

## NHL MORNING SKATE: STANLEY CUP FINAL EDITION – JUNE 18, 2022

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# Morning Skate

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Avalanche blueline approaching franchise playoff records, 300 points overall in 2021-22

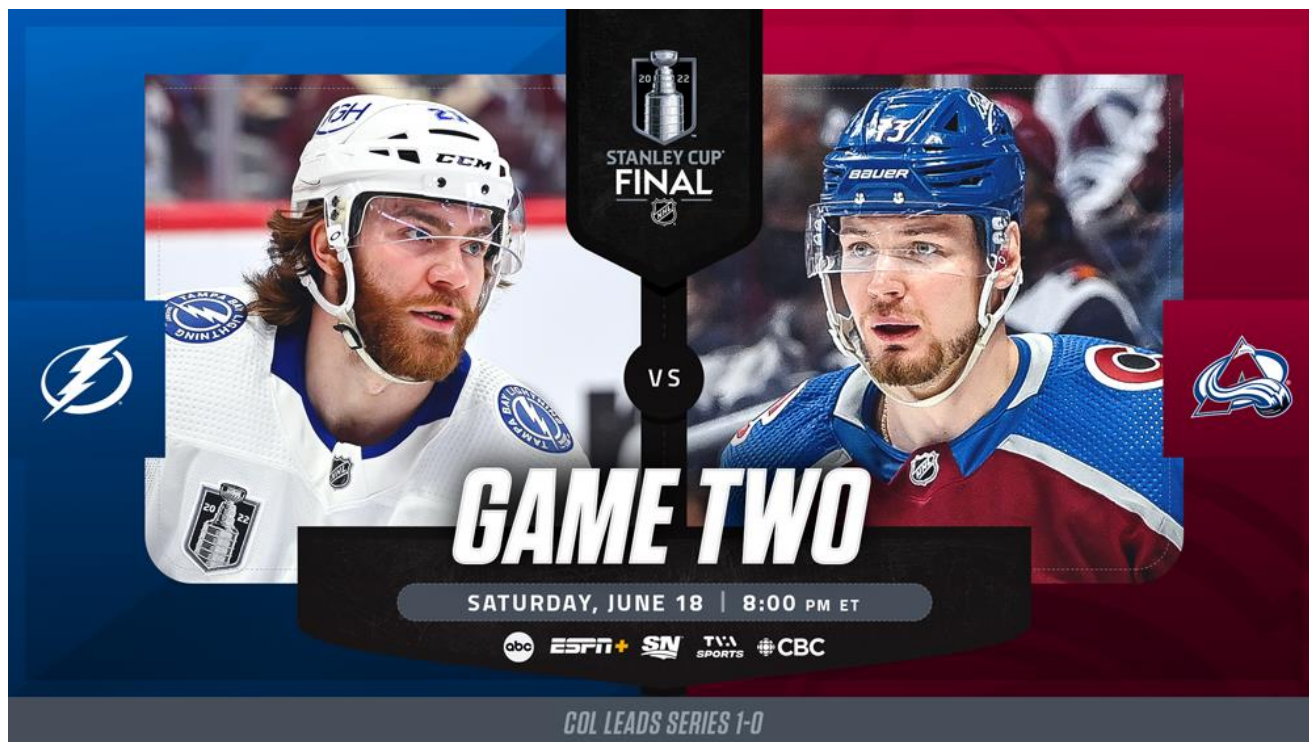
Hedman, Kucherov have helped Lightning even the Final before

Episode 4 of "Quest For The Stanley Cup" available on ESPN+, YouTube.com/NHL

\* Avalanche defensemen have played a pivotal part in Colorado's run to the Stanley Cup in 2022 and are within reach of establishing single postseason franchise records when the puck drops for Game 2.

\* **Nikita Kucherov** and **Victor Hedman** will look to help the Lightning tie the Stanley Cup Final at 1-1 after doing exactly that in 2015 and 2020.

\* Denver's own mega DJ/Producer [GRiZ will perform](#) on the Tivoli Quad at Auraria, near Ball Arena, before Game 2. The concert will start at 4:15 p.m. MT, with gates opening at 3 p.m. MT.



### **ALL THE SMALL THINGS ADDING UP FOR AVALANCHE DEFENSEMEN**

Colorado received one assist from the blueline in Game 1, with **Bowen Byram** becoming the [youngest player in franchise history](#) to record a point in the Final. It was just the second time during the 2022 Stanley Cup Playoffs that Avalanche defensemen were held to one point or fewer (also Game 2 of R2 vs. STL).

