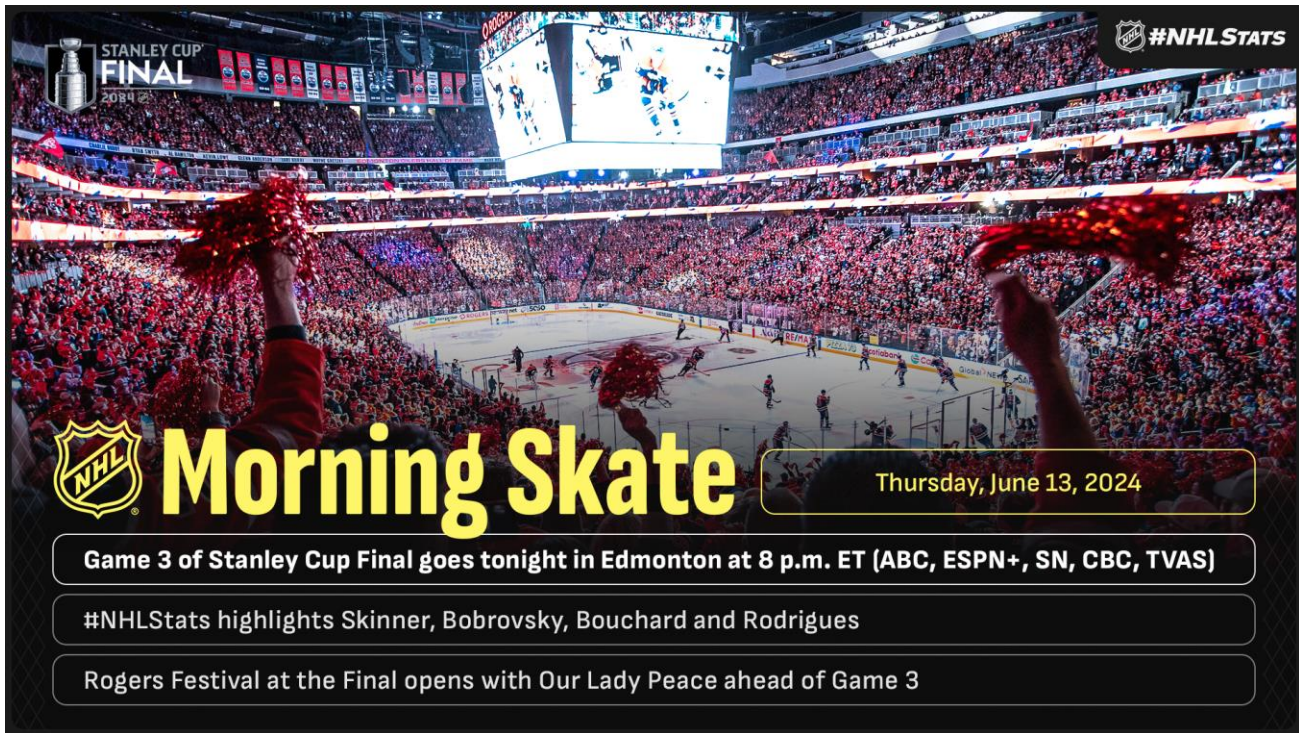


NHL MORNING SKATE: STANLEY CUP FINAL EDITION – JUNE 13, 2024



STANLEY CUP FINAL 2024 #NHLSTATS

NHL Morning Skate

Thursday, June 13, 2024

Game 3 of Stanley Cup Final goes tonight in Edmonton at 8 p.m. ET (ABC, ESPN+, SN, CBC, TVAS)

