



CAROLINA HURRICANES 4, VEGAS GOLDEN KNIGHTS 2

Stanley Cup Final Game Five
Post Game Notes – June 11, 2026
Attendance: 18,761



CAROLINA HURRICANES SCORING NOTES

Per	Time	Goal Scorer	Assists	STR	Score
1	11:46	Jordan Staal (8)	Nikolaj Ehlers (8), Seth Jarvis (7)	EV	1-1
2	11:58	Andrei Svechnikov (5)	Shayne Gostisbehere (8), Nikolaj Ehlers (9)	PP	2-1 CAR
2	17:51	Sebastian Aho (5)	Sean Walker (3), Jordan Martinook (3)	EV	3-1 CAR
3	11:08	Andrei Svechnikov (6)	Nikolaj Ehlers (10), Shayne Gostisbehere (9)	PP	4-1 CAR

- **Jordan Staal** has goals in five-straight games (6/2-6/11: 6g, 1a)
- **Sebastian Aho** has points in four-straight games (6/4-6/11: 1g, 4a)
- **Nikolaj Ehlers** has points/assists in back-to-back games (6/9-6/11: 1g, 5a)
- **Shayne Gostisbehere** has assists on back-to-back games (6/9-6/11: 3a)

VEGAS GOLDEN KNIGHTS SCORING NOTES

Per	Time	Goal Scorer	Assists	STR	Score
1	6:52	Pavel Dorofeyev (11)	Jack Eichel (19), Tomas Hertl (9)	PP	1-0 VGK
3	13:49	Pavel Dorofeyev (12)	Shea Theodore (12), Jack Eichel (20)	EV	4-2 CAR

WINNING WAYS

Tonight marked the Hurricanes' 68th win in the regular season and playoffs combined this season, which matches 2006 for their most in a single campaign. The Hurricanes became the second team in Stanley Cup Final history to score at least four goals in each of the first five games, joining the 1973 Canadiens (6 GP).

OH CAPTAIN! MY CAPTAIN!

Jordan Staal evened the game at one in the first period off feeds from **Nikolaj Ehlers** and **Seth Jarvis**, to mark goals in five-straight games (6/2-6/11: 6g, 1a), tying the NHL record for longest goal streak in a Stanley Cup Final. Staal's goal makes him the fifth player in NHL history, and first in 53 years, to record a goal streak of five games at any point in a Stanley Cup Final. The others are Yvan Cournoyer (5 GP in 1973 w/ MTL), Jean Beliveau (5 GP in 1956 w/ MTL), Maurice Richard (5 GP in 1951 w/ MTL) and Cyclone Taylor (5 GP in 1918 w/ VMI). Beliveau, Richard and Taylor all did so from the start of the series. Staal also became the fourth captain to record six or more goals in a single Stanley Cup Final, joining Wayne Gretzky (7 in 1985 w/ EDM), Frank Foyston (6 in 1920 w/ SMT) and Newsy Lalonde (6 in 1919 w/ MTL). The only other players in the expansion era (since 1968) to score at least six goals through the first five games of a Stanley Cup Final are Brad Marchand (6 in 2025), Esa Tikkanen (6 in 1988), Wayne Gretzky (7 in 1985), Mike Bossy (6 in 1982) and Johnny Bucyk (6 in 1970). The captain's five-game goal streak ties **Logan Stankoven's** five-game run to open this postseason for the longest postseason goal streak in Hurricanes/Whalers franchise history. Staal's five-game goal streak in the Stanley Cup Final comes nearly 20 years after his only other five-game goal streak in the NHL (regular season or playoffs). His only other such run was as an 18-year-old with the Penguins, two years before he won his first Stanley Cup (7-0—7 in 5 GP from Feb. 3-10, 2007). He is the first player in NHL history to register a five-game goal streak at age 18 or younger and 35 or older (regular season and/or playoffs). Staal now has eight career goals in the Stanley Cup Final. The only active players with more tallies in the championship round are Brad Marchand (13), Corey Perry (11), Sam Reinhart (10). The Thunder Bay native has 12 points (8g, 4a) in 18 games so far this postseason, marking his career high for goals and points in a single playoff campaign in his career. The 37-year-old forward has played in 14 postseasons (8 with CAR, 6 with PIT), totaling 180 games, ranking tied for fifth in postseason games played among active skaters (Corey Perry: 244, Ryan McDonagh: 203, Sidney Crosby: 186, Evgeni Malkin: 183, Brad Marchand: 180). Staal has tallied 85 points (46g, 39a) in 180 career playoff games, leading the Hurricanes/Whalers franchise in postseason games played (107, tied with Sebastian Aho), third in points (49) and third in goals (23, tied with **Seth Jarvis**).

