1

* After [fueling up on “spicy pork and broccoli”](#) between the first and second overtime periods, **Louis Domingue** was thrust into the Penguins net during the fifth frame of Game 1. With a full stomach and fresh legs, Domingue made 17 saves in relief as Pittsburgh prevailed in the first playoff overtime game of 2022, which spanned six periods and ended nearly five hours after it began.

* **Igor Shesterkin** stopped 79 shots – you read that correctly, 79 shots – which marked the second highest single-game total by an NHL goaltender on record.

* The Central and Pacific Division’s No. 1-seeded teams picked up a Game 1 victory, while the Capitals rallied past the Presidents’ Trophy winners to take a 1-0 series lead.

* The national funeral for **Guy Lafleur** took place in Montreal on Tuesday, where family, friends, former teammates and opponents said their final goodbyes to the Canadiens legend.

* ESPN announced that the Bruins-Hurricanes game on Monday was the most-viewed Game 1 of a first round series on cable since 2002; that the Lightning-Maple Leafs game averaged 466,000 viewers, up 115% from 2021; and that viewership of opening night was up 17% overall from 2019.

* The Blues and Kings are two of the four teams looking to take a 2-0 series lead Wednesday. The last time St. Louis and Los Angeles won each of the first two contests in a playoff round were en route to Stanley Cups in 2019 and 2014, respectively.



MALKIN SCORES WINNER AS PENGUINS, RANGERS OPEN SERIES WITH 3OT THRILLER

Evgeni Malkin (1-1—2) deflected a **John Marino** shot past goaltender **Igor Shesterkin** at [5:58 of the third overtime](#), powering Pittsburgh past New York in a playoff opener for the NHL record books which also featured **Louis Domingue** (17 saves) becoming the first netminder in League history to enter a postseason game in the second overtime period or later.



* Malkin became the third player in franchise history to score the winning goal in a contest which required three or more overtimes, joining **Petr Nedved** in [Game 4 of the 1996 Conference Quarterfinals](#) (139:15) and **Petr Sykora** in [Game 5 of the 2008 Stanley Cup Final](#) (109:57).

* Malkin scored the [second playoff overtime goal of his NHL career](#) and first in nearly 13 years (also [Game 5 of 2009 CSF](#)). His 13 career game-winning goals in the postseason are [tops among active players](#) and one back of **Jaromir Jagr** (14) for the [most in franchise history](#).

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LONGEST SPANS BETWEEN PLAYOFF OVERTIME GOALS

▶ NHL HISTORY

PLAYER	GAME	GAME	SPAN (Y, D)
RAY WHITNEY	GAME 7, 1995 CQF	GAME 1, 2012 CSF	16, 344
TEEMU SELANNE	GAME 5, 1993 DSF	GAME 5, 2007 CF	14, 23
EVGENI MALKIN	GAME 5, 2009 CSF	GAME 1, 2022 R1	12, 359
MIKE FISHER	GAME 6, 2004 CQF	GAME 4, 2016 R2	12, 17
TODD MARCHANT	GAME 7, 1997 CQF	GAME 2, 2009 CSF	12, 4

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* Malkin's marker was his 65th career playoff goal, moving him past **Bobby Smith**, **Brian Propp**, **Peter Forsberg** and **Yvan Cournoyer** (all w/ 64) and into sole possession of 23rd place on the [League's all-time list](#). **Sidney Crosby** collected two helpers Tuesday to reach 124 postseason assists in his NHL career, passing Jagr (123) and tying **Sergei Fedorov** for [eighth place in League history](#).

* Domingue entered the game at 9:18 of the second overtime in relief of **Casey DeSmith**, who made 48 saves in his playoff debut at age 30. DeSmith became the [sixth NHL goaltender on record](#) to make 48+ saves in his first career postseason appearance.

