

LIGHTNING TEAM HISTORY TIMELINE

MAY 1, 1990

Phil Esposito announces his intention to vie for an NHL franchise in Tampa Bay.

SEPT. 12, 1990

Esposito announces that the franchise, if awarded, will be called the Tampa Bay Lightning.

SEPT. 19, 1990

In an exhibition game sponsored by Esposito and the Tampa Bay Hockey Group, a crowd of 25,581 - at that time, the largest to ever see an NHL game - watches the Pittsburgh Penguins skate to a 5-3 victory against Wayne Gretzky and the Los Angeles Kings at the Florida Suncoast Dome (now Tropicana Field).

NOV. 1, 1990

NHL representatives make their first official visit to Tampa Bay and give the area positive reviews.

DEC. 6, 1990

NHL President John A. Ziegler announces that Tampa Bay and Ottawa have been awarded conditional franchises, to begin play in 1992-93.

MARCH 25, 1991

The Lightning unveil the team's colors (black, blue, silver & white) and logos.

APRIL 4, 1991

Tony Esposito is hired as director of hockey operations.

JUNE 4, 1991

At a news conference, the Lightning's home and road uniforms are unveiled.

SEPT. 19, 1991

The Lightning receive approval for a restructured partnership with Lightning, Partners, Inc. (owned by Kokusai Green Co., Ltd.) assuming the role of general partner.

DEC. 16, 1991

The NHL grants permanent membership status to the Lightning and Ottawa Senators.

JAN. 9, 1992

The NHL announces the Lightning will play their inaugural season as members of the Norris Division of the Clarence Campbell Conference.

APRIL 22, 1992

The Lightning sign an agreement with the Florida State Fair grounds to have Expo Hall serve as the team's inaugural season home.

APRIL 23, 1992

Terry Crisp is named the first head coach in franchise history.



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JUNE 18, 1992

Goaltender Wendell Young is selected from the Pittsburgh Penguins with the first pick in the NHL Expansion Draft. The Lightning and Senators each select 21 players in the draft. Phil Esposito also completes the first trade in franchise history, sending goaltender Frederic Chabot (selected in the expansion draft from Montreal) back to the Canadiens for goaltender J.C. Bergeron.

JUNE 20, 1992

The Lightning select Czech defenseman Roman Hamrlik first overall in the 1992 NHL Entry Draft at Montreal.

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JUNE 29, 1992

Forward Mikael Andersson of the Hartford Whalers becomes the Lightning's first free agent signee.

SEPT. 12, 1992

The Lightning's first training camp opens at the Lakeland Civic Center in Lakeland, Florida.

SEPT. 18, 1992

The Lightning tie the Minnesota North Stars, 4-4, in their first preseason game at Expo Hall. Brian Bradley scores the first goal 23 seconds in.

SEPT. 23, 1992

Goaltender Manon Rheaume makes history by becoming the first woman to play in one of the four major professional sports leagues when she starts against St. Louis in a preseason game.

OCT. 7, 1992

The Lightning open their first season with a 7-3 victory against the Chicago Blackhawks before sellout crowd of 10,425 at Expo Hall. Chris Kontos scores four goals in the victory.

OCT. 13, 1992

The Lightning earn their first road victory, 2-1, at St. Louis.

NOV. 7, 1992

The Lightning's first overtime victory occurs at the New York Islanders as defenseman Doug Crossman records three goals (including the overtime winner) and three assists in the 6-5 win.

FEB. 6, 1993

Brian Bradley skates in the 44th NHL All-Star Game in Montreal, becoming the first All-Star in club history.

MARCH 16, 1993

Brian Bradley sets the NHL Expansion record for goals in one season for a non-WHA club when he nets his 39th against Hartford at Expo Hall.

APRIL 1, 1993

The NHL announces a geographical realignment that will move the Lightning to the Atlantic Division of the Eastern Conference beginning the 1993-94 season.



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JULY 20, 1993

The Lightning and the city of St. Petersburg announce a two-year agreement for the team to play at the Florida Suncoast Dome (later renamed the ThunderDome).

OCT. 9, 1993

The Lightning set a NHL single-game attendance mark when 27,227 fans attend the first regular-season game at the ThunderDome vs. Florida.

OCT. 20, 1993

Wayne Gretzky skates against his younger brother, Brent, for the first time as the Lightning play host to the Los Angeles Kings at the ThunderDome.

AUG. 10, 1995

Final bond financing is completed to secure funding for the Tampa Bay Arena, which will house the Lightning beginning in 1996-97.

OCT. 4, 1995

Paul Ysebaert is named the first captain in club history.

MARCH 5, 1996

The Lightning earn their 100th franchise victory, 2-0, against the Chicago Blackhawks.

APRIL 13, 1996

The Lightning clinch their first Stanley Cup Playoff berth as New Jersey is eliminated from contention with a 4-2 loss against Ottawa.

APRIL 16, 1996

The Lightning appear in their first Stanley Cup Playoff game, losing 7-3 at Philadelphia in Game One of the Eastern Conference Quarter-Finals.

APRIL 18, 1996

Brian Bellows scores in overtime as the Lightning claim their first Stanley Cup Playoff victory, 2-1, at Philadelphia.

APRIL 21, 1996

Alex Selivanov scores in overtime against the Flyers to give the Lightning their first home Stanley Cup Playoff victory before a playoff-record crowd of 25,945.

APRIL 23, 1996

The Lightning set an all-time NHL attendance record as 28,183 fans pack the ThunderDome for Game Four of the Eastern Conference Quarter-Finals vs. Philadelphia.

OCT. 20, 1996

The Lightning open their new home in downtown Tampa - the Ice Palace Arena - with a 5-2 victory against the New York Rangers. Brian Bradley scores the first goal at 11:46 of the first period.

OCT. 21, 1996

The Lightning are selected as host for the 1999 NHL All-Star Game, to be held at the Ice Palace Arena.



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JAN. 18, 1997

Right wing Dino Ciccarelli starts in the 1997 NHL All-Star Game at San Jose and records the first Lightning All-Star point, an assist.

MARCH 4, 1997

Dino Ciccarelli nets the 1,000th goal in Lightning history in the first period of a 6-3 victory at the New York Islanders.

JUNE 26, 1997

The NHL announces a geographical realignment that will move the Lightning to the Southeast Division of the Eastern Conference beginning the 1998-99 season.

NOV. 12, 1997

Jacques Demers is named the second head coach in Lightning history.

NOV. 19, 1997

Mikael Renberg is named the second captain in Lightning history.

MAY 18, 1997

The Lightning enter into a purchase agreement with Art Williams.

JUNE 27, 1998

Vincent Lecavalier is selected first overall at the 1998 NHL Entry Draft in Buffalo, NY.

JULY 14, 1998

Art Williams becomes the second owner in franchise history.

OCT. 9, 1998

Rob Zamuner is named the third captain in team history.

OCT. 13, 1998

Jacques Demers is named the second general manager in Lightning history.

JAN. 24, 1999

The Lightning play host to the 49th NHL All-Star Game at the Ice Palace.

MARCH 3, 1999

The Lightning enter into a purchase agreement with Palace Sports & Entertainment, Inc. of Auburn Hills, Michigan.

JUNE 25, 1999

John Cullen becomes the Lightning's first major award winner when he is presented with the Bill Masterton Memorial Trophy for his dedication and perseverance to hockey following a life-threatening bout with non-Hodgkin's lymphoma.

JUNE 28, 1999

Palace Sports & Entertainment becomes the third owner in franchise history. Rick Dudley is named vice president of hockey operations and general manager.



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JULY 14, 1999

Steve Ludzik becomes the third head coach in Lightning history.

SEPT. 28, 1999

Bill Houlder is named the fourth captain in team history.

NOV. 12, 1999

Chris Gratton is named the fifth captain in team history.

MARCH 10, 2000

Vincent Lecavalier, 19, is named the sixth captain in team history, the youngest full-time captain in NHL history. (19 yrs., 10 mos., 18 days).

JAN. 6, 2001

John Tortorella becomes the fourth head coach in Lightning history.

FEB. 4, 2001

Fredrik Modin, who one day earlier won the NHL's Hardest Shot Competition, skates in the 2001 NHL All-Star Game at Denver and records four assists, one shy of the NHL All-Star Game record.

MAY 29, 2001

Entered a minor league affiliation agreement with the Springfield Falcons of the American Hockey League. (AHL).

