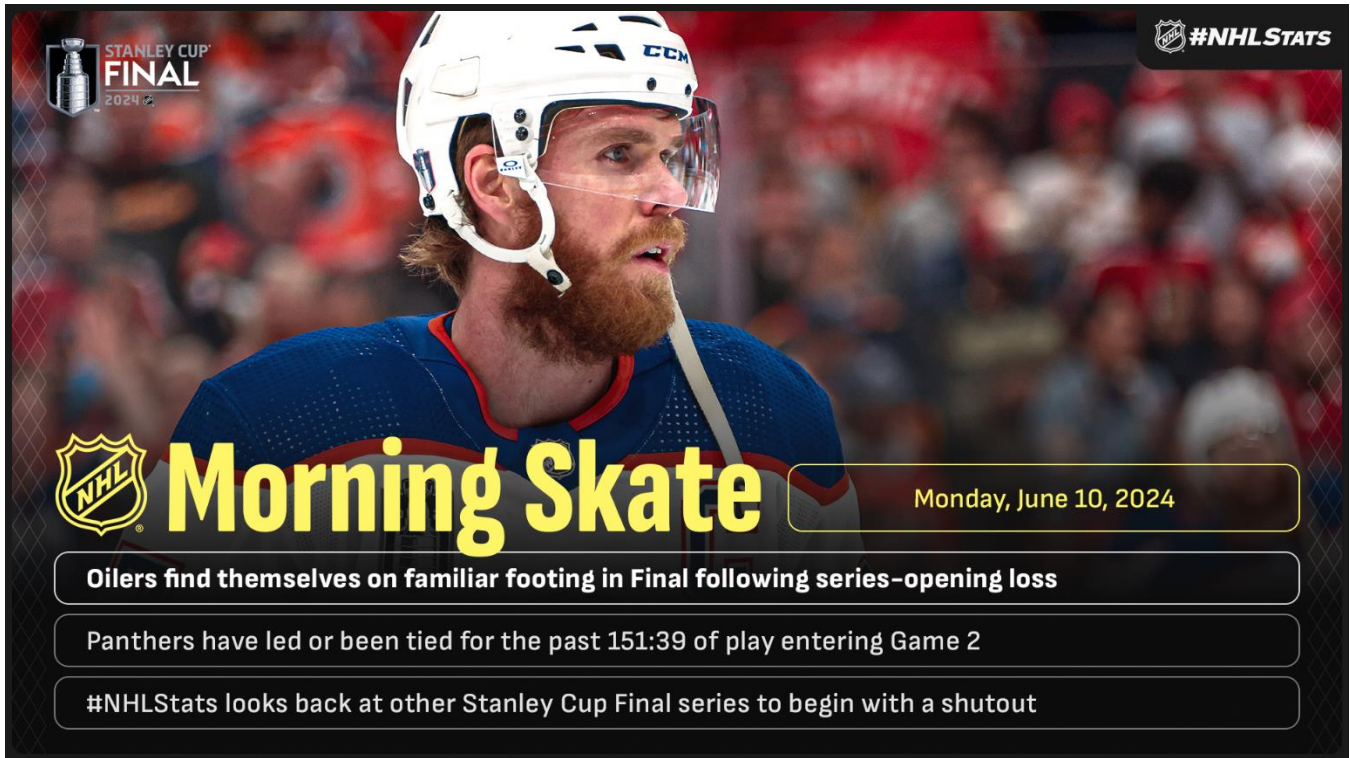


## NHL MORNING SKATE: STANLEY CUP FINAL EDITION – JUNE 10, 2024



**STANLEY CUP FINAL 2024**

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# Morning Skate

Monday, June 10, 2024

- Oilers find themselves on familiar footing in Final following series-opening loss
- Panthers have led or been tied for the past 151:39 of play entering Game 2
- #NHLStats looks back at other Stanley Cup Final series to begin with a shutout

\* **Connor McDavid** has 16 points following a loss in these playoffs, among the highest such totals in League history, as he looks to help the Oilers even the Stanley Cup Final before it shifts to Edmonton.

\* **Sergei Bobrovsky** and the Panthers will look to build upon their Game 1 shutout by moving closer to the Stanley Cup than ever before. It has been 16 years since the Final started with back-to-back shutouts.

