

Stanley Cup Final Game Recaps**GAME 6: June 14, 2026 – CAR 3 at VGK 0****CAR Goal Scorers:** Hall (7), Blake (7), EN- Ehlers (8)**VGK Goal Scorers:** None**Goalies:** CAR – Bussi (22/22, 60:00) VGK – Hart (20/22, 58:02)**CAR PP:** 0/3; **PK:** 3/3 **Shots:** CAR: 23 / VGK: 22**3 Stars:** 1. Bussi, CAR; 2. Hall, CAR; 3. Blake, CAR

Noteworthy: **Jackson Blake** (1g, 1a) became the first player in franchise history to record seven multi-point games in a single postseason. Blake (22) is the youngest player with a multi-point outing in a potential Stanley Cup-clinching game since Drew Doughty and Dwight King during Game 6 of the 2012 Stanley Cup Final... **Taylor Hall** (1g) notched his 11th road point of the playoffs, setting a new franchise benchmark for the most in one playoff year... **Jacob Slavin** (1a) recorded his 13th career point in a potential series-clinching game (1-12—13). His 12 assists in that scenario are a new club benchmark, breaking a tie with Seth Jarvis (4-11-15)... **Brandon Bussi** posted the ninth Stanley Cup-clinching shutout in the past 50 years. Bussi joins Bernie Parent (2x; 1975 PHI & 1974 PHI) as the second undrafted goaltender to record a Stanley Cup-clinching shutout. He is also the third goaltender in NHL history, and first in nearly 90 years, to record a Stanley Cup-clinching shutout during their first NHL season.

GAME 5: June 11, 2026 – CAR 4 vs. VGK 2**CAR Goal Scorers:** Staal (8), PPG- Svechnikov (5), Aho (5), PPG- Svechnikov (6)**VGK Goal Scorers:** PPG- Dorofeyev (11), Dorofeyev (12)**Goalies:** CAR – Bussi (23/25, 60:00) VGK – Hart (20/24, 57:07)**CAR PP:** 2/5; **PK:** 2/3 **Shots:** CAR: 24 / VGK: 25**3 Stars:** 1. Svechnikov, CAR; 2. Ehlers, CAR; 3. Bussi, CAR

Noteworthy: **Jordan Staal** (1g) has scored 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. His run ties Logan Stankoven's five-game run to open this postseason for the longest postseason goal streak in Hurricanes/Whalers franchise history... **Nikolaj Ehlers** (3a) has logged back-to-back three-point performances, joining Connor McDavid as the second player in the past 34 years (since 1992) to post consecutive three-point games in the Stanley Cup Final... **Brandon Bussi** recorded 23 saves on 25 shots, becoming the first goaltender in NHL history to make his first two career playoff starts in the Stanley Cup Final and win both games... **Andrei Svechnikov** (2g) tallied two power play goals, 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)... **Sebastian Aho** (1g) scored to mark points in four-straight games (6/4-6/11: 1g, 4a)... **Shayne Gostisbehere** (2a) has assists in back-to-back games (6/9-6/11: 3a)... Game 5 marked the Hurricanes' 68th win in the regular season and playoffs combined this season, which matches 2006 for their most in a single campaign.... Carolina 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).

GAME 4: June 9, 2026 – CAR 5 at VGK 3**CAR Goal Scorers:** Stankoven (11), Blake (6), PPG- Staal (6), Staal (7), EN- Ehlers (7)**VGK Goal Scorers:** Stone (7), Karlsson (3), Howden (14)**Goalies:** CAR – Bussi (18/21, 60:00) VGK – Hart (23/27, 58:15)**CAR PP:** 1/3; **PK:** 3/3 **Shots:** CAR: 28 / VGK: 21**3 Stars:** 1. Staal, CAR; 2. Ehlers, CAR; 3. Karlsson, VGK

Noteworthy: **Brandon Bussi** recorded 18 saves on 21 shots faced, becoming the third goaltender in NHL history to make his first career playoff start in a Stanley Cup Final and win the contest.... **Jordan Staal** (2g) scored two goals and became the first player in 44 years, and fourth player in the expansion era (since 1968), to score a goal in each of the first four games of a Stanley Cup Final... **Logan Stankoven** (1g) became the ninth player in NHL history to score at least five game-opening goals in a single playoff year. Stankoven's 11 goals this postseason sit just one shy of the franchise record, trailing only Rod Brind'Amour (12 in 2006)... **Taylor Hall** (1a) tied the Hurricanes' franchise mark for road points in a single postseason (3-7—10 in 8 GP), joining Ron Francis (10 in 2002) and Cory Stillman (10 in 2006)... **Logan Stankoven** and **Jackson Blake** both scored within the first 3:28 of the first period, marking Carolina's second-fastest two goals to begin a playoff game following Game 5 of 2024 First Round (3:13)... **Sebastian Aho** (1a) has tallied assists in three-straight games (6/4-6/9: 4a)... **Nikolaj Ehlers** (1g, 2a) matched his career high for points in a postseason game and marked his second career three-point playoff performance.

