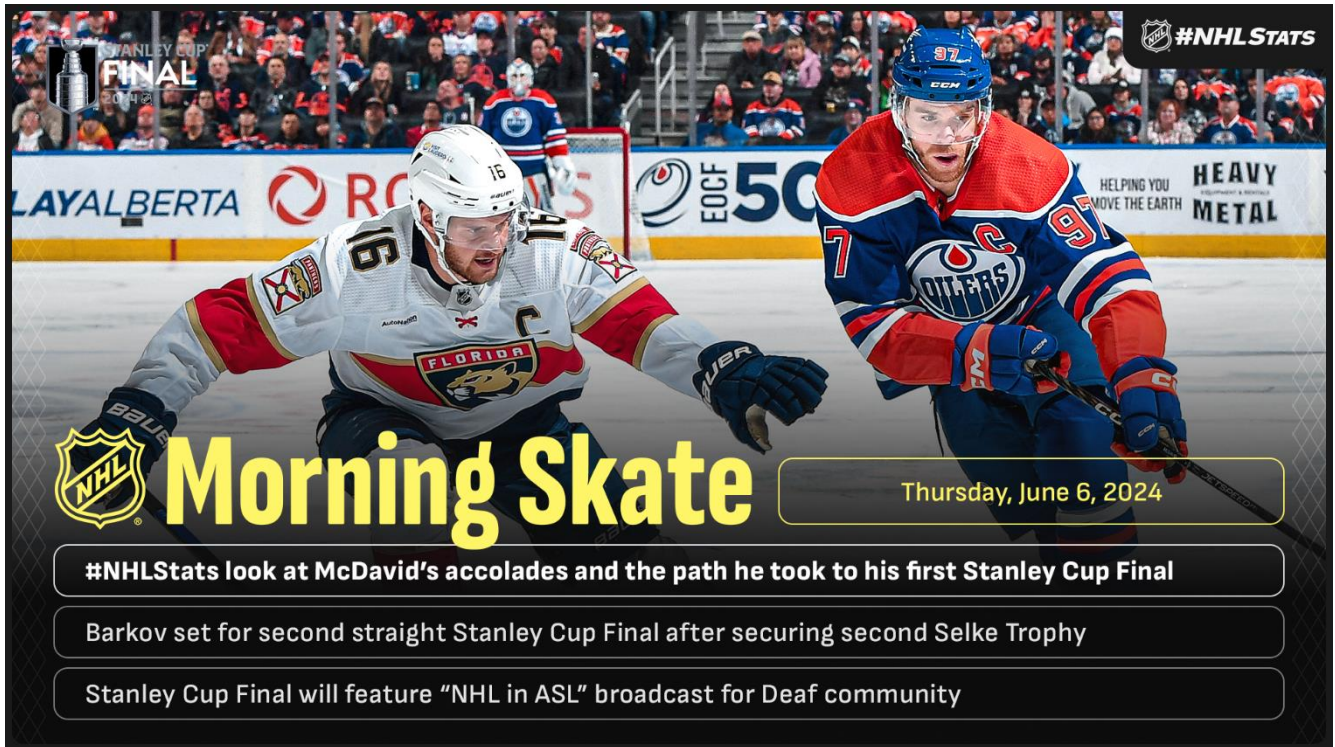


## NHL MORNING SKATE: STANLEY CUP FINAL EDITION – JUNE 6, 2024



The graphic features two NHL players on the ice. On the left is Connor McDavid, wearing a white Florida Panthers jersey with the number 91 and a captain's 'C' on his chest. On the right is Aleksander Barkov, wearing a blue and red Edmonton Oilers jersey with the number 97 and a captain's 'C' on his chest. The background shows a crowd of fans and arena advertisements for LAYALBERTA, ROGERS, EOCF 50, and HEAVY METAL. The NHL logo is in the top left, and #NHLSTATS is in the top right. The text 'STANLEY CUP FINAL 2024' is in the top left corner. The main title 'Morning Skate' is in large yellow letters, with the date 'Thursday, June 6, 2024' in a yellow box to its right. Below the title are three white boxes with black text containing headlines.

