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- ▶ Hurricanes, Rangers set to clash in winner-take-all showdown
- ▶ Slavin looks to climb all-time Game 7 points lists
- ▶ Lafrenière can join other No. 1 picks in Conference Finals

* The Second Round of the 2022 Stanley Cup Playoffs concludes Monday as Carolina and New York contest Game 7 with a berth in the Eastern Conference Final on the line.

* **Jacob Slavin** enters play needing just one point to pass “Mr. Game 7” for sole possession of first place on a Hurricanes/Whalers all-time list.

* **Alexis Lafrenière** looks to join fellow No. 1 overall picks **Connor McDavid**, **Nathan MacKinnon**, **Ryan Nugent-Hopkins**, **Steven Stamkos** and **Erik Johnson** in the 2022 Conference Finals.

* [Click here](#) to read more on the Second Round finale between Carolina and New York, including Game 7 trends as well as career individual Game 7 statistics for current Hurricanes and Rangers players.



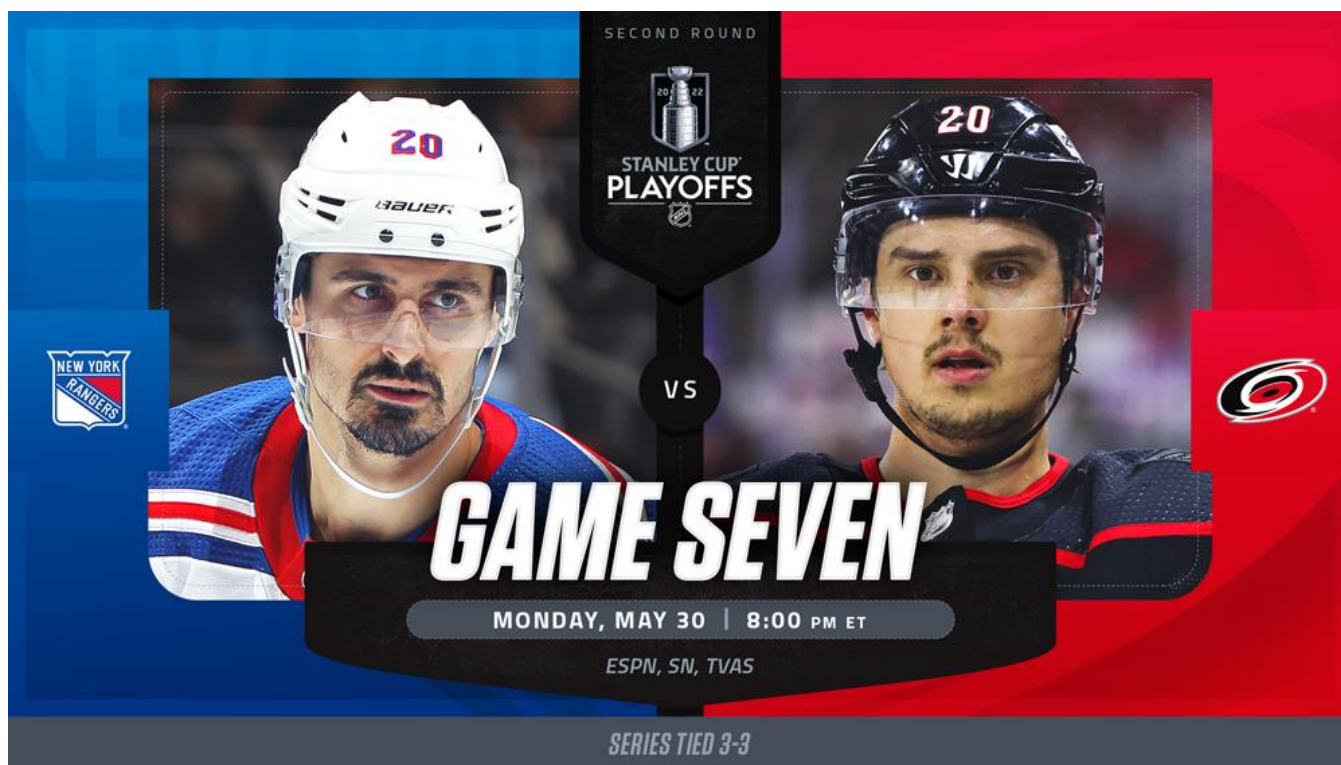
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2022 SECOND ROUND COMES TO A CLOSE AS CAROLINA, NEW YORK CONTEST GAME 7

The fourth and final berth in the 2022 Conference Finals will be decided Monday as the Hurricanes and Rangers conclude their series with a winner-take-all Game 7 at PNC Arena.