#NHLStats highlights Skinner, Bobrovsky, Bouchard and Rodrigues

Rogers Festival at the Final opens with Our Lady Peace ahead of Game 3

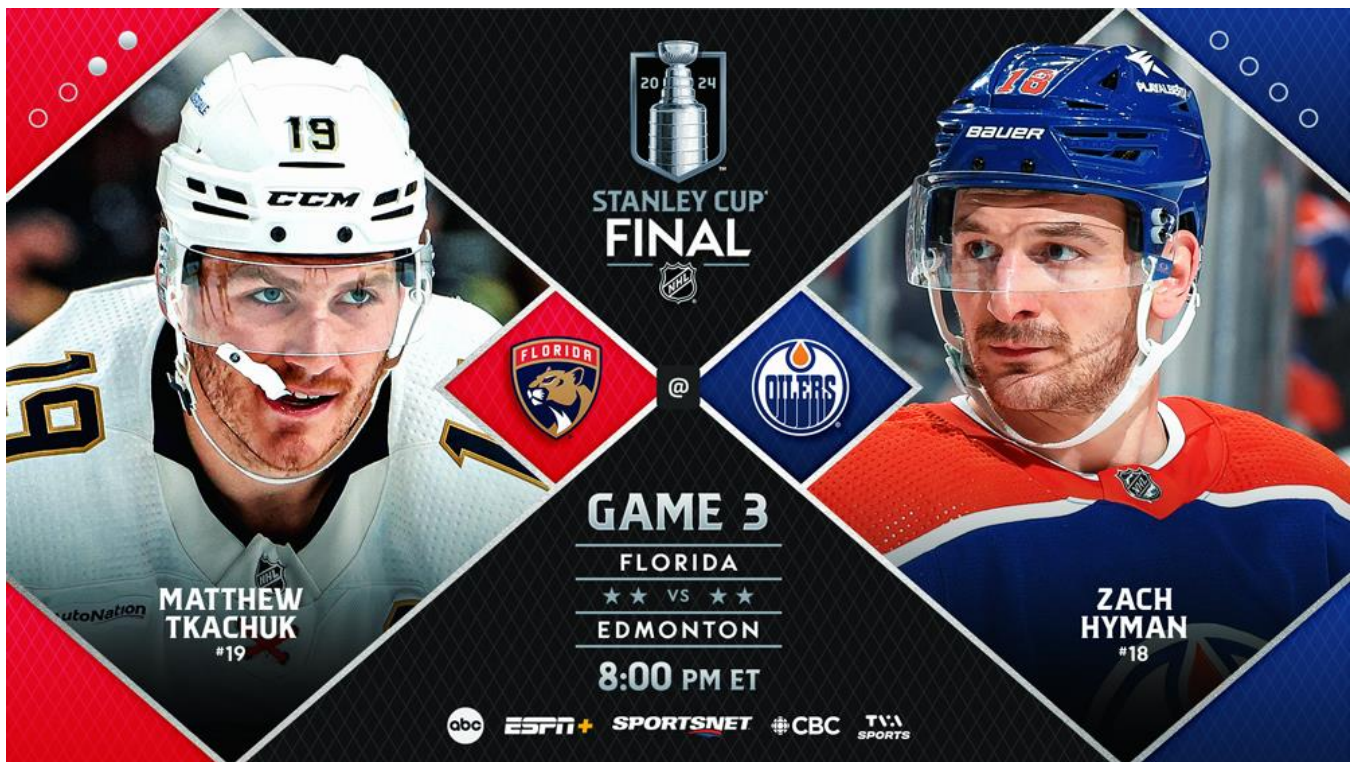
* **Connor McDavid** and the Oilers return to Rogers Place for Game 3 as Edmonton is ready to host the first Stanley Cup Final game in Canada in front of a full arena in 13 years.

* **Stuart Skinner**, the hometown kid who was born in Edmonton, will have the opportunity to become the third Alberta-born goaltender to earn a win in a Stanley Cup Final game.

* **Evan Rodrigues** has scored on all three shots on goal he has had this series – the first player on record (since 1998) to score on each of his first three shots of the Stanley Cup Final – to inspire a look back at other unsung heroes in the championship series.

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ALBERTA BOUND: MCDAVID, OILERS READY FOR GAME 3 AGAINST TKACHUK, PANTHERS
Connor McDavid and the Oilers return to Rogers Place to face Matthew Tkachuk and the Panthers, who will try to match a franchise playoff record for [longest winning streak](#) and take a 3-0 series lead in a best-of-seven for the fifth time in club history. Tkachuk, whose key defensive play helped prevent a McDavid breakaway goal in Game 2, [knows the spotlight of the Stanley Cup Final shines bright on both sides of the 49th parallel](#) as he gets set for the first Final games in Canada in front of a full arena since 2011.

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“There’s a different type of passion and spotlight; not only Edmonton, but Canada’s going to be glued to their TVs watching.”

