



NHL MORNING SKATE: STANLEY CUP PLAYOFFS EDITION – MAY 14, 2022



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SATURDAY, MAY 14, 2022

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- ▶ Panthers rally again and capture first series win since 1996
- ▶ Rangers erase another multi-goal deficit to force Game 7
- ▶ Stars edge Flames, First Round will conclude with 5 Game 7s







* Comebacks were the theme of the Stanley Cup Playoffs on Friday, with the Panthers rallying from a deficit to win for the third consecutive game to earn their first playoff series win in 26 years, while the Rangers stormed back from a multi-goal deficit to stave off elimination for the second straight game to force a Game 7 with the Penguins on Sunday.

* It has been a rollercoaster of a week for fans across the NHL, with 11 come-from-behind victories over the past five days, including four multi-goal comeback wins through that span. The week of “Mayhem” will conclude with five Game 7s over the weekend, starting with three on Saturday followed by two on Sunday.

* The Stars edged the Flames to force the first-ever Game 7 between the two franchises. Among teams to face each other in a Game 7 for the first time, the home team holds an all-time record of 66-50 in those contests (excludes the 2020 postseason).



RESULTS

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

'COMEBACK CATS' RALLY AGAIN, CAPTURE FIRST SERIES WIN SINCE 1996

After the Panthers overcame two separate one goal deficits and **T.J. Oshie** tied the contest for the Capitals with 1:03 remaining in regulation, **Carter Verhaeghe** netted the game-winning tally for the third straight outing to help Florida capture its first playoff series win since the 1996 Conference Finals.



* The Panthers became the 17th team in NHL history to record three or more consecutive comeback wins to close out a series and [ninth in the past 30 years](#). The Golden Knights were the last team to achieve the feat after doing so from [Games 3-6 of the 2021 Second Round](#) against the Avalanche.

* Verhaeghe, who also netted the overtime winner in Game 4, joined Tampa Bay's **Brayden Point** (2 in 2020 R1) as just the second active player to score multiple overtime goals in a single series. In fact, only three players in NHL history have scored [more in a single playoff year](#): **Mel Hill** (3 in 1939 w/ BOS), **Maurice Richard** (3 in 1951 w/ MTL) and **Corey Perry** (3 in 2017 w/ ANA).



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MOST CONSECUTIVE GAME-WINNING GOALS

▶ STANLEY CUP PLAYOFFS HISTORY

PLAYER	TEAM	YEAR	GP
CLARK GILLIES	NYI	1977	4
CARTER VERHAEGHE	FLA	2022	3
DAVID KREJCI	BOS	2011	3
BRAD RICHARDS	TBL	2004	3
MARTIN ST. LOUIS	TBL	2003	3
PETER FORSBERG	COL	2000	3
JAROMIR JAGR	PIT	2000	3
MARIO LEMIEUX	PIT	1992	3
JAROMIR JAGR	PIT	1992	3
KEVIN STEVENS	PIT	1991	3
CRAIG LAUGHLIN	WSH	1984	3
ROY CONACHER	BOS	1939	3