**STANLEY CUP FINAL 2024**

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**Morning Skate** Thursday, June 6, 2024

**#NHLStats look at McDavid's accolades and the path he took to his first Stanley Cup Final**

Barkov set for second straight Stanley Cup Final after securing second Selke Trophy

Stanley Cup Final will feature "NHL in ASL" broadcast for Deaf community

\* **Connor McDavid** already has a decorated resume and looks to add to it by winning the most coveted prize of all: the Stanley Cup. [#NHLStats takes a look at some of his accomplishments en route to the Final](#) and how other celebrated players have fared during their first appearance in the championship series.

\* **Aleksander Barkov**, who can become the first Finnish player and fifth born and trained outside of North America to captain a Stanley Cup-winning team, is back in the Final and can join a rare list of skaters to capture a Stanley Cup and Selke Trophy in the same season.

\* A first-of-its-kind telecast will occur for every game during the 2024 Stanley Cup Final as the NHL and P-X-P [announced Wednesday](#) the 'NHL in ASL' alternate telecast dedicated to the Deaf community. Using American Sign Language (ASL), it will air on ESPN+ (U.S.) and Sportsnet+ (Canada).

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GAME 1	 @ 	JUNE 8 • 8:00 PM ET
GAME 2	 @ 	JUNE 10 • 8:00 PM ET
GAME 3	 @ 	JUNE 13 • 8:00 PM ET
GAME 4	 @ 	JUNE 15 • 8:00 PM ET
* GAME 5	 @ 	JUNE 18 • 8:00 PM ET
* GAME 6	 @ 	JUNE 21 • 8:00 PM ET
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**McDAVID CHASING MOST COVETED TROPHY IN FIRST STANLEY CUP FINAL**

Connor McDavid has already achieved a number of accolades in his career – seven [100-point seasons](#), five [Art Ross Trophies](#), four [Ted Lindsay Awards](#), three [Hart Trophies](#) as well as one [“Rocket” Richard Trophy](#) – but the Oilers captain now has the chance to attain the most coveted of all: the Stanley Cup. With Game 1 of the Final fast approaching, #NHLStats takes a look at the path to his first championship series.

\* McDavid is the only player in NHL history to win five Art Ross Trophies before making his first Final appearance – **Wayne Gretzky** (3) and **Mario Lemieux** (2) are the only others to capture the award multiple times prior to skating in their first championship series. Additionally, McDavid (3) will tie **Alex Ovechkin** and Gretzky for the most Hart Trophy wins prior to his first Final appearance. Of note, Gretzky officially won his fourth Hart Trophy on June 7, 1983, which was less than one month after debuting in [Game 1 of the 1983 Final](#).

\* McDavid has 34-72—106 in 67 career playoff games, including an NHL-leading 5-26—31 (18 GP) in 2024. He and teammate **Leon Draisaitl** (41-64—105 in 67 GP) became the ninth and 10th players to record at least 100 playoff points before reaching their first Final. McDavid’s 72 assists are tied with **Dale Hunter** for the fourth most by an NHL player *before their first appearance in the Final* behind **Adam Oates** (98), **Denis Savard** (94) and **Joe Thornton** (91).



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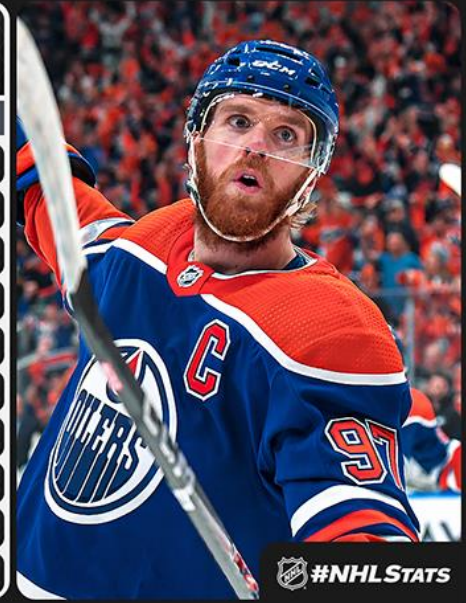
# MOST PLAYOFF POINTS BEFORE FIRST FINAL APPEARANCE

