


## NHL MORNING SKATE: STANLEY CUP PLAYOFFS EDITION – MAY 20, 2022


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FRIDAY, MAY 20, 2022

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- ▶ Colton nets go-ahead goal with 3.8 seconds left in third period
- ▶ Binnington, Perron lead the way as Blues even series with Avs
- ▶ Friday night features Game 2s from Carolina and Calgary

\* **Ross Colton** scored the go-ahead goal with 3.8 seconds remaining in regulation as the two-time defending champions stunned the Panthers at FLA Live Arena.





\* **Jordan Binnington** followed up his 51-save performance in Game 1 with 30 more Thursday to help the Blues snap the Avalanche's winning streak at five contests.

\* Two more Second Round Game 2s go Friday at PNC Arena and Scotiabank Saddledome.

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# RESULTS

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### COLTON SCORES LATE TO HELP LIGHTNING TAKE GAME 2

Less than a year after scoring the Stanley Cup-clinching goal for Tampa Bay in Game 5 of the 2021 Final, **Ross Colton** came up clutch once again by netting the tiebreaking goal with 3.8 seconds remaining in regulation to give his club a 2-1 victory and a 2-0 series lead.

 **STATS AND INFORMATION**

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\* Colton’s marker was the seventh go-ahead goal in the final four seconds of regulation in Stanley Cup Playoffs history and second by a Lightning player. In Game 3 of the 2015 Second Round, **Tyler Johnson** gave Tampa Bay a 2-1 lead at 19:58 of the third period as the club pulled ahead 3-0 in its series against Montreal – part of the team’s run to the Stanley Cup Final.



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## LATEST GO-AHEAD GOALS

▶ THIRD PERIOD, STANLEY CUP PLAYOFFS HISTORY

PLAYER	TEAM	GAME	SERIES	TIME
NAZEM KADRI	COL	RR	2020 SCQ	19:59
JUSSI JOKINEN	CAR	4	2009 CQF	19:59
TYLER JOHNSON	TBL	3	2015 R2	19:58
JOEL WARD	WSH	1	2015 R2	19:58
BOB PULFORD	TOR	1	1964 SCF	19:58
MIKKO MAKELA	NYI	2	1987 DF	19:57
ROSS COLTON	TBL	2	2022 R2	19:56

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\* In addition to Colton and Johnson, the only other go-ahead goal by a Lightning player during the final minute of a postseason game came two years ago when **Nikita Kucherov** tallied at 19:51 of the third period in Game 2 of the Conference Finals against the Islanders – also to give the club a 2-0 series lead.

### **FAMILIAR FACES MAKE THE DIFFERENCE ONCE AGAIN FOR TAMPA BAY**

**Nikita Kucherov** (assist on GWG) and **Andrei Vasilevskiy** (35 saves), linchpins during Tampa Bay's recent Cup runs, each played a key role in Thursday's victory:

\* Kucherov factored on a game-winning goal during the Stanley Cup Playoffs for the 21st time in his NHL career (7-14—21). His 21 such points rank second among active players, behind only **Sidney Crosby** (9-16—25).



\* Vasilevskiy improved to 55-32 through [90 career postseason appearances](#), including a 14-3 record in 19 games during the Second Round (1.91 GAA, .934 SV%, 1 SO). The Lightning goaltender has never suffered more than one loss in any Second Round series since his Stanley Cup Playoffs debut in 2015.

\* The Lightning own a 2-0 series lead for the fourth time in their past six playoff series, as they seek a spot in the final four for the sixth time in eight seasons.

\* Defending Stanley Cup champions are 68-3 all-time when going up 2-0 in a best-of-seven series – the only three teams in NHL history to pull off a comeback in that scenario were the Avalanche in the 1999 Conference Semifinals (vs. DET), the Penguins in the 2009 Stanley Cup Final (vs. DET) and the Hurricanes in the 2019 First Round (vs. WSH).

### **BINNINGTON STOPS 30 AND PERRON POTS TWO AS BLUES EVEN SERIES**

**Jordan Binnington** followed up his 51-save effort in Game 1 by stopping 30 shots Thursday and **David Perron** (2-0—2) recorded his fourth career multi-goal playoff game with the Blues as St. Louis handed Colorado its first loss of the 2022 Stanley Cup Playoffs.