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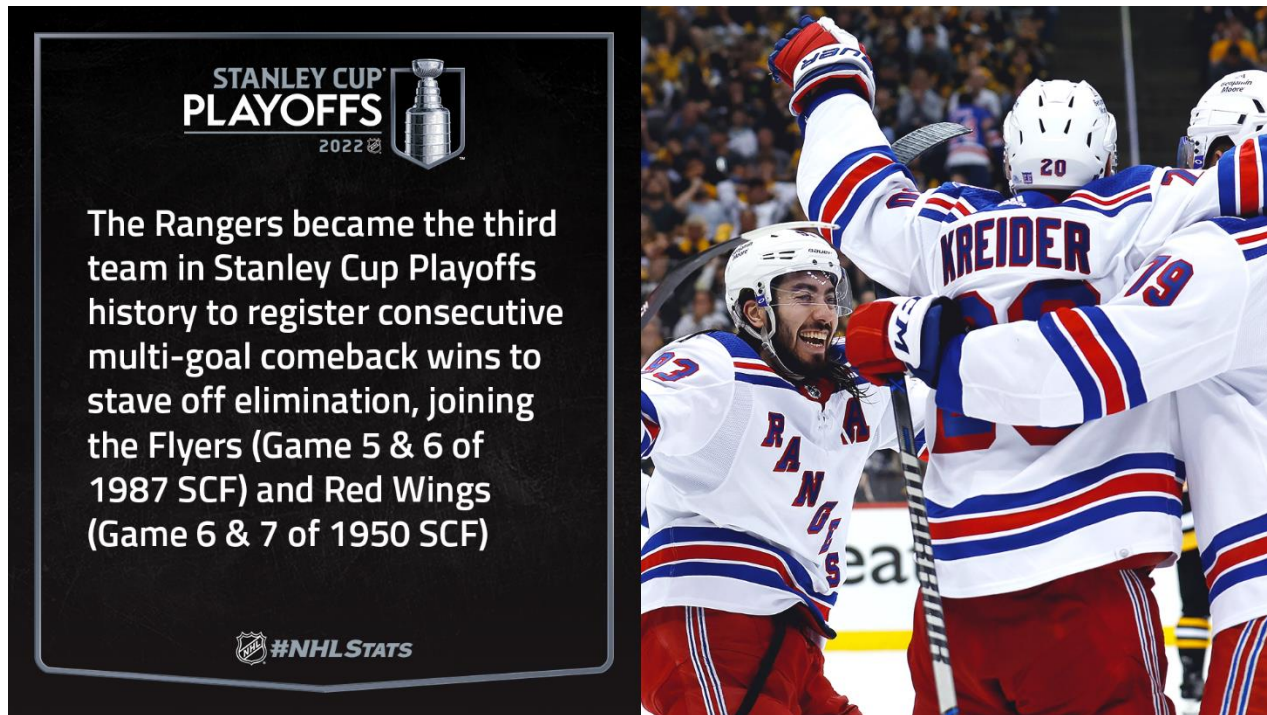
* Verhaeghe concluded the First Round with 6-6—12 (6 GP) and currently sits in a tie with **Connor McDavid** (3-9—12 in 6 GP) for the most points among all skaters in the 2022 Stanley Cup Playoffs. His totals also marked the most goals and points in a single playoff series by a Panthers player in franchise history.

* The Panthers will face either the Maple Leafs or Lightning in the Second Round. Florida has never matched up against Toronto in the Stanley Cup Playoffs and has faced Tampa Bay just once during the [2021 First Round](#) (2-4 L).

DYK? Florida's head coach **Andrew Brunette** had just concluded his rookie campaign with the Capitals when the Panthers last won a playoff series in 1996. He posted 1-3—4 in six games during Washington's [Conference Quarterfinals loss to Pittsburgh](#) (L 2-4).

RANGERS EXPERIENCE DEJA VU EN ROUTE TO FORCING GAME 7 . . .

For the second time in as many games, the Rangers fell behind 2-0, took a 3-2 lead, watched the Penguins tie the contest and then benefited from a third-period tally to stave off elimination. This time, it was the trio of **Mika Zibanejad** (2-2—4), **Adam Fox** (0-4—4) and **Chris Kreider** (2-0—2) who helped New York force a Game 7 after trailing a series 3-1 for the fourth time in franchise history.



* Fox became the first Rangers defenseman to record four points in a potential elimination game, besting the previous mark shared by four others: **Brian Leetch** (1-2—3 in Game 7 of 1992 DSF), **James Patrick** (0-3—3 in Game 7 of 1992 DSF), **Willie Huber** (1-2—3 in Game 5 of DSF) and **Reijo Ruotsalainen** (1-2—3 in Game 6 of 1982 DF).

