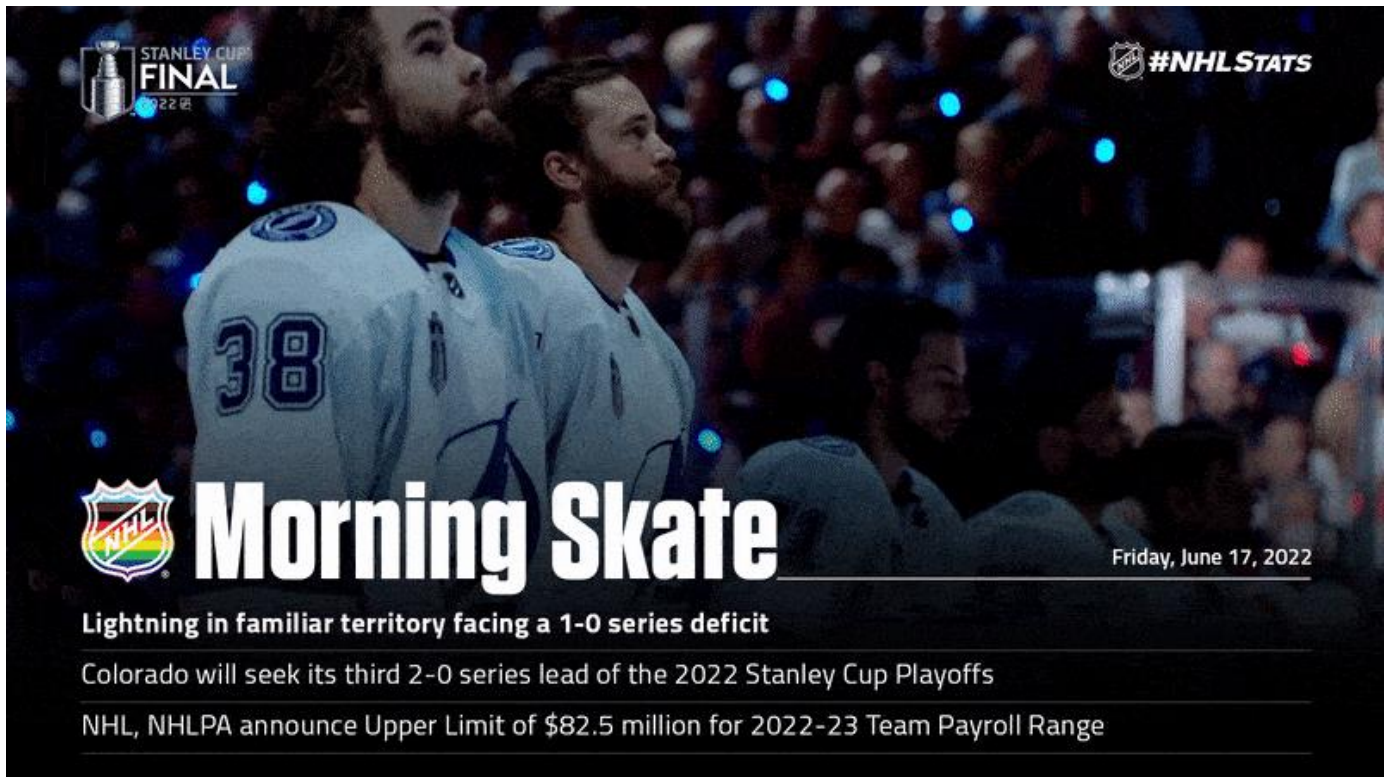



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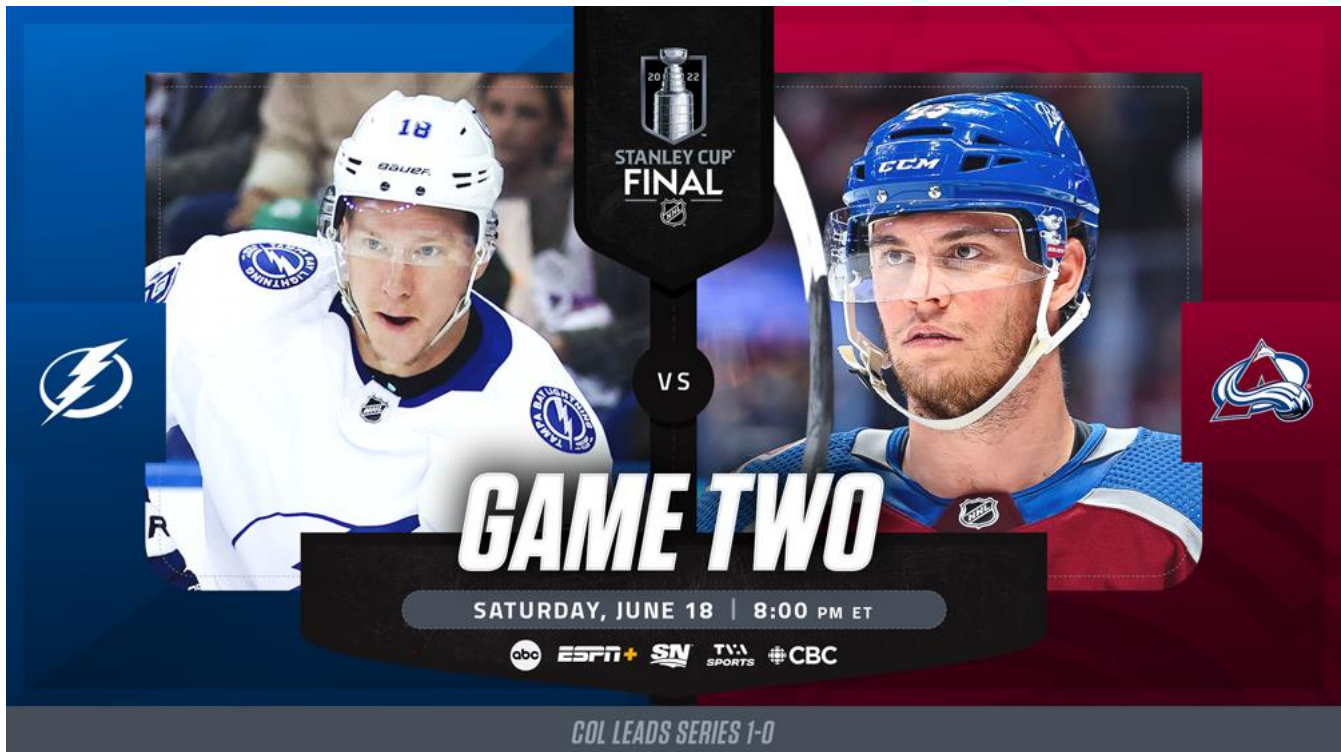
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Lightning in familiar territory facing a 1-0 series deficit

Colorado will seek its third 2-0 series lead of the 2022 Stanley Cup Playoffs

NHL, NHLPA announce Upper Limit of \$82.5 million for 2022-23 Team Payroll Range

- * The Lightning will skate into Game 2 facing a 1-0 series deficit in the Stanley Cup Final, a shortfall the club has overcome to claim a championship on two occasions (2004 & 2020).
- * Colorado has its sights on taking a 2-0 series lead for the third time in the 2022 Stanley Cup Playoffs, a feat 19 teams in NHL history have accomplished in a single postseason to date – including Tampa Bay in 2021.
- * The NHL and NHLPA announced today that the Team Payroll Range established for the 2022-23 League Year provides an [Upper Limit of \\$82.5 million](#).
- * More presenters for the 2022 NHL Awards were announced today, which includes individuals whose stories inspired the hockey community this season – including the likes of Kraken fan **Nadia Popovici**, who rose to worldwide fame after pointing out a cancerous mole on the neck of Canucks assistant equipment manager **Red Hamilton**.



LIGHTNING IN FAMILIAR TERRITORY AS THEY LOOK TO EVEN FINAL IN GAME 2

The Lightning find themselves in familiar territory, facing a 1-0 series deficit for the third time this postseason and fourth time in franchise history during the Stanley Cup Final.

* Tampa Bay can become the fourth team in NHL history to win the Stanley Cup after losing the opening game of at least three series that postseason. The 1991 Penguins lost Game 1 in all four rounds before winning the Cup, while the 2011 Bruins and 2018 Capitals fell behind 1-0 three times (including the Final).

