



**CAROLINA HURRICANES 3, NEW YORK ISLANDERS 1**  
**Eastern Conference First Round Game One**  
**Postgame Notes – April 20, 2024**  
**Attendance: 18,825 (Sellout)**



**CAROLINA HURRICANES SCORING NOTES**

<i>Per</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Goal Scorer</i>	<i>Assists</i>	<i>STR</i>	<i>Score</i>
1	1:35	Evgeny Kuznetsov (1)	Martin Necas (1), Brady Skjei (1)	PP	1-0 CAR
3	3:44	Stefan Noesen (1)	Brady Skjei (2), Evgeny Kuznetsov (1)	EV	2-1 CAR
3	18:28	Martin Necas (1)	Brett Pesce (1), Jack Drury (1)	EV	3-1 CAR

-- Evgeny Kuznetsov tallied two points (1g, 1a) tonight for his 16th career playoff multi-point game and his first since 2022 (ECFR G5 at FLA: 2a).

-- Brady Skjei recorded two assists tonight for his fourth career playoff multi-point game and his second straight playoff multi-assist game (2023 ECF G4 at FLA: 2a).

-- Martin Necas earned two points (1g, 1a) tonight for the fifth playoff multi-point game of his NHL/Hurricanes career and his second in the first game of a series against the Islanders (also 2023 ECFR G1: 2a).

**NEW YORK ISLANDERS SCORING NOTES**

<i>Per</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Goal Scorer</i>	<i>Assists</i>	<i>STR</i>	<i>Score</i>
1	8:20	Kyle MacLean (1)	Anders Lee (1), Alexander Romanov (1)	EV	1-1

**TWO BY TWO**

**Evgeny Kuznetsov** (1g, 1a), **Martin Necas** (1g, 1a) and **Brady Skjei** (2a) each recorded multi-point games tonight, as Kuznetsov became the sixth Hurricanes skater (since relocation) to post multiple points in his franchise playoff debut (also Lucas Wallmark, 2019 ECFR G1 at WSH: 2a; **Andrei Svechnikov**, 2019 ECFR at G1 at WSH: 2g; **Brent Burns**, 2019 ECFR G1 vs. NYI: 2a; **Seth Jarvis**, 2022 ECFR G1 vs. BOS: 1g, 1a; Mackenzie MacEachern, 2023 ECFR G4 at NYI: 1g, 1a). Skjei set career highs in both points (47) and multi-point games (9) in 2023-24, and he has now tallied an assist in each of his last six contests after posting a season-long, five-game assist streak from 4/4-4/12 (5a).

**STEADY FREDDIE**

**Frederik Andersen** stopped 33 of 34 shots faced in net tonight, and he has now allowed one goal or fewer in six of his 10 playoff starts with Carolina. Andersen has now earned a 6-3 record, 1.75 goals-against average and .932 save percentage in his Hurricanes playoff career.

**FEELS LIKE THE FIRST TIME**

**Jake Guentzel**, **Evgeny Kuznetsov** and **Dmitry Orlov** all made their Hurricanes playoff debuts tonight, and they have now logged 229 combined postseason games. Guentzel has tallied 58 points (34g, 24a) in 59 career playoff games, and as a rookie, he scored a league-high 13 playoff goals to help the Penguins win the 2017 Stanley Cup. Kuznetsov (WSH: 30-38—68 in 88 GP) and Orlov (WSH/BOS: 2-29—31 in 82 GP) helped lead the Capitals to their first Stanley Cup in 2018, as Kuznetsov led the NHL in assists (20) and points (32) during the postseason. Guentzel, Kuznetsov and Orlov are three of Carolina's five prior Stanley Cup champions, alongside **Jordan Staal** (PIT, 2009) and **Teuvo Teravainen** (CHI, 2015).

**WELCOME BACK**

**Andrei Svechnikov** skated in his first playoff game since 2022 tonight, as he missed last year's postseason due to a torn ACL. He has tallied 25 points (13g, 12a) in 41 career playoff games with the Hurricanes, and he scored the first hat trick in franchise playoff history in Game 2 of the 2020 Eastern Conference Qualifying Round vs. NYR. Svechnikov played two games against the Islanders during the 2019 Eastern Conference First Round and scored the final goal in Carolina's series-clinching win in Game 4.

**GAME ONE**

With tonight's win, the Hurricanes are now 16-16 all-time in the first game of a best-of-seven series, with an 11-6 home record in those contests. Carolina is 9-6 in best-of-seven series when winning Game 1 (8-2 in such series starting at home) and 6-10 in best-of-seven series when losing Game 1 (3-3 in such series starting at home).

## FULL HOUSE

Tonight's attendance was a sellout figure of 18,825. This marks Carolina's 62nd consecutive sellout at PNC Arena, including regular season and playoffs (2/24/23-present). The Hurricanes' last non-sellout at home came on 2/21/23, when a crowd of 18,142 watched the team post a 4-1 win vs. STL. This season, the Hurricanes sold out every single home game for the first time in franchise history.

## SPECIAL TEAMS

- Carolina went 1-for-3 on the power play tonight and went 67-for-249 (26.9%) on the man-advantage during the regular season. The Hurricanes went 2-for-2 on the penalty kill and went 223-for-258 (86.4%) on the kill this season.
- New York went 0-for-2 on the power play tonight and went 47-for-231 (20.3%) on the man-advantage during the regular season. The Islanders went 2-for-3 on the penalty kill and went 158-for-221 (71.5%) on the kill this season.

## SHOTS BY PERIOD

TEAMS	1st	2nd	3rd	OT	Total
New York	8	13	13	-	34
Carolina	7	6	13	-	26