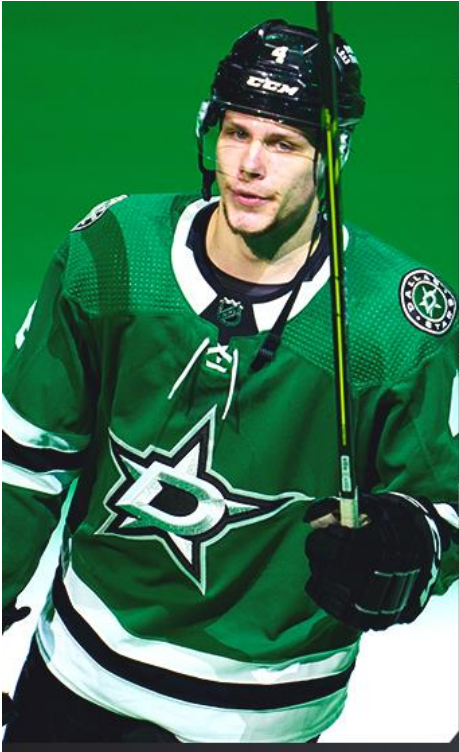
* Zibanejad, who collected 2-1—3 in the second period, matched the [franchise record for points in a Rangers playoff period](#), a feat last accomplished by **J.T. Miller** (0-3—3) during the second period of Game 2 of the 2016 First Round – also against the Penguins. Only one skater in Rangers history has recorded more points in a potential elimination game than Fox and Zibanejad: **Derick Brassard** (3-2—5) in [Game 6 of the 2015 Conference Finals](#).

* Kreider scored the game winner with 1:28 remaining in regulation, marking the second-latest go-ahead goal in Rangers playoff history behind **Cam Connor** (58:51: Game 3 of 1982 DSF). In the process, he netted his eighth career game-winning goal in the postseason and eclipsed **Mark Messier** (7) for the [most in franchise history](#).

... WHILE STARS PUSH TOP SEED IN PACIFIC TO A SEVENTH-AND-DECIDING GAME

Miro Heiskanen scored the game winner and **Jake Oettinger** made 36 saves as the Stars defeated the Flames at American Airlines Center to force a Game 7. Heiskanen became the first Stars/North Stars defenseman to score in a potential series-elimination game since **Trevor Daley** tallied twice in [Game 6 of the 2014 First Round](#).

* Heiskanen is no stranger to performing in the playoffs – as a 21-year-old, he helped Dallas advance to the Final after recording the fourth-highest single-postseason performance by a defenseman in [Stanley Cup Playoffs history](#) (6-20—26 in 27 GP), behind only **Paul Coffey** (1985: 12-25—37 in 18 GP), **Brian Leetch** (1994: 11-23—34 in 23 GP) and **Al MacInnis** (1989: 7-24—31 in 22 GP).



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YOUNGEST PLAYERS TO SCORE A GWG IN POTENTIAL ELIMINATION GAME

▶ STARS/NORTH STARS FRANCHISE HISTORY

PLAYER	GAME	AGE (Y, D)
ROMAN LYASHENKO	GAME 7, 2000 CF	21, 25
DINO CICCARELLI	GAME 3, 1982 DSF	22, 61
STEVE PAYNE	GAME 4, 1981 SCF	22, 276
MIRO HEISKANEN	GAME 6, 2022 R1	22, 299
JAMIE LANGENBRUNNER	GAME 5, 1998 CF	22, 314

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* Dallas and Calgary are set for their first-ever Game 7 meeting on Sunday. Among teams to face each other in a Game 7 for the first time, the home team holds an all-time record of 66-50 in those contests (excludes the 2020 postseason).

NHL WEEKLY PODCAST ROUNDUP

- * **NHL Draft Class** (5/11): [Mike G. Morreale & Adam Kimelman \(NHL.com\) mock drafts](#)
- * **Fantasy on Ice** (5/12): [Pete & Nick talk seven First Round series going at least six games](#)
- * **NHL @TheRink** (5/12): [Dan & Shawn w/ guest Darren Pang talk Stanley Cup Playoffs](#)

QUICK CLICKS

- * [#NHLStats: Live Update for Friday, May 13](#)
- * [Series Scenarios for Saturday, May 14](#)
- * [Roman Josi, Auston Matthews, Connor McDavid finalists for Ted Lindsay Award](#)
- * [Stanley Cup Playoffs to have three Game 7s on Saturday, two more Sunday](#)
- * [Game 7 Tripleheader Saturday: Stats and Storylines](#)

FIRST ROUND “MAYHEM” DELIVERS THREE GAME 7S ON SATURDAY

The “Mayhem” theme of the First Round of the Stanley Cup Playoffs reaches a crescendo this weekend when the highest-scoring opening round in 27 years (6.65 G/GP) concludes with five Game 7s over a two-day span starting with a tripleheader on Saturday.

