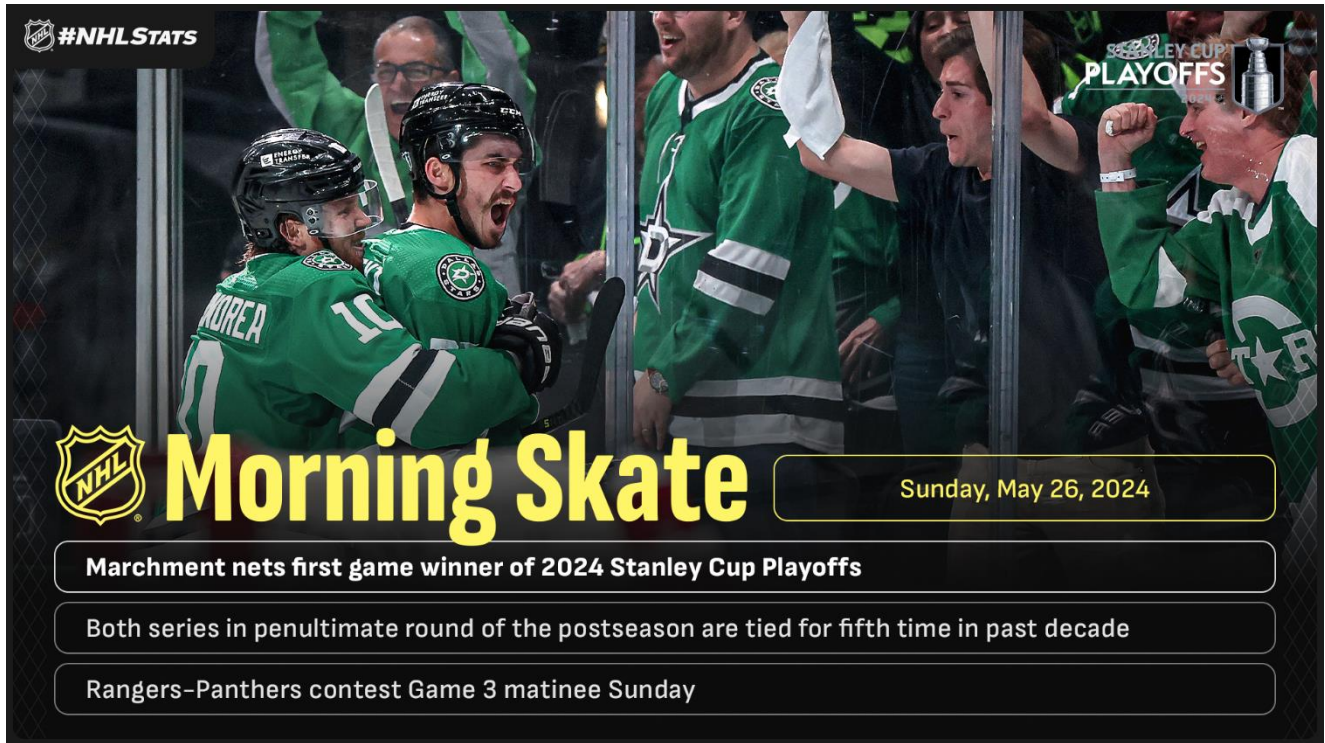


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Marchment nets first game winner of 2024 Stanley Cup Playoffs

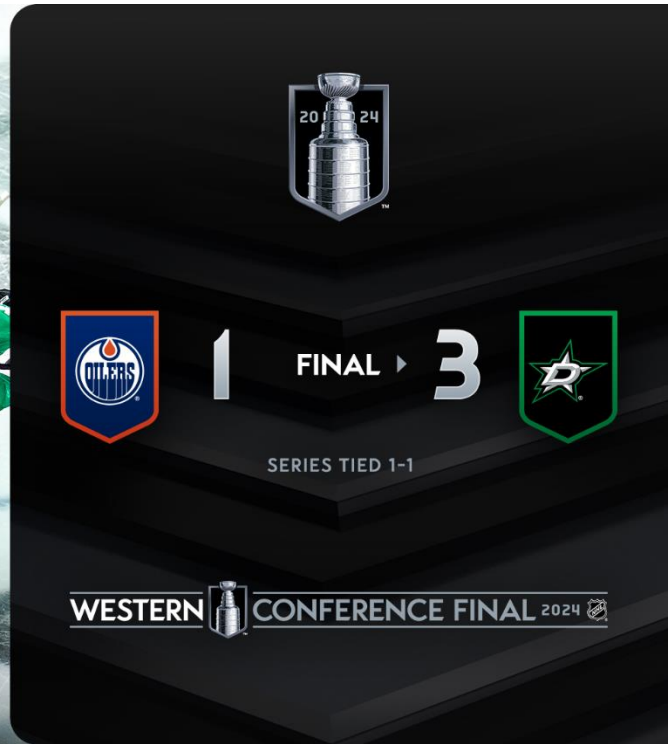
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Rangers–Panthers contest Game 3 matinee Sunday

- * **Mason Marchment** scored the game winner 3:41 into the third period to help the Stars even their series before heading to Edmonton. Teams that win Game 3 when a best-of-seven series is tied 1-1 in a Conference Final/Semifinal own an all-time record of 59-18.
- * Following a Dallas victory, both series in the penultimate round of the Stanley Cup Playoffs are even through two games for the fifth time in the past decade (also 2021, 2017, 2016 & 2015).
- * The 2024 Eastern Conference Final resumes with a matinee Sunday as the Rangers look to become the first club this postseason to earn consecutive wins against the Panthers.

