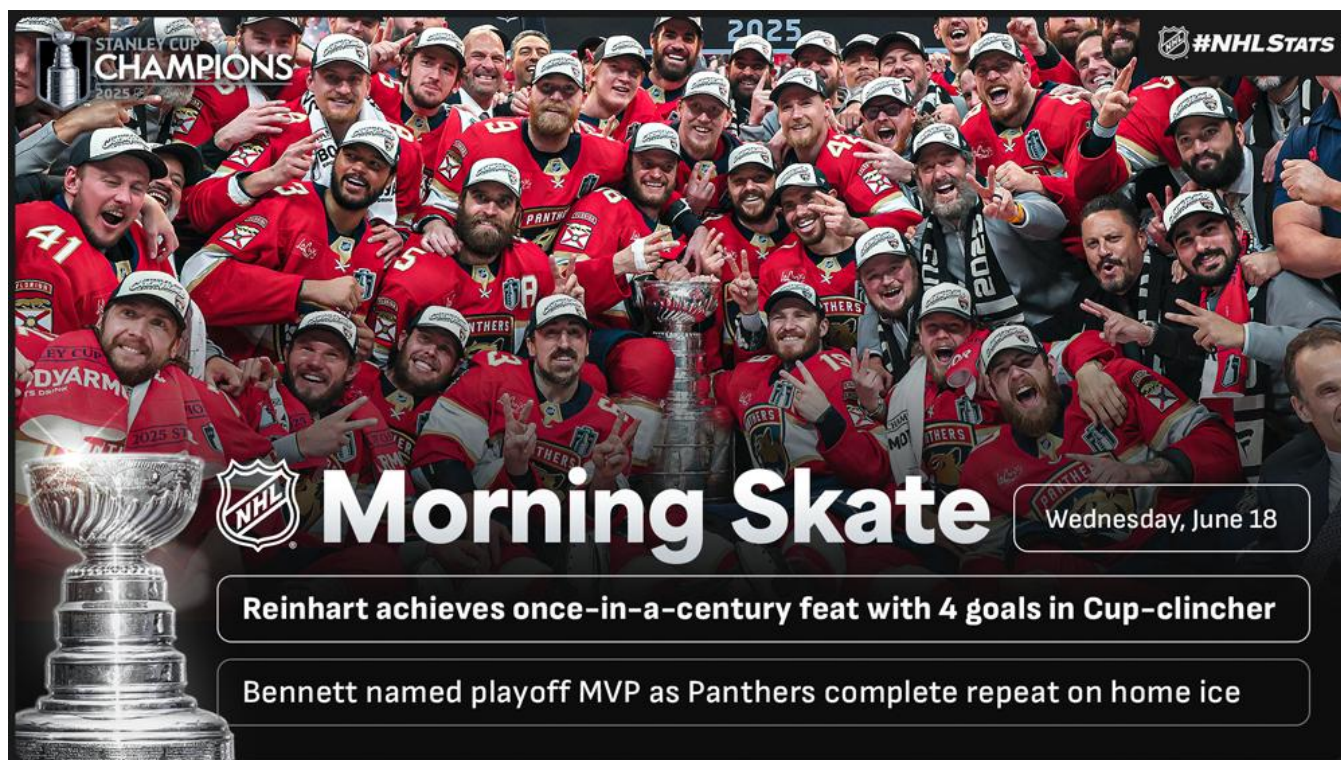




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Reinhart achieves once-in-a-century feat with 4 goals in Cup-clincher

Bennett named playoff MVP as Panthers complete repeat on home ice

* A record-tying four-goal performance by **Sam Reinhart** and a clinching goal by **Matthew Tkachuk** helped the Panthers become the 10th franchise in NHL history to repeat as Stanley Cup champions – and first in 37 years to do so by clinching both on home ice.

* Reinhart delivered a once-in-a-century performance by matching the Stanley Cup Final record for goals in a game and becoming just the second player in League history to score four times in a Cup-clinching win. He also matched **Wayne Gretzky**, **Mike Bossy** and **Jean Beliveau** for the modern-era record for goals in one Final (7).

* **Sam Bennett** was selected as the 2025 Conn Smythe Trophy winner after leading the League in goals (15) and establishing an NHL record for road goals in one playoff year (13).