The graphic is a dark-themed promotional image for the Stanley Cup Playoffs 2022. At the top, it reads "STANLEY CUP PLAYOFFS 2022" with the Stanley Cup trophy icon. Below this, the text "FIVE GAME 7s" is written in large, bold, white letters. Underneath, five team matchups are shown with their respective logos: Boston Bruins vs. Carolina Hurricanes, Tampa Bay Lightning vs. Toronto Maple Leafs, Los Angeles Kings vs. Colorado Avalanche, Pittsburgh Penguins vs. New York Islanders, and Dallas Stars vs. Calgary Flames. Below the matchups, it says "Second-Most in Any Round in NHL History". At the bottom, there is a "#NHLSTATS" logo and a banner that says "WATCH THE STANLEY CUP PLAYOFFS ON" followed by logos for ESPN, TNT, SN, and TBS Sports.

* Saturday will mark the first time in eight years, and sixth time overall, that three or more Game 7s will be contested on the same day. The others: [May 1, 1992](#) (4), [April 30, 2014](#) (3), [April 22, 2003](#) (3), [April 29, 1997](#) (3) and [May 19, 1995](#) (3).

* The five Game 7s in the 2022 First Round are the second-highest total in a single round in NHL history, trailing only the 1992 Division Semifinals (6).

* There will be multiple Game 7s on consecutive days for the first time in 11 years (April 26-27, 2011).

* Eight of the past 10 Stanley Cup champions have won at least one Game 7.

* The weekend will conclude with 51 total games in the First Round, tied with the 1991 Division Semifinals (51) for the second most in a round trailing only the 1991 Division Semifinals (54).

TODAY'S GAME 7 SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, MAY 14, 2022

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4:30 PM ET		@		ESPN, SNP, SNW, SNE, SN360, TVAS, BSSO, NESN SERIES TIED 3-3
7:00 PM ET		@		TNT, SN, CBC, TVAS, BSSUN SERIES TIED 3-3
10:00 PM ET		@		ESPN, SN, CBC, TVAS, BSSC SERIES TIED 3-3

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Blackouts and other restrictions apply

Game 7: Bruins vs. Hurricanes (4:30 p.m. ET on BSSO, ESPN, NESN, SN, SN360, TVAS)

A Stanley Cup Playoffs record will be set or tied with the result of the third Game 7 meeting between the Bruins and Hurricanes/Whalers, as Boston vies for its 16th all-time Game 7 victory and Carolina aims to extend its Game 7 winning streak to six contests.

