

NHL MORNING SKATE: STANLEY CUP FINAL EDITION – JUNE 18, 2024

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Barkov, McDavid to battle for conflicting fate in Game 5 tonight (8 p.m. ET on ABC, ESPN+, SN, CBC, TVAS)

Bobrovsky looking to bounce back, Skinner seeking more of the same from last outing

NHL and franchise records are within reach for defensemen Bouchard, Forsling

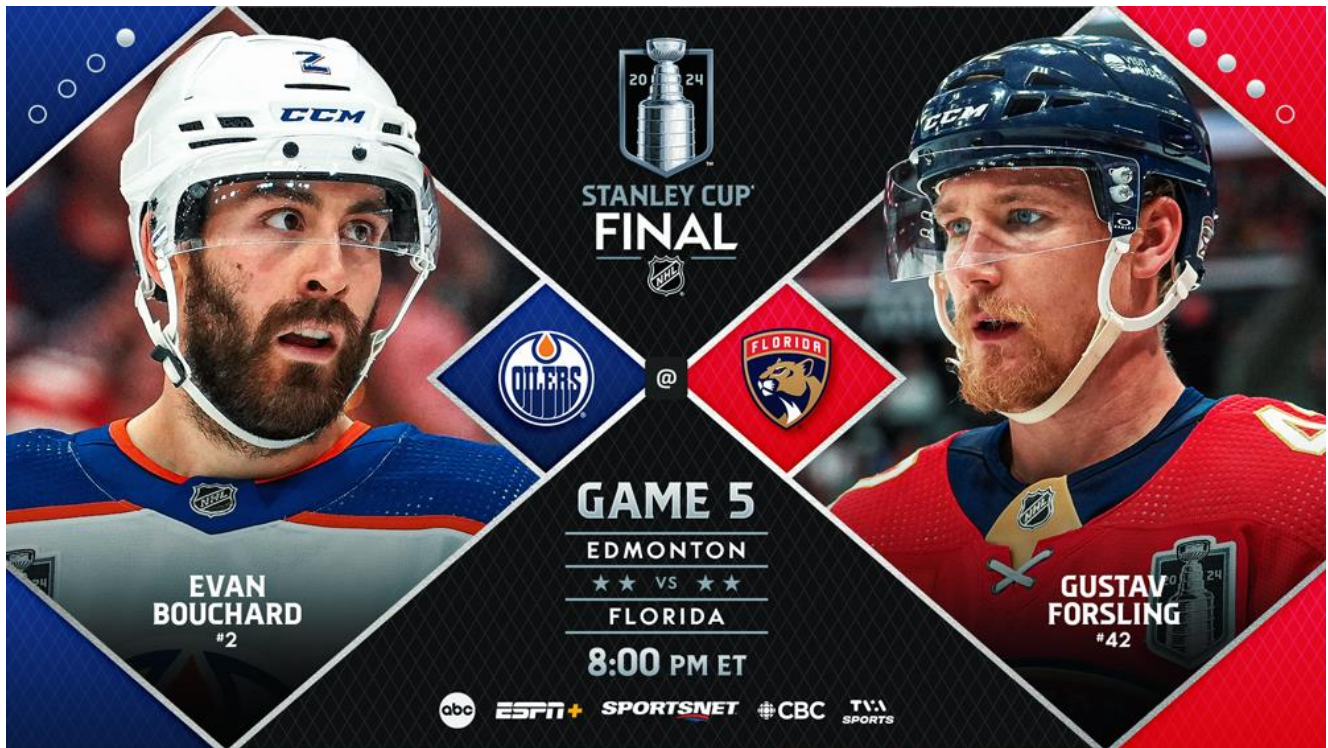
* The Stanley Cup will be in the building once again when Florida and Edmonton clash in Game 5 of the Final at Amerant Bank Arena tonight. The contest starts at 8 p.m. ET and is available on ABC, ESPN+, Sportsnet, TVA Sports and CBC. The “NHL in ASL” telecast on ESPN+ and Sportsnet+ will feature special guests **Wes McCauley**, **Keivonn Woodard** and **Katelyn Koester**.