\* Colorado, who lead the NHL in goals (14), assists (43) and points (57) by defensemen this postseason, are within reach of setting new franchise benchmarks for each category in one playoff year. The club records for assists (46) and points (60) by defensemen were established in 1996, while the most goals (15) from the blueline came in 2001.

\*Colorado defensemen have combined for 78-217—295 including the regular season (64-174—238), the most by one team in 28 years (NYR in 1993-94: 73-234—307).



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The Avalanche (295) can become the 11th team in NHL history with 300+ points by defensemen in the regular season and playoffs combined. Only the Rangers (307 in 1993-94) and Kings (326 in 1992-93) have done so since the 1980s.



### LIGHTNING LOOK TO BUILD ON STANLEY CUP PEDIGREE

Tampa Bay has lost Game 1 of the Stanley Cup Final three times before 2022 and responded with a Game 2 victory to pull even in each of those series (2004, 2015 & 2020). They are seeking their 15th all-time win in the Final and currently sit tied for the second-most wins in the championship series over the past 25 years.



### **MOST WINS IN STANLEY CUP FINAL**

► SINCE 1997

TEAM	GP	WINS
DETROIT RED WINGS	26	19
PITTSBURGH PENGUINS	25	14
TAMPA BAY LIGHTNING	25	14
NEW JERSEY DEVILS	26	13
CHICAGO BLACKHAWKS	18	12
BOSTON BRUINS	20	9
DALLAS STARS	18	8
LOS ANGELES KINGS	11	8
ANAHEIM DUCKS	12	7




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\* **Victor Hedman** and **Nikita Kucherov** were key contributors in Game 2 of the Final in both [2020](#) and [2015](#) as Tampa Bay tied each series. Kucherov (1-3—4) and Hedman (0-4—4) notched two points apiece in each of those contests, with Hedman receiving the primary helper on the go-ahead, game-winning goal in 2015.

\* Hedman has registered 2-12—14 in 18 career games (0.78 P/GP) in the Stanley Cup Final, the ninth-highest points per game by a defenseman in the NHL's championship series (min. 15 GP). **Bobby Orr** paces the group with 8-12—20 in 16 GP (1.25 P/GP).



Victor Hedman (2-12—14 in 18 GP) can become the 15th defenseman in NHL history to register at least 15 career points in the Stanley Cup Final. One more point would tie him with Pierre Pilote, who collected 2-13—15 with the Blackhawks (17 GP).

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### QUEST FOR THE STANLEY CUP CONTINUES

The latest episode of 'Quest for the Stanley Cup' is [now available](#) on ESPN+ in the United States as well as YouTube/NHL in Canada and showcases how the Lightning were able to exert their will on the Rangers with several of **Jon Cooper's** motivational dressing room speeches.



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Their will is on a tight rope. They're ready to fall off. In these situations, we just have to play our game and do what we've done for the last three [wins] and they'll just fall right off.



**JON COOPER**  
TO HIS TEAM PRIOR TO GAME 6 OF ECF

### NHL WEEKLY PODCAST ROUNDUP:

NHL Fantasy on Ice (6/13): [Jake Hahn](#) explains the fantasy, DFS and betting angles for the Final  
La tasse de café LNH (6/13): [Nicolas, Sébastien Deschambault](#) reflect on the Conference Finals  
NHL Draft Class (6/14): [J-F Damphousse](#) discusses the top Draft prospects from the QMJHL  
NHL Fantasy on Ice (6/16): Pete and Nick are joined by [David Satriano](#) of NHL.com  
NHL @TheRink (6/16): [Dan and Shawn](#) welcome ESPN analyst [Brian Boucher](#) to talk about Game 1  
The Chirp (6/16): [Daren](#) talks to [Bruce Boudreau](#) about a coach's perspective on Stanley Cup Final

### QUICK CLICKS

- \* [Series scenarios for Saturday, June 18](#)
- \* [John Tortorella](#) hired as Flyers head coach
- \* [Hedman-Stamkos bond boosts Lightning entering Game 2 of Final](#)
- \* [Bowen Byram](#) healthy, contributing for Avalanche during run to Stanley Cup Final
- \* [GRiZ](#) to perform at watch party before Game 2



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# STANLEY CUP FINAL PREGAME CONCERT

ON THE TIVOLI QUAD AT AURARIA

CONCERT TIME: 4:15 PM

COLORADO AVALANCHE  
PEPSI ZERO SUGAR WATCH PARTY  
ON THE TIVOLI QUAD AT AURARIA,  
FEATURING BUD LIGHT TO FOLLOW!

FREE & OPEN TO PUBLIC!



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