


## NHL MORNING SKATE: STANLEY CUP PLAYOFFS EDITION – JUNE 5, 2022


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# MORNING SKATE

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- ▶ Avalanche move within one win of Stanley Cup Final
- ▶ McDavid becomes first player to reach 30 points, joins elite list
- ▶ Lightning return home, eye first win in 2022 Conference Finals

\* **J.T. Compher** became the ninth different skater to score a game-winning goal for the Avalanche in the 2022 Stanley Cup Playoffs and propelled Colorado to within one victory of advancing to the Final.

\* **Noel Acton**, founder of the Tender Bridge Foundation that has supported more than 500 boys and girls in East Baltimore for 20 years, was named winner of the 2021-22 Willie O'Ree Community Hero Award presented by MassMutual.

\* The 2022 NHL Scouting Combine™ concluded with fitness testing Saturday, as teammates **Cutter Gauthier** and **Logan Cooley** of USA Hockey's National Team Development Program Under-18 team ranked first and second, respectively, on the bikes in Peak Power Output during the Wingate Cycle Ergometer Test.

\* The Eastern Conference Final between the Rangers and Lightning shifts to the Sunshine State for Game 3 on Sunday, with the visitors looking to move within one win of their first Stanley Cup Final appearance since 2014.

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# RESULTS



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## **COMPHER CONTINUES SCORING WAYS, LIFTS AVALANCHE TO WITHIN ONE WIN OF FINAL**

**Valeri Nichushkin's** second career multi-goal playoff performance gave the Avalanche a lead, but **Ryan McLeod** helped the Oilers tie the contest in the third period before **J.T. Compher's** first career game-winning goal in the postseason nearly five minutes later lifted Colorado within one win of its first berth in the Stanley Cup Final since 2001.

\* After going without a goal through his first nine games of the 2022 Stanley Cup Playoffs, Compher netted his fifth in four games and sits tied with **Mikko Rantanen** for the most among all players in the Western Conference Final (3 G). Compher became the [ninth different Colorado player](#) to score a game-winning goal this postseason, which trails only [2001](#) (11) for the most in a single playoff year in Avalanche/Nordiques history.



\* A day removed from celebrating his 32nd birthday, **Pavel Francouz** (27 saves) extended his personal win streak to five games – one shy of the [longest such run in Avalanche/Nordiques history](#), shared by **Mario Gosselin** (6 GP in 1987 w/ QUE) and **Philipp Grubauer** (6 GP in 2021 w/ COL).

\* Francouz (5-0) joined **Darcy Kuemper** (6-2) in earning at least five victories for Colorado in the 2022 Stanley Cup Playoffs. Only five other teams in NHL history have featured multiple goaltenders each register five-plus wins in a single postseason: 2017 Penguins (**Marc-Andre Fleury**: 9 & **Matt Murray**: 7), 2010 Flyers (**Michael Leighton**: 8 & **Brian Boucher**: 6), 1980 Flyers (**Pete Peeters**: 8 & **Phil Myre**: 5), 1972 Bruins (**Gerry Cheevers**: 6 & **Eddie Johnston**: 6) and 1969 Canadiens (**Rogie Vachon**: 7 & **Gump Worsley**: 5).



## OLDEST GOALTENDERS WITH A PLAYOFF WIN STREAK OF 5+ GAMES

► SINCE 2014

GOALTENDERS	TEAM	YEAR	GP	AGE (Y,D)
MARC-ANDRE FLEURY	VGK	2021	5	36, 198
PEKKA RINNE	NSH	2017	5	34, 174
ANTON KHUDBOIN	DAL	2020	5	34, 109
TUUKKA RASK	BOS	2021	5	34, 80
CAREY PRICE	MTL	2021	7	33, 295
MARC-ANDRE FLEURY	VGK	2018	5	33, 181
MARC-ANDRE FLEURY	VGK	2018	5	33, 149
TUUKKA RASK	BOS	2019	8	32, 78
HENRIK LUNDQVIST	NYR	2014	5	32, 78
PAVEL FRANCOUZ*	COL	2022	5	32, 1

\*ACTIVE STREAK



### McDAVID BECOMES FIRST PLAYER TO REACH 30 POINTS IN 2022 STANLEY CUP PLAYOFFS

**Connor McDavid** (0:38) netted the fastest goal to begin a Conference Finals/Semifinals game in Oilers history to boost his 2022 Stanley Cup Playoffs totals to 9-21—30 (15 GP). He became the [sixth different player in franchise history to post 30 points in a postseason](#) and the first in 32 years – **Mark Messier** and **Craig Simpson** each had 31 points in 1990 en route to Edmonton’s most recent Stanley Cup championship.

\* McDavid is one of eight different players in NHL history to record 30 or more points *prior* to the Stanley Cup Final. The others: **Wayne Gretzky** (4x; last: 33 in 1993), **Doug Gilmour** (35 in 1993), **Rick Middleton** (33 in 1983), **Mario Lemieux** (32 in 1991), **Barry Pederson** (32 in 1983), **Mark Recchi** (31 in 1991) and Messier (31 in 1988).





## FEWEST GAMES TO 30 POINTS IN A PLAYOFF YEAR

► NHL HISTORY

PLAYER	TEAM	YEAR	GP
WAYNE GRETZKY	EDM	1983	11
WAYNE GRETZKY	EDM	1985	12
MARIO LEMIEUX	PIT	1992	13
WAYNE GRETZKY	EDM	1988	14
MARK MESSIER	EDM	1988	14
CONNOR MCDAVID	EDM	2022	15
RICK MIDDLETON	BOS	1983	15

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### NOEL ACTON NAMED WILLIE O'REE COMMUNITY HERO AWARD WINNER

Noel Acton of Baltimore, Md., was named winner of the [2021-22 Willie O'Ree Community Hero Award presented by MassMutual](#), given annually "to an individual who – through the game of hockey – has positively impacted his or her community, culture or society." [Click here](#) to read more.