* **Aleksander Barkov**, **Sergei Bobrovsky**, **Gustav Forsling** and the Panthers continue to pursue the first championship in franchise history and will contest their first potential Cup-clinching game on home ice.

* **Connor McDavid**, **Stuart Skinner**, **Evan Bouchard** and the Oilers look to follow up their 8-1 victory Saturday by becoming the first team in League history to win Game 5 on the road after trailing 3-0 in the Final.

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SEVERAL STARS ARE SHINING AS STANLEY CUP FINAL SHIFTS TO SUNRISE

Thirty of 39 skaters have recorded at least one point in the 2024 Stanley Cup Final including several star players, while both starting goaltenders have maintained a save percentage north of .900 so far:

* **Aleksander Barkov** (1-3—4 in 4 GP) has two multi-point efforts in the Final, including the winning goal in [Game 3](#). Barkov (7-14—21 in 21 GP) has maintained his point-per-game pace during the championship series and needs three to match the [franchise record for most in a postseason](#).

* **Connor McDavid** (1-6—7 in 4 GP) had 1-3—4 on Saturday and needs one point to tie the franchise mark for most when facing elimination during a Final, set by **Fernando Pisani** (4-1—5 in 3 GP) in [2006](#). The highest total in NHL history is seven by the Maple Leafs duo of **Don Metz** (4-3—7 in 4 GP) and **Syl Apps** (3-4—7 in 4 GP) in [1942](#) as well as Toronto St. Patricks forward **Babe Dye** (6-1—7 in 2 GP) in [1922](#).

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CAPTAINS McDAVID, BARKOV HAVE 11 POINTS

Connor McDavid (7) and Aleksander Barkov (4) have combined for 11 points, tied for the most by captains in a Final over the last 29 years. The most ever is 15 in 1985 by Wayne Gretzky (11) and Dave Poulin (4).

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* **Sergei Bobrovsky** will look to follow in the footsteps of Hockey Hall of Fame member **Martin Brodeur** by responding from his Game 4 defeat (in which **Anthony Stolarz** replaced him in the second period). In 2003, Brodeur was [pulled in a potential Cup-clinching Game 6](#) but responded with a [24-save shutout in Game 7](#) to secure his third and final Cup.

* **Stuart Skinner** made 32 saves in Game 4, and while his efforts were overshadowed by an eight-goal showing from his teammates, that stands as the highest save total by an Oilers goaltender when facing elimination in the Stanley Cup Final (previous: 24 saves by **Jussi Markkanen** in Game 7 of 2006 SCF).

MOST SAVES IN REGULATION GAME, FACING ELIMINATION

STANLEY CUP FINAL, SINCE 1994

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GOALTENDER	TEAM	GAME #	GAME RESULT	SAVES
MARTIN JONES	2016 SHARKS	5	4-2 W	44
HENRIK LUNDQVIST	2014 RANGERS	4	2-1 W	40
TIM THOMAS	2011 BRUINS	7	4-0 W	37
TIM THOMAS	2011 BRUINS	6	5-2 W	36
ANDREI VASILEVSKIY	2022 LIGHTNING	5	3-2 W	35
KIRK MCLEAN	1994 CANUCKS	5	6-3 W	35
OLIE KOLZIG	1998 CAPITALS	4	4-1 L	34
STUART SKINNER	2024 OILERS	4	8-1 W	32
JORDAN BINNINGTON	2019 BLUES	7	4-1 W	32
KIRK MCLEAN	1994 CANUCKS	7	3-2 L	32



* **Evan Bouchard** has two points in the Final (0-2—2, including an assist in Game 4) and 6-23—29 overall this postseason to sit two back of tying **Paul Coffey**'s Stanley Cup Playoffs record for [assists in one year by a defenseman](#). Bouchard is one point away from making the Oilers the fourth team in NHL history to have three 30-point scorers in the same postseason – only the [1991 Penguins](#), [1988 Oilers](#) and [1985 Oilers](#) have had players combine for that feat.

