



MORNING SKATE

THURSDAY, MAY 26, 2022

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- ▶ **Bozak** scores OT winner, Blues rally from three-goal deficit
- ▶ **MacKinnon** nets hat trick, reaches 80 career playoff points
- ▶ Oilers can advance as Hurricanes, Rangers jostle for series lead

* **Robert Thomas** scored the latest game-tying goal by a Blues player when facing elimination before **Tyler Bozak** tallied his second career postseason overtime winner as St. Louis completed a three-goal comeback to stave off elimination and force a Game 6 set for Friday.

* **Nathan MacKinnon** scored his second career postseason hat trick and tied fellow Cole Harbour-native **Sidney Crosby** on an exclusive list as he recorded his 80th playoff point.

* The Oilers will look to become the first Western Conference team to advance to the Conference Finals when they visit Calgary on Thursday.



RESULTS

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◀ FINAL
OT

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BLUES RALLY FROM THREE-GOAL DEFICIT, STUN AVALANCHE IN OT

Game 5 between the Blues and Avalanche was a rollercoaster for the ages with Colorado jumping out to a 3-0 lead, St. Louis coming all the way back to tie the game 3-3 with 4:46 remaining in the third period, **Nathan MacKinnon** scoring an end-to-end [highlight-reel hat trick goal](#) exactly two minutes later, followed by **Robert Thomas** scoring the latest tying tally when facing elimination in Blues history (59:04) to set the stage for **Tyler Bozak's** overtime winner. Game 6 is set for Friday in St. Louis (8 p.m. ET on TNT, SN, TVAS, CBC).



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* Thomas recorded his first career multi-goal outing in the playoffs – only three Blues players have scored more in a contest when facing elimination: **Scott Young** (3 in Game 6 of 2000 CQF), **Adam Oates** (3 in Game 5 of 1991 DSF) and **Greg Paslawski** (3 in Game 5 of 1986 DSF).

* The Blues are the first team to score two game-tying goals in the final five minutes of regulation *when facing elimination*. The only other team to do so in *any* playoff game: Buffalo in [Game 1 of the 2006 Conference Semifinals](#) at Ottawa.

* St. Louis rallied from a three-goal deficit to win a postseason contest for the fifth time in franchise history and first since Game 3 of the 1998 Conference Quarterfinals (4-3 W at LAK).



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The Blues marked the 7th time in Stanley Cup Playoffs history a team facing elimination scored a tying goal in the final minute of regulation and went on to win. The others: Toronto (Gm 4 of 2020 SCQ), Boston (Gm 7 of 2013 CQF), Pittsburgh (Gm 5 of 2008 SCF), Boston (Gm 4 of 1980 QF), Philadelphia (Gm 6 of 1968 QF) & Toronto (Gm 3 of 1936 SCF).

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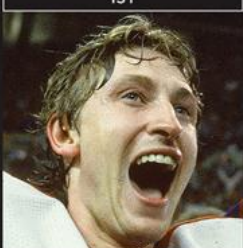
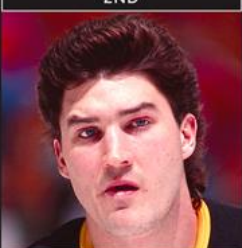
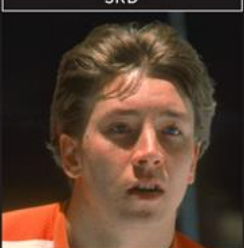
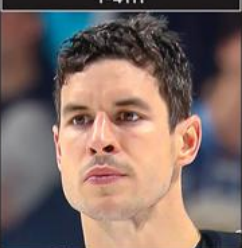
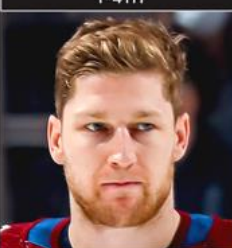







MacKINNON'S GAME 5 PERFORMANCE LEAVES MARK ON ALL-TIME LISTS

With a hat trick and a four-point night, **Nathan MacKinnon** (3-1—4) surpassed 80 career postseason points and climbed a number of Avalanche/Nordiques all-time playoff lists in the process. Despite the loss, he became the first player in franchise history to score a hat trick in a potential series-clinching game.

FEWEST GAMES TO 80 CAREER POINTS

STANLEY CUP PLAYOFFS HISTORY

1ST	2ND	3RD	T-4TH	T-4TH
				
WAYNE GRETZKY	MARIO LEMIEUX	JARI KURRI	SIDNEY CROSBY	NATHAN MACKINNON
				
37 GP	40 GP	57 GP	59 GP	59 GP

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* MacKinnon scored his 34th, 35th and 36th career playoff goals and surpassed **Michel Goulet** (34) and **Milan Hejduk** (34) for sole possession of third place in [Avalanche/Nordiques history](#). MacKinnon now trails only **Joe Sakic** (84) and **Peter Forsberg** (58).

