

NHL MORNING SKATE: STANLEY CUP FINAL EDITION – JUNE 23, 2022



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Nazem Kadri scores overtime winner in Stanley Cup Final debut

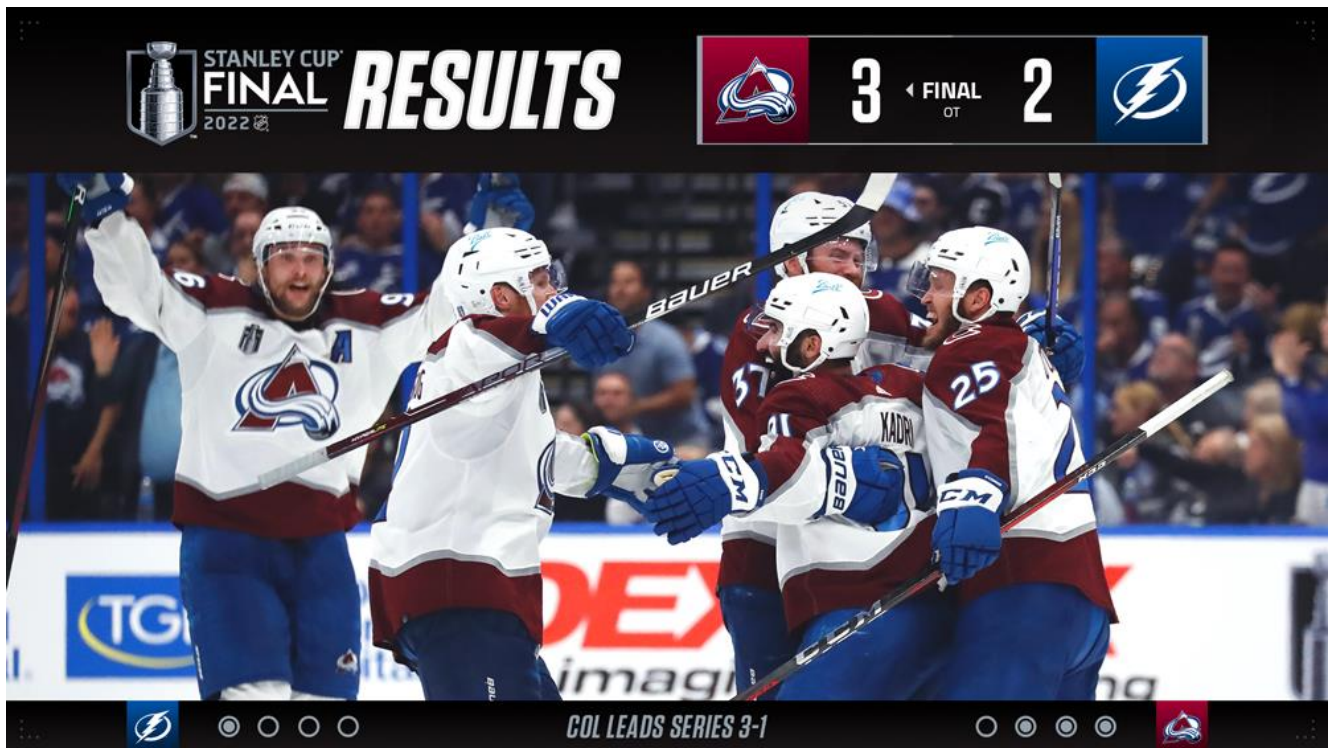
Avalanche can win Stanley Cup in Game 5 at home Friday (8 p.m. ET; ABC, ESPN+, SN, TVAS, CBC)

Acquisitions by GM of the Year finalist Joe Sakic pay dividends in Colorado's latest comeback win

* **Nazem Kadri** scored in overtime during his Stanley Cup Final debut to give the Avalanche a 3-1 series lead and a chance to hoist the Cup on home ice Friday.

* For the 15th time in NHL history and first since 2016, at least two of the first four games of the Stanley Cup Final required overtime.

* Game 4 began with a goal that ranks among the fastest from the start of a Stanley Cup Final contest in the expansion era and also saw Avalanche records fall as **Mikko Rantanen** and **Cale Makar** added to their assist totals.