\* While the top four picks from the 2014 NHL Draft prepare for Game 2 (8 p.m. ET on ABC, ESPN+, Sportsnet, CBC and TVA Sports), the top four-ranked North American skaters continue their build-up to the 2024 Upper Deck NHL Draft with a stop at the Stanley Cup Final: **Macklin Celebrini**, **Artyom Levshunov**, **Cayden Lindstrom** and **Zeev Buium** all will be in attendance Monday.

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### **OILERS FIND THEMSELVES ON FAMILIAR FOOTING AFTER GAME 1 DEFEAT**

**Connor McDavid** and the Oilers have made a habit of rebounding from a loss in the 2024 Stanley Cup Playoffs and will have to continue that trend to even the Final before the series shifts to Edmonton for Games 3 and 4. The club's five wins following a loss this postseason are tied for the second most in a playoff year in franchise history (5-3 in 1991), one back of the 6-2 mark they had in 2006.

\* Edmonton has split its four Game 1s this postseason but prior to 2024 had dropped seven in a row from the 2020 Stanley Cup Qualifiers to the 2023 Second Round. In each of the past three instances of suffering a Game 1 defeat (and in five of the past six since 2022), the Oilers have responded by tying series at 1-1.

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# WINS IN GAME 2 AFTER SERIES-OPENING LOSS IN FINAL

ROAD TEAMS, EXPANSION ERA (SINCE 1968)

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TEAM	OPPONENT	YEAR	SERIES RESULT
ST. LOUIS BLUES	BOS	2019	4-3
WASHINGTON CAPITALS	VGK	2018	4-1
BOSTON BRUINS	CHI	2013	2-4
NEW JERSEY DEVILS	COL	2001	3-4
DALLAS STARS	NJD	2000	2-4
MONTREAL CANADIENS	CGY	1989	2-4
MONTREAL CANADIENS	CGY	1986	4-1
EDMONTON OILERS	PHI	1985	4-1
PHILADELPHIA FLYERS	BOS	1974	4-2



\*Edmonton looks to join this list

\* Overall, the Oilers have dropped Game 1 of a Final for the fourth time and look to bounce back to win a championship for the second time following [1985](#), when the club strung together four consecutive wins against the Flyers en route to their second consecutive Stanley Cup.

\* Each of the past three teams to rebound from a series-opening loss in the Final with a win in Game 2 went on to capture the Cup – and did so to either end lengthy championship wait or secure their first: Tampa Bay (4-2 vs. DAL in 2020), St. Louis (4-3 vs. BOS in 2019) and Washington (4-1 vs. VGK in 2018).

\* McDavid has potted 54 career points (18-36—54 in 28 GP) in all-time postseason games following a loss and 16 points in that scenario during the 2024 Stanley Cup Playoffs (3-13—16 in 6 GP) – already the most in a single postseason in franchise history and two more than the next closest (**Esa Tikkanen**: 7-7—14 in 1991, 8 GP & McDavid: 5-9—14 in 2022, 7 GP).



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**HELPING THEIR TEAMS RALLY FROM A LOSS**

Connor McDavid (3-13-16 in 6 GP) is 1 of 4 players in NHL history with 16+ points following a loss in a single postseason. The others:

- Doug Gilmour: 4-16-20 in 9 GP (1993 TOR)
- Rick Middleton: 4-13-17 in 7 GP (1983 BOS)
- Barry Pederson: 7-9-16 in 7 GP (1983 BOS)

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**PANTHERS CAN GET CLOSER TO THE CUP THAN THEY'VE EVER BEEN**

The Panthers are ahead 1-0 for the third time this postseason, following the First Round when they ended up winning the first three games (thanks in large part to the unforgettable Game 2 efforts of [Sergei Bobrovsky](#) and [Carter Verhaeghe](#)), and the Conference Finals when they then fell behind 2-1 following consecutive overtime defeats. [Florida's Game 2 record in a best-of-seven](#) is a 50-50 split all time, but they will look to boost that and become the fourth consecutive team to take a 2-0 series lead in the Final.



