

STANLEY CUP PLAYOFFS 2022

# MORNING SKATE

TUESDAY, MAY 17, 2022

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- ▶ Lightning, Panthers set for another “Sunshine State” showdown
- ▶ Blues, Avalanche also open second straight series
- ▶ Two more Second Round Game 1s go Wednesday

\* The Second Round of the 2022 Stanley Cup Playoffs starts Tuesday as the Lightning-Panthers and Blues-Avalanche open their second head-to-head series in as many years.

\* **Jonathan Huberdeau** and **Nikita Kucherov** combined for 21 points in the last “Sunshine State” series, while standout performers from the 2022 First Round **Carter Verhaeghe** and **Nicholas Paul** will meet again in the playoffs after squaring off at the junior level nearly a decade ago.

\* **Nathan MacKinnon** and **Cale Makar** look to lead Colorado to its eighth straight postseason win against St. Louis, while former Avalanche forward **Ryan O'Reilly** can match the Blues franchise record for longest playoff goal streak.

\* Wednesday will feature the Rangers-Hurricanes opening the first *best-of-seven* series between the franchises as well as the Oilers-Flames contesting the first “Battle of Alberta” playoff game in [over 31 years](#).

# TONIGHT'S SCHEDULE

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7:00 PM ET		@		TNT, SN, TVAS, CBC GAME 1
9:30 PM ET		@		TNT, SN, TVAS, CBC GAME 1

ESPN TNT SN TVA SPORTS Stream on ESPN+ and NHL LIVE

Blackouts and other restrictions apply

## **“SUNSHINE STATE” RIVALRY PITS PRESIDENTS’ TROPHY WINNERS VS. REIGNING CHAMPS**

The Panthers and Lightning find themselves contesting a head-to-head series for the second straight postseason, but this year’s “Sunshine State” showdown will look a little different with Florida having won the 2021-22 Presidents’ Trophy and Tampa Bay now carrying the title of *two-time* defending Stanley Cup champions.

\* **Nikita Kucherov** and **Jonathan Huberdeau** each had a double-digit point total when the franchises met in the [2021 First Round](#), with the Lightning earning a six-game win against the higher-seeded Panthers. The last NHL player with 20-plus playoff points against one opponent over a two-year span was Colorado captain **Joe Sakic** versus Chicago from the [1996 Conference Semifinals to the 1997 Conference Quarterfinals](#).

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## MOST PLAYOFF POINTS VS. ONE OPPONENT IN A TWO-YEAR SPAN

► NHL HISTORY

PLAYER	TEAM	OPPONENT	SPAN	POINTS
WAYNE GRETZKY	EDM	CGY	1983-1984	27
MARIO LEMIEUX	PIT	WSH	1991-1992	26
NORM ULLMAN	DET	CHI	1963-1964	25
RICK MIDDLETON	BOS	BUF	1982-1983	24
MARIO LEMIEUX	PIT	BOS	1991-1992	23
BARRY PEDERSON	BOS	BUF	1982-1983	23
NORM ULLMAN	DET	CHI	1964-1965	23
JEAN RATELLE	BOS	LAK	1976-1977	22
DARRYL SITTLER	TOR	PHI	1976-1977	21
GORDIE HOWE	DET	CHI	1963-1964	21

