



CAROLINA HURRICANES 5, NASHVILLE PREDATORS 2

Central Division First Round Game One

Postgame Notes – May 17, 2021



CAROLINA HURRICANES SCORING NOTES

Per	Time	Goal Scorer	Assists	STR	Score
1	13:41	Teuvo Teravainen (1)	Brett Pesce (1), Steven Lorentz (1)	EV	1-1
2	4:19	Jordan Staal (1)	Brett Pesce (2)	EV	2-1 CAR
3	2:26	Nino Niederreiter (1)	Martin Necas (1), Vincent Trocheck (1)	EV	3-2 CAR
3	8:00	Jordan Staal (2)	Unassisted	EV	4-2 CAR
3	18:13	Andrei Svechnikov (1)	Unassisted	EV-EN	5-2 CAR

NASHVILLE PREDATORS SCORING NOTES

Per	Time	Goal Scorer	Assists	STR	Score
1	12:14	Filip Forsberg (1)	Ryan Johansen (1), Ryan Ellis (1)	EV	1-0 NSH
2	8:41	Erik Haula (1)	Matt Duchene (1), Alexandre Carrier (1)	EV	2-2

PESH DISPENSER

Brett Pesce registered two assists, tied for his playoff career high. He also earned two assists in Game 7 of the Eastern Conference First Round at WSH on 4/24/19. He registered 21 assists during the regular season, marking his second-highest single-season assist total in his NHL/Hurricanes career (2018-19: 22). Pesce is making his first NHL playoff appearance in just over two years (5/16/19 vs. BOS), as he missed the entire 2020 postseason due to a shoulder injury.

BEEN THERE, DONE THAT

Teuvo Teravainen (1g) and **Jordan Staal** (2g) each scored tonight. They are two of the three players on Carolina's roster to have previously won a Stanley Cup, as Teravainen accomplished the feat with Chicago in 2015 and Staal did so with Pittsburgh in 2009. **Cedric Paquette** also won the Stanley Cup with Tampa Bay last season. Teravainen has now scored 11 playoff goals since 2019, which leads the team over that span, and his 16 playoff points (11g, 5a) over the past three seasons trail only **Sebastian Aho** (8-16—24) for the most of any Hurricanes player. Staal scored two goals tonight for the fourth multi-goal game of his playoff career and his first since scoring his only career postseason hat trick with Pittsburgh in a 10-3 win over Philadelphia on 4/18/12. He is the Hurricanes' active leader in career playoff goals (29), assists (19), points (48) and games played (97).

21 SAVAGE

Nino Niederreiter scored the game-winning goal tonight, marking the fifth game-winning goal of his NHL career. He leads all Hurricanes players in career playoff game-winning goals, and his two playoff game-winners since 2019 are tied with **Warren Foegele** and **Jordan Staal** for the team lead over the past three seasons. He scored three playoff game-winning goals with MIN from 2014-15, including the overtime winner in Game 7 of the Western Conference First Round at COL on 4/30/14.

ALEXANDER THE GREAT

Alex Nedeljkovic became the fourth rookie goaltender in franchise history to appear in an NHL playoff game, joining Peter Sidorkiewicz (1989), Kay Whitmore (1989) and Cam Ward (2006). He made 22 saves to earn the win, becoming the second rookie goalie in franchise history to win a playoff game and the first to earn a win in his NHL playoff debut.

STEVIE WONDER

Steven Lorentz recorded an assist tonight, becoming the ninth player in team history (since relocation) to post a point in his NHL playoff debut. He is the fifth player in team history to earn an assist in his playoff debut and the first to accomplish the feat since Lucas Wallmark tallied two assists in Game 1 of the Eastern Conference First Round at WSH on 4/11/19.

THREE-FOR-THREE

The Hurricanes are making their 16th playoff appearance in franchise history and eighth since relocation. They have qualified for the postseason in three consecutive seasons for just the second time in franchise history (Hartford, 1986-92) and the first time since relocation. Tonight, **Rod Brind'Amour** became the first head coach in franchise history to lead the team to the postseason in each of his first three seasons behind the bench. He has posted a 13-11 record in 24 playoff games since 2019, and he trails only Paul Maurice (25-28 in 53 GC) and Peter Laviolette (16-9 in 25 GC) for the most playoff wins and games coached in franchise history. **Andrei Svechnikov** became the second player in franchise history to skate in a playoff game in each of his first three NHL seasons, joining Scott Young (1988-90). He has registered 13 points (8g, 5a) in 16 career playoff games, including the first postseason hat trick in franchise history in Game 2 of the 2020 Eastern Conference Qualifying Round vs. NYR.

NEW KIDS ON THE BLOCK

Jake Bean, **Steven Lorentz** and **Alex Nedeljkovic** each made their NHL playoff debuts tonight. Bean ranked tied for third among NHL rookie defensemen with 12 points (1g, 11a) during the regular season. Lorentz won 51.1% of his faceoffs, marking the second-highest single-season faceoff win percentage by a rookie since relocation (min. 150 draws), as Tommy Westlund won 52.7% of his faceoffs in 1999-00. Nedeljkovic went 15-5-3 with a 1.90 goals-against average, .932 save percentage and three shutouts, marking the highest goals-against average and save percentage by a rookie in franchise history. All three players were members of the Charlotte Checkers team that captured the Calder Cup in 2019. Bean and Lorentz each earned five points (1g, 4a) during that run, while Nedeljkovic posted a 10-4 record, 2.34 goals-against average, .916 save percentage and one shutout.

BACK IN BLACK

The Hurricanes are wearing their black third jerseys during home playoff games after wearing them 12 times during the regular season. Carolina posted a 9-1-2 record in their third jerseys during the regular season, and since debuting them in 2018-19, the Hurricanes are now 35-12-5 (including regular season and playoffs) when wearing their black uniforms.

SPECIAL TEAMS

- Carolina went 0-for-5 on the power play tonight and went 42-for-164 (25.6%) on the man-advantage during the regular season. The Hurricanes were 3-for-3 on the penalty kill and went 150-for-176 (85.2%) on the kill during the regular season.
- Nashville went 0-for-3 on the power play tonight and went 28-for-159 (17.6%) on the man-advantage during the regular season. The Predators were 5-for-5 on the penalty kill and went 129-for-171 (75.4%) on the kill during the regular season.

SHOTS BY PERIOD

TEAMS	1st	2nd	3rd	OT	Total
Nashville	10	5	9	-	24
Carolina	13	12	13	-	38