



#NHLStats about the Seattle Kraken, who are headed to the postseason for the first time in their second NHL season. Seattle became the 13th team to clinch a berth in the 2023 Stanley Cup Playoffs [by winning Thursday](#). The **Kraken**, **Vegas Golden Knights** and **Atlanta Flames** (now Calgary Flames) are the only franchises **since 1968-69 to start from scratch and reach the Stanley Cup Playoffs** within their first two NHL seasons (keep reading for more information in this regard).

1. Already with the largest [win](#) and [point](#) improvements for an NHL franchise from its first season to its second, the Kraken became the 11th club in the expansion era – and second in the past 40 years – to reach the Stanley Cup Playoffs within its first two seasons. Half of the previous 10 instances came within the first two seasons of the expansion era (1967-68 and 1968-69) when new teams were assured four of eight playoff spots each year.
2. The Kraken will contest a postseason game for the first time, but the Stanley Cup Playoffs have a history in Seattle. The “Emerald City” last hosted a Stanley Cup Playoffs game 104 years ago when all five games of the 1919 Stanley Cup Final were played at Seattle Ice Arena, as the Seattle Metropolitans of the Pacific Coast Hockey Association (PCHA) battled the Montreal Canadiens during the NHL’s second season. The last contest was held [March 29, 1919](#), when Montreal avoided elimination with an overtime win, as the series was halted by the influenza epidemic. [Click here](#) (and then on the blue drop-down arrows) for more about the 1919 Final.
3. One year after hosting the Final, the Seattle Metropolitans competed for the Stanley Cup once again – this time heading to Ontario to face the original Ottawa Senators. The best-of-five series went the distance after the Metropolitans rallied from a 2-0 series deficit to force Game 5 but lost in the winner-take-all showdown thanks to a third-period hat trick by Senators forward **Jack Darragh**. The first three games were played at Laurier Avenue Arena in Ottawa, followed by Games 4-5 at Mutual Street Arena in Toronto. It was the third and final time the Metropolitans would compete in the Stanley Cup Final (1917, 1919 & 1920).
4. The Seattle Metropolitans hold the distinction of being the first U.S.-based team to win the Stanley Cup, claiming “Lord Stanley” in 1916-17 – the last season before the formation of the NHL. The Metropolitans defeated the Montreal Canadiens, then of the National Hockey Association, in the 1917 Final – a best-of-five series capped in Game 4 when Metropolitans forward **Bernie Morris** mustered six goals in a 9-1 victory to clinch the Cup.
5. Seattle will look to become the fourth franchise in NHL history to win the Cup within its first two seasons (the 1918 Toronto Arenas, 1926 Montreal Maroons and 1928 Rangers all did so). Six NHL franchises have reached the Final *in their first trip to the postseason* (1918 Arenas, 1926 Maroons, 1927 Bruins, 1968 Blues, 1996 Panthers and 2018 Golden Knights).
6. The Kraken can become the third team in NHL history to contest a playoff game with Cup winners from each of the previous 7+ years in their lineup – only the 1968 Blues and 1927 Bruins have done so. Their playoff run will be buoyed by Cup winners from each of the past seven years and eight of the past nine: **Andre Burakovsky** ([2022 COL](#) & [2018 WSH](#)), **Yanni Gourde** ([2021 TBL](#) & [2020 TBL](#)), **Vince Dunn** ([2019 STL](#)), **Jaden Schwartz** ([2019 STL](#)), **Philipp Grubauer** ([2018 WSH](#)), **Justin Schultz** ([2017 PIT](#) & [2016 PIT](#)) and **Martin Jones** ([2014 LAK](#)).
7. **Andre Burakovsky** can become the sixth player in NHL history to win his first three championships *with a different franchise each time*; he would join **Mark Recchi** (PIT, CAR & BOS), **Joe Nieuwendyk** (CGY, DAL & NJD), **Mike Keane** (MTL, COL & DAL), **Claude Lemieux** (MTL, NJD & COL) and **Al Arbour** (DET, CHI & TOR).
8. Seattle can become the first franchise in NHL history to make its postseason debut with *multiple* Stanley Cup-winning goaltenders in its lineup (**Philipp Grubauer** and **Martin Jones**). The only clubs with *one* during their first-ever trip to the playoffs were the 2018 Golden Knights (**Marc-Andre Fleury**), 1981 Quebec Nordiques (**Michel Plasse**), 1968 Blues (**Glenn Hall**), 1968 Kings (**Terry Sawchuk**) and 1926 Montreal Maroons (**Clint Benedict**).
9. **Philipp Grubauer** (19-10-1 in 33 GP) can become the fourth active goaltender to reach 20 career postseason wins in less than 35 appearances; he would join **Matt Murray** (28 GP), **Jonathan Quick** (32 GP) and **Marc-**



Andre Fleury (34 GP). **Martin Jones** has appeared in [62 career playoff games](#), including 18 in either the Conference Finals or Stanley Cup Final.

