



# MORNING SKATE

FRIDAY, MAY 13, 2022

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- ▶ Three Game 7s locked in for Saturday
- ▶ Blues advance, will face Avalanche in Second Round
- ▶ Point extends Lightning season with OT winner

\* There is nothing like a Game 7 in the Stanley Cup Playoffs and we are guaranteed three of them Saturday, with the potential to add three more after Friday's action. The NHL released start times for all three [Game 7s on Saturday](#) starting with the Bruins and Hurricanes at 4:30 p.m. ET.

\* St. Louis became the second team to advance to the 2022 Second Round and will face the only other team who has moved on so far – Colorado.

\* **Brayden Point** showcased his playoff specialty of big goals yet again in overtime, scoring the winner with 1:56 remaining in extra time to keep the Lightning's attempt at a three-peat alive.

\* **Evander Kane** scored twice to help the Oilers stave off elimination – his First Round goal total now trails only **Jari Kurri** and **Mark Messier** for the most in a series in franchise history, while **Brad Marchand** scored his 10th goal when facing elimination, the most by a Bruins player.



## RESULTS

	2	SERIES TIED 3-3 FINAL ▶	5			3	SERIES TIED 3-3 FINAL ▶ OT	4	
	1	STL WINS 4-2 FINAL ▶	5			4	SERIES TIED 3-3 ◀ FINAL	2	



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### **THREE GAME 7s SET FOR SATURDAY, THREE MORE COULD COME AFTER FRIDAY**

The Bruins, Lightning and Oilers all earned Game 6 wins to force a Game 7 on Saturday and victories by the Rangers, Capitals and Stars on Friday could add three more winner-take-all contests Sunday. Should all come to pass, six Game 7s would match the most in a single round in Stanley Cup Playoffs history (6 in 1992 DSF).

\* Saturday will mark the first time since [April 30, 2014](#) that three Game 7s will be contested on the same day. The most Game 7s on one day is four, seen [May 1, 1992](#) – all four winner-take-all contests that day started at the same time, 7:30 p.m. ET.



**Most Game 7s, Single Round:**

- 6 in 1992 DSF
- 4 in 2011 CQF
- 4 in 1995 CQF
- 4 in 1994 CQF

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### **BLUES BECOME SECOND TEAM TO ADVANCE, SET MATCHUP WITH AVALANCHE**

**Ryan O'Reilly** and **Vladimir Tarasenko** each scored their fifth goal of the 2022 Stanley Cup Playoffs and **Jordan Binnington** turned aside 25 of the 26 shots he faced as the Blues earned their first series win since they hoisted the Stanley Cup in 2019 and became the second team to advance to the Second Round. The only two clubs who have advanced also secured a Second Round match up, with St. Louis and Colorado meeting for the second time in as many years.



\* Binnington earned his fifth series-clinching win (2019 R1, R2, CF, SCF), which broke a tie with **Greg Millen** (1989 DSF, 1988 DSF, 1986 DF & 1986 DSF) and **Glenn Hall** (1970 SF, 1970 QF, 1968 SF & 1968 QF) for the most by a Blues goaltender in franchise history.

\* O'Reilly (5-3—8 in 6 GP) and Tarasenko (5-1—6 in 6 GP) joined **David Perron** (5-4—9 in 6 GP) as the second and third Blues players to score five goals in the First Round, establishing the first time in



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franchise history three skaters have hit the mark in a series. Two Blues players have done so in a series just once before (1988 DSF: **Brett Hull & Tony Hrkac**). In fact, the trio marked just the 11th instance in NHL history of three teammates recording five-plus goals in a series.



\* The Blues will face off against the Avalanche in the Second Round. St. Louis and Colorado have met in the postseason twice with the Avalanche winning both of those series, most recently sweeping the Blues in the 2021 First Round. **Nathan MacKinnon** led that series in goals and points with 6-3—9 (4 GP).

\* St. Louis will attempt to defeat an opponent in a Stanley Cup Playoffs series *after being eliminated by that same club during the previous postseason* for the fifth time in franchise history. The Blues achieved the feat twice against the Minnesota North Stars (1986 DSF & 1972 QF) and once versus the Blackhawks (1993 DSF) and Sharks (2001 CQF).



### **POINT POTS OVERTIME WINNER AS LIGHTNING FORCE GAME 7**

**John Tavares** tallied [twice in a span of 26 seconds](#) to give Toronto a 3-2 lead at the second intermission, but **Brayden Point** assisted on the tying goal by **Nikita Kucherov** and then [scored the winner with 1:56 remaining in overtime](#) as Tampa Bay evened its First Round series at 3-3.



\* Point scored the third playoff overtime goal of his NHL career – the first was in [Game 1 of the 2020 First Round](#) to cap the [fourth-longest contest in League history](#) and his second was just over a week later to clinch that same series in [Game 5](#). He matched the [franchise record for most postseason overtime goals](#) with the Lightning, a mark set by **Martin St. Louis**.

\* Point potted his seventh career game-winning goal in the playoffs, which trails only **Ondrej Palat** (9), **Tyler Johnson** (9) and St. Louis (8) for the [most in franchise history](#). Point has scored all seven of his game winners since the start of the 2020 Stanley Cup Qualifiers, which are the [most in the NHL over that span](#).



\* Point became the second current Lightning player with at least three playoff overtime goals – he joined **Corey Perry**, who has [five career overtime winners in the postseason](#). Perry is set to contest a Game 7 against the Maple Leafs for the second time in as many years, after he had the winning goal in the [2021 First Round finale](#) to complete the Canadiens' comeback from a 3-1 series deficit.