* Carolina and New York each earned a Game 7 win in the 2022 First Round, with the Hurricanes [edging the Bruins by a 3-2 margin to advance](#) and the Rangers [recording a 4-3 overtime victory against](#)



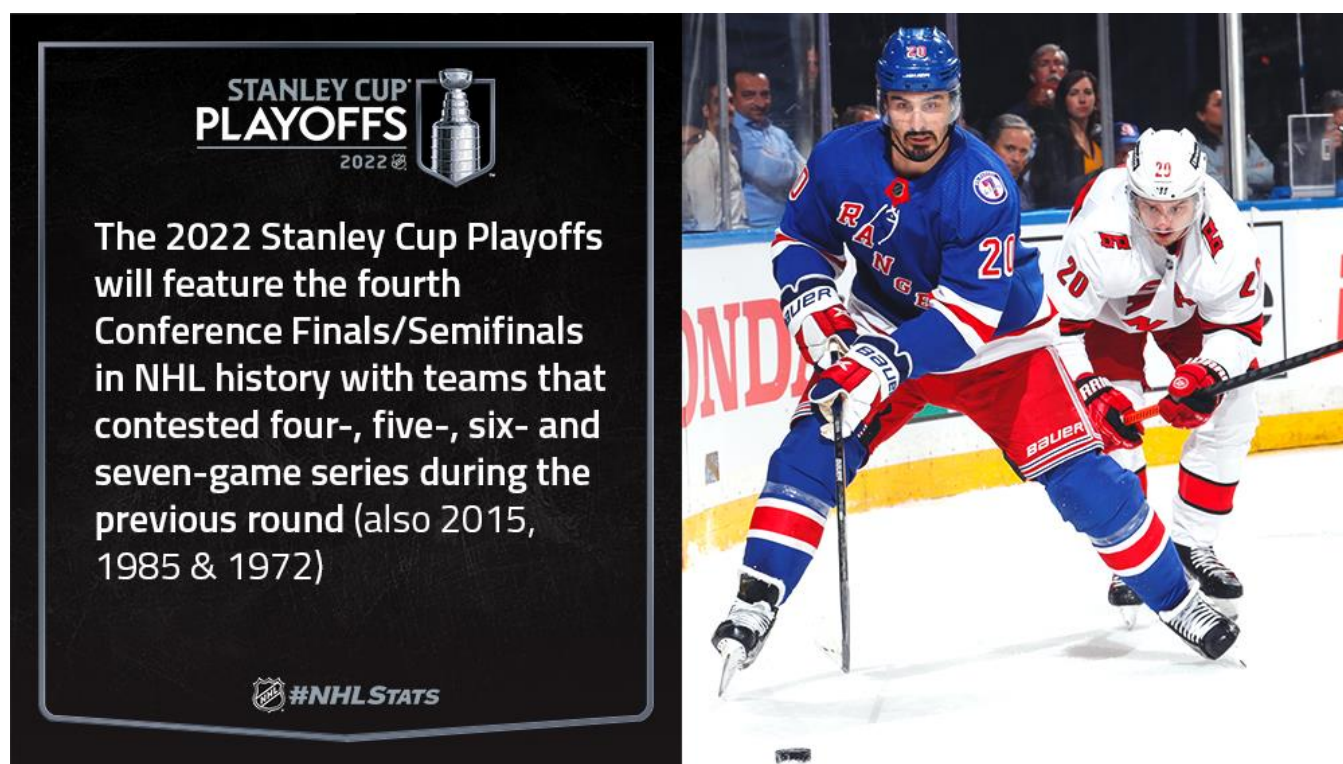
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[the Penguins](#) to complete their comeback from a 3-1 series deficit. Monday will mark the sixth winner-take-all showdown in NHL history *where both teams are contesting their second straight Game 7*, following finales in the [2012 Conference Semifinals](#), [2003 Conference Semifinals](#), [1986 Conference Finals](#), [1968 Semifinals](#) and [1964 Stanley Cup Final](#).

* Carolina has [triumphed in each of its last six winner-take-all showdowns](#) and can become the first franchise in League history with seven straight Game 7 victories – the Hurricanes' run dates to the [2006 Conference Finals finale](#) and includes a perfect [3-0 record at home](#). New York yields an [all-time record of 10-6 in Game 7s](#), including victories in its last two as the visiting team ([2-1 W at PIT in 2014 R2](#) & [5-0 W at WSH in 2013 CQF](#)).

* The 2022 Eastern Conference Final will feature Carolina or New York taking on Tampa Bay, which completed a four-game sweep against Florida to advance – the Western Conference Final pits Edmonton versus Colorado, which contested five and six games, respectively, during the Second Round. The Hurricanes ([4-1 L in 2021 R2](#)) and Rangers ([4-3 L in 2015 CF](#)) each own an all-time record of 0-1 in Stanley Cup Playoffs series against the Lightning.



GAME 7 OVERTIME HEROES APLENTY ON ACTIVE ROSTERS FOR HURRICANES, RANGERS

Carolina forwards **Derek Stepan** and **Nino Niederreiter** as well as New York forwards **Artemi Panarin** and **Barclay Goodrow** account for four of the NHL's last 10 overtime goals scored in a Game 7.

* Stepan, whose last appearance was in [Game 6 of the First Round](#), had his winner *as a member of the Rangers* to power New York into the 2015 Conference Finals, which was the franchise's most-recent berth in the final-four round.



