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- ▶ Lehkonen ends frenzied Game 4 with OT winner
- ▶ Makar makes history with five points in clinching game
- ▶ McDavid, Draisaitl fall short despite monumental postseasons

* **Artturi Lehkonen** scored an overtime goal to put the Avalanche into the Stanley Cup Final, 347 days after achieving the exact same feat for the Canadiens. His goal came 79 seconds into overtime – [besting his tally last year by 20 seconds](#) – and secured Colorado a spot in the championship series for the first time in 21 years.

* The Western Conference Final ended much like it began: with the stars shining. After their 8-6 opener last Tuesday, the Avalanche and Oilers combined for 10 different goal scorers in Game 4, including **Cale Makar, Gabriel Landeskog, Mikko Rantanen, Nathan MacKinnon, Connor McDavid, Zach Hyman** and **Ryan Nugent-Hopkins** – with **Leon Draisaitl** adding four assists to his League-leading total.

* **Kyle Connor**, who established career highs for goals, assists and points this season while recording just four penalty minutes, was named the winner of the 2021-22 Lady Byng Memorial Trophy.

* The Rangers and Lightning are set to clash in Game 4 of their Eastern Conference Final, with New York's **Chris Kreider** and Tampa Bay's **Nikita Kucherov** each in position to achieve a rare playoff feat after both finding the score sheet Sunday.

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LEHKONEN PUTS AVS INTO FINAL WITH OT GOAL TO END FRENZIED GAME 4

A six-goal third period in Edmonton saw **Cale Makar** (1-4—5) help the Avalanche erase a multi-goal deficit to take the lead with 5:13 remaining in regulation and **Leon Draisaitl** (0-4—4) and **Connor McDavid** (1-2—3) set up a **Zach Kassian** tying goal with less than four minutes to play to force overtime. The extra frame lasted only 79 seconds as **Artturi Lehkonen** (1-2—3) netted the ninth series-clinching overtime goal in Avalanche franchise history, putting the club into the 2022 Stanley Cup Final.

* Lehkonen became the second player in NHL history – and first in 83 years – to score an overtime goal to put his team into the Stanley Cup Final multiple times in his career (also Game 6 of 2021 SCSF w/ MTL). He put his name beside **Gordie Drillon**, who did so with the Maple Leafs in Game 3 of the [1938 Semifinals](#) (a best-of-five series) and duplicated the achievement just over one year later in Game 3 of the [1939 Semifinals](#) (a best-of-three series).

* Lehkonen became both the second Avalanche player to complete a sweep with an overtime goal, following **Uwe Krupp** in [Game 4 of the 1996 Stanley Cup Final](#), and the second to put the team into the Final with an overtime goal, following **Joe Sakic** in [Game 5 of the 2001 Western Conference Final](#).



* The Avalanche are no strangers to erasing a deficit when it matters most in the 2022 Stanley Cup Playoffs, posting comeback wins to advance in every round. Only six other teams in NHL history have overcome a deficit to win each of their first three series-clinching games of a single playoff year: Dallas (3 in 2020), Carolina (3 in 2006), Anaheim (3 in 2003), Montreal (3 in 1989 & 1971) and Boston (3 in 1970). Only the Stars and 1971 Canadiens also achieved all three contests on the road.

* Game 4 marked Colorado's eighth comeback win this postseason. Only six teams in Stanley Cup Playoffs history have recorded more in a single playoff year: Pittsburgh (10 in 2009), Dallas (9 in 2020 & 1999), Carolina (9 in 2006), NY Islanders (9 in 1980) and Montreal (9 in 1971).



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Colorado became the fourth team in NHL history to erase a multi-goal, third-period deficit to advance to the Stanley Cup Final. The others: Dallas (Game 5 of 2020 CF) and Montreal (Game 7 of 1979 SF & Game 4 of 1958 SF).



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MAKAR MAKES HISTORY WITH FIVE POINTS IN CLINCHING GAME

Twenty-three-year-old **Cale Makar** made history Monday by putting up five points, an unprecedented performance by a defenseman in a potential series-clinching game and two points shy of [Wayne Gretzky's NHL record](#) for any skater in that situation. Makar also matched the [franchise record](#) for points by *any player in any playoff game* and set new Avalanche benchmarks for [assists](#) and [points](#) by a defenseman in one playoff year.

* Makar has recorded nine of his 22 total points this postseason in potential series-clinching games, equaling **Brian Leetch** (3-6—9 in 1994 w/ NYR: 7 GP) and **Miro Heiskanen** (3-6—9 in 2020 w/ DAL: 5 GP) for the most in a single season by a defenseman.

* Makar became the eighth different player in NHL history – and first in 35 years – to put his team into the Stanley Cup Final with a five-point showing. Makar (23 years, 219 days) is the second-youngest player to do so, following **Maurice Richard** (22 years, 239 days) in 1944 – the first of two such performances by the former NHL all-time goals leader.