GAME 3: June 6, 2026 – CAR 4 at VGK 5 (2OT)**CAR Goal Scorers:** Martinook (2), Hall (6), Staal (5), PPG- Svechnikov (4)**VGK Goal Scorers:** PPG- Hertl (5), Marner (8), Marner (9), Marner (10), 2OT- Theodore (6)**Goalies:** CAR – Andersen (12/16, 40:00), Bussi (18/19, 45:46) VGK – Hart (29/33, 85:38)**CAR PP:** 1/2; **PK:** 1/2 **Shots:** CAR: 33 / VGK: 35**3 Stars:** 1. Theodore, VGK; 2. Marner, VGK; 3. McNabb, VGK

Noteworthy: The Hurricanes scored three goals in a span of 39 seconds, the fastest three goals in Stanley Cup Final history and the fifth time a team has notched three tallies that quickly in any playoff game... The Canes also became the second team in NHL history to erase a four-goal deficit in the Stanley Cup Final. The only other instance occurred more than 50 years ago in Game 1 of the 1972 Stanley Cup Final... The Hurricanes erased a four-goal deficit in the playoffs for the first time in franchise history... **Jordan Staal** (1g, 1a) extended his goal streak to three-straight games (6/2-6/6: 3g, 1a) joining Brad Marchand (3 GP in 2025) as the second player age 37 or older to score in the first three games of a Stanley Cup Final... **Sebastian Aho** (2a) became the fifth player in NHL history with eight consecutive 10-point postseasons at any point in their career... **Brandon Bussi** recorded 18 saves on 19 shots faced in his postseason debut...

Logan Stankoven (1a) has points in back-to-back games and six points in his last five games (5/27-6/6: 3g, 3a)... **Taylor Hall** (1g) scored to mark four points in his last four skates (5/29-6/6: 2g, 2a).

GAME 2: June 4, 2026 – CAR 4 vs. VGK 3 (OT)

CAR Goal Scorers: Stankoven (10), Jankowski (1), PPG- Staal (4), PPG- Jarvis (4)

VGK Goal Scorers: Howden (12), Howden (13), Stone (6)

Goalies: CAR – Andersen (23/26, 63:56); VGK – Hart (22/26, 63:32)

CAR PP: 2/4; **PK:** 4/4 **Shots:** **CAR:** 26 / **VGK:** 26

3 Stars: 1. Jarvis, CAR; 2. Staal, CAR; 3. Stankoven, CAR

Noteworthy: Carolina became the fourth team in NHL history, and first in over 80 years, to win after trailing by multiple goals in the final 10 minutes of regulation during the Stanley Cup Final... With the win, the Hurricanes are 6-0 this postseason in overtime games and 8-0 dating back to Game 5 against the Devils in the 2025 First Round, which marks their longest such winning streak in franchise history... The Hurricanes (24-7-0) own a win percentage of .774 after a loss of any kind in the regular season and playoffs combined in 2025-26, which is the best rate among all teams... The Carolina Hurricanes are 56 of 60 (93.3%) on the penalty kill in the 2026 Playoffs, ranking first this postseason fourth in NHL history (min. 12 GP)... **Seth Jarvis** (1g) scored his first career postseason overtime goal... **Logan Stankoven** (1g) scored his 10th goal of the 2026 Stanley Cup Playoffs, putting him tied for second with Eric Staal (10 in 2009) on the franchise leaderboard for goals in single postseason, trailing only Rod Brind'Amour (12 in 2006)... **Jordan Staal** (1g) has goals in back-to-back games (6/2-6/4: 2g) and is the second-oldest player in NHL history to score in the first two games of a Stanley Cup Final... **Shayne Gostisbehere** (2a) has marked points in five-straight skates (5/25-6/4: 3g, 4a), signaling his longest career postseason point streak... **Mark Jankowski** (1g) tallied his first postseason goal, which marked the latest tying goal in a Stanley Cup Final in Hurricanes franchise history... **Sebastian Aho** (1a) recorded his fourth career overtime point in the playoffs, which ties with Jordan Staal for the most in Hurricanes/Whalers history.

GAME 1: June 2, 2026 – CAR 4 vs. VGK 5

CAR Goal Scorers: Ehlers (5), Ehlers (6), Staal (3), Gostisbehere (3)

VGK Goal Scorers: Theodore (5), Barbashev (6), Karlsson (2), Howden (11), Hertl (4)

Goalies: CAR – Andersen (18/23, 58:14); VGK – Hart (25/29, 59:30)

CAR PP: 0/2; **PK:** 3/3 **Shots:** **CAR:** 29 / **VGK:** 23

3 Stars: 1. Theodore, VGK; 2. Ehlers, CAR; 3. Howden, VGK

Noteworthy: **Nikolaj Ehlers** (2g) scored 25 seconds into the first period, marking the third-fastest Stanley Cup Final-opening goal in history, second fastest game-opening playoff goal in Hurricanes/Whalers History, and became the second player since 1997/98 to score on his first shot to open a Stanley Cup Final. Ehlers' three-game point streak is the longest of his playoff career... **Jalen Chatfield** (2g) became the 10th blueliner in NHL history to record multiple points in the opening period of a Stanley Cup Final and marked his first career multi-point playoff period... **Jordan Staal** (1g) marked his fourth career Stanley Cup Final point and first in 17 years, becoming the third-oldest player in Hurricanes/Whalers history with a Stanley Cup Final point... **Shayne Gostisbehere** (1g) scored to mark points in four-straight games, signaling his longest career postseason point streak... **Jacob Slavin** (1a) recorded an assist while skating in his 100th career postseason game.

