

CAR/NYI Game 1 ... Tonight, 7 ET  
 BOS leads CBJ 1-0... Gm 2 Saturday, 8 ET



COL/SJ Game 1 ... Tonight, 10 ET  
 STL leads DAL 1-0... Gm 2 Saturday, 3 ET

**2019 STANLEY CUP PLAYOFFS UPDATE**

**April 26, 2019**

**Game 7 Winners Face Well-Rested Opponents in Game 1 of Second Round**

Two teams coming off Game 7 wins will face Second Round opponents that have not played in a week (plus):

- The Islanders last played on April 16 (10 days ago)... CAR's last game: Wed
  - Since NYI last played, CAR played four games, including double overtime on Wednesday
- The Avalanche last played on April 19 (7 days ago)... SJ's last game: Tues (OT)
  - Since COL last played, SJ played two games, including 2OT in Game 6 and OT in Game 7

**CAR vs. NYI - Game 1 (7PM, NBCSN)**

**How They Got Here:** Carolina beat the defending Stanley Cup champions in double overtime in Game 7 on Wednesday, winning its first series since 2009. It was the first time this postseason that the Hurricanes won a game on the road. The Islanders swept the Penguins, outscoring Pittsburgh 14-6.

- Combined, CAR and NYI beat the last three Stanley Cup winners in the first round.

The Canes and Isles had some of the longest odds at the beginning of the season to win the Stanley Cup. See chart for comparison between now and then:

<b>Odds to Win the Stanley Cup</b>			
<i>Start of Regular Season</i>		<i>Entering Second Round</i>	
Carolina	60/1	Boston	3/1
Buffalo	80/1	St. Louis	9/2
NY Rangers	80/1	San Jose	5/1
NY Islanders	100/1	NY Islanders	7/1
Vancouver	100/1	Carolina	7/1
Montreal	100/1	Columbus	7/1
Arizona	100/1	Colorado	8/1
Detroit	200/1	Dallas	9/1
Ottawa	500/1		

**COL vs. SJ - Game 1 (10PM, NBCSN)**

**How They Got Here:** San Jose overcame both a 3-1 series deficit and a 3-0 deficit in Game 7 to defeat the Golden Knights. The Sharks are the highest remaining seed in the Western Conference. Colorado dropped Game 1 against Calgary but won four straight, outscoring the top-seeded Flames 17-7 the rest of the way. The Avalanche are seeking their first trip to the Western Conference Final since 2002.

**Burning Questions:**

- Which **Martin Jones** will show up this series – the one that was pulled in Games 2 & 4, or the one with a 1.83 GAA in the last three games?
- Will **Joe Pavelski** return? He is considered day-to-day, but is doubtful to play in Game 1.
- Can **Nathan MacKinnon** keep this up? The top overall draft pick in 2013 advanced to the Second Round for the first time in his career; he's second on the team with 3 goals and 8 points this postseason.

**Postseason By The Numbers**

**48 games played**

- 27 home wins; 21 road wins
- 22 one-goal games
- 4 shutouts (**Mike Smith, Petr Mrazek, Marc-Andre Fleury, Braden Holtby**)
- **11** OT games (**Bailey, Orpik, Smith, MacKinnon, Connor, Rantanen, Hertl, Klingberg, Goodrow, McGinn, Coyle**)
  - There were only 10 OT games last postseason
  - Thursday marked the fifth straight night of overtime in the Stanley Cup Playoffs
  - 2 games have gone to 2OT – Both in the First Round: SJ/VGK Game 6, CAR/WSH Game 7

**Postseason Leaders Through 16 days**

- Goals: 6 – **Tomas Hertl** (SJ), **Logan Couture** (SJ), **Mark Stone** (VGK)      Points: 12 – Stone (VGK)
- Save %: .956 - **Robin Lehner** (NYI)      Saves: 227 – **Tuukka Rask** (BOS)