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## STANLEY CUP FINAL 2024

PLAYER	TEAM	YEAR	POINTS
DENIS SAVARD	CANADIENS	1993	152
ADAM OATES	CAPITALS	1998	135
JOE THORNTON	SHARKS	2016	118
PATRICK MARLEAU	SHARKS	2016	115
DALE HUNTER	CAPITALS	1998	113
ALEX OVECHKIN*	CAPITALS	2018	112
STEVE LARMER	BLACKHAWKS	1992	107
CONNOR MCDAVID*	OILERS	2024	106
LEON DRAISAITL*	OILERS	2024	105
STEVE THOMAS	MIGHTY DUCKS	2003	104



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\*Active player

\* McDavid has factored on 45.9% of Edmonton's playoff goals since making his postseason debut in 2017. The only other players in NHL history to factor on as high a percentage of franchise's playoff goals *when they were in the lineup* (min. 50 GP) are **Doug Gilmour** with the Maple Leafs (50.0% from 1993 to 1996) and Lemieux with the Penguins (47.3% from 1989 to 2001). Gretzky ranks fourth on that list during his tenure with Edmonton (45.7% from 1980 to 1988, including suspended game in [1988 SCF](#)) and Draisaitl ranks fifth (45.5% from 2017 to present).

\* [Click here](#) for 10 more #NHLStats about McDavid ahead of his first Stanley Cup Final.



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**MOST 100-POINT SEASONS BEFORE FIRST STANLEY CUP FINAL**  
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PLAYER	TEAM	YEAR	TOTAL
CONNOR MCDAVID*	OILERS	2024	7
DALE HAWERCHUK	FLYERS	1997	6
STEVE YZERMAN	RED WINGS	1995	6
MARIO LEMIEUX	PENGUINS	1991	6
DENIS SAVARD	CANADIENS	1993	5
ALEX OVECHKIN*	CAPITALS	2018	4
ADAM OATES	CAPITALS	1998	4
JOE SAKIC	AVALANCHE	1996	4
LUC ROBITAILLE	KINGS	1993	4
MICHEL GOULET	BLACKHAWKS	1992	4
WAYNE GRETZKY	OILERS	1983	4



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### HOW HAVE OTHER DECORATED PLAYERS FARED IN THEIR FIRST STANLEY CUP FINAL?

**Connor McDavid** can follow in the footsteps of other decorated players in League history, who all averaged at least one point per game during their debut in the championship series:

\* **Wayne Gretzky** (0-4—4 in 4 GP) got at least one assist in each of the last three contests as Edmonton was swept by New York during the [1983 Final](#), which marked the last of the [Islanders' four consecutive championships](#). Edmonton faced New York again in the [1984 Final](#), where Gretzky (4-3—7 in 5 GP) generated all four of his goals over the last two games as the Oilers ended the Islanders' dynasty and [began one of their own](#).

\* **Mario Lemieux** (5-7—12 in 5 GP) tallied in all five of his contests including a [famous end-to-end goal](#) as Pittsburgh earned a six-game triumph against the Minnesota North Stars during the [1991 Final](#) to win its first Stanley Cup. Lemieux set an [NHL record for most points by a player in their first appearance during the championship series](#) (which was matched by **Daniel Brière** in [2010](#)) and remains one of two players in Final history to score at least one goal in each of their first five games, following Vancouver Millionaires forward **Cyclone Taylor** in [1918](#) (9-0—9 in 5 GP).



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\* **Sidney Crosby** (2-4—6 in 6 GP) collected both of his goals in [Game 3](#) before Pittsburgh fell to Detroit in six contests during the [2008 Final](#). Crosby became the fourth-youngest player with a multi-goal performance during the championship series (behind **Pat LaFontaine**: [Game 5 of 1984 SCF](#); **Ted Kennedy**: [Game 4 of 1945 SCF](#); & **Mario Tremblay**: [Game 1 of 1977 SCF](#)) and would face the Red Wings again in the [2009 Final](#), securing a seven-game triumph this time to win his first Stanley Cup.