PLAYOFF MILESTONES ACHIEVED IN 2026

Nikolaj Ehlers and **K'Andre Miller** made their Hurricanes playoff debuts vs. OTT (4/18)

Nikolaj Ehlers (1a) and **K'Andre Miller** (1a) each recorded their first Hurricanes postseason point vs. OTT (4/20)

William Carrier played in his 100th career NHL playoff game at OTT (4/25)

Frederik Andersen recorded his 50th career NHL playoff win at OTT (4/25)

Mike Reilly skated in his Hurricanes playoff debut and recorded his first Hurricanes postseason point (assist) vs. PHI (5/2)

William Carrier recorded his first career Hurricanes postseason point (assist) vs. MTL (5/21)

Sebastian Aho skated in his 100th career NHL/Hurricanes postseason game at MTL (5/25)

Jordan Staal skated in his 100th playoff game as a Hurricane at MTL (5/25)

Rod Brind'Amour appeared in his 100th career playoff game as Head Coach of the Carolina Hurricanes at MTL (5/25)

Jacob Slavin skated in his 100th career NHL/Hurricanes postseason game vs. VGK (6/2)

Frederik Andersen appeared in his 100th career NHL playoff game vs. VGK (6/4)

Brandon Bussi made his postseason debut at VGK (6/6) and first career postseason start/win at VGK (6/9)

TEAM NOTES

WINNING WAYS

The Hurricanes (16-3 in 19 GP) had the second-fewest losses by a Stanley Cup winner since 1987 (when all four rounds went best-of-seven) behind the 1988 Oilers (16-2 in 18 GP). Game 6 marked the Hurricanes' 69th win in the regular season and playoffs combined this season, which passes 2006 for their most in a single campaign. Carolina held a playoff spot all season, becoming the first team to win the Stanley Cup after occupying a playoff spot through each gameday during an 82-game regular season since the 2008 Detroit Red Wings.

SPRINTING OUT THE GATES

The Hurricanes' sweep of the Senators made Carolina the third team in NHL history with a series win in eight straight playoff years, following Montreal (10 from 1984-93 & 1951-60) and Philadelphia (9 from 1973-81). The Hurricanes followed that up by becoming the fifth team in League history with an eight-game postseason-opening winning streak after the 1985 Oilers (9-0), 1969 Blues (8-0), 1960 Canadiens (8-0) and 1952 Red Wings (8-0). Their eight-game win streak also set a franchise record for longest playoff winning streak.

Carolina was the seventh team in NHL history to win each of their first six road games to start a postseason. The others: Colorado in 2022, Los Angeles in 2012, Colorado in 1999, Edmonton in 1987, Minnesota in 1981 and the NY Islanders in 1980. Carolina became the fifth team in Stanley Cup Playoffs history to go five straight games to start a postseason without trailing. The others: Montreal (8 GP in 1960), Washington (6 GP in 1986), St. Louis (6 GP in 1969) and Boston (5 GP in 1969). The Hurricanes advanced to the second round for the eighth consecutive postseason, becoming the third team in NHL history to earn at least one series win in eight straight seasons, trailing Montreal (twice, m.r. 10 from 1984-93) and Philadelphia (9 from 1973-81).

ROAD WARRIORS

The Hurricanes went 8-1 as visitors during these playoffs to establish a single-postseason franchise record for road wins, besting the previous high set in 2002 (7-5 in 12 GP). They became the seventh team in NHL history with eight wins through nine road games in a playoff year after the 2012 Kings (9-0), 2023 Panthers (8-1), 2022 Avalanche (8-1), 1999 Avalanche (8-1), 1995 Devils (8-1) and 1980 Islanders (8-1).

WORKIN' OVERTIME

Carolina had a perfect 6-0 record through its first six overtime contests this postseason before suffering a 2OT defeat during Game 3 of the Stanley Cup Final, concluding the Hurricanes' longest overtime winning streak in franchise postseason history. Carolina had won eight consecutive playoff overtime games dating back to Game 5 of the 2025 First Round against New Jersey, surpassing the club's previous record of seven straight overtime victories from Game 5 of the 2021 First Round through Game 5 of the 2023 Second Round. The Hurricanes were the third team in League history with wins in each of their first six overtime contests during a playoff year after the 2023 Panthers and 2003 Mighty Ducks (both 7-0). Carolina's six overtime victories in the 2026 postseason are tied for the second-most in a single playoff year in franchise history, trailing only the seven overtime wins recorded during the club's run to the Stanley Cup Final in 2002. The Hurricanes are now 38-24 in 62 all-time playoff overtime games. Their .613 overtime winning percentage ranks among the highest in Stanley Cup Playoffs history, while their 656 rate at home is tops among franchises with more than one game played.

DON'T CALL IT A COMEBACK

The first three games of the 2026 Stanley Cup Final featured a tying goal in the final 10 minutes of regulation, marking the first such occurrence in Stanley Cup Final history. 2026 was also just the second Final to feature three games with a tying goal in the final 10 minutes at any point in the series, joining the 2013 Stanley Cup Final (Games 1, 4 and 6). Carolina's comeback in Game 3 added another historic chapter to the series, as the Hurricanes erased a four-goal third-period deficit. It marked just the second time in Stanley Cup Final history that a team has overcome a deficit of four or more goals, joining Game 1 of the 1972 Final, when the Rangers rallied from a 5-1 deficit to tie the Bruins before falling 6-5 in regulation. In the Game 2 win, Carolina became the fourth team in NHL history, and first in over 80 years, to win after trailing by multiple goals in the final 10 minutes of regulation during the Stanley Cup Final. The others: Montreal (Game 4 in 1944), Toronto (Game 3 in 1936) and Chicago (Game 3 in 1931). Game 2 marked Carolina's 10th multi-goal comeback win in a playoff game and second this year (Game 2 vs. PHI). It was the Hurricane's fourth third-period multi-goal comeback win in the postseason; the other include Game 2 of the 2024 First Round (5-3 W vs. NYI), Game 1 of the 2006 Stanley Cup Final (5-4 W vs. EDM) and Game 4 of the 2002 Conference Semifinals (4-3 OT W at MTL).