### 3 Stars of Thursday – Two Comeback Kids & a Playoff Performer

- **Charlie Coyle:** The 27-year-old, who grew up less than 20 miles from TD Garden, scored both the tying and winning overtime goals (his first career playoff OT goal) to help Boston take Game 1 against Columbus. It was redemption for Coyle, whose turnover led to the Blue Jackets’ first goal of the game. Coyle now has a team-high five goals this postseason.
- **Robby Fabbri:** Robby Fabbri’s coming out party was the 2016 postseason, when his 15 points (tied for most on the team) helped the Blues advance to the Western Conference Final. Since then, back-to-back ACL tears have limited him to just 87 games in the past 3 seasons (including playoffs). On Thursday, Fabbri opened up the scoring with his first postseason goal since those 2016 Conference Finals.
- **Vladimir Tarasenko:** Dallas was perfect on the penalty kill in the First Round (15-for-15), but on Thursday was 1-for-2. Tarasenko scored on the power play late in the second period, then added an even-strength goal in the third. The 27-year-old has 26 goals (36 points) in 51 career playoff games.

### Bruins 3 Blue Jackets 2 (OT) (Game 2: Saturday at 8pm – NBC) BOS leads series 1-0

- The Bruins essentially picked up where they left off by winning their third straight game, this time against the Blue Jackets, who had not played a game in over a week. After allowing two Columbus goals in 13 seconds (the fastest two goals in CBJ franchise history), East Weymouth, MA, native **Charlie Coyle** scored with 4:35 left in regulation to force overtime, then tallied the winner 5:15 into the extra frame to hand CBJ its first loss of the playoffs. It was Boston’s first overtime game of the postseason.
  - Coyle joined **Patrice Bergeron** as the only two players in Bruins history to score a tying goal in the final five minutes of regulation, and the overtime winner in a playoff game.
- CBJ had the best power play of the first round, going 5/10 in four games against Tampa Bay. In Game 1 against Boston, though, the Jackets were 0/4 and allowed a shorthanded goal to open up the scoring.
- **David Krejci**, who will turn 33 on Sunday, left the game in the 3<sup>rd</sup> period after a hit by **Riley Nash**. Krejci is considered “day to day,” according to Bruins head coach **Bruce Cassidy**.

**Cassidy:** *“We were clearly the better team in the first period, the residual effect of the emotion of Game 7. They had time off, that can go either way. Usually it’s hard to find your game... We tried to take advantage of that early.”*

### Blues 3 Stars 2 (Game 2: Saturday at 3pm – NBC) STL leads series 1-0

- STL kept the Stars’ dangerous top line in check (even forcing **Jim Montgomery** to juggle the lines a bit) and **Vladimir Tarasenko** scored twice as St. Louis opened up the Second Round with a win. Tarasenko, who is coming off his 5th straight 30-goal season, has 26 goals in 51 career playoff games.

**Ryan O’Reilly on Tarasenko:** *“It’s amazing how he can make something out of nothing... he’s just one of the few people in the game that can turn it on and make those amazing plays.”*

**Tarasenko, when asked a second question about his 3-1 goal:** *“I don’t want to talk about this. It’s just the first game. We have a lot of hockey to play. I don’t think it’s right to talk about your moments in the game. It’s just Game 1 and we have a win. It’s the most exciting thing. This is it and we need to move it to the next one.”*

- St. Louis scored on the first shot of the game. **Robby Fabbri**, who has played just over a season’s worth of hockey in the last three years due to two knee surgeries and a shoulder injury, opened the scoring for the Blues. In the Second Round of the 2016 Playoffs vs Dallas (STL won in 7), Fabbri had 8 points (2 goals, 6 assists).
- Rookie **Jordan Binnington** picked up his fifth win of the postseason, setting a new Blues franchise record for a rookie goaltender. **Ben Bishop**, meanwhile, stopped 17 of 20 shots.
- **Jamie Benn** scored a 3<sup>rd</sup>-period power play goal to give Dallas an opportunity for a late push. The Stars’ top line of Benn, **Tyler Seguin** and **Alexander Radulov** combined for 18 points in the opening round. On Thursday, that line was broken up in the 3<sup>rd</sup> period and Benn was the only one of the three with a point.