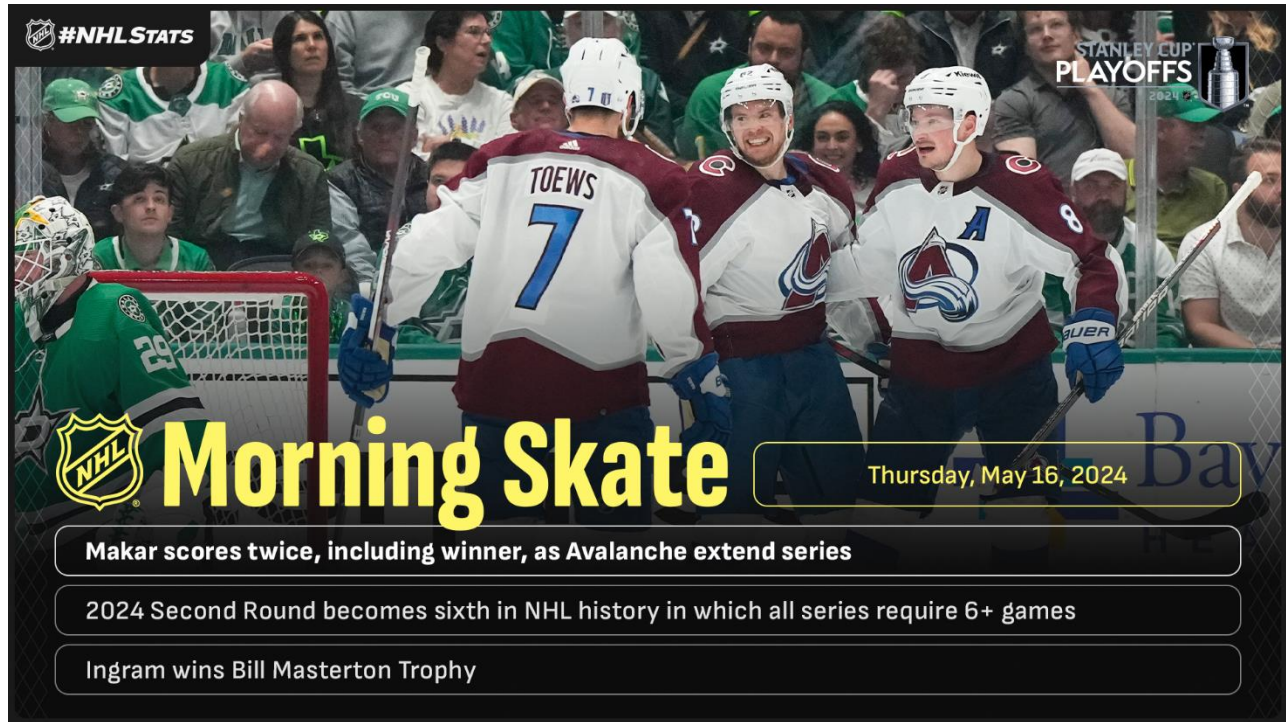


NHL MORNING SKATE: STANLEY CUP PLAYOFFS EDITION – MAY 16, 2024



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STANLEY CUP PLAYOFFS 2024

Morning Skate

Thursday, May 16, 2024

Makar scores twice, including winner, as Avalanche extend series

2024 Second Round becomes sixth in NHL history in which all series require 6+ games

Ingram wins Bill Masterton Trophy

* A two-goal performance from **Cale Makar** secured him as the first defenseman in Avalanche/Nordiques history to score multiple game-winning goals in potential elimination contests (also [Game 6 of 2020 R2](#)) as Colorado forced a Game 6.

* The 2024 Stanley Cup Playoffs is the sixth in NHL history in which all second round series have required at least six games alongside the [2017 Second Round](#), [2014 Second Round](#), [2009 Conference Semifinals](#), [1999 Conference Semifinals](#) and [1986 Division Finals](#).

* **Connor Ingram** was awarded the 2023-24 Bill Masterton Memorial Trophy after a breakout performance that came as a result of seeking help for his obsessive-compulsive disorder (OCD) and lingering depression through the NHL/NHLPA Player Assistance program.

* Thursday's action includes the Rangers aiming to advance to the 2024 Eastern Conference Final, the Hurricanes focused on forcing a Game 7 and both the Oilers-Canucks vying for a 3-2 series lead.

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MAKAR, RANTANEN, MACKINNON HELP AVALANCHE FORCE GAME 6

Cale Makar (2-0—2), **Nathan MacKinnon** (1-1—2) and **Mikko Rantanen** (0-1—1) helped the Avalanche earn a comeback victory as their club staved off elimination and forced a Game 6 in Denver set for Friday (10 p.m. ET on TNT, truTV, MAX, Sportsnet, SN1, TVA Sports). Colorado improved to 30-7 in playoff games when Makar, MacKinnon and Rantanen all record a point and a 3-1 mark in contests their club faced elimination.