10. **Ron Francis** won back-to-back championships with the Penguins ([1991](#) & [1992](#)), scoring the Stanley Cup-clinching goal in [Game 4 of the 1992 Final](#). Francis can become the fourth individual in NHL history to be part of a franchise's first Stanley Cup win as a *player* and then guide another club to its first title as a *general manager* – only **Brian MacLellan** ([1989 CGY](#) & [2018 WSH](#)), **Jack Adams** ([1918 TAN](#) & [1936 DET](#)) and **Eddie Gerard** ([1920 SEN](#) & [1926 MMR](#)) have done so to date. Of note, **Lester Patrick** was GM of the 1925 Victoria Cougars (a WCHL team that won the Cup) and tended goal for the 1928 Rangers [under emergency circumstances](#).



Bura-Clutchsky

Andre Burakovsky has a career goals-per-game of 0.71 when facing elimination (10-4—14 in 14 GP), the third highest such rate in NHL history* behind Maurice Richard (0.88) and Pavel Bure (0.80). His 10 goals when facing elimination rank third among active players.

*Minimum 10 GP



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FRANCHISES TO QUALIFY FOR STANLEY CUP PLAYOFFS WITHIN FIRST TWO NHL SEASONS

Franchise	First NHL Season	Season of Playoff Appearance & Results	Series Wins
Seattle Kraken	2021-22	2nd TBD	TBD
Vegas Golden Knights	2017-18	1st 2018 – Reached Stanley Cup Final 2nd 2019 – Eliminated in First Round	3 0
Quebec Nordiques	1979-80	2nd 1981 – Eliminated in Preliminary Round	0
Hartford Whalers	1979-80	1st 1980 – Eliminated in Preliminary Round	0
Edmonton Oilers	1979-80	1st 1980 – Eliminated in Preliminary Round 2nd 1981 – Reached Quarterfinals	0 1
Atlanta Flames	1972-73	2nd 1974 – Eliminated in Quarterfinals	0
Oakland Seals	1967-68	2nd 1969 – Eliminated in Quarterfinals	0
Minnesota North Stars	1967-68	1st 1968 – Reached Semifinals	1
Los Angeles Kings	1967-68	1st 1968 – Eliminated in Quarterfinals 2nd 1969 – Reached Semifinals	0 1
Philadelphia Flyers	1967-68	1st 1968 – Eliminated in Quarterfinals 2nd 1969 – Eliminated in Quarterfinals	0 0
St. Louis Blues	1967-68	1st 1968 – Reached Stanley Cup Final 2nd 1969 – Reached Stanley Cup Final	2 2
<i>New York Rangers</i>	<i>1926-27</i>	1st 1927 – Eliminated in Semifinals 2nd 1928 – Won Stanley Cup	0 3
<i>Chicago Blackhawks</i>	<i>1926-27</i>	1st 1927 – Eliminated in Quarterfinals	0
<i>Pittsburgh Pirates</i>	<i>1925-26</i>	1st 1926 – Eliminated in NHL Semifinal	0
<i>Montreal Maroons</i>	<i>1924-25</i>	2nd 1926 – Won Stanley Cup	3
<i>Montréal Canadiens</i>	<i>1917-18</i>	1st 1918 – Eliminated in NHL Final 2nd 1919 – Reached Stanley Cup Final	0 1
<i>Ottawa Senators (1917)</i>	<i>1917-18</i>	2nd 1919 – Eliminated in NHL Final	0
<i>Toronto Arenas</i>	<i>1917-18</i>	1st 1918 – Won Stanley Cup	2

^Teams in grey joined in 1968-69 or later and started from scratch

^Teams in italics joined before the expansion era (1967-68 onward)

*Click the hyperlinks above for more information on the playoff structure and series length for that playoff year.