KADRI NETS OT WINNER IN SERIES DEBUT; AVS CAN HOIST CUP AT HOME FRIDAY

Making his return to the Avalanche lineup for the first time since Game 3 of the Conference Finals, **Nazem Kadri** scored his first career playoff overtime goal to complete another Colorado comeback and give the club a 3-1 series lead heading back to Denver.

* Colorado can win its third Stanley Cup when they host Game 5 on Friday at Ball Arena. Only one of the past six championships has been won on home ice – by Tampa Bay last year.

* Kadri became the ninth player in NHL history to score an overtime goal in his Stanley Cup Final debut and the first to do so outside of Game 1.



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OVERTIME GOAL IN STANLEY CUP FINAL DEBUT

► NHL HISTORY

PLAYER	TEAM	GAME	YEAR
NAZEM KADRI	COL	4	2022
ANDREW SHAW	CHI	1	2013
ANZE KOPITAR	LAK	1	2012
GREG ADAMS	VAN	1	1994
PETR KLIMA	EDM	1	1990
DENIS POTVIN	NYI	1	1980
JACQUES LEMAIRE	MTL	1	1968
ALF PIKE	NYR	1	1940
DAVE TROTTIER	MMR	1	1935

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* Wednesday was Colorado's sixth overtime game of the 2022 Stanley Cup Playoffs (5-1), tied with 2001 (3-3) for the second most in one postseason in franchise history behind 1996 (5-2). Their [five victories](#) equal a franchise benchmark set in 1996 with **Uwe Krupp's** Cup-clinching goal.

* Kadri's Stanley Cup Final debut came in his 50th career playoff game and followed 739 career regular season contests, with 561 of those coming in a Maple Leafs uniform before being acquired by the Avalanche on July 1, 2019.



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I've been waiting for this my whole life, so I figured I'd stop waiting and just try to join the party. I'm just grateful I'm able to be in this position and with this group of guys, you couldn't have written a better story.



NAZEM KADRI
COLORADO AVALANCHE




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KADRI NOT THE ONLY SAKIC ACQUISITION WHO MADE AN IMPACT IN GAME 4

One day after being named a finalist for the [Jim Gregory General Manager of the Year Award](#) for the first time in his career, Avalanche GM **Joe Sakic** watched as six players he acquired either before or during the 2021-22 season combined for six points on the tying and winning goals in Game 4:

* Acquired on March 21, 2022, ahead of the trade deadline, **Andrew Cogliano** tied the game with his first career Stanley Cup Final goal (9 GP) – with assists to **Nico Sturm** (acquired March 15, 2022) and **Darren Helm** (signed July 29, 2021).



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MOST CAREER GAMES BEFORE FIRST STANLEY CUP FINAL GOAL

► NHL HISTORY

PLAYER	TEAM	GAME	YEAR	REG. SEASON GP
PATRICK MARLEAU	SJS	1	2016	1,411
SCOTT STEVENS	NJD	1	2000	1,353
CRAIG LUDWIG	DAL	2	1999	1,256
BILL GADSBY	DET	1	1966	1,248
PAT VERBEEK	DAL	5	1999	1,225
STEVE THOMAS	ANA	4	2003	1,191
ANDREW COGLIANO	COL	4	2022	1,140

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* Acquired the same day as Cogliano, **Artturi Lehkonen** notched the primary assist in overtime. Lehkonen (2-1—3) is one of four active players with at least three career overtime points in the Conference Finals/Semifinals or Stanley Cup Final, joining **Patrick Kane** (2-2—4), **Sidney Crosby** (1-2—3) and **Alec Martinez** (2-1—3).

* **Darcy Kuemper**, acquired via trade on July 28, 2021, became the first goaltender in NHL history with an overtime assist in a Stanley Cup Final game. He was the fourth to record a helper on *any* playoff overtime goal, following **Pekka Rinne** (Game 6 of 2016 R2 w/ NSH), **Tuukka Rask** (Game 4 of 2010 CQF w/ BOS) and **Dominik Hasek** (Game 3 of 2002 CF w/ DET).

COLORADO NEARING RECORD NUMBER OF COMEBACK WINS

The Avalanche faced 1-0 and 2-1 deficits but emerged with their ninth comeback win of the 2022 Stanley Cup Playoffs, which stands one back of the [single-postseason record](#) held by the 2009 Penguins (10).