* Three of the past four Stanley Cup champions have rallied to win the championship after losing the opener in the Final, including the Lightning in 2020 (also 2018 WSH & 2019 STL). That was one of 12 times Tampa Bay has overcome a 1-0 series deficit to win a best-of-seven and the second time they did so in the Final (also [2004 vs. CGY](#)). Their .600 series winning percentage when facing a 1-0 deficit in a best-of-seven is the highest in NHL history (min. 10 series).

* A team has rallied to win a best-of-seven Final *after losing Game 1 in overtime* four times (4-11), including once after losing the opener in extra time on the road.

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WIN STANLEY CUP AFTER OT LOSS IN GAME 1 OF FINAL

► BEST-OF-SEVEN, STANLEY CUP FINAL HISTORY

TEAM	YEAR	GAME 1	OPPONENT	SERIES RESULT
RED WINGS	2002	3-2 L (OT)	CAR	4-1 W
STARS	1999	3-2 L (OT)	BUF	4-2 W
RANGERS	1994	3-2 L (OT)	VAN	4-3 W
CANADIENS*	1971	2-1 L (2OT)	CHI	4-3 W

*ROAD TEAM

*TAMPA BAY WILL LOOK TO JOIN THIS LIST

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* Since 1939 when the best-of-seven format became a permanent fixture in the Stanley Cup Final, the series has been tied 1-1 on 30 occasions, including three of the past four – the lone exception in that span was last year when Tampa Bay pulled ahead 3-0.

AVALANCHE LOOKING FOR YET ANOTHER 2-0 SERIES LEAD

The Avalanche improved to a perfect 3-0 in Stanley Cup Final openers and eye a 2-0 lead for the third time this postseason and second time ever in the championship series ([1996](#)).

