

WSH leads CAR 2-1... Next: Tonight, 7 ET
 TOR & BOS tied 2-2...Next: Friday, 7 ET
 CBJ def. TB 4-0 ... will face BOS/TOR
 NYI def. PIT 4-0 ... will face WSH/CAR



STL & WPG tied 2-2... Next: Tonight, 8:30 ET
 VGK lead SJ 3-1...Next: Tonight, 10 ET
 COL leads CGY 3-1...Next: Friday, 10 ET
 NSH & DAL tied 2-2...Next: Saturday, 3 ET

2019 STANLEY CUP PLAYOFFS UPDATE
April 18, 2019

Today's Action – 3 games

- **WSH vs CAR – Game 4 (7PM, NBCSN)** – The first playoff game in Carolina in a decade saw the Hurricanes shut out the defending Stanley Cup champions in Game 3 – the Caps first playoff loss since Game 1 of last year's Cup Final at Vegas. Carolina outshot Washington 45-18 in Game 3.
 - After the Blue Jackets and Islanders pulled upsets, can the Hurricanes make things interesting with a second straight win?
 - The winner of this series will face the Islanders in the Second Round.
- **STL vs WPG – Game 5 (8:30PM, USA)** – The road team has won each game in this series as the Jets return home to Winnipeg after winning two straight in St. Louis. **Kyle Connor** scored the OT winner in Game 4 and **Connor Hellebuyck** stopped 31 of 32 shots.
- **VGK vs SJ – Game 5 (10PM, NBCSN)** – The defending Western Conference Champions have awoken after dropping Game 1. The Golden Knights have outscored the Sharks 16-6 over the last 3 games and have a chance to advance to the Second Round in as many NHL seasons in the league.
 - Will Vegas' fast starts continue? They've scored within the first 90 seconds of the opening faceoff in three straight games.
 - The Golden Knights' "2nd" line of **Max Pacioretty** (10 pts) - **Paul Stastny** (8 pts) - **Mark Stone** (10 pts) represent the top 3 scorers in the playoffs.
 - **Marc-Andre Fleury** recorded his 15th career playoff shutout in Game 4, t-4th most in NHL history.
 - **Ryan Reaves** continued his feud with **Evander Kane** on Wednesday night, posting this tweet in response to Kane's comments from earlier this week, labeling Reaves as the "Muffin Man" following their Game 3 fight.



Postseason By The Numbers

31 games played

- 17 home wins; 14 road wins
- 12 one-goal games
- Teams that lead after 2 periods are 20-3
- 3 shutouts (**Mike Smith, Petr Mrazek, Marc-Andre Fleury**)
- 6 OT games (**Bailey, Orpik, Smith, MacKinnon, Connor, Rantanen**)
 - Longest OT was CGY/COL Game 4 – 10:23 into 1st OT
 - We are already more than halfway to last year's total of 10 OT games

Postseason Leaders Through 8 days

- Goals: 6 – **Mark Stone** (VGK)
- Points: 10 – Stone & **Max Pacioretty** (VGK) ... linemate **Paul Stastny** (8 pts) is 3rd.
- Save %: .956 – **Robin Lehner** (NYI)
- Saves: 161 – **Mike Smith** (CGY)

Most Points 2019 Playoffs	
Max Pacioretty Mark Stone	10
Paul Stastny	8
Matt Duchene	7



3 Stars of Wednesday

- 1) **Brad Marchand (BOS)**: Marchand recorded 100 points during the regular season – the first Bruin in 16 years to that mark – and he hasn't slowed down in the postseason. The 30-year-old had a 3-point night (1 goal, 2 assists) as the Bruins evened their series with the Maple Leafs. He has 6 points in 4 playoff games.
- 2) **Roope Hintz (DAL)**: The Stars rookie forward found the back of the net twice – his first two career playoff goals. The 22-year-old had 9 goals and 22 points in 58 regular season games.
- 3) **Mikko Rantanen (COL)**: The 22-year old winger became the 18th player to score a tying goal in the final 5 minutes of regulation and net the OT winner in a Playoff game in the Avalanche's Game 4 win over the Flames. He's the second COL player to achieve this feat (Paul Stastny - Game 1 of 2014 First Round).

Bruins 6 Maple Leafs 4 (Game 5: Friday at 7 pm on NBCSN) **Series tied 2-2**

- The Bruins top line of **Brad Marchand** (1 goal, 2 assists), **Patrice Bergeron** (1 assist), and **David Pastrnak** (2 goals) broke through after combining for just 6 points through the first 3 games.

Bruins head coach Bruce Cassidy on Pastrnak, who was held goalless in his first 3 games: *"It was good to see him score. Scorers, when they don't score, can get antsy. I'm not saying David was there, but we wanted to keep him from going there. Getting his two goals, they get recharged."*

- The B's have scored a combined 10 goals in their two wins in the First Round (3 goals in losses). The two teams have alternated wins in this series (TOR Games 1 & 3; BOS 2 & 4).
- Auston Matthews** had his first career multi-goal playoff performance. Matthews has 4 points in the last two games (3 goals, 1 assist) after being held off the scoresheet in the first two games of the series.

Stars 5 Predators 1 (Game 5: Saturday at 3 pm on NBC) **Series tied 2-2**

- The Stars combined to score just three goals in Games 2 & 3 while going 0/10 on the powerplay over the two-game span. In Game 4, they exploded for 5 goals, including 4 in the first period, as Dallas tied its First Round series with Nashville 2-2.
- Depth scoring was also key for the Stars, as 10 different players recorded a point.

Avalanche 3 Flames 2 (OT) (Game 5: Friday at 10 pm on NBCSN) **COL leads series 3-1**

- After falling behind 2-0 with just over 13 minutes left in regulation, the Avalanche rallied to force overtime thanks to 3rd-period goals by **J.T. Compher** and **Mikko Rantanen**, who tied the game with 2:50 remaining. Rantanen struck again in overtime to put Calgary on the brink of elimination.
- The Avs have flipped the script in this series since getting shut out in Game 1. They came from behind to win in overtime of Game 2, before a tone-setting 6-2 win at home in Game 3 where they put 56 shots on goal. With the #1 seed in the East already eliminated, can the West's #1 seed re-gain momentum?
 - In a matchup of MVP candidates, **Nathan MacKinnon** (3 goals, 2 assists) has outplayed **Johnny Gaudreau** (1 assist) so far.