

CAR/WSH: 3-3...Game 7: Weds., 7:30 ET
TOR/BOS: 3-3...Game 7: Tonight, 7 ET
CBJ def. TB 4-0 ... will face BOS/TOR
NYI def. PIT 4-0 ... will face WSH/CAR



2019 STANLEY CUP PLAYOFFS UPDATE April 23, 2019

VGK/SJ: 3-3... Game 7: Tonight., 10 ET
COL def. CGY 4-1... will face SJ/VGK
DAL def. NSH 4-2...will face STL
STL def. WPG 4-2 ... will face DAL

First Round featuring three Game 7s

After Carolina defeated Washington in Game 6 on Monday night, the First Round will now feature three Game 7s – marking the first time since 2014 that at least 3 Game 7s will be played in the opening round.

- Toronto & Boston play Game 7 in the First Round for the 2nd straight year
- Vegas plays their first-ever Game 7 in franchise history vs the Sharks in SJ
- **Justin Williams** – a.k.a. “Mr. Game 7” – will try to help Carolina defeat the defending Stanley Cup Champs in Washington



Last year’s playoffs saw three Game 7s in the entire playoffs, including just 1 in the First Round (TOR vs BOS)

Today’s Action - 2 games

TOR vs. BOS - Game 7 (7PM, NBCSN)

The Leafs and Bruins have alternated wins and losses throughout the entire series, with Boston winning Game 6 in Toronto to force tonight’s Game 7. Toronto is looking to win its first playoff series in 15 years (2004).

- **Auston Powers:** Toronto superstar **Auston Matthews** leads the Leafs with 6 points and 5 goals this series and has a goal in 4 straight games. He had 0 points in last year’s Game 7 loss vs BOS.
- **Brad the Man:** Boston’s **Brad Marchand** leads the Bruins with 9 points and 4 goals this series. Marchand has a 5-2 record in Game 7s with 7 points (3 goals, 4 assists).

Marchand on the history between Toronto & Boston:

“Nothing matters about the past. We’re not going to look at anything that’s happened in the past. We’re going to play hard, they’re going to play hard. One team is going to win, one team is going to lose.”

VGK vs. SJ - Game 7 (10PM, NBCSN)

Vegas led the series 3-1 but lost back-to-back games to the Sharks, leading to tonight’s Game 7. This is the first Game 7 in the history of the Vegas franchise. The winner of this series will have home ice against Colorado.

VGK Jonathan Marchessault: *“We’re a confident group. We’re a great hockey team. We just have to keep going and stick with it. If we keep playing the right way like we did [in Game 6], I think we’ll get rewarded.”*

SJ Logan Couture: *“You relish this moment and enjoy it. This is what hockey’s all about. This is why it’s a fun sport to play.”*

Postseason By The Numbers

43 games played

- 23 home wins; 20 road wins
- Teams that entered this postseason as the “worse” seed are 25-18
- 18 one-goal games
- 4 shutouts (**Mike Smith, Petr Mrazek, Marc-Andre Fleury, Braden Holtby**)
- 8 OT games (**Bailey, Orpik, Smith, MacKinnon, Connor, Rantanen, Hertl, Klingberg**)
 - 1 game has gone to 2OT – SJ/VGK Game 6
 - There were only 10 OT games last season



Postseason Leaders Through 13 days

- Goals: 6 - **Mark Stone** (VGK)
- Points: 10 - Stone & **Max Pacioretty** (VGK)
- Save %: .956 - **Robin Lehner** (NYI)
- Saves: 206 – **Ben Bishop** (DAL)

3 Stars of Monday

- **John Klingberg (DAL)**: Scored the series-clinching OT goal to send Dallas to the Second Round
- **Ben Bishop (DAL)**: 47 saves on 48 shots in Game 6... finished First Round w/ 1.90 GAA & .945 SV%
- **Hurricanes Veterans: Jordan Staal** (game-winning goal & assist) and Justin Williams (goal) helped lead Carolina to victory and force a Game 7. After allowing 2 goals on 7 shots in the 1st period, **Petr Mrazek** stopped all 18 shots faced in the 2nd & 3rd periods combined.

Hurricanes 5 Capitals 2 (Game 7: Wednesday 7:30 pm ET on NBCSN) Series tied 3-3

- Trailing 2-1 after the 1st period, the Hurricanes scored 4 unanswered goals to take Game 6 and force a Game 7 in Washington. 5 different players scored goals and 11 different players recorded points for the Hurricanes. The home team has won every game in this series so far.

Carolina captain Justin Williams: *“We answered the bell. I said from the start of the series, if they're going to knock us out, we're not going to let it be easy on them.”*

Washington coach Todd Reirden: *“I thought we needed a little bit more from all our players tonight. It's self-inflicted. We didn't do a great job of managing the puck to give ourselves a chance to get in on the forecheck as much as we did in Game 5.”*

- **Chicka Chicka Yeah!** Carolina rookie **Warren Foegele** continued to find the net, scoring his team-leading 4th goal of the playoffs in Game 6. Foegele scored 10 goals in 77 games in the reg. season.
- The Hurricanes can become the 4th team to eliminate a regular-season division winner in the 2019 First Round (CBJ over TB; COL over CGY; DAL over NSH).

Stars 2 Predators 1 (OT) DAL wins series 4-2

- Down 1-0 after the 1st period, the Stars scored the game's final 2 goals to win Game 6 in Dallas 2-1 and advance to the Second Round, where they will face the St. Louis Blues. The Blues will have home ice.
- This is the first time Dallas is in the Second Round since 2016, when they lost to the Blues in 7 games.
- After reaching at least the Second Round in 3 straight postseasons (2016-18), Nashville has been eliminated in the First Round for the first time since 2015.

Ben Bishop: *“It's big. [The fans] deserve it. They've been great all season. They've been unbelievable in the playoffs. It's fun to get the win for them. They're the real backbone of the organization, so for them to -- especially on home ice -- get that win, it's always a little bit nicer.”*

Stars coach Jim Montgomery: *“The St. Louis Blues have been the best team in the NHL since Jan. 1. They're our next challenge, and we'll start working on it tomorrow.”*

P.K. Subban: *“Everyone in here obviously wanted a better result. Just a tough one, a tough one to swallow.”*