* Wednesday marked the 20th time that Game 1 of the Stanley Cup Final required overtime and 16th time that opening contest was in a best-of-seven series. In the previous 15 best-of-seven matchups, the winner pulled ahead to a 2-0 series lead nine times (most recently in 2014).

* Colorado can become the 20th team in NHL history – and second in as many years after the Lightning in 2021 – to pull ahead 2-0 in at least three best-of-seven series within the same postseason.



MOST 2-0 SERIES LEADS IN ONE YEAR

► BEST-OF-SEVEN, SINCE 1996

TEAM	YEAR	2-0 LEADS
LOS ANGELES KINGS*	2012	4
DETROIT RED WINGS*	2008	4
TAMPA BAY LIGHTNING*	2021	3
PITTSBURGH PENGUINS*	2017	3
VANCOUVER CANUCKS	2011	3
DETROIT RED WINGS	2009	3
PITTSBURGH PENGUINS	2008	3
ANAHEIM DUCKS	2003	3
NEW JERSEY DEVILS*	2003	3

*WON STANLEY CUP

*COLORADO CAN JOIN THIS LIST IN GAME 2

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KEY CONTRIBUTORS: GAME 1 OF THE 2022 STANLEY CUP FINAL

The 2022 Stanley Cup Final opened with a boisterous crowd, a first-period flurry of scoring, a multi-goal comeback and overtime magic, with top scorers and clutch players rising to the occasion for each team.

* The trio of **Gabriel Landeskog** (9-10—19), **Mikko Rantanen** (5-14—19) and **Nathan MacKinnon** (11-8—19) each found the score sheet in the series-opening win and sit one point shy of joining **Cale Makar** (5-17—22) in reaching the 20-point mark in this postseason. The 2022 Stanley Cup Playoffs can mark the first year the Avalanche or Nordiques have at least [four 20-point players](#).



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MOST 20-POINT PLAYERS IN A SINGLE POSTSEASON

▶ SINCE 1986

TEAM	YEAR	PLAYERS
WASHINGTON CAPITALS	2018	5
MINNESOTA NORTH STARS	1991	5
EDMONTON OILERS	1990	5
EDMONTON OILERS	1988	5
PITTSBURGH PENGUINS	2017	4
SAN JOSE SHARKS	2016	4
LOS ANGELES KINGS	2014	4
PHILADELPHIA FLYERS	2010	4
PITTSBURGH PENGUINS	1992	4
PITTSBURGH PENGUINS	1991	4
EDMONTON OILERS	1987	4

* COLORADO CAN JOIN THIS LIST

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* **Ondrej Palat** converted a highlight-reel pass from **Nikita Kucherov** to kickstart Tampa Bay's comeback attempt in Game 1 and has collected 6-6—12 in 11 games since the beginning of the Second Round – including an NHL-best (tied) five goals [dating to the Conference Finals](#).

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All nine of Ondrej Palat's goals during the 2022 Stanley Cup Playoffs have come at even strength. The most in a single postseason by an active player is 11, shared by Jake Guentzel (2017 w/ PIT) and Evander Kane (2022 w/ EDM).

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TOP DRAFT PROSPECTS DESCEND ON DENVER FOR GAME 2

Four of the top-ranked North American skaters for the 2022 Upper Deck NHL Draft will be in attendance for Game 2 of the Stanley Cup Final on Saturday: No. 1-ranked **Shane Wright** of the OHL's Kingston Frontenacs, No. 3-ranked **Cutter Gauthier** of USA Hockey's National Team Development Program's Under-18 team as well as No. 4-ranked **Matthew Savoie** and No. 5-ranked **Conor Geekie**, who are teammates with the WHL's Winnipeg Ice.

* The group is set to attend Saturday's morning skates where they will meet members of the Lightning and Avalanche, followed by a sit-down with NHL Network and involvement in pre-game festivities.

* The 2022 Upper Deck NHL Draft will commence with Round 1 on Thursday, July 7, at Bell Centre in Montreal (7 p.m. ET on ESPN, ESPN+, SN, TVAS). The Canadiens, who hold the No. 1 pick, can become the first host city to select first overall since their Original Six rival Maple Leafs drafted **Wendel Clark** in that slot in 1985 at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre.



SHANE WRIGHT
NO. 1-RANKED NORTH AMERICAN SKATER

- * Ranked eighth in the OHL with 32–62–94 in 63 GP during the 2021–22 regular season
- * Captained Team Canada to gold at 2021 Under-18 World Championship
- * CHL and OHL Rookie of the Year in 2019–20
- * Can become first OHL player drafted No. 1 overall since Connor McDavid in 2015

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QUICK CLICKS

- * [All eyes were on Game 1 of the Stanley Cup Final between the Lightning and Avalanche](#)
- * [NHL, Caterpillar agree to multiyear partnership beginning next season](#)
- * [2022 NHL Awards Show presenters helped inspire hockey community](#)
- * [Brayden Point makes impact for Lightning in Game 1 return in Stanley Cup Final](#)
- * [Darcy Kuemper sharp for Avalanche in Game 1 of Cup Final despite long layoff](#)