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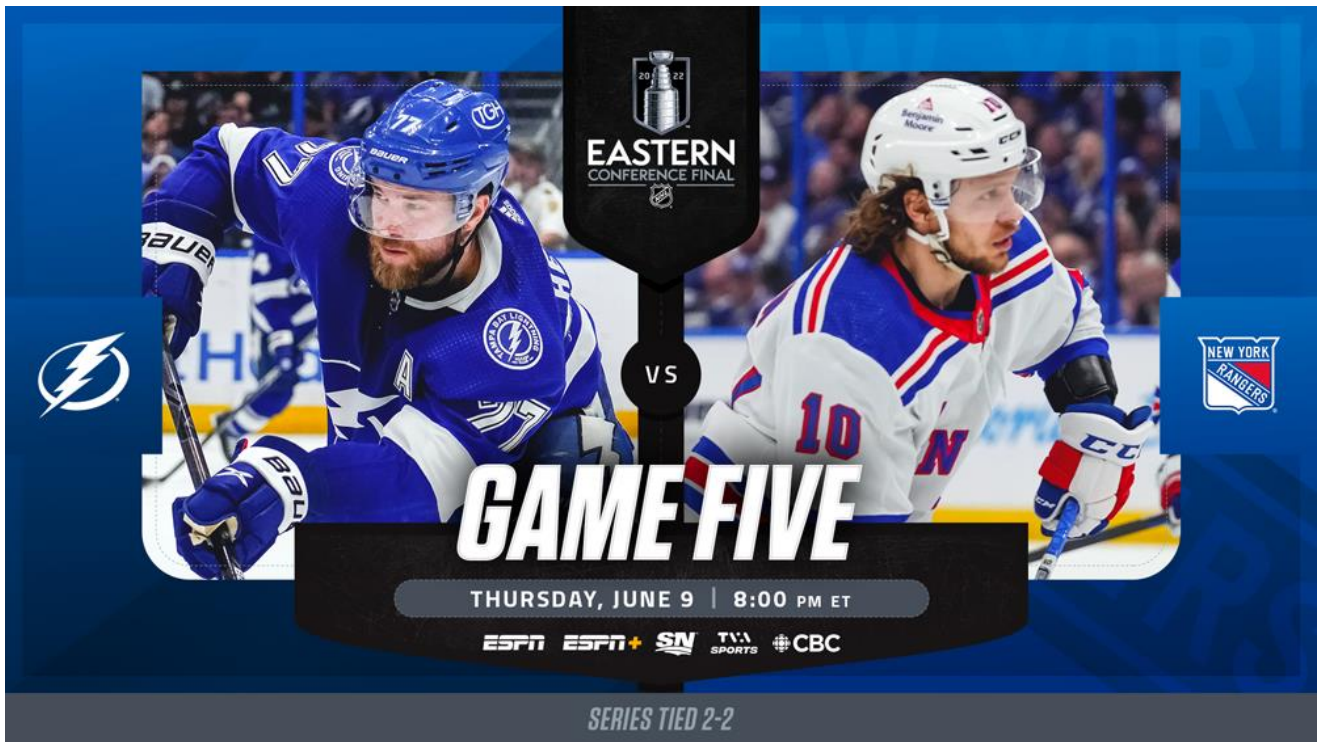
- ▶ Rangers, Lightning battle for series lead in Game 5
- ▶ Fox looks to climb all-time list for points in a playoff year
- ▶ Vasilevskiy searches for 60th career postseason win

* After the home team captured each of the first four games of the Eastern Conference Final, the Rangers and Lightning will race to capture two more wins in hopes of securing a berth to the 2022 Stanley Cup Final.

* **Adam Fox** has played a crucial role for the Rangers this postseason and has his sights set on joining rare company should he once again find the score sheet at Madison Square Garden.


* Fresh off collecting 10 wins in a single postseason for the fourth time in his career, **Andrei Vasilevskiy** can join a select list in NHL history with a 60th career playoff win tonight in Game 5.

* With the League's championship series right around the corner, catch up with all of Colorado's storylines with [#NHLStats Pack: Stanley Cup Final Edition – Colorado Avalanche](#).




RANGERS, LIGHTNING READY FOR PIVOTAL GAME 5 AT MSG

After the Lightning captured Game 4 and continued the Eastern Conference Final's trend of the [home team winning each of the first four contests](#), the Rangers return to Madison Square Garden with the hopes of inching closer to a Stanley Cup Final berth with another victory in front of their home fans.



 The last Conference Finals/Semifinals series to feature the home team win each of the first 5+ games was the 1985 Conference Finals between the Oilers and Black Hawks

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* When a best-of-seven is tied 2-2, the winner of Game 5 holds an all-time series record of 223-61 (.785) including a 4-3 (.571) mark in 2022 and a 49-15 (.766) clip in the round before the Stanley Cup Final.

* The series between the Lightning and Rangers marks the seventh Conference Finals/Semifinals in the past six seasons to be tied 2-2 through the first four contests. The winner of Game 5 went on to advance to the Stanley Cup Final in five of the six previous instances through that span.



