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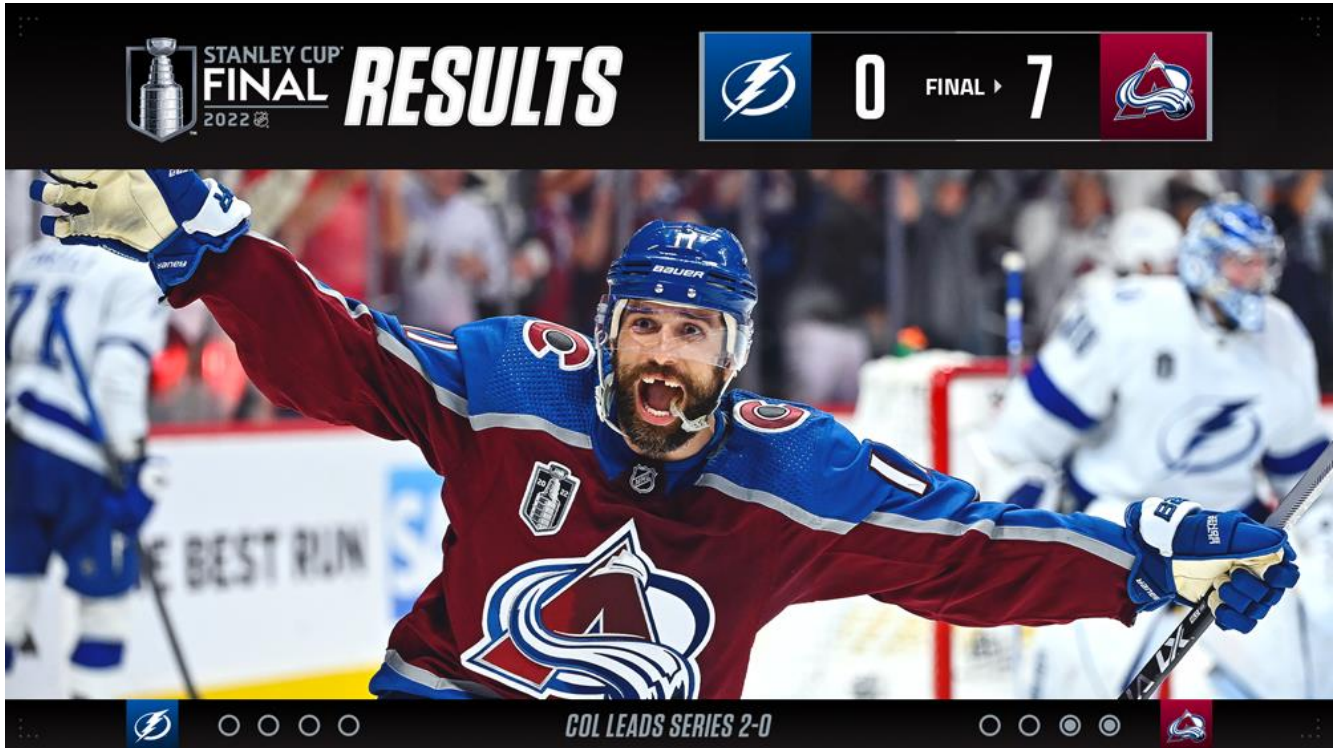
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Avalanche of goals propel Colorado to 2-0 series lead in Stanley Cup Final

Cale Makar fires up special teams with rare feat as Avs defensemen set records

Kuemper, Avalanche match second-largest margin of victory in Stanley Cup Final shutout

- * The Avalanche have a chance to come home from Tampa as Stanley Cup champions after **Darcy Kuemper** made 16 saves and the club nearly matched the largest margin of victory in a Stanley Cup Final shutout to take a 2-0 series lead.
- * The Avalanche, who became the first team in 37 years with four seven-goal outings in a single postseason, captured a seventh straight victory to establish the [longest win streak in a playoff year](#) in franchise history.
- * With his dad in attendance ahead of Father's Day, **Cale Makar** scored a shorthanded goal and power-play goal to join rare company in NHL history to do so in the Stanley Cup Final.



AVALANCHE USE ANOTHER MAMMOTH FIRST PERIOD TO TAKE 2-0 SERIES LEAD

After grabbing a 3-1 lead in the first period of Game 1, the Avalanche filled the net three times in the opening frame of Game 2 and scored seven goals overall to take a 2-0 series lead against the two-time defending Stanley Cup champions.

* The Avalanche became the third team in NHL history to register a shutout in the Stanley Cup Final by a margin of seven or more goals, following the 1919 Seattle Metropolitans ([7-0 W in Game 1 vs. MTL](#)) and 1991 Penguins ([8-0 W in Game 6 at MNS](#)).

