



# MORNING SKATE

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- ▶ Lightning even series with sixth straight win at AMALIE Arena
- ▶ Home teams improve to 50-31 this postseason
- ▶ Avalanche await Stanley Cup Final opponent

\* For a ninth consecutive year, at least one final-four series will require six or seven games – tied for the longest such stretch since the Conference Finals were introduced in 1982 – following a Lightning victory Tuesday. The other nine-year stretch spanned from 1983 to 1991.


\* **Andrei Vasilevskiy** and the Lightning each matched franchise playoff records by extending their home win streaks to six games, equaling benchmarks set during their 2021 Stanley Cup run.

\* The home team has claimed all four games in the Eastern Conference and 50 victories overall this postseason – the most in seven years.

\* **P.K. Subban** received the King Clancy Memorial Trophy as the last award was presented ahead of the live NHL Awards show during the Stanley Cup Final on June 21 (7 p.m. ET on ESPN, SN, TVAS).




# RESULTS



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SERIES TIED 2-2  
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### **PALAT, STAMKOS, KUCHEROV ALL SCORE AS LIGHTNING TIE SERIES**

The Eastern Conference Final will require at least six games after the Lightning claimed their sixth consecutive home win to tie the series at 2-2. After scoring the go-ahead, game-winning goal in the final minute of regulation in Game 3, **Ondrej Palat** contributed 1-2—3 in the series-tying victory.

\* Palat, who has developed a reputation for clutch scoring in his playoff career, has a stat line of 16-14—30 in 38 games during the Conference Finals/Semifinals – the most goals in the round among active players and the third-most points behind teammates **Nikita Kucherov** (11-34—45 in 38 GP) and **Victor Hedman** (6-25—31 in 45 GP).

\* **Steven Stamkos** tallied his third goal of the series to keep pace with Palat, Kucherov and New York's **Mika Zibanejad** for the lead among all players.

\* Kucherov extended his goal streak to three games to match the longest of his playoff career, equaling a mark set in 2016. He and Stamkos scored a goal in the same playoff game for the 12th time, with the Lightning claiming their 11th consecutive win in that scenario and moving to 11-1 overall (the lone defeat: Game 1 of 2014 R1).



**STANLEY CUP PLAYOFFS 2022**

**MOST CAREER GOALS IN CONFERENCE FINALS/SEMIFINALS**  
▶ ACTIVE PLAYERS

PLAYER	GP	GOALS
ONDREJ PALAT	38	16
STEVEN STAMKOS	33	15
JONATHAN TOEWS	28	13
JEFF CARTER	24	13
EVGENI MALKIN	27	12
BRAYDEN POINT	18	12
NIKITA KUCHEROV	38	11
PATRICK KANE	28	10
SIDNEY CROSBY	27	10
CHRIS KREIDER	23	10

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### HOME SWEET HOME

With fans bringing NHL arenas to life once again during the 2022 Stanley Cup Playoffs, host teams are giving them plenty to cheer about as Tampa Bay's victory was the 50th by a home team through 81 games this postseason.

\* This marks the most home wins by all teams in one postseason since 2015 (51). Overall, 2022 is the 13th playoff year in NHL history to feature 50-plus home wins, with the record of 59 set in 2013.

\* The home team has won all four games so far in the Eastern Conference Final as the series shifts back to Madison Square Garden.



**CONFERENCE FINAL/SEMIFINAL SERIES TO FEATURE HOME TEAM WIN FIRST 4 GAMES**

▶ NHL'S EXPANSION ERA (SINCE 1967-68)

YEAR	TEAMS
2022	NEW YORK RANGERS, TAMPA BAY LIGHTNING
1991	BOSTON BRUINS, PITTSBURGH PENGUINS
1985	EDMONTON OILERS, CHICAGO BLACK HAWKS
1984	MONTREAL CANADIENS, NEW YORK ISLANDERS
1979	MONTREAL CANADIENS, BOSTON BRUINS
1975	BUFFALO SABRES, MONTREAL CANADIENS
1974	PHILADELPHIA FLYERS, NEW YORK RANGERS
1970	ST. LOUIS BLUES, PITTSBURGH PENGUINS
1969	MONTREAL CANADIENS, BOSTON BRUINS



\* **Andrei Vasilevskiy** made 34 saves to extend his home win streak to six games dating to Game 4 of the First Round, matching the Lightning playoff record he set last year. Tampa Bay's team home winning streak also stands at six games and equals the same franchise record set in 2021.

**LIGHTNING SHOW CHAMPIONSHIP PEDIGREE IN TYING EASTERN CONFERENCE FINAL**

Facing a 2-0 series deficit for the first time since the 2019 First Round, the Lightning have posted back-to-back home wins to turn the Eastern Conference Final into a best-of-three from this point forward.

\* The Lightning look to overcome a 2-0 series deficit to win a best-of-seven for the second time in franchise history – the only instance to date came in the [2003 Conference Quarterfinals](#) against the Capitals.