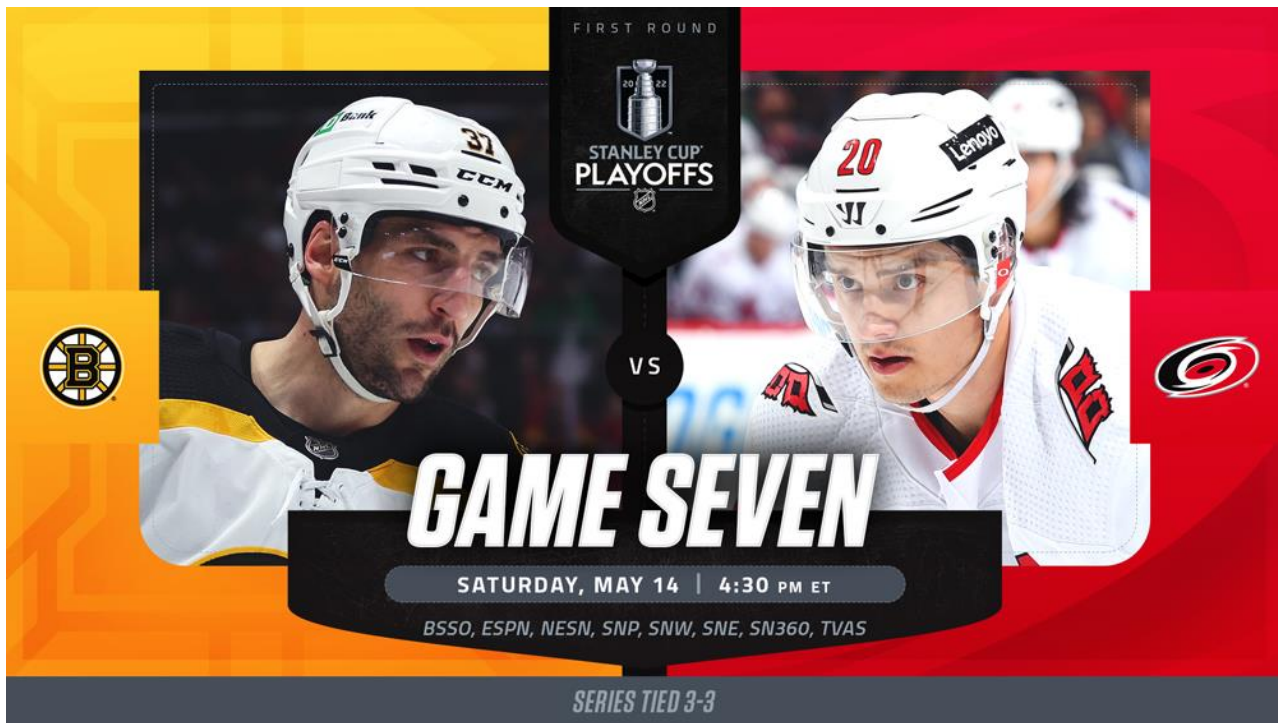
* Bruins captain **Patrice Bergeron** is set to appear in his 13th career Game 7, tying **Patrick Roy** and **Scott Stevens** for second place on the NHL's all-time list behind only **Zdeno Chara** (14 GP). Bergeron has collected 6-4—10 in his 12 previous Game 7s and sits one goal shy of tying **Justin Williams** (7 G in 9 GP) and **Glenn Anderson** (7 G in 11 GP) for the most in League history.

* Alternatively, **Sebastian Aho** will skate in his second career Game 7 after first doing so against the Capitals during the 2019 First Round (1-0—1). Aho can become the sixth active player to score in each of his first two career Game 7s, joining **Max Pacioretty**, **Tyler Myers**, **Bryan Rust**, **Tanner Pearson** and **James van Riemsdyk** (all 2 GP).



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Game 7: Lightning vs. Maple Leafs (7 p.m. ET on CBC, TVAS, SN, BSSUN, TNT)