PANTHERS FORWARD MATTHEW TKACHUK

STANLEY CUP FINAL 2024

* McDavid and Tkachuk have clashed 19 times in Edmonton, including 17 contests as part of the “Battle of Alberta” when Tkachuk was with the Flames. That rivalry includes five playoff games (two at Rogers Place) during the [2022 Second Round](#), a series that opened with a Tkachuk hat trick in an unforgettable 9-6 thriller in Game 1. McDavid (3-9—12) and **Leon Draisaitl** (2-15—17) combined for 29 points in the series and teamed up on the overtime winner in Game 5 that eliminated their provincial rivals in what was Tkachuk’s last game with Calgary.

* Tkachuk isn’t the only Florida player who knows what it’s like to be part of one of the most storied rivalries in hockey – teammates **Sam Bennett** and **Ryan Lomberg** also skated with Tkachuk on the Flames. Bennett opened the series with 11 hits, the most in a Stanley Cup Final game since [Game 2 of the 2022 Final](#) (Darren Helm - 12) and has a point in seven of his past eight games, including an active [five-game point streak](#).

* McDavid and the Oilers will look to halt the winning streak and turn the tide in the series on home ice. Much like that last time a Stanley Cup Final game was played in Canada, [2011](#) also was the last time a team overcame a 2-0 series deficit in the Final to win the Stanley Cup. Edmonton will look to start a comeback with Game 3 victory at Rogers Place, where they are 6-3 this postseason.

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TEAMS TO WIN GAME 3 AFTER FALLING BEHIND 2-0

STANLEY CUP FINAL, SINCE 1991

TEAM	OPPONENT	YEAR	FINAL SCORE
FLORIDA PANTHERS	VGK	2023	3-2 OT W
TAMPA BAY LIGHTNING	COL	2022	6-2 W
NASHVILLE PREDATORS	PIT	2017	5-1 W
SAN JOSE SHARKS	PIT	2016	3-2 OT W
BOSTON BRUINS	VAN	2011	8-1 W
PHILADELPHIA FLYERS	CHI	2010	4-3 OT W
PITTSBURGH PENGUINS	DET	2009	4-2 W
PITTSBURGH PENGUINS	DET	2008	3-2 W
OTTAWA SENATORS	ANA	2007	5-3 W
EDMONTON OILERS	CAR	2006	2-1 W
MIGHTY DUCKS OF ANAHEIM	NJD	2003	3-2 OT W

*Each team won at home

SKINNER AT HOME IN EDMONTON, BOBROVSKY AIMS FOR SUCCESS ON THE ROAD

The goaltending storylines in Game 3 will see Edmonton's own **Stuart Skinner** try to back his hometown club to its first Stanley Cup Final victory since 2006 when he takes the net across from Panthers netminder **Sergei Bobrovsky**, who has allowed only two goals against in his past 180:50 of play.

* Born in Edmonton, Skinner was seven years old the last time the Oilers were in the Stanley Cup Final and heads home with a chance to become the third Alberta-born goaltender to win a Final game for either the Oilers or Flames. Alberta-born goaltenders are 42-38 all-time in the championship series, including a 13-4 record *in the province* – **Grant Fuhr** (Spruce Grove, Alta., 14-5 w/ EDM) and **Mike Vernon** (Calgary, Alta., 5-6 w/ CGY) account for 30 of the 80 decisions overall, including all 17 for Final games played in the province (Fuhr: 10-1; Vernon: 3-3).

* The number of Alberta-born goaltenders to play in the Stanley Cup Final doesn't even hit double digits, with Skinner and Fuhr the only ones to play in the series for Edmonton. The last from that group to win in the Final for any club was **Chris Osgood** with the Red Wings in Game 5 of the 2009 Final in Detroit.

ALBERTA-BORN GOALTENDERS TO PLAY IN STANLEY CUP FINAL

NHL HISTORY

STANLEY CUP FINAL 2024

GOALTENDER	TEAM(S)	YEAR(S)	GP
STUART SKINNER*	EDM	2024	2
CHRIS OSGOOD	DET	2009, 2008, 1998, 1995	18
MIKE VERNON	DET, CGY	1997, 1995, 1989, 1986	19
KELLY HRUDEY	LAK	1993	5
GRANT FUHR*	EDM	1988, 1987, 1985, 1984	19
PETE PEETERS	PHI	1980	5
HANK BASSEN	DET	1966, 1961	5
FRANK McCOOL	TOR	1945	7
CHARLIE REID	CAT	1924	2



*Played for Oilers

* Bobrovsky has allowed two goals or less in five straight games – including one or a shutout in each of his past three – and 15 times overall this postseason. The 35-year-old two-time Vezina Trophy winner, who broke into the NHL as an undrafted free agent in 2010-11, has seven outings in the 2024 Stanley Cup Playoffs in which he has allowed one goal or less – including both so far in the Final where he has stopped all 35 shots against in the second and third periods (16 in P2, 19 in P3).