PENALTY KILL KINGS

The Carolina Hurricanes were 65 of 71 (91.5%) on the penalty kill in the 2026 Playoffs, ranking first this postseason (min 7 GP) and tied for third in NHL history (min. 16 GP). The Canes 91.5% penalty kill also ranked second in franchise history trailing only the 2001 postseason (91.7%).

Highest Postseason PK% in NHL History (min. 16 GP)

2024 Edmonton Oilers: 94.3% (25 GP)
 2000 New Jersey Devils: 92.5% (23 GP)
 2011 Tampa Bay Lightning: 92.3% (18 GP)
2026 Carolina Hurricanes: 91.5% (18 GP)
 2012 Los Angeles Kings: 92.1% (20 GP)

Highest Postseason PK% in Hurricanes/Whalers History

2001: 91.7% in 6 games
2026: 91.5% in 19 games
 2009: 88.7% in 18 games
 2006: 85.4% in 25 games
 2025: 85.1% in 15 games

SECOND LINE FEELIN' FINE

Logan Stankoven (11g, 5a), **Jackson Blake** (7g, 13a) and **Taylor Hall** (7g, 12a) have combined for 55 points over the Hurricanes' 19 playoff matchups. The Hurricanes scored 16 goals in potential series-clinching games this year, winning all four they played, with at least one of either Hall, Blake and/or Stankoven factoring on 10 of those tallies (62.5%) – 10-12—22 combined (Hall: 3-6—9; Blake: 4-3—7; Stankoven: 3-3—6).

CONSISTENCY PAYS OFF

Sebastian Aho (10 seasons since 2016-17), **Jordan Martinook** (8 seasons since 2018-19) and **Andrei Svechnikov** (8 seasons since 2018-19), the Hurricanes' longest-tenured players after **Jordan Staal** (14 seasons since 2012-13) and **Jacob Slavin** (11 seasons since 2015-16), won their first Stanley Cup after at least eight consecutive campaigns with the club.

INDIVIDUAL NOTES

THE RODFATHER

Rod Brind'Amour became the fourth individual in NHL history, and first since 1965, to captain a Stanley Cup winner and then lead that club to another championship as head coach. He joined Toe Blake with the Canadiens (2 as captain, 8 as coach), Hap Day with the Maple Leafs (1 as captain, 5 as coach) and Cooney Weiland with the Bruins (1 as captain, 1 as coach). Brind'Amour has participated in 102 of the Hurricanes 104 postseason victories, playing in 39 as a player and behind the bench for 63 as a Head Coach. Brind'Amour has been a part of each of the Hurricanes' seven appearances in the Conference Final/Semifinal (3 as a player, 4 as head coach) and all three appearances in the Stanley Cup Final (2 as a player, 1 as head coach). The only other individual to do so at least four times is Al Arbour, who skated in the Blues first three appearances in the penultimate round then served as head coach for the fourth. Brind'Amour coached in his 100th postseason game in Game 3 against Montreal and holds the Hurricanes/Whalers coaching record for playoff wins (63-45). Brind'Amour's .583 W% ranks second among current head coach's postseason winning percentage, behind Jared Bednar (.594).

OH CAPTAIN! MY CAPTAIN!

Jordan Staal captured the 2026 Conn Smythe Trophy and captained the Hurricanes to the Stanley Cup 17 years after his first championship with the 2009 Penguins, which marked the longest stretch by a player from one title to the next in League history. He bested the previous high set by Chris Chelios (16 from 1986 MTL to 2002 DET). Staal became the oldest Conn Smythe Trophy winner and just the second to be named playoff MVP at age 37, following goaltender Tim Thomas with the 2011 Bruins (37 years, 61 days). The previous mark for oldest forward to win the Conn Smythe was set the first year it was presented: Jean Beliveau (33 years, 243 days) with the 1965 Canadiens. Staal (37 years, 277 days) became the oldest Stanley Cup-winning captain since Nicklas Lidstrom (38 years, 37 days in Game 6 of 2008 SCF). Lidstrom led the Red Wings past Staal and the Penguins in the 2008 Final before Staal helped Pittsburgh defeat Detroit during the 2009 championship series. Staal attended the 2006 Final as a 17-year-old top prospect for the NHL Draft before his brother, **Eric Staal**, became the first in the family to hoist the Stanley Cup. They are the 17th set of siblings in League history to each win at least one championship with the same franchise and the fifth for a non-Original Six club after Rob and Scott Niedermayer (w/ ANA), Denis and Jean Potvin (w/ NYI), Brent and Duane Sutter (w/ NYI) as well as Jimmy and Joe Watson (w/ PHI). Staal opened the 2026 Stanley Cup Final by scoring in five-straight games (6/2-6/11: 6g, 1a), tying the NHL record for longest goal streak in a Stanley Cup Final. Staal became 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 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). Staal tied Brad Marchand (6 goals in 2025 w/ FLA at age 37) for the most goals in a Stanley Cup Final by a player age 37 or older. 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 finished the 2026 postseason with 12 points (8g, 4a) in 19 games played, 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 181 games, ranking for fifth in postseason games played among active skaters (Corey Perry: 244, Ryan McDonagh: 203, Sidney Crosby: 186, Evgeni Malkin: 183). Staal has tallied 85 points (46g, 39a) in 181 career playoff games, leading the Hurricanes/Whalers franchise in postseason games played (108, tied with Sebastian Aho), third in points (49) and third in goals (23, tied with **Seth Jarvis**).