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* **Igor Shesterkin** (79 saves) became the first Rangers goaltender to record 70-plus saves in a game (since 1955-56 when shots on goal were officially tracked), shattering the franchise's previous mark of 59 set by **Mike Richter** on [Jan. 31, 1991](#) (regular season or playoffs). Shesterkin's 79 saves are the second highest single-game total on record, behind the 85 by Blue Jackets goaltender **Joonas Korpi** during the 5OT thriller in [Game 1 of the 2020 First Round](#).





MOST SAVES IN A PLAYOFF GAME

► SINCE 1955-56

GOALTENDER	TEAM	GAME	SERIES	SAVES
JOONAS KORPISALO	CBJ	1	2020 R1	85
IGOR SHESTERKIN	NYR	1	2022 R1	79
KELLY HRUDEY	NYI	7	1987 DSF	73
ED BELFOUR	TOR	4	2003 CQF	72
ROBERTO LUONGO	VAN	1	2007 CQF	72
DOMINIK HASEK	BUF	6	1994 CQF	70
MIKHAIL SHTALENKOV	ANA	4	1997 CSF	70
RON TUGNUTT	PIT	4	2000 CSF	70

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Did You Know? Prior to shots on goal becoming an official NHL statistic, select games logged them – creating incomplete SOG data for those campaigns. One of those games happened to be the longest in NHL history, between the Montreal Maroons and Detroit Red Wings in [Game 1 of the 1936 Semifinals](#) when Red Wings goaltender **Normie Smith** was [credited with 90 saves](#).

* The Penguins played their [fifth-longest game in franchise history](#), while the 96-year-old Rangers skated in their seventh-lengthiest contest. It was also the third-longest NHL game ever contested at Madison Square Garden, behind [Game 3 of the 1938 Quarterfinals](#) (120:40) and [Game 1 of the 1939 Semifinals](#) (119:25).

* Pittsburgh and New York combined for 151 shots on goal, tied with the Lightning and Blue Jackets in their 2020 First Round opener for the [highest combined total by two teams in an NHL game](#). The Penguins' 83 shots were [their most in franchise history](#) and the [League's second highest single-game total on record](#), behind Tampa Bay in 2020 (88).

* Penguins defenseman **Kris Letang** (0-1—1) led all skaters with a [TOI of 46:41](#), edging Rangers blueliners **Adam Fox** (1-0—1) and **K'Andre Miller** who concluded the contest at [44:28 apiece](#).

DIVISION-LEADING TEAMS EARN WINS, WHILE CAPITALS BEST TOP-SEEDED PANTHERS

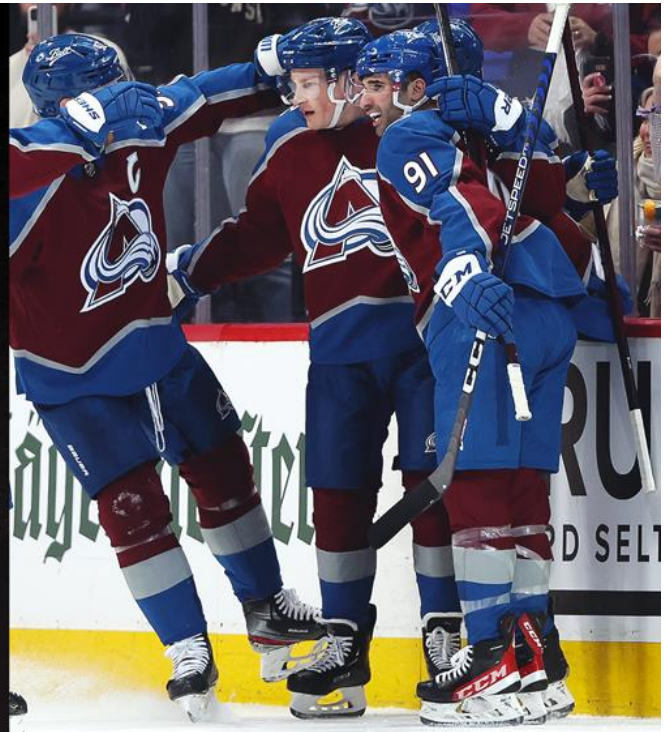
The Avalanche and Flames, who concluded the regular season atop their respective division, picked up Game 1 wins Tuesday, while the Capitals bested the Presidents' Trophy-winning Panthers to take a 1-0 lead in their First Round series.