## PANTHERS HOPE TO HEAD NORTH UP 2-0

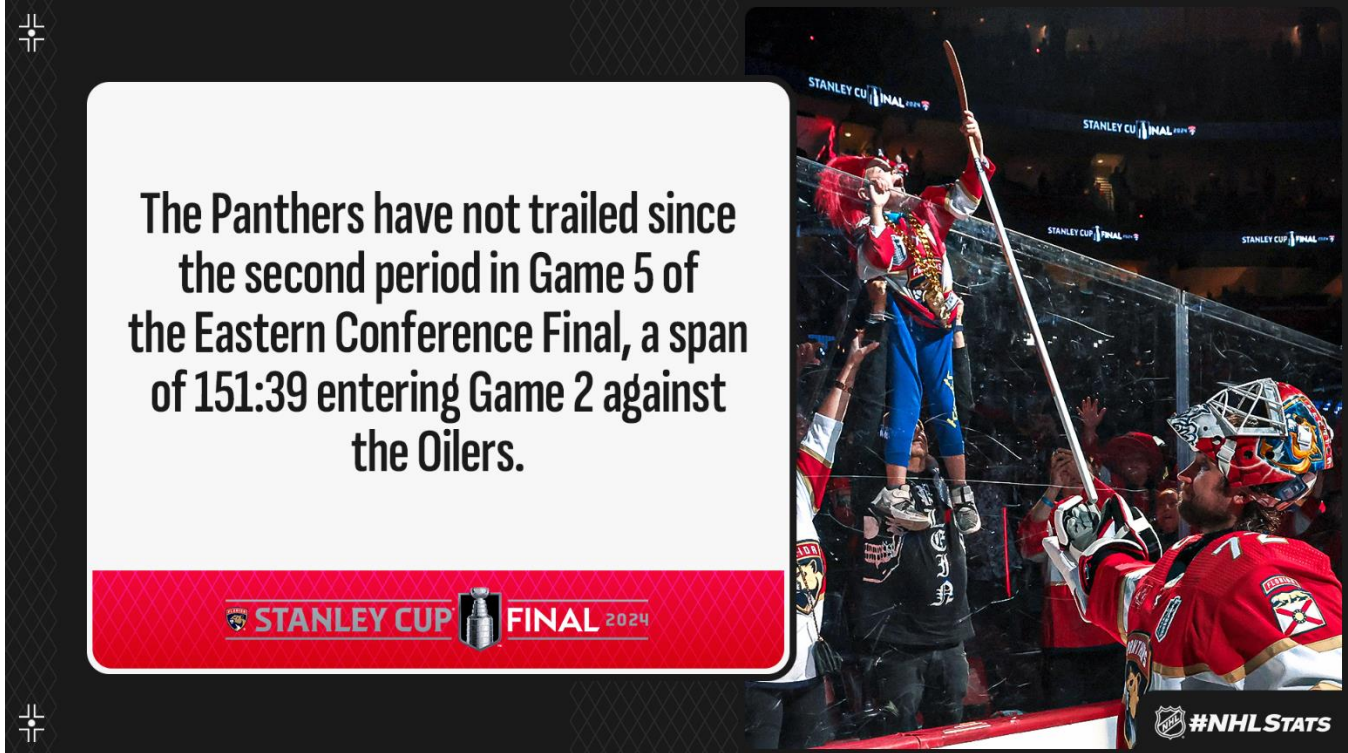
Teams that take a 2-0 series lead in a best-of-seven Stanley Cup Final go on to win the championship 91% of the time (49-5). The last time a team rallied from that deficit to win the Cup was Boston in 2011 (also the last time the Final started with a shutout).

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\* Bobrovsky has an active shutout streak of 61:40 dating to the third period of the Conference Finals-clinching Game 6. The last time a Stanley Cup Final started with a shutout, in 2011, Vancouver's **Roberto Luongo** ended up holding the Bruins off the score sheet for the first 89:00 of the series – the ninth-longest shutout streak in NHL history by a team *to begin the Final*.

\* Bobrovsky and the Panthers would achieve an NHL first if they post another shutout Monday: the Oilers have never been held to zero goals in consecutive playoff games (including spanning postseasons). The last time Edmonton suffered consecutive shutout defeats at any point was in 2020-21 when they did so on [Feb. 27](#) and [March 1](#), both against Toronto.



### **LOOKING BACK AT OTHER FINAL SERIES THAT STARTED WITH A SHUTOUT**

**Sergei Bobrovsky's** shutout Saturday marked the 16th by a goaltender in Game 1 of the Stanley Cup Final, but only the 15th championship series to open with one. How could that be? In 1927, with NHL teams the sole competitors for the Stanley Cup for the first time, the opening contest of the Final was a 0-0 tie thanks to perfect performances by **Alec Connell** of the original Ottawa Senators and **Hal Winkler** of the Bruins. That 1927 instance was the second in a string of five straight years in which the Final started with a shutout, but it has happened only nine times in the 93 championship series since 1931.