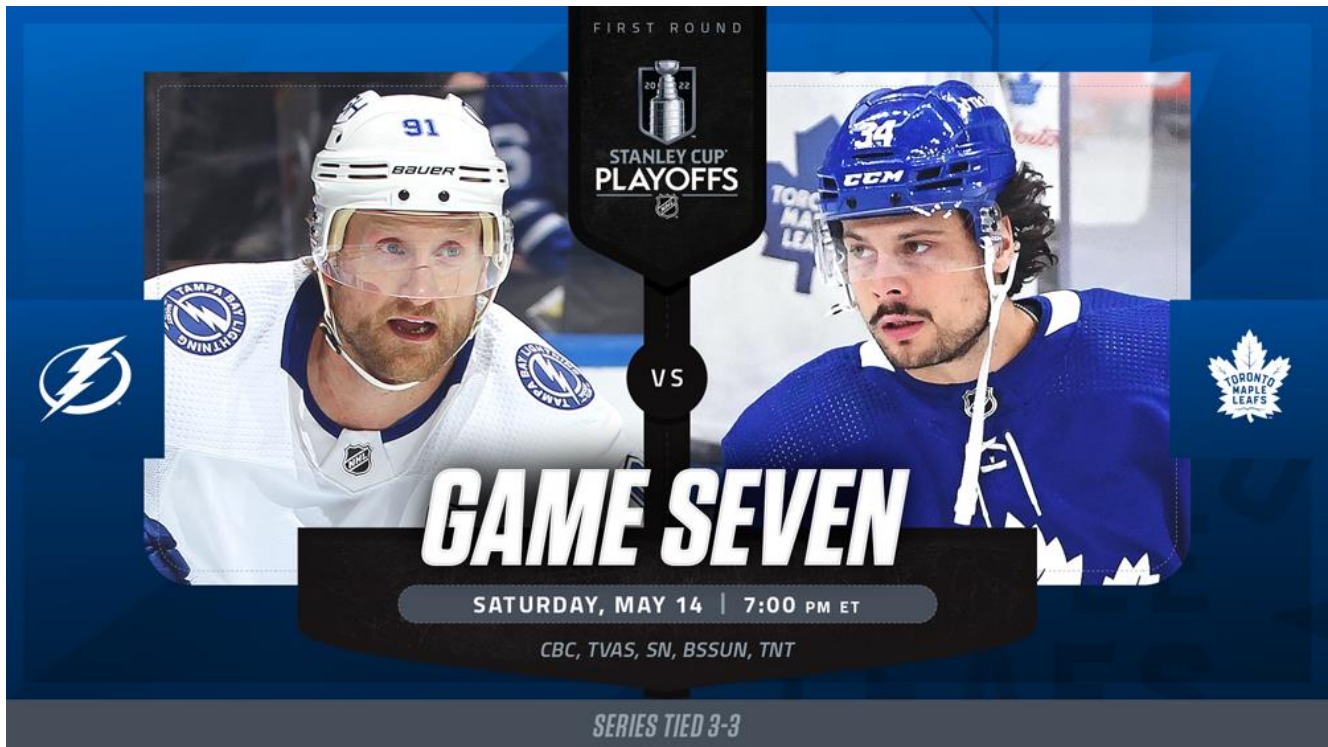
The Maple Leafs will take a second crack at advancing to the Second Round of the 2022 Stanley Cup Playoffs, when they host the Lightning at Scotiabank Arena and attempt to become the 18th team to eliminate the defending Stanley Cup champions in a Game 7.

* Coming off the first 60-goal season in Maple Leafs history, **Auston Matthews** looks to lead Toronto to its first series victory since the [2004 Conference Quarterfinals](#) against Ottawa. Teams that featured a player with 60-plus goals in the regular season hold an all-time record of 7-8 in Game 7 during the ensuing Stanley Cup Playoffs. **Pavel Bure** and the Canucks recorded the last such victory during Game 7 of the 1994 Conference Quarterfinals.

* **Steven Stamkos** and the Lightning continue their quest for a third straight Stanley Cup and have won two potential elimination games to this point during their run, following Game 6 against the Maple Leafs and Game 7 of the 2021 Stanley Cup Semifinals against the Islanders. Among the five Stanley Cup streaks of three-plus consecutive years in NHL history, only one champion won multiple elimination games across the stretch: Toronto, all of which came during the [1964 postseason](#) (2 in SF, 2 in SCF).

