

NHL MORNING SKATE: STANLEY CUP PLAYOFFS EDITION – MAY 9, 2024



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- Canucks thrill home crowd with three-goal comeback win, the NHL's second in as many days
- Barkov tallies first career four-point playoff contest as Panthers take Game 2
- Hurricanes aim to cut series deficit in half, Stars look to even series as Second Round continues

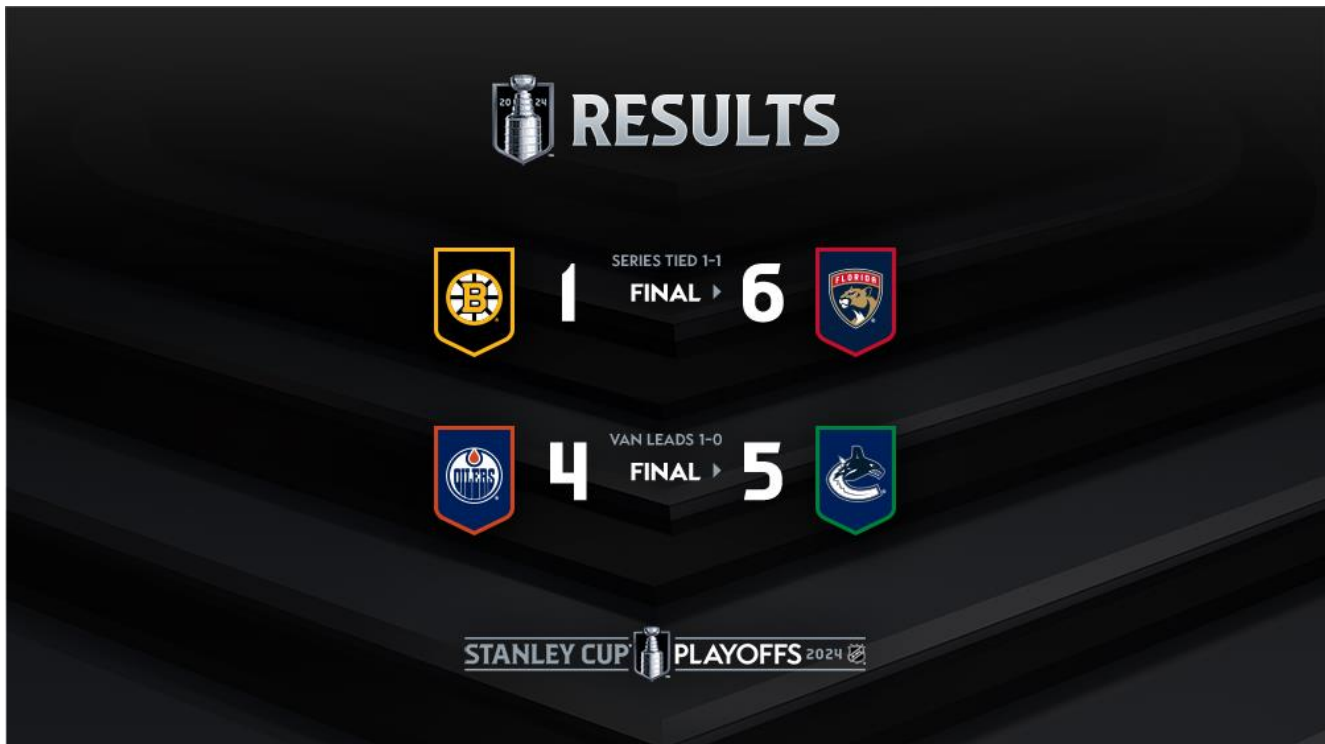
* The Canucks pulled off a stunning win to take a 1-0 series lead as they joined the Avalanche as the second team in as many days to record a three-goal comeback victory. Two of four Game 1s in the 2024 Second Round have featured the winning club overcoming a three-goal deficit.

* **Aleksander Barkov**, **Sam Reinhart** and **Brandon Montour** helped the Panthers erupt for six unanswered goals against the Bruins and even their Second Round series at 1-1.

* The 2024 Second Round continues Thursday as the Hurricanes aim to cut their series deficit in half as games shift to Carolina, while the Stars aim to even their series at home.

