

# PLAYOFF MOMENTS



## April 10, 1934

**HAROLD "MUSH" MARCH** breaks a scoreless tie in overtime of Game 4 of the 1934 Stanley Cup Final against Detroit. The history-making shot against Red Wings goaltender Wilf Cude won the first Cup in Blackhawks history.

## March 28-30, 1944

**MAX BENTLEY** scores a hat trick in consecutive games, marking the first two playoff hat tricks in team history and helping the Blackhawks clinch their Stanley Cup Semifinals series against Detroit.

## April 4, 1961

With a 3-0 shutout from **GLENN HALL**, the Blackhawks defeat the Montreal Canadiens, who ousted them from their previous two playoffs, in the semifinals en route to winning the 1961 Stanley Cup championship.

## April 14, 1968

Head Coach **BILLY REAY** becomes the winningest coach in Blackhawks playoff history with a 2-1 victory in New York against the Rangers, passing **RUDY PILOUS**. His 57 career playoff wins are eventually passed by **JOEL QUENNEVILLE** (76 wins as of the 2017 Stanley Cup Playoffs).

## May 10, 1973

**PIT MARTIN** scores the first hat trick in Blackhawks Stanley Cup Final history in a 6-4 loss to Montreal, the deciding game of the series.

## April 23, 1982

Goaltender **TONY ESPOSITO** earns his sixth career playoff shutout, a franchise record, as the Blackhawks defeat St. Louis in the division finals of the 1982 playoffs.

## April 24, 1992

The Blackhawks defeat the St. Louis Blues 5-3 at St. Louis Arena, the first of a franchise-record 11 straight playoff victories. The Blackhawks go on to win the Campbell Conference championship.

## April 28, 1994

The Blackhawks play their final game at Chicago Stadium, dropping the Western Conference Quarterfinal series against Toronto with a 6-4 loss in Game 6.

## May 25-27, 1995

**CHRIS CHELIOS** scores the overtime game-winning goal in consecutive contests to help the Blackhawks sweep the Vancouver Canucks in their conference semifinals series.

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## April 16, 2009

**MARTIN HAVLAT**'s game-winner 12 seconds into overtime ties a franchise record for fastest postseason overtime goal as the Blackhawks defeat the Calgary Flames 3-2 for their first Stanley Cup Playoffs victory in seven years.

## May 11, 2009

**PATRICK KANE** records his first career hat trick, pushing the Blackhawks into the Western Conference Final with a series-clinching 7-5 win over Vancouver in Game 6 at the United Center.

## April 24, 2010

Down one goal and facing elimination, **PATRICK KANE** scores a shorthanded tally against the Nashville Predators with 14 seconds left in regulation to force overtime. **MARIAN HOSSA** puts in the game-winning goal seconds after serving a major penalty, and the Blackhawks go on to defeat Nashville in six games.

## May 5-7, 2010

**DUSTIN BYFUGLIEN** and **JONATHAN TOEWS** record back-to-back hat tricks while on the road in Vancouver, leading the Blackhawks to an eventual 4-2 conference semifinals win over the Canucks for the second year in a row.

## May 16, 2010

Rookie goalie **ANTTI NIEMI** deflects 44 of 45 shots as the Blackhawks beat the San Jose Sharks 2-1 in Game 1 of the Western Conference Final. Niemi earns the First Star of the Game and will eventually stop 129 of 136 shots during the series, helping Chicago sweep the No. 1 seed from the West and advance to the Stanley Cup Final for the first time since 1992.

## June 9, 2010

Just 4:06 into overtime in Game 6 of the Stanley Cup Final, **PATRICK KANE** scores what turns out to be the game- (and Cup-) winning goal, but only he seems to know that the puck is in the net. The goal light at the Wachovia Center in Philadelphia is never triggered, but replays confirm Kane's goal, and the Chicago Blackhawks clinch their first Stanley Cup since 1961.

## April 24, 2011

First-year forward **BEN SMITH** finds the back of the net at 15:30 of overtime in Game 6 of the conference quarterfinals, forcing Game 7 against the Canucks, who had previously held a 3-0 series lead over the Blackhawks. On the play, a long shot by defenseman **NIKLAS HJALMARSSON** is parried away by Vancouver goaltender Roberto Luongo, and Smith backhands the rebound in for his third goal of the postseason.

