



CAROLINA HURRICANES 3, MONTREAL CANADIENS 2 (OT)

Eastern Conference Finals Game Two

Post Game Notes – May 23, 2026

Attendance: 18,819



CAROLINA HURRICANES SCORING NOTES

Per	Time	Goal Scorer	Assists	STR	Score
1	2:33	Eric Robinson (2)	William Carrier (2), Mark Jankowski (2)	EV	1-0 CAR
2	17:03	Nikolaj Ehlers (3)	Jacob Slavin (2), Jalen Chatfield (2)	EV	2-1 CAR
OT	3:29	Nikolaj Ehlers (4)	Mark Jankowski (3), Jalen Chatfield (3)	EV	3-2 CAR

-- Eric Robinson has goals in back-to-back games (5/21-5/23: 2g)

-- William Carrier has assists in back-to-back games (5/21-5/23: 2a)

MONTREAL CANADIENS SCORING NOTES

Per	Time	Goal Scorer	Assists	STR	Score
1	11:11	Josh Anderson (4)	Phillip Danault (7), Kaiden Guhle (8)	EV	1-1
3	12:51	Josh Anderson (5)	Alexandre Carrier (6), Phillip Danault (8)	EV	2-2

WORKIN' OVERTIME

The Hurricanes are 4-0 this postseason in overtime games and 6-0 dating back to Game 5 against the Devils in the 2025 First Round. With tonight's victory, the Hurricanes set the second-longest streak in franchise history after a seven-game run from Game 5 of the 2021 First Round to Game 5 of the 2023 Second Round. The Hurricanes improved to 36-23 in 59 all-time playoff overtime games. Their .610 winning percentage in that scenario is tied with the Ducks for the third-highest total in Stanley Cup Playoffs history, behind the Kraken (1.000) and Islanders (.631). The Hurricanes have earned four overtime wins in a single postseason for the third time in franchise history, following 2002 (7) and 2006 (4).

FLY LIKE AN EHLERS

Nikolaj Ehlers notched two goals tonight to mark five points in his last five games (5/4-5/23: 4g, 1a). His overtime winner marked the second of his postseason career, also doing so on 5/23/21 with Winnipeg against Edmonton in the first round (9:13). The Dane now has six points (4g, 2a) though ten games played in his first playoffs with the Hurricanes, increasing his career postseason total to 27 points (13g, 14a) in 54 games. Ehlers became the fifth different Hurricanes player with three or more goals in the 2026 Stanley Cup Playoffs.

HALTING THE HABS

The Canadiens had only 12 shots on goal tonight, tying the franchise playoff record for fewest shots allowed set on April 22, 2024 vs. the New York Islanders. There were only 38 total shots on goal in the game tonight, also matching a franchise playoff record set on May 21st, 2002 in Toronto.

JANK THE TANK

Mark Jankowski notched two assists tonight, including an assist on the overtime winner, to earn his first career postseason multi-point game and first career postseason overtime point. Jankowski has logged three points (3a) in ten games in the 2026 Stanley Cup Playoffs marking a career high for a single postseason in points and games played. He now has six points (1g, 5a) in 33 career playoff skates.

CHAT-EGORY FIVE

Jalen Chatfield picked up two assists tonight, including an assist on **Nikolaj Ehlers'** overtime goal, marking his first career multi-point playoff game and first career postseason overtime point. Chatfield has registered four points (1g, 3a) in ten games so far this postseason, matching his postseason career high set with Carolina in 2023 (1g, 3a in 15 GP). The Michigan native now has 11 points (3g, 8a) in 45 career postseason contests.

HERE'S TO YOU MR. ROBINSON

Eric Robinson opened the scoring in the first period off feeds from **William Carrier** and **Mark Jankowski** to mark his first career postseason goal streak (5/21-5/23: 2g) and second career postseason point streak (5/10/25-5/12/25: 1g, 1a vs. WSH). Robinson became the third player in the past five years to score each of his first two or more goals in a postseason in the Conference Finals. The others: Jason Robertson (4 in 2025 vs. EDM) and **William Carrier** (2 in 2023 vs. DAL). The 30-year-old forward has now tallied four points (2g, 2a) in ten games this postseason and ups his career playoff tally to eight points (4g, 4a) in 35 career games.

WILL POWER

William Carrier tallied an assist on **Eric Robinson's** game-opening goal to mark assists in back-to-back games (5/21-5/23: 2a), signifying his second career postseason point streak (8/11/20-8/13/20: 1g, 1a with VGK vs. CHI). The forward has recorded two assists in ten games this postseason. Carrier, who skated in his 100th career playoff game on April 25 against Ottawa, now owns 15 points (6g, 9a) in 106 career postseason games.

SLINGIN' SLAVIN

Jacob Slavin collected his 42nd career playoff point and moved into sole possession of fifth place on the Hurricanes/Whalers all-time list. He is one point from tying Eric Staal (43) for fourth. The blueliner has tallied two assists in ten games in the 2026 Stanley Cup Playoffs and has registered 42 points (9g, 33a) in 96 career postseason skates.

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).

GAME TWO

The Hurricanes are 21-18 all-time in Game 2 of a best-of-seven series, including a 17-5 record at home. Carolina holds a 6-6 series record when tied 1-1 after two games.

LOADING UP LENOVO

The Carolina Hurricanes stretched their sellout streak to 164 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 is 0-for-3 on the power play tonight and are 5-42 (11.9%) on the man advantage this postseason. The Hurricanes are 2-for-2 on the penalty kill and are 42-for-44 (95.4%) on the kill this postseason.
- Montreal is 0-for-2 on the power play today and are 13-56 (23.2%) on the man advantage this postseason. The Canadiens are 3-for-3 on the penalty kill and are 45-for-59 (76.3%) on the kill this postseason.

SHOTS BY PERIOD

TEAMS	1st	2nd	3rd	OT	Total
Montreal	2	3	7	-	12
Carolina	7	8	9	2	26