JUNE 12, 2001

Entered a minor league affiliation agreement with the Pensacola Ice Pilots of the East Coast Hockey League (ECHL).

FEB. 2, 2002

Nikolai Khabibulin became the first Lightning goaltender to compete in the NHL All-Star Game. Khabibulin was the game's winning netminder after he stopped all 20 shots he faced for a scoreless third period in the World Team's 8-5 come-from-behind victory.

FEB. 10, 2002

Jay Feaster is named General Manager.

MARCH 1, 2002

The Lightning set a new Ice Palace attendance record of 20,914 in a 3-4 overtime loss to the Detroit Red Wings.

SEPT. 3, 2002

The Lightning and newspaper outlet St. Petersburg Times agree to a 12-year deal to rename the Ice Palace Arena to the St. Pete Times Forum.

SEPT. 11, 2002

Dave Andreychuk is named seventh captain in team history.

FEB. 2, 2002

Nikolai Khabibulin, Vincent Lecavalier & Martin St. Louis became the first multiple Lightning representatives in an NHL All-Star Game when they suited up for the Eastern Conference at the Office Depot Center in Sunrise.



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MARCH 24, 2003

The Lightning clinch their second Stanley Cup Playoff berth in franchise history with a 4-1 win at San Jose.

APRIL 3, 2003

The Lightning clinch their first Southeast Division title when Washington loses to Ottawa, 5-1.

APRIL 20, 2003

The Lightning win their first Stanley Cup Playoff series with a 2-1 victory at Washington on Martin St. Louis' goal in the third overtime. Tampa Bay wins the series, four games to two.

JUNE 24, 2003

Entered a minor league affiliation agreement with the Hershey Bears of the American Hockey League (AHL).

AUG. 1, 2003

Entered a minor league affiliation agreement with the Hamilton Bulldogs of the American Hockey League (AHL).

APRIL 1, 2004

Lightning clinch their first-ever Eastern Conference number-one seed with a 4-3 win over the Florida Panthers.

APRIL 16, 2004

The Lightning win their first-ever playoff series at home in Game 5 of the 2004 Eastern Conference Quarterfinals in a 3-2 win vs. NY Islanders on Martin St. Louis' overtime goal.

APRIL 29, 2004

Tampa Bay advanced to the Eastern Conference Finals for the first time with a 3-1 victory over the Montreal Canadiens. It was also the first time in franchise history the Lightning swept an opponent in the playoffs.

MAY 8, 2004

The Lightning played its first Eastern Conference Championship game in franchise history, defeating the Philadelphia Flyers 3-1.

MAY 22, 2004

Tampa Bay advanced to the Stanley Cup Finals for the first time in team history after downing Philadelphia 2-1 in Game 7 of the Eastern Conference Finals.

JUNE 3, 2004

Tampa Bay sets a new attendance record at the St. Pete Times Forum when 22,426 fans filled the building to watch a 3-2 Calgary win in Game 5 of the Stanley Cup Final.

JUNE 7, 2004

The Lightning won their first Stanley Cup in franchise history with a 2-1 victory in Game 7 vs. Calgary. Brad Richards was awarded the Conn Smythe Trophy as playoff MVP.

JUNE 10, 2004

Martin St. Louis becomes the first player in franchise history to win the Hart Trophy as NHL MVP and the Art Ross Trophy as the NHL's leading point scorer. John Tortorella (Jack Adams) and Brad Richards (Lady Byng) also won NHL Awards for the first time.



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JUNE 26, 2005

Signed Executive VP and General Manager Jay Feaster and Head Coach John Tortorella to long-term contract extensions.

JULY 29, 2005

Named Claude Loiselle to the position of Assistant General Manager.

OCT. 5, 2005

The Lightning open the 2005-06 regular season raising their 2004 Stanley Cup championship banner in a 5-2 win vs. Carolina

APRIL 17, 2006

Tampa Bay clinched their third consecutive playoff berth with a Washington win against Atlanta.

MAY 22, 2006

Named Steve Stirling the Head Coach of their top affiliate, the Springfield Falcons (AHL).

JULY 31, 2006

Named Ryan Belec the Vice President of Hockey Operations for their ECHL affiliate Johnstown Cheifs.

SEPT. 5, 2006

Named William "Mic" Midderhoff to the position of Assistant Equipment Manager.

SEPT. 6, 2006

Tim Taylor is named the eighth captain in franchise history.

SEPT. 28, 2006

Dave Andreychuk joins Lightning front office as Community Representative.

OCT. 5, 2006

St. Pete Times Forum Celebrates 10th anniversary at Lightning home opener.

JAN. 20, 2007

Executive Vice President and General Manager Jay Feaster becomes the all-time winningest general manager in franchise history with his 158th victory, surpassing Phil Esposito.

MARCH 29, 2007

Entered into a minor league affiliation agreement with the AHL's Norfolk Admirals.

APRIL 5, 2007

Lightning clinched their fourth consecutive playoff berth with Toronto and Montreal losses.

MAY 31, 2007

Mike Sullivan named Assistant Coach.

JUNE 7, 2007

Entered into a minor league affiliation agreement with the ECHL's Mississippi Sea Wolves.



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JUNE 14, 2007

Vincent Lecavalier becomes the first player in franchise history to win the Maurice "Rocket" Richard Trophy with 52 goals in the regular season.

AUG. 7, 2007

Absolute Hockey Enterprises enters into a purchase agreement with Palace Sports & Entertainment to buy the Tampa Bay Lightning, the lease-holding rights to the St. Pete Times Forum and 5.5 acres of land surrounding the building.

AUG. 25, 2007

The Lightning unveil a new modified logo and jersey system with the same inaugural colors.

JAN. 24, 2008

Head Coach John Tortorella becomes the all-time leader in games coached among American-born coaches with his 507th, a 4-8 loss to Ottawa.

FEB. 12, 2008

Jay Feaster earns his 200th career win as general manager of the Lightning, a 3-2 victory against Montreal.

FEB. 13, 2008

OK Hockey LLC enters into a purchase agreement with Palace Sports & Entertainment to buy the Tampa Bay Lightning, the lease-holding rights to the St. Pete Times Forum and 5.5 acres of land surrounding the building.

MARCH 11, 2008

Head Coach John Tortorella surpasses 'Badger' Bob Johnson as the all-time wins leader among American-born coaches with his 235th, an 8-4 win against the New York Islanders.

MARCH 28, 2008

John Tortorella named head coach for Team USA at the 2008 World Championships in Canada.

MARCH 31, 2008

Played in the 600th home game in franchise history, a 2-0 loss to Atlanta.

APRIL 4, 2008

Assistant Coach Mike Sullivan named as assistant for Team USA at the 2008 World Championships in Canada.

APRIL 7, 2008

Lightning win draft lottery and retain the first overall pick at the 2008 NHL Entry Draft, the third time in franchise history they held the first overall selection.

APRIL 28, 2008

Lightning's Jeff Halpern named captain of Team USA at 2008 World Championship in Canada.

JUNE 3, 2008

Lightning announce John Tortorella will not return as head coach for the 2008-09 season.



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JUNE 18, 2008

Sale of the Lightning, the lease-holding rights and 5.5 acres of land to OK Hockey approved by the NHL's Board of Governors.

JUNE 20, 2008

Steven Stamkos is selected first overall at the 2008 NHL Entry Draft in Ottawa, ON.

JUNE 24, 2008

Lightning name Barry Melrose the sixth coach in franchise history.

JUNE 25, 2008

Brian Lawton named Vice President of Hockey Operations.

JULY 3, 2008

Purchase of the Lightning by OK Hockey from Palace Sports and Entertainment closes.

JULY 9, 2008

Named Tom Kurvers to the position of co-assistant general manager, Jim Hammett to the position of director of player personnel and Greg Malone to the position of head professional scout. Lightning name Rick Tocchet, Wes Walz and Cap Raeder as assistant coaches.

JULY 11, 2008

Executive vice president and general manager Jay Feaster resigns.

JULY 17, 2008

Mike Vernon named to the position of special assistant to the vice president of hockey operations.

JULY 22, 2008

Named Mike Butters General Manager of the Norfolk Admirals.

JULY 24, 2008

Entered into affiliation agreement with the ECHL's Augusta Lynx.

AUG. 22, 2008

Ron Campbell assumes role of Senior Advisor to the Ownership group.