HALL TO THE WALL

Taylor Hall tallied 19 points (7g, 12a) in 19 games in the 2026 Stanley Cup Playoffs, ranking second on the team in points (behind **Jackson Blake** – 20). Hall scored the opening goal just 3:47 into SCF Game 6, extending his single-postseason franchise record for points in potential series-clinching games (3-6—9 in 4 GP) and setting a new club benchmark for road points in a single postseason (4-7—11 in 9 GP). He finished with a League-best and franchise record 12 points on go-ahead goals (5-7—12), just ahead of Blake (2-9—11). The Calgary native became the fourth No. 1 pick to score a Stanley Cup-clinching goal and joined Alex Ovechkin as the only No. 1 picks to play 1,000 total NHL games before winning their first Stanley Cup. Hall also became the fourth No. 1 pick to score a Stanley Cup-clinching goal alongside Patrick Kane (2010 w/ CHI), Bobby Smith (1986 w/ MTL) and Guy Lafleur (1976 w/ MTL). Hall added a Stanley Cup to his decorated trophy case that includes winning the Hart Memorial Trophy with the 2017-18 Devils as well as two Memorial Cups at the junior level (2010 & 2009) and a pair of World Championship gold medals on the international stage (2016 & 2015). Hall and Mike Reilly became the sixth and seventh players in NHL history to win their first Cup after playing for at least seven franchises following Dmitry Kulikov (8; 2024 FLA), Curtis McElhinney (8; 2020 TBL), Luke Schenn (7; 2020 TBL), Jim McKenzie (7; 2003 NJD) and Carl Voss (7; 1938 CHI). Hall's 19 points this postseason rank fourth most in a single playoff campaign in Hurricanes franchise history, trailing Eric Staal (28), Cory Stillman (26) and **Jackson Blake** (20). The 34-year-old forward registered two three-point games this postseason ECF Game 5 (1g, 2a) and ECSR Game 4 (3a). Hall tied the record for the third-fewest games by a Hurricanes/Whalers player to reach double-digit points in a single postseason (12 points, 8 GP). Hall registered his first career playoff overtime goal in ECSR Game 2 against Philadelphia. The 34-year-old forward's 19 points in 19 games marks his highest career postseason point total, besting his previous high of eight (5g, 3a) in seven games with Boston in 2023. The forward opened the 2026 Playoffs on a six-game point streak (4/18-5/4: 3g, 6a), marking a Hurricanes/Whalers record for longest playoff-opening point streak. Only four players in franchise history have had a longer point streak,

at any point in the playoffs Eric Staal (15 GP, 2006), Cory Stillman (13 GP, 2006), Rod Brind'Amour (8 GP, 2006) and Cory Stillman (7 GP, 2006). Hall has posted 54 points (23g, 31a) in 73 career playoff games, including points in seven different postseason campaigns.

FLY LIKE AN EHLERS

Nikolaj Ehlers scored the first and last goals of the 2026 Stanley Cup Final, leading all players with nine points (4g, 5a) in the series, becoming the third player to do so in Stanley Cup Final history after Jason Arnott (New Jersey, 2000) and Nels Steward (Montreal, 1926). Ehlers' nine points set the franchise record for points in a single Stanley Cup Final, passing Eric Staal who had eight in 2006. Ehlers and **Frederik Andersen** joined Lars Eller as the only Danish Stanley Cup winners in NHL history. All three won the Cup by defeating Vegas in the Final. Ehlers recorded back-to-back three-point performances in Games 4 and 5 of the Stanley Cup Final, totaling six points (1g, 5a). He posted three points (1g, 2a) in Game 4 and followed with three assists in Game 5. The Dane 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. Three assists marked Ehlers' career high for most assists in a playoff game. Ehlers opened the scoring 25 seconds into the first period on in Game 1, then added a second first-period goal at the 12:08 mark. His first goal was the third-fastest Stanley Cup Final-opening goal in history. The only ones faster: Sid Smith with the 1951 Maple Leafs (0:15 vs. MTL) and Reggie Leach with the 1976 Flyers (0:21 at MTL). Overall, Nikolaj Ehlers scored the 10th goal ever in the opening 25 seconds of any Stanley Cup Final game. It was the fastest since Fernando Pisani tallied for the Oilers 16 seconds into Game 5 of the 2006 Final – played at the same building in Carolina. Ehlers became the second player on record (since 1997-98) to score on the first shot on goal to open a Stanley Cup Final. The only other instance was Game 1 of the 2007 Stanley Cup Final (Mike Fisher at 1:38). 25 seconds tied Erik Cole (0:25 in Game 6 of 2002 CSF) for the second-fastest game-opening playoff goal in Hurricanes/Whalers history, behind Warren Foegele (0:17 in Game 4 of 2019 R1). Ehlers (12:08) scored the fastest two goals by one player from the start of a Stanley Cup Final in more than 35 years. Overall, Ehlers' tallies were the fifth-fastest two goals by one player to start a Stanley Cup Final, behind Dick Duff (1:08 in 1963 w/ TOR), (Al MacInnis 8:33 in 1989 w/ CGY), Reg Noble (11:00 in 1918 w/ TAN) and Pit Martin (12:07 in 1973 w/ CHI). The Dane finished with 18 points (8g, 10a) through 18 games this postseason, marking his career high for points, goals and assists in a single postseason. Ehlers brings his career postseason total to 39 points (17g, 22a) in 63 games.

