

NHL MORNING SKATE: STANLEY CUP PLAYOFFS EDITION – APRIL 25, 2023

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Maple Leafs complete three-goal third-period comeback win to take 3-1 series lead

Eberle scores first playoff overtime goal in Kraken franchise history

Hurricanes can advance to 2023 Second Round on Tuesday

- * The Maple Leafs earned a three-goal comeback win less than 24 hours after the Oilers completed one of their own at Crypto.com Arena. This marked the third time in Stanley Cup Playoffs history where a team earned a three-goal comeback victory *on consecutive days*, following Aug. 6-7, 2020 (CBJ in [Game 3 of SCQ](#), TOR in [Game 4 of SCQ](#)) and April 19-20, 2011 (SJS in [Game 3 of CQF](#), WSH in [Game 4 of CQF](#)).
- * The Devils and Golden Knights also earned road wins Monday, with New Jersey pulling even after facing a 2-0 series deficit and Vegas withstanding the “Winnipeg Whiteout” once again to go up 3-1.
- * The Kraken scored their first playoff overtime goal to earn their first postseason home win in franchise history and even their opening-round series at 2-2.
- * The Hurricanes hope to become the first team to advance to the Second Round of the 2023 Stanley Cup Playoffs as three Game 5s go Tuesday.



LEAFS COMPLETE THREE-GOAL THIRD-PERIOD COMEBACK WIN TO TAKE 3-1 SERIES LEAD
Alexander Kerfoot scored the overtime winner after his team overcame a three-goal third-period deficit as Toronto sent fans at Maple Leaf Square into a state of pandemonium and moved within one victory of its [first series win in over 19 years](#).

Comeback Complete!

Alexander Kerfoot scored the overtime winner as Toronto earned its fourth three-goal comeback win in the Stanley Cup Playoffs in franchise history (also Game 4 of 2020 SCQ, Game 5 of 1993 DSF & Game 3 of 1936 SCF)

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* **Auston Matthews** had two third-period goals in a span of 2:45 and **Morgan Rielly** recorded the tying

tally, with **Mitchell Marner** (2-8—10 in 4 GP) assisting on two of the three markers to become the first 10-point scorer this postseason. Marner became the second player in franchise history with a double-digit point total through four games in a playoff year, joining **Darryl Sittler** in 1977 (3-8—11 in 4 GP).

* The Maple Leafs hold a 3-1 lead in a best-of-seven Stanley Cup Playoffs series for the 14th time in franchise history. Toronto owns an all-time series record of 11-2 in the previous 13, including seven instances where the clinching win was earned in Game 5.

EBERLE SCORES KRAKEN'S FIRST PLAYOFF OVERTIME GOAL AS SEATTLE EVENS SERIES

Jordan Eberle scored the first postseason overtime goal in franchise history as the Kraken earned their first-ever home win in the Stanley Cup Playoffs and evened their opening-round series with the Avalanche at 2-2. Eberle scored his second career overtime goal in the postseason, following the 2OT winner in [Game 5 of the 2020 Conference Finals](#) (w/ NYI).

* Each of the NHL's last four expansion franchises have earned a win in their first playoff game which required overtime. The Kraken followed the Golden Knights ([Game 2 of 2018 R1](#)), Blue Jackets ([Game 2 of 2014 R1](#)) and Wild ([Game 6 of 2003 CQF](#)).



FIRST PLAYOFF OVERTIME GOALS

FRANCHISES TO DEBUT AFTER WHA MERGER (SINCE 1980-81)

FRANCHISE	GAME	SERIES	SCORER
Seattle Kraken	4	2023 R1	Jordan Eberle
Winnipeg Jets	4	2019 R1	Kyle Connor
Vegas Golden Knights	2	2018 R1	Erik Haula
Columbus Blue Jackets	2	2014 R1	Matt Calvert
Nashville Predators	5	2011 CQF	Jerred Smithson
Minnesota Wild	6	2003 CQF	Richard Park
Mighty Ducks of Anaheim	6	1997 CQF	Paul Kariya
Ottawa Senators	4	1997 CQF	Daniel Alfredsson
Florida Panthers	4	1996 CSF	Dave Lowry
Tampa Bay Lightning	2	1996 CQF	Brian Bellows
San Jose Sharks	2	1995 CQF	Ulf Dahlen



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SWISS-BORN PLAYERS SHINE AS NEW JERSEY EVENS FIRST ROUND SERIES ON THE ROAD

Akira Schmid (22 saves) allowed one goal against for the second time in as many appearances while fellow countrymen **Jonas Siegenthaler** (1-1—2) and **Nico Hischier** [connected on the winning goal](#) as the Devils earned another victory at Madison Square Garden to pull even in their First Round series.

* Schmid improved to 2-0 through his first two career appearances in the Stanley Cup Playoffs with a 0.91 goals-against average and .966 save percentage. He became the second goaltender in Devils/Rockies/Scouts history to earn a victory in each of his first two career postseason games, joining **Chris Terrer** (2-0 in 1990).

