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The Canes and the Cup at the Cary Pickleball Championship

By: Kirstyn Clark

The Stanley Cup, along with past and present Canes champions, will be at the Veiola Pickleball National Championships at the Cary Tennis Park on Thursday.

Carolina Hurricanes players will join pickleball teams on the court Thursday evening in Cary.

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Fans can meet players and take photos with the cup before watching their favorite hockey players take on some of the nation's best pickleball athletes.

The event will begin at 6 p.m. with a Stormy meet-and-greet and Stanley Cup photo opportunities. At 7 p.m., the Canes players will take to the pickleball court. Hurricanes Sebastian Aho, Andrei Svechnikov, Cam Ward, and Justin Williams will play in Thursday's game.

Tickets are still available. VIP tickets include player meet-and-greets, reserved priority seating, food and drinks, and priority access to photos with the cup.

A portion of ticket sales will benefit the Carolina Hurricanes Foundation.



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Amazon Prime Video to broadcast games locally for six NHL teams, including Carolina

By: Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Amazon's Prime Video will be the exclusive local streaming home of six NHL teams this season as part of a multiyear agreement announced by the league Wednesday.

Defending Stanley Cup champion Carolina, Anaheim, Columbus, Dallas, Minnesota and St. Louis will have their games on the platform in their markets. That includes pre- and post-game coverage.

"We're excited to build upon our strong relationship with the NHL and provide fans with more ways to connect with the local teams they love," Prime Video head of sports partnerships Charlie Neiman said in a statement. "We have firmly established Prime Video as a primary destination for sports and look forward to helping these teams broaden the reach and accessibility of their live games."

The NHL announced in July it would be producing games for the Hurricanes, Blue Jackets, Wild and Blues.

"Fans want an easy way to find and follow their favorite teams, and this agreement with Prime Video gives clubs the flexibility to meet that demand as the market evolves," NHL chief media officer and senior executive VP David Proper said. "Amazon has been a terrific partner to the NHL, and we're excited to expand our relationship as Prime Video grows its NHL offerings. Together, we're creating new opportunities for Clubs to reach fans and delivering a premium, accessible regional viewing experience."

Amazon this summer also signed on to broadcast Wednesday night national regular-season games in Canada in English and French.



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Best, worst scenarios for every Metro Division team

By: Sonny Sachdeva

'I haven't thought that far ahead': Crosby on potential 2030 Olympic return

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Only three weeks remain before the puck drops on the NHL's 2026-27 campaign.

For some clubs, that date brings with it a much-needed clean slate, a chance at redemption following seasons that went awry. For others, it brings a familiar challenge: how to maintain their place among the game's very best.

The Metropolitan Division brings a bit of both. On one side of the aisle, there's Carolina, the defending champs, who will be looking to run it back and repeat in 2027. On the other, there's the rest of the crop — a few clubs trying to build on progress found last season, a few trying to take that elusive next step, and a few just trying to find any type of spark.

With the new campaign approaching, here's a look at the best- and worst-case scenarios for each club in the Metro in 2026-27:

CAROLINA HURRICANES:

Key additions: None

Key subtractions: Frederik Andersen

Cap space today: \$9 million

Best-case scenario: The best-case here is pretty clear. After coming up with their finest season in two decades and climbing all the way back to the Stanley Cup summit, an ideal 2026-27 in Carolina would simply be more of the same — another lengthy run, another banner hung at the Lenovo Center, and the club continuing to make good on the potential they've shown for the past half-decade.

Worst-case scenario: For all that hope and optimism, there is one crucial change to the Canes' lineup this season. Veteran netminder Frederik Andersen, who suited up for the majority of the club's Cup run, and won all but their final few games, has departed for Edmonton. The true worst-case scenario for Carolina would be this change in net destabilizing the club a year after their title run. It would be young duo Brandon Bussi and Pyotr Kotchetkov falling short in the cage, the season going sideways, and the team taking a step back so soon after their glory run.

PITTSBURGH PENGUINS:

Key additions: Andrei Kuzmenko, Nick Robertson, Trevor van Riemsdyk, Kaedan Korczak

Key subtractions: Anthony Mantha, Stuart Skinner, Ryan Shea, Parker Wotherspoon, Noel Acciari

Cap space today: \$10.9 million

Best-case scenario: The Penguins enter the new season with a lineup that's endured plenty of off-season turnover. If all goes to plan, the new recruits would fit in seamlessly and, perhaps more importantly, help the next generation of Penguins stars take a step. Teenager Ben Kindel is likely to line up with newcomers Andrei Kuzmenko and Nick Robertson. Ville Koivunen and Rutger McGroarty will challenge for spots. And 22-year-old Sergei Murashov will play a key role in the cage. The best-case would be these young guns turning potential into performance in 2027.