\* **Alex Ovechkin** (3-2—5 in 5 GP) tallied three times including a go-ahead goal in [Game 5](#) as Washington vanquished Vegas during the [2018 Final](#) to win its first Stanley Cup in franchise history. Ovechkin captured the [Conn Smythe Trophy](#) after Crosby had claimed the award in 2017 and 2016 and joined a rare list of NHL players born and trained outside of North America to captain a Cup winner (more on that below).

### **BARKOV BACK IN STANLEY CUP FINAL AFTER SECURING SECOND SELKE TROPHY WIN**

**Aleksander Barkov**, who is frequently mentioned as one of the most-underrated players in the NHL, led the Panthers back to the Stanley Cup Final just two weeks after being named the 2023-24 recipient of the [Frank J. Selke Trophy](#) as the League's best defensive forward. Barkov captured the Selke for the second time in four seasons (also 2020-21), adding to an awards case that also includes the 2018-19 [Lady Byng Trophy](#).

\* In addition to being the franchise leader in career playoff [assists](#) (37) and [points](#) (54), Barkov's three NHL Awards wins are the [most by a player in the Panthers' 30-year history](#).

\* Barkov can become the seventh player in NHL history to win a Stanley Cup and Selke Trophy in the same season, joining **Ryan O'Reilly** (2018-19), **Jonathan Toews** (2012-13), **Pavel Datsyuk** (2007-08), **Rod Brind'Amour** (2005-06), **Jere Lehtinen** (1998-99) and **Bob Gainey** (1978-79 & 1977-78). The Selke Trophy was first awarded in 1977-78.



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## SELKE WINNER BARKOV HAS SHUT DOWN STARS

Aleksander Barkov was on the ice for just one goal scored by Lightning forward Nikita Kucherov, Bruins forward David Pastrnak and Rangers forward Artemi Panarin this postseason (Panarin in Game 6 of CF).

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\* Barkov (6-11—17 in 17 GP) ranks tied for second among Florida players with 17 points this postseason behind **Matthew Tkachuk** (5-14—19 in 17 GP). Barkov has already surpassed his point total from the 2023 playoffs (5-11—16 in 21 GP), which included scoring a [highlight-reel fake between-the-legs goal](#) against the Hurricanes in [Game 2 of the Eastern Conference Final](#) that received [high praise from Wayne Gretzky](#).

\* Barkov was selected by the Panthers with the No. 2 pick in the 2013 NHL Draft and named captain of the team on [Sept. 17, 2018](#). Barkov (Tampere, Finland) can become the first Finnish-born player in League history to captain a Cup-winning club and the fifth NHL player born and trained outside North America to do so, joining **Gabriel Landeskog** ([2022 COL](#)), **Alex Ovechkin** ([2018 WSH](#)), **Zdeno Chara** ([2011 BOS](#)) and **Nicklas Lidstrom** ([2008 DET](#)).



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# MOST GAMES FOR FRANCHISE BEFORE CUP WIN WITH THAT CLUB

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PLAYER	TEAM	YEAR	GAMES
STEVE YZERMAN	RED WINGS	1997	1,023
ALEX OVECHKIN	CAPITALS	2018	1,003
JOHNNY BUCYK	BRUINS	1970	869
NICKLAS BACKSTROM	CAPITALS	2018	815
STEVEN STAMKOS	LIGHTNING	2020	803
GLEN WESLEY	HURRICANES	2006	767
VICTOR HEDMAN	LIGHTNING	2020	762
JOHN MACLEAN	DEVILS	1995	752
GABRIEL LANDESKOG	AVALANCHE	2022	738
KEN DANAYKO	DEVILS	1995	716



\*Aleksander Barkov, Leon Draisaitl & Ryan Nugent-Hopkins can join this list

### NHL TO PRODUCE "NHL IN ASL" ALTERNATE TELECAST FOR STANLEY CUP FINAL

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- \* [2024 Stanley Cup Final EDGE stats: \*\*Connor McDavid\*\* vs. \*\*Aleksander Barkov\*\*](#)
- \* [2024 Stanley Cup Final EDGE stats: \*\*Evan Bouchard\*\* vs. \*\*Gustav Forsling\*\*](#)
- \* [Macklin Celebrini talks support group, handling expectations on 'NHL Draft Class' podcast](#)
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