

**STANLEY CUP PLAYOFFS 2022**

# MORNING SKATE

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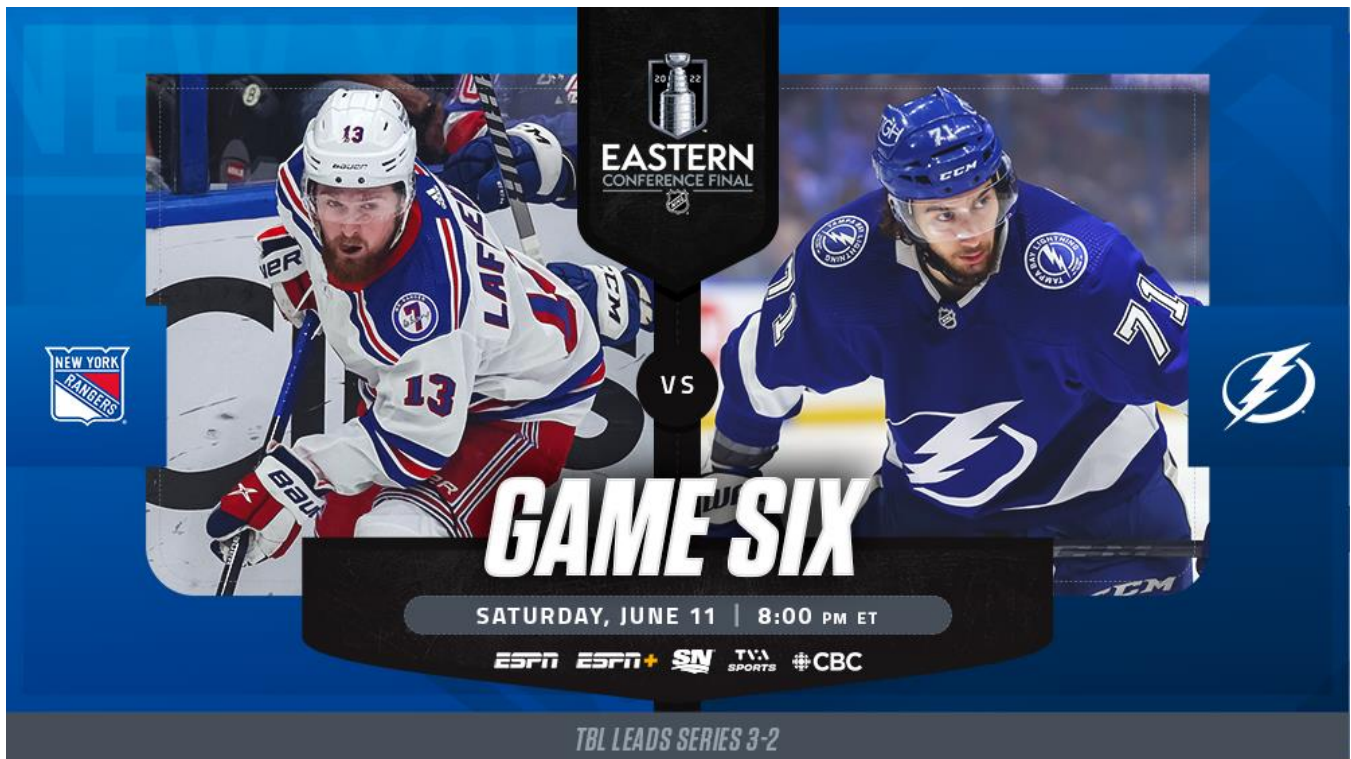
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- ▶ Lightning look to clinch third straight Stanley Cup Final berth
- ▶ Vasilevskiy vies for another series-clinching victory
- ▶ Rangers aim to avoid elimination once again, force Game 7

\* The Eastern Conference Final shifts back to AMALIE Arena for Game 6, with the hosts hoping to become the first team in nearly 40 years to reach the Stanley Cup Final in three consecutive seasons.

\* Tampa Bay can also join a rare list of NBA, MLB and NFL teams to clinch three straight berths in a championship series/game since the early 1990s, which features a cohort of clubs led by the likes of **Michael Jordan, Derek Jeter and Tom Brady.**

\* The “No Quit in New York” Rangers look to reel off their sixth straight win when facing elimination and force the seventh Game 7 of the 2022 Stanley Cup Playoffs.



### **LIGHTNING LOOK TO LOCK UP THIRD STRAIGHT STANLEY CUP FINAL BERTH**

Two-time defending-champion Tampa Bay takes a 3-2 series lead into Saturday and can become the first team to [clinch a Final berth in three straight seasons](#) since [1985](#), when Edmonton earned its second Stanley Cup in franchise history after reaching the championship series in [1983](#) (4-0 L vs. NYI) and [1984](#) (4-1 W vs. NYI). The Lightning can reach the Final for the fifth time overall (also 2021, 2020, 2015 & 2004), which would trail only the Flyers (8x), Oilers (7x) and Penguins (6x) for the [most berths among non-Original Six franchises](#).

