



CAROLINA HURRICANES 3, OTTAWA SENATORS 2 - 2OT

Eastern Conference First Round Game Two

Post Game Notes – April 20, 2026

Attendance: 18,591



CAROLINA HURRICANES SCORING NOTES

Per	Time	Goal Scorer	Assists	STR	Score
1	6:31	Logan Stankoven (2)	Taylor Hall (2), Jackson Blake (3)	PP	1-0 CAR
2	7:50	Sebastian Aho (1)	Jordan Staal (1)	EV	2-0 CAR
2OT	13:53	Jordan Martinook (1)	Nikolaj Ehlers (1), K'Andre Miller (1)	EV	3-2 CAR

OTTAWA SENATORS SCORING NOTES

Per	Time	Goal Scorer	Assists	STR	Score
2	10:47	Drake Batherson (1)	Jake Sanderson (1)	EV	2-1 CAR
2	16:40	Dylan Cozens (1)	Ridly Greig (1), Jake Sanderson (2)	EV	2-2

MARTY SUPREME

Jordan Martinook notched his first career playoff overtime goal off feeds from **Nikolaj Ehlers** and **K'Andre Miller**. He became the third player in Hurricanes/Whalers history to score the winning goal in a playoff game that required multiple overtimes, alongside **Sebastian Aho** (Game 5 of 2025 of R1) and **Brock McGinn** (Game 7 of 2019 R1). Martinook has logged 34 points (9g, 25a) in 78 career playoff games. His 78 career playoff games with the Hurricanes rank fourth all time in franchise history. Martinook attempted the first Hurricanes playoff penalty shot tonight since 4/30/24 (Evgeny Kuznetsov vs Semyon Varlamov vs. NYI (scored)).

NO BETTER TIME FOR A FIRST

Nikolaj Ehlers and **K'Andre Miller** each logged their first playoff points with the Hurricanes tonight with assists on **Jordan Martinook's** game-winning goal in double overtime. **Nikolaj Ehlers** has registered 22 points (9g, 13a) in 47 career playoff games. **K'Andre Miller** has tallied 13 points (3g, 10a) in 44 career playoff games. Miller has reached the Eastern Conference Finals twice with the New York Rangers (2021-22, 2023-24).

STARTING OFF HOT

The Hurricanes are the first team in NHL history with a 2-0 lead during their first best-of-seven series in six straight postseasons. Carolina's run has bested five-year stretches by the NY Islanders (1977 – 1981), Chicago (1970 – 1974) and Montreal (1965 – 1969; 1951 – 1955).

STANK SEASON

Logan Stankoven opened the scoring for the second-straight game, off feeds from **Taylor Hall** and **Jackson Blake**. Stankoven now has three points (2g, 1a) through two games played in the 2026 Playoffs and 19 points (10g, 9a) in 36 career playoff games. The 23-year-old is the fifth player in Hurricanes team history to open a postseason with goals in the first two games, joining **Stefan Noesen** (2 GP in 2023), **Nino Niederreiter** (2 GP in 2022), **Matt Cullen** (2 GP in 2006) and **Erik Cole** (2 GP in 2002). Only one player in franchise history has posted a longer run: **Pat Verbeek** (3 GP in 1991 w/ HFD). Stankoven tallied a career-high 44 points (21g, 23a) in 81 games in the regular season, setting new personal bests in both points and goals. He closed the regular season on a career-long eight-game point streak (3/31-4/14: 7g, 4a).

BLAKE BE BALLIN'

Jackson Blake provided an assist on **Logan Stankoven's** first period goal. Blake has three assists through two games played in the 2026 Playoffs and has now tallied nine points (3g, 6a) in 17 career postseason skates. Blake posted 53 points (22g, 31a) in 81 regular season games, setting career highs in points, goals and assists. He ended the regular season with eight points in his final seven games (4/2-4/14: 1g, 7a).

HALL KNOWLEDGE

Taylor Hall dished the primary assist on **Logan Stankoven's** game-opening goal, marking his third point (1g, 2a) in two games played in the 2026 Playoffs. The Calgary native has posted 38 points (16g, 22a) in 55 career playoff games, including points in seven different postseason campaigns. Hall registered 48 points (18g, 30a) in 80 games in 2025-26, marking his most points in a single season since recording 61 points (20g, 41a) in 81 games with Boston in 2021-22. He ended the regular season with 21 points in his final 23 games (2/26-4/13: 6g, 15a).

