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**Matthews claims NHL MVP and Most Outstanding Player honors at 2022 NHL Awards**

Makar, Shesterkin, Seider also take home hardware in Tampa

Lightning will look to even Stanley Cup Final against Avalanche with Game 4 tonight (8 p.m. ET)

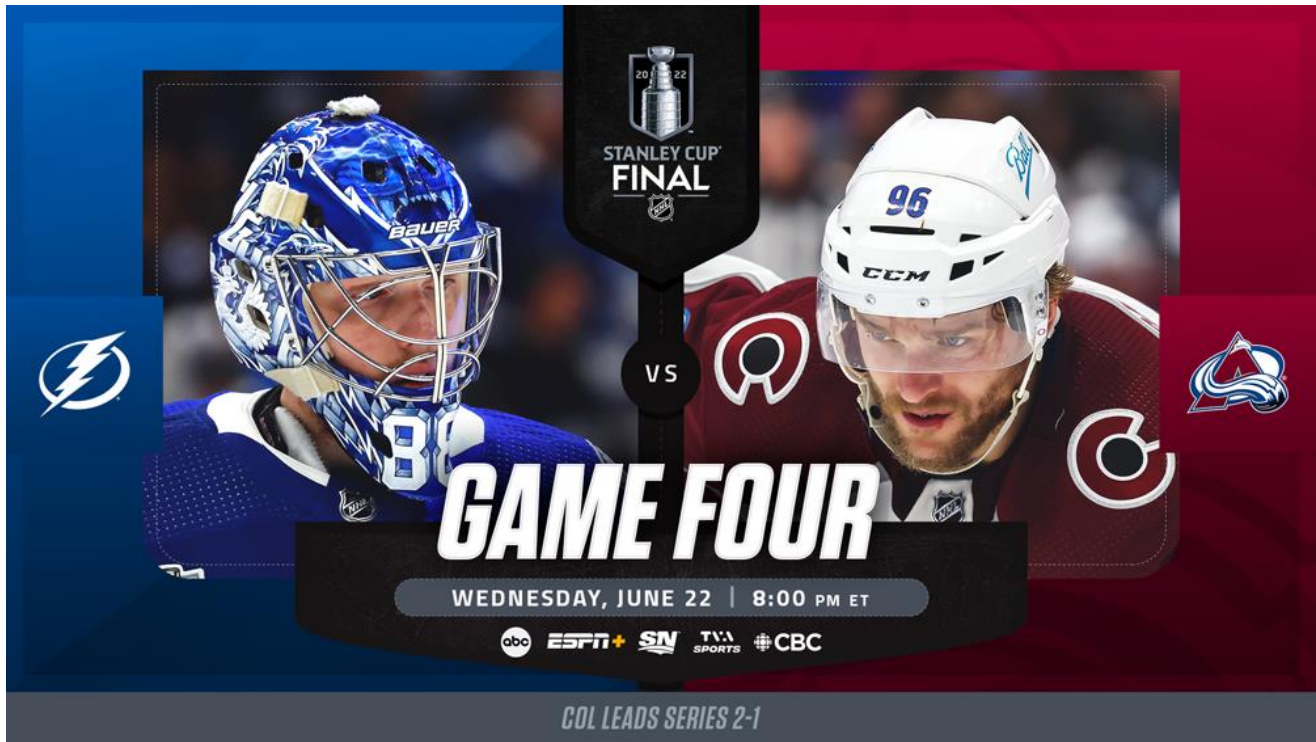
\* **Auston Matthews** added two awards to his collection Tuesday, claiming the Hart Trophy and Ted Lindsay Award. It was the first time in 67 years that a Maple Leafs player received NHL MVP honors and first time ever that a Toronto player was named the League's Most Outstanding Player.

\* For the first time in 35 years, the winners of the Calder Trophy (**Moritz Seider**, 21), Hart Trophy (Matthews, 24), Norris Trophy (**Cale Makar**, 23), Ted Lindsay Award (Matthews, 24) and Vezina Trophy (**Igor Shesterkin**, 26) were all age 26 or younger.

\* **Andrei Vasilevskiy** and **Mikko Rantanen** can join rare company as the Lightning and Avalanche clash in Game 4 of the 2022 Stanley Cup Final on Wednesday, with the hosts hoping to pull even and the visitors vying for a 3-1 series lead.

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### **MATTHEWS WINS HART MEMORIAL TROPHY AND TED LINDSAY AWARD**

Maple Leafs forward **Auston Matthews** took home the [Hart Memorial Trophy](#) and [Ted Lindsay Award](#) as the NHL's regular-season MVP, as voted by the PHWA and NHLPA, respectively.

\* Matthews became the third player in franchise history to win the Hart Trophy and first in 67 years, following **Ted Kennedy** (1954-55) and **Babe Pratt** (1943-44). Matthews became the first Toronto player to take home the Ted Lindsay Award. He added to a trophy case that also includes consecutive [Maurice "Rocket" Richard Trophy](#) (2020-21 & 2021-22).


