



## NHL MORNING SKATE: STANLEY CUP PLAYOFFS EDITION – JUNE 6, 2022


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- ▶ Palat scores game winner in final minute of regulation
- ▶ Kucherov, Hedman hit playoff milestones as Lightning take Game 3
- ▶ Oilers look to extend series while Avalanche aim to advance

\* For the second time in the 2022 Stanley Cup Playoffs, the Lightning benefited from a go-ahead goal in the final minute of regulation en route to victory.

\* **Nikita Kucherov** factored on all three of Tampa Bay's unanswered goals and became the sixth player in NHL history with at least 20 career three-point outings in the postseason.


\* **Patrice Bergeron**, a Selke Trophy *finalist* for an NHL-best 11th straight season, claimed the award for the fifth time to surpass **Bob Gainey** for the most in League history.

\* The Avalanche have their sights set on advancing to the Stanley Cup Final for the third time in franchise history and look to join rare company by doing so with two or fewer losses.

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# RESULTS



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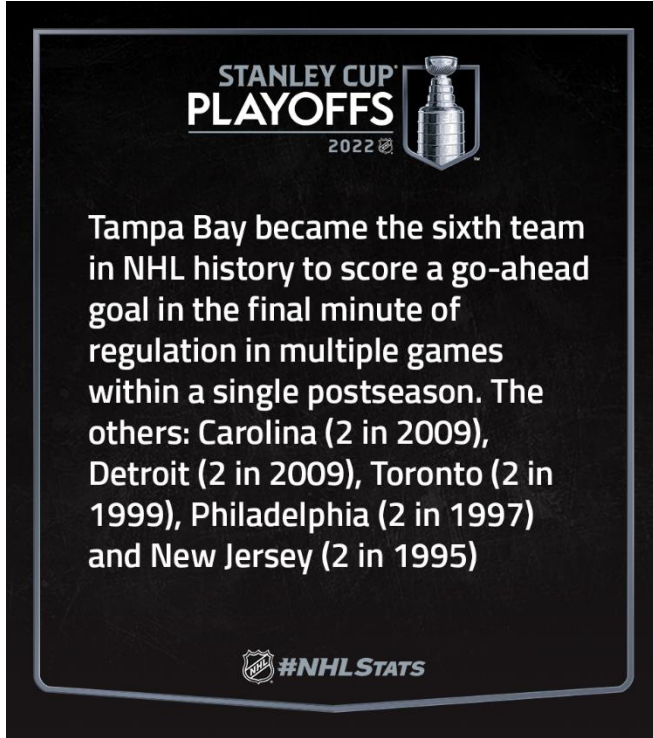
### PALAT CAPS LIGHTNING RALLY WITH ANOTHER LATE GO-AHEAD GOAL

After **Mika Zibanejad** and **Chris Kreider** each scored their 10th goal of the 2022 Stanley Cup Playoffs, **Nikita Kucherov** (1-2—3) factored on three unanswered Lightning goals – including an assist on **Ondrej Palat**'s game winner with 42 seconds left in regulation – to lift Tampa Bay to its first win of the Eastern Conference Final.

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\* Palat became the fourth player in Lightning history to score a go-ahead goal in the final minute of a postseason game and the second during the 2022 Stanley Cup Playoffs, joining **Ross Colton** (59:56 in Game 2 of R2) – which also stands as the second-latest such tally for the franchise.



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Tampa Bay became the sixth team in NHL history to score a go-ahead goal in the final minute of regulation in multiple games within a single postseason. The others: Carolina (2 in 2009), Detroit (2 in 2009), Toronto (2 in 1999), Philadelphia (2 in 1997) and New Jersey (2 in 1995)

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\* Palat's tally also marked his 10th career game-winning goal (all w/ TBL), surpassing **Tyler Johnson** for the most in franchise history. Only four active players have netted more in the Stanley Cup Playoffs: **Joe Pavelski** (14), **Evgeni Malkin** (13), **Jonathan Toews** (11) and **Patrick Kane** (11).

\* Kucherov (6-14—20 in 14 GP), with his third outing with three or more points these playoffs, became the sixth player in NHL history to record 20 career games of at least three points in the postseason. The others: **Wayne Gretzky** (59x), **Mark Messier** (30x), **Jari Kurri** (28x), **Denis Savard** (21x) and **Jaromir Jagr** (20x).

\* The 2022 Stanley Cup Playoffs marks the third consecutive postseason Kucherov registered at least 20 points following 2020 (7-27—34 in 25 GP) and 2021 (8-24—32 in 23 GP). Only three players in NHL history have recorded longer such stretches: **Sergei Fedorov** (4 from 1995-98 w/ DET), **Mike Bossy** (4 from 1980-83 w/ NYI) and **Bryan Trottier** (4 from 1980-83 w/ NYI).