SEPT. 18, 2008

Named Vincent Lecavalier team captain.

OCT. 22, 2008

Named Brian Lawton Executive Vice President and General Manager.

NOV. 5, 2008

COO Sean Henry resigns.

NOV. 14, 2008

Head Coach Barry Melrose relieved of his duties; Rick Tocchet named Interim Head Coach.



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NOV. 23, 2008

Lightning debut new blue third jersey vs. New Jersey.

NOV. 25, 2008

Mike Sullivan returns to team as Associate Coach.

JAN. 21, 2009

Sean Henry named business consultant for Lightning and St. Pete Times Forum.

MAY 11, 2009

Rick Tocchet named seventh coach in franchise history.

JULY 29, 2009

Hired Rick Wilson as associate coach.

AUG. 17, 2009

Entered into affiliation agreement with CHL's Colorado Eagles

OCT. 2, 2009

Hired Adam Oates as Assistant Coach, named Imran Khan Assistant General Manager/Strategic Planning and Liz Sylvia Manager of Hockey Administration.

FEB. 5, 2010

Tampa Bay Sports & Entertainment LLC, owned by Jeff Vinik, executes an agreement to purchase the Tampa Bay Lightning, the company which operates the St. Pete Times Forum and two parcels of adjacent land.

FEB. 24, 2010

Named Jim Johnson Assistant Coach and relieved Wes Walz from the position of Assistant Coach.

MARCH 3, 2010

Tampa Bay Sports and Entertainment LLC closes on purchase agreement for the Tampa Bay Lightning, the lease to the St. Pete Times Forum and adjacent real estate, becoming the fifth owner in franchise history.

APRIL 3, 2010

Assign Assistant Coach Jim Johnson to Norfolk of the American Hockey League as Head Coach.

APRIL 12, 2010

Executive Vice President and General Manager Brian Lawton and Head Coach Rick Tocchet relieved of their duties.

MAY 25, 2010

Steve Yzerman named to the position of Vice President, General Manager and Alternate Governor.

JUNE 8, 2010

Added Pat Verbeek to professional scouting staff.

JUNE 10, 2010

Named Guy Boucher the seventh head coach in franchise history.



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JUNE 23, 2010

Steven Stamkos co-wins the Maurice "Rocket" Richard Trophy with 51 goals in the regular season; Martin St. Louis wins the Lady Byng Memorial Trophy.

JULY 16, 2010

Julien BriseBois is named assistant general manager.

JULY 20, 2010

Daniel Lacroix and Martin Raymond are named as assistant coaches

JULY 23, 2010

Jim Johnson and Cap Raeder are relieved of their assistant coaching duties; Wayne Fleming is hired as an assistant coach.

JULY 26, 2010

Tod Leiweke is named as chief executive officer of Tampa Bay Sports & Entertainment LCC.

JULY 29, 2010

Entered into an affiliate agreement with the ECHL's Florida Everblades.

AUG. 16, 2010

Al Murray is hired as director of amateur scouting.

AUG. 31, 2010

Steve Griggs is named chief operating officer.

SEPT. 3, 2010

Steve Thomas is hired as player development consultant.

SEPT. 7, 2010

Frantz Jean as is hired as goaltending consultant.

FEB. 2, 2011

CEO Tod Leiweke announces a year-long, \$35 million privately-funded renovation plan for the St. Pete Times Forum.

FEB. 4, 2011

A new business franchise transformation is announced that includes new blue and white jerseys, a new primary logo, and Jeff Vinik's five-year charitable commitment to the community; Dave Andreychuk is named vice president of corporate & community affairs; Phil Esposito is named vice president of corporate relations.

FEB. 16, 2011

Dave Andreychuk is inducted into the Florida Sports Hall of Fame

MARCH 31, 2011

The Lightning clinch their first playoff berth since 2007, and sixth in franchise history, with a 2-1 win vs. Pittsburgh.



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MAY 4, 2011

The Lightning return to the Eastern Conference Finals for the first time in seven years in a four game sweep vs. Washington in the 2011 Eastern Conference Semifinals.

JUNE 22, 2011

Martin St. Louis wins his second consecutive Lady Byng Memorial Trophy.

JULY 5, 2011

The Lightning Foundation launches the revolutionary "Community Heros" program that will donate more than \$2 million to local charties throughout each hockey season.

DEC. 5, 2011

The NHL announces a geographical realignment that will move the Lightning to the Atlantic Division of the Eastern Conference beginning the 2013-14 season.

DEC. 31, 2011

Lightning founder Phil Esposito is honored with a statue on the West Plaza in front of the St. Pete Times Forum; The St. Pete Times Forum is renamed the Tampa Bay Times Forum when the St. Petersburg Times changes its name to the Tampa Bay Times.

FEB. 16, 2012

The Lightning and the University of South Florida announce partnership to prepare students for careers in sport and entertainment management, offering a two-year MBA as well as paid internships for graduate students.

MARCH 18, 2012

Tampa Bay's top affiliate, the AHL's Norfolk Admirals, sets a league record with their 18th consecutive victory. They would go on to win 28 consecutive games, which will also carry over to the 2012-13 season.

APRIL 7, 2012

Steven Stamkos becomes the first player in franchise history to score 60 goals in a 4-3 overtime win at Winnipeg.

MAY 3, 2012

Tampa Bay Sports & Entertainment LLC announces that the Tampa Bay Times Forum will receive the largest center-hung arena HD video display board in North America, at a privately funded cost of \$5 million.

JUNE 20, 2012

Steven Stamkos wins his second career Maurice "Rocket" Richard Trophy with 60 goals in the regular season.

JAN. 21, 2013

Vincent Lecavalier becomes the 280th player to skate in 1,000 NHL games, all with Tampa Bay, in a 4-3 loss at NY Islanders.

MARCH 24, 2013

Guy Boucher is relieved of head coaching duties.

MARCH 25, 2013

Jon Cooper is named eighth head coach in franchise history.



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APRIL 10, 2013

Tampa attorney Jim Shimberg joins Tampa Bay Sports & Entertainment LCC as executive vice president and general counsel.

JUNE 3, 2013

AHL affiliate Syracuse Crunch advance to the Calder Cup Finals in just their first season of the affiliation.

JUNE 3, 2013

Rick Bowness is named as associate coach.

JUNE 14, 2013

Martin St. Louis wins his third career Lady Byng Memorial Trophy and second career Art Ross Trophy.

JUNE 27, 2013

The Lightning use a compliance buyout on the remainder of Vincent Lecavalier's contract.

OCT. 1, 2013

Martin St. Louis is named ninth team captain in franchise history.

JAN. 18, 2014

Martin St. Louis scores four goals in a 4-5 loss vs. San Jose, tying a franchise record set by Chris Kontos in the Lightning's inaugural game.

MARCH 6, 2014

Steven Stamkos is named 10th team captain in franchise history.

APRIL 1, 2014

The Lightning clinch their first playoff berth since 2011, and seventh in franchise history, with a 3-1 win vs. Montreal.

APRIL 5, 2014

Lightning vice president of corporate & community affairs and former captain Dave Andreychuk is honored with a statue on Ford Thunder Alley in front of the Tampa Bay Times Forum.

APRIL 7, 2014

CEO Steve Griggs is named team president; General manager Steve Yzerman is signed to a four-year contract extension.

JULY 7, 2014

Jay Feaster joins the Lightning's front office as executive director of community hockey development.

JULY 24, 2014

Owner Jeff Vinik purchases Channelside Plaza, adjacent to the Tampa Bay Times Forum

SEPT. 3, 2014

The Lightning and local oil company Amalie Oil Co. agree to a longterm deal to rename the Tampa Bay Times Forum to Amalie Arena.



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NOV. 13, 2014

The Lightning debut new black third jerseys vs. San Jose.

MARCH 4, 2015

President Steve Griggs announces a two-year renovation project for Amalie Arena, a \$25 million cost to be split with Hillsborough County

MARCH 30, 2015

The Lightning clinch their second consecutive playoff berth, and eighth in franchise history, with a 5-3 win vs. Montreal.

MAY 29, 2015

The Lightning return to the Stanley Cup Finals for the second time in franchise history with a 2-0 win at NY Rangers in Game 7 of the 2015 Eastern Conference Finals.

