




STANLEY CUP  
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# MORNING SKATE

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Tampa Bay Lightning players celebrating on the ice during a game. The background shows a crowd of fans and a banner for Tampa General Hospital.

- ▶ Stamkos scores twice to propel Tampa Bay to Stanley Cup Final
- ▶ Lightning continue quest for NHL's first three-peat in 40 years
- ▶ Game 1 of Stanley Cup Final begins Wednesday in Denver

The Stanley Cup Final [begins Wednesday](#) in Denver after the Lightning reeled off their fourth straight win of the 2022 Eastern Conference Final, led by two goals from captain **Steven Stamkos**, and will now attempt a third consecutive championship and dynasty status when they face the Avalanche.



## TAMPA BAY ADVANCES TO STANLEY CUP FINAL, QUEST FOR THREE-PEAT CONTINUES

Tampa Bay has advanced to the Stanley Cup Final for the third straight season and the fifth time in franchise history, by far the most among clubs to join the NHL since the 1990s. Only three non-Original Six franchises have more appearances in the championship series: the Flyers (8x), Oilers (7x) and Penguins (6x).



\* The Lightning will aim to become the fourth franchise in NHL history – and first in nearly 40 years – to claim at least three consecutive Stanley Cup wins. The last club to do so was the Islanders dynasty (4x: 1980-1983), and before them the Canadiens (5x: 1956-1960; 4x: 1976-1979) and Maple Leafs (3x: 1947-1949; 3x: 1962-1964) each did so twice.

\* The Lightning return to the Stanley Cup Final with 15 players who won the championship with the club last year, including 13 who also won in 2020 (**Erik Cernak, Anthony Cirelli, Victor Hedman, Alex Killorn, Nikita Kucherov, Pat Maroon, Ryan McDonagh, Ondrej Palat, Brayden Point, Jan Rutta, Mikhail Sergachev, Steven Stamkos & Andrei Vasilevskiy**). The two players who only won in 2021 are **Ross Colton** and **Cal Foote**, while **Zach Bogosian** won only in 2020.

\* Five Lightning players who have dressed this postseason are in search of their first Stanley Cup: **Pierre-Edouard Bellemare, Brian Elliott, Brandon Hagel, Riley Nash** and **Nicholas Paul**. Of those players, only Bellemare (2018 w/ VGK) has skated in a Final. The only Cup winner on Tampa Bay's roster without a game played in the Final is Foote.



Tampa Bay's current roster has a combined 204 games of Stanley Cup Final experience, led by Pat Maroon (18). That experience is by far the most among all teams, with Pittsburgh holding the next closest with 130.



\* **Corey Perry** (2020 w/ DAL & 2021 w/ MTL) will become the second player in NHL history to play in three straight Stanley Cup Final series with a different franchise each time, joining **Marian Hossa** (2008 w/ PIT, 2009 w/ DET & 2010 w/ CHI).



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\* Maroon won his 15th consecutive series, with 11 of those coming with the Lightning since 2020 and four with the Blues in 2019. The only other players in NHL history with a run of at least that length were part of the Islanders dynasty in the 1980s, with the longest streak standing at 19.



### **STAMKOS SENDS LIGHTNING TO THIRD STRAIGHT STANLEY CUP FINAL**

**Steven Stamkos** scored twice, including his second career series-clinching goal just 21 seconds after **Frank Vatrano** tied the game at 1-1, to help the Lightning earn their 11th straight series win and secure the Prince of Wales Trophy as the Eastern Conference Champions. With the victory, Tampa Bay extended its home win streak to seven games, establishing a franchise record for the longest in a playoff year.



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\* The Lightning earned their 11th straight series win dating to the 2020 First Round, trailing only the Islanders (19 from 1980–1984) and Canadiens (13 from 1976–1980) for the longest such run in NHL history.

\* Stamkos scored his 16th and 17th career goals in the Conference Finals/Semifinals, matching teammate **Ondrej Palat** (17) for the most among all active skaters. The Lightning captain also boosted his 2022 Stanley Cup Playoffs totals to 9-6—15 (17 GP) and overtook Palat (8-8—16 in 17 GP) for the team lead in goals.

\* Stamkos, who joined **Nicholas Paul** (2 in Game 7 of R1) as the second Lightning skater to score twice in a potential series-clinching game this postseason, improved his career playoff totals to 41-46—87 (111 GP) and became the third player in franchise history to record 40 postseason goals, joining **Nikita Kucherov** (51) and Palat (45). Only Kucherov (100 GP) required fewer contests to reach the mark.



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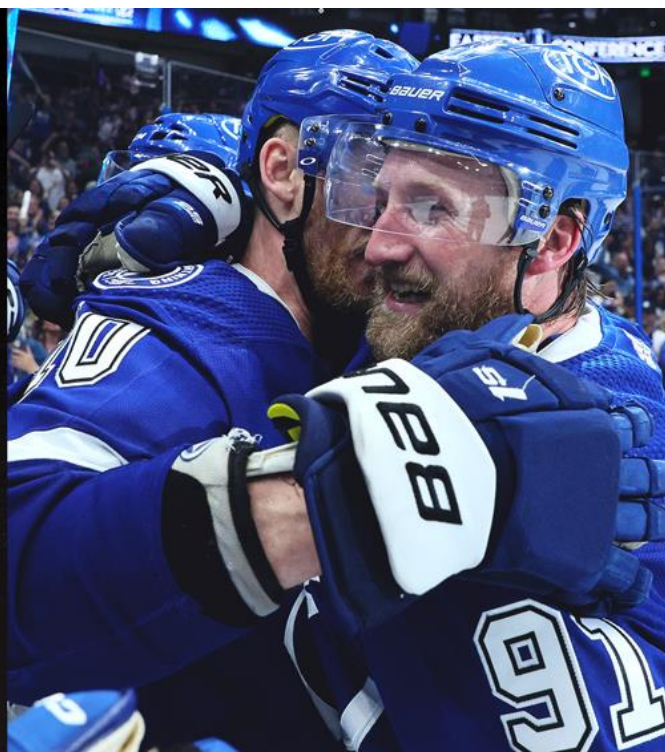