SECOND LINE FEELIN' FINE

Logan Stankoven (8g, 5a), **Jackson Blake** (1g, 10a) and **Taylor Hall** (4g, 7a) have combined for 35 points over the Hurricanes' final eight regular-season games and two playoff matchups. The three second-line forwards combined for the first all three Hurricanes goals this postseason. The only other player in Hurricanes/Whalers franchise history to factor on each of their first three goals of a playoff year is **Lucas Wallmark** (3 in 2019 R1 vs. WSH).

FLYING FISH

Sebastian Aho slotted home a goal in the second period, marking his first point of the 2026 Playoffs. The Finn has now registered 86 points (35g, 51a) in 91 career playoff games and is the Hurricanes/Whalers franchise leader in playoff points, goals, assists and games played (tied with **Jordan Staal**). Aho logged 80 points (27g, 53a) in 79 games played in the regular season, leading the team in points and assists, marking the third consecutive year he has led the team in both those categories and fifth instance overall (also 2021-22, 2020-21). He tied a career high for most assists in a single campaign, equaling his 53 helpers set in both 2018-19 (82 GP) and 2023-24 (78 GP).

CAPTAIN CONSISTENT

Jordan Staal tallied the assist on **Sebastian Aho**'s second period goal. The 37-year-old captain has tallied 74 points (38g, 36a) in 164 career playoff games, including points in 13 postseason campaigns. Staal registered 36 points (20g, 16a) in 75 regular season games this season. His 20 goals are his most in a single season since 2015-16 and are tied for the most he has recorded in a season as a Hurricane.

READY FREDDIE

Frederik Andersen recorded 37 saves on 39 shots faced tonight to improve his career playoff record to 48-35. Andersen held the Senators scoreless through the first 80 minutes of the series. He is the first goaltender to start his postseason with a shutout streak of 80 or more minutes since Cam Talbot did so with the Wild in 2021 (95:45).

SWINGIN' WITH THE SENATORS

The Hurricanes and the Senators are facing off in the First Round of the 2026 Stanley Cup Playoffs, marking the first time the two clubs have met in the postseason. This series marks the 15th unique franchise the Hurricanes have faced in the playoffs and first new opponent since Florida in the 2023 Eastern Conference Finals. During the 2025-26 regular season, the Hurricanes posted a 2-1-0 record against Ottawa, winning the only home contest this season. **Seth Jarvis** leads the team in goals and points across the regular season contests (3-1—4) and **Jackson Blake** is tied with **Nikolaj Ehlers** for most assists (3a). **Brandon Bussi** recorded two starts against Ottawa, saving 60 of 64 shots across both games and posting a 2-0-0 record, .938 SV% and a 2.00 GAA. The Senators come into the playoffs with a 44-27-11 record (99 points), spearheaded by team points, goals and assists leader, Tim Stutzle (34-49—83).

GAME TWO

The Hurricanes are 19-18 all-time in Game 2 of a best-of-seven series, including a 15-5 record at home. Carolina holds a 10-2 series record when taking a 2-0 lead.

FULL HOUSE

The Carolina Hurricanes stretched their sellout streak to 160 consecutive regular-season and playoff games this afternoon. With the opening of the new View Bar on the 300 level, seating capacity is now 18,547. 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.

SPECIAL TEAMS

- Carolina is 1-for-1 on the power play today and are 1-6 (16.7%) on the man advantage this postseason. The Hurricanes are 3-for-3 on the penalty kill and went 7-for-7 (100%%) on the kill this postseason.
- Ottawa is 0-for-3 on the power play today and are 0-for-7 (0%) on the man advantage this postseason. The Senators are 0-for-1 on the penalty kill and are 5-for-6 (83.3%) on the kill this postseason.

SHOTS BY PERIOD

TEAMS	1st	2nd	3rd	OT	2OT	Total
Ottawa	9	7	8	8	7	39
Carolina	14	14	5	7	6	46