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Brandon Bussi saved all 22 shots faced in SCF Game 6, posting the ninth Stanley Cup-clinching shutout in the past 50 years. and first since Andrei Vasilevskiy did so in both 2020 and 2021. Bussi joins Bernie Parent (2x; 1975 PHI & 1974 PHI) as the second undrafted goaltender to clinch the Cup with a shutout (among goaltenders to debut after the first NHL Draft in 1963). The Sound Beach, NY native became the first American to secure a Stanley Cup-clinching win since Jonathan Quick with the 2014 Kings. Bussi is also the third goaltender in NHL history, and first in nearly 90 years, to record a Stanley Cup-clinching shutout during their first NHL season (no NHL GP in prior seasons), joining Earl Robertson (Game 5 of 1937 SCF w/ DET) and Andy Aitkenhead (Game 4 of 1933 SCF w/ NYR). Bussi is the first goaltender since 1975 (when the Preliminary Round was introduced) with a title-clinching win after not appearing in any of the previous three rounds. Bussi was also the second netminder in the NHL's expansion era (since 1968) and eighth in League history with a Cup clincher after not starting during Game 1 of the Final. Bussi recorded 23 saves on 25 shots in Game 5, 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 recorded 18 saves on 21 shots faced in Game 4, becoming 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 became the third goalie in the expansion era (since 1967-68) to make their first career playoff start in the Stanley Cup Final. The others are Andrei Vasilevskiy (Game 4 of 2015 w/ TBL) and Jussi Markkanen (Game 2 of 2006 w/ EDM). The 27-year-old netminder made his postseason debut in Game 3, replacing **Frederik Andersen** to start the third period. Bussi went on to record 18 saves on 19 shots faced across the third period and both overtime periods. Bussi has appeared in three games this postseason, all in the Stanley Cup Final, earning a 3-1 record, .931 SV% and 1.60 GAA.

REVENGE OF THE STANK

Logan Stankoven recorded 11 goals during the 2026 Playoffs, ranking second in Hurricanes/Whalers franchise history for most goals in a single postseason, just one shy of matching Rod Brind'Amour's franchise-record of 12 goals in 2006. The 23-year-old's 11 goals ranked third in the NHL this postseason, trailing only Vegas' Brett Howden (14) and Pavel Dorofeyev (12). Stankoven is the third player in the past 10 years to score 11-plus goals in a postseason at age 23 or younger, following Jake Guentzel (13 in 2017) and Nikita Kucherov (11 in 2016). Stankoven is the ninth player in NHL history to score at least five game-opening goals in a single playoff year. Only three had more: Sidney Crosby (6 in 2009), Fernando Pisani (6 in 2006) and Bobby Hull (6 in 1962). Stankoven finished the postseason with 16 points (11g, 5a) in 19 games played including eight points in his last eight skates (5/27-6/14: 3g, 5a). The Kamloops, BC, native has totaled 32 points (18g, 13a) in 53 career playoff games. He recorded three points (1g, 2a) in ECF Game 5, marking his first career three-point postseason game and fifth career playoff game-winning goal, matching **Andrei Svechnikov** for third most in Hurricanes/Whalers history. Stankoven notched two goals in ECSR Game 1 vs. Philadelphia, becoming the youngest player (23 years, 65 days) in NHL Stanley Cup Playoff history to begin a postseason on a five-game goal streak (4/18-5/2: 6g, 1a), passing Alexander Mogilny (5 GP in 1993; 24 years, 73 days). Stankoven had the most goals through a players' first five games of a postseason in Hurricanes/Whalers history (6g), besting **Andrei Svechnikov** (5 in 2025) and Ray Sheppard (5 in 1999). The 23-year-old's five-game playoff-opening goal streak is the longest in Hurricanes/Whalers franchise history, besting Pat Verbeek (3 GP in 1991 w/ HFD). Stankoven is the first player in Hurricanes/Whalers history to have multiple Game 1s with two-plus goals, also doing so in Game 1 of the 2025 First Round (2-0—2).

SHAKE AND BLAKE

Jackson Blake posted a goal and an assist in SCF Game 6 to become the first player in Hurricanes/Whalers franchise history to record seven multi-point games in a single postseason, breaking a tie with Matt Cullen (6 in 2006). At 22 years old, Blake is the youngest player with a multi-point outing in a potential Stanley Cup-clinching game since Drew Doughty and Dwight King each potted 0-2—2 for the Kings during Game 6 of the 2012 Stanley Cup Final at the same age as Blake. The Minnesota native posted 20 points (7g, 13a) in 19 games

in the 2026 Playoffs, becoming just the third player in franchise history to record 20 points in a single postseason, joining Eric Staal (28 in 2006) and Cory Stillman (26 in 2006). Blake led the Hurricanes this postseason in points (20) and assists (13). Blake's 20 points this postseason has bested his points, goals and assists output from his playoff debut in 2024-25 (3-3—6). Blake posted his first career multi-goal playoff performance as well as his first playoff overtime game-winner in ECSR Game 4 at Philadelphia. At 22 years, 279 days old, Blake became the second-youngest player in Hurricanes/Whalers history to score a series-clinching goal, behind Ulf Samuelsson (22 years, 17 days in Game 3 of 1986 DSF). Blake recorded seven points (3g, 4a) in four games during the Second Round against Philadelphia, leading the team in points during that round. Blake has posted 26 points (10g, 16a) in 34 career postseason games.

