



**CAROLINA HURRICANES 3, NASHVILLE PREDATORS 2 (OT)**  
**Central Division First Round Game Five**  
**Postgame Notes – May 25, 2021**



**CAROLINA HURRICANES SCORING NOTES**

<i>Per</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Goal Scorer</i>	<i>Assists</i>	<i>STR</i>	<i>Score</i>
1	14:21	Martin Necas (1)	Dougie Hamilton (2)	PP	1-1
3	12:55	Martin Necas (2)	Jacob Slavin (1)	EV	2-2
4	2:03	Jordan Staal (4)	Unassisted	EV	3-2 CAR

-- Martin Necas scored two goals tonight, and he has posted points in back-to-back games (5/23-5/25: 2g, 1a).

-- Jordan Staal scored a goal tonight to extend his point streak to three games (5/21-5/25: 2g, 1a).

**NASHVILLE PREDATORS SCORING NOTES**

<i>Per</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Goal Scorer</i>	<i>Assists</i>	<i>STR</i>	<i>Score</i>
1	11:44	Yakov Trenin (1)	Roman Josi (3)	EV	1-0 NSH
2	0:53	Yakov Trenin (2)	Colton Sissons (2)	EV	2-1 NSH

**SLAVO RETURNS**

**Jacob Slavin** earned an assist tonight in his return to the lineup after missing the previous three games (5/19-5/23) due to a lower-body injury. He has now posted 14 points (1g, 13a) in 25 career NHL/Hurricanes postseason games, marking the most points in franchise history by a defenseman in his first 25 career NHL playoff games. Frantisek Kaberle registered 13 points (4g, 9a) during the 2006 playoffs. Slavin's 13 assists are also tied with Dave Babych (1986-89) and Bret Hedican (2002, 2006) for the most by a defenseman in franchise playoff history.

**THE GREAT 88**

**Martin Necas** scored two goals tonight for his first career playoff multi-point game. His first goal marked the first power-play goal of his NHL/Hurricanes postseason career. He ranked tied for fourth on the team with four goals on the man advantage during the regular season. Necas has now tallied eight points (3g, 5a) in 13 career NHL/Hurricanes postseason games.

**O CAPTAIN, MY CAPTAIN**

**Jordan Staal** scored the game-winning goal tonight at 2:03 of overtime for his fifth career NHL postseason game-winning goal and his second career NHL playoff overtime goal. Both of his postseason overtime goals have come with Carolina, as he scored the game-winner at 4:04 of overtime at NYI in Game 1 of the 2019 Eastern Conference Second Round (4/26/19). He joins Niclas Wallin (2001-02, 2006, 2009: 3), Cory Stillman (2006: 2) and Kevin Dineen (1986-91, 1999: 2) as the only players in franchise history to score multiple playoff overtime goals. Staal scored four game-winning goals during the regular season, which ranked tied for second on the team.

**BONUS HOCKEY**

The Hurricanes posted an overtime win tonight after suffering back-to-back double overtime losses at NSH (5/21-5/23), marking the first time in franchise playoff history that Hartford/Carolina has played three straight overtime games. With tonight's win, the Hurricanes improved to 24-17 in playoff overtime games and 13-8 in those games at home.

**BACK IN BLACK**

The Hurricanes wore 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 they are now 3-0 in them during the 2021 Stanley Cup Playoffs. Since debuting them in 2018-19, the Hurricanes are 37-12-5 (including regular season and playoffs) when wearing their black uniforms.

**SPECIAL TEAMS**

- Carolina is 1-for-3 on the power play tonight and is now 3-for-17 (17.6%) on the man-advantage during the 2021 postseason. The Hurricanes are 3-for-3 on the penalty kill and are now 20-for-22 (90.9%) on the kill during the postseason.
- Nashville is 0-for-3 on the power play tonight and is now 2-for-22 (9.1%) on the man-advantage during the 2021 postseason. The Predators are 2-for-3 on the penalty kill and are now 14-for-17 (82.4%) on the kill during the postseason.

**SHOTS BY PERIOD**

<b>TEAMS</b>	<b>1st</b>	<b>2nd</b>	<b>3rd</b>	<b>OT</b>	<b>Total</b>
Nashville	5	11	9	0	25
Carolina	10	14	11	2	37