* New Jersey tied a best-of-seven series at 2-2 after dropping its first two contests for the third time in

franchise history (also [2002 CQF](#) & [1994 CSF](#)). The Devils went on to earn a six-game triumph against the Bruins in the 1994 Conference Semifinals before facing the Rangers during the following round.



WINS IN FIRST 2+ CAREER PLAYOFF APPEARANCES & 1 GOAL AGAINST OR FEWER IN EACH CONTEST

NHL HISTORY

GOALTENDER	TEAM	YEAR	WINS
Normie Smith	Detroit Red Wings	1936	4
Carter Hart	Philadelphia Flyers	2020	3
Steve Penney*	Montreal Canadiens	1984	3
Gilles Meloche	Minnesota North Stars	1980	3
Akira Schmid*	New Jersey Devils	2023	2
Matt Murray*	Pittsburgh Penguins	2016	2
Michal Neuvirth*	Washington Capitals	2011	2
Andrew Raycroft*	Boston Bruins	2004	2
Bob Mason*	Washington Capitals	1987	2
Les Binkley	Pittsburgh Penguins	1970	2
Jacques Plante*	Montreal Canadiens	1953	2
Tiny Thompson*	Boston Bruins	1929	2

*Rookies



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GOLDEN KNIGHTS ONE OF THREE ROAD WINS IN #NHLSTATS: LIVE UPDATES

Chandler Stephenson (0-2—2) recorded his [third straight multi-point game](#) to help the Golden Knights take a 3-1 series lead back to Vegas. Monday concluded with three road teams earning wins – this note and more were featured in the [most-recent edition of #NHLStats: Live Updates](#).



The Golden Knights earned the 20th road win of the 2023 Stanley Cup Playoffs, which are the second most at this stage of a postseason in NHL history (21 through 32 GP in 2012)



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- * [Filip Gustavsson](#) comfortable, 'been great' for Wild ahead of Game 5 vs. Stars
- * [Tyler Bertuzzi](#) proving he's 'made for playoffs' with Bruins in East 1st Round
- * Oilers 'showed a lot of maturity' to rally for Game 4 win
- * Color of Hockey: [Willie O'Ree](#), [Bob Dawson](#) to receive honorary doctorate degrees

KEY CONTRIBUTORS LOOK TO RISE TO THE OCCASION FOR GAME 5s

A trio of Game 5s account for the Tuesday schedule in the 2023 Stanley Cup Playoffs, with the Islanders looking to stave off elimination against the Hurricanes while the Wild and Stars as well as the Kings and Oilers battle it out for a 3-2 series lead.

TONIGHT'S SCHEDULE

TUESDAY, APRIL 25

7:00 PM ET



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ESPN, SNP, SNO, SNE, TVAS,
MSGSN, BSSO, MSG,

CAR LEADS 3-1

8:00 PM ET



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TBS, TVAS2, SN360, BSWIX,
BSN, BSSW

SERIES TIED 2-2

9:30 PM ET



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ESPN, CBC, TVAS, SN, KCOP-13

SERIES TIED 2-2

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* **Zach Parise** of the Islanders and **Sebastian Aho** of the Hurricanes have relished in their opportunities during potential elimination games and series-clinching games, respectively. Parise has posted 5-10—15 in 22 career games in his predicament – the most on the Islanders current roster – while Aho (6-4—10 in 8 GP) needs one to surpass **Eric Staal** (4-6—10 in 12 GP) for the most career points in potential series-clinching games by a Hurricanes/Whalers player.

* **Mats Zuccarello** (2-3—5 in 4 GP) and **Roope Hintz** (4-4—8 in 4 GP) look to continue their recent strings of success as the Wild and Stars square off in Dallas. Zuccarello can join Parise (6 GP in 2014) as the second player in franchise history with a postseason-opening point streak of at least five games, while Hintz sits two points shy of tying the most in a single series *in Stars team history* (**Mike Modano**: 4-6—10 in 2003 CQF, **Sergei Zubov**: 4-6—10 in 2003 CQF & **Jamie Benn**: 4-6—10 in 2016 R1).

* **Leon Draisaitl** (5-4—9 in 2023) sits two points shy of 70 career points in the Stanley Cup Playoffs (23-45—68 in 41 GP). With another multi-point game – something he has done in three of four outings so far this postseason – Draisaitl would be the third-fastest player in NHL history to reach the mark. **Wayne Gretzky** (29 GP), **Mario Lemieux** (36 GP) and **Jari Kurri** (49 GP) are the only ones to do so in fewer than 50 contests.



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The Kings and Oilers can combine to produce the seventh best-of-seven series in NHL history with 4+ overtime games through the first five contests.

PHX vs. CHI (5 in 2012 CQF)
TOR vs. MTL (5 in 1951 SCF)
WSH vs. CBJ (4 in 2018 R1)
WSH vs. TOR (4 in 2017 R1)
STL vs. CHI (4 in 2014 R1)
DAL vs. EDM (4 in 2001 CQF)



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