[#NHLStats Pack: Panthers Complete Stanley Cup Repeat](#)

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GAME 6 RECAP



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2ND PLAYER IN NHL HISTORY WITH 4 GOALS TO CLINCH CUP
- FLORIDA PANTHERS**
FIRST TEAM IN 37 YEARS TO REPEAT WITH BOTH CLINCHES ON HOME ICE
- SAM BENNETT**
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REINHART HAS RECORD-TYING NIGHT AS PANTHERS CLINCH STANLEY CUP REPEAT

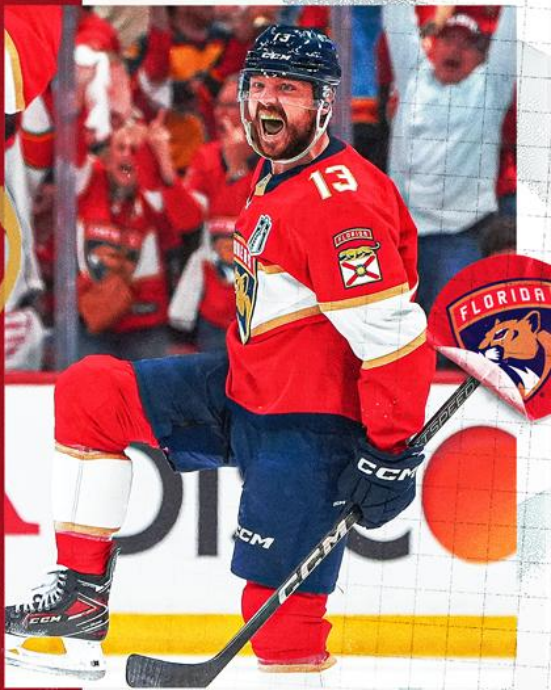
The 2025 Stanley Cup Final ended in much the same way that many of its games went: in record fashion. The Game 7 hero from last June made sure that one would not be needed again this year as **Sam Reinhart** delivered a once-in-a-century performance by scoring four goals to help clinch Florida's Stanley Cup repeat.

SAM REINHART

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PLAYER IN NHL HISTORY WITH
4 GOALS TO CLINCH THE STANLEY CUP
(ALSO BABE DYE 103 YEARS AGO)

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* Reinhart (4-0—4) tied the Stanley Cup Final record for goals in a game and became the second player to score as many times in a *Cup-clinching win* – joining **Babe Dye** more than 100 years ago. Overall, Reinhart scored the fourth hat trick ever to *clinich the Stanley Cup* – and second in the past three years after Florida's first of three straight trips to the Final ended with a **Mark Stone** hat trick to vanquish the Panthers' Cup hopes and make the Golden Knights the 2023 champions.

* Overall, Reinhart became the sixth player in NHL history score four goals in any Stanley Cup Final game, and first to do so since **Maurice Richard** with the Canadiens 68 years ago ([Game 1 of 1957 SCF vs. BOS](#)). Reinhart and Stone account for the only [Stanley Cup Final hat tricks](#) over the past 28 years.

MOST CAREER GOALS IN POTENTIAL CUP-CLINCHING GAMES		
NHL HISTORY		
STANLEY CUP CHAMPIONS 2025		
PLAYER	GP	GOALS
HENRI RICHARD	14	8
JEAN BELIVEAU	12	6
BERNIE GEOFFRION	9	6
MAURICE RICHARD	10	6
TED KENNEDY	9	6
SAM REINHART*	5	5
MARK MESSIER*	10	5
JACQUES LEMAIRE*	9	5
JACK DARRAGH	5	5

*Debuted in NHL's expansion era (1967-68)

* With his performance, Reinhart (7) overtook **Brad Marchand** (6) and **Sam Bennett** (5) for the series lead in goals – claiming a championship with both of them for the second time in five months after their win together with Canada at the 4 Nations Face-Off in February (with Reinhart set to represent his country again at the Olympic Winter Games Milano Cortina 2026). It marked the second time in NHL history that three teammates all scored five-plus goals in the same Final, following **Alex Delvecchio** (6), **Gordie Howe** (5) and **Ted Lindsay** (5) with the 1955 Red Wings.