FLY HIGH NIKOLAJ

Nikolaj Ehlers tallied three assists tonight, giving him back-to-back three-point performances (1g, 2a in Game 4). Ehlers (0-3—3 tonight and 1-2—3 in Game 4) joined Connor McDavid as the second player in the past 34 years (since 1992) to post consecutive three-point games in the Stanley Cup Final. McDavid had four points in each of his, both while facing elimination in 2024 (Games 4-5). Ehlers (3-5—8) now leads all players with eight points this series, tying the franchise record for points in a single Stanley Cup Final – Eric Staal also had eight in 2006. Three assists marks Ehlers' career

high for most assists in a playoff game. Ehlers also equaled his career high for most points in a single playoff game for the second game in a row (also 2-1—3 vs. Dallas on May 9, 2025). The Dane now has 17 points (7g, 10a) through 17 games this postseason, marking his career high for points, goals and assists in a single postseason. His 17 points ranks third on the Hurricanes this postseason, behind **Taylor Hall** and **Jackson Blake** (18 each). Ehlers brings his career postseason total to 38 points (16g, 22a) in 62 games.

BIG FISH ENERGY

Sebastian Aho found twine in the second period off feeds from **Sean Walker** and **Jordan Martinook** to mark points in four-straight games (6/4-6/11: 1g, 4a). The Finland native has registered 12 points (5g, 7a) in 18 games so far this postseason. He is the fifth player in NHL history with eight consecutive 10-point postseasons at any point in their career. He joins Wayne Gretzky (11 from 1981-91), Mark Messier (10 from 1983-92), Brad Marchand (8 from 2018-25) and Bernie Geoffrion (8 from 1953-60). Aho's career playoff tally of 97 points (39g, 58a) in 107 games played ranks as a franchise record in all four listed categories.

SVECH ON FIRE

Andrei Svechnikov tallied two power play goals tonight, marking four points in his last four skates (6/4-6/11: 3g, 1a). It marks the first multi-power-play-goal game of Svechnikov's postseason career and the second by a Hurricanes player in a Stanley Cup Final, joining Eric Staal (Game 5 of 2006 Final). Svechnikov became the eighth player in Hurricanes/Whalers postseason history to score multiple power-play goals in a playoff game and the first to do so since **Sebastian Aho** recorded two power-play goals on April 29, 2025, against New Jersey. Svechnikov recorded his fifth multi-goal game in the playoffs, which surpassed Kevin Dineen (4) for sole possession of second most in franchise history. The list is led by Sebastian Aho (7). Svechnikov scored his seventh career playoff power-play goal to tie Ron Francis (7) for fifth on the franchise's all-time list. The Barnaul, Russia, native has posted 11 points (6g, 5a) in 18 games this postseason. Svechnikov is skating in his seventh postseason campaign with Carolina, totaling 59 points (29g, 30a) in 84 games.

IN BUSSI WE TRUSSI

Brandon Bussi recorded 23 saves on 25 shots tonight, becoming the first goaltender in NHL history to make his first two career playoff starts in the Stanley Cup Final and win both games. In Game 4, Bussi became the third goaltender in NHL history to make his first career playoff start in a Stanley Cup Final and win the contest, and first in 65 years, joining Hank Bassen (Game 2 in 1961 w/ DET) and Alfie Moore (Game 1 in 1938 w/ CHI). Bussi has appeared in three games this postseason, earning a 2-1 record, .908 SV% and 2.11 GAA.

SLINGIN' SHAYNE

Shayne Gostisbehere tallied two assists tonight, giving him assists in back-to-back games (6/9-6/11: 3a). Gostisbehere now has 12 points (3g, 9a) this postseason, giving him the second most points by a defenseman in one postseason in Hurricanes/Whalers franchise history behind only Frantisek Kaberle who had 4-9—13 during the club's Cup run in 2006. Gostisbehere's 12 points mark his highest career postseason point and assist tally. The blueliner now has four multi-point games in the 2026 Playoffs.

THE FIGHT WITH THE KNIGHTS

The Hurricanes are facing the Golden Knights in the 2026 Stanley Cup Final, marking the first time the clubs face each other in the postseason and the 68th unique Stanley Cup Final matchup. Both teams have a 1-1 series record in the Stanley Cup Final and both teams have won their most recent appearance (CAR in 2006, VGK in 2023). Carolina (12-1 in 13 GP) became the first team to reach the Stanley Cup Final with fewer than two losses since 1987 when all four rounds went best-of-seven. The Hurricanes posted a 0-2 regular season record against Vegas this season with their last matchup on October 28, 2025. Three currently rostered Hurricanes have played in the Stanley Cup Final previously, Jesperi Kotkaniemi (MTL in 2021), Jordan Staal (PIT in 2008 and 2009) and William Carrier (VGK in 2023), with Staal (2009) and Carrier being the only ones to hoist the Cup.

GAME FIVE

The Hurricanes are now 17-16 all time in Game 5 of a best-of-seven series, including a 13-7 record at home. Carolina holds a 10-1 record in series when leading 3-2.

LOADING UP LENOVO

The Carolina Hurricanes stretched their sellout streak to 168 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 2-for-5 on the power play tonight and are 13-72 (18.1%) on the man advantage this postseason. The Hurricanes were 2-for-3 on the penalty kill and are 62-68 (91.2%) on the kill this postseason.
- Vegas was 1-for-3 on the power play tonight and are 13-61 (21.3%) on the man advantage this postseason. The Golden Knights were 3-for-5 on the penalty kill and are 52-64 (81.3%) on the kill this postseason.

SHOTS BY PERIOD

TEAMS	1st	2nd	3rd	OT	Total
Vegas	7	5	13	-	25
Carolina	5	10	9	-	24