TAMPA BAY LIGHTNING POST-GAME NOTES
Lightning 5 vs. Canadiens 3 from Bell Centre

	1ST	2ND	3RD	FINAL	PP
Tampa Bay	4	0	1	5	2-5
Montreal	0	0	3	3	1-6

Post-game audio from Matt Tomkins and head coach Jon Cooper can be found on soundcloud.com/tblightning

Post-Game Notes

- The Tampa Bay Lightning closed out their four-game road trip with a 5-3 win over the Montreal Canadiens on Tuesday night at Bell Centre.

- The Lightning improved to 6-3-4 overall this season with a road record of 2-3-2.

- Tampa Bay moved to 8-1-1 over its last 10 games against the Canadiens and 7-2-1 over its last 10 road games at Montreal.

- The Lightning improved to 5-0-0 when scoring the first goal of the game.

- Tampa Bay outshot Montreal 32-26, including a 9-5 advantage in the first period and a 15-13 advantage in the third period.

- Nikita Kucherov paced Bolts skaters with six shots on goal.

- The Lightning boosted their record to 5-1-0 when they outshoot their opponent.

- The Bolts are now 2-2-3 against Atlantic Division opponents and 3-3-3 against Eastern Conference opponents.

- Tanner Jeannot led the Lightning with four hits. Entering the night, Jeannot's 37 hits ranked T-5th in the NHL.

- Tyler Motte and Mikhail Sergachev each blocked a game-high four shots.

- Luke Glendening won 8/14 (57.1%) faceoffs to lead the Lightning in the faceoff circle.

- Tampa Bay's penalty kill went 5-for-6 on Tuesday night and have killed off 21 of 23 penalties on the road this season (91.3%). The Bolts penalty kill is 34-for-39 (87.2%).

- The Lightning's power play has scored 15 goals in 44 (34.1%) power-play opportunities this season, the second-best percentage in the NHL.

- Lightning goaltender Matt Tomkins recorded his first NHL win, making 23 saves on 26 shots.

- Tomkins picked up his first NHL win 4,154 days after he was selected in the seventh round of the 2012 NHL draft.

- Tomkins earned his first NHL win more than 11 years after being selected in the seventh round of the 2012 NHL Draft. He became the fifth goaltender in League history to post his first NHL win 11 or more years after being drafted, joining Rick Knickle (14), Jeff Glass (13), Rob Zepp (13) and Frederic Chabot (11).

- Tomkins also became the 32nd goaltender in NHL history to earn their first career win at age 29 or older.

- Nikita Kucherov opened the scoring just 22 seconds into the game, giving the Bolts a 1-0 lead with a one-time shot from the top of the right circle. Kucherov's goal marked the fastest goal to open a game in the NHL this season.

- Nikita Kucherov scored in the opening 30 seconds of a game for the second time in his career (also 0:13 on Nov. 25, 2019). He joined Teddy Purcell (2x) as the only other player in Lightning history with multiple such instances.

- Kucherov recorded his 10th goal and 22nd point of the season.

- Brandon Hagel notched the primary assist to tally his sixth assist and 13th point of the season.

- Brayden Point tallied the secondary assist, marking his 11th assist and 17th point of the season.

- Point has found the scoresheet in four consecutive games against the Canadiens (3-2—5) and has pointed in eight of the last nine meetings (6-5—11).

- Nick Paul cashed in on a rebound from the top of the right side of the crease at 7:15 of the first period, bringing Tampa Bay's lead to 2-0.

- Steven Stamkos registered his ninth assist and 13th point of the season with the primary assist on the play.

- Victor Hedman notched the secondary assist on Paul's goal, marking his 12th assist and 15th point of the season.

- Alex Barré-Boulet scored his fourth goal of the season (4-3—7 pts.) to stretch the Bolts' lead to 3-0 at 9:09 of the first period.

- Brandon Hagel recorded his second assist of the night and his fourth point over the last two games (1-3—4). The assist marked Hagel's 14th point of the season (7-7—14)

- Hagel has pointed in five of his eight career games against the Canadiens (6-4—10).

- Mikhail Sergachev also picked up an assist, marking his seventh assist and point of the season.

- The assist also marked Sergachev's 199th career assist, one assist shy of tying Tyler Johnson for the 11th-most assists in Lightning history.

- Sergachev extended his point streak against the Canadiens to four games (0-5—5).

- Mikey Eyssimont beat Habs' goaltender Jake Allen on the short side from the bottom of the left circle to extend the Lightning's lead to 4-0 at 13:50 of the first period.

- Victor Hedman registered his second assist of the night, marking his third multi-point performance over his last three games (2-5—7).

- Hedman has tallied points in eight of his last nine matchups with the Habs (3-10—13).

- Erik Cernak notched the secondary assist, marking his fourth point of the season (0-4—4) and his third point over his last four games.

- The first period ended with the Lightning on top 4-0, marking the second straight game the Bolts scored four goals in the first frame.

- The Lightning recorded four goals in the first period of back-to-back games for just the second time in franchise history (other: Nov. 23, 2018 vs. CHI and Nov. 25, 2018 vs. NJD).

- The Lightning became the first team to score four or more goals in the first period on consecutive days since the Kings in 1993-94 (4 in P1 on Dec. 31 & Jan. 1).

- The Lightning have had only two seasons in their 31-year history where they have tallied four or more goals in the first period of three separate games:

1996-97 (4 in P1 on Oct. 12, Oct. 22 & Mar. 8) and 2018-19 (4 in P1 on Nov. 23, Nov. 25 & Feb. 14)

- Tampa Bay has scored 21 goals in the first period this season, the most in the NHL.

- For the third consecutive game, the Lightning forced a goaltending change for their opposition.

- After a scoreless second period, Nick Suzuki ended the Bolts' shutout bid with a power-play goal at 6:50 of the third period.

- The Bolts had killed off 21 of their last 22 penalties on the road this season prior to Suzuki's goal.

- Michael Pezzetta cut the Bolts lead to 4-2 with a goal just 1:34 later at 7:24 of the third period.

- Nick Paul scored a power-play goal to give the Lightning a 5-2 lead at 17:40 of the third period. The goal was Paul's seventh of the season and his fourth on the power play.

- Nikita Kucherov recorded the primary assist, marking his third multi-point performance over his last three games (4-7—11) and his 22nd point of the season (10-12—22).

- Nikita Kucherov (1-1—2) recorded his seventh multi-point game of the season, tied with Vancouver's Elias Pettersson and New York's Artemi Panarin for the most in 2023-24.

- Kucherov has found the scoresheet in 16 of his last 19 games against the Habs (11-17—28) with 11 multi-point efforts during that span.

- Kucherov has points in eight of his last 10 games at Montreal (6-8—14).

- Steven Stamkos posted his second assist of the night to tally his 14th point of the season (4-10—14).

- Stamkos has pointed in 17 of his last 19 games against the Canadiens (10-14—24). He has also found the scoresheet in 10 consecutive games at Montreal (5-9—14).

- Christian Dvorak scored for the Canadiens with 18 seconds remaining to bring the score to 5-3.

- The Lightning return home to AMALIE Arena where they will take on the Chicago Blackhawks and host Military Appreciation Night on Thursday (7:00pm puck drop).

- The Lightning aree 34-15-4 with five ties all-time against Chicago, including a home record of 19-5-1 with three ties.