* **Nathan MacKinnon** (2-1—3), **Cale Makar** (1-2—3) and **Mikko Rantanen** (0-3—3) each posted a three-point outing as Colorado erupted for seven goals – [five of which came in the first period alone](#) – to defeat Nashville in their 2022 First Round opener. MacKinnon (30-42—72 in 51 GP) eclipsed 70 career postseason points and became the [fifth player in Avalanche/Nordiques franchise history to hit the mark](#).

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Cale Makar had 1-2—3 in the opening frame and matched the franchise playoff record for most points in any period – he became the third Avalanche/Nordiques defenseman to do so, after Risto Siltanen (3rd period in Game 5 of 1987 DSF) and Sandis Ozolinsh (1st period in Game 1 of 2000 CQF).

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* After leading the League with nine shutouts during the regular season, **Jacob Markstrom** made 16 saves to blank the Stars in his first playoff appearance with the Flames and give Calgary a Game 1 victory. Playing in front of the famed “C of Red” at Scotiabank Saddledome, Markstrom became the second goaltender in franchise history to record a shutout in a postseason opener, joining **Mike Smith** in [Game 1 of the 2019 First Round](#).



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* **T.J. Oshie** scored the winning goal as the Capitals [rallied past the Panthers in their series opener](#), which marked Washington's first third-period comeback win in the playoffs since its Stanley Cup-clinching victory in [Game 5 of the 2018 Final](#). Oshie's six career game-winning goals in the postseason trail only **Alex Ovechkin** (10) and **Nicklas Backstrom** (7) for the [most in franchise history](#).

GUY LAFLEUR REMEMBERED AT NATIONAL FUNERAL IN MONTREAL

Family, friends, former teammates and opponents gathered Tuesday to pay their final respects at the national funeral for Canadiens legend **Guy Lafleur**, who passed away on April 22.

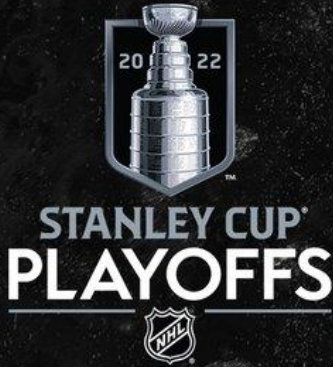
* The ceremony was held at Mary, Queen of the World Cathedral, located across the street from the Queen Elizabeth Hotel where Lafleur was selected by the Canadiens with the No. 1 overall pick in the 1971 NHL Draft. [Click here](#) to read more.



QUICK CLICKS

- * [#NHLStats: Live Updates for Tuesday, May 3](#)
- * [CHEL Intel – May 3](#)
- * [Series Scenarios for Wednesday, May 4](#)
- * [Kyle Clifford](#) suspended one game by NHL for boarding in Maple Leafs game
- * [Pat Maroon](#), [Corey Perry](#), [Wayne Simmonds](#) and [Jared Spurgeon](#) fined
- * [ESPN](#) draws strong viewership for opening night of 2022 Stanley Cup Playoffs

2022 NHL STANLEY CUP PLAYOFFS ON ESPN DRAW STRONG VIEWERSHIP FOR ROUND 1 GAME 1 MATCHUPS



- Bruins/Hurricanes delivered 857,000 viewers
Most-viewed Game 1 of a first round series on cable since '02
- Lightning/Maple Leafs averaged 466,000 viewers
Up 115% from '21
- Opening night of '22 Stanley Cup Playoffs on ESPN/ESPN2 averaged 576,000 viewers, up 17% from '19

FOUR TEAMS EYE 2-0 SERIES LEAD WEDNESDAY

Four Game 2s go Wednesday, including the Blues and Kings looking to return home with consecutive road wins to open their First Round series. Teams that take a 2-0 lead in a best-of-seven hold an all-time series record of 337-52 (.866), including an 84-20 (.808) mark when starting the series on the road ([click here](#) for more series scenarios ahead of Wednesday's games).