JUNE 3, 2015

The Lightning host Chicago in Game 1 of the 2015 Stanley Cup Finals, becoming the first team in NHL history to play four consecutive Original Six teams in the Stanley Cup Playoffs after defeating Detroit, Montreal, and NY Rangers in the first three rounds

JUNE 24, 2015

Steve Yzerman becomes the first general manager in franchise history to win the NHL's General Manager of the Year Award.

JULY 24, 2015

Tod Leiweke resigns as CEO; President Steve Griggs is named CEO.

AUG. 18, 2015

Brad Lauer is hired as an assistant coach.

SEPT. 14, 2015

The Lightning team with the NHL and NHLPA to 'Build the Thunder' in the Tampa Bay area with a \$6-million, five-year investment to grow the game of hockey and teach life skills lessons to Tampa Bay's young people.

OCT. 8, 2015

Tampa Bay unveils its 2014-15 Eastern Conference championship banner prior to playing the Philadelphia Flyers on Opening Night of the 2015-16 season.

OCT. 8, 2015

Lightning goaltender Ben Bishop stops two penalty shots in the Bolts' 3-2 overtime win over Philadelphia, becoming just the fifth goalie in the expansion era (since 1967-68) to do so in one game.

OCT. 8, 2015

The Lightning play the first 3-on-3 overtime in NHL history under the league's revamped overtime format, defeating the Philadelphia Flyers 3-2 on Jason Garrison's overtime goal on Opening Night.



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OCT. 17, 2015

Lightning goaltender Ben Bishop earns his 84th career victory with Tampa Bay in a 2-1 win over Buffalo to set a new franchise record for goalie wins.

DEC. 4, 2015

Head coach Jon Cooper signs a multi-year contract extension.

DEC. 28, 2015

The Lightning Community Heroes Program reaches the \$10 million milestone when Sister Claire LeBouef is honored during the Lightning's home game versus Montreal, becoming the 197th Community Hero since Jeff and Penny Vinik introduced the program in 2011-12.

FEB. 20, 2016

Lightning captain Steven Stamkos scores his 300th career goal in a 4-2 victory at the Pittsburgh Penguins, becoming the third player in Tampa Bay history to reach the milestone. At 26 years, 13 days old, Stamkos is the second-youngest active player in the NHL to score 300 goals and the ninth-youngest player overall in the league to hit 300.

MARCH 5, 2016

Tampa Bay wins its ninth game in a row after a 4-3 overtime victory over the Carolina Hurricanes to set a new franchise record for consecutive victories.

APRIL 5, 2016

The Lightning clinch their third-straight playoff appearance and ninth in team history despite a 3-2 loss at the New York Rangers.

APRIL 10, 2016

Jeff and Penny Vinik announce a second five-season, \$10-million pledge for the Lightning Community Hero program.

APRIL 28, 2016

Lightning and AHL affiliate Syracuse Crunch announce a six-year affiliation extension.

MAY 8, 2016

The Lightning defeat the New York Islanders four games to one in a best-of-seven, second round series in the Stanley Cup Playoffs to return to the Eastern Conference Final for the second-straight season, the first time the Lightning reached the ECF in back-to-back seasons.

MAY 10, 2016

Benoit Groulx is hired to become the head coach of the Lightning's AHL affiliate in Syracuse.

MAY 25, 2016

Lightning enter one-year affiliation agreement with the Kalamazoo Wings of the ECHL for the 2016-17 season.

JUNE 7, 2016

Lightning hire Todd Richards to serve as an assistant coach.



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OCT. 18, 2016

Vincent Lecavalier honored by Tampa Bay Lightning prior to home game against the Florida Panthers.

DEC. 17, 2016

Victor Hedman becomes Tampa Bay's all-time leading scorer for a defenseman, passing Dan Boyle, with his assist on Jonathan Drouin's second period goal at Edmonton for his 254th career point.

JAN. 13, 2017

Martin St. Louis becomes first Tampa Bay Lightning player to have jersey (No. 26) retired by the franchise.

MARCH 29, 2017

Brian Bradley inducted into Sports Club of Tampa Bay Hall of Fame.

APRIL 11, 2017

Jon Cooper is selected to coach Team Canada at IIHF 2017 World Championship

MAY 27, 2017

The Syracuse Crunch, Tampa Bay's AHL affiliate, defeat the Providence Bruins 3-1 in Game 5 of the Eastern Conference Championship to advance to the Calder Cup Finals, the third time a Lightning affiliate has advanced to the AHL championship round.

MAY 29, 2017

National Hockey League announces Tampa Bay Lightning and city of Tampa as hosts of the 2018 NHL All-Star Weekend on Jan. 27-28 at AMALIE Arena.

JUNE 13, 2017

Syracuse Crunch lose Calder Cup Final in six games to Grand Rapids.

JUNE 23, 2017

Lightning unveil 25th anniversary logo as well as events celebrating 25 seasons of hockey history in Tampa Bay.

JUNE 26, 2017

Former Lightning captain and 2004 Stanley Cup Champion Dave Andreychuk elected to Hockey Hall of Fame.

JUNE 27, 2017

Strategic Property Partners, the development firm controlled by Lightning owner Jeff Vinik and Microsoft co-founder Bill Gates' investment fund Cascade Investment LLC, announces Water Street Tampa as the name of its multibillion-dollar development, mixed-use district around AMALIE Arena.

JUNE 29, 2017

Lightning announce owner and chairman Jeff Vinik to invest \$6 million in team's exclusive practice facility, the Ice Sports Forum, to create brand new locker room and training facilities.

OCT. 21, 2017

Steven Stamkos becomes Tampa Bay's all-time power-play goal leader, passing Vincent Lecavalier, after registering his 113th career power-play goal versus Pittsburgh.



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NOV. 13, 2017

Former Lightning captain and 2004 Stanley Cup Champion Dave Andreychuk is inducted into the Hockey Hall of Fame.

JAN. 28, 2018

The Lightning play host to the 63rd NHL All-Star Game at AMALIE Arena.

FEB. 8, 2018

Victor Hedman becomes Tampa Bay's all-time leading goal scorer for a defenseman, passing Pavel Kubina, with his 73rd career goal versus Vancouver.

FEB. 10, 2018

Vincent Lecavalier becomes second Tampa Bay Lightning player to have jersey (No. 4) retired by the franchise.

MARCH 18, 2018

Tampa Bay clinches its 10th playoff appearance in team history by virtue of a 3-1 victory versus Edmonton.

MARCH 20, 2018

Andrei Vasilevskiy sets the Tampa Bay franchise record for wins in a single season after recording his 41st win of 2017-18 in a 27-save effort versus Toronto.

MARCH 22, 2018

Tampa Bay establishes a franchise record for wins in a season after earning win No. 51 in a 7-6 victory at the New York Islanders, passing the previous mark of 50 wins set by the 2014-15 squad. The Lightning would go on to win 54 games in 2017-18.

MARCH 30, 2018

Jon Cooper becomes the all-time winningest head coach in Lightning franchise history, passing John Tortorella, after registering his 240th victory with the Bolts in a 7-3 win at the New York Rangers.

APRIL 3, 2018

Andrei Vasilevskiy sets the Tampa Bay franchise record for shutouts in a single season after recording his eighth shutout of 2017-18 in a 33-save effort versus Boston.

APRIL 3, 2018

The Lightning establish a new franchise mark for points in a season after reaching 110 points in a 4-0 shutout versus Boston, bettering the old mark of 108 points from the 2014-15 season. Tampa Bay would go on to accumulate 113 points in 2017-18.

APRIL 6, 2018

Nikita Kucherov becomes just the third Lightning player to record 100 points in a season after notching a goal and assist in the penultimate game of the 2017-18 season.

APRIL 6, 2018

Yanni Gourde establishes a new franchise record for rookie scoring in a season, passing Brad Richards (62 points), after registering a goal and two assists versus Buffalo, giving him 64 points for 2017-18. Gourde also sets a new Lightning mark for goals in a rookie season, passing Tyler Johnson, after netting his 25th of 2017-18 against the Sabres.



LIGHTNING TEAM HISTORY TIMELINE

APRIL 8, 2018

Tampa Bay earns its third division title in franchise history by virtue of Boston's loss to Florida on the final day of the regular season. The Lightning also finished as the top seed in the Eastern Conference for the second time in franchise history.