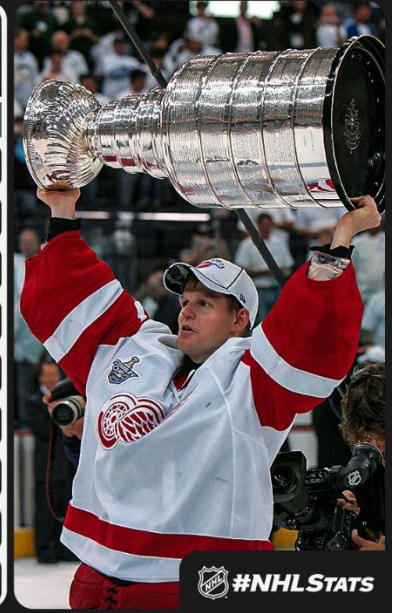
# HISTORY OF STANLEY CUP FINAL SERIES TO START WITH SHUTOUT

NHL'S MODERN ERA (SINCE 1943-44)



## STANLEY CUP FINAL 2024

TEAM	GOALTENDER	OPPONENT	GAME 2 RESULT	SERIES RESULT
2024 PANTHERS	SERGEI BOBROVSKY	EDM	MONDAY	TBC
2011 CANUCKS	ROBERTO LUONGO	BOS	3-2 W (OT)	LOST IN 7
2008 RED WINGS	CHRIS OSGOOD	PIT	3-0 W	WON IN 6
2003 DEVILS	MARTIN BRODEUR	ANA	3-0 W	WON IN 7
2001 AVALANCHE	PATRICK ROY	NJD	2-1 L	WON IN 7
1984 OILERS	GRANT FUHR	NYI	6-1 L	WON IN 5
1983 ISLANDERS	BILLY SMITH	EDM	6-3 W	WON IN 4
1947 CANADIENS	BILL DURNAN	TOR	4-0 L	LOST IN 6
1945 MAPLE LEAFS	FRANK MCCOOL	DET	2-0 W	WON IN 7



\* Overall, the Final has started with back-to-back shutouts on five occasions including four times with the same team earning each: the [1926 Montreal Maroons](#), [2003 Devils](#) and [2008 Red Wings](#) all started with two straight, while the [1945 Maple Leafs](#) pulled ahead 3-0 in the series with three straight clean sheets by **Frank McCool** (before eventually being forced to a Game 7). The fifth instance was [in 1947](#) when the Maple Leafs posted a Game 2 shutout after the Canadiens earned one in the opener.

\* Six teams have rebounded from being shut out in Game 1 of the Final by winning Game 2, including three instances in the League's modern era (since 1943-44): the [2001 Devils](#), [1984 Islanders](#) and [1947 Maple Leafs](#). Before that, it was also achieved by the [1928 Rangers](#), [1927 original Senators](#) (after the 0-0 tie in Game 1) and [1919 Canadiens](#) (in a series eventually canceled due to the influenza epidemic).

\* The back-to-back shutouts in 2008 and 2003 were achieved by **Chris Osgood** and **Martin Brodeur**, respectively, en route to Stanley Cup wins. In the three instances during the modern era of a team winning Game 2 after being shut out in Game 1 of the Final, they did so by surrendering fewer than two goals: Brodeur backstopped the Devils with a 19-save effort in 2001 ([2-1 W at COL](#)), **Billy Smith** (22 saves) and a **Clark Gillies** hat trick guided the Islanders in 1984 ([6-1 W vs. EDM](#)), and in 1947 **Turk Broda** posted a shutout as the Maple Leafs evened the series ([4-0 W at MTL](#)).

### TOP PROSPECTS TO WITNESS GAME 2 OF FINAL AT AMERANT BANK ARENA

**Macklin Celebrini** (No. 1-ranked NA skater), **Artyom Levshunov** (No. 2-ranked NA skater, **Cayden Lindstrom** (No. 3-ranked NA skater) and **Zeev Buium** (No. 4-ranked NA skater) – the top four-ranked North American skater prospects ahead of the 2024 Upper Deck NHL Draft – will attend Game 2 between the Panthers and Oilers. While they get a taste of Stanley Cup Final intensity, [the top four picks from 2014 NHL Draft](#) – who were in the same circumstance a decade ago – will compete for a victory on the ice. [Click here](#) to read about each of the four prospects' fitness performance at the 2024 NHL Scouting Combine presented by adidas.