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MARCHMENT NETS WINNER AS STARS EVEN SERIES AT 1-1

It was a familiar story for the Stars as the club rebounded from a Game 1 loss to even their series at 1-1, this time thanks to a game winner from **Mason Marchment** and a 28-save performance from **Jake Oettinger**. Dallas responded to a Game 1 loss with a victory for the sixth time since 2020 – tied with Edmonton for the most Game 2 wins following a loss over that span.

* Marchment became the seventh different Stars skater with a game-winning goal in the 2024 Stanley Cup Playoffs – the most among all teams. The only other postseasons in Stars/North Stars history in which the club featured more players with a winner was 2020, 2000, 1999, 1998 and 1991 (all w/ 8).

IT ALL COMES DOWN TO THE THIRD

Mason Marchment scored the 30th go-ahead goal in the third period of the 2024 Stanley Cup Playoffs, which is tied for the third most at this stage of a postseason (73 GP). Only 1991 (33) & 2011 (31) had more.

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* Oettinger snapped **Leon Draisaitl's** [point streak at 13 games](#) as the Stars held the Oilers forward and his captain **Connor McDavid** off the score sheet for the first time this postseason. He also improved to 15-7-2 following a loss of any kind in the regular season and playoffs combined in 2023-24 – the only goaltenders with more victories are **Juuse Saros** (18), **Jordan Binnington** (16) and **Igor Shesterkin** (16).

* Oettinger also earned his 22nd career playoff win and moved into sole possession of second place on the [Stars/North Stars' all-time postseason list](#), behind only **Ed Belfour** (44).

* **Jamie Benn** collected 1-1—2 to climb multiple all-time franchise lists Saturday: he moved into a tie for [sixth in playoff goals](#) (27) and surpassed **Sergei Zubov** (72) for sole possession of [fifth in points](#).

JAPAN-BORN ISOGAI CONTINUES TO CHASE DREAM OF NHL CAREER

Kenta Isogai is a Japan-born forward who played last season in the WHL with the Wenatchee Wild and led his club in scoring with 31-57—88 (64 GP). [Click here](#) to read more about his story, including how he traveled to three continents in pursuit of his NHL dream.

Kenta Isogai's family moved from Japan to Russia when he was 11 "for a better hockey environment" before heading to Austria and North America to hone his craft.



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2024 NHL EASTERN CONFERENCE FINAL ON ESPN NETS UP 23%



- Friday's Panthers-Rangers averaged 2.1M total viewers (peaking at 2.75M) and 850K P18-49, up 30% and 44% vs. last year's WCF Game 2 on ABC (Dallas/Vegas), and up 28% and 43% vs. last year's ECF Game 2 (Florida/Carolina) on TNT
- Through 2 games, the Eastern Conference Final is averaging 2.05M total viewers and 830K P18-49, up 23% and 31% vs. the first two games of the 2023 WCF on ESPN Nets
- Through 37 games, the Stanley Cup Playoffs on ESPN Nets are averaging 1.28M total viewers and 541K P18-49, up 16% and 11% vs. the comparable point in 2023

2.1M TOTAL VIEWERS



vs



GAME 2

*Based on Nielsen Fast Nationals

RANGERS, PANTHERS READY TO CLASH FOR SERIES EDGE

The Eastern Conference Final resumes with a Sunday matinee as the series shifts to Sunrise for Game 3 between the Rangers and Panthers. After the two clubs split the first two contests at Madison Square Garden, New York has its sights set on a feat no team has accomplished during the 2024 Stanley Cup Playoffs – hand Florida consecutive losses.

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* **Igor Shesterkin** (9-3, 2.22 GAA, .928 SV% in 2024) shone for the Rangers in his last outing (26 saves on 27 shots) and moved within one win of 10 in a single postseason for the second time in his career (10 in 2022) – a feat only **Henrik Lundqvist** (3x) has achieved [multiple times with the franchise](#). Overall, Shesterkin’s career save percentage of .929 in the Stanley Cup Playoffs is the [second highest among active goaltenders](#) (min. 15 GP) and trails just **Adin Hill** (.932 SV% in 19 GP).


* **Carter Verhaeghe** has become a regular contributor for the Panthers since joining the franchise and has [23 goals in 50 career playoff games for the club](#) (23-23—46 in 50 GP) – including scoring in back-to-back games to start the Eastern Conference Final. He now sits just four points away from joining captain **Aleksander Barkov** (16-34—50 in 60 GP) as the second player to collect [at least 50 career playoff points with the franchise](#).

LONGEST GOAL STREAKS TO START CONFERENCE FINAL/SEMIFINAL SERIES

SINCE 2014

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| PLAYER | TEAM | SERIES | GP |
|----------------|------|---------|----------------|
| BRAYDEN POINT | TBL | 2021 SF | 6 [^] |
| MIKKO RANTANEN | COL | 2022 CF | 4 |
| STEVEN STAMKOS | TBL | 2018 CF | 4 |
| FILIP FORSBERG | NSH | 2017 CF | 4 |
| MIKA ZIBANEJAD | NYR | 2022 CF | 3 |
| LOGAN COUTURE | SJS | 2019 CF | 3 |
| TYLER TOFFOLI | LAK | 2014 CF | 3 |



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*Carter Verhaeghe (2 GP w/ FLA) can join this list

[^]Longest in Stanley Cup Playoffs history