TONIGHT'S SCHEDULE

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7:00 PM ET		@		BSSO, ESPN, NESN, TVAS2, SN360 CAR LEADS 1-0
7:30 PM ET		@		CBC, TVAS, SN, ESPN2, BSSUN TOR LEADS 1-0
9:30 PM ET		@		BSWIX, BSN, BSMW, ESPN, TVAS2, SN360 STL LEADS 1-0
10:00 PM ET		@		CBC, TVAS, SN, ESPN2, BSSC LAK LEADS 1-0

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* St. Louis can secure a 2-0 series lead for the first time since the [2019 First Round](#) against Winnipeg and second time versus Minnesota, with the other instance occurring during the [2017 First Round](#) when the Blues earned consecutive wins by a 2-1 margin at Xcel Energy Center. **David Perron**, who [potted a hat trick in Game 1 versus Minnesota](#), can become the first player in franchise history with four goals through two games played in a postseason. The only other St. Louis skaters with *three* in their first two contests are **Frank St. Marseille** (1972), **Brian Sutter** (1982), **Brett Hull** (1988 & 1991), **Jim Campbell** (1998) and **Vladimir Tarasenko** (2015).

* Los Angeles looks to win each of the first two games in a playoff series for the first time since the [2014 Stanley Cup Final](#), when the Kings earned back-to-back overtime victories against the Rangers at STAPLES Center en route to their second championship in a three-year span. **Trevor Moore** (1-2—3), one of 17 players in the Los Angeles lineup Monday who wasn't with the team in 2014, can become the fourth player with four-plus points through his first two playoff games with the Kings – he would join **Daryl Evans** (3-2—5 in 1982), **Todd Elik** (1-3—4 in 1990) and **Paul Coffey** (2-2—4 in 1992). Moore skated in seven postseason contests with Toronto before joining Los Angeles.

* Carolina has claimed a 2-0 lead in a best-of-seven series in two of the past three postseasons and six times overall in Hurricanes/Whalers franchise history ([1987 DSF](#), [2002 CQF](#), [2006 CSF](#), [2006 SCF](#), [2019 R2](#) & [2021 R1](#)). **Seth Jarvis** had a goal and an assist during his playoff debut in Game 1 and can become the seventh player in club history with three or more points through his first two career postseason contests, following **Eric Staal** (0-4—4 in 2006), **Mark Howe** (1-2—3 in 1980), **Mike Rogers** (0-3—3 in 1980), **Todd Krygier** (2-1—3 in 1990), **Andrei Svechnikov** (2-1—3 in 2019) and **Lucas Wallmark** (1-2—3 in 2019).

* The last time Toronto took each of the first two contests in a playoff series was during the [2002 Conference Quarterfinals](#), when the Maple Leafs followed up a 3-1 postseason-opening victory versus the Islanders with a 2-0 shutout in [Game 2](#). **Auston Matthews** [accounted for two of the Maple Leafs' five unanswered goals in Game 1 versus the Lightning](#) and can become the first Toronto player with three tallies through his first two contests in a playoff year since [2003](#), when **Alexander Mogilny** had four.



MOST UNANSWERED GOALS TO OPEN A SERIES VS. DEFENDING CHAMPIONS

► NHL HISTORY

TEAM	OPPONENT	SERIES	GOALS
MONTREAL MAROONS	VIC	1926 SCF	7
DALLAS STARS	ANA	2008 CQF	6
COLORADO AVALANCHE	NJD	2001 SCF	6
MONTREAL CANADIENS	BOS	1930 SCF	6
TORONTO MAPLE LEAFS	TBL	2022 R1	5
MINNESOTA NORTH STARS	MTL	1980 QF	5
DETROIT RED WINGS	TOR	1952 SF	5
NEW YORK RANGERS	BOS	1940 SF	5

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