* **Gustav Forsling** broke **Ed Jovanovski**'s franchise record for [assists by a defenseman in one playoff year](#) by notching his ninth helper of 2024 on Florida's lone goal in Game 4. It also was his 13th point this postseason, equaling **Brandon Montour** (8-5—13 in 2023) for the [club mark](#) for most in one year by a blueliner. Forsling (491:30 in 2024), less than 10 minutes away from logging 500-plus minutes of total ice time for a second straight year, ranks third among all skaters with 1037:53 of [TOI since the start of the 2023 Stanley Cup Playoffs](#), behind Montour (1048:04) and **Miro Heiskanen** (1063:41).



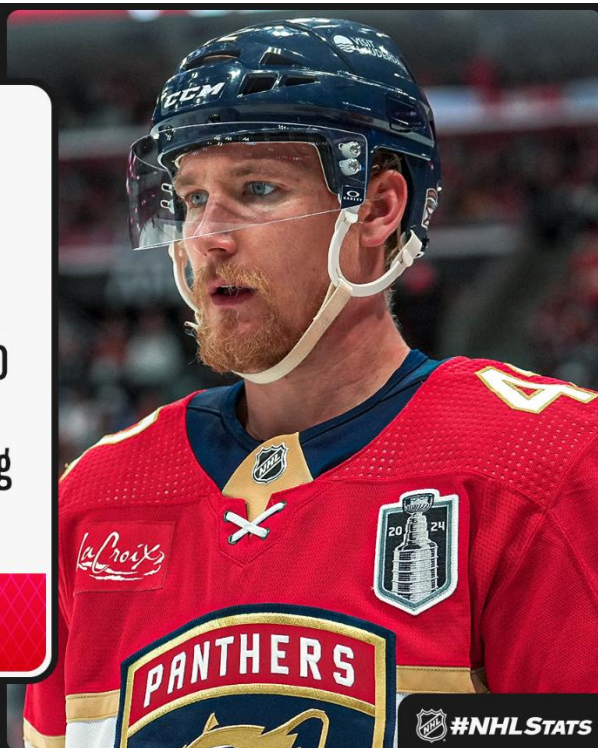
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THE "MINUTES" MAN: GUSTAV FORSLING

Gustav Forsling has 67:01 of shorthanded time on ice this postseason (including 4:50 in Game 4) to set a new club mark for the most on record in one playoff year (besting his own mark of 66:40 set in 2023).

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* **Evan Rodrigues** (3-1—4 in 4 GP), **Vladimir Tarasenko** (2-1—3 in 4 GP), **Dylan Holloway** (2-1—3 in 4 GP) and **Ryan McLeod** (2-0—2 in 4 GP) have multiple goals in the Final, with McLeod and Tarasenko each scoring in both Games 3 and 4. McLeod will aim to become the sixth Oilers player to score in three straight games within a Final, while Tarasenko will look to become the first to do so for Florida. Tarasenko (0-1—1 in [Game 7 of 2019 SCF](#)) is one of two players in the series with a point in a *Cup-clinching win* (also **Corey Perry**: 1-1—2 in [Game 5 of 2007 SCF](#)).

MOST GOALS WHEN FACING ELIMINATION IN STANLEY CUP FINAL

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TEAM	OPPONENT	YEAR	GAMES	GOALS
TORONTO MAPLE LEAFS	DET	1942	4	19
VANCOUVER CANUCKS	NYR	1994	3	12
CHICAGO BLACK HAWKS	MTL	1973	2	12
TORONTO ST. PATRICKS	VMI	1922	2	11
PHILADELPHIA FLYERS	NYI	1980	2	10
BOSTON BRUINS	VAN	2011	2	9
EDMONTON OILERS	CAR	2006	3	9
DETROIT RED WINGS	NYR	1950	2	9
DETROIT RED WINGS	TOR	1945	4	9
SEATTLE METROPOLITANS	SEN	1920	3	9
VANCOUVER MILLIONAIRES	TAN	1918	2	9



*Edmonton can join this list



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McCAULEY, WOODARD, KOESTER TO JOIN “NHL IN ASL” TELECAST IN GAME 5

The “NHL in ASL” telecast for Game 5 of the Stanley Cup Final is set to feature NHL referee **Wes McCauley** as well as actor **Keivonn Woodard** (known for role in HBO’s *The Last of Us*) and hockey player **Katelyn Koester** (member of U.S. Women’s National Deaf Hockey Team). The telecast will be made available to stream on ESPN+ in the U.S. and Sportsnet+ in Canada.

