



CAROLINA HURRICANES 2, MONTREAL CANADIENS 6

Eastern Conference Finals Game One

Post Game Notes – May 21, 2026

Attendance: 18723



CAROLINA HURRICANES SCORING NOTES

Per	Time	Goal Scorer	Assists	STR	Score
1	0:33	Seth Jarvis (2)	Andrei Svechnikov (3), Sebastian Aho (2)	EV	1-0 CAR
2	2:46	Eric Robinson (1)	William Carrier (1)	EV	4-2 MTL

MONTREAL CANADIENS SCORING NOTES

Per	Time	Goal Scorer	Assists	STR	Score
1	1:00	Cole Caufield (5)	Juraj Slafkovský (6), Nick Suzuki (10)	EV	1-1
1	4:04	Phillip Danault (2)	Alexandre Carrier (5)	EV	2-1 MTL
1	8:11	Alexandre Texier (4)	Phillip Danault (6), Kaiden Guhle (7)	EV	3-1 MTL
1	11:32	Ivan Demidov (3)	Alex Newhook (3), Jake Evans (7)	EV	4-1 MTL
3	7:05	Juraj Slafkovský (5)	Nick Suzuki (11), Cole Caufield (6)	EV	5-2 MTL
3	17:32	Juraj Slafkovský (6)	Nick Suzuki (12)	EV-EN	6-2 MTL

MATCHING UP AGAINST MONTREAL

The Hurricanes are facing off against the Canadiens in the Eastern Conference Finals, matching up for a franchise-leading eighth time during the postseason. The Eastern Conference Final will be the first series in NHL history to feature a team coming off back-to-back sweeps in best-of-seven series against a team that won each of their previous two series in a Game 7. Carolina is 2-0 in a playoff series against Montreal since relocation, with the last series being played in the 2006 Conference Quarterfinals (CAR in 6). Kevin Dineen (9-7—16 in 17 games) and Ron Francis (4-11—15 in 23 games) are the franchise leaders in playoff points against the Canadiens. Four Hurricanes players have faced the Canadiens in their postseason careers: **Jordan Staal** (2-0—2 in five games with PIT), **Nikolaj Ehlers** (0-1—1 in four games with WPG), **William Carrier** (0 points in six games with VGK), and **Shayne Gostisbehere** (0 points in four games with PHI). Montreal is currently led in points by defenseman Lane Hutson (2-12—14) and team captain forward Nick Suzuki (4-9—13).

JUMP START JARVY

Seth Jarvis (0:33) scored the fastest goal from the start of a Conference Finals/Stanley Cup Semifinals contest since Cedric Paquette (0:19 in Game 5 of 2018 CF for Tampa Bay). Jarvis scored the third-fastest goal from the start of any postseason contest in Hurricanes/Whalers history behind Warren Foegele (0:17 in Game 4 of 2019 R1) and Erik Cole (0:25 in Game 6 of 2002 CSF). Jarvis has tallied 5 points (2g, 3a) in nine games this postseason. His 21 career playoff goals rank third in Hurricanes/Whalers franchise history, following Sebastian Aho (37) and Andrei Svechnikov (23).

FAST AND FURIOUS

Tonight matchup marks the third contest in Stanley Cup Playoffs history where both teams scored at least one goal in the opening minute. The previous instances involved Canucks and Kings (Game 2 of 1993 DF) as well as the Golden Knights and Oilers (Game 6 of 2023 R2).

SEAL BROKEN

William Carrier recorded his first career playoff point as a Hurricane with an assist on **Eric Robinson's** first-period goal. The tally marked Robinson's first goal of the 2026 Stanley Cup Playoffs. Robinson has now tallied three points (1g, 2a) in nine games so far this postseason. Carrier, who skated in his 100th career playoff game on April 25 against Ottawa, now owns 14 points (6g, 8a) in 105 career postseason contests.

STREAK SNAPPED

The Hurricanes' eight-game postseason-opening winning streak came to an end tonight, falling one shy of tying the NHL record set by the 1985 Oilers (9-0). Carolina's eight-game postseason-opening win streak set a franchise record for longest playoff winning streak and becoming just the fifth team in NHL history to start 8-0, and the first to do so in the best-of-seven era (since 1987). They joined the 1985 Oilers (9-0), who swept a best-of-five and best-of-seven before winning Games 1 and 2 of the Conference Finals on their path to a championship; the 1969 Blues (8-0), who swept two best-of-seven series in a three-round postseason before being swept themselves in the Stanley Cup Final; as well as the 1960 Canadiens and 1952 Red Wings (both 8-0), who were perfect across best-of-seven sweeps to clinch Stanley Cup wins in two-round playoffs.

GAME ONE

The Hurricanes are now 20-19 all-time in Game 1 of a best-of-seven series, including a 14-8 record at home. Carolina holds a 14-6 series record when taking a 1-0 lead, and 6-12 record when trailing 1-0.

LOADING UP LENOVO

The Carolina Hurricanes stretched their sellout streak to 163 consecutive regular-season and playoff games tonight. 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 was 0-for-2 on the power play tonight and are 5-39 (12.8%) on the man advantage this postseason. The Hurricanes were 2-for-2 on the penalty kill and are 40-for-42 (95.2%) on the kill this postseason.
- Montreal was 0-for-2 on the power play today and are 13-54 (24.1%) on the man advantage this postseason. The Canadiens were 2-for-2 on the penalty kill and are 42-for-56 (75.0%) on the kill this postseason.

SHOTS BY PERIOD

TEAMS	1st	2nd	3rd	OT	Total
Montreal	13	3	6	-	22
Carolina	14	11	2	-	27