* Colorado scored at least seven goals in a game for the fourth time this postseason, a first by any team in 37 years and just the [seventh time any club has done so](#). The Avalanche became the first team to score 11 or more goals through two games of a Final since... 1996, when they did it.



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MOST GOALS FOR THROUGH FIRST TWO GAMES OF FINAL

► NHL HISTORY

TEAM	YEAR	GOALS
NEW YORK ISLANDERS*	1982	12
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MONTRÉAL CANADIENS*	1973	12
BOSTON BRUINS*	1970	12
DETROIT RED WINGS*	1936	12
TORONTO MAPLE LEAFS*	1932	12
COLORADO AVALANCHE	2022	11
COLORADO AVALANCHE*	1996	11
PHILADELPHIA FLYERS	1980	11
MONTRÉAL CANADIENS*	1956	11
DETROIT RED WINGS*	1955	11

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* The Avalanche became the third team in Stanley Cup Final history – and first in more than 40 years – to score at least three goals in the first period of both Game 1 and Game 2. The [1981 Islanders](#) and [1936 Red Wings](#) also did so en route to 4-1 and 3-1 series wins, respectively, but neither club extended the streak to three contests.

* An already-energized crowd raised the decibel level even higher after learning the Colorado Mammoth had claimed its [first National Lacrosse League Cup since 2006](#), setting the stage for yet [another sing-along](#) to Blink-182's 'All the Small Things' moments later.

MAKAR PUTS UP SPECIAL PERFORMANCE AHEAD OF FATHER'S DAY

[With his dad in attendance ahead of Father's Day](#), **Cale Makar** scored twice in the third period to become the second defenseman in NHL history to score both a shorthanded and power-play goal in a Stanley Cup Final game. The only other instance came in the May 24 suspended game during the 1988 Final when Bruins defenseman **Glen Wesley** – a rookie at the time – did so, with both goals coming in the second period just before the game was called due to a power failure at Boston Garden.

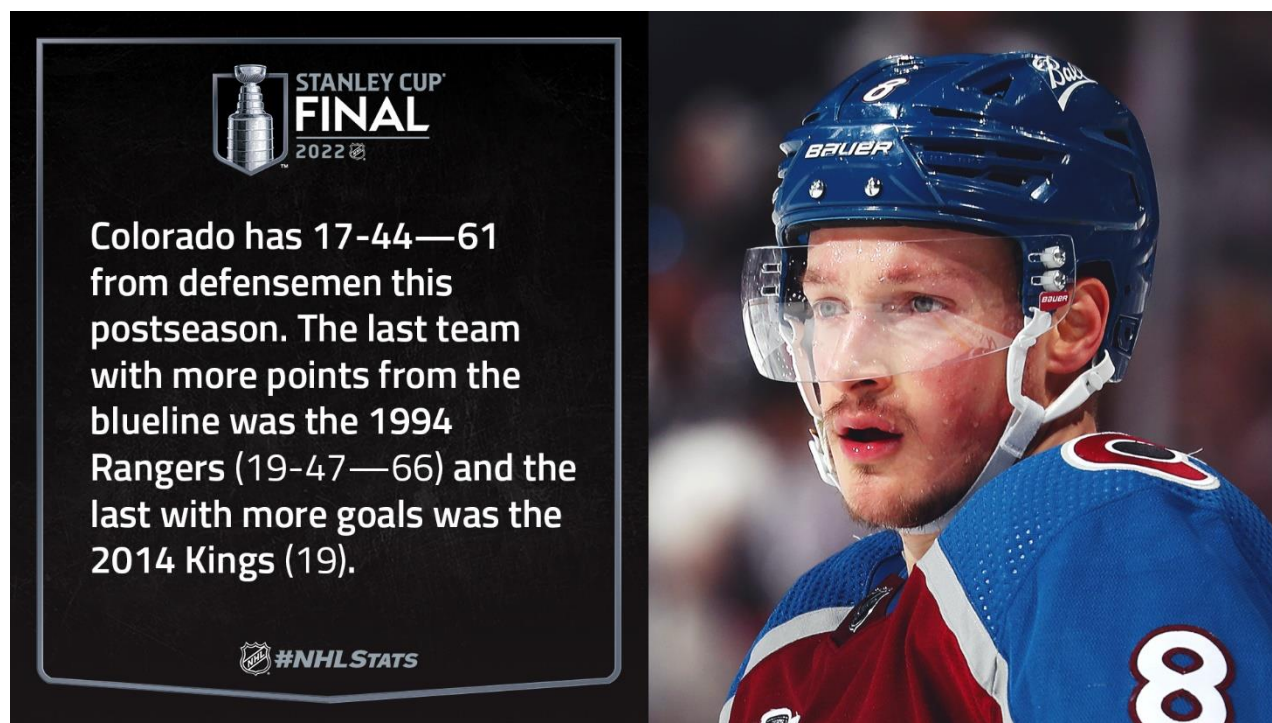
* Overall, it was the [11th time in NHL history](#) that a defenseman scored via both special teams in any postseason game. The last such instance came against Colorado in 1996 when **Paul Coffey** did so for Detroit in [Game 1 of the Western Conference Final](#).