MAY 6, 2018

The Lightning advance to the Eastern Conference Final for the fifth time in franchise history and third time in four seasons after defeating the Boston Bruins four games to one in the Eastern Conference Semifinals.

JUNE 20, 2018

Victor Hedman becomes the first Lightning player to win the Norris Trophy as the NHL's best defenseman.

JUNE 22, 2018

Lightning hire Jeff Halpern to serve as an assistant coach.

JUNE 26, 2018

Former Lightning captain and 2004 Stanley Cup Champion Martin St. Louis elected to Hockey Hall of Fame.

JULY 12, 2018

Lightning hire Derek Lalonde to serve as an assistant coach.

JULY 26, 2018

Strategic Property Partners unveils plans for Sparkman Wharf, a creative mixed-use redevelopment of the former Channelside Bay Plaza retail center, along the Garrison Channel in downtown Tampa

SEPT. 11, 2018

Julien BriseBois is named the seventh general manager in Lightning history, replacing Steve Yzerman, who steps aside to become senior advisor to the general manager.

NOV. 12, 2018

Former Lightning captain and 2004 Stanley Cup Champion Martin St. Louis is inducted into the Hockey Hall of Fame.

DEC. 10, 2018

Steven Stamkos records the ninth hat trick of his career in Tampa Bay's 6-3 win over the New York Rangers to set the Lightning record for most career hat tricks, passing Martin St. Louis.

DEC. 27, 2018

Steven Stamkos scores his 13th and 14th goals of December in a 6-5 overtime win vs. Philadelphia to establish a new Lightning mark for goals in a single month.

DEC. 31, 2018

Nikita Kucherov records a goal and an assist in a 2-1 win at Anaheim to finish December with 21 assists and 30 points, both Lightning franchise records for a single month.

DEC. 31, 2018

Tampa Bay collected its 13th win of December in a 2-1 win at Anaheim to establish new franchise marks for wins and points (27) in a single month.



LIGHTNING TEAM HISTORY TIMELINE

FEB. 16, 2019

Andrei Vasilevskiy makes all 20 saves in a 3-0 victory vs. Montreal to record his 18th career shutout and pass Ben Bishop for most career shutouts in Lightning franchise history.

FEB. 25, 2019

Tampa Bay reaches the 100-point mark for the second-consecutive season by virtue of a 4-3 shootout win over Los Angeles, the second time in franchise history the Lightning posted back-to-back 100-point seasons (also: 2013-14 and 2014-15).

MARCH 8, 2019

Tampa Bay becomes the first team to clinch a playoff berth for the 2018-19 season for the franchise's third-consecutive postseason appearance, fifth in the last six seasons and 12th overall.

MARCH 16, 2019

Tampa Bay establishes a new franchise record for points in a single season, reaching the 114-point mark by virtue of a 6-3 victory over the Washington Capitals, bettering the previous mark of 113 points set in 2017-18. The Lightning would go on to record 128 points in 2018-19, the fourth most in a single season in NHL history.

MARCH 18, 2019

Tampa Bay clinches first place overall in the NHL for the regular season to secure the franchise's first ever Presidents' Trophy. By virtue of their win over the Arizona Coyotes, the Lightning also wrap up the Atlantic Division regular season title, their second-consecutive division crown and fourth overall.

MARCH 18, 2019

Steven Stamkos scores the 384th goal of his Lightning career to become the franchise's all-time leading goal scorer, passing Vincent Lecavalier's previous mark of 383 goals.

MARCH 20, 2019

Andrei Vasilevskiy makes 54 saves in a 5-4 overtime win at Washington to set a new Lightning mark for most saves in a game.

MARCH 25, 2019

Andrei Vasilevskiy stops all 17 shots in a 5-4 win vs. Boston to pass Ben Bishop (5,728 saves) for most career saves in Lightning franchise history. Vasilevskiy finished the 2018-19 regular season owning 5,790 career saves in a Lightning sweater.

APRIL 1, 2019

Jon Cooper becomes just the second coach in NHL history to guide his team to a 60-win season, joining Scotty Bowman, following Tampa Bay's 5-2 win at Ottawa.

APRIL 6, 2019

Lightning complete the 2018-19 regular season with a 62-16-4 record to set a new franchise mark for wins and tie the NHL record for most wins in a single season (also: 1995-96 Detroit Red Wings).



LIGHTNING TEAM HISTORY TIMELINE

APRIL 6, 2019

Tampa Bay right wing Nikita Kucherov records a goal and assist in the season finale to finish 2018-19 with 128 points and win the NHL's Art Ross Trophy as the regular season scoring champion, joining Martin St. Louis (2004, 2013) as the only Lightning players to capture the award. Kucherov's 128 points are the most ever in a single NHL season by a Russian-born player. His 87 assists are tied for the most all-time in the league for a winger (also: Jaromir Jagr, 1995-96).

MAY 6, 2019

Lightning promote Al Murray to assistant general manager - director of amateur scouting, Jamie Pushor to assistant general manager - director of player personnel, Stacy Roest to assistant general manager - director of player development and general manager of the Syracuse Crunch and hire Mathieu Darche as director of hockey operations.

JUNE 19, 2019

Lightning right wing Nikita Kucherov presented the Ted Lindsay Award, given to the NHL's most outstanding player as judged by the NHL Players Association.

JUNE 19, 2019

Tampa Bay goaltender Andrei Vasilevskiy awarded the organization's first Vezina Trophy, given to the NHL goalie judged to be the best at his position.

JUNE 19, 2019

Lightning right wing Nikita Kucherov named NHL's Hart Trophy recipient as league MVP, joining Martin St. Louis (2004) as the only Bolts to receive the award.

SEPT. 9, 2019

FOX Sports Sun television play-by-play announcer Rick Peckham announces the 2019-20 season will be his last as he will retire following his 24th season calling Tampa Bay Lightning hockey.

NOV. 8, 2019

Tampa Bay and Buffalo open a two-game, back-to-back set at the Ericsson Globe in Stockholm, Sweden as part of the NHL's Global Series. The Lightning would sweep both games, defeating the Sabres 3-2 on Nov. 8 and 5-3 on Nov. 9.

NOV. 16, 2019

Steven Stamkos scores his 400th career goal, all with the Lightning, in a 4-3 home loss to Winnipeg, becoming the first Tampa Bay player to reach the 400-goal milestone.

NOV. 23, 2019

Andrei Vasilevskiy makes 36-of-38 saves in a 6-2 home victory over the Anaheim Ducks to become Tampa Bay's all-time franchise leader for goalie wins with No. 132, passing Ben Bishop.

DEC. 23, 2019

Nikita Kucherov becomes the fourth different Lightning player to reach the 500-point milestone, joining Martin St. Louis, Vincent Lecavalier and Steven Stamkos, after recording a goal and two assists in a 6-1 home victory over the Florida Panthers.



LIGHTNING TEAM HISTORY TIMELINE

DEC. 28, 2019

Steven Stamkos notched a goal and an assist in a 5-4 home victory over Montreal to hit 800 points and become the third Lightning player to achieve the point total.

JAN. 4, 2020

The Lightning win in Ottawa 5-3 to notch their 14th-straight win against an Atlantic Division foe, a franchise record for most consecutive wins against a single division (one or multiple seasons).

JAN. 11, 2020

Tampa Bay shuts out the Flyers 1-0 in Philadelphia for its 10th-consecutive win, matching the franchise record for a win streak set previously during the 2018-19 season.

FEB. 6, 2020

Lightning netminder Andrei Vasilevskiy stops 29-of-31 shots in a 4-2 home win over Pittsburgh to set the franchise record for longest point streak by a goalie at 17 games (15-0-2). Vasilevskiy would extend his point streak to 21 games (19-0-2) on February 15 versus Philadelphia before suffering a regulation loss.

FEB. 15, 2020

Tampa Bay establishes a franchise record for consecutive home victories after winning its 11th straight at AMALIE Arena following a 5-3 defeat of Philadelphia.

FEB. 17, 2020

The Lightning defeat the Avalanche 4-3 in overtime in Colorado to notch their 11th-straight win and establish a franchise record for consecutive victories. Also, Tampa Bay became the first NHL team to win 40 games in 2019-20 following the win in Colorado and are the third franchise in NHL history to record 40 or more wins in three consecutive seasons.

MARCH 7, 2020

Tampa Bay reaches 90 points for the seventh-consecutive season and 12th season all-time after defeating the Bruins 5-3 in Boston.