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STANLEY CUP PLAYOFFS 2022

GAME 7 OVERTIME GOALS

► SINCE 2014

PLAYER	TEAM	OPPONENT	SERIES
ARTEMI PANARIN*	NYR	PIT	2022 R1
JOHNNY GAUDREAU	CGY	DAL	2022 R1
JOEL KIVIRANTA	DAL	COL	2020 R2
PAT MAROON	STL	DAL	2019 R2
BROCK MCGINN	CAR	WSH	2019 R1
BARCLAY GOODROW*	SJS	VGK	2019 R1
CHRIS KUNITZ	PIT	OTT	2017 CF
DEREK STEPAN*	NYR	WSH	2015 R2
ALEC MARTINEZ	LAK	CHI	2014 CF
NINO NIEDERREITER*	MIN	COL	2014 R1

*MEMBERS OF CAROLINA OR NEW YORK'S CURRENT ROSTER

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* **Jaccob Slavin** (0-5—5 in 2 GP) leads current Carolina and New York players with five career Game 7 points, including an assist on the double-overtime winner in the [2019 First Round finale](#) as the Hurricanes defeated the defending-champion Capitals. That was the last Stanley Cup Playoffs series where the home team earned victories in each of the first six contests *but the visiting club won Game 7*.

* Slavin needs one Game 7 point to pass **Justin Williams** (2-3—5 in 3 GP) for the most in Hurricanes/Whalers franchise history. Williams had five of his [NHL-record 15 career Game 7 points](#) with Carolina.



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MOST GAME 7 POINTS

► DEFENSEMEN, NHL HISTORY

PLAYER	GP	POINTS
RAY BOURQUE	9	8
NICKLAS LIDSTROM	9	7
AL MACINNIS	11	7
LARRY MURPHY	8	7
PAUL REINHART	5	7
ROMAN HAMRLIK	9	6
BRIAN LEETCH	4	6
JACCOB SLAVIN	2	5*

*7 OTHERS WITH 5

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LAFRENIÈRE CAN BECOME SIXTH No. 1 PICK TO REACH 2022 CONFERENCE FINALS

Rangers forward **Alexis Lafrenière** can become the sixth No. 1 overall pick to reach the Conference Finals this year, following Lightning captain **Steven Stamkos**, Oilers teammates **Connor McDavid** and **Ryan Nugent-Hopkins** as well as the Avalanche duo of **Nathan MacKinnon** and **Erik Johnson**.

* The most No. 1 picks to dress at least one game in a Conference Finals/Semifinals is five, which occurred in [1984](#) (MTL: **Bobby Smith**, **Rick Green** & **Guy Lafleur**; MNS: **Brian Lawton**; NYI: **Denis Potvin**).

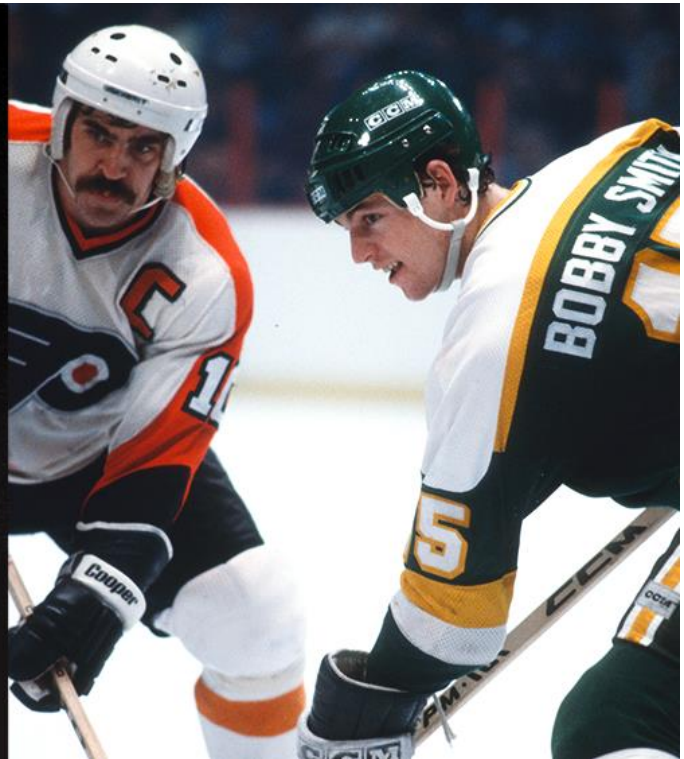


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The 2022 Stanley Cup Playoffs could feature the second Conference Finals/Semifinals in NHL history *where each team had at least one No. 1 overall pick*, following 1980 (MNS: Bobby Smith; PHI: Mel Bridgman; NYI: Denis Potvin; BUF: Gilbert Perreault)



QUICK CLICKS

- * [#NHLStats: Live Updates for Monday, May 30](#)
- * [Jason Spezza](#) retires after 19 seasons in NHL, joins Maple Leafs front office
- * [Igor Shesterkin](#) does it all for Rangers to force Game 7
- * [Dave Manson](#) and son, [Josh](#), on opposite sides for Oilers, Avalanche in West Final
- * [Rangers double-overtime win in 1994 tops among conference final games](#)



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