\* This is the 12th time that a defending Stanley Cup champion has *tied a best-of-seven series at 2-2 after losing the first two games*. It is the fifth time it has happened in the Conference Finals/Semifinals, with two of the previous four clubs going on to reach the Final – the 1984 Islanders and 1962 Blackhawks.



## DEFENDING CHAMPS TO TIE SERIES 2-2 AFTER TRAILING 2-0

► BEST-OF-SEVEN, NHL HISTORY

TEAM	SERIES	OPPONENT	RESULT
LIGHTNING	2022 CF	NYR	TBD
BLUES	2020 R1	VAN	4-2 L
BLACKHAWKS	2014 R1	STL	4-2 W
KINGS	2013 CQF	STL	4-2 W
CANADIENS	1987 DF	QUE	4-3 W
ISLANDERS	1984 CF	MTL	4-2 W
CANADIENS	1980 QF	MNS	4-3 L
CANADIENS	1966 SCF	DET	4-2 W
MAPLE LEAFS	1965 SF	MTL	4-2 L
BLACKHAWKS	1962 SCF	TOR	4-2 L
BLACKHAWKS	1962 SF	MTL	4-2 W
RED WINGS	1951 SF	MTL	4-2 L


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\* Overall, defending Stanley Cup champions have overcome a 2-0 series deficit to win a best-of-seven on seven occasions in NHL history – regardless of how the series played out – with the 2014 Blackhawks being the most recent example ([R1 vs. STL: 4-2 W](#)). Of those seven series comebacks, six saw the reigning champs even the series at 2-2 (the lone exception being the 1992 Penguins, who trailed 2-0 and 3-1 before eliminating the Capitals in seven games).

### **SUBBAN RECEIVES 2021-22 KING CLANCY MEMORIAL TROPHY**


Devils defenseman **P.K. Subban** is the 2021-22 recipient of the [King Clancy Memorial Trophy](#), awarded to a player who has shown “leadership on and off the ice and who has made a noteworthy humanitarian contribution to his community.” Subban, who was [presented with the award](#) by former teammate and last year’s winner **Pekka Rinne**, will receive a \$25,000 donation from the National Hockey League Foundation to benefit a charity or charities of his choice.


\* Each NHL team nominated a player for the King Clancy Trophy, with the three finalists and winner chosen by a committee of senior NHL executives led by **Commissioner Gary Bettman** and **Deputy Commissioner Bill Daly**. [Click here](#) to learn more about Subban’s community involvement.



**P.K. Subban, a King Clancy Trophy finalist for a 3rd straight season and 4th time overall, has a robust philanthropic history that has accompanied him throughout his NHL career in Montreal, Nashville and New Jersey. Subban will receive a \$25,000 donation from the NHL Foundation for a charity or charities of his choice.**

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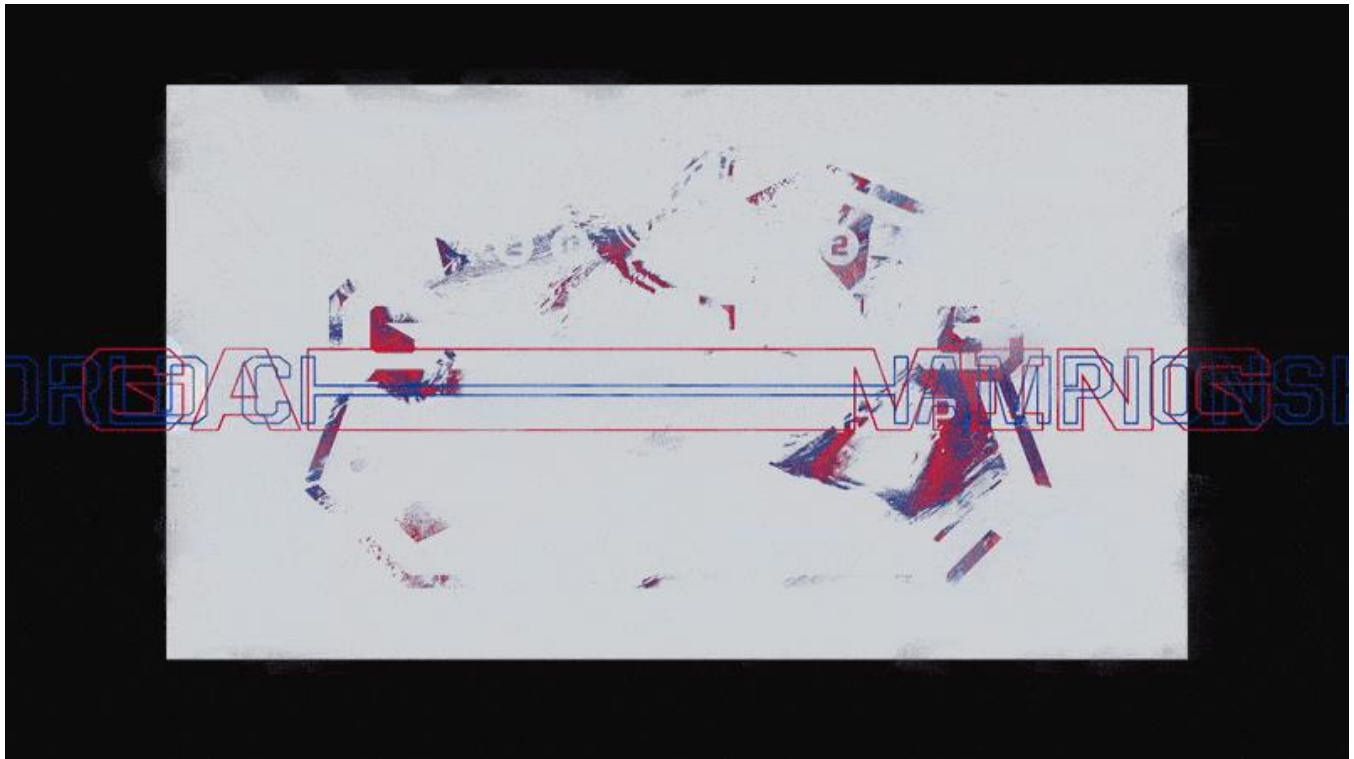
\* The winners of the Calder Memorial Trophy, Hart Memorial Trophy, James Norris Memorial Trophy, Ted Lindsay Award, Vezina Trophy and E.J. McGuire Award of Excellence will be revealed in a [one-hour live show](#) during the Stanley Cup Final on June 21 (7 p.m. ET on ESPN, SN, TVAS).