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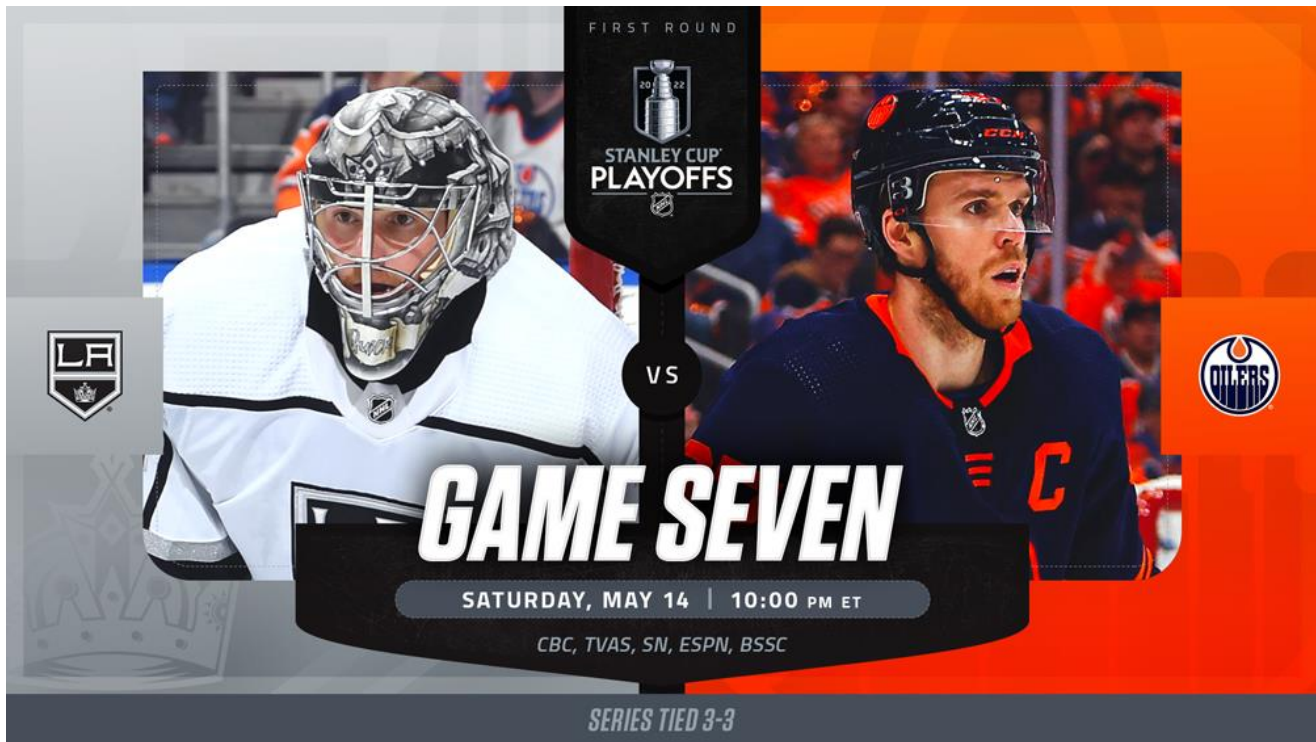


Game 7: Kings vs. Oilers (10 p.m. ET on CBC, TVAS, SN, ESPN, BSSC)

The 2022 First Round marks the second all-time Game 7 between the Oilers and Kings with the first taking place during the [1989 Division Semifinals](#), which also marked **Wayne Gretzky**'s first postseason with Los Angeles after being traded to the club from Edmonton in the offseason.

* **Jonathan Quick** (4-0, 1.95 GAA, .940 SV%) is set compete in a Game 7 for the fifth time in his career, which trails only **Marc-Andre Fleury** (8x) and **Braden Holtby** (8x) for the most among active goaltenders. The NHL's all-time leader in playoff shutouts among U.S.-born goaltenders will look to become the first netminder in NHL history to win each of his first five Game 7s.

* His counterpart, **Mike Smith** (40 years, 53 days), is expected to appear in his first career Game 7; only two netminders have ever appeared in a Game 7 at age 40 or older: **Dwayne Roloson** (2011 CQF & 2011 CF w/ TBL) and **Curtis Joseph** (2008 CQF w/ CGY), with Roloson's performance in the Conference Quarterfinals standing as the only victory. Meanwhile, Oilers captain **Connor McDavid** – with 3-9—12 this postseason – will compete in his second career Game 7 following the [2017 Second Round](#) against Anaheim.



GAME 7 TRENDS

- * The team that scores first is 138-46 (.750) in the 184 all-time Game 7s in the Stanley Cup Playoffs (3-0 in 2021).
- * Home teams own a 107-77 (.582) advantage in the 184 all-time Game 7s in the Stanley Cup Playoffs (2-1 in 2021).
- * Ninety-two of the 184 all-time Game 7s in the Stanley Cup Playoffs (50.0%) have been decided by a one-goal margin.
- * Forty-five Game 7s in the Stanley Cup Playoffs have required overtime (24.5%), including four of 12 since 2019 (33.3%). Home teams have a 23-22 edge in those contests.