\* **Jordan Binnington** turned aside 81 of 85 shots through the first two games in the Second Round as the Blues evened their series 1-1. He improved to 20-20 in 40 career playoff appearances – the [only other goaltenders with as many postseason wins since 2019](#) (when Binnington debuted) are **Andrei Vasilevskiy** (40-21) and **Tuukka Rask** (22-16).

\* Perron potted his team-leading sixth and seventh goals in the 2022 Stanley Cup Playoffs, tied for the most among remaining players (w/ **Evander Kane**). Perron's four multi-goal games in the postseason with St. Louis trail only **Brett Hull** (13), **Vladimir Tarasenko** (9), **Bernie Federko** (7) and **Brian Sutter** (5) for the [most in franchise history](#).



## QUICK CLICKS

- \* [#NHLStats: Live Updates for Thursday, May 19](#)
- \* [Series Scenarios for Friday, May 20](#)
- \* [Andrew Brunette, Gerard Gallant and Darryl Sutter](#) voted Jack Adams Award finalists
- \* [Chloe Primerano](#) becomes first female skater selected in any CHL draft
- \* [Watch latest episode of "Stanley Cup Stories"](#)
- \* [NHL to begin revealing winners of 2022 NHL Awards on Wednesday, June 1](#)

**AWARDS**  
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**NHL AWARDS ANNOUNCEMENT SCHEDULE**

- June 1: Mark Messier NHL Leadership Award
- June 2: Jack Adams Award
- June 3: Bill Masterton Memorial Trophy
- June 4: Willie O'Ree Community Hero Award presented by MassMutual
- June 5: Frank J. Selke Trophy
- June 6: Lady Byng Memorial Trophy
- June 7: King Clancy Memorial Trophy

All dates subject to change. Winners of the Calder, Hart, Norris, Ted Lindsay and Vezina will be revealed in a live show on June 21 at 7 p.m. ET (ESPN, SN, TVAS).

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**HURRICANES, FLAMES SEEK 2-0 SERIES LEADS ON HOME ICE**





The Hurricanes will look to take a 2-0 series lead – something they have done in four of their past seven matchups, including the 2020 Stanley Cup Qualifiers (vs. NYR) – while the Rangers eye a split before heading home for Game 3. In Calgary, the Flames will seek their first-ever 2-0 series lead against the Oilers following the highest-scoring playoff game in 29 years.

**TONIGHT'S SCHEDULE**

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8:00 PM ET		@		ESPN, SNP, SNO, SNE, TVAS CAR LEADS SERIES 1-0
10:30 PM ET		@		ESPN, SN, CBC, TVAS CGY LEADS SERIES 1-0

