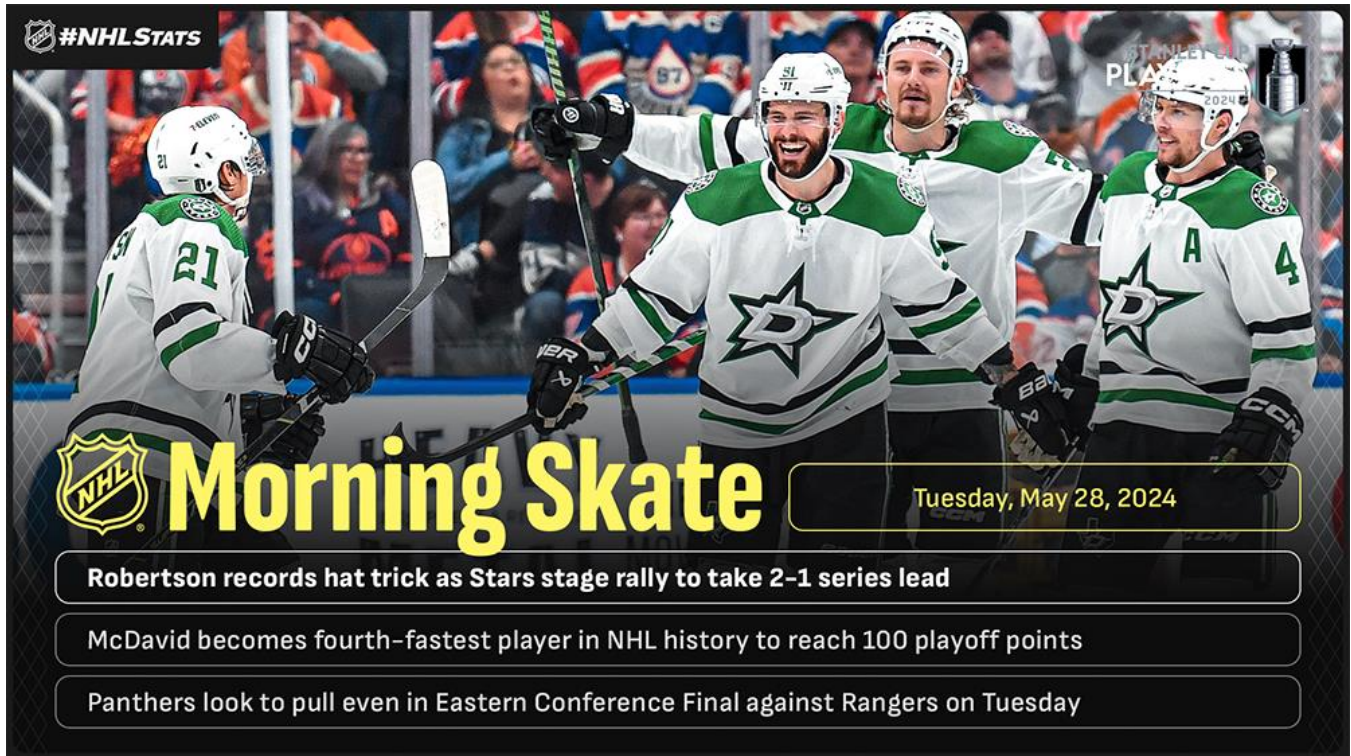


NHL MORNING SKATE: STANLEY CUP PLAYOFFS EDITION – MAY 28, 2024



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Morning Skate

Tuesday, May 28, 2024

- Robertson records hat trick as Stars stage rally to take 2-1 series lead
- McDavid becomes fourth-fastest player in NHL history to reach 100 playoff points
- Panthers look to pull even in Eastern Conference Final against Rangers on Tuesday

* **Jason Robertson** snapped a 10-game goal drought with the first playoff hat trick of his NHL career as the Stars clawed their way back from an early 2-0 deficit to defeat the Oilers at Rogers Place.