\* The winner of the [2021-22 Frank J. Selke Trophy](#) will be [revealed Sunday](#). Panthers captain **Aleksander Barkov**, Bruins captain **Patrice Bergeron** and Flames forward **Elias Lindholm** are the [three finalists for the award](#), given annually “to the forward who best excels in the defensive aspects of the game.”

### **2022 NHL SCOUTING COMBINE CONCLUDED WITH FITNESS TESTING SATURDAY**

The 2022 NHL Scouting Combine™ presented by adidas, featuring 85 draft-eligible players from North America and Europe, concluded Saturday with fitness testing in Buffalo. Top 25 results from each test can be found [at this link](#).

\* Teammates **Cutter Gauthier** (No. 3-ranked N.A. Skater) and **Logan Cooley** (No. 2-ranked N.A. Skater) finished atop the ranks on the bikes in the Peak Power Output category during the Wingate Cycle Ergometer Test. Last season, the pair played on USA Hockey’s National Team Development Program Under-18 team with Gauthier concluding the campaign second on his team in goals with 34, while Cooley finished first in points per game (1.47 P/GP).

### **MORE FROM 2022 NHL SCOUTING COMBINE PRESENTED BY ADIDAS:**

- \* [Top prospects on which NHL stars they model their game after](#)
- \* [10 things learned from 2022 NHL Scouting Combine](#)
- \* [Draft Diary: Brad Lambert talks with NHL.com after wrapping fitness testing](#)
- \* [Lane Hutson \(USA U-18, NTDP\) emerging as physical presence despite small stature](#)
- \* [Shane Wright, No. 1-ranked N.A. skater, guests on ‘NHL Draft Class’ podcast](#)

**SCOUTING COMBINE**  
BUFFALO 2022

Cutter Gauthier & Logan Cooley ranked first and second, respectively, on the bikes in Peak Power Output during the Wingate Cycle Ergometer Test:

1. Cutter Gauthier: 18.3 (watts/kg)
2. Logan Cooley: 17.8 (watts/kg)

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## QUICK CLICKS

- \* [#NHLStats: Live Updates for Saturday, June 4](#)
- \* [Series Scenarios for Sunday, June 5](#)
- \* [Jon Cooper-Gerard Gallant friendship on hold during Eastern Conference Final](#)
- \* [Rangers show they're serious Stanley Cup contenders with Game 2 win](#)
- \* [Wayne Gretzky honors former Oilers locker room attendant Joey Moss with mega draw](#)

## NEW YORK AIMS FOR 3-0 SERIES LEAD AS EASTERN CONFERENCE FINAL SHIFTS SOUTH

The Eastern Conference Final between the Rangers and Lightning moves to AMALIE Arena for Game 3 on Sunday, with New York looking to claim a 3-0 series lead and climb within one win of its [12th Stanley Cup Final appearance in franchise history](#).

\* The Rangers can become the sixth team in NHL history to take a 3-0 series lead in a best-of-seven against a defending champion, following the Canucks in the [2011 Conference Quarterfinals](#), Mighty Ducks in the [2003 Conference Quarterfinals](#), Flyers in the [1995 Conference Semifinals](#), Canadiens in the [1976 Stanley Cup Final](#) and Red Wings in the [1952 Semifinals](#).

The graphic features two hockey players in action. On the left is a New York Rangers player in a blue jersey with the number 93. On the right is a Tampa Bay Lightning player in a blue jersey with the number 88. The background is dark blue with the NHL logo at the top center, which includes the text '2011-22' and 'EASTERN CONFERENCE FINAL'. Below the players, the text 'VS' is centered. The words 'GAME THREE' are written in large, bold, white letters across the bottom. Below that, it says 'SUNDAY, JUNE 5 | 3:00 PM ET'. At the bottom, there are logos for ESPN, ESPN+, SN, TVA Sports, and CBC. At the very bottom, it says 'NYR LEADS SERIES 2-0'.

\* **Mika Zibanejad** (9-13—22 in 16 GP) [shares the team lead with nine goals this postseason](#), which includes scoring six during his [active seven-game point streak](#). Zibanejad and co-leader **Chris Kreider** (9-5—14 in 16 GP) can become the [fifth and sixth players in franchise history](#) with a double-digit goal total in a playoff year and first since **Wayne Gretzky** in 1997 (10-10—20 in 15 GP).



\* **Nikita Kucherov** (5-12—17 in 13 GP), who [leads the Lightning in scoring during the 2022 Stanley Cup Playoffs](#), is three points shy of reaching 20 for a third straight postseason. He can become the ninth different player in NHL history with 20 points in three or more consecutive playoff years and first since **Sergei Fedorov**, whose run of four straight postseasons ended in 1998.



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## MOST CONSECUTIVE PLAYOFF YEARS WITH 20+ POINTS

▶ NHL HISTORY

PLAYER	TEAMS	SPAN	YEARS
SERGEI FEDOROV	DET	1995-1998	4
MIKE BOSSY	NYI	1980-1983	4
BRYAN TROTTIER	NYI	1980-1983	4
WAYNE GRETZKY	EDM, LAK	1987-1989	3
WAYNE GRETZKY	EDM	1983-1985	3
JARI KURRI	EDM	1983-1985	3
MARK MESSIER	EDM	1983-1985	3
DENIS POTVIN	NYI	1981-1983	3
GUY LAFLEUR	MTL	1977-1979	3

\*NIKITA KUCHEROV (5-12—17 IN 13 GP) CAN JOIN THIS LIST

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