\* Tampa Bay owns an [all-time record of 6-3 in winner-take-all showdowns](#) including a 2-2 record as the road team, while Toronto is 12-13 in Game 7s including a 7-2 mark at home. Defending champions hold an all-time record of 18-17 in Game 7s, including the Lightning's [1-0 win in the 2021 Stanley Cup Semifinals](#) versus the Islanders.

\* The Lightning will look to keep their three-peat dream alive Saturday when they contest a game in which they can be eliminated for the third time since 2020. Among the five Stanley Cup runs of three-plus consecutive years, only once did the team win multiple games when facing elimination (at any point during their run): the Maple Leafs faced elimination four times during their stretch of three straight championships from 1962 to 1964, all during the last year.

### **KANE SCORES TWICE TO HELP OILERS FEND OFF ELIMINATION**

After the Kings scored 29 seconds into the third period to erase a 2-0 deficit, **Tyson Barrie** (1-0—1) netted the go-ahead marker with just over five minutes remaining in regulation before **Evander Kane** (2-1—3) potted his second goal of the contest and seventh of the series, forcing a winner-take-all showdown Saturday in Edmonton.



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## MOST GOALS IN A SERIES

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PLAYER	SERIES	GOALS
JARI KURRI	1985 CF	12
MARK MESSIER	1983 DF	8
EVANDER KANE	2022 R1	7
ESA TIKKANEN	1991 DSF	7
JARI KURRI	1987 DSF	7
WAYNE GRETZKY	1985 SCF	7
GLENN ANDERSON	1983 CF	7

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\* Kane (7-2—9 in 6 GP) matched **Kirill Kaprizov** and **Jake Guentzel** for the most goals among all skaters in the 2022 First Round. Only two active players have more in a single playoff series: **Sidney Crosby** and **Alex Ovechkin**, who scored eight each when the Penguins and Capitals went head-to-head in the 2009 Eastern Conference Semifinals.

\* Barrie became the first Oilers defenseman to score a game-winning goal when facing elimination in nearly 25 years. **Drake Berehowsky** and **Janne Niinimaa** are the only other blueliners to do so for Edmonton after netting the deciding markers in Games 6 and 7 of the 1998 Conference Quarterfinals against the Avalanche.

\* **Connor McDavid** (1-2—3) boosted his 2022 Stanley Cup Playoffs totals to 3-9—12 (6 GP) and overtook **Brad Marchand** (4-7—11 in 6 GP) for the NHL scoring lead this postseason. Ovechkin (8-6—14 in 2009 CSF), Crosby (5-9—14 in 2010 CQF) and **Claude Giroux** (6-8—14 in 2012 CQF) share the lead for [most points in a single round among active skaters](#) – a mark which McDavid will look to match or surpass Saturday.

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Los Angeles owns an all-time record of 7-4 in Game 7s and have won each of its last four.

Edmonton is 6-4 in all-time Game 7s, including a 3-1 record as the home team.

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### **MARCHAND, BRUINS FORCE WINNER-TAKE-ALL SHOWDOWN IN RALEIGH**

The trend of home teams earning the win in the First Round series between the Bruins and Hurricanes continued at TD Garden on Thursday after **Brad Marchand** (1-1—2) scored the first of five Boston goals and **Jeremy Swayman**, in his first career game facing elimination, made 23 saves to help the Bruins force a decisive Game 7 in Raleigh on Saturday.



\* Marchand, who tied **Patrice Bergeron** (49) for the second-most playoff goals in franchise history,




recorded his 10th career goal in a game when facing elimination, breaking his tie with **Peter McNab** (9) for the most in franchise history. The Bruins veteran trails only **Alex Ovechkin** (13) for the most goals by an active player in those situations.


\* Swayman became the fifth Bruins rookie goaltender to earn a win when facing elimination and the first to do so since **Mike Moffat** in Game 6 of the 1982 Division Finals. The others: **Don Simmons** (Game 4 of 1957 SCF), **Frank Brimsek** (Game 7 of 1939 SF) and **Hal Winkler** (Game 2 of 1927 SF).

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Boston will look to set an NHL record with its 16th Game 7 win, breaking a tie with Montreal (15).

Carolina aims to match an NHL record with its sixth straight Game 7 win, a mark the Rangers (2012-2015), Bruins (1983-1994) and Red Wings (1949-1964) have hit.

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## **QUICK CLICKS**

- \* [Strong viewership continues on ESPN & ESPN2](#)
- \* [Auston Matthews, Connor McDavid and Igor Shesterkin named finalists for 2021-22 Hart Trophy](#)
- \* [Shane Wright says he 'deserves' to be No. 1 pick by Canadiens in 2022 NHL Draft](#)
- \* [Teenager paralyzed in hockey game honored as Bruins fan banner captain](#)
- \* [Blues goalie prospect scores empty net goal in AHL Calder Cup Playoffs](#)

## **THREE TEAMS LOOK TO ADVANCE FRIDAY**

The Penguins, Panthers and Flames will all look to join Colorado and St. Louis in the Second Round with a Game 6 victory Friday. The Penguins, who are in the postseason for the 16th consecutive campaign (2007 to 2022), will look to win a series for the ninth time during that stretch (last 2018). On the flip side, the Panthers are looking to advance past the opening round for the first time in 26 years, while the Flames strive to do so for the first time in seven seasons.

\* Teams that tie a series 3-3 to force a Game 7 own an all-time series record of 88-96 (.478), including a 1-2 mark in the 2021 Stanley Cup Playoffs (1-1 in 2021 R1)



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# TONIGHT'S SCHEDULE

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7:00 PM ET		@		TNT, ATTSN-PT, MSG, SN, TVAS, CBC PIT LEADS 3-2
7:30 PM ET		@		TBS, BSFL, NBCSWA, SN360, TVAS FLA LEADS 3-2
9:30 PM ET		@		TNT, BSSW, SN, TVAS, CBC CGY LEADS 3-2

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