* Only a dozen goaltenders in NHL history have allowed three or fewer goals against through the first three games of a Stanley Cup Final (including **Clint Benedict** twice). The only active goaltender to achieve that feat was **Jonathan Quick** in 2012 en route to winning the Cup and [Conn Smythe Trophy](#) (3 GA in 3 GP).



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MOST GAMES WITH LESS THAN 2 GOALS AGAINST

ONE PLAYOFF YEAR, ACTIVE GOALTENDERS





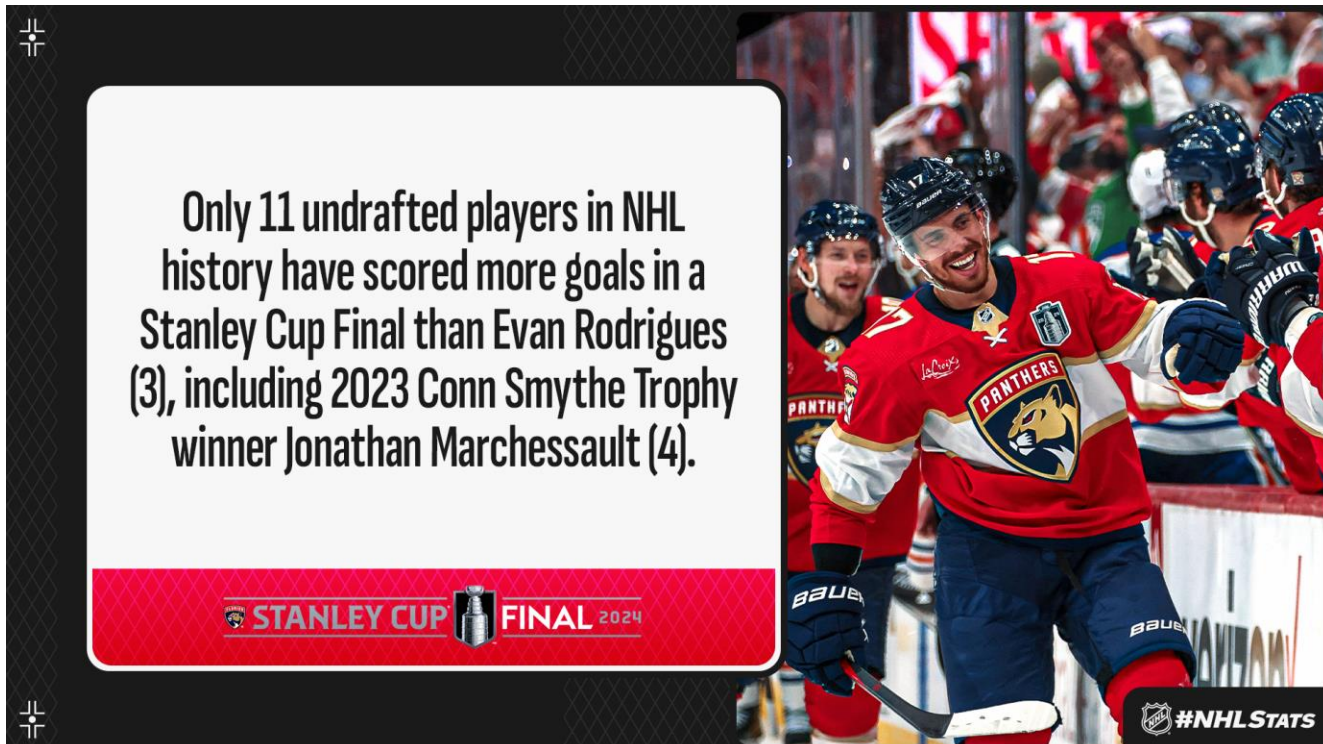
ACTIVE GOALTENDER	YEAR	TEAM	GP <2 GA
ANDREI VASILEVSKIY	2021	TBL	11
JONATHAN QUICK	2012	LAK	10
ANDREI VASILEVSKIY	2022	TBL	8
JORDAN BINNINGTON	2019	STL	8
SERGEI BOBROVSKY	2024	FLA	7
ANDREI VASILEVSKIY	2020	TBL	7
SEMYON VARLAMOV	2020	NYI	7
MARC-ANDRE FLEURY	2018	VGK	7
MATT MURRAY	2016	PIT	7