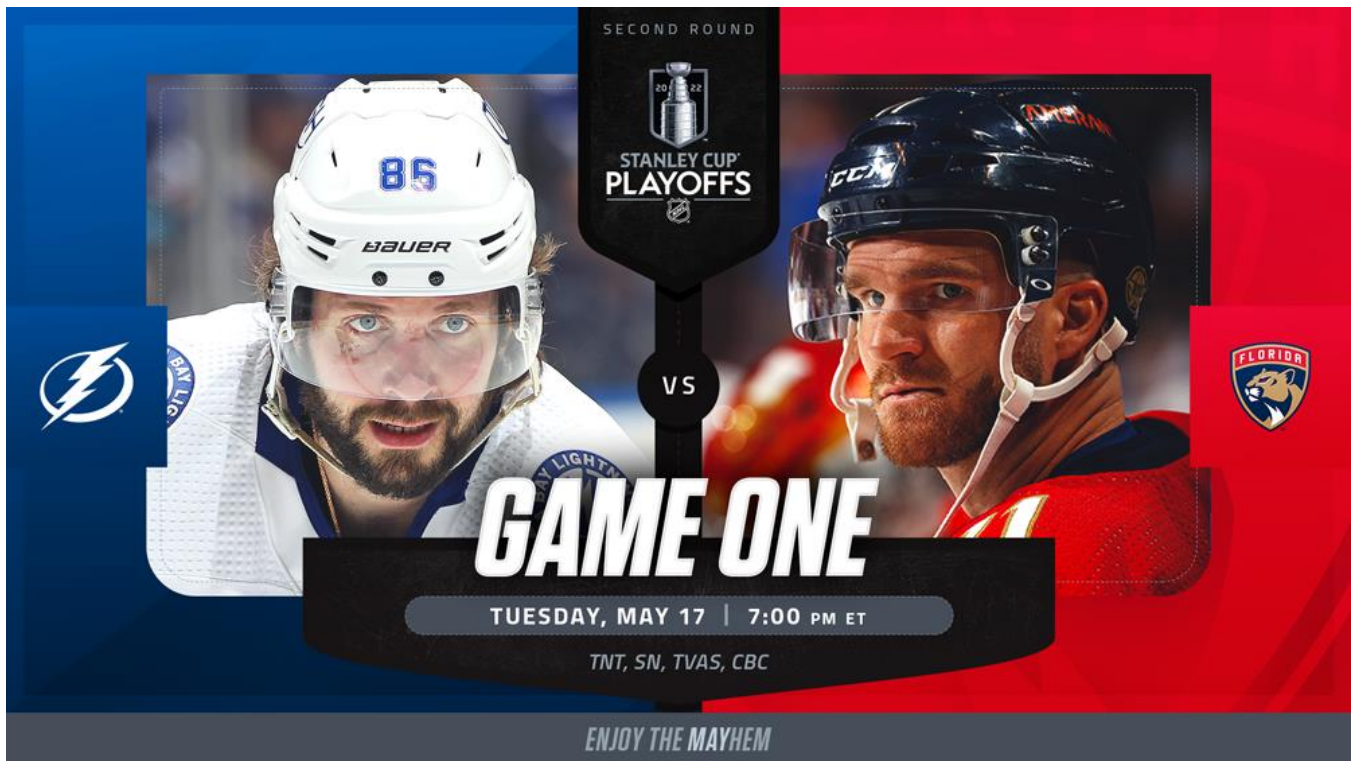
\*NIKITA KUCHEROV & JONATHAN HUBERDEAU HAD 11 & 10 POINTS, RESPECTIVELY, IN 2021 R1



\* Florida features 10 players on its active roster who have appeared in at least one game beyond the First Round/Conference Quarterfinals, including **Carter Verhaeghe** who [won the Stanley Cup with Tampa Bay in 2020](#) and **Ben Chiarot** who faced the Lightning during the [2021 Final](#) (w/ MTL). Verhaeghe has scored the winning goal in [each of the Panthers' last three contests](#), capped by the overtime clincher in [Game 6 of the First Round](#) to give the franchise its first series win in 26 years.

\* **Nicholas Paul** played the role of “unlikely hero” for the Lightning in [Game 7 of their First Round series](#) by scoring both of Tampa Bay’s goals in its 2-1 win against Toronto. Paul and Verhaeghe met eight years ago during the OHL Playoffs, with the former scoring the series-clinching goal in [Game 7 of the 2014 Conference Quarterfinals](#) as the North Bay Battalion rallied from a 3-1 series deficit to defeat the Niagara IceDogs.

\* Defending Stanley Cup champions own an [all-time record of 4-4](#) in a playoff series against the Presidents’ Trophy winner (since 1985-86 when the award was introduced). The No. 1-ranked team from the regular season is 4-1 in the last five such matchups.