Background

* The **Seattle Kraken**, **Vegas Golden Knights** and **Atlanta Flames** (now Calgary Flames) are the only franchises **since 1968-69 to start from scratch and reach the Stanley Cup Playoffs** within their first two NHL seasons. More information on the other 15 franchises listed above:

First NHL Season in 1917-18

* The **Toronto Arenas** (now Toronto Maple Leafs), **Ottawa Senators (1917)** and **Montreal Canadiens** all were part of the NHL's inaugural season in 1917-18. The League consisted of no more than four clubs in both 1917-18 and 1918-19, with two teams qualifying for the Stanley Cup Playoffs in each season and one guaranteed a place in the Final. Series types included total-goals, best-of-five and best-of-seven. The 1919 Stanley Cup Final, played in Seattle, was canceled due to the influenza epidemic ([click here](#) and on the blue buttons for more information).

First NHL Season from 1924-25 to 1926-27

* The **Montreal Maroons**, **Pittsburgh Pirates**, **Chicago Blackhawks** and **New York Rangers** played their first two NHL seasons during a time when the League consisted of between six and 10 teams. No more than six NHL teams qualified for the Stanley Cup Playoffs during the time frame from 1925 to 1928. Series types included total-goals and best-of-five.



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First NHL Season in 1967-68 – Start of the League’s “Expansion Era”

* The **St. Louis Blues**, **Philadelphia Flyers**, **Los Angeles Kings**, **Minnesota North Stars** (now Dallas Stars) and **Oakland Seals** all were part of the “Second Six” as the NHL doubled to 12 franchises, with all six new clubs competing in the all-expansion West Division which guaranteed four new clubs would qualify for the Stanley Cup Playoffs and that one would reach the Final. All series were best-of-seven.

First NHL Season in 1979-80

* The **Edmonton Oilers**, **Hartford Whalers** (now Carolina Hurricanes) and **Quebec Nordiques** (now Colorado Avalanche) all joined the NHL from the World Hockey Association. In 1980 and 1981, Preliminary Round series were best-of-five; all others were best-of-seven.

LOOKING AHEAD TO GAME 1 OF THE FIRST ROUND

The information below shows the top performances in an **NHL franchise’s first-ever playoff game**.

Any Skater

Most Goals: 3 (Harry Meeking w/ TAN in [1918 NHLF](#))

Most Assists: 3 (Peter Stastny w/ QUE in [1981 PRLM](#))

Most Points: 3 (9x; last: Paul Kariya & Teemu Selanne w/ ANA in [1997 CQF](#))

Defensemen

Most Goals: 1 (19x; last: Shea Theodore w/ VGK in [2018 R1](#))

Most Assists: 2 (4x; last: J.J. Daigneault w/ ANA in [1997 CQF](#))

Most Points: 3 (Harry Cameron w/ TAN in [1918 NHLF](#))

Rookie

Most Goals: 3 (Harry Meeking w/ TAN in [1918 NHLF](#))

Most Assists: 3 (Peter Stastny w/ QUE in [1981 PRLM](#))

Most Points: 3 (5x; last: Anton Stastny & Peter Stastny w/ QUE in [1981 PRLM](#))

Goaltenders (Since 1955-56)

Most Saves: 47 (Ron Low w/ EDM in [1980 PRLM](#))

Most Shots Against: 51 (Ron Low w/ EDM in [1980 PRLM](#))

Team (Shots since 1955-56)

Most Goals For: 7 (Toronto Arenas in [1918 NHLF](#))

Most Goals Against: 8 (original Ottawa Senators in [1919 NHLF](#))

Most Shots on Goal: 40 (Los Angeles Kings in [1968 QF](#))

Most Shots Against: 51 (Edmonton Oilers in [1980 PRLM](#))

Shutouts: 4

Vegas Golden Knights in [2018 R1](#) (Marc-Andre Fleury)

St. Louis Blues in [1968 QF](#) (Glenn Hall)

New York Americans in [1929 QF](#) (Roy Worters)

New York Rangers in [1927 SF](#) (Lorne Chabot)

LEAGUE LISTS INCLUDED BELOW (as of March 8, 2023)

- Stanley Cup Winners by Roster
- Stanley Cup Final Experience by Roster
- Conference Finals and Stanley Cup Final Experience by Roster
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- Most Regular-Season Games Played Before First Stanley Cup Win, NHL History
- Most Regular-Season Games Played Without Stanley Cup Win, NHL History



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- Information on Stanley Cup-Winning Rosters Since 1917-18