MARCH 12, 2020

NHL season is paused due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

MARCH 26, 2020

NHL announces Return to Play plan for the 2019-20 season. Tampa Bay qualifies for the postseason for the third-consecutive season, sixth time in the last seven seasons and 12th time in franchise history.

AUG. 3, 2020

The Lightning open the 2020 Stanley Cup Playoffs with a 3-2 shootout win over the Washington Capitals in a seeding game, the Bolts first game in 146 days after the 2019-20 regular season was paused on March 12 and eventually ended due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The game is also the first playoff contest in NHL history to be decided by a shootout.



LIGHTNING TEAM HISTORY TIMELINE

AUG. 11, 2020

Tampa Bay defeats the Columbus Blue Jackets 3-2 in five overtimes in Game 1 of a First Round playoff series from Toronto's Scotiabank Arena for the longest game in Lightning history (150:27) and fourth-longest game in NHL history. Andrei Vasilevskiy stopped 61-of-63 shots to set a franchise record for most saves in a game (playoffs or regular season).

SEPT. 17, 2020

Tampa Bay defeats the New York Islanders 2-1 in overtime in Game 6 of the Eastern Conference Final from Edmonton's Rogers Place to capture the Prince of Wales Trophy and advance to the Stanley Cup Final for the third time in franchise history.

SEPT. 25, 2020

Nikita Kucherov tallies two assists in a 5-4 victory over Dallas in Game 4 of the Stanley Cup Final for his 24th and 25th assists of the 2020 Playoffs, most ever by a winger in NHL history in a single playoff season. Kucherov would finish the 2020 Playoffs with 27 assists.

SEPT. 28, 2020

Tampa Bay wins its second Stanley Cup after defeating the Dallas Stars in six games at Edmonton's Rogers Place. The Lightning shut out the Stars 2-0 in Game 6 behind a 22-save performance by Andrei Vasilevskiy. Victor Hedman is awarded the Conn Smythe Trophy as playoff MVP after scoring 10 goals, third most by a defenseman in a playoff season in NHL history. Brayden Point scores his 14th goal of the 2020 Playoffs in the Cup clinching win to set a Lightning franchise record for most goals in a playoff season.

DEC. 7, 2020

Lightning hire Rob Zettler to serve as an assistant coach.

JAN. 7, 2021

Lightning hire veteran play-by-play announcer Dave Randorf as the voice of the team to join the FOX Sports Sun broadcasting crew of Brian Engblom, Paul Kennedy, Dave Andreychuk, Bobby Taylor and Adam Hall.

JAN. 13, 2021

The Lightning unveiled their 2020 Stanley Cup championship banner at the 2020-21 regular season opener at AMALIE Arena against the Chicago Blackhawks, a 5-1 victory. With no fans in the stands due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the banner was unveiled and remained hanging over the VIP Lounge until it could be raised to the rafters once fans returned to the building.

FEB. 1, 2021

Lightning captain Steven Stamkos scores a power-play goal at 7:23 of the second period in a 5-2 victory at AMALIE Arena over Nashville for his 301st career power-play point, passing Martin St. Louis as the franchise's all-time leader for power-play scoring.

MARCH 13, 2021

With a significant amount of fans in the building for the first time during the 2020-21 regular season (attendance: 3,800), the Lightning raise the 2020 Stanley Cup championship banner to the AMALIE Arena rafters before a 6-3 victory over the Nashville Predators.



LIGHTNING TEAM HISTORY TIMELINE

MAY 10, 2021

Tampa Bay completes the 2020-21 regular season with a 36-17-3 record, finishing third in the Central Division and qualifying for the postseason for the fourth-consecutive season, seventh time in the last eight seasons and 13th time in franchise history.

MAY 16, 2021

Tampa Bay and Florida meet for the first time ever in the postseason after the two teams are matched up against each other in the First Round of the 2021 Playoffs. The Lightning would defeat the in-state rival Panthers in six games, punctuated by a 4-0 shutout victory in Game 6 at AMALIE Arena on May 26.

JUNE 23, 2021

Brayden Point nets a goal in Game 6 of a Stanley Cup Semifinal series at the NY Islanders for his ninth-straight playoff game with a goal, a franchise record for a playoff goal streak and the second longest in NHL history. Only Reggie Leach's 10-game goal streak for Philadelphia in the 1976 Playoffs ranks longer.

JUNE 25, 2021

Yanni Gourde scores shorthanded for the only goal as Tampa Bay defeats the NY Islanders 1-0 in Game 7 of the Stanley Cup Semifinals at AMALIE Arena to advance to the Cup Final for the second-straight season and fourth time in franchise history.

JULY 2, 2021

Jan Rutta scored 1:52 into Game 3 of the Stanley Cup Final at Montreal's Bell Centre to become the first NHL player to score a goal (regular season or playoffs) in the month of July. Victor Hedman netted a power-play goal at 3:27 of the first period to become the first NHL player to score a goal in each of the 12 calendar months.

JULY 7, 2021

Tampa Bay beats Montreal 1-0 at AMALIE Arena in Game 5 of the Stanley Cup Final to defeat the Canadiens 4-1 and win the franchise's second-straight Stanley Cup and third in team history. Andrei Vasilevskiy stops all 22 shots for his fifth shutout of the 2021 Playoffs and fifth straight in a potential series clinching game going back to the 2020 Cup Final, a NHL record, and is awarded the Conn Smythe Trophy. Rookie Ross Colton scored the only goal of Game 5 at 13:27 of the second period. The Lightning become the second team this century to win back-to-back Cups and the ninth different franchise to repeat as Stanley Cup champions (fifth to do so among clubs that joined the NHL in 1967-68 or later).

JULY 7, 2021

Nikita Kucherov finishes as the 2021 Playoffs scoring leader after notching eight goals, 24 assists and 32 points to become the sixth different player in the NHL's expansion era (since 1967-68) to lead the Stanley Cup Playoffs in points in consecutive years. Kucherov is just the third player in NHL history to record 30-plus points in consecutive playoffs years, joining Mario Lemieux (1991 and 1992) and Wayne Gretzky (1983-1985 and 1987-1988).

JULY 7, 2021

Brayden Point completes the 2021 Playoffs with 14 goals to become the eighth different player in NHL history to lead the Stanley Cup Playoffs in goals in consecutive years and first since Jari Kurri in 1987-88



LIGHTNING TEAM HISTORY TIMELINE

JULY 7, 2021

Pat Maroon lifts the Stanley Cup for the third-consecutive season, winning the Cup in 2019 with the St. Louis Blues before going back-to-back with the Lightning in 2020 and 2021, to become the first player to win three-straight Stanley Cups since multiple players did so with the NY Islanders from 1980-83.

JULY 7, 2021

The Lightning completed their 2021 Cup run with six-consecutive home wins to set a franchise record for most wins in a row at home in the postseason.

JULY 26, 2021

Tampa Bay Lightning owner Jeff Vinik and his wife Penny announced the extension and expansion of the Lightning Community Heroes program, pledging an additional \$10 million over the next five years. wins in a row at home in the postseason.

OCT. 12, 2021

The Lightning unveiled their 2021 Stanley Cup championship banner at the 2021-22 regular season opener at AMALIE Arena against the Pittsburgh Penguins, a 6-2 loss. Unlike the raising of the 2020 Stanley Cup championship banner, a sold-out crowd of 19,092 fans were in the building as the banner was raised to the rafters.

NOV. 26, 2021

Andrei Vasilevskiy records a 17-save shutout against Seattle for his 200th career NHL win and becomes the first goaltender in franchise history to hit the 200-win mark.

APRIL 21, 2022

Steven Stamkos scores a power-play goal, recording his 954th career point and passing Martin St. Louis as the franchise's all-time scoring leader in an 8-1 win over Toronto. The primary assist on Stamkos's goal went to Nikita Kucherov, who recorded his 600th career point on the play in his 557th career game, becoming the fastest skater in franchise history to hit the 600-point mark.

APRIL 23, 2022

Victor Hedman records both his 20th goal and 57th assist of the season in a 6-2 win over Nashville. Hedman joined Dan Boyle as the only defenseman in franchise history to hit the 20-goal mark, while his 57th assist set a new franchise record for defensemen, passing his previous mark of 56 set in 2016-17. Hedman finished the season with 65 assists and 85 points, both franchise records for defensemen.