Worst-case scenario: On the other side, the worst-case, of course, would be that lineup not gelling as expected. More than the changes up front, what will be crucial is how things mesh on the blue line. Gone are Ryan Shea and Parker Wotherspoon who quietly played a pivotal role in stabilizing the Penguins' blue line last season. If replacements Trevor van Riemsdyk and Kaedan Korczak can't step into those roles seamlessly, if the club's defence goes sideways and makes life more difficult for young Murashov and Arturs Silovs, the worst-case scenario would be a tumble back out of the playoff picture for Sidney Crosby's club.

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WASHINGTON CAPITALS:

Key additions: Alex Tuch, Jordan Kyrou, Boone Jenner, Vincent Desharnais

Key subtractions: Connor McMichael, Trevor van Riemsdyk

Cap space today: \$75,417

Best-case scenario: The Caps went all-in this summer, bringing in some notable reinforcements up front in the form of Alex Tuch, Jordan Kyrou and Boone Jenner. After a disappointing 2025-26 that saw Washington's offence stumble — finishing middle of the pack offensively just one year after housing the second-best attack in the league — the best-case for 2026-27 would be the newcomers injecting some life into the Caps' attack and carrying them back to the playoffs.



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Worst-case scenario: Or, maybe the big swing just misses. The worst-case would be the new stars failing to deliver the immediate impact expected — particularly Tuch, who will begin Year 1 of a new eight-year, \$84-million (\$10.5 million AAV) contract. With franchise staple Alex Ovechkin likely heading into the final year of his big-league career, the worst-case would be another middling season from the organization, and another season without playoff hockey as The Great Eight's D.C. era comes to an end.

PHILADELPHIA FLYERS:

Key additions: Joseph Woll, Noel Acciari, Simon Benoit

Key subtractions: Sam Ersson, Garnet Hathaway

Cap space today: \$13.8 million

Best-case scenario: Rock Tocchet's club caught fire over the home stretch of 2025-26, electrifying the Flyers faithful as they made it back to the playoffs for the first time in a half-decade, and then bounced the rival Penguins. Key to that late push was young Porter Martone. If all goes as planned in Philly, the best-case would be Martone picking up where he left off in his first full rookie campaign, helping the Flyers core take another step and head into the playoffs once again as a young, hungry dark horse.

Worst-case scenario: Key to remember, though, is just how long the club struggled last season before they turned it around in the campaign's final months — when the league broke for the Olympic break in February, the Flyers sat third-last in the East. The worst-case scenario would be Tocchet's club returning in 2026-27 and looking more like the team they were during the first half of the year, rather than the one that put the league on notice down the final stretch, and last year's progress looking like a flash in the pan.

NEW YORK ISLANDERS:

Key additions: Matias Maccelli, Vitek Vanacek, Pete DeBoer

Key subtractions: Anders Lee, Carson Soucy, Adam Boqvist, David Rittich

Cap space today: \$4.2 million

Best-case scenario: The Islanders shook up their organization significantly in the final weeks of the season, parting ways with Patrick Roy and bringing in Pete DeBoer as the club's new head coach for the final four games of the season. Now, they'll have a full training camp and campaign under their new bench boss. The best-case scenario would be DeBoer's veteran guidance winding up enough to lead the Isles out of the basement and back into the mix in the Metro, with young Matthew Schaefer taking another step as one of the brightest young talents in the game, too.

Worst-case scenario: A look at the roster that will take the ice in Isles colours this season shows the cracks that could begin to show, though. While the club has an incredibly promising young talent in Schaefer, many of the rest of their best are all over 30 years old: Bo Horvat, Kyle Palmieri, Brayden Schenn, Jean-Gabriel Pageau, Ondrej Palat, Casey Cizikas and Anthony Duclair up front, with Mathew Barzal just a year away at 29; Ryan Pulock, Adam Pelech, Anthony DeAngelo and Scott Mayfield on the back end; and Ilya Sorokin and Vitek Vanacek in the cage. The worst-case scenario would be the lineup showing its age, and the tumble down the Metro rankings continuing.

COLUMBUS BLUE JACKETS:

Key additions: Valeri Nichushkin, Ryan Lomberg

Key subtractions: Boone Jenner, Mason Marchment

Cap space today: \$12.6 million

Best-case scenario: There's a fair chance the trajectory of Columbus's season depends on how things shake out with young star Adam Fantilli. Best-case scenario, the centreman arrives at training camp and, buoyed by a hefty new extension, finds notable progress in 2026-27, making good on his immense potential and ascending to join the league's elite. The hope is that meaningful progress from Fantilli could help Columbus find progress as an organization too, could pull the club back into the playoffs, and give star blue-liner Zach Werenski reason to sign a new deal with the Jackets down the line.

Worst-case scenario: Putting pen to paper has seemed more difficult than expected for Fantilli and the Jackets to this point, the pivot's next deal complicated by the seismic raise granted to comparable young star Leo Carlsson. As of Wednesday, Fantilli remains a restricted free agent, without a new deal. The worst-case scenario would be the negotiation dragging on, the former No. 3 pick missing part of camp or the regular season, and starting the new campaign a step behind. It would be going down that route and seeing the relationship between the organization and their young star strained, seeing the situation become a distraction that derails the Jackets' season, and seeing the team's playoff drought ultimately extended.