STANLEY CUP WINNERS BY ROSTER

TEAM	PLAYERS	CUPS	CUPS WITH TEAM
Anaheim Ducks	1	1	0
Arizona Coyotes	0	0	0
Boston Bruins	4	4	3
Buffalo Sabres	0	0	0
Calgary Flames	5	7	0
Carolina Hurricanes	2	2	0
Chicago Blackhawks	2	5	3
Colorado Avalanche	19	20	18
Columbus Blue Jackets	0	0	0
Dallas Stars	1	1	0
Detroit Red Wings	4	5	0
Edmonton Oilers	0	0	0
Florida Panthers	3	4	0
Los Angeles Kings	2	4	4
Minnesota Wild	3	5	0
Montreal Canadiens	3	3	0
Nashville Predators	3	4	0
New Jersey Devils	1	2	0
New York Islanders	0	0	0
New York Rangers	3	6	0
Ottawa Senators	1	2	0
Philadelphia Flyers	0	0	0
Pittsburgh Penguins	10	21	17
San Jose Sharks	1	1	0
Seattle Kraken	7	10	0
St. Louis Blues	9	10	6
Tampa Bay Lightning	14	26	22
Toronto Maple Leafs	5	8	0
Vancouver Canucks	1	1	0
Vegas Golden Knights	6	9	0
Washington Capitals	10	11	6
Winnipeg Jets	0	0	0

*Min. 1 GP in 2022-23 with current team through GP March 8. [Click here](#) for player details.



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STANLEY CUP FINAL EXPERIENCE BY ROSTER

TEAM	PLAYERS	SCF GP	SCF G	SCF A	SCF P	FINALS
Anaheim Ducks	2	12	4	2	6	2
Arizona Coyotes	0	0	0	0	0	0
Boston Bruins	13	125	30	31	61	20
Buffalo Sabres	1	5	0	1	1	1
Calgary Flames	6	51	12	9	21	10
Carolina Hurricanes	5	33	5	9	14	6
Chicago Blackhawks	3	41	8	11	19	7
Colorado Avalanche	18	124	18	36	54	22
Columbus Blue Jackets	1	7	2	3	5	1
Dallas Stars	10	70	9	22	31	13
Detroit Red Wings	4	30	3	8	11	6
Edmonton Oilers	3	14	2	4	6	3
Florida Panthers	4	32	5	7	12	6
Los Angeles Kings	5	40	7	14	21	7
Minnesota Wild	8	55	7	7	14	10
Montreal Canadiens	12	58	4	10	14	13
Nashville Predators	6	47	5	14	19	9
New Jersey Devils	3	30	8	10	18	6
New York Islanders	2	8	2	0	2	2
New York Rangers	5	45	12	16	28	8
Ottawa Senators	4	21	3	9	12	4
Philadelphia Flyers	2	10	3	2	5	2
Pittsburgh Penguins	12	148	32	48	80	27
San Jose Sharks	4	20	3	6	9	4
Seattle Kraken	7	53	7	15	22	10
St. Louis Blues	10	71	10	10	20	12
Tampa Bay Lightning	17	266	40	68	108	50
Toronto Maple Leafs	8	46	9	11	20	9
Vancouver Canucks	1	5	0	0	0	1
Vegas Golden Knights	12	78	11	21	32	15
Washington Capitals	12	66	15	27	41	13
Winnipeg Jets	3	13	2	2	4	3

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CONFERENCE FINALS & STANLEY CUP FINAL EXPERIENCE BY ROSTER

TEAM	PLAYERS	CF/SCF GP	CF/SCF G	CF/SCF A	CF/SCF P
Anaheim Ducks	8	81	12	26	38
Arizona Coyotes	1	4	1	1	2
Boston Bruins	15	267	67	67	134
Buffalo Sabres	2	28	2	5	7
Calgary Flames	10	126	23	35	58
Carolina Hurricanes	17	171	29	44	73
Chicago Blackhawks	4	110	30	33	63
Colorado Avalanche	19	250	47	75	122
Columbus Blue Jackets	3	19	4	6	10
Dallas Stars	11	150	22	46	68
Detroit Red Wings	6	80	9	21	30
Edmonton Oilers	17	101	15	32	47
Florida Panthers	7	88	12	17	29
Los Angeles Kings	5	91	15	38	53
Minnesota Wild	9	130	13	20	33
Montreal Canadiens	14	158	23	33	56
Nashville Predators	9	120	19	37	56
New Jersey Devils	5	87	28	30	58
New York Islanders	18	192	23	32	55
New York Rangers	19	222	47	72	119
Ottawa Senators	8	69	18	18	36
Philadelphia Flyers	3	40	4	8	12
Pittsburgh Penguins	16	341	78	111	189
San Jose Sharks	7	93	19	32	51
Seattle Kraken	10	141	25	31	56
St. Louis Blues	12	178	21	43	64
Tampa Bay Lightning	19	690	114	198	312
Toronto Maple Leafs	8	109	13	21	34
Vancouver Canucks	6	50	6	12	18
Vegas Golden Knights	17	316	47	76	123
Winnipeg Jets	13	84	7	15	22
Washington Capitals	12	125	27	57	84

