

EAST FINAL: CAR vs. BOS
(BOS leads 2-0)
Game 3 – Tonight 8 ET on NBCSN



WEST FINAL: STL vs. SJ
(Series tied 1-1)
Game 3 – Wednesday 8 ET on NBCSN

2019 STANLEY CUP PLAYOFFS UPDATE
May 14, 2019

Today: Bruins vs Hurricanes – Game 3 – 8pm ET on NBCSN

Since the conference format was adopted during the 1981-82 season, teams that take a 2-0 lead in the Conference Finals own a series record of 30-2 (93.8%).

Boston carries its 5-game win streak to Raleigh, where the Hurricanes are a perfect 5-0 this postseason. The Bruins have outscored Carolina 11-4 in the series, and the Canes have not yet confirmed their Game 3 starter – **Petr Mrazek**, who has looked shaky since returning from an injury suffered in the last round, or **Curtis McElhinney**, who went 3-0 in relief of Mrazek to lead Carolina to the East Final.

Carolina captain Justin Williams: *"I think just all in all we've got to rediscover who we are. You spend all this time off leading up [to the series] and everyone writing articles about how great we are and then you come out and sometimes you've got to eat a poop sandwich. It doesn't taste good, and you have to chew on it for a little bit, and we'll have to do it for a couple days and get the taste out of our mouths next game."*

Boston coach Bruce Cassidy: *"Our veteran guys, they've won a Cup on the road, they've played big games on the road, so I don't think it fazes them where they play. And our younger guys kind of will feed off that sort of calmness with them."*

- **Another 2-0 comeback for Carolina?** In the First Round, the Hurricanes lost the opening two games of the series against the Capitals and came back to win 4 of the next 5 to clinch the series.
- **Quirky stat: The Bruins have lost 6 straight Game 3s**, with their last such win coming in the 2014 First Round vs Detroit. Boston's game-winning goal scorer in that game? Current Hurricane **Dougie Hamilton**.

Yesterday: Blues 4 Sharks 2

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Just like they did in the first 2 rounds, the Sharks followed up a Game 1 win at home by losing Game 2, thus conceding home ice advantage. San Jose rallied from a 2-goal deficit in the 2nd period – **Logan Couture** scored both – before Blues d-man **Robert Bortuzzo** scored the eventual game-winner on a beautiful backhander. It was his first career playoff goal in his 31st game.



Ryan O'Reilly, on Bortuzzo's goal:

"I think everybody's jaw just dropped. It was like, 'Whoa, what just happened?'"

Couture: *"In my opinion, that wasn't anywhere near what we're capable of, and I don't think we've played up to our capabilities in a while now. ... And it's discouraging, it's frustrating, because we're going to need everyone here if we're going to beat these guys, because they're a very good hockey team."*

- The Blues are now 6-2 on the road this postseason. Though they are just 3-4 at home this postseason, 2 of those 3 wins came in their series-clinching games against Winnipeg and Dallas.
- Couture now leads the playoffs with 13 goals and 19 points (both 4 more than anyone else). He is 1 goal away from tying **Joe Pavelski's** franchise record for 1 postseason (set in 2016).
- **Jaden Schwartz** scored the opening goal STL. He now has 9 goals this postseason (T-2nd in NHL) after tallying 11 the entire regular season.

By The Numbers (74 GP)

Leaders

- 41 home wins; 33 road wins
- 34 one-goal games (46%) ... none yet in Conf. Finals
- 15 OT games (10 last year) ... none yet in Conf. Finals

Goals: 13 – **Logan Couture** (SJ)
Assists: 13 – **Erik Karlsson** (SJ)
Points: 19 – **Couture** (SJ)