

CBJ/BOS tied 2-2 ... Gm 5, Saturday, 7:15 ET  
CAR leads NYI 3-0 ... Gm 4, Tonight, 7 ET



COL/SJ tied 2-2 ... Gm 5: Saturday, 10 ET  
DAL/STL tied 2-2 ... Gm 5: Tonight, 9:30 ET

## 2019 STANLEY CUP PLAYOFFS UPDATE May 3, 2019

### Today's Action – 2 games

**As we enter the weekend, 3 series in the Second Round are tied 2-2, while one is on the verge of a sweep:**

#### **NYI vs CAR – Game 4 (7 PM ET, NBCSN)**

The Hurricanes look to become the first team to clinch a berth in the Conference Finals when they host the Islanders in Game 4 at PNC Arena.

- Carolina is 4-0 at home this postseason, outscoring opponents 17-5
- Carolina has won 5 straight games since trailing 3-2 in the First Round vs WSH
- Carolina aims to sweep a best-of-7 series for the first time in franchise history

**CAR coach Rod Brind'Amour:** *“The next game’s always the toughest. They’re not going to go away. We know that. These games have all been tight – one-goal games, essentially, and it’s going to be like that [Friday].”*

- Only 4 teams in NHL history have come back to win a playoff series after trailing 3-0. The Islanders are one of them, doing so in 1975 (def. Penguins). The Kings were the last team to do so (2014 vs SJ).

**NYI coach Barry Trotz said on Thursday he’d potentially make major lineup changes for Game 4, including changing goalies:** *“We haven’t gotten the results we wanted, so yeah, absolutely 100 percent... I said all positions. [Goalie’s] a position... Quite frankly, I haven’t told them who’s playing in goal and I haven’t told them their lines.”*

#### **DAL vs STL – Game 5 (9:30 PM ET, NBCSN)**

After Dallas won Game 4 at home, the series shifts back to St. Louis for Game 5 with the series tied 2-2. The two teams have alternated wins and losses, with STL taking Games 1 & 3 and DAL taking Games 2 & 4. Through 4 games, this series looks very similar to each of these team’s First Round series:

- In the First Round vs NSH, the Stars also lost Game 3 at home to fall behind 2-1 in the opening round, before winning 3 straight to advance
- In the First Round vs WPG, the Blues were tied 2-2 after losing Game 4, but proceeded to win 2 straight to clinch the series
- **Importance of Game 5...** When a best-of-7 series is tied 2-2, the winner of Game 5 goes on to win the series 78.4% of the time – including both the Stars & Blues in the First Round this postseason

**Blues d-man Colton Parayko:** *“I think now for us, we’ve just got to hit the reset button. We’re in a really good spot right now. It’s a best-of-3, we have home ice and going home for Game 5, obviously. ... We’re in a good spot.”*

**Stars coach Jim Montgomery on the similarities between this series and the First Round:** *“We can draw on that experience, but it’s a completely different series. We’re not surging ahead. It’s a dead-even series, and now we need to surge ahead.”*

### Postseason By The Numbers

**61 games played**

- 32 home wins; 29 road wins
- 28 one-goal games
- 6 shutouts (**Petr Mrazek x2, Mike Smith, Marc-Andre Fleury, Braden Holtby, Philipp Grubauer**)
- **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 23 days

- Goals: 9 – **Logan Couture** (SJ)
- Assists: 11 – **Jacob Slavin** (CAR)
- Points: 13 – **Nathan MacKinnon** (COL), **Mikko Rantanen** (COL)
- GAA: 1.69 – **Robin Lehner** (NYI) ... (**Curtis McElhinney** 1.28 GAA in 2 GP)
- Save %: .946 – **Lehner** (NYI) ... (**McElhinney** .957 SV%)

### 3 Stars of Thursday

- 1) **Philipp Grubauer**: With his team at home and trailing 2-1 in the series, Grubauer became the first German-born goalie in NHL history to record a postseason shutout, stopping all 32 shots he faced in Game 4
- 2) **Nathan MacKinnon**: Scored his 3<sup>rd</sup> game-winning goal of the playoffs, his 6<sup>th</sup> goal of the playoffs
- 3) **Boston's Big 3**: After being quiet through the first 3 games of the series, **Brad Marchand** (assist), **Patrice Bergeron** (2 goals) and **David Pastrnak** (goal & assist) combined for 5 points (3G-2A) in the Game 4 win

**Bruins 4 Blue Jackets 1** (Game 5: Saturday at 7:15 pm – NBC) **Series tied 2-2**

Leading 2-1 after 2 periods of play, the Bruins scored 2 goals in the 3<sup>rd</sup> period to win Game 4 and even the series at 2-2. **Patrice Bergeron** scored 2 goals (now has 5 this postseason) and **David Pastrnak** had a goal & assist. Ohio-native **Sean Kuraly** also scored for Boston.

- **Tuukka Rask** made 39 saves on 40 shots, including stopping all 25 shots faced in the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> periods combined
- **Artemi Panarin** scored Columbus' only goal of the game – his 5<sup>th</sup> of the postseason
- **Power Play...** Boston went 2-for-6 while Columbus went 0-for-4

**BOS d-man Charlie McAvoy**: *“Everybody knew what was at stake tonight. We got a lot of good efforts. No one seemed panicked. We showed up today with the ambition of winning a hockey game and we did and that's a credit to us.”*

**CBJ Cam Atkinson**: *“It's a special-teams series. Whoever has the hotter power play that night, it seems they end up winning.”*

**CBJ d-man Seth Jones**: *“Obviously it stings right now, but it's a series for a reason. We knew it wasn't going to be an easy series against a team that has been there and done that. Game 5 is obviously a pretty big one.”*

**Avalanche 3 Sharks 0** (Game 5: Saturday at 10 pm – NBCSN) **Series tied 2-2**

**Nathan MacKinnon** scored his league-leading 3<sup>rd</sup> game-winning goal of the playoffs and **Philipp Grubauer** stopped all 32 shots he faced as Colorado won Game 4 to even the series at 2-2. The Avs improved to 3-1 at home this postseason.

- MacKinnon is tied with teammate **Mikko Rantanen** (2 assists in Game 4) for most points in the NHL this postseason (13)
- MacKinnon is currently on an 8-game point streak (6G-7A)... his 6 goals are the most by an Avs player in the playoffs since 2004 (**Joe Sakic** – 7)
- The Sharks were shut out 5-0 in Game 4 of the First Round vs VGK to trail the series 3-1... they ripped off 3 straight wins following that shutout to win the series in 7 games

**SJ Erik Karlsson** on defending against MacKinnon, Rantanen and **Gabriel Landeskog**: *“They're good... I think we keep it to a limit where we can control it. They're still going to create stuff and score goals, and we have to find a way around it. Today wasn't our best effort.”*