




NHL MORNING SKATE: STANLEY CUP PLAYOFFS EDITION – MAY 10, 2022



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- ▶ Makar takes NHL points lead as Avalanche complete sweep
- ▶ Crosby records 200th career playoff point, Penguins go up 3-1
- ▶ Panthers, Flames even up respective series on the road

* **Cale Makar** took over the League lead in points this postseason as the Avalanche swept the Predators and advanced to the Second Round of the 2022 Stanley Cup Playoffs.

* **Sidney Crosby** reached 200 career playoff points as the Penguins potted seven goals for a second straight game to take a 3-1 lead in their First Round series against the Rangers.

* After leading the NHL with 29 comeback wins during the regular season, the Panthers staged a late rally en route to an overtime victory against the Capitals in Game 4.



RESULTS

	3	SERIES TIED 2-2 ◀ FINAL OT	2			2	PIT LEADS 3-1 FINAL ▶	7	
	5	COL WINS 4-0 ◀ FINAL	3			4	SERIES TIED 2-2 ◀ FINAL	1	

COLORADO COMPLETES SWEEP, ADVANCES TO 2022 SECOND ROUND

Cale Makar (1-2—3) assisted on the series-clinching goal by **Valeri Nichushkin** with 7:58 remaining in regulation as the Avalanche completed a third-period rally to sweep the Predators and become the first team to advance to the Second Round of the 2022 Stanley Cup Playoffs.



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* Makar concluded the First Round with 10 points, which leads the NHL and are the [most in League history by a defenseman through four games played in a postseason](#). Makar became the first blueliner in Avalanche/Nordiques franchise history with a double-digit point total in a playoff series and just the [fourth active NHL defenseman](#) to achieve the feat, following **Kris Letang** ([2013 CSF](#)), **Ryan McDonagh** ([2014 CF](#)) and **Brent Burns** ([2019 R2](#)).

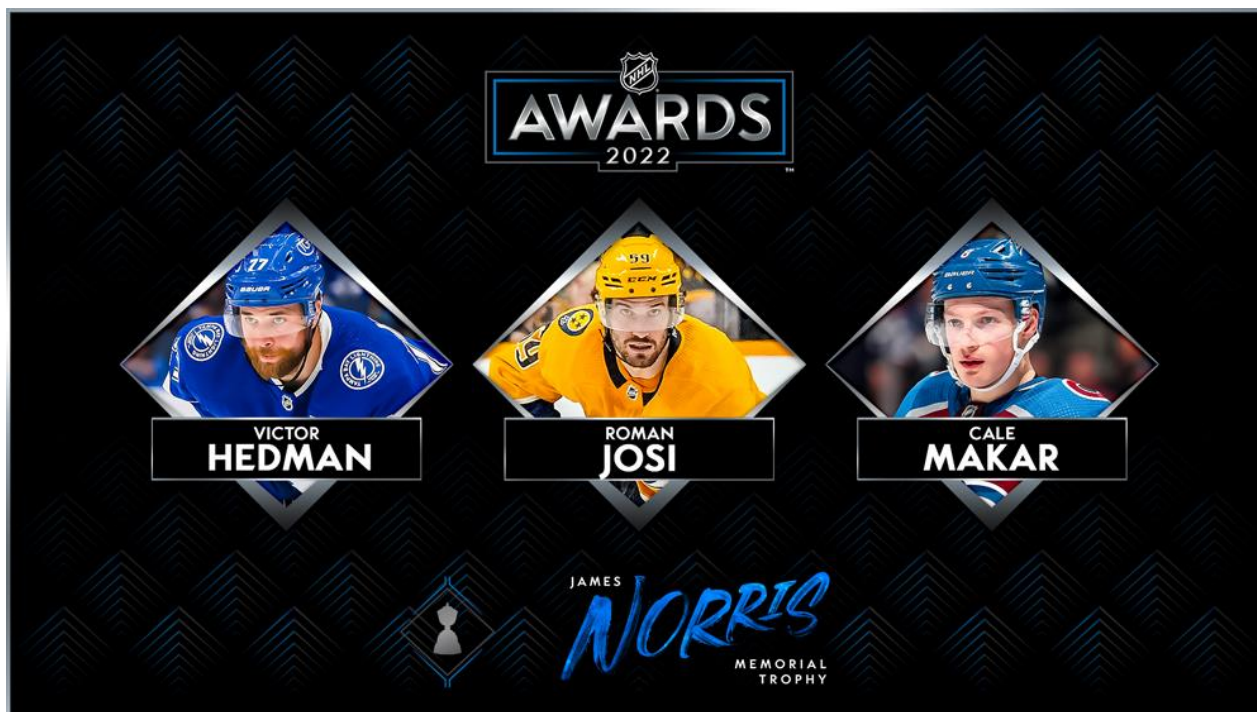
* Makar became the first blueliner in League history with 10 points *in a four-game series*. The last NHL forward with a double-digit total in a series which spanned four contests was Red Wings right wing **Johan Franzen**, who had nine goals and one assist against the Avalanche during the [2008 Conference Semifinals](#).