GHOST MADE

Shayne Gostisbehere led the Hurricanes defensemen in goals (3) and points (12) during the 2026 Playoffs. His 12 points were just one shy of the single-season franchise record by a blueliner set by Frantisek Kaberle (13 in 2006). Gostisbehere's 12 points mark his highest career postseason point and assist tally. The blueliner had four multi-point games in the 2026 Playoffs. Gostisbehere provided assists on **Jordan Staal's** third period goal and **Seth Jarvis'** overtime game-winner in Game 2, capping off a run of points in five-straight skates (5/25-6/4; 3g, 4a), signaling his longest career postseason point streak. Gostisbehere has tallied 29 points (8g, 21a) in 66 career postseason games.

FANTASTIC MR. FINN

Sebastian Aho, the Hurricanes/Whalers franchise's all-time playoff leader in every major scoring category, captured the Stanley Cup after winning a bronze medal with Team Finland at the Olympic Winter Games Milano Cortina 2026. He became the fifth player with a Cup in the same season after winning bronze at an Olympics with NHL participation, following Frantisek Kaberle (2006 CAR) as well as Pavel Datsyuk, Sergei Fedorov and Igor Larionov (2002 DET). Aho found twine in SCF Game 5 to mark points in four-straight games (6/4-6/11: 1g, 4a). The Finland native registered 12 points (5g, 7a) in 19 games this postseason. He is the fifth player in NHL history with eight consecutive 10-point seasons 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 108 games ranks as a franchise record in all four listed categories. Aho provided an assist on **Seth Jarvis'** overtime game-winner in SCF Game 2, recording his fourth career overtime point in the playoffs, which ties with **Jordan Staal** for the most in Hurricanes/Whalers history. Aho and captain **Jordan Staal** skated in their 100th career Hurricanes playoff game in Game 3 against Montreal, becoming the first players to reach 100 postseason games in franchise history. His 97 points passes Teemu Selanne (88) for sole possession of the fourth-most playoff points by a Finnish player. The only players with more are Jari Kurri (233), Esa Tikkanen (132) and Mikko Rantanen (130). The Finn tallied his Hurricanes/Whalers franchise record 11th goal (16 GP) in a series-clinching game in Carolina's win over Ottawa on April 25. The only four active players have more: Patrick Kane (14), Evgeni Malkin (13), Mikko Rantanen (12), Alex Ovechkin (12), Sam Reinhart (11), Corey Perry (11) and Jonathan Toews (11). Aho's goal on April 25 was his third career series-clinching goal and overtook Cory Stillman (2) for the most in Hurricanes/Whalers history.

MISTA SVECHNIKOV

Andrei Svechnikov registered 11 points (6g, 5a) in 19 games this postseason. He scored two power play goals in SCF Game 5, marking 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. Svechnikov just finished his seventh postseason campaign with Carolina, totaling 59 points (29g, 30a) in 85 games. The Russian scored the game-winning overtime goal in ECF Game 3 against Montreal, recording his first career postseason overtime goal and fifth career playoff game-winning goal.

SUPER SETH JARVIS

Seth Jarvis became the sixth player to capture a Stanley Cup in the same season after earning a silver medal at an Olympics, following Patrick Kane (2010 CHI), Chris Chelios (2002 DET), Brett Hull (2002 DET), Sergei Fedorov (1998 DET) and Dmitri Mironov (1998 DET). Jarvis ended the 2026 postseason with 11 points (4g, 7a) in 19 games played. Jarvis scored his first career postseason overtime goal in SCF Game 2. The tally marked his second career game-winning postseason goal (5/3/23, ECSR Game 2 vs. NJD). Jarvis became the sixth player on record to score an overtime goal on the power play in the Stanley Cup Final. The others: Leon Draisaitl (Game 1 in 2025 w/ EDM), Kevin Shattenkirk (Game 4 in 2020 w/ TBL), Petr Sykora (Game 5 in 2008 w/ PIT), Denis Potvin (Game 1 in 1980 w/ NYI) and Bill Cook (Game 4 in 1933 w/ NYR). Jarvis (24 years, 123 days) became the youngest player to score an overtime goal in the Stanley Cup Final since Joonas Donskoi in 2016 (24 years, 52 days in Game 3 w/ SJS). Jarvis (3:56) became the fifth player in the past decade to score within the opening four minutes of an overtime period in the Stanley Cup Final. The others: Andre Burakovsky (1:23 in Game 1 in 2022), Conor Sheary (2:35 in Game 2 of 2016), Carl Gunnarsson (3:51 of Game 2 in 2019) and Josh Anderson (3:57 in Game 4 of 2021). His 23 career playoff goals rank third in Hurricanes/Whalers franchise history, following Sebastian Aho (38) and Andrei Svechnikov (27). Jarvis has totaled 53 points (23g, 20a) in 74 career postseason games played.