### **BLUES LOOK TO BOUNCE BACK AFTER BEING SWEEP AWAY BY AVALANCHE IN 2021**

St. Louis and Colorado will also contest a head-to-head playoff series for the second time in as many years and for the third time overall, with the Avalanche earning a five-game win against the Blues in the [2001 Conference Finals](#) and a four-game sweep during the [2021 First Round](#).

\* **Nathan MacKinnon** has six goals and 10 points in five career playoff games against St. Louis, highlighted by a hat trick in [Game 2 of the 2021 First Round](#). The most postseason goals by an Avalanche/Nordiques player versus one opponent is 12, achieved by **Joe Sakic** and **Peter Forsberg** against the Red Wings.

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## MOST PLAYOFF GOALS VS. ONE OPPONENT

▶ AVALANCHE/NORDIQUES FRANCHISE HISTORY

PLAYER	OPPONENT	GOALS
JOE SAKIC	DET	12
PETER FORSBERG	DET	12
JOE SAKIC	VAN	11
VALERI KAMENSKY	CHI	11
JOE SAKIC	SJS	10
MICHEL GOULET	MTL	10
PETER FORSBERG	SJS	9
JOE SAKIC	DAL	9
JOE SAKIC	CHI	9
PETER FORSBERG	EDM	9
MILAN HEJDUK	DAL	9

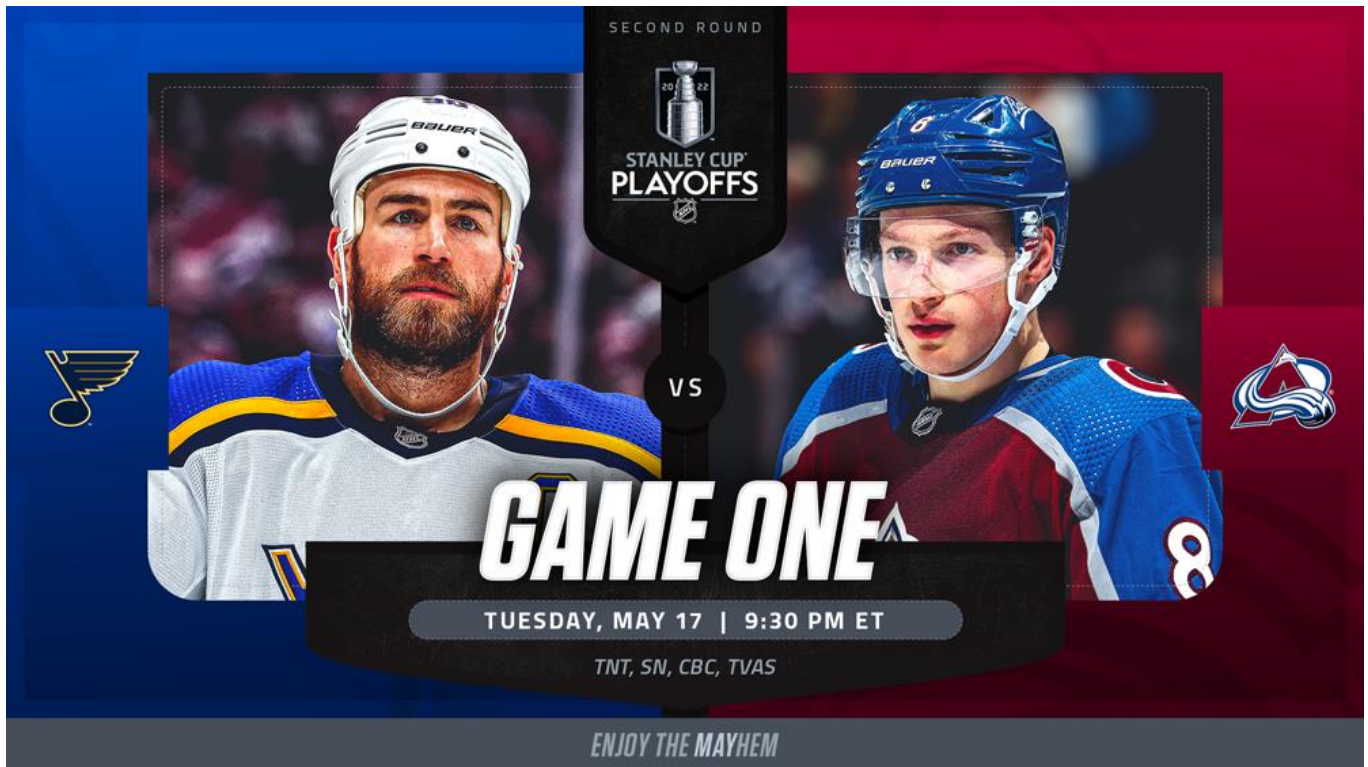
\*NATHAN MACKINNON NEEDS 3 G VS. STL TO JOIN THIS LIST