* The Avalanche swept a best-of-seven series for the second time in as many postseasons and fourth time in franchise history, with each instance coming since they relocated to Denver (also [1996 SCF](#), [2001 CQF](#) & [2021 R1](#)). Colorado also became the first NHL team in 22 years to open consecutive postseasons with a four-game sweep – Detroit was the last to do so, during the Conference Quarterfinals in [1999](#) and [2000](#).

* The Avalanche will face the Wild or Blues in the Second Round. Colorado has met Minnesota three times in the Stanley Cup Playoffs ([2003 CQF](#), [2008 CQF](#) & [2014 R1](#)), with the Wild holding a 2-1 edge in those series. The Avalanche, whose four-game sweep during the 2021 First Round was against the Blues, are 2-0 in two all-time postseason series versus St. Louis (also 4-1 W in [2001 CF](#)).

* **ICYMI:** The NHL announced Monday that Makar, **Victor Hedman** and **Roman Josi** are the three finalists for the [2021-22 James Norris Memorial Trophy](#), awarded “to the defense player who demonstrates throughout the season the greatest all-round ability in the position.” [Click here](#) to read more.





CROSBY COLLECTS 200TH CAREER PLAYOFF POINT AS PENGUINS SCORE SEVEN AGAIN
Sidney Crosby (1-2—3) became the [sixth player in NHL history](#) to reach 200 career postseason points as Pittsburgh posted seven goals for a second straight game to take a 3-1 lead in its First Round series. The Penguins scored seven goals in consecutive playoff contests for the first time in franchise history and became just the fourth NHL team to do so in the last 28 years, joining Buffalo [in 2006](#), Philadelphia [in 2012](#) and Colorado [in 2020](#).

MOST CAREER POINTS					
STANLEY CUP PLAYOFFS HISTORY					
1ST	2ND	3RD	4TH	5TH	6TH
					
WAYNE GRETZKY	MARK MESSIER	JARI KURRI	GLENN ANDERSON	JAROMIR JAGR	SIDNEY CROSBY
					
382	295	233	214	201	200

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* **Evgeni Malkin** scored the 66th postseason goal of his NHL career to move into sole possession of third place on the [franchise's all-time list](#) and a share of [21st in League history](#). Malkin also reached 177 career playoff points, passing **Jean Beliveau** and **Sergei Fedorov** for the [NHL's 15th-most all-time](#).

* **Jake Guentzel** (1-1—2) became the first player in franchise history to score at least one goal in each of Pittsburgh's first four games from the start of a postseason. Guentzel's run is also the [longest goal streak by a Penguins player at any point in a playoff year](#) since 2010.

PANTHERS, FLAMES PULL SERIES EVEN WITH GAME 4 WINS MONDAY

The Panthers and Flames earned Game 4 victories to tie their respective First Round series at two games apiece:

* **Carter Verhaeghe** (2-0—2) scored his first career playoff overtime winner and became just the fourth player in Panthers history to record an OT goal in the postseason, joining **Mike Hough** ([Game 5 of 1996 CSF](#)), **Dave Lowry** ([Game 4 of 1996 CSF](#)) and **Ryan Lomberg** ([Game 3 of 2021 R1](#)). Prior to the winner, **Sam Reinhart** tied the game with 2:04 remaining in regulation to establish the latest tying goal in franchise playoff history, besting the previous mark by **Gustav Forsling** (3:07 left in [Game 3 of 2021 R1](#)).

* **Jonathan Huberdeau** (0-1—1) assisted on Reinhart's tying goal for his 19th career playoff point and surpassed **Ray Sheppard** for [first place on the Panthers' all-time list](#). He became the third active player to lead a franchise in regular-season and playoff points, joining **Alex Ovechkin** with the Capitals and **Blake Wheeler** with the Jets/Thrashers.



* Despite **Jake Oettinger** turning aside a storm of shots [with 50 saves](#), **Johnny Gaudreau** scored a [penalty-shot goal](#) and had an assist while **Jacob Markstrom** (34 saves) held the Stars to one goal at American Airlines Center. Calgary's 54 shots against Dallas are the [third most in a playoff game in](#)



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[franchise history](#) and its most in a contest that did not require overtime (previous best: 52 in [Game 2 of 1989 DF](#)).

* The Flames and Panthers have guaranteed their series will require at least six contests, with the Rangers also able to do so in Game 5. Should New York earn a win Wednesday, it would mark the fourth time in NHL history that seven playoff series in the same round will have required at least six games – the 2022 First Round would join the [1992 Division Semifinals](#) (8), [1991 Division Semifinals](#) (8) and [2010 Conference Quarterfinals](#) (7).