RODRIGUES’ PERFORMANCE INSPIRES LOOK AT UNSUNG HEROES IN STANLEY CUP FINAL

After scoring three times in 17 games through the Conference Finals, **Evan Rodrigues** has matched that count through the first two games of the Stanley Cup Final – tied for the most goals by a player through their first two career games of a Final over the past 91 years. Over that same span, the most goals by a player through his first three career appearances in the Final is four, achieved by **Jake Guentzel** (2017) **Steve Payne** (1981), **Denis Potvin** (1980) and **Rod Gilbert** (1972).

* Before Rodrigues, the last player with at least three goals in the Final after scoring three or fewer in the playoff up to that point was **Corey Perry** in 2020 with the Stars (2 G through CF, 3 G in SCF).

* Rodrigues, who is playing on his fourth team in five seasons and has never had a 50-point campaign in the regular-season, inspired a look back at other “unsung” Stanley Cup Final performances in recent memory. Click here to read more about **Devante Smith-Pelly** (2018), **Brad Marchand** (2011), **Ville Leino** (2010), **Max Talbot** (2009), **Fernando Pisani** (2006) and **Mike Rupp** (2003).



BOUCHARD CLIMBS ALL-TIME LIST, SETS NEW NHL EDGE BENCHMARK

Evan Bouchard notched an assist in Game 2 to become the outright leader among active defensemen for assists in a single postseason, collecting his 22nd to surpass **Cale Makar** (21 in 2022). He now trails only **Paul Coffey** (25 in 1985), his assistant coach, along with **Al MacInnis** (24 in 1989) and **Brian Leetch** (23 in 1994) on the [all-time list](#).

* In addition to topping NHL defensemen in goals (6; tied), assists (22) and points (28) this postseason, Bouchard has blasted 30 shots that NHL EDGE tracking registered at 90+ mph. Bouchard entered the Final with 22 shots of 90+ mph but has registered eight so far against the Panthers (by far the most of any player this series) and established a new single-postseason high since tracking began in 2019-20 (besting **Victor Hedman**: 22 in 2022).

MOST POINTS IN A PLAYOFF YEAR BY A DEFENSEMAN

NHL HISTORY

STANLEY CUP PLAYOFFS 2024

PLAYER	TEAM	YEAR	POINTS
PAUL COFFEY	EDM	1985	37
BRIAN LEETCH	NYR	1994	34
AL MACINNIS	CGY	1989	31
CALE MAKAR*	COL	2022	29
EVAN BOUCHARD*	EDM	2024	28
MIRO HEISKANEN*	DAL	2020	26



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*Active players

'NHL IN ASL' RETURNS FOR GAME 3, 'STANLEY CUP LIVE' GOES PRE-GAME

The "NHL in ASL" broadcast – a first-of-its-kind telecast dedicated to the Deaf community – will continue in Game 3. The telecast will feature intermission guest [Kevin Delaney](#), president of the American Hearing Impaired Hockey Association (AHIHA), a hockey school established by Stanley Cup champion **Stan Mikita**. The Game 3 telecast will also feature live look-ins at AHIHA campers' reactions as they enjoy the game. Recaps of [Game 1](#) and [Game 2](#) are available on NHL.com and the NHL's YouTube page.

* 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. Before Game 2, hosts **Jason Demers** and **Alexa Landestoy**, were [joined by](#) former Panthers player and current **Shawn Thornton**.



* **ICYMI:** Global superstar and five-time GRAMMY winner **Shania Twain** and four-time JUNO Award-winning rock band **Our Lady Peace** will headline free musical performances outside Rogers Place in Edmonton, kicking off with Our Lady Peace ahead of Game 3. [Click here](#) for more.

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GAME 3 PREGAME PERFORMANCE



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GAME 4 PREGAME PERFORMANCE



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