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\* **Cale Makar** shares the [League lead in scoring among defensemen](#) with 10 points during the 2022 Stanley Cup Playoffs, the [most in NHL history](#) by a blueliner through four games in a postseason. Makar has 41 career playoff points overall and needs one to tie **Adam Foote** for [third place among defensemen in franchise history](#).

\* **Ryan O'Reilly**, who skated over 100 games alongside Foote with the Avalanche from 2009-10 to 2010-11, was one of [three Blues players with five goals](#) during their First Round series against the Wild (also **David Perron** & **Vladimir Tarasenko**). O'Reilly carries a four-game goal streak into St. Louis' Second Round clash with Colorado, tied for his playoff career high set during the 2019 Final en route to winning the Stanley Cup and Conn Smythe Trophy. The [longest postseason goal streak in Blues history](#) is five contests, achieved by **Phil Roberto** in 1972 and **Joe Mullen** in 1982.

\* The Avalanche have won seven consecutive playoff contests against the Blues dating to Game 4 of the 2001 Conference Finals, a run which includes Colorado's 2-1 win versus St. Louis in the 2020 Stanley Cup Qualifiers Round Robin. The Avalanche's seven straight victories mark the longest playoff winning streak against one opponent in franchise history, ahead of six-game runs versus the Canucks (Game 1 of 1996 CQF–Game 4 of 2001 CQF) and Red Wings (Game 3 of 1999 CSF–Game 2 of 2000 CSF).



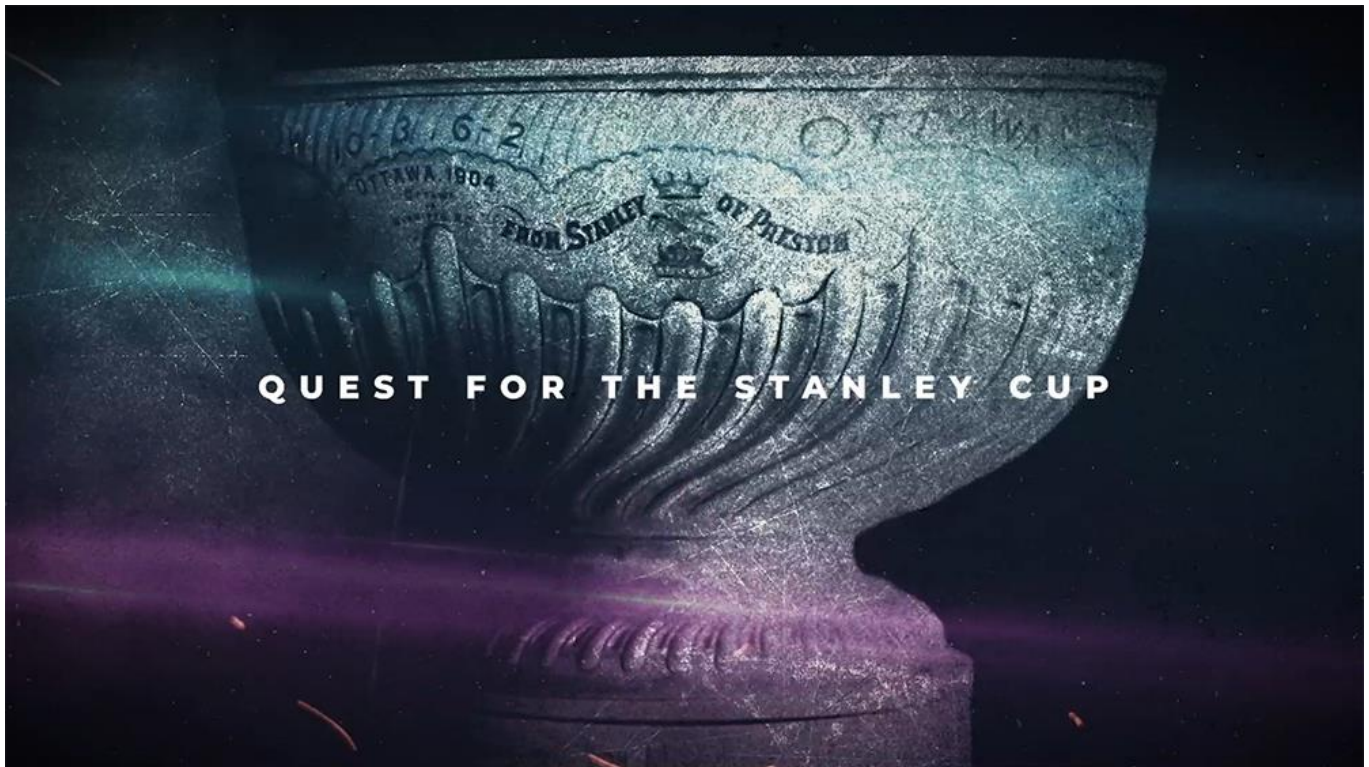
**“QUEST FOR THE STANLEY CUP” DOCUSERIES RETURNS MAY 27**