'It's been a long time coming': McDavid praises record-setting NHL contracts

Edmonton Oilers captain Connor McDavid discusses why he believes it's positive that young superstars are starting to sign record-breaking contracts and why this is a big step for the league.

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NEW JERSEY DEVILS:

Key additions: Anthony Mantha, Evan Rodrigues, Jesper Boqvist, David Rittich

Key subtractions: Jacob Markstrom, Simon Nemec

Cap space today: \$1.9 million

Best-case scenario: The club made a splash this off-season with the addition of Anthony Mantha and Evan Rodrigues up front — two skilled, experienced offensive weapons to bolster the Devils' attack. After a roller-coaster few seasons in Jersey, the plan for the best-case is simple: set the newcomers up to hit the ground running, put together a steady season of progress, and find a way back not only to the playoffs, but to their place among the East's best, where they appeared briefly a few years back.

Worst-case scenario: There are question marks still hovering around this club and its ability to make it back to the post-season, though, namely whether Jake Allen and Nico Daws are a sturdy enough netminding duo to carry them there. But the true worst-case scenario in Jersey would be the club falling into the same, familiar injury loop the Devils have



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been stuck in for the past three seasons — it would be Jack Hughes seeing his campaign cut short once again, the Devils seeing early signs of promise undone as the season wears on, and the year finishing with only more disappointment.

NEW YORK RANGERS:

Key additions: Pavel Dorofeyev, Marcus Pettersson, Oliver Bjorkstrand, Joonas Korpisalo

Key subtractions: Vincent Trocheck, Will Borgen, Jonathan Quick

Cap space today: \$995,476

Best-case scenario: The glory days of the Rangers' 2023-24 campaign seem awfully distant now. After following up that Presidents' Trophy-winning effort with two years of sliding to the Metro's basement, the best-case scenario in New York would be any type of climb back up the standings. More specifically, that best-case trajectory would have newly

signed Pavel Dorofeyev arrive in Manhattan and continue the promising form he showed in Vegas — or perhaps take it a step further, putting up his first 40-goal campaign and helping the Rangers claw their way back to relevancy in the East.

Worst-case scenario: As with any hefty free-agent contract, there's always the risk of what it could all look like if things go sideways. Dorofeyev's \$11-million cap hit will make him one of the highest-paid wingers in the league next season. If he falters, if he takes time to find his footing in Manhattan and his production underwhelms, the Rangers faithful, and the rest of the hockey world, are sure to bring up that price tag. But the Rangers' potential issues go beyond their new offensive weapon. The worst-case scenario would be the Blueshirts failing to find a spark in 2026-27, the team's veteran core continuing to slide, and the club wading through another disappointing year in the shadow of that Presidents' Trophy campaign.

Hurricanes sign defenceman Pierre-Olivier Joseph to one-year contract

By: Sportsnet Staff

Pierre-Olivier Joseph is going from worst to first.

The defenceman signed a one-year, \$850,000 contract with the reigning-champion Carolina Hurricanes, the team announced on Tuesday.

Joseph spent all of last season with the league-worst Vancouver Canucks, playing 31 games and tallying six points (one goal, five assists).

The 27-year-old from Laval, Que., entered the NHL as a first-round pick (23rd overall) of the Arizona Coyotes in 2017, but never played for the franchise.

In 225 career NHL games with the Pittsburgh Penguins, St. Louis Blues and Canucks, he has nine goals and 37 assists.

SIGNING DETAILS

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Pierre-Olivier Joseph

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Length

1 years

Value

\$850,000

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\$850,000

Expiry

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Roster Released for Upcoming Prospect Showcase

By: Bob Wage

For those of you who have craved some hockey action, your time is coming up soon. Starting on Sunday, September 13, the 2026 Prospect Showcase will begin featuring several of the top prospects from the Carolina Hurricanes, Nashville Predators, and Tampa Bay Lightning.

All games will be played at the newly renamed Lane Arena, which also serves as the Hurricanes backup practice rink.

Walt Ruff posted the roster on Twitter.

There are a few key forwards to watch including, Charlie Cerrato, Bradly Nadeau, Ivan Ryabkin, and Felix Unger Sorum.

On defense, Charles Alexis Legault will be looking to move up to the big league. This will be a good opportunity for him to start off the preseason.

Game time on Sunday against the Preds is 2:35 P.M.

On Monday and Tuesday they play at 2 P.M.

Some more information about the games:

Teams will dress 18 skaters and two goaltenders for each contest, consisting of three 20-minute periods followed by a five-minute, three-on-three overtime period if the game remains tied after regulation. Regardless of the final score, games will conclude with a five-player-per-team shootout.

Look for Carolina's training camp to start next week, though I have not seen an official announcement. We will publish it when I see it.

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