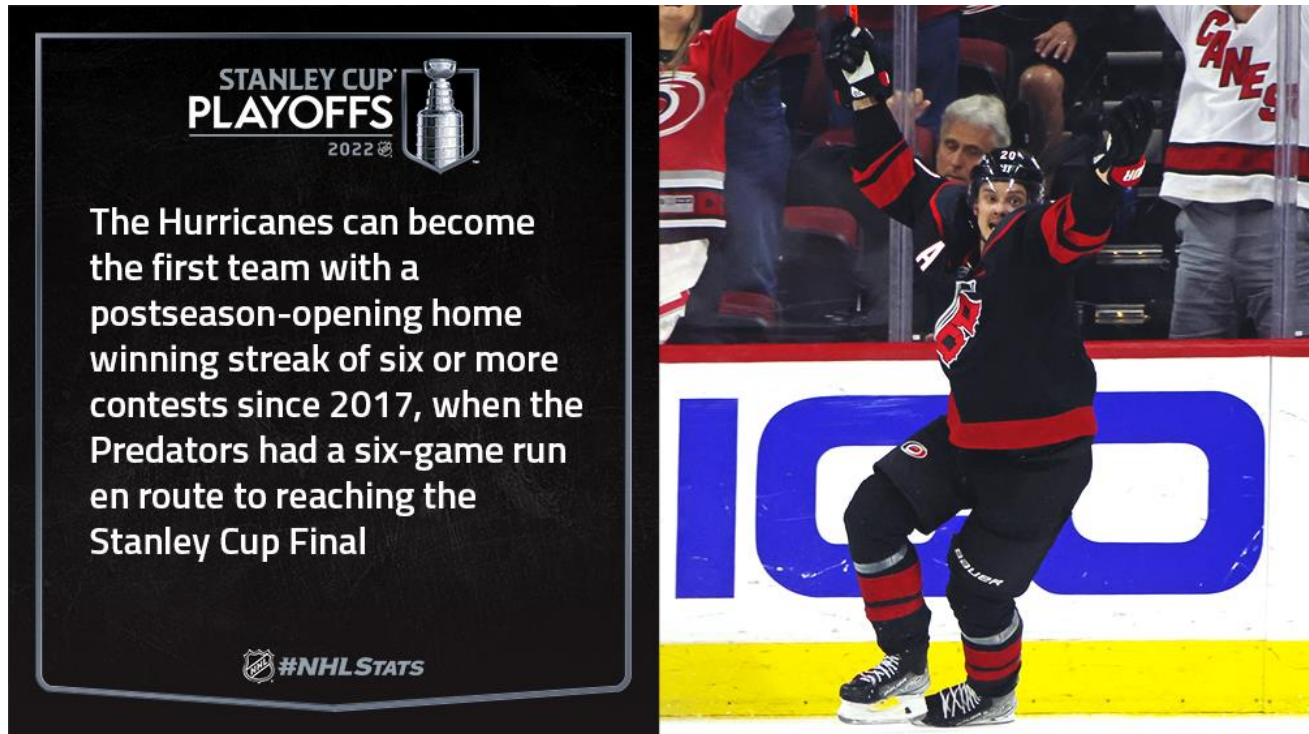




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## HURRICANES EYE SIXTH STRAIGHT HOME WIN

Carolina can extend its postseason-opening home winning streak to six contests when the Hurricanes and Rangers square off in Game 2 of their Second Round series at PNC Arena.

\* Not only is a new franchise record within reach for the team, but **Sebastian Aho** (17-24—41) sits within striking distance of putting his name atop a few all-time lists. After providing the tying goal in Game 1, Aho now needs two [goals](#) and two [points](#) to tie **Eric Staal** for the franchise lead in both categories – and one goal to equal head coach **Rod Brind'Amour** for second place on that list. With his next [assist](#), Aho will break a tie with Staal and match **Ron Francis** (25) for the franchise lead.



\* **Alexis Lafrenière** notched an assist in Game 1 to record his fifth career playoff point (2-3—5 in 8 GP), all of which have come in 2022. He equaled **Rod Gilbert** (2-3—5 in 4 GP) and now trails only **Don Maloney** (7-13—20 in 18 GP) and **Niklas Sundstrom** (4-3—7 in 11 GP) for the most career playoff points in Rangers history before age 21.

## FLAMES, OILERS TO PLAY GAME 2 AFTER TAKING TIME MACHINE TO 1980s IN OPENER

After [combining for 15 goals](#) in the Second Round opener Wednesday, Calgary and Edmonton will square off at Scotiabank Saddledome once more before the series shifts up Alberta Highway 2 to Rogers Place.

\* Four of the five [highest-scoring series in Stanley Cup Playoffs history](#) have involved at least one of the Flames or Oilers, including a previous “Battle of Alberta” where Calgary and Edmonton combined for 60 goals across seven games during the [1984 Division Finals](#). The Oilers went on to win their first Stanley Cup that year.



## MOST COMBINED GOALS

► FIRST TWO GAMES IN A STANLEY CUP PLAYOFFS SERIES

TEAMS	SERIES	GOALS
MINNESOTA NORTH STARS	BOSTON BRUINS	1981 PRLM 24
EDMONTON OILERS	LOS ANGELES KINGS	1987 DSF 23
EDMONTON OILERS	CHICAGO BLACK HAWKS	1985 CF 23
LOS ANGELES KINGS	EDMONTON OILERS	1982 DSF 23
PHILADELPHIA FLYERS	QUEBEC NORDIQUES	1981 PRLM 23
LOS ANGELES KINGS	CALGARY FLAMES	1993 DSF 22
EDMONTON OILERS	CHICAGO BLACK HAWKS	1983 CF 22

\*CALGARY & EDMONTON COMBINED FOR 15 GOALS IN GAME 1 WEDNESDAY

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\* After leading their teams in scoring Wednesday, **Matthew Tkachuk** (3-0—3; tied) and **Connor McDavid** (1-3—4) will look for more in Game 2. The most goals by a player in a series between Calgary and Edmonton is eight while the most points are 14, achieved by **Mark Messier** and **Wayne Gretzky**, respectively, in the 1983 Division Finals with the Oilers.