*Quest For The Stanley Cup*, the behind-the-scenes documentary series chronicling the remaining eight teams competing in the 2022 Stanley Cup Playoffs and vying for the chance to hoist the Stanley Cup, [returns Friday, May 27](#).

\* A first look, *The Quest Begins*, will premiere on NHL Network and the NHL’s YouTube and Facebook channels on May 20 before the series drops weekly on Friday nights starting May 27, exclusively on [ESPN+](#) in the U.S. and at [YouTube.com/NHL](#) in Canada. [Click here](#) to view the trailer.

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### **NHL CONTINUES TO CELEBRATE ASIAN & PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH**

The NHL continues to celebrate *Asian & Pacific Islander Heritage Month*, sharing stories of Asian players past and present from across the hockey ecosystem. To learn more, visit [NHL.com/APIHeritage](https://www.nhl.com/APIHeritage).

- \* ESPN featured Stars sensation [Jason Robertson](#) and his unique hockey journey, from a traveling RV to the NHL.
- \* Sportsnet featured Flames skating and development coach [Danielle Fujita](#), one of nearly 100 women who work in Hockey Operations across the NHL.
- \* Kings rookie defenseman [Jordan Spence](#) was born in Australia and played hockey in Japan before moving to Canada.
- \* In 2007, goaltender [Yutaka Fukufuji](#) became the first player born in Japan to play in NHL. He continues to inspire the next generation.
- \* [Yushiroh Hirano](#) is currently showcasing his talent with the Abbotsford Canucks of the AHL.
- \* Canucks prospect [Arshdeep Bains](#) led the WHL in scoring before signing an entry-level contract earlier this season.



## **QUICK CLICKS**

- \* [First Round Recap – 2022 Stanley Cup Playoffs](#)
- \* [Series Scenarios for Tuesday, May 17](#)
- \* [5.9% of brackets selected all eight teams advancing to Second Round, including \*\*Wayne Gretzky's\*\*](#)
- \* [Zdeno Chara, Kevin Hayes and Carey Price named Masterton Trophy finalists](#)
- \* [Islanders name \*\*Lane Lambert\*\* head coach; \*\*Peter DeBoer\*\* fired by Golden Knights](#)
- \* [Sportsnet's coverage of 2022 First Round delivers significant viewership gains](#)

# ROUND 1 OVERALL

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Avg. Minutes / Stream  
YOY vs. 2021

**18.2M**

Total Reach

**1.3M**

Total # of Live Views

**+41%**

Total Unique Visitors  
YOY vs. 2021

**13%**

of all TV viewing in Canada

**12M**

Total # of Live Impressions



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