* Makar improved to 5-9—14 (10 GP) in the 2024 Stanley Cup Playoffs and moved into a tie with MacKinnon for [fourth in League scoring](#). Makar became just the fourth active defenseman to record multiple goals in contests where his club faced elimination, joining **Brandon Montour** ([Game 7 of 2023 R1](#)), **Logan Stanley** ([Game 4 of 2021 R2](#)) and **Jared Spurgeon** ([Game 6 of 2016 R1](#)).



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FEWEST GAMES TO 20 PLAYOFF GOALS

DEFENSEMEN, NHL HISTORY

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PLAYER	TEAM	GP
PAUL COFFEY	EDM	48
BRIAN LEETCH	NYR	49
BOBBY ORR	BOS	50
DENIS POTVIN	NYI	52
AL MACINNIS	CGY	70
PAUL REINHART	CGY	70
CALE MAKAR	COL	71



* Rantanen hit the century mark in his playoff career, improving his totals to 33-67—100 (80 GP). He became the third Finnish-born player in NHL history to reach the 100-point mark in the playoffs, joining **Jari Kurri** (106-127—233 in 200 GP) and **Esa Tikkanen** (72-60—132 in 186 GP). Rantanen also tied **Glenn Anderson** (80 GP) for the [eighth-fastest player in NHL history](#) to reach the plateau – the only active skaters to reach the milestone in as few games are **Sidney Crosby** (75 GP) and MacKinnon (77 GP).

* MacKinnon climbed the Avalanche/Nordiques list for most career points in potential elimination games (3-7—10 in 12 GP), tying **Michel Goulet** (10 in 14 GP) and **Anton Stastny** (10 in 14 GP) for the fourth most in franchise history. The list is topped by **Joe Sakic** (22 in 22 GP), **Peter Stastny** (16 in 14 GP) and Rantanen, who improved to 6-6—12 (11 GP) in Wednesday's win.



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**COLORADO COMEBACK
EXTENDS SERIES**

The Avalanche have earned 5+ comeback wins in a single playoff year for just the fourth time in franchise history, following 2022 (10), 1996 (8) and 1999 (5).

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INGRAM AWARDED BILL MASTERTON TROPHY

Connor Ingram is the 2023-24 [recipient of the Bill Masterton Memorial Trophy](#), awarded to the NHL player who “best exemplifies the qualities of perseverance, sportsmanship, and dedication to hockey.” Ingram nearly retired due to an undiagnosed obsessive-compulsive disorder (OCD) and lingering depression before he sought help through the NHL/NHLPA Player Assistance program in 2021, which he credits with turning his life and career around.

* Ingram was claimed off waivers by Arizona in October 2022, appeared in 27 games for the club in 2022-23 and established himself as the Coyotes’ top goaltender in 2023-24, posting a 23-21-3 record, 2.91 goals-against average, .907 save percentage and a League-best (tie) six shutouts. Ingram has shared his story publicly since 2021 and has noted how it has inspired others.

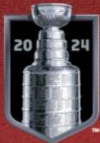


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- * [2024 NHL Stanley Cup Playoffs Second Round on ESPN Nets Over 33% in Viewership](#)



2024 NHL STANLEY CUP PLAYOFFS SECOND ROUND ON ESPN NETS UP 33%



- Tuesday's Bruins-Panthers Game 5 averaged 2M total viewers (peaking at 3.2M) and 770K P18-49, up 63% and 39% vs. 2023's Second Round to date average on ESPN

 - This is the most-viewed Game 5 of a Second Round NHL Playoff series on cable on record
- Through 10 games, the Second Round on ESPN is averaging 1.62M total viewers and 680K P18-49, up 33% and 23% vs. the comparable point in 2023
- Through 32 games, the Stanley Cup Playoffs on ESPN Nets are averaging 1.2M total viewers and 515K P18-49, up 25% and 19% vs. the comparable point in 2023

2M

TOTAL VIEWERS

GAME 5

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PIVOTAL GAMES TAKE OVER THURSDAY SLATE

Crucial games headline Thursday's action in the 2024 Stanley Cup Playoffs as the Hurricanes have their sights set on staving off elimination for the third straight contest to force a Game 7 while the Oilers and Canucks Second Round series shifts back to Vancouver for Game 5. When a best-of-seven series is tied 2-2, the winner of Game 5 holds an all-time record of 231-61 (EDM: 8-0; VAN: 3-1).