* After being held to one assist in Game 1, Avalanche defensemen contributed 3-1—4 on Saturday with **Josh Manson** (1-0—1) and **Devon Toews** (0-1—1) also finding the score sheet. Colorado's defensive core has combined for 17-44—61 in 16 games this postseason and established franchise benchmarks for most goals and points by defensemen in one playoff year.

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* Colorado equaled the 2020 Stars (14-45—61, excluding SCQ) for the most combined points by defensemen in a four-round postseason over the past 27 years and matched the 2021 Lightning (17, excluding SCQ) for the most goals from the blueline in the past seven. Of note: The 2010 Blackhawks had 20-43—63 from players listed as defensemen, but **Dustin Byfuglien** played forward for much of the postseason and collected 11-5—16 overall and therefore the club is excluded in this comparison.



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Colorado has 17-44—61 from defensemen this postseason. The last team with more points from the blueline was the 1994 Rangers (19-47—66) and the last with more goals was the 2014 Kings (19).

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MacKINNON, RANTANEN TIE AND SET FRANCHISE BENCHMARKS ON HOME ICE

Nathan MacKinnon (0-1—1) and **Mikko Rantanen** (0-3—3) extended their home point streaks to nine and seven games, respectively, as the Avalanche improved to 7-2 at Ball Arena this postseason. MacKinnon tied **Claude Lemieux** (9 GP in 1997) for the longest home point streak in franchise playoff history.

* Rantanen became the seventh different player in franchise history to record three or more points in any Stanley Cup Final game, following **Joe Sakic** (2x), **Adam Foote**, **Alex Tanguay**, **Peter Forsberg**, **Rene Corbet** and **Rob Blake**. In the process, Rantanen boosted his assist count at Ball Arena this postseason to 13, surpassing Sakic (12 in 1997) for the [most at home in one playoff year](#).



Mikko Rantanen recorded his fourth straight home game with two or more points and tied the Avalanche/Nordiques benchmark for the longest such run in a playoff year, set by Peter Stastny in 1982 (w/ QUE) and then matched by Nathan MacKinnon in 2020.



COLORADO TWO WINS AWAY FROM THIRD STANLEY CUP

Colorado holds a 2-0 series lead in the Stanley Cup Final for the second time, following their sweep of Florida in 1996. This is the first time Tampa Bay has trailed 2-0 in the Final.

* Colorado became the first team in 46 years to take a 2-0 series lead in a best-of-seven *Stanley Cup Final* against the defending champions.



2-0 SERIES LEAD VS. DEFENDING CHAMPIONS

▶ STANLEY CUP FINAL HISTORY

TEAM	OPPONENT	YEAR	SERIES RESULT
COLORADO AVALANCHE	TBL	2022	TBD
MONTREAL CANADIENS	PHI	1976	4-0 W
DETROIT RED WINGS	MTL	1966	2-4 L
TORONTO MAPLE LEAFS	CHI	1962	4-2 W
MONTREAL CANADIENS	DET	1956	4-1 W



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* Tampa Bay is the first team in the NHL's expansion era (since 1967-68) and sixth in League history to face a 2-0 series deficit in both the Conference Finals/Semifinals and Stanley Cup Final. They will look to become the first to respond by winning the Cup, following losses by the [1965 Blackhawks](#), [1963 Red Wings](#), [1962 Blackhawks](#), [1959 Maple Leafs](#) and [1945 Red Wings](#).

* Colorado became 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. Fourteen of those clubs went on to win the Stanley Cup.

* Teams that hold a 2-0 series lead in a best-of-seven Stanley Cup Final go on to win the championship 90% of the time (47-5). The five teams to rally to claim the title were the [2011 Bruins](#) (4-3 W vs. VAN), [2009 Penguins](#) (4-3 W vs. DET), [1971 Canadiens](#) (4-3 W vs. CHI), [1966 Canadiens](#) (4-2 W vs. DET) and [1942 Maple Leafs](#) (4-3 W vs. DET).

QUICK CLICKS

- * [#NHLStats: Live Updates for Saturday, June 18](#)
- * [Tom Brady](#) among Tampa Bay sports stars to wish Lightning luck in Game 2
- * [Super Bowl 50 MVP Von Miller](#) roots on Avalanche in Stanley Cup Final
- * [Wright](#) soaks in Stanley Cup Final experience ahead of 2022 NHL Draft
- * [Matthews, Tkachuk](#) join Flames staff in 'Weak Side Strong' ALS challenge
- * [GRiZ](#) performs at watch party ahead of Game 2