* Reinhart matched the modern-era record (since 1944) for most goals in a single Stanley Cup Final, posting the highest total since **Wayne Gretzky** had seven for the Oilers 40 years ago. Reinhart, Gretzky, **Mike Bossy** (7 in 1982) and **Jean Beliveau** (7 in 1956) are the only players in the past 102 years to achieve that feat.



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NHL HISTORY

A photograph of a Florida Panthers player celebrating with the Stanley Cup. The player is wearing a red and white Panthers jersey with the team's logo on the front. He is holding the large silver trophy high above his head with both hands. The background shows a blurred crowd of fans in a stadium setting.

One day after being named to USA's preliminary roster for the Olympic Winter Games Milano Cortina 2026, **Matthew Tkachuk** became the ninth American to score a Stanley Cup-clinching goal and first since **Ross Colton** with the 2021 Lightning – which also completed a repeat on home ice in Florida. Less than three years after the blockbuster trade that made him a Panther, Tkachuk has twice celebrated a Stanley Cup win with his entire family on the ice in South Florida.

* Tkachuk tied **Sam Bennett** and **Carter Verhaeghe** for the team lead with 23 points during this Cup run, marking the third time in as many years with the club that Tkachuk has at least shared the Panthers lead in playoff points (also [24 in 2023](#) & [22 in 2024](#)). He became the second player over the past 33 years and sixth in the NHL's expansion era (since 1968) to lead a repeat Stanley Cup champion in points during each playoff run (outright or tied).



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Sam Bennett (15-7—22 in 23 GP) established an NHL or franchise record in each of the first three games of the Final, part of a postseason in which he tallied a League-leading 15 goals and set an NHL record for road goals in one playoff year (13) – earning the Conn Smythe Trophy as MVP of the 2025 Stanley Cup Playoffs. The [#NHLStats Pack on Bennett](#) includes a rundown of his record-setting performances, a snippet of “The Shift” from Game 3 against the Oilers, as well as details on him becoming the third player to win the Conn Smythe Trophy without a contract in place the next season.



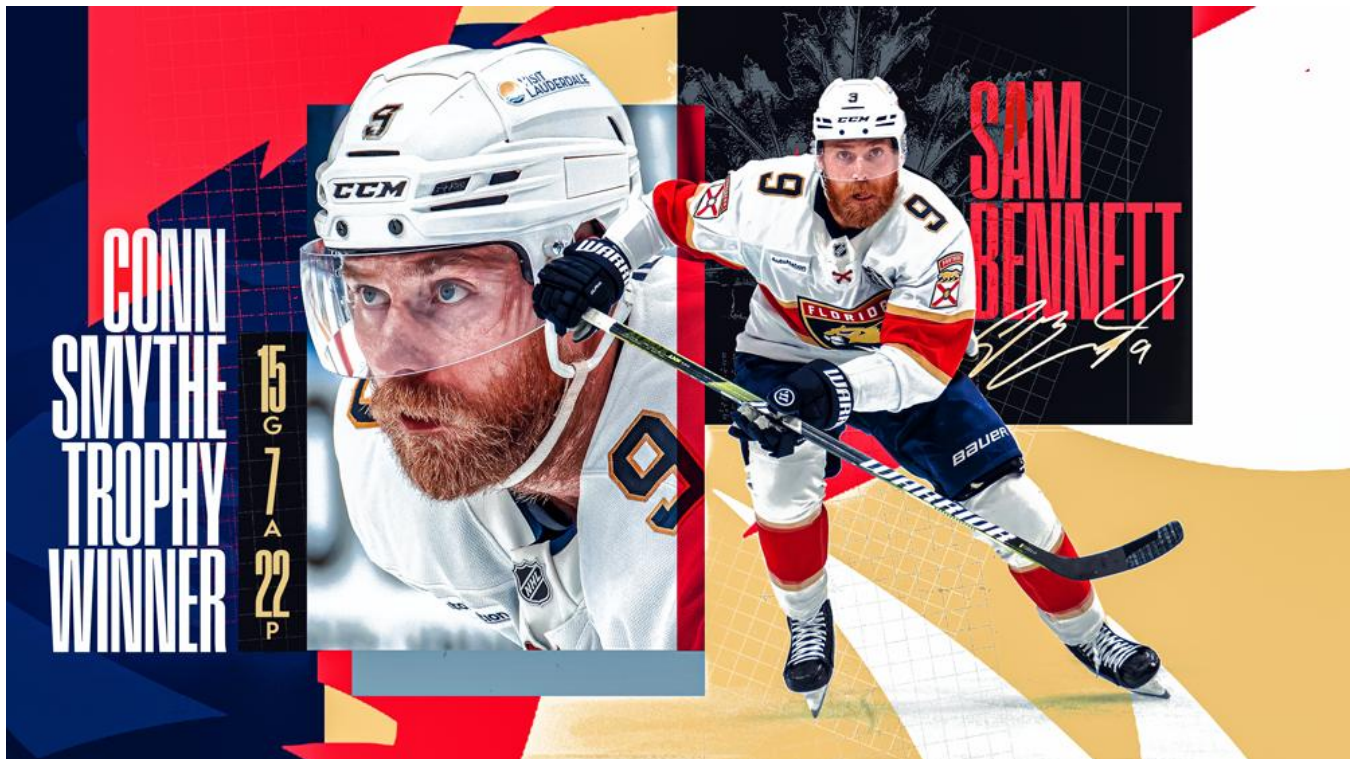
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BARKOV BECOMES FIRST EUROPEAN TO CAPTAIN MULTIPLE CUP WINNERS