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Auston Matthews became the 21st different player in NHL history – and first in a decade – to register 60 goals in a season, breaking Rick Vaive’s Toronto record (54 in 1981-82) and Jimmy Carson’s League benchmark for U.S.-born players (55 in 1987-88).

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**MAKAR NABS JAMES NORRIS MEMORIAL TROPHY AS LEAGUE’S TOP DEFENSEMAN**

Taking a break from his record-setting playoff run, Avalanche defenseman **Cale Makar** won the [James Norris Memorial Trophy](#), presented annually “to the defense player who demonstrates throughout the season the greatest all-round ability in the position.” Makar became the first Norris Trophy winner in Avalanche/Nordiques history and adds the honor to his NHL Awards collection that already includes a Calder Memorial Trophy win in 2019-20.

**AWARDS**  
2022

Cale Makar led NHL defensemen with 28 goals, becoming just the 5th blueliner in the past 30 years to reach that total. He ranked 2nd among NHL defensemen in points (28-58—86) and set franchise records for most goals and points by a defenseman in one season.

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## **SHESTERKIN SECURES FIRST CAREER VEZINA TROPHY WIN**

Rangers netminder **Igor Shesterkin** was the recipient of the [Vezina Trophy](#), awarded “to the goaltender adjudged to be the best at his position,” as selected by NHL general managers. Shesterkin, a first-time finalist for the honor, became the third Rangers netminder to win the award under the current selection criteria (since 1981-82), joining **Henrik Lundqvist** (2011-12) and **John Vanbiesbrouck** (1985-86).




## **SEIDER CORRALS CALDER MEMORIAL TROPHY AS NHL'S ROOKIE OF THE YEAR**

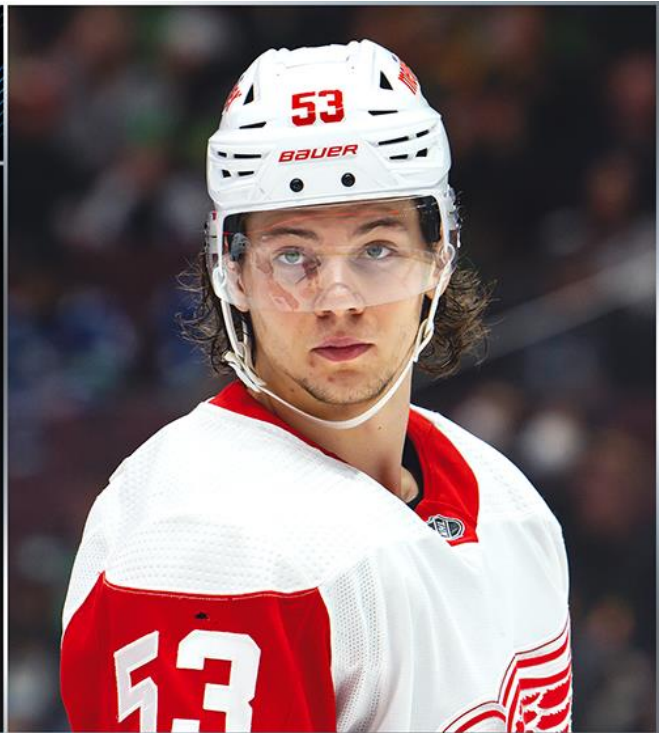
Red Wings defenseman **Moritz Seider** secured the [Calder Memorial Trophy](#), given annually “to the player selected as the most proficient in his first year of competition.” Seider became the sixth Calder Trophy winner in franchise history and first since goaltender **Roger Crozier** (1964-65) 57 years ago.



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**Moritz Seider paced rookie defensemen with 7-43—50, a point total surpassed by only 2 rookie blueliners over the last 30 years (Quinn Hughes, 2019-20; Vladimir Malakhov, 1992-93) and 2 rookie defensemen in Detroit history (Reed Larson, 1977-78; Nicklas Lidstrom, 1991-92).**

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### **VASILEVSKIY, LIGHTNING LOOK TO EVEN STANLEY CUP FINAL AT 2-2**

**Andrei Vasilevskiy** and Tampa Bay, which rebounded from a 7-0 loss in Game 2 with a 6-2 win Monday, will aim to pull even in the Stanley Cup Final before the series shifts back to Denver.

\* Vasilevskiy vaulted the Lightning to victory in Game 3 via a 37-save effort and improved to 8-0 in his last eight appearances at AMALIE Arena (1.57 GAA, .951 SV%, 1 SO). He can become the fifth different goaltender in NHL history with a home winning streak of nine or more games in a playoff year – only **Grant Fuhr** (11 GP in 1988 & 10 GP in 1985, both w/ EDM), **Marc-Andre Fleury** (9 GP in 2008 w/ PIT), **Mike Vernon** (9 GP in 1997 w/ DET) and **Bernie Parent** (9 GP in 1974 w/ PHI) have done so.