* Game 4 was Colorado's 15th third-period, comeback win of 2021-22 and fourth of the postseason (also 11 in regular season) – tied for the third-highest combined total in one season in NHL history.



MOST WINS AFTER TRAILING IN THIRD PERIOD

▶ ONE SEASON, INCLUDING PLAYOFFS

TEAM	SEASON	TOTAL
ANAHEIM DUCKS	2014-15	22
FLORIDA PANTHERS	2021-22	17
COLORADO AVALANCHE	2021-22	15
DALLAS STARS	2006-07	15
DALLAS STARS	2005-06	15
DALLAS STARS	2019-20	14
CALGARY FLAMES	2014-15	14
TAMPA BAY LIGHTNING	2006-07	14
EDMONTON OILERS	2005-06	14

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* Colorado's victory was the 36th comeback win overall in the 2022 Stanley Cup Playoffs (87 GP), the most in a four-round postseason since 2014 (36 in 93 GP).

LIGHTNING-QUICK STRIKE BEGINS GAME 4

Lightning forward **Anthony Cirelli** tallied 36 seconds into Game 4, the [fastest goal](#) to begin a Stanley Cup Final contest in 16 years and one of 17 scored that quickly into a game during the championship series. It was just the ninth time a player scored in the opening 36 seconds of a game during the Final.

* Cirelli became the [fifth Lightning player](#) to score in the opening 40 seconds of any playoff game and first since **Cedric Paquette** in Game 5 of the 2018 Conference Finals (0:19 vs. WSH).



FASTEST GOALS FROM START OF GAME

▶ STANLEY CUP FINAL, EXPANSION ERA (SINCE 1967-68)

PLAYER	TEAM	GAME	YEAR	TIME
JOHN BYCE	BOS	3	1990	0:10
FERNANDO PISANI	EDM	5	2006	0:16
REGGIE LEACH	PHI	1	1976	0:21
GREGG SHEPPARD	BOS	4	1978	0:25
JOEL OTTO	CGY	5	1989	0:28
TOMAS HOLMSTROM	DET	3	1998	0:35
PIT MARTIN	CHI	1	1973	0:35
ANTHONY CIRELLI	TBL	4	2022	0:36

*EXCLUDES GOAL SCORED 0:10 INTO SUSPENDED GAME IN 1988 (GLENN ANDERSON, EDM)



FRANCHISE RECORDS FALL AS RANTANEN, MAKAR HIT 20 ASSISTS

Mikko Rantanen and **Cale Makar** each recorded their 20th assist of the 2022 Stanley Cup Playoffs on Colorado's first goal to establish a [franchise record for one postseason](#), surpassing **Peter Stastny** (19 in 1985 w/ QUE).

* Rantanen posted his eighth assist of the series, one shy of the official record for an entire Stanley Cup Final. While four players share the official record for most assists in the Final (9), **Wayne Gretzky** compiled 10 assists in the 1988 championship series including two in the suspended game on May 24. A decision was made at the time to count player statistics as part of their career totals but not as part of official NHL records, therefore Gretzky's official count for that series is eight.

MOST ASSISTS IN A SINGLE STANLEY CUP FINAL

NHL HISTORY

1973	1987	1991	2010	2022
				
JACQUES LEMAIRE	WAYNE GRETZKY	LARRY MURPHY	DANIEL BRIERE	MIKKO RANTANEN
				
9	9	9	9	8*

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*6 others with 8

* Rantanen (4-10—14 in 8 GP) extended his [point streak to eight games](#) and now has 0-8—8 in the 2022 Stanley Cup Final. He is the second player in NHL history with eight assists through the first four games in a Final, joining Gretzky who had eight assists through four games in 1988 – whether you count the suspended game or not.

* Makar factored on five straight Avalanche goals over the course of Games 2-4, a streak which ended when **Andrew Cogliano** pulled Colorado even at 2:53 of the third period. Makar became the third defenseman in NHL history to have a point on five consecutive team goals in a Final, joining **Paul Coffey** in 1985 (6 G w/ EDM) and **Eddie Bush** in 1942 (6 G w/ DET).

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