* MacKinnon also posted his fourth career four-point playoff game and surpassed Forsberg (3) for the most in Avalanche/Nordiques history. He also secured his second-career playoff hat trick, which tied **Peter Stastny**, Goulet and Sakic for the [most in franchise history](#).



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- * [Joe Thornton undecided about returning for 25th NHL season](#)
- * [Tom Wilson to miss start of next season for Capitals after knee surgery](#)
- * [Flames-Oilers potential Game 6 set for 9:30 p.m. ET Saturday](#)
- * [ESPN's Stanley Cup Playoffs digital content sees continued growth](#)



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ROUND 2 OF THE '22 STANLEY CUP PLAYOFFS ACROSS ESPN DIGITAL PLATFORMS



- NHL content on ESPN.com & the ESPN App has continued to experience **DOUBLE-DIGIT & TRIPLE-DIGIT GROWTH** in **UNIQUE VISITS & TOTAL MINUTES** through Tuesday's Second Round Game 4s
- Since the beginning of the Stanley Cup Playoffs, **18.9M UNIQUE VISITORS** spent nearly **269M TOTAL MINUTES** across ESPN NHL content on ESPN.com & the ESPN App
Up 55% & up 126% vs. '21

RANGERS, HURRICANES EYE SERIES LEAD, WHILE OILERS LOOK TO ADVANCE THURSDAY

A two-game Thursday in the 2022 Stanley Cup Playoffs features a battle between the Hurricanes and Rangers at PNC Arena for a series lead, while the Oilers look to advance to the Conference Finals for the first time in 16 years.

TONIGHT'S SCHEDULE

THURSDAY, MAY 26, 2022



7:00 PM ET		@		ESPN, SNP, SNO, SNE, TVAS SERIES TIED 2-2
9:30 PM ET		@		CBC, TVAS, SN, ESPN EDM LEADS 3-1

ESPN

TNT

SN

TVA
SPORTS

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* Carolina has won each of its past six playoff contests at PNC Arena – the last NHL team to post a longer home win streak in a postseason was Chicago, which posted a seven-game run in 2014. **Teuvo Teravainen** has found the score sheet in each of those six contests (2-7—9) and can establish a Hurricanes/Whalers record for longest playoff-opening home point streak.

* The Rangers, who extended their home winning streak to five games Tuesday, will look to win their first road contest against the Hurricanes and pull ahead in the series. Should New York do so, it would move within one of clinching a series after facing a 2-0 deficit for the third time in its 95-year history – the only two instances: 2013 Conference Quarterfinals (vs. WSH) and 1996 Conference Quarterfinals (vs. MTL).

A promotional poster for Game Five of the Stanley Cup Playoffs Second Round. The poster is split vertically: the left side is blue with the New York Rangers logo and a photo of a Rangers player in a blue jersey; the right side is red with the Carolina Hurricanes logo and a photo of a Hurricanes player in a black jersey. In the center, a black banner reads "STANLEY CUP PLAYOFFS" with the year "2022" above it. Below that, a "VS" logo separates the two teams. The text "GAME FIVE" is prominently displayed in large white letters. Below that, a black bar contains the date and time: "THURSDAY, MAY 26 | 7:00 PM ET". Underneath, in smaller white text, are the broadcast channels: "ESPN, SNP, SNO, SNE, TVAS". At the bottom, a grey bar reads "SERIES TIED 2-2".

* **Leon Draisaitl**, who became the first player in Stanley Cup Playoffs history to post three points in four consecutive games, enters Thursday with 2-11—13 through four games in Edmonton's 2022 Second Round series versus Calgary. Only [three different players in NHL history](#) have recorded more assists in a single series: **Wayne Gretzky** (2x: 14 in 1985 CF & 13 in 1987 DSF), **Rick Middleton** (14 in 1983 DF) and **Doug Gilmour** (13 in 1994 CSF).

* The Flames will attempt to pull within one of tying their series, with the opportunity to overcome a 3-1 deficit for the first time in franchise history. Should Calgary do so, it would become the second team this postseason to accomplish the feat (also NYR vs. PIT in R1) – the last time multiple teams overcame a 3-1 deficit in the same playoff year was 2014 (NYR: 4-3 W vs. PIT in R2 & LAK: 4-3 W vs. SJS in R1).



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CBC, TVAS, SN, ESPN

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