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Tampa Bay became the eighth defending Stanley Cup champion in NHL history to overcome a 2-0 series deficit to win a best-of-seven, and the first to do so since Chicago in the 2014 First Round



### **STANLEY CUP FINAL SECURED: LIGHTNING VS. AVALANCHE**

Forty days after the 2022 Stanley Cup Playoffs opened with 16 teams beginning their quest for the Cup, the bracket was narrowed down to two: the Lightning and Avalanche, who will meet in the postseason for the first time.

\* The Stanley Cup Final will pit 2021-22 Norris Trophy finalists **Cale Makar** and **Victor Hedman** against one another. Only five championship series in the NHL's expansion era (since 1967-68) have featured a head-to-head showdown between Norris Trophy finalists from that season: 2001 (**Ray Bourque** w/ COL vs. **Scott Stevens** w/ NJD), 1989 (**Al MacInnis** w/ CGY vs. **Chris Chelios** w/ MTL), 1978 (**Larry Robinson** w/ MTL vs. **Brad Park** w/ BOS), 1973 (**Bill White** w/ CHI vs. **Guy Lapointe** w/ MTL) and 1972 (**Bobby Orr** w/ BOS vs. **Park** w/ NYR).

\* The Lightning and Avalanche have never met in the Stanley Cup Playoffs, but the two rank first and third, respectively, in regular-season wins over the past four seasons. The Avalanche/Nordiques hold an all-time series record of 13-9 when facing off against an opponent for the first time in a best-of-seven, while the Lightning are 11-6 in the same scenario.

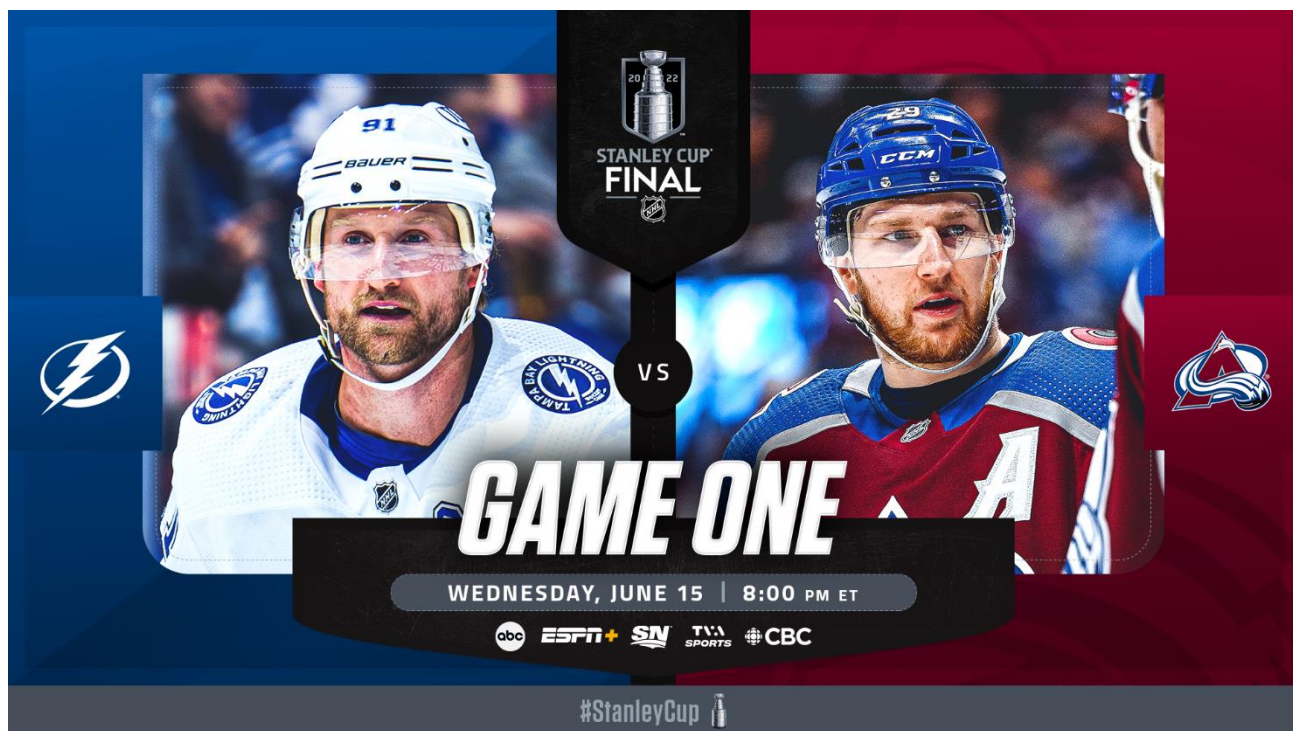
\* This will mark the first time Tampa Bay faces the No. 1-ranked team from the opposing conference in a Stanley Cup Final.



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