*Min. 1 GP in 2022-23 with current team through GP March 8. [Click here](#) for player details.

^Includes 2021 Stanley Cup Semifinals

MOST REGULAR-SEASON GAMES PLAYED, ACTIVE PLAYERS WITHOUT A STANLEY CUP WIN

PLAYER	CURRENT TEAM	GP
Ryan Suter	DAL	1,344
Brent Burns	CAR	1,313
Joe Pavelski	DAL	1,232
Marc-Edouard Vlasic	SJS	1,225
Zach Parise	NYI	1,208
Paul Stastny	CAR	1,133
Blake Wheeler	WPG	1,102
Mark Giordano	TOR	1,088
Marc Staal	FLA	1,084
Nick Foligno	BOS	1,081
Claude Giroux	OTT	1,081

*List shows all players with 1,060+ career GP through March 8, 2023. [Click here](#) for more players.



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MOST REGULAR-SEASON GAMES PLAYED BEFORE FIRST STANLEY CUP WIN, NHL HISTORY

PLAYER	CURRENT TEAM	FIRST CUP	GP
Ray Bourque	-	2001 COL	1,612
Dave Andreychuk	-	2004 TBL	1,597
Glen Wesley	-	2006 CAR	1,311
Pat Verbeek	-	1999 DAL	1,225
Luc Robitaille	-	2002 DET	1,205
Rod Brind'Amour	-	2006 CAR	1,187
Jay Bouwmeester	-	2019 STL	1,184
Andrew Cogliano	COL	2022 COL	1,140
Steve Duchesne	-	2002 DET	1,113
Lanny McDonald	-	1989 CGY	1,111
Kimmo Timonen	-	2015 CHI	1,108
Teemu Selanne	-	2007 ANA	1,041
Jack Johnson	COL	2022 COL	1,024
Steve Yzerman	-	1997 DET	1,023
Robyn Regehr	-	2014 LAK	1,022
Miroslav Satan	-	2009 PIT	1,012
Dallas Drake	-	2008 DET	1,009
Alex Ovechkin	WSH	2018 WSH	1,003
Neal Broten	-	1995 NJD	1,002

*List above shows all players with 1,000+ career GP before first Cup win. [Click here](#) for more players.

MOST REGULAR-SEASON GAMES PLAYED WITHOUT STANLEY CUP WIN, NHL HISTORY

PLAYER	CURRENT TEAM	GP
Patrick Marleau	-	1,779
Joe Thornton	-	1,714
Jarome Iginla	-	1,554
Shane Doan	-	1,540
Phil Housley	-	1,495
Mike Gartner	-	1,432
Scott Mellanby	-	1,431
Luke Richardson	-	1,417
Harry Howell	-	1,411
Norm Ullman	-	1,410
Dale Hunter	-	1,407
Roman Hamrlik	-	1,395
Doug Mohns	-	1,391
Trevor Linden	-	1,382
Dean Prentice	-	1,378
Teppo Numminen	-	1,372
Jeremy Roenick	-	1,363
Marcel Dionne	-	1,348
Mats Sundin	-	1,346
Ryan Suter	DAL	1,344
Adam Oates	-	1,337
Henrik Sedin	-	1,330
Brent Burns	CAR	1,313
Daniel Sedin	-	1,306

*List above shows all players with 1,300+ career GP through March 8, 2023. [Click here](#) for more players.

INFORMATION ON STANLEY CUP-WINNING ROSTERS SINCE 1917-18

[Click here](#) to view a breakdown of each Stanley Cup-winning roster in NHL history, including number of previous winners, average age, along with names and ages of the captain(s), head coach and general manager.

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