* Robertson became the second player in franchise history with a hat trick during the round before the Stanley Cup Final, while the Stars established a *team* record for fastest three goals in a postseason contest.



* The Rangers look to record their third straight win when they contest Game 4 of the Eastern Conference Final against the Panthers, who are aiming to even the series before it shifts back to Madison Square Garden.

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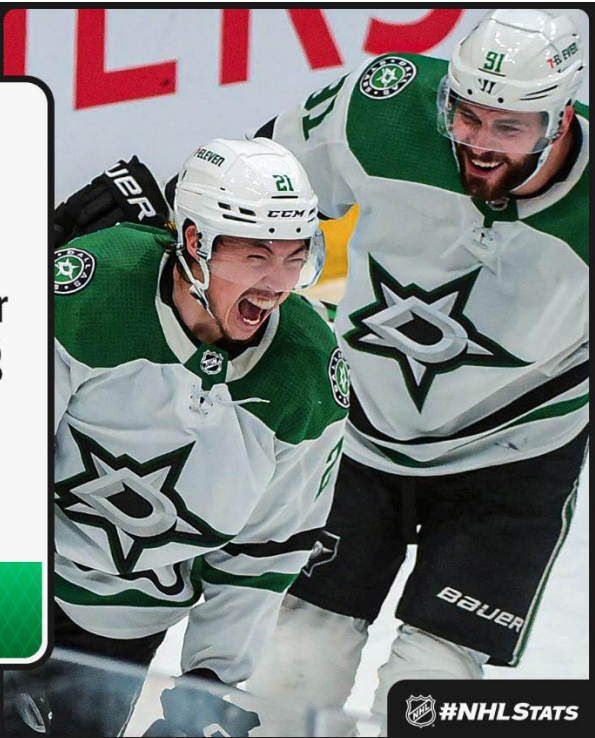
ROBERTSON RECORDS HAT TRICK AS STARS RALLY PAST OILERS IN GAME 3

Jason Robertson registered two of the Stars' three second-period goals that were scored over a span of 3:33 and recorded the winner during the final frame as Dallas defeated Edmonton to take a 2-1 series lead in the Western Conference Final.

ROBERTSON RECORDS HAT TRICK

Jason Robertson became the second player in franchise history with a hat trick during the round before the Stanley Cup Final, joining Minnesota North Stars forward Dino Ciccarelli (Game 4 of 1981 SF).

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* Robertson (24 years, 310 days) became the [fifth-youngest player in franchise history with a playoff hat trick](#) and second youngest with one in a multi-goal comeback win, behind **Denis Gurianov** (23

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years, 74 days in [Game 6 of 2020 R1](#)). Gurianov got four goals and five points against the Flames in the neutral-site bubble at Rogers Place.

* Robertson (14-24—38 in 42 GP) moved past **Mike Modano** (19-18—37 in 48 GP) for sole possession of the sixth-most postseason points in franchise history before age 25. Robertson also leapfrogged **Jamie Langenbrunner** (13-19—32 in 59 GP) for the seventh-most playoff goals among Stars/North Stars players age 24 or younger.

* Dallas earned its second multi-goal comeback win during the round before the Stanley Cup Final in franchise history. The first was versus the **Peter DeBoer**-led Golden Knights in [Game 5 of the 2020 Conference Finals](#), which was also at Rogers Place.

STARS SPUR RAPID RALLY

The Stars scored three times in a span of 3:33 – the franchise’s fastest three goals in a playoff contest since Game 2 of the 1990 Division Semifinals (3:07).

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HINTZ, HENRIQUE RETURNING TO LINEUP FEATURED IN #NHLSTATS: LIVE UPDATES

[Monday’s edition of #NHLStats: Live Updates](#) featured more notes from Game 3, including **Zach Hyman** (13-3—16 in 15 GP) scoring his [League-leading 13th goal in the 2024 Stanley Cup Playoffs](#), **Connor McDavid** (33-67—100 in 64 GP) becoming the [fourth-fastest player in NHL history to reach 100 career postseason points](#) as well as **Roope Hintz** (0-2—2) and **Adam Henrique** (1-0—1) finding the score sheet in their return to the lineup for the Stars and Oilers, respectively.