\* The Lightning, who suffered consecutive losses against the Rangers to open the Eastern Conference Final, can become the 17th team in League history to *tie* two series in one postseason after facing a multi-game deficit in each (a feat New York achieved earlier this year). Only three of the 16 previous clubs did so *in both the Final and Conference Finals/Semifinals*: the [1965 Black Hawks](#), [1962 Black Hawks](#) and [1945 Red Wings](#).

\* Tampa Bay can become the 14th team in NHL history to even a best-of-seven *Final* at 2-2 *after losing the first two games*. The Lightning would be the third defending champions to accomplish the feat, following the [1966 Canadiens](#) and [1962 Black Hawks](#).



## TEAMS TO EVEN FINAL AT 2-2 AFTER LOSING FIRST TWO GAMES

► NHL'S EXPANSION ERA (SINCE 1967-68)

TEAM	OPPONENT	YEAR	SERIES RESULT
NASHVILLE PREDATORS	PIT	2017	4-2 L
BOSTON BRUINS	VAN	2011	4-3 W
PHILADELPHIA FLYERS	CHI	2010	4-2 L
PITTSBURGH PENGUINS	DET	2009	4-3 W
MIGHTY DUCKS OF ANAHEIM	NJD	2003	4-3 L
BOSTON BRUINS	MTL	1978	4-2 L
BUFFALO SABRES	PHI	1975	4-2 L
MONTREAL CANADIENS	CHI	1971	4-3 W

\* TAMPA BAY CAN JOIN THIS LIST



### RANTANEN CAN REACH RAREFIED AIR AS AVALANCHE AIM TO AVOID ANOTHER LOSS

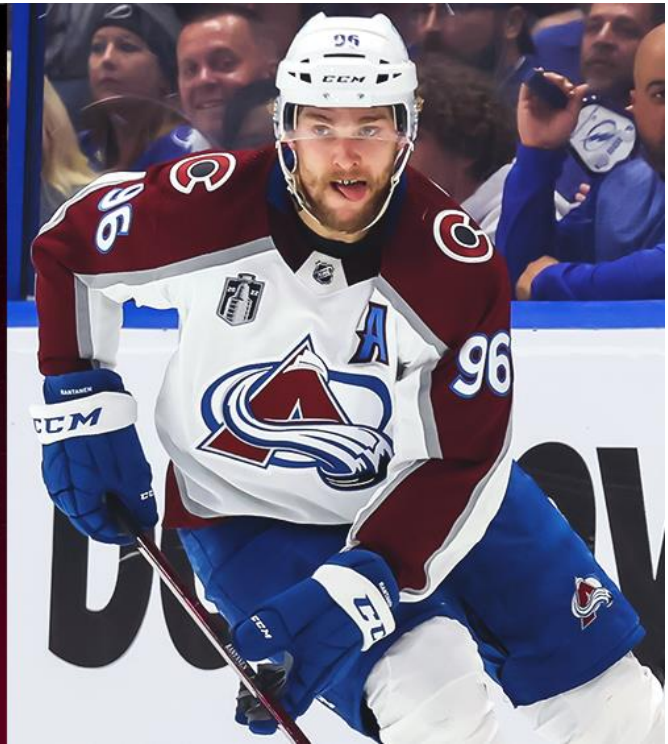
**Mikko Rantanen** and Colorado enter Game 4 of the Stanley Cup Final looking to take a 3-1 series lead and avoid suffering consecutive losses for the first time this postseason.

\* Rantanen (0-7—7 in 3 GP), who factored on both Avalanche goals Monday, has recorded multiple assists in each of the first three games against the Lightning. He can become the first player in NHL history with multiple assists in four straight games at any point in a Final and the second with multiple points, joining **Yvan Cournoyer** with the [1973 Canadiens](#) (4-4—8 from Game 1-4). Of note, **Wayne Gretzky** had multiple assists in four straight Final games in [1988](#), with one of the four being the suspended contest on May 24 (which is not recognized within official streaks).



Mikko Rantanen (0-7—7 in 3 GP) already has the most assists in a Stanley Cup Final by an Avalanche player and is one of three skaters in franchise history with seven points during a single championship series. The others are Joe Sakic (4-5—9 in 7 GP) and Alex Tanguay (4-3—7 in 7 GP) in 2001.

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\* Colorado can become the 37th team in NHL history with a 3-1 series lead in the Final, a feat that Tampa Bay achieved in each of the past two years. Only five of the 36 previous clubs did so against a defending champion: the [2000 Devils](#), [1984 Oilers](#), [1956 Canadiens](#), [1954 Red Wings](#) and [1947 Maple Leafs](#).

### **QUICK CLICKS**

- \* [Call for Donations: Ukrainian Hockey Dream charity fund striving toward creating a road map for kids](#)
- \* [Auston Matthews becomes Maple Leafs' first Hart Trophy winner in 67 years](#)
- \* [NHL announces 2021-22 First and Second All-Star Teams](#)
- \* [NHL announces 2021-22 All-Rookie Team](#)
- \* [Julien BriseBois, Chris Drury and Joe Sakic finalists for Jim Gregory GM of the Year Award](#)



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