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WINNER OF GAME 5 IN CONFERENCE FINALS/SEMIFINALS TIED 2-2

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TEAM	OPPONENT	YEAR	SERIES RESULT
MONTREAL CANADIENS	VGK	2021	4-2 W
TAMPA BAY LIGHTNING	NYI	2021	4-3 W
ST. LOUIS BLUES	SJS	2019	4-2 W
TAMPA BAY LIGHTNING	WSH	2018	4-3 L
PITTSBURGH PENGUINS	OTT	2017	4-3 W
NASHVILLE PREDATORS	ANA	2017	4-2 W

*NEW YORK & TAMPA BAY CONTEST GAME 5 OF THE EASTERN CONFERENCE FINAL THURSDAY

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FOX LOOKS TO CLIMB ALL-TIME LIST AS SERIES SHIFTS TO NEW YORK

Adam Fox will look to continue his postseason production after amassing 5-18—23 through 18 games, tops among all defensemen. Should the 2020-21 Norris Trophy winner find the score sheet twice more, a feat accomplished in each of his past four outings at Madison Square Garden, he would become just the seventh blueliner in NHL history to record at least 25 points in a playoff year.



MOST POINTS IN A PLAYOFF YEAR

► DEFENSEMEN, NHL HISTORY

PLAYER	TEAM	YEAR	POINTS
PAUL COFFEY	EDM	1985	37
BRIAN LEETCH	NYR	1994	34
AL MACINNIS	CGY	1989	31
MIRO HEISKANEN	DAL	2020	26
RAY BOURQUE	BOS	1991	25
DENIS POTVIN	NYI	1981	25
BRENT BURNS	SJS	2016	24
BOBBY ORR	BOS	1972	24
ADAM FOX	NYR	2022	23
LARRY MURPHY	PIT	1991	23
RAY BOURQUE	BOS	1983	23

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* Fox, who's been held off the score sheet only three times during the 2022 Stanley Cup Playoffs, also sits two assists shy of becoming just the fifth defenseman in NHL history to tally at least [20 assists in a single postseason](#). **Paul Coffey** (25 in 1985 w/ EDM), **Al MacInnis** (24 in 1989 w/ CGY), **Brian Leetch** (23 in 1994 w/ NYR) and **Miro Heiskanen** (20 in 2020 w/ DAL) are the only ones to do so to date.

* The Rangers enter Game 5 with an 8-1 record at Madison Square Garden this postseason and sit one victory shy of matching the franchise record for most in a single postseason, previously established during their Stanley Cup run in 1994 (9-4). Overall, the NHL record for [most home victories in a single playoff year](#) is held by the 2003 Devils (12-1).

DEFENDING CHAMPS ENTER GAME 5 WITH PERSONAL BENCHMARKS IN SIGHT

Nikita Kucherov (7-14—21 in 2022) and **Andrei Vasilevskiy** (10-5, 2.44 GAA, .925 SV%, 1 SO in 2022) both played important roles for the Lightning during their Stanley Cup championships in 2020 and 2021 and are doing so again in 2022 in hopes of a three-peat.

* Kucherov, set to appear in his 60th career road playoff game, posted 3-7—10 (11 GP) as a visitor during Tampa Bay's championship run in 2021 and has notched 21-45—66 (59 GP) in those contests to this point. The only players in Stanley Cup Playoffs history with more points in their first 60 career road games are **Wayne Gretzky** (117), **Mario Lemieux** (78), **Doug Gilmour** (78), **Mark Messier** (72) and **Jari Kurri** (70).

* Meanwhile, Vasilevskiy has posted a double-digit win total in a single postseason for the third straight year and fourth time in his career to boost his all-time record in the Stanley Cup Playoffs to 59-34. He sits one victory shy of becoming the [17th goaltender in NHL history](#), and second active (**Marc-Andre Fleury**: 92 W in 167 GP), to earn 60 career postseason wins.



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MOST PLAYOFF YEARS WITH 10+ WINS

▶ GOALTENDERS, STANLEY CUP PLAYOFFS HISTORY

GOALTENDER	TEAM(S)	YEARS
PATRICK ROY	MTL, COL	9
KEN DRYDEN	MTL	6
BILLY SMITH	NYI	5
MARTIN BRODEUR	NJD	5
ANDREI VASILEVSKIY	TBL	4
ED BELFOUR	CHI, DAL	4
GRANT FUHR	EDM	4
DOMINIK HASEK	BUF, DET	4
MIKE VERNON	CGY, DET	4

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Storylines are aplenty as the Avalanche continue their quest for the third championship in franchise history. While you wait for the 2022 Stanley Cup Final, we have gathered everything you need to know about the Western Conference champions in [#NHLStats Pack: Stanley Cup Final Edition – Colorado Avalanche](#).

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* Four players on Colorado's 2022 Stanley Cup Playoffs roster have appeared in a Final: **Darren Helm**, **Andrew Cogliano**, **Andre Burakovsky** and **Artturi Lehkonen**, with only Helm (2008 w/ DET) and Burakovsky (2018 w/ WSH) capturing a championship.

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STANLEY CUP FINAL EXPERIENCE

▶ 2022 COLORADO AVALANCHE

PLAYER	TEAM	YEAR(S)	GP	STATS
DARREN HELM	DET	2008* AND 2009	13	2-2-4
ANDREW COGLIANO	DAL	2020	6	0-1-1
ANDRE BURAKOVSKY	WSH	2018*	5	0-4-4
ARTTURI LEHKONEN	MTL	2021	5	0-0-0

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* Helm can become the fourth player in League history to go 14-plus years between Cup wins – only **Chris Chelios** ([1986 MTL](#) & [2002 DET](#)), **Mark Recchi** ([1991 PIT](#) & [2006 CAR](#)) and **Bill Guerin** ([1995 NJD](#) & [2009 PIT](#)) have done so.

* The Colorado roster includes two players with at least 1,000 career regular-season games who have yet to win the Stanley Cup: Cogliano and **Jack Johnson**. Cogliano helped Dallas defeat Colorado in the [2020 Second Round](#) and later appeared in all six games during the Stanley Cup Final, with the Stars falling to the Lightning.

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