\* Tampa Bay avoided a 3-0 series deficit by recording its ninth multi-goal comeback win in the postseason in franchise history and just the third that concluded in regulation: Game 4 of 2021 Second Round (vs. CAR) and Game 4 of 2011 Conference Finals (vs. BOS).

### **RANGERS STARS CONTINUE TO FIND THE SCORE SHEET**

The trio of **Mika Zibanejad** (1-1—2), **Chris Kreider** (1-0—1) and **Adam Fox** (0-1—1) continued to play pivotal roles for the Rangers offense, while joining rare company in the process.



## MOST GOALS IN A SINGLE POSTSEASON

### ► FRANCHISE HISTORY

| PLAYER         | YEAR | GOALS |
|----------------|------|-------|
| MARK MESSIER   | 1994 | 12    |
| BRIAN LEETCH   | 1994 | 11    |
| CHRIS KREIDER  | 2022 | 10    |
| MIKA ZIBANEJAD | 2022 | 10    |
| ADAM GRAVES    | 1994 | 10    |
| WAYNE GRETZKY  | 1997 | 10    |

\* Kreider scored his 34th career playoff tally and tied **Rod Gilbert** (34 G in 79 GP) for the most in the postseason by a [Rangers player in franchise history](#). It also marked his 12th career power-play goal in the Stanley Cup Playoffs, tying **Brian Leetch** for the [second most by a New York skater](#) (since 1933-34) and trailing only **Adam Graves** (13).

\* Fox (5-18—23 in 20 GP), the fifth defenseman in the past 30 years to record an eight-game point streak in the playoffs and first since **Miro Heiskanen** (8 GP in 2020 w/ DAL), has now recorded the most points by a defenseman in NHL history through 20 career playoff games, surpassing Leetch (8-14—22 in 20 GP).

### **BERGERON CLAIMS SELKE TROPHY FOR RECORD FIFTH TIME**

Bruins captain **Patrice Bergeron** won the 2021-22 Frank J. Selke Trophy, recognizing “the forward who best excels in the defensive aspects of the game,” as selected by the Professional Hockey Writers Association.

\* Bergeron claimed his fifth Selke Trophy win to surpass **Bob Gainey** for the most in NHL history. Bergeron was a Selke *finalist* for the 11th straight season, extending his own mark in that category, and surpassing the 10 consecutive years of top-three Hart Trophy finishes by **Wayne Gretzky** (1980 through 1989) as the longest ever for a voted NHL Award. [Click here](#) to learn more and [here](#) for complete voting results.

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Bergeron led the NHL in face-off wins (991) and win percentage (61.9%). He also led the NHL in the puck possession metric SAT% (65.1), with Boston accounting for 65.1% of all shot attempts 5-on-5 when Bergeron was on the ice (min: 25 GP) – the best by any player since the statistic was first recorded in 2009-10.

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**'ENCEKI' BECOMES FIRST PLAYER TO CAPTURE BACK-TO-BACK GWC CHAMPIONSHIPS**

The 2022 NHL Gaming World Championship wrapped up its European tournament at the GG22 sports gaming festival in Maastricht, Netherlands on June 4. A live audience witnessed overtime in Game 3 to decide a winner, but the most decorated NHL Gaming World Championship player and reigning European Champion, **Erik 'ENCEKI' Tammepää**, added another European title to his ever-growing resume.

\* Coming into the Final as the No. 1 seed and favorite to repeat, the 23-year-old native of Helsinki, Finland became the first player to win back-to-back titles in GWC history. ENCEKI, who chose to represent the New York Islanders during this year's tournament, earned his ticket to the European Final by winning the Xbox One Console Final. Along with CHEL bragging rights, the Championship trophy and first-ever GWC belt, the titan of competition was presented a check for \$15,000 USD from host **Carrlyn Bathe**.



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**2022 NHL GWC  
EUROPEAN CHAMPION**

**ENCEKI**

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**AGE:**  
23  
**HOMETOWN:**  
HELSINKI, FINLAND



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- \* [#NHLStats: Live Updates for Sunday, June 5](#)
- \* [Series Scenarios for Monday, June 6](#)
- \* [Victor Hedman records 100th career playoff point](#)
- \* [Evander Kane suspended one game by NHL for boarding in Game 3 for Oilers](#)
- \* [Lady Byng Trophy winner to be announced before Game 4 of Western Conference Final](#)

### AVALANCHE EYE STANLEY CUP FINAL BERTH

A berth to the 2022 Stanley Cup Final will be on the line for the Avalanche on Monday when they contest Game 4 of the Western Conference Final at Rogers Place. While only two teams in the past 10 years have swept a Conference Finals series (BOS in 2019 & 2013), teams that take a 3-0 series lead in a *best-of-seven Conference Finals/Semifinals* are a perfect 44-0. That record includes 26 sweeps, 14 five-game victories, two that ended in six games and two that required a winner-take-all Game 7.

