

EAST FINAL: CAR vs. BOS
(BOS leads 3-0)
Game 4 – Tonight 8 ET on NBCSN



WEST FINAL: STL vs. SJ
(SJ leads 2-1)
Game 4 – Friday 8 ET on NBCSN

2019 STANLEY CUP PLAYOFFS UPDATE
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Today: Bruins vs Hurricanes – Game 4 – 8pm ET on NBCSN

The raucous scene in Raleigh was not enough to boost the home team to a victory in Game 3 and now the Hurricanes face elimination on home ice as they look to stop the Bruins from clinching a spot in their first Stanley Cup Final since 2013. Boston's 2-1 victory in Game 3 was the first game this series decided by fewer than 3 goals.

- BOS 6 straight wins since trailing CBJ 2-1 in the Second Round
 - BOS 2-0 in potential series-clinching games this postseason
 - **Tuukka Rask** stopped 35 of 36 shots in Game 3; 85 saves of 90 shots in this series
- CAR 3 straight losses (after winning 6 straight) – only lost 4+ straight once this season (late Oct. to early Nov.)
 - CAR 2-0 when facing elimination this postseason (Games 6 & 7 in First Round)
 - CAR 5-1 at home this postseason after losing in Game 3

Will it be Curtis McElhinney or Petr Mrazek starting in Game 4? Coach **Rod Brind'Amour** went with **McElhinney** in Game 3 and the 35-year-old stopped 29 of 31 shots but suffered his first loss this postseason (3-1). Brind'Amour said McElhinney will "probably" start Game 4, but added, "You never know."

CAR coach Rod Brind'Amour: *"We know it's going to take the same effort plus something else."*

Brind'Amour on the one game at a time mentality: *"We're not going to beat them four times the next game."*

➤ **Teams that go up 3-0 go on to win the series 97.9% of the time (189-4)**

- One of those teams to blow a 3-0 lead and lose the series was the Bruins in 2010, however, with Rask as their goalie, losing to the Flyers.

CAR captain Justin Williams (who was on the 2014 Kings that completed a 3-0 comeback): *"You get the (end of) the toothpaste, you can always squeeze a little bit more out of it. I like Roddy when he said that. So, we're going to try to squeeze as much as we can out of our toothpaste here. We've got plenty left in it."*

Williams: *"We've been hit three times here. It takes four to knock us down. We're just going to keep showing up and see what happens."*

CAR Jordan Staal: *"The last game is always the hardest every time."*

Yesterday: Sharks 5 Blues 4 (OT) (SJ leads 2-1) Game 4: Friday 8pm ET on NBCSN

Down 2-0 and 3-1 in the 2nd, St. Louis rallied at home, scoring 3 straight goals to take the lead into the 3rd. San Jose forced overtime, however, after **Logan Couture** scored with 1:01 left in regulation and **Erik Karlsson** scored 5:23 into the extra session to give the Sharks the victory and series lead. After the game, much of the talk was about **Timo Meier's** apparent hand pass in overtime that was not called and resulted in the game-winning goal.

- Karlsson (3 goals during reg. season) had his first multi-goal playoff game & 1st career playoff OT goal
- **Joe Thornton** (2G-1A) first career multi-goal playoff game (176th postseason game)
- Couture 14 goals this postseason (leads playoffs) – ties **Joe Pavelski's** SJ single postseason record (2016)
- STL dropped to 3-5 at home this postseason (6-2 on the road)

Karlsson: *"I think we deserved to win this game. At the end of the day I think neither team drew the shortest stick on any of the calls out there so it was a fair game."*

STL David Perron (2 goals in Game 3): *"Well yeah it was a hand pass, but we're going to try and move forward and the league is going to take care of it like they've done so far in the playoffs. It's unacceptable but it's OK."*

SJ coach Peter DeBoer: *"Game by game, it's the playoffs. We've won stunningly, we've lost stunningly. When you get three rounds deep, you've seen it all. It's just rest and get ready for the next one."*

By The Numbers (76 GP)

- 41 home wins; 35 road wins
- 36 one-goal games (47%)
- 16 OT games (10 last year)

Leaders

Goals: 14 – **Logan Couture** (SJ)
Assists: 13 – **Erik Karlsson** (SJ)
Points: 20 – Couture