Named to Finland's preliminary roster for the Olympic Winter Games Milano Cortina 2026 the day before the clinching win, **Aleksander Barkov** captained the Panthers to a Stanley Cup for the second time in as many years – the first European in NHL history to wear the “C” for two Cup champions. The victory also came 16 days after he was announced as the repeat winner of the [Frank J. Selke Trophy](#) (and first-time recipient of the [King Clancy Memorial Trophy](#)) - delivered in a [special surprise presentation](#) from several girls and boys from Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital.

[More #NHLStats on Barkov](#)

* Barkov, **Anton Lundell**, **Eetu Luostarinen** and **Niko Mikkola** followed up their [first-of-its-kind feat](#) from last June with [another Stanley Cup](#) and became the second set of Finnish-born teammates in NHL history to repeat as champions, joining **Jari Kurri** and **Esa Tikkanen** with the [1987](#) and [1988 Oilers](#). Lundell (0-1—1) and Luostarinen (0-1—1) both found the score sheet Tuesday and concluded the postseason with 14 combined points in series-clinching wins.



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FINNISH-BORN PLAYERS, NHL HISTORY

Brad Marchand tallied six goals in the Stanley Cup Final and 10-10—20 overall in the postseason (23 GP) – the fourth-most playoff points by a Trade Deadline Day pickup – en route to claiming his second Cup and first since winning as a rookie with the 2011 Bruins (when he scored twice in Game 7, including once against Panthers’ executive **Roberto Luongo** – who [banged the drum pre-game](#), just as he did ahead of their clincher last June).

* Marchand's six goals against Edmonton exceeded his Final goal output from 2011 as he became the fifth player in NHL history to go at least 14 years between Stanley Cups. [Click here](#) for #NHLStats on Marchand, who was occasionally [fueled by a Chocolate Chip Cookie Dough Blizzard Treat](#) from Dairy Queen and [peppered with plastic rats](#) following wins.



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NHL HISTORY

Carter Verhaeghe continued his [clutch scoring](#) by scoring three game-winning goals this postseason to capture the third Stanley Cup of his career following championships with the [2024 Panthers](#) and [2020 Lightning](#). He joined a [short list of players](#) to debut over the past 40 years (since 1985) and win three Cups within their first six seasons.



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Carter Verhaeghe became the first player with three Stanley Cups before age 30 since Penguins captain Sidney Crosby achieved the feat in 2017.

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* The Panthers won the [fifth-highest scoring Stanley Cup Final](#) in League history (45 goals) with help from a cast that included 19 unique goal scorers, a record-tying six players with 20-plus points and 18 goals by defensemen – helping them lead for 255:49 during the series, the most time with an advantage ever in a Stanley Cup Final (besting the behind 1987 Oilers: 250:04 in 7 GP vs. PHI).

[More #NHLStats on the Panthers' Repeat](#)



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