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**GAME FOUR**

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The graphic features two hockey players in action. On the left, a Colorado Avalanche player in a white helmet with the number 13. On the right, an Edmonton Oilers player in a dark blue helmet with the number 25. The background is split into maroon and orange. The NHL logo is at the top center, and the team logos are on the sides.

\* Colorado, 11-2 this postseason, has benefited from its play on the road during the 2022 Stanley Cup Playoffs and have won each of its past six contests as the visitor. Only six teams in NHL history have strung together at least seven consecutive road victories in a single playoff year: 2012 Kings (10 GP), 2010 Blackhawks (7 GP), 1999 Avalanche (7 GP), 1995 Devils (7 GP), 1982 Islanders (7 GP) and 1980 Islanders (7 GP).



## FEWEST LOSSES EN ROUTE TO BERTH IN FINAL

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| TEAM                | YEAR | LOSSES |
|---------------------|------|--------|
| LOS ANGELES KINGS*  | 2012 | 2      |
| PITTSBURGH PENGUINS | 2008 | 2      |
| ANAHEIM DUCKS       | 2003 | 2      |
| DETROIT RED WINGS   | 1995 | 2      |
| CHICAGO BLACKHAWKS  | 1992 | 2      |
| EDMONTON OILERS*    | 1988 | 2      |
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\* WON STANLEY CUP

^ COLORADO CAN JOIN THIS LIST

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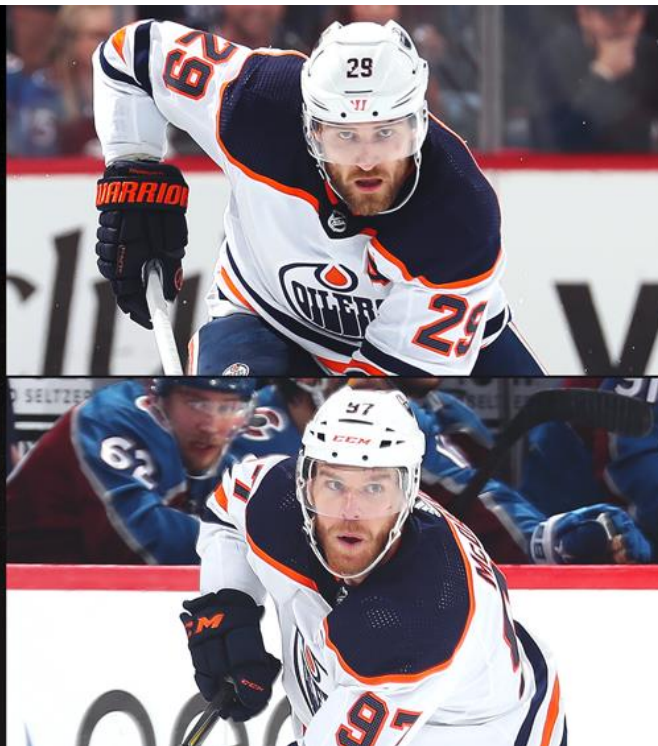
\* The Oilers have their sights set on staving off elimination and forcing a Game 5. **Mike Smith** played a part in helping the last team avoid a sweep in the Conference Finals, posting a 36-save shutout for the Coyotes in Game 5 of the 2012 Conference Finals against the Kings.

\* **Connor McDavid** (9-21—30 in 15 GP), fresh off recording his 30th point of the postseason, has posted 2-3—5 in potential elimination games for the Oilers during the 2022 Stanley Cup Playoffs (2 GP) – tied for the most in a single playoff year in franchise history. His teammate **Leon Draisaitl** (7-21— 28 in 15 GP), the last Edmonton skater to achieve the mark in a single postseason (3-2—5 in 2017), is also within striking distance of recording his 30th point.

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Leon Draisaitl (28) and Connor McDavid (30) can become the third pair of teammates in the past 25 years to each have 30+ points in a postseason, following the 2020 Lightning (Nikita Kucherov: 34 & Brayden Point: 33) as well as the 2009 Penguins (Evgeni Malkin: 36 & Sidney Crosby 31).

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