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CANUCKS THRILL AT ROGERS ARENA WITH THREE-GOAL COMEBACK WIN

After hat trick heroics from **Brock Boeser** in [Game 4 of the 2024 First Round](#) allowed the Canucks to overcome a 3-1 deficit in the final frame, Vancouver once again pulled off a third-period, multi-goal comeback win – this time it came after trailing 4-1 then 4-2 through 40 minutes and was propelled by **Nikita Zadorov** tying the contest and factoring on **Conor Garland**'s winner just 39 seconds later. The Canucks own a 13-10 [all-time record](#) when leading 1-0 in a best-of-seven series and a 9-5 mark when starting a home.

* The Canucks recorded just their fourth third-period, multi-goal comeback win in a playoff contest. They entered the 2024 Stanley Cup Playoffs with just two previous instances in the postseason ([Game 1 of 2003 CSF](#) & [Game 1 of 1991 DSF](#)).

* Vancouver also established just the second instance in franchise history of overcoming a three-goal deficit to win a playoff contest, after first doing so in [Game 5 of the 1994 Conference Finals](#). The Canucks secured the third three-goal comeback win of the postseason and the second in as many days after the Avalanche did so Tuesday.

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CANUCKS, AVALANCHE RALLY FOR GAME 1 WINS

The NHL featured three-goal comeback victories on consecutive days in the postseason for the fourth time in League history (also April 23-24, 2023, Aug. 6-7, 2020 & April 19-20, 2011)

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BARKOV BURIES ANOTHER WINNER AS PANTHERS BOUNCE BACK TO BEAT BRUINS

Aleksander Barkov (2-2—4) scored the second and fifth of Florida's six unanswered goals and **Sam Reinhart** (0-4—4) established a [franchise record for most assists in a postseason game](#) as the Panthers pulled even in their Second Round series with the Bruins.

* Barkov and Reinhart became the first players in franchise playoff history with an [even-strength, power-play and shorthanded point in a contest](#), while **Brandon Montour** (1-2—3) became the second defenseman in club history with a [shorthanded goal in the postseason](#) following **Gustav Forsling** ([Game 3 of 2023 R1](#)). Montour matched the [franchise playoff record for most points in a contest by a blueliner](#) set by **Robert Svehla** (0-3—3 in [Game 1 of 1997 CQF](#)).

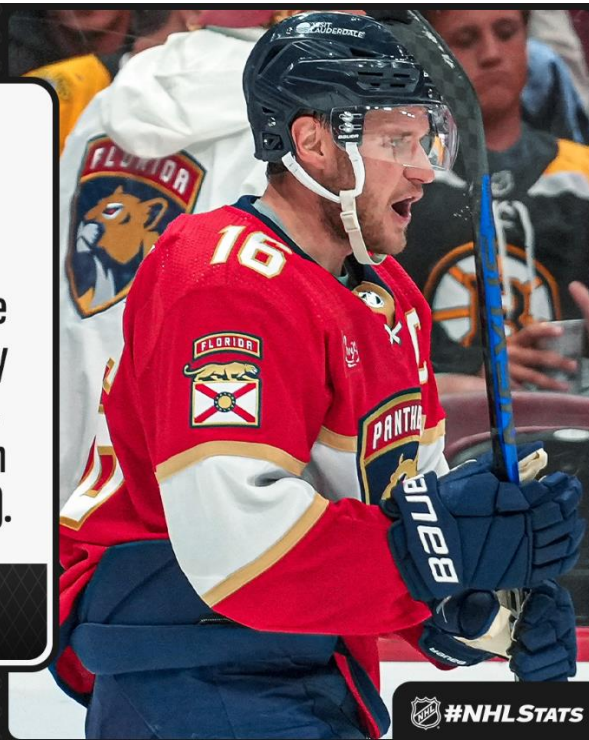
* Barkov has buried the decisive goal in each of Florida's last two *wins* and can extend his streak to three when the series shifts to TD Garden, where the Panthers have earned three consecutive postseason victories dating to the [2023 First Round](#). [Click here](#) to read Wednesday's edition of #NHLStats: Live Updates, which featured more notes on Florida's victory.



BARKOV COLLECTS FOUR POINTS

Aleksander Barkov (4-4-8 in 3 GP) became the third player in franchise playoff history with eight points over a three-game span, joining Carter Verhaeghe in 2022 (5-4-9 in 3 GP) & Reilly Smith in 2016 (4-4-8 in 3 GP).