APRIL 26, 2022

Steven Stamkos scores two goals in a 4-1 win over Columbus and hits the 100-point mark for the first time in his NHL career, becoming the fourth different player in franchise history to record 100 points in a single season.

APRIL 28, 2022

Nikita Kucherov caps an eight-game goal streak that began April 14, matching the longest goal streak in franchise history set previously by Brian Bradley during the Bolts' inaugural season (Nov. 11-24, 1992).



LIGHTNING TEAM HISTORY TIMELINE

APRIL 29, 2022

Steven Stamkos scores a hat trick in the regular season finale, his franchise-record 10th career hat trick, in a 6-4 win over the Islanders. With the hat trick, Stamkos wrapped up the regular season with nine consecutive multi-point games (10-16-26) and passed Vincent Lecavalier for the longest stretch of multi-point games in franchise history. Finishing the month of April with 33 points (12G, 21A) in 16 games, Stamkos set a franchise record for the most points in a calendar month. His 33 points were the most in a single month by any NHL player since Mario Lemieux posted 34 points in 14 games for Pittsburgh in December of 1995. Tampa Bay concluded the 2021-22 regular season with a 51-23-8 record, finishing third in the Atlantic Division and qualifying for the postseason for the fifth-consecutive season, a franchise record for consecutive playoff appearances. It marked the eighth time in the last nine seasons and 14th time in franchise history that Tampa Bay qualified for the playoffs.

MAY 17, 2022

Ryan McDonagh records five blocked shots in a 4-1 win over Florida in Game 1 of the Eastern Conference Semifinals. With the five blocks, McDonagh passed Dan Girardi (383) for the most blocked shots in NHL playoff history.

MAY 23, 2022

Tampa Bay defeats Florida, 2-0, in Game 4 of the Eastern Conference Semifinals to complete a four-game sweep over the in-state rival Panthers. With the win, the Lightning became the third franchise in NHL history (fourth instance) to win 10 or more consecutive playoff series. The victory marked Andrei Vasilevskiy's sixth career series-clinching shutout, the most in NHL history.

JUNE 5, 2022

Ondrej Palat scores the game-winning goal in Game 3 of the Eastern Conference Final, a 3-2 win over the Rangers. With the goal, Palat recorded his 10th career game-winning goal in the playoffs, passing Tyler Johnson for the most in franchise history.

JUNE 11, 2022

Tampa Bay defeats the Rangers, 2-1, in Game 6 of the Eastern Conference Final to advance to the Stanley Cup Final for the third-straight season, the first team to do so since the Edmonton Oilers made three in a row from 1983-85.

JUNE 15, 2022

Nikita Kucherov records one assist in a 4-3, overtime loss to Colorado in Game 1 of the Stanley Cup Final. With the helper, Kucherov became the first player in franchise history to record 100 career playoff assists and the 25th player in NHL history to do so.

JUNE 15, 2022

The Lightning defeat Colorado, 6-2, in Game 3 of the Stanley Cup Final at AMALIE Arena. With the win, Tampa Bay set a new franchise record with eight consecutive playoff victories at home. In the victory, Nikita Kucherov recorded two assists and became the fourth player in NHL history to record 25-plus points in three straight postseasons, joining Mike Bossy (1981-83), Wayne Gretzky (1983-85) and Bryan Trottier (1980-82). Additionally, his 26th career multi-assist postseason game tied Jaromir Jagr for the most among primary wingers in NHL playoff history.

JULY 12, 2022

The Lightning hire Jeff Blashill to serve as an assistant coach.



LIGHTNING TEAM HISTORY TIMELINE

NOV. 13, 2022

Mikhail Sergachev records two goals and two assists in the first period of a 6-3 home win over the Washington Capitals to tie the NHL record for most points by a defenseman in a period.

DEC. 1, 2022

Lightning captain Steven Stamkos becomes the first player in franchise history to amass 1,000 points with the Lightning after notching an assist on Nick Paul's goal at 7:55 of the second period in a 4-1 victory at the Philadelphia Flyers. Stamkos is the 95th player in NHL history to accumulate 1,000 career points.

DEC. 8, 2022

Tampa Bay records the 300th consecutive home sellout at AMALIE Arena in a 5-2 victory over the Nashville Predators. The streak, which includes playoff contests but doesn't include the 2020-21 season due to social distancing protocols because of the COVID-19 pandemic, is the longest active streak in the NHL and remains intact through the 2022-23 season, sitting at 330 games entering 2023-24.

JAN. 18, 2023

Steven Stamkos becomes the first player in Lightning history to score 500 career goals with the franchise on the first of his three goals at the Vancouver Canucks. He also recorded his 11th career hat trick. Stamkos becomes the 47th player in NHL history to reach the 500-goal milestone.

JAN. 28, 2023

The Lightning defeat the Los Angeles Kings 5-2 at AMALIE Arena to cap a 12-game home win streak and set a franchise record for most consecutive wins at home. The streak started on Dec. 8 with a 5-2 win over the Nashville Predators.

FEB. 11, 2023

Victor Hedman records his 500th career assist on Anthony Cirelli's game-winning goal with :44 seconds remaining in regulation to become the third player in franchise history (also: Steven Stamkos and Vincent Lecavalier) and first defenseman to reach the milestone.

FEB. 23, 2023

Despite a 6-5 overtime loss to the Buffalo Sabres at AMALIE Arena, Tampa Bay caps a 16-game home point streak that is the longest home point streak in franchise history. The streak started Dec. 8 with a 5-2 win over the Nashville Predators. The Bolts went 14-0-2 over the 16-game stretch.

MARCH 11, 2023

Nikita Kucherov establishes a franchise mark for a home point streak after notching an assist on Brayden Point's game-winning tally with a minute to go in regulation of a 3-1 win over the Chicago Blackhawks at AMALIE Arena for his 24th-consecutive home game with at least one point. Kucherov recorded 7-36---43 pts. during the home point streak, which began November 25 vs. St. Louis.

MARCH 19, 2023

Nikita Kucherov reaches 100 points on the season on a first-period goal in a 5-2 home loss to the New Jersey Devils, the third 100-point season of his career (also: 2017-18, 2018-19) and the sixth 100-point season in franchise history.



LIGHTNING TEAM HISTORY TIMELINE

APRIL 1, 2023

Tampa Bay secured a postseason berth with a 5-0 shutout home victory over the New York Islanders, marking the sixth-consecutive season the Lightning qualified for the postseason, extending their franchise record for longest playoff streak.

APRIL 6, 2023

Steven Stamkos skates in his 1,000th career game in a 6-1 loss at the New York Islanders, becoming the second player in franchise history to reach the milestone behind former teammate Vincent Lecavalier.

APRIL 13, 2023

Brayden Point nets his 50th goal of the season on a power play at 10:47 of the third period and tacks on his 51st five minutes later in a 5-0 shutout home victory over the Detroit Red Wings in the regular season finale. Point becomes just the third player in franchise history to reach the 50-goal mark in a season, joining Steven Stamkos (60 goals in 2011-12, 51 goals in 2009-10) and Vincent Lecavalier (52 goals in 2006-07).

JUNE 16, 2023

Lightning owner Jeff Vinik sells a minority interest of the team to Arctos Sports Partners at a record-setting \$1.4 billion valuation.

JUNE 26, 2023

Joel Bouchard is hired to become the head coach of the Lightning's AHL affiliate in Syracuse.

NOV. 24, 2023

The Lightning scored eight goals on 14 shots in an 8-2 win at Carolina, marking the best shooting percentage (57.1%) in NHL history.

NOV. 24, 2023

Nikita Kucherov records six points (2-4—6) in an 8-2 win at Carolina, tying the franchise record for points in a game set by Doug Crossman (3-3—6 on Nov. 7, 1992 at NYI). Kucherov also matched Crossman's franchise record for most power-play points in a game with four (1-3—4).

DEC. 4, 2023

Victor Hedman skates in his 1,000th career game as the Lightning blank Dallas 4-0. Hedman became the third player and first defenseman in Lightning history to reach 1,000 games.

JAN. 9, 2024

Jon Cooper ties Toe Blake for the fifth-most wins with a single franchise in NHL history with his 500th NHL win. Cooper (839 GC) required the third-fewest games among all head coaches in NHL history to reach the 500-win mark trailing only Scotty Bowman (825 GC) and Bruce Boudreau (837 GC). He is the fastest in NHL history to record 500 wins with a single franchise.