The image is a composite. On the left is a black rectangular graphic with white text. At the top, it says 'STANLEY CUP PLAYOFFS 2022' next to a small image of the Stanley Cup. The main text reads: 'Six series in the 2022 First Round are *tied 2-2*, equaling the most in one round in Stanley Cup Playoffs history - after the 1991 Division Semifinals (also 6). That year, all 8 opening-round series ended up going 6+ games including 3 that hit Game 7.' At the bottom of the graphic is the NHL logo and the hashtag #NHLSTATS. To the right of the graphic is a photograph of a Calgary Flames player, wearing a white jersey with red and yellow accents and the number 13, in action on the ice.

NHL LAUNCHES STANLEY CUPPLE PRESENTED BY UPPER DECK

The NHL has launched [Stanley Cupple presented by Upper Deck](#), a daily free-to-play word game designed to challenge the most hard-core hockey fans throughout the 2022 Stanley Cup Playoffs.

* The online game gives fans seven tries to guess the name of an active NHL player (goalies will be excluded as possible answers). After each guess of the NHL player's name, that player's biographical and statistical information will appear in each tile – Team, Division, Position, Nationality, Points, Goals and Stanley Cup Wins. Colors indicate how close the user is to guessing the correct NHL player.



QUICK CLICKS

- * [#NHLStats: Live Updates for Monday, May 9](#)
- * [Series Scenarios for Tuesday, May 10](#)
- * [Stars-Flames start time announced for Game 5](#)
- * [Barry Trotz fired as Islanders coach after four seasons](#)
- * [2022 NHL Draft Lottery will be held Tuesday at NHL Network studios in Secaucus, N.J.](#)



DRAFT LOTTERY ODDS

* Under the terms of a July 23, 2021 trade, Chicago will transfer its 1st-round pick in the 2022 NHL Draft to Columbus if it is not a top 2 pick. If it becomes a top 2 pick as a result of the Draft Lottery, Chicago will retain the pick and instead transfer to Columbus its 1st-round pick in the 2023 NHL Draft.

** Under the terms of a Nov. 4, 2021 trade, Vegas will transfer its 1st-round pick in the 2022 NHL Draft to Buffalo if it is not a top 10 pick. If it becomes a top 10 pick as a result of the Draft Lottery, Vegas will retain the pick and instead transfer to Buffalo its 1st-round pick in the 2023 NHL Draft.

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SEED		TEAM	ODDS
1		MONTREAL CANADIENS	18.5%
2		ARIZONA COYOTES	13.5%
3		SEATTLE KRAKEN	11.5%
4		PHILADELPHIA FLYERS	9.5%
5		NEW JERSEY DEVILS	8.5%
6		CHICAGO BLACKHAWKS *	7.5%
7		OTTAWA SENATORS	6.5%
8		DETROIT RED WINGS	6.0%
9		BUFFALO SABRES	5.0%
10		ANAHEIM DUCKS	3.5%
11		SAN JOSE SHARKS	3.0%
12		COLUMBUS BLUE JACKETS	2.5%
13		NEW YORK ISLANDERS	2.0%
14		WINNIPEG JETS	1.5%
15		VANCOUVER CANUCKS	0.5%
16		VEGAS GOLDEN KNIGHTS **	0.5%



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PIVOTAL GAME 5s MAKE UP ENTIRE TUESDAY SLATE


For the second time ever, there will be four Game 5s contested on the same day, *all with teams looking to break a 2-2 deadlock*. The other instance occurred April 11, 1991, when the Bruins ([6-1 W vs. HFD](#)), Canadiens ([4-3 W vs. BUF in OT](#)), Devils ([4-2 W at PIT](#)) and Capitals ([5-4 W at NYR in OT](#)) all won to pull ahead 3-2 during the [Division Semifinals](#). That stands as one of two rounds in NHL history to see eight series extend to either six or seven games (also [1992 DSF](#)).









* When a best-of-seven series is tied 2-2, the winner of Game 5 holds an all-time series record of 219-58 (.791), including a 6-0 mark in the 2021 Stanley Cup Playoffs (2-0 in R1). When the home team wins Game 5 to take a 3-2 lead, they go on to close out the series 80.7% of the time (138-33); when the road team does so, they win 76.4% of the series (81-25).





TONIGHT'S SCHEDULE

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7:00 PM ET		@		BSSO, ESPN, NESN, TVAS2, SN360 SERIES TIED 2-2
7:30 PM ET		@		CBC, TVAS, SN, ESPN2, BSSUN SERIES TIED 2-2
9:30 PM ET		@		BSWIX, BSN, BSMW, ESPN, TVAS2, SN360 SERIES TIED 2-2
10:00 PM ET		@		CBC, TVAS, SN, ESPN2, BSSC SERIES TIED 2-2



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