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\* As the youngest freshman in the NCAA in 2023-24, Celebrini was named the winner of the 2024 Hobey Baker Memorial Award, Hockey East Player of the Year and Hockey East Rookie of the Year. He also led Team Canada in their bronze-medal entry at the 2023 Under-18 World Championship with 6-9—15 in 7 games, finishing fifth in the tournament in points, and led the country in goals and points at the 2024 World Junior Championship (4-4—8 in 5 GP).



## CELEBRINI COMING OFF IMPRESSIVE 2023-24

Macklin Celebrini is the fourth player to win Hockey East Rookie of the Year and Hockey East Player of the Year in same season, along with Jack Eichel (2014-15), Paul Kariya (1992-93) and Brian Leetch (1986-87).



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\* Levshunov averaged nearly a point per game as a freshman blueliner with Michigan State (9-26—35 in 38 GP) en route to being named Big Ten Rookie of the Year and Defensive Player of the Year while helping Michigan State earn Big Ten regular-season and postseason titles.

\* Lindstrom recorded 27-19—46 in 32 games overall in 2023-24 and won the 2024 CHL Top Draft Prospect Award. Lindstrom also has a gold medal under his belt after representing Team Canada at the 2023 Hlinka Gretzky Cup (2-1—3 in 5 GP). He also represented Canada White at the 2022 World Under-17 Hockey Challenge (2-2—4 in 6 GP).

\* Buium won a national championship with the University of Denver as a freshman and was named the conference's 2023-24 Rookie of the Year and Best Offensive Defenseman after finishing the season with the most points among NCAA blueliners with 11-39—50 in 42 games. He also left his mark on the international stage when he won gold with Team USA at the 2024 World Junior Championship, where he scored in the gold-medal game to finish the tournament with the best plus-minus (+11) and the most goals by a defenseman (3).

### **'NHL IN ASL' RETURNS FOR GAME 2, 'STANLEY CUP LIVE' GOES PRE-GAME**

The first-of-its-kind telecast dedicated to the Deaf community, "NHL in ASL" airs tonight for Game 2. Using American Sign Language (ASL), and created in partnership with P-X-P, the telecast is available on ESPN+ (U.S.) and Sportsnet+ (Canada). Hosted by NHL alumnus The Game 2 telecast will feature intermission guests [Katarina Ziervogel](#), an Ojibwe/Mohawk/German Deaf woman from the Sagkeeng First Nation in Manitoba who made her acting debut in Marvel Studio's *Echo*, and comedian [Brett Shaffer](#).



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\* Before the action begins, catch the “Stanley Cup Live presented by New Amsterdam Vodka” pre-game show on the [NHL’s YouTube channel](#) starting at 6:30 p.m. ET.



## **WHO HAS THE EDGE? A SAMPLING OF NHL EDGE STATS AHEAD OF GAME 2**

A look at some advanced stats via [NHL.com/EDGE](#) entering the Stanley Cup Final:

\* Within the high-danger zone, **Sergei Bobrovsky** has the most saves (122), second-most shots against (140) behind **Igor Shesterkin** (147) and second-highest save percentage (.871). In the 2023 Stanley Cup Playoffs, Bobrovsky’s high-danger save percentage stood at .831 to rank eighth.

\* Collectively, the Oilers (882.57 miles) and Panthers (839.46 miles) have skated 1,722.03 miles so far this postseason – just over half the distance between their home arenas (2,541 miles). With top games of 62.81 miles and 58.22 miles so far this postseason, respectively, neither is likely to overtake the team with most miles skated until Game 3 (or in overtime Monday).

## **QUICK CLICKS**

- \* [Oilers confident they can rebound from Game 1 loss in Stanley Cup Final](#)
- \* [Panthers have 'lots of room to improve' despite Game 1 win](#)
- \* [Stanley Cup Final blog: Ryan Nugent-Hopkins](#)
- \* [Stanley Cup Final blog: Evan Rodrigues](#)
- \* [Game 1 averaged 3.1 million total viewers; Stanley Cup Playoffs on ESPN nets are up 26%](#)

Game	Score	Date	Time
GAME 1	0 - 3	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
* GAME 7		JUNE 24	8:00 PM ET

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