### **GWC NORTH AMERICAN TOURNAMENT CONTINUES THIS WEEKEND**

While **Erik 'ENCEKI' Tammenpää** added to his Gaming World Championship success this past weekend at the GG22 DreamHack Sports Festival in Maastricht, Netherlands, the focus now shifts to the North American GWC.

\* While the 'Battle of Alberta' may be over on the ice, Oilers representative **uninsta11\_NHL** and Flames representative **Geimer--** will battle it out on the virtual ice this weekend in the Upper Bracket for a ticket to the North American Club Championship in Montreal. **OhhCrosby87** is also waiting in the lower second-chance bracket for the opportunity of redemption when he takes on the loser of the Oilers-Flames matchup.

\* [Click here](#) to read more from the June 7 edition of CHEL Intel.



## **QUICK CLICKS**

- \* [#NHLStats: Live Updates for Tuesday, June 7](#)
- \* [Avalanche not satisfied with trip to Stanley Cup Final](#)
- \* [How Western Conference champion Colorado Avalanche were built](#)
- \* [Eastern Conference Final on ESPN delivering 2.2+ million average viewers, +69% vs. 2021](#)
- \* [Turner Sports wraps first NHL season with most watched WCF Game 4 on cable since 2013](#)

## STANLEY CUP PLAYOFFS 2022

- NHL on TNT averaged 2 million viewers for Game 4 of the Western Conference Final
- 2022 Stanley Cup Playoffs coverage on TNT and TBS averaged 1 million viewers, up 41% vs. 2021
- NHL on TNT delivered the most-watched Western Conference Final series on cable since 2015, averaging 1.8 million viewers.
- Monday's Game 4 – a high-scoring, overtime thriller – was the most-viewed WCF Game 4 on cable since 2013 (Blackhawks/Kings, 2 million viewers), averaging 2.0 million viewers and peaking at 2.2 million. The four games were the most-watched Oilers games on cable of all time.



### AVALANCHE AWAIT OPPONENT FOR STANLEY CUP FINAL

While they await their opponent, one thing is certain for the Avalanche: they will host Game 1 of the Stanley Cup Final for the third time in as many appearances.

\* In 1996, the club scored three unanswered goals in the second period to claim a [3-1 win against the Panthers](#) at McNichols Sports Arena. Five years later, **Joe Sakic** (2-1—3) and **Chris Drury** (1-0—1) combined for the first three goals and **Patrick Roy** posted a 25-save shutout as the club opened the 2001 Final with a [5-0 victory](#) against **Martin Brodeur** and the Devils at Pepsi Center.

\* Should Colorado face Tampa Bay, it would mark the seventh time the franchise clashes against the defending Stanley Cup champions in a postseason series (2-4). They have won two of the three matchups since relocating to Denver in 1995-96, including the only time that series occurred in the Stanley Cup Final ([4-3 W vs. NJD in 2001](#)).

\* One of the three instances of the franchise facing a defending Stanley Cup champion as the *Quebec Nordiques* also happened to be the only time the club has met the Rangers in the postseason. New York entered the [1995 Conference Quarterfinals](#) as reigning champions and pulled ahead 3-2 in the best-of-seven. In what ended up as the series finale on May 16, 1995, the Rangers built a 4-0 lead – and quashed a comeback attempt that saw Sakic (1-1—2) factor on both Quebec goals – to defeat the Nordiques in the team's last game before relocating to Denver.



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Joe Sakic led the Quebec Nordiques with 4 goals in the 1995 Division Quarterfinals against the Rangers, while Scott Young (3-3—6), Peter Forsberg (2-4—6) and Bob Bassen (2-4—6) shared the team lead with six points in their 4-2 series defeat.

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