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MOST POINTS IN SERIES-CLINCHING GAME TO REACH STANLEY CUP FINAL

► NHL HISTORY

PLAYER	TEAM	GAME	SERIES	POINTS
CALE MAKAR*	COL	4	2022 CF	5
GLENN ANDERSON	EDM	5	1987 CF	5
PETER McNAB	BOS	5	1978 SF	5
REGGIE LEACH	PHI	5	1976 SF	5
NORM ULLMAN	DET	6	1963 SF	5
DON MCKENNEY	BOS	6	1958 SF	5
MAURICE RICHARD	MTL	5	1956 SF	5
MAURICE RICHARD	MTL	5	1944 SF	5
RAY GETLIFFE	MTL	5	1944 SF	5

*DEFENSEMAN

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McDAVID, DRAISAITL CONCLUDE A POSTSEASON TO REMEMBER



Connor McDavid (1-2—3) and **Leon Draisaitl** (0-4—4) added to their lengthy lists of notable performances this postseason and nearly helped the Oilers force a Game 5. The duo concluded the 2022 Stanley Cup Playoffs with a combined 65 points in 16 games (McDavid: 10-23—33; Draisaitl: 7-25—32) and became the [ninth set of teammates in NHL history](#) to each reach 30-plus points in the same postseason.

* McDavid collected multiple points in 12 of 16 contests this postseason and became just the fifth different player in NHL history to record as many in a single playoff year. The others: **Wayne Gretzky** (14 GP in 1988, 13 GP in 1985 & 12 GP in 1984), **Mario Lemieux** (14 GP in 1991), **Sidney Crosby** (12 GP in 2009) and **Evgeni Malkin** (12 GP in 2009).

* Draisaitl, who became the first skater in Oilers history to record four assists in a game when facing elimination, fell one shy of the most by any player in NHL history in that situation (**Doug Gilmour**: 0-5—5 in Game 5 of 1986 DSF w/ STL).

* Game 4 also marked the seventh time Draisaitl collected three or more points in a contest this postseason, becoming just the second player in NHL history to register as many in a single playoff year – **Wayne Gretzky** accomplished the feat on three separate occasions: 1985 (9 GP), 1988 (8 GP) and 1993 (7 GP).




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MOST POINTS IN A POSTSEASON PRIOR TO STANLEY CUP FINAL

▶ NHL HISTORY

PLAYER	TEAM	YEAR	POINTS
WAYNE GRETZKY	EDM	1985	36
DOUG GILMOUR	TOR	1993	35
WAYNE GRETZKY	EDM	1983	34
CONNOR McDAVID	EDM	2022	33
WAYNE GRETZKY	LAK	1993	33
RICK MIDDLETON	BOS	1983	33
LEON DRAISAITL	EDM	2022	32
MARIO LEMIEUX	PIT	1991	32
BARRY PEDERSON	BOS	1983	32

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AVALANCHE CLINCH FIRST STANLEY CUP FINAL BERTH SINCE 2001

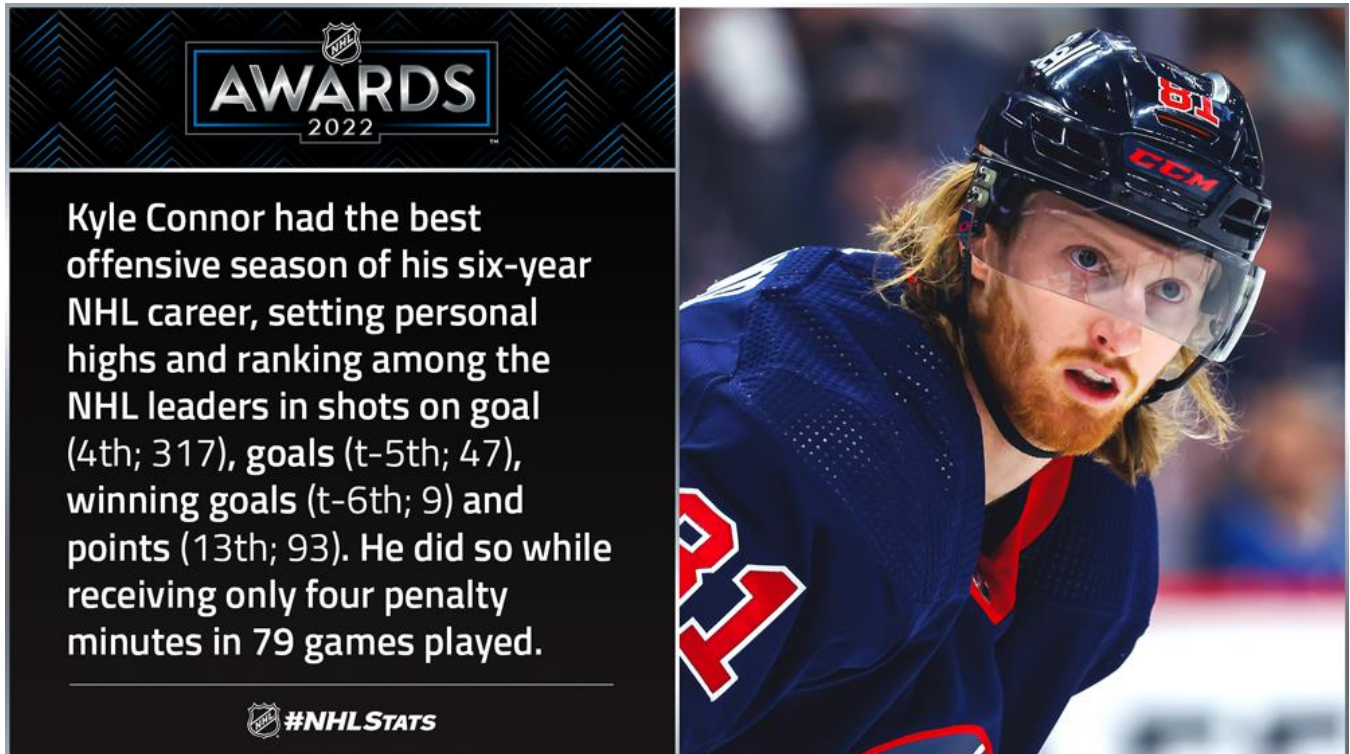
A few more #NHLStats on the Stanley Cup Final-bound Avalanche, with plenty more to come leading up to Game 1:

- * Colorado reached the Stanley Cup Final for the third time in franchise history, following wins in [1996](#) (4-0 W vs. FLA) and [2001](#) (4-3 W vs. NJD).
- * The Avalanche can become the fourth franchise in NHL history to win the Cup in each of its first three or more appearances in the championship series. Only the Islanders (4: 1980, 1981, 1982 & 1983), original Ottawa Senators (4: 1920, 1921, 1923 & 1927) and Maple Leafs (3: 1918, 1922 & 1932) franchises have done so.
- * Colorado (12-2) became the [eighth team since 1987](#) (when all rounds became a best-of-seven) to suffer only two losses on route to clinching a berth into the Stanley Cup Final.
- * The Avalanche have yet to face either of their potential Stanley Cup Final opponents, the Rangers or the Lightning, in the playoffs *since relocating to Denver in 1995-96*. However, their last series as the Quebec Nordiques was against the Rangers in the [1995 Conference Quarterfinals](#) (a six-game triumph for New York, the defending Stanley Cup champions).




CONNOR CLAIMS 2021-22 LADY BYNG MEMORIAL TROPHY

Jets forward **Kyle Connor** was named winner of the [2021-22 Lady Byng Memorial Trophy](#), given annually “to the player adjudged to have exhibited the best type of sportsmanship and gentlemanly conduct combined with a high standard of playing ability.” He was [presented with the award](#) by **Tanya** and **Lucie Bossy**, the daughter and wife of the late **Mike Bossy**, who won the award three times. [Click here](#) to read more about Connor’s season and [here](#) for full voting results.



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Kyle Connor had the best offensive season of his six-year NHL career, setting personal highs and ranking among the NHL leaders in shots on goal (4th; 317), goals (t-5th; 47), winning goals (t-6th; 9) and points (13th; 93). He did so while receiving only four penalty minutes in 79 games played.

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QUICK CLICKS

- * [#NHLStats: Live Updates for Monday, June 6](#)
- * [Series Scenarios for Tuesday, June 7](#)
- * [Bob Gainey congratulates Patrice Bergeron on winning NHL-record fifth career Selke Trophy](#)
- * [Avalanche touch Clarence S. Campbell Bowl](#)
- * [Avalanche to play Rangers or Lightning in Stanley Cup Final](#)

LIGHTNING LOOK TO EVEN EASTERN CONFERENCE FINAL IN GAME 4 TUESDAY

Tampa Bay looks to pull even in its Eastern Conference Final series with New York during Game 4 at AMALIE Arena on Tuesday.

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* **Chris Kreider** scored the 34th playoff goal of his NHL career Sunday to move into a tie with **Rod Gilbert** for the [most in Rangers history](#). Kreider can become the first player to take the outright postseason goals lead for an Original Six franchise since 2004, when **Steve Yzerman** scored in [Game 6 of the Conference Quarterfinals](#) to reach 68 career playoff tallies and pass **Gordie Howe** for sole possession of first place on the [Red Wings' all-time list](#).

* **Ondrej Palat** scored the [go-ahead goal in the final minute of regulation during Game 3](#) to cut the Lightning's series deficit to 2-1, with **Nikita Kucherov** collecting the primary assist [via a highlight-reel, no-look pass](#) to his longtime teammate. Kucherov (2-3—5) has factored on each of Tampa Bay's past five goals.

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PLAYERS TO FACTOR ON 6+ STRAIGHT CONFERENCE FINALS/SEMIFINALS GOALS

► NHL HISTORY

PLAYER	TEAM	SERIES	GOALS
NORM ULLMAN	DET	1963 SF	8
GORDIE HOWE	DET	1955 SF	7
GORDIE DRILLON	TOR	1939 SF	7
JEFF CARTER	LAK	2014 CF	6
HENRIK SEDIN	VAN	2011 CF	6
DENIS SAVARD	CHI	1990 CF	6
PENTTI LUND	NYR	1950 SF	6
TOE BLAKE	MTL	1944 SF	6
CARL LISCOMBE	DET	1943 SF	6

*NIKITA KUCHEROV CAN JOIN THIS LIST

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