ALTERNATE CAPTAIN AMERICA

Jacob Slavin is the second American to win the Stanley Cup and an Olympic gold medal in the same season and first since Ken Morrow of the 1980 "Miracle on Ice" team. In SCF Game 6, Slavin recorded his 13th career point in a potential series-clinching game (1-12—13). His 12 assists in that scenario are a new club benchmark, breaking a tie with **Seth Jarvis** (4-11-15). Slavin finished the 2026 postseason with 5 assists in 19 games, upping his career playoff tally to 45 points (9g, 36a) in 105 games. Slavin leads the Hurricanes franchise leaderboards in career playoff plus/minus (+48), ranks second in playoff assists (36) and fifth in playoff points (45).

ALL ABOUT ANDERSEN

Frederik Andersen has recorded a 13-2 record this postseason, earning the most wins in a single postseason in his career (11 with ANA in 2015). The Hurricanes' netminder has posted a .910 SV%, 1.89 GAA and three shutouts across 16 games played in the 2026 Stanley Cup Playoffs. His GAA leads all goaltenders in the 2026 Stanley Cup Playoffs (min. 4 games played). The Dane became the third goaltender in NHL history with 12 wins through his first 13 games in a playoff year, following Ken Dryden with the 1976 Canadiens (12-1 in 13 GP) and Gerry Cheevers with the 1970 Bruins (12-1 in 13 GP). Andersen held Montreal scoreless for 160:13 of gametime in the ECF, marking the longest postseason shutout streak of his career and the longest in the NHL since Robin Lehner (171:27 in 2020). The Dane recorded his third shutout this postseason, stopping 18 of 18 shots on goal in ECF Game 4 against Montreal. Andersen's three shutouts this postseason leads the NHL this postseason and marks a single postseason career high, besting his two-shutout postseason in 2025. His shutout in ECF Game 4 also signified his fifth postseason shutout as a Hurricane, passing Cam Ward (4) for most in franchise history. Andersen has become the fifth goaltender in NHL history to win each of their first six road games to start a post season. The others: Jonathan Quick (2012 with Los Angeles), Billy Smith (1980 with NY Islanders), Sergei Bobrovsky (2023 with Florida) and Patrick Roy (1999 with Colorado). He became the fourth netminder in Stanley Cup Playoffs history to allow two goals or fewer in each of his first eight starts of a postseason, a feat last achieved 57 years ago (Jacques Plante in 1969 for St. Louis). His eight-straight wins to open the 2026 Stanley Cup Playoffs passed Cam Ward (7 in 2006) for the longest playoff winning streak in franchise history. The 36-year-old netminder is the third goaltender in Stanley Cup Playoffs history to record a eight-game winning streak at age 36 or older, following Dwayne Roloson (8 GP in 2011) and Jacques Plante (8 GP in 1969). Andersen's victory in Game 1 against Philadelphia marked his 24th career playoff win with Carolina, passing Ward for sole possession of the franchise record. The Herning, Denmark, native owns a 59-37 career playoff record and became the 24th goaltender in NHL history to reach 50 postseason wins, joining Andrei Vasilevskiy (70) and Sergei Bobrovsky (61) as the only active goaltenders to hit the mark.

MAJOR KEY

K'Andre Miller has tallied nine assists in 19 games played this postseason, ranking fourth on the Hurricanes in assists and first among defensemen (tied with **Shayne Gostisbehere**). Miller's nine playoff points surpasses his single-postseason career high set in 2022 with the New York Rangers (2-5—7). The St. Paul, MN, native has posted two three-game assist streaks this postseason (4/20-4/25: 3a and 5/4-5/9: 3a), marking his longest career playoff assist streak and tying his longest career playoff point streak (5/30/22-6/3/22: 1g, 2a). The blueliner has tallied 21 points (3g, 18a) in 62 career playoff games. Miller has posted a 19-1 record (8-1 with Carolina) when recording a point in his playoff career. Miller lifted the Stanley Cup skating in his first postseason with the Hurricanes, arriving to Carolina via trade with New York Rangers on July 1, 2025.

CHAT-EGORY FIVE

Jalen Chatfield finished the 2026 postseason with a career-high eight points (1g, 7a) in 19 games, increasing his career playoff totals to 15 points (3g, 12a) in 54 postseason contests. Chatfield provided an assist on both of **Nikolaj Ehlers'** first period goals in SCF Game 1 to mark his first career multi-point playoff period and second career multi-point playoff game (2a vs. MTL, 2026 ECF Game 2). Chatfield (0-2—2) became the 10th defenseman in NHL history to record multiple points in the opening period of a Stanley Cup Final, and second in the past 33 years following Chris Pronger (0-2—2 in 2010 w/ PHI).

HERE'S TO YOU MR. ROBINSON

Eric Robinson had eight points (3g, 5a) in 19 games played this postseason, marking his career high for most points in a single postseason. The forward finished the Eastern Conference Final as the most productive goal scorer on the team (3g in 5 GP). Robinson recorded an assist in ECF Game 3, setting a career high playoff point-streak of three games (5/21-5/25; 2g, 1a). The 30-year-old forward opened the scoring in the first period of ECF Game 2 to mark his first career postseason goal streak (5/21-5/23: 2g). 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 Final. The others: Jason Robertson (4 in 2025 vs. EDM) and William Carrier (2 in 2023 vs. DAL). The eight-year veteran has a career playoff tally of 12 points (5g, 7a) in 44 career games.