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## 3+ STRAIGHT BERTHS IN A CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES/GAME

► NHL, NBA, MLB & NFL TEAMS SINCE 1991

TEAM	LEAGUE	SPAN	BERTHS
GOLDEN STATE WARRIORS	NBA	2015-2019	5
CLEVELAND CAVALIERS	NBA	2015-2018	4
MIAMI HEAT	NBA	2011-2014	4
NEW YORK YANKEES	MLB	1998-2001	4
BUFFALO BILLS	NFL	1991-1994	4
NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS	NFL	2017-2019	3
LOS ANGELES LAKERS	NBA	2008-2010	3
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CHICAGO BULLS	NBA	1996-1998	3
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\* TAMPA BAY CAN JOIN THIS LIST



\* **Corey Perry** (10-12—22 in 33 GP) leads current Tampa Bay players in career goals, assists and points during potential series-clinching games, including two tallies in five contests when a trip to the Final is on the line. Perry, who competed in the championship series in 2020 and 2021 with the Stars and Canadiens, respectively, can become the second player in NHL history to reach the Final in three consecutive seasons with a different franchise each time (**Marian Hossa**: 2008 w/ PIT, 2009 w/ DET & 2010 w/ CHI).

\* **Anthony Cirelli** has collected 2-2—4 in six potential series-clinching contests during the round before the Final, which includes scoring an overtime goal in [Game 6 of the 2020 Conference Finals](#) and corralling the primary assist on **Yanni Gourde**'s shorthanded winner in [Game 7 of the 2021 Stanley Cup Semifinals](#). **Alex Killorn** assisted on both clinchers.



Anthony Cirelli and Alex Killorn have factored on a series-clinching goal during the Conference Finals/Semifinals in two straight seasons. The only player in NHL history to do so in three consecutive years was Bryan Trottier with the Islanders from 1981 to 1983.



\* **Andrei Vasilevskiy** has appeared in 23 career potential series-clinching contests, going 12-9 with a 1.65 goals-against average, .942 save percentage and [NHL-record six shutouts](#) in those games. He has allowed just one goal against over his last three potential series-clinching contests dating to [Game 5 of the 2021 Stanley Cup Final](#) (0.33 GAA, .990 SV%, 2 SO).

#### **NEW YORK, SHESTERKIN AIM FOR SIXTH STRAIGHT WIN WHEN FACING ELIMINATION**

The Rangers enter Saturday with a 5-0 record when facing elimination during the 2022 Stanley Cup Playoffs, which trails only the [1975 Islanders](#) (8-0), [2014 Kings](#) (7-0) and [2003 Wild](#) (6-0) for the longest such winning streak by an NHL team in a single postseason. New York earned [three consecutive victories in come-from-behind fashion](#) to overcome a 3-1 series deficit against Pittsburgh in the First Round and avoided elimination in two straight contests versus Carolina to close out the Second Round, capped by a [6-2 win in Game 7](#).

\* **Igor Shesterkin** has backstopped the Rangers to victory in each of their five wins when facing elimination this postseason. The only goaltenders in NHL history with more than five wins when facing elimination during a single playoff year are **Jonathan Quick** with the 2014 Kings (7-0 in 7 GP) and **Glenn "Chico" Resch** with the 1975 Islanders (7-1 in 8 GP).

\* **Mika Zibanejad** (4-7—11 in 5 GP) and **Adam Fox** (2-8—10 in 5 GP) lead the League in points and assists, respectively, when facing elimination during the 2022 Stanley Cup Playoffs, while **Chris Kreider** (5-1—6 in 5 GP) tops the NHL with five goals under that criteria. Zibanejad's 11 points when facing elimination are tied for the highest such total in League history during a single postseason (w/ **Anze Kopitar & Justin Williams** in 2014), while Fox's 10 are already the most by an NHL defenseman in a playoff year.


\* Kreider needs one goal to match the League record for most in a single postseason when facing elimination, a mark shared by Williams with the 2014 Kings (6 G in 7 GP), **Michael Cammalleri** with the 2010 Canadiens (6 G in 6 GP), **Geoff Courtnall** with the 1994 Canucks (6 G in 6 GP) and **Babe**



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**Dye** with the 1922 Toronto St. Patricks (6 G in 3 GP). Kreider (15-4—19 in 26 GP) has 15 career goals when facing elimination, also one back of the most in NHL history.



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### MOST CAREER GOALS WHEN FACING ELIMINATION

▶ NHL HISTORY

PLAYER	GP	GOALS
MARK MESSIER	24	16
CHRIS KREIDER	26	15
JUSTIN WILLIAMS	26	15
JAROMIR JAGR	32	15
GILBERT PERREAULT	24	15
MAURICE RICHARD	17	15

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#### **NHL WEEKLY PODCAST ROUNDUP:**

**Soul On Ice** (6/6): [Jordan Buhat](#) joins Kwame to discuss Oilers and Rangers-Lightning series  
**Fantasy on Ice** (6/7): [Pete and Nick](#) welcome in [Jackie Redmond](#) of NHL Network and WWE  
**NHL Draft Class** (6/7): [NHL Central Scouting's Joey Tenute](#) joins Adam and Mike  
**The Chirp** (6/9): [Daren](#) welcomes in [Mike Rupp](#) to talk about the Avalanche advancing to the Final  
**NHL @TheRink** (6/9): [Dan and Shawn](#) are joined by Avalanche defenseman [Jack Johnson](#)

#### **QUICK CLICKS**

- \* [Series Scenarios for Saturday, June 11](#)
- \* [Lightning continue to 'do whatever it takes to win' in Game 5](#)
- \* [Rangers in familiar position following Game 5 loss in Eastern Final](#)
- \* [2022 Stanley Cup Final will open either Wednesday, June 15 or Saturday, June 18](#)
- \* ['Quest For The Stanley Cup' continues with Avalanche winning West](#)