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STREAKING RANGERS OPEN NHL ON TNT DOUBLEHEADER

The Second Round of the 2024 Stanley Cup Playoffs continues with a pair of games on TNT, Sportsnet, TVA Sports and Max when the Hurricanes host the Rangers at PNC Arena while the Western Conference's top seed looks to rebound from a series-opening loss against the Avalanche.

The graphic is titled 'STANLEY CUP PLAYOFFS 2024' at the top. Below that, it says 'SCHEDULE · THURSDAY, MAY 9'. There are two game matchups shown:

- NYR LEADS SERIES 2-0:** New York Rangers vs. Carolina Hurricanes. Game 3 at 7 ET. Broadcast on MAX, TRUTV, TNT, SN, TVAS, and CBC.
- COL LEADS SERIES 1-0:** Colorado Avalanche vs. Dallas Stars. Game 2 at 9:30 ET. Broadcast on MAX, TRUTV, TNT, SN360, SN, and TVAS.

At the bottom, it says 'WATCH THE STANLEY CUP PLAYOFFS ON' followed by logos for ESPN, TNT Sports, Sportsnet, and TVA Sports.

* **Vincent Trocheck** and the Rangers look to win each of their first seven games of a playoff year for the second time in franchise history (7-0-0 in 1994) – a postseason that concluded with the club's fourth

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Stanley Cup championship and first in 54 years – and become the first team to achieve the feat since the 2008 Penguins (7-0-0). Trocheck has been an integral piece to New York’s postseason success after matching the franchise record with a [five-game goal streak](#) and now sets his sights on becoming the first player in Stanley Cup Playoffs history (since 1933-34) to score a power-play goal in five consecutive games.

* The Hurricanes return to PNC Arena, where the club has collected an NHL-best 18 home victories (tied) [since the 2021 Stanley Cup Playoffs](#), as their quest to overcoming a 2-0 series deficit for the third time in franchise history begins (2019 R1 & 2006 CQF). Captain **Jordan Staal** is no stranger to his team’s current predicament after also rallying from a 2-0 hole during the 2009 Conference Semifinals and 2009 Stanley Cup Final (both w/ PIT) in addition to Carolina’s most recent rally. His three series victories in that scenario are tied with **Alec Martinez** and **Marc-Andre Fleury** for the most among active players.

* Twenty-year-old **Wyatt Johnston** (5-3—8 in 8 GP) has found the score sheet in six of eight games for the Stars during the 2024 Stanley Cup Playoffs as the club now requires a rally from a series deficit to advance for the second time in as many rounds. He can become just the eighth player age 20 or younger in NHL history with 10 or more points *prior to his 10th game of a postseason*; **Wayne Gretzky** (21 in 1981), **Sidney Crosby** (14 in 2008), **Don Maloney** (13 in 1979), **Glenn Anderson** (12 in 1981), **Jari Kurri** (12 in 1981), **Rod Brind’Amour** (11 in 1990) and **Brent Sutter** (11 in 1983) are the only ones to do so.

* **Valeri Nichushkin** (8-1—9 in 6 GP) was pivotal in Colorado’s three-goal comeback win in Game 1 by scoring the first of his team’s three straight goals in regulation. His string of success was established at the start of the 2024 Stanley Cup Playoffs and enters Game 2 with the opportunity to join **Pat LaFontaine** (7 GP in 1992 w/ BUF) as just the second player in NHL history to score in each of his club’s first seven games of a postseason.

LONGEST PLAYOFF GOAL STREAKS

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PLAYER	TEAM	POSTSEASON	GP
REGGIE LEACH	PHI	1976	10
BRAYDEN POINT	TBL	2021	9
CLAUDE LEMIEUX	COL	1997	7
MARIO LEMIEUX	PIT	1996	7
JOE SAKIC	COL	1996	7
PAT LAFONTAINE	BUF	1992	7
MARIO LEMIEUX	PIT	1991	7
JOHN DRUCE	WSH	1990	7
JEAN BELIVEAU	MTL	1956	7
MAURICE RICHARD	MTL	1951	7

*Valeri Nichushkin (8 in 6 GP) can join this list