JAN. 25, 2024

Steven Stamkos becomes the 29th player in NHL history to record 1,100 points with one team. He does it on an assist to Nikita Kucherov in the second period.



LIGHTNING TEAM HISTORY TIMELINE

FEB. 25, 2024

With 100 points in 59 games, Kucherov becomes the fastest player in TBL franchise history to record 100 points. He did it in 59 games besting his previous mark of 62 games in 2018-2019. He joins Connor McDavid as the only two players over the past 25 years to record 100 points in fewer than 60 games.

FEB. 29, 2024

It is the fourth time in franchise history that the Tampa Bay Lightning will play a game on February 29th, a leap year. Tampa Bay lost 3-2 in overtime to Buffalo and moved to 3-0-1 on leap day.

MARCH 9, 2024

Darren Raddysh records five assists, which is a new TBL franchise record for a defenseman. He joins Pavel Kubina and Doug Crossman as the only three defensemen in TBL franchise history to record five points in a single game. He also joins Marty St. Louis and Mark Recchi as the only skaters in franchise history with five helpers in a single game. Raddysh is only the 33rd defenseman since 1950 to record five assists in a single game.

MARCH 14, 2024

Victor Hedman officially passes Vincent Lecavalier to take sole possession of the second-most games played in TBL franchise history with 1,038 of them.

MARCH 14, 2024

Brayden Point becomes the third player in TBL franchise history to record six points in a single game. He ties the franchise record. Doug Crossman and Nikita Kucherov, who accomplished the feat earlier this season, are the only other players to do it.

MARCH 30, 2024

Steven Stamkos becomes the 47th player in NHL history with nine career 30-goal seasons.

APRIL 1, 2024

Steven Stamkos records his 211th career power-play goal passing Luc Robitaille and taking sole possession of the third-most power-play goals scored with a single franchise in NHL history.

APRIL 3, 2024

Nikita Kucherov officially sets a new franchise record for points in a single season with 129 with an assist to Brayden Point with 17:06 remaining in the second period.

APRIL 13, 2024

Erik Cernak becomes the fourth player in TBL franchise history to record 500 blocked shots with the club.

APRIL 15, 2024

Steven Stamkos scores his 40th goal of the season. He has scored 40+ goals in seven seasons, the most in TBL history.

APRIL 17, 2024

Nikita Kucherov becomes the fifth player in NHL history to record 100 assists in a single season.



LIGHTNING TEAM HISTORY TIMELINE

JUNE 25, 2024

Lightning head coach Jon Cooper is named the head coach for Team Canada for both the 2025 4 Nations Face-Off and 2026 Olympic Winter Games in Milan and Cortina d'Ampezzo, Italy.

JUNE 28, 2024

Lightning forward Brayden Point is one of the first six players announced to the Team Canada roster for the 2025 4 Nations Face-Off

JULY 23, 2024

Lightning general manager and president of hockey operations Julien BriseBois is named the assistant general manager for Team Canada for both the 2025 4 Nations Face-Off and 2026 Olympic Winter Games in Milan and Cortina d'Ampezzo, Italy.

SEPT. 18, 2024

Defenseman Victor Hedman is named the 11th captain in franchise history.

OCT. 15, 2024

Lightning launch Tampa Bay Strong campaign to raise financial help for the Tampa Bay area following Hurricanes Helene and Milton. The team raised more than \$1 million in a 50-50 raffle that ran through December, and Lightning owner and chairman Jeff Vinik donated \$2 million to hurricane relief efforts through the Lightning Foundation.

OCT. 24, 2024

Vinik Sports Group announces ownership expansion, involving a group of investors led by Doug Ostrover and Marc Lipschultz.

OCT. 28, 2024

The Lightning's newest ownership group, led by Ostrover and Lipschultz, donate \$1 million to hurricane relief efforts.

NOV. 14, 2024

Lightning goalie Andrei Vasilevskiy makes 23 saves in a 4-1 win over Winnipeg to become the fastest goalie in NHL history to reach 300 career wins, doing so in his 490th career game.

NOV. 27, 2024

Lightning coach Jon Cooper coaches in his 900th NHL game with Tampa Bay. His 536 wins through 900 games were second-most in NHL history behind only Scotty Bowman (548).

NOV. 30, 2024

Lightning defenseman Victor Hedman registers his 589th career assist to become the franchise's all-time leader, passing Martin St. Louis. He went on to become the first player in franchise history to reach 600 assists on Jan. 16 vs. Anaheim.

DEC. 4, 2024

Lightning forwards Anthony Cirelli and Brandon Hagel are named to Team Canada's 4 Nations Face-Off roster, joining Brayden Point as well as coach Jon Cooper and general manager Julien BriseBois, while forward Jake Guentzel was named to Team USA.



LIGHTNING TEAM HISTORY TIMELINE

DEC. 5, 2024

Longtime play-by-play broadcaster Rick Peckham and Lightning alumnus forward Brian Bradley are announced as the 2025 inductees to the Lightning Hall of Fame.

DEC. 12, 2024

Lightning goalie Andrei Vasilevskiy finishes with 19 saves in his 500th career NHL game. His 306 career wins were the most by any goalie through their first 500 NHL games.

DEC. 28, 2024

Victor Hedman plays against the New York Rangers in his 1,083rd game for the Lightning, surpassing former teammate Steven Stamkos as the franchise's all-time leader for games played.

JAN. 8, 2025

NHL announces Tampa Bay will host the Boston Bruins on Feb. 1, 2026 for the Navy Federal Credit Union Stadium Series at Raymond James Stadium in Tampa, one of the first-ever outdoor hockey games held in Florida.

JAN. 30, 2025

Defenseman Victor Hedman is named captain for Team Sweden at the 4 Nations Face-Off, scheduled for February.

FEB. 1, 2025

Longtime play-by-play broadcaster Rick Peckham and Lightning alumnus forward Brian Bradley are welcomed to the Lightning Hall of Fame at the annual Hall of Fame game.

FEB. 8, 2025

Lightning forward Nikita Kucherov records three assists to pass Victor Hedman for the franchise record for career assists (610).

FEB. 20, 2025

Coach Jon Cooper, GM Julien BriseBois and forwards Brayden Point, Anthony Cirelli and Brandon Hagel win the 4 Nations Face-Off championship game over Team USA at TD Garden in Boston.

MARCH 27, 2025

Goalie Andrei Vasilevskiy stops all 25 shots he faces against Utah to earn his 40th NHL shutout, becoming just the 49th goalie in NHL history to reach that mark.

APRIL 5, 2025

Lightning clinch a berth to the 2025 Stanley Cup Playoffs for an eighth consecutive season, establishing a new franchise record. It is the 17th time the Lightning qualified for the playoffs.

APRIL 18, 2025

Nikita Kucherov wins his second consecutive Art Ross Trophy after leading the NHL in scoring with 121 points in 78 games. He is only the third player in the last 25 seasons to win consecutive Art Ross trophies, joining Jaromir Jagr and Connor McDavid.



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APRIL 28, 2025

Lightning goalie Andrei Vasilevskiy is named a top-three finalist for the Vezina Trophy, given annually to the top goalie in the NHL. He finished second in the NHL for wins, shutouts, saves and high-danger save percentage, while his .921 save percentage ranked third.

MAY 2, 2025

Lightning forward Anthony Cirelli is named a top-three finalist for the Frank J. Selke Trophy, given annually to the NHL's best two-way forward. He became the first player in team history to be a finalist.

JUNE 4, 2025

Nikita Kucherov earns his second career Ted Lindsay Award as the league's "most outstanding player", per an NHL Players' Association vote.

JUNE 6, 2025

Dan Hinote is hired by the Lightning as an assistant coach.

JUNE 16, 2025

Five Lightning players are named to the initial rosters for the 2026 Olympics in Milan, Italy, including Victor Hedman (Sweden), Brayden Point (Canada), Erik Cernak (Slovakia), Oliver Bjorkstrand (Denmark), and Zemgus Girgensons (Latvia).

JULY 7, 2025

Jeff Tambellini is hired as Lightning assistant general manager and director of hockey operations.

AUG. 13, 2025

Lightning announce a new naming partner for their home facilities, partnering with locally owned Benchmark International to rename the arena Benchmark International Arena beginning immediately.

