

CBJ/BOS tied 1-1 ... Gm 3, Tonight, 7 ET
CAR leads NYI 2-0 ... Gm 3, Wednesday, 7 ET



STL leads DAL 2-1 ... Gm 4, Weds., 9:30 ET
COL/SJ tied 1-1 ... Gm 3, Tonight, 10 ET

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Today's Action – 2 games

BOS vs CBJ - Game 3 (7 PM ET, NBCSN)

After their sweep of the Lightning in the First Round, the Blue Jackets finally get to play a home playoff game in the Second Round for the first time ever. The Blue Jackets are giving out these t-shirts (*see photo*) tonight. The Blue Jackets and Bruins split the first two games of the series in Boston, and now the series shifts to Columbus, where the Jackets are 2-0 this postseason.

- **Brandon Dubinsky** took a shot at the TD Garden crowd after Game 2, when he said in a postgame interview that he “can’t” imagine what the atmosphere will be like at Nationwide Arena, while adding **“I can tell ya I know it’s gonna be a helluva lot louder than it was here in Boston.”**
- The first two games of this series have each needed overtime (2OT in Game 2)
- Both games have been decided by 3-2 scores



Something to Watch For: The Bruins may switch up some lines heading into tonight’s game. **David Pastrnak** skated with **Charlie Coyle** and **Marcus Johansson** at practice Monday. Though Pastrnak has 7 points (3 goals, 4 assists) in the playoffs, he's scored 1 goal in the past 5 games.

John Tortorella, talking about **Artemi Panarin**, who leads Columbus with 9 points this postseason and has recorded points in all 6 games: **“He’s as advertised. I think he’s in the top three in the National Hockey League as an overall player.”**

SJ vs COL - Game 3 (10 PM ET, NBCSN)

The Avalanche return to Denver, where they are 2-0 in the playoffs so far and have won 8 straight overall dating back to the regular season. Colorado’s last loss on home ice came on March 15 against Anaheim.

- Colorado’s big three of **Nathan MacKinnon** (goal & assist), **Gabriel Landeskog** (goal & assist) and **Mikko Rantanen** (assist) combined for 5 points in the Game 2 victory.

Rantanen: *“The chemistry between us is that we’ve played together over 150 games in the last two years, so there’s not much talk you have to do. There’s a lot of good players in this team and it doesn’t matter if Kerfoot is with them and I’m with [Wilson]. I’m good with either, but if the coach wants us together, we have to lead the way. **When we play together, we’re trying to take over.**”*

Pete DeBoer on how to defend against Colorado’s big 3: *“We’re comfortable with whoever we end up out there against them. I think everyone knows what they have to do against them. You’ve got to trust your whole group at this time of year because you don’t have the luxury of last change when you’re on the road.”*

Brenden Dillon on defending MacKinnon: **“I think it’s been MacKinnon’s coming-out party, the first series against Calgary. He was dominant. And in this series again, he’s been getting things done. I think he’s their heartbeat, and we obviously have to key on him with how good a player he is, but at the same time worrying about what we bring to the table.”**

- **Joe Pavelski** remains day-to-day since leaving Game 7 vs VGK in the First Round with injury



Postseason By The Numbers

55 games played

- 28 home wins; 27 road wins
- 27 one-goal games
- 5 shutouts (**Petr Mrazek x2, Mike Smith, Marc-Andre Fleury, Braden Holtby**)
- **13** OT games (10 OT games in the First Round; 3 so far in the Second Round)
 - There were only 10 OT games total last postseason
 - 3 games have gone to 2OT

Postseason Leaders Through 20 days

- Goals: 6 – **Jaden Schwartz** (STL), **Tomas Hertl** (SJ), **Logan Couture** (SJ), **Mark Stone** (VGK)
- Assists: 10 – **Erik Karlsson** (SJ), **Jacob Slavin** (CAR)
- Points: 12 – **Stone** (VGK)
- GAA: 1.47 – **Robin Lehner** (NYI)
- Save %: .952 – **Lehner** (NYI)

Blues 4 Stars 3

(Game 4: Wednesday at 9:30 pm – NBCSN)

STL leads series 2-1

- The Blues entered the 3rd period with a 2-1 lead – but that was before the chaos began. In a span of 5:16, the Blues & Stars traded 4 goals, taking the game from 2-1 to 2-2, then 3-2 Blues, then 3-3, then ultimately 4-3 Blues to end it. **Tyler Seguin** scored the 3-3 goal with less than 5 minutes left in regulation, but **Pat Maroon** scored the winner minutes later with just 1:38 left.
 - **Jaden Schwartz** had a goal & an assist in Game 3 – his 6th goal of the playoffs. That is tied for the most among all players this postseason. All 6 goals have come in the last 5 games.
 - The Blues are now 4-0 on the road this postseason
 - **Jordan Binnington** made 28 saves on 31 shots to earn his 30th career win (reg. season & playoffs). Binnington joined **Frederik Andersen** as just the 2nd goalie in NHL history to earn his 30th career win in just his 39th start.
 - **All 6 of the Blues' wins this postseason have come by 1 goal**

Pat Maroon, [a St. Louis native who grew up playing for the St. Louis AAA Blues and rooting for the Blues](#): *“It hasn't really hit me yet. You've just got to continue to keep going. It's an honor to play for my hometown team... To live in that moment, it's pretty neat.”*

Craig Berube: *“Patty, he signed here in St. Louis, it's his home, it's great for him. We all love Patty and we're really happy for him to get a goal like that, it's a big goal, obviously. And to do it for your hometown team, it's pretty special.”*

Jim Montgomery: *“It was a great playoff game. It was back and forth, both teams were giving what they had. I just thought the Blues did a better job possessing pucks in the offensive zone than we did.”*