



FLORIDA PANTHERS 5, CAROLINA HURRICANES 2

Eastern Conference Final Game One

Postgame Notes – May 20, 2025

Attendance: 18,944 (Sellout)



CAROLINA HURRICANES SCORING NOTES

Per	Time	Goal Scorer	Assists	STR	Score
1	19:44	Sebastian Aho (4)	Seth Jarvis (7), Andrei Svechnikov (2)	EV	2-1 FLA
3	16:19	Jackson Blake (3)	Seth Jarvis (8), Shayne Gostisbehere (5)	PP	5-2 FLA

-- Shayne Gostisbehere tallied an assist, giving him six points (2g, 4a) in his last seven games

FLORIDA PANTHERS SCORING NOTES

Per	Time	Goal Scorer	Assists	STR	Score
1	8:30	Carter Verhaeghe (5)	Aleksander Barkov (8), Matthew Tkachuk (7)	PP	1-0 FLA
1	12:29	Aaron Ekblad (3)	Evan Rodrigues (5)	EV	2-0 FLA
2	3:33	A.J. Greer (2)	Niko Mikkola (1), Tomas Nosek (2)	EV	3-1 FLA
3	6:08	Sam Bennett (7)	Evan Rodrigues (6), Carter Verhaeghe (5)	PP	4-1 FLA
3	14:55	Eetu Luostarinen (4)	Tomas Nosek (3), Gustav Forsling (3)	EV	5-1 FLA

SHAKE AND BLAKE

Jackson Blake scored his third goal of the postseason matching **Logan Stankoven** (3-2—5 in 2025), **Seth Jarvis** (3-5—8 in 2022) and **Andrei Svechnikov** (3-2—5 in 2019) for the third-most goals by a Hurricanes/Whalers rookie in a playoff year. Only Erik Cole (6-3—9 in 2002) and Warren Foegele (5-4—9 in 2019) have posted more in a single postseason. The Hurricanes have accumulated 11 points (6g, 5a) from rookies in the 2025 playoffs, the most of any team.

STAYING HOT

Seth Jarvis tallied two assists, stretching his point streak to five games (5/8-5/20: 2g, 5a). His streak is tied for the seventh-longest point streak in Hurricanes/Whalers playoff history and is the longest of his postseason career. Eric Staal holds the longest in franchise history, with a point in 15 straight games in 2006 (7g, 13a). With his assists, Jarvis (17-22—39) passed Anton Lundell (10-28—38) for the most career postseason points among skaters drafted in 2020. **Andrei Svechnikov** also earned an assist, extending his point streak to four games (5/12-5/20: 3g, 1a). The Russian forward's streak is tied for his postseason career high (4 GP from 5/30/21-6/5/21: 1g, 4a).

GOOD MORROW

Scott Morrow made his NHL playoff debut tonight, becoming the second player in franchise history to make his Stanley Cup Playoffs debut in the Conference Finals (also Patrick Dwyer in Game 2 of 2009 CF). Morrow appeared in 14 regular-season games for the Hurricanes this season, recording six points (1g, 5a) and ranking third in the league among rookie defensemen (min. 10 GP) in points per game (.43). The blueliner also totaled 39 points (13g, 26a) in 52 AHL games this season, leading Wolves defensemen in goals, assists and points.

GAME ONE

The Hurricanes are now 18-18 all-time in the first game of a best-of-seven series, with a 12-7 home record in those contests. Carolina is 12-6 in best-of-seven series when winning Game 1 (10-2 in such series starting at home) and 6-11 in best-of-seven series when losing Game 1 (3-3 in such series starting at home).

FINAL FOUR

Carolina is making its sixth Conference Final appearance, facing the head coach who led the team to two of those previous five trips (Paul Maurice: 2002 vs. TOR, 2009 vs. PIT). They are also facing the Panthers for the second time in three years. The Hurricanes suffered four-game sweeps in each of their last three semifinal rounds (2009 vs. PIT, 2019 vs. BOS, 2023 vs. FLA) and have not registered a Conference Final win since Game 7 against BUF in 2006.

RAISING UP THE LENOVO CENTER

The Hurricanes' loss tonight marked their 115th consecutive regular-season/playoff sellout at Lenovo Center (capacity 18,700), dating back to Feb. 24, 2023. 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 – a game that came two days after the team hosted 56,961 fans at Carter-Finley Stadium for the 2023 Stadium Series. During the 2023-24 season, Carolina sold out every single home game for the first time in franchise history, averaging 18,819 fans per game (includes standing-room attendance).

SPECIAL TEAMS

- Carolina went 1-for-4 on the power play tonight and is 10-for-36 (27.8%) on the man advantage in the postseason. The Hurricanes went 1-for-3 on the penalty kill and are 29-for-33 (87.9%) on the kill in the playoffs.
- Florida went 2-for-3 on the power play tonight and is 10-for-42 (23.8%) on the man advantage in the postseason. The Panthers went 3-for-4 on the penalty kill and are 37-for-42 (88.1%) on the kill in the playoffs.

SHOTS BY PERIOD

TEAMS	1st	2nd	3rd	OT	Total
Florida	7	8	5	-	20
Carolina	10	9	13	-	33