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SCHEDULE · THURSDAY, MAY 16

NYR LEADS SERIES 3-2

NEW YORK RANGERS VS CAROLINA HURRICANES

GAME 6 · 7 ET

MAX, TRUTV, TNT, SNO, SNE, SN360, TVAS, CBC

SERIES TIED 2-2

EDMONTON OILERS VS VANCOUVER CANUCKS

GAME 5 · 10 ET

CBC, TVAS, SN, TNT, TRUTV, MAX

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* The Rangers have another opportunity to secure their fourth Conference Finals appearance in the past decade when the puck drops for Game 6. New York's offense during the 2024 Stanley Cup Playoffs has benefited [from four shorthanded goals](#), including a pair from their blueline (**K'Andre Miller**: Game 2 of R1 & **Jacob Trouba**: Game 5 of R2). Only three teams on record have featured three shorthanded goals by their defensemen in a single postseason: Detroit (3 in 1996), Edmonton (3 in 1983) and Montreal (3 in 1968).

* **Evgeny Kuznetsov** (2018), who scored in both Game 4 and 5, is one of five Stanley Cup champions on Carolina's active roster and looks to help his club become the 10th team in NHL history to force a Game 7 after falling behind 3-0 in their series (last: LAK in [2014 R1 vs. SJS](#)). Kuznetsov can join **Sam Reinhart** (Game 5-7 in 2023 R1), **Logan Couture** (Games 5-7 in 2019 R1), **Tomas Hertl** (Games 5-7 in 2019 R1), **Anze Kopitar** (Games 5-7 in 2014 R1) and **Nicklas Backstrom** (Games 5-7 of 2008 CQF) as the sixth active player to score in three consecutive potential elimination games within the same series. No player in Stanley Cup Playoffs history has a four-game streak in that scenario.



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TEAMS TO FORCE GAME 7 AFTER FALLING BEHIND 3-0

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TEAM	OPPONENT	SERIES	SERIES RESULT
LOS ANGELES KINGS	SJS	2014 R1	W
DETROIT RED WINGS	SJS	2011 CSF	L
CHICAGO BLACKHAWKS	VAN	2011 CQF	L
PHILADELPHIA FLYERS	BOS	2010 CSF	W
NEW YORK ISLANDERS	PIT	1975 QF	W
NEW YORK ISLANDERS	PHI	1975 SF	L
DETROIT RED WINGS	TOR	1945 SCF	L
TORONTO MAPLE LEAFS	DET	1942 SCF	W
NEW YORK RANGERS	BOS	1939 SF	L



*The Hurricanes can join this list

* **Nikita Zadorov** and the Canucks return home to Rogers Arena where the defenseman leads his team in [goals](#) and [points](#) (4-3—7 in 5 GP) – a stretch that includes four straight games with a goal. He can become just the second defenseman in Stanley Cup Playoffs history to score in five straight home games, following **Paul Coffey** (7 GP in 1985 w/ EDM).

* **Leon Draisaitl** (39-58—97 in 58 GP) sits within three points of 100 in his postseason career and has done so thanks in part to five consecutive multi-point outings dating to Game 5 of the First Round (5-7—12 in 5 GP) and points in every contest of the 2024 Stanley Cup Playoffs (8-12—20 in 9 GP). Should he find the score sheet again in Game 5, Draisaitl would join **Mark Messier** (14 GP in 1988) and **Wayne Gretzky** (10 GP in 1986) as the third Oilers player with a postseason-opening point streak of 10-plus games.



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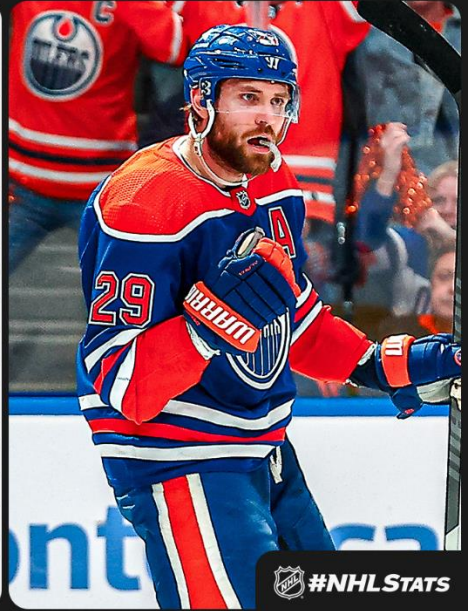
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MOST CONSECUTIVE MULTI-POINT PLAYOFF GAMES

NHL HISTORY

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PLAYER	TEAM	POSTSEASON	GP
WAYNE GRETZKY	EDM	1983	8
CONNOR McDAVID	EDM	2022	7
TONY CURRIE	STL	1981	7
DARRYL SITTLER	TOR	1977	7
CONNOR McDAVID	EDM	2023	6
LEON DRAISAITL	EDM	2022	6
EVGENI MALKIN	PIT	2009	6
DALE HAWERCHUK	BUF	1993	6



*Leon Draisaitl (5 GP in 2024) can join this list



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