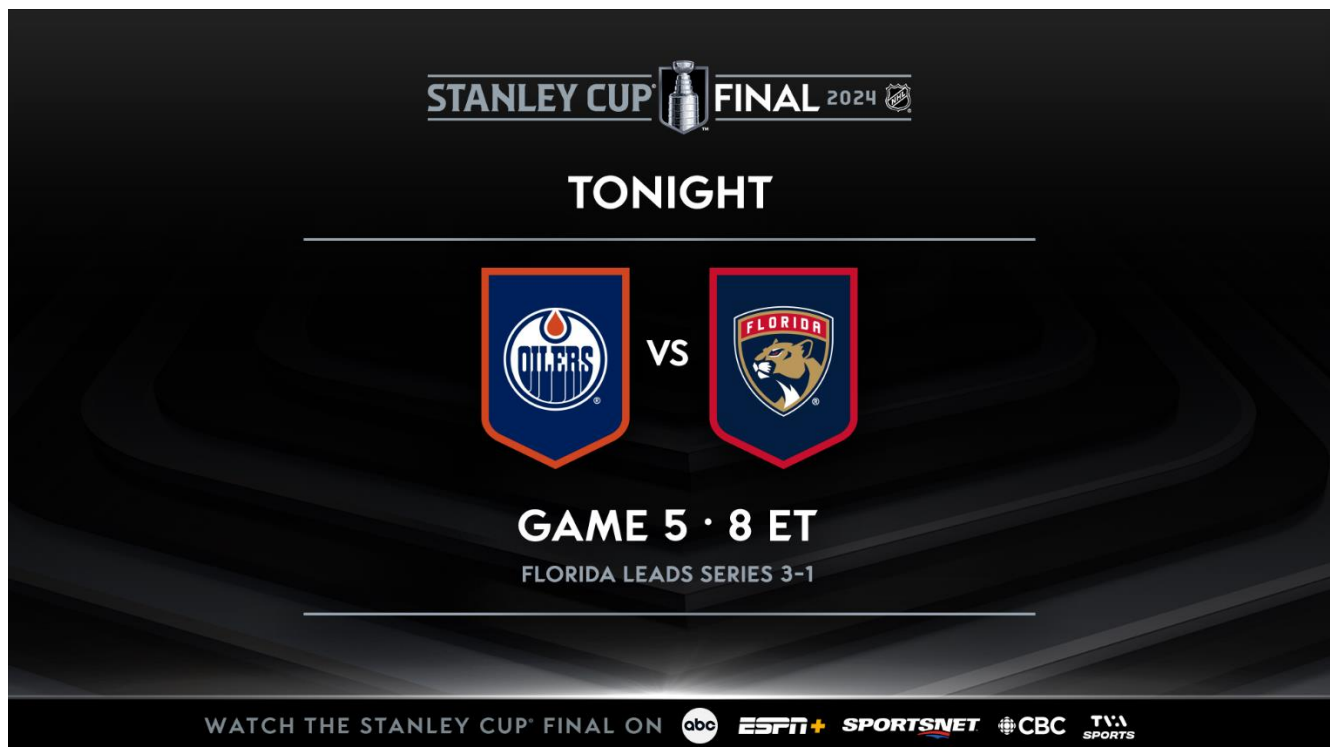
* **ICYMI:** Every goal in the 2024 Stanley Cup Final, as experienced [on the “NHL in ASL” telecast](#).

* McCauley will serve as a rules analyst throughout the telecast while explaining the origin of some hand signals made by officials and providing additional commentary. McCauley has worked 24 games in the Stanley Cup Final so far in his career.



QUICK CLICKS

- * [Matthew Tkachuk, Sam Bennett, Aaron Ekblad](#) 'all good' for Game 5
- * [Sergei Bobrovsky](#) looking ahead to 'new game' with Panthers, 2nd chance at Stanley Cup
- * [Pascal Vincent](#) fired as Blue Jackets coach, no replacement named
- * [Panthers](#) feel better prepared to handle chance to finish Oilers, win Cup in Game 5
- * [Bobby Orr](#)'s 8 consecutive Norris trophies likely unbreakable mark 49 years later



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