HENRIQUE SCORES IN RETURN TO LINEUP

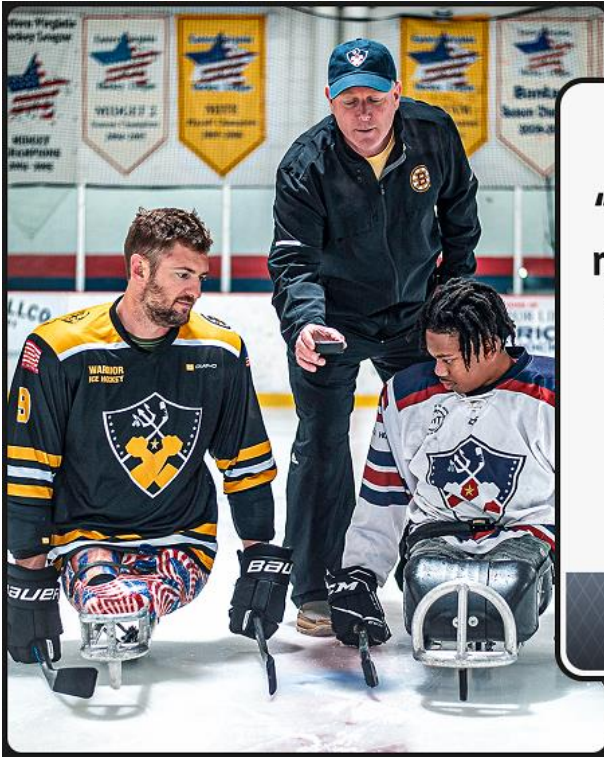
Adam Henrique scored his first goal during the round before the Stanley Cup Final since recording the overtime clincher with the Peter DeBoer-led Devils in Game 6 of the 2012 Conference Finals.

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The NHL has partnered with Warrior for Life Fund, an initiative to help promote mental health, physical wellness and camaraderie in the military community through hockey. Through a \$35,000 contribution, the NHL is sponsoring annual memorial games in Virginia Beach, Virginia, San Diego and Boston that bring together NHL Alumni and Naval Special Warfare personnel. The NHL will also commit \$15,000 annually to the Warrior for Life Fund's Human Performance Center. [Click here](#) for the full story.



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“Hockey was one of the therapeutic tools that really helped me cope with life back here in the States. I learned the game late, and I saw the benefits, not just the companionship and camaraderie, but also the benefits from the cognitive health standpoint.”

RYAN CROLEY, WARRIOR FOR LIFE FUND FOUNDER



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- * [2024 Stanley Cup Eastern Conference Final Game 3 up 42%](#)



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2024 NHL EASTERN CONFERENCE FINAL ON ESPN NETS UP 42%



Sunday's Rangers-Panthers Game 3 (ABC) averaged 2.4M total viewers (peaking at 3.81M) and 851K P18-49, up 94% and 66% vs. last year's WCF Game 3 on ESPN (Vegas/Dallas), and up 59% and 36% vs. last year's ECF Game 3 (Carolina/Florida) on TNT

2.4M

TOTAL VIEWERS

Through 3 games, the Eastern Conference Final is averaging 2.2M total viewers and 837K P18-49, up 42% and 41% vs. the first three games of the 2023 WCF on ESPN Nets

Through 38 games, the Stanley Cup Playoffs on ESPN Nets are averaging 1.32M total viewers and 551K P18-49, up 19% and 13% vs. the comparable point in 2023



GAME 3

*Based on Nielsen Fast Nationals

PANTHERS LOOK TO STARS TO HELP EVEN SERIES VERSUS RANGERS

After winning Game 1 on the road, the Panthers have suffered back-to-back overtime losses to the Rangers as the two teams get set to contest Game 4 of the Eastern Conference Final tonight in Sunrise, Fla. The Panthers are looking to avoid losing three consecutive games within a single postseason since being swept by the Lightning in the Second Round of the 2022 Stanley Cup Playoffs – a stretch that spans eight series over three postseasons.



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* The Panthers will rely on a trio of proven playoff producers to help them even their series with the Rangers: **Matthew Tkachuk** (5-13—18 in 14 GP), **Carter Verhaeghe** (8-8—16 in 14 GP) and captain **Aleksander Barkov** (6-9—15 in 14 GP). Since the start of the 2023 Stanley Cup Playoffs, Tkachuk (6), Verhaeghe (6) and Barkov (3) have combined to produce 15 of the 22 game-winning goals for the Panthers in the postseason over that span.

* Verhaeghe (23) tops the franchise's all-time [playoffs goals list](#), while Barkov holds the franchise record for playoff [assists](#) and [points](#). Tkachuk, meanwhile, has recorded more points than any Panthers skater across the last two postseasons (16-26—42 in 34 GP), with only Edmonton's **Leon Draisaitl** and **Connor McDavid** [producing more over that span](#).



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Matthew Tkachuk has seven multi-point games in the 2024 Stanley Cup Playoffs (14 GP), matching the franchise record for a single postseason he set in 2023 (7 in 20 GP).

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* The Rangers will look to head back to Madison Square Garden with a 3-1 series lead should they earn a victory in Game 4 tonight. New York has secured a 2-1 series lead thanks to consecutive overtime victories – they can become the first team to win three consecutive playoff games that all required overtime since their current opponent, the Panthers, did so in 2023 from Game 5 of the Second Round to Game 2 of the Conference Finals. In total, there has been 10 instances of a team winning three consecutive playoff games that all required overtime – no team has pushed that streak to four games.



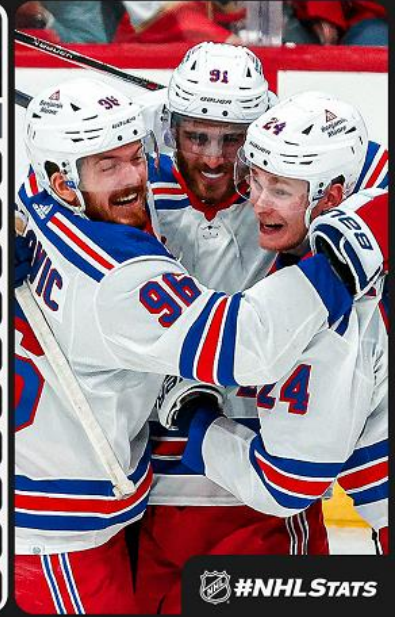
WINS IN 3+ STRAIGHT PLAYOFF GAMES THAT ALL REQUIRED OT

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STANLEY CUP PLAYOFFS 2024

TEAM	YEAR	START	FINISH	OT WIN STREAK
FLORIDA PANTHERS	2023	R2: GAME 5	CF: GAME 2	3 GP
WINNIPEG JETS	2021	R1: GAME 2	R1: GAME 4	3 GP
LOS ANGELES KINGS	2014	CF: GAME 7	SCF: GAME 2	3 GP
LOS ANGELES KINGS	2012	CF: GAME 5	SCF: GAME 2	3 GP
ANAHEIM DUCKS	2003	CQF: GAME 4	CSF: GAME 2	3 GP
VANCOUVER CANUCKS	1994	CQF: GAME 5	CQF: GAME 7	3 GP
MONTREAL CANADIENS	1993	SCF: GAME 2	SCF: GAME 4	3 GP
MONTREAL CANADIENS	1993	DF: GAME 2	DF: GAME 4	3 GP
NEW YORK ISLANDERS	1993	DSF: GAME 2	DSF: GAME 4	3 GP
TORONTO MAPLE LEAFS	1951	SCF: GAME 3	SCF: GAME 5	3 GP



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*Rangers could join list with OTW in Game 4



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