## April 12-21, 2012

By forcing overtime in the first five games of the 2012 Western Conference Quarterfinals, the Chicago-Arizona series becomes the second in NHL history to have five consecutive tilts decided in extra time, after the 1951 Stanley Cup Final between Toronto and Montreal went to overtime in all five games. Additionally, the Blackhawks become the first team in league history to have seven straight playoff matchups end in overtime, dating back to Game 6 of the 2011 Western Conference Quarterfinals against Vancouver. After scoring game-tying goals with less than 15 seconds remaining in regulation in Games 1 and 2, Chicago also becomes the first team in NHL history to do so in consecutive games of a postseason series. Rookie **BRANDON SAAD**, 19, becomes the youngest Blackhawk skater to make his playoff debut since Dean McAmmond (18y, 312d) on April 22, 1992, when he suits up for Game 4 on April 19. Rookie **BRANDON BOLLIG** becomes the first Blackhawks player to record a postseason goal as his first NHL point since Warren Rychel (April 6, 1991 vs. MIN).

## May 27, 2013

With the Blackhawks carrying a 3-2 lead over the Detroit Red Wings in Game 6 of the Western Conference Semifinals, **MICHAEL FROLIK** earns a penalty shot after being tripped on a breakaway. He scores, becoming the first player in NHL history to convert two penalty shots in the Stanley Cup Playoffs. Frolik's first successful attempt was against Cory Schneider of the Vancouver Canucks on April 24, 2011, in Game 6 of the conference quarterfinals.

## May 29, 2013

**BRENT SEABROOK** scores at 3:35 of overtime to lift the Blackhawks over the Detroit Red Wings 2-1 in Game 7 of the conference semifinals, marking the first time in franchise history that the team has recovered from a 3-1 series deficit to reach the next round.

## June 8, 2013

In Game 5 of the Western Conference Final, **PATRICK KANE** collects his second career hat trick (both have occurred in the playoffs) to lead the Blackhawks to a 4-3 overtime victory over the Los Angeles Kings. Kane scores twice in regulation, then notches the game-winner at 11:40 of the second overtime period off a pass from **JONATHAN TOEWS**. The Blackhawks win the series 4-1 to claim their third Western Conference title (1992, 2010) and advance to the Stanley Cup Final.

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## June 12, 2013

The opening game of the 2013 Stanley Cup Final is an instant classic, as the Blackhawks edge the Boston Bruins 4-3 in triple overtime to take a 1-0 lead in the series. **ANDREW SHAW** scores the game-winner after 52:08 of extra hockey when the puck deflects off his shinpad and past Tuukka Rask. The game marks the third-longest playoff game in franchise history and the fifth-longest game ever played in the Stanley Cup Final.

## June 19, 2013

Down 2-1 to Boston in the Stanley Cup Final, the Blackhawks engage the Bruins in a wild shootout in Game 4 at TD Garden. Ten different scorers account for 11 goals between the two teams, the last of which is **BRENT SEABROOK**'s goal at 9:51 of overtime to give Chicago a 6-5 win. Seabrook's tally sets a franchise record for career overtime goals (regular and postseason).

## June 24, 2013

The Blackhawks score two goals in 17 seconds in the final 1:16 of Game 6 in Boston, turning a 2-1 deficit into a 3-2 victory and clinching the organization's fifth Stanley Cup. With Chicago's goaltender pulled, **BRYAN BICKELL** takes a feed from **JONATHAN TOEWS** and jams the puck past Tuukka Rask to tie the game at 18:44 of the third period. **DAVE BOLLAND** scores the game-winning goal on a rebound at 19:01, the latest timestamp in league history for a Stanley Cup-winning goal in a regulation game. **PATRICK KANE** is named the 2013 Conn Smythe Trophy winner after recording a team-leading 19 points (9G, 10A) in 23 games.

## April 21-27, 2014

**JONATHAN TOEWS** became the 24th player in NHL history to score at least three game-winning goals in a series, after netting the GWG in Games 3, 5 and 6 against the St. Louis Blues in the Western Conference First Round. Toews and **PATRICK KANE** finish the postseason sharing the NHL lead with 4 GWG apiece. Toews currently paces the Blackhawks' all-time list and shares sixth among active NHLers with 10 career playoff GWG.

## May 2-4, 2014

**MARIAN HOSSA** records back-to-back three-point efforts in Games 1 and 2 of the Western Conference Second Round against the Minnesota Wild (1G, 5A), becoming the second player to accomplish that feat for the Blackhawks since 1995. **JONATHAN TOEWS** previously posted consecutive three-point games in Games 3 and 4 of the 2010 Western Conference Semifinals vs. Vancouver.

## May 13, 2014

**PATRICK KANE** nets the series-clinching goal 9:42 into overtime in Game 6 of the Western Conference Second Round vs. Minnesota, marking his fourth career overtime postseason goal; he currently holds the franchise record and shares fourth in league history with four playoff OT goals. With the 2-1 victory, Chicago advances to the Western Conference Final for the fourth time in five years.

## May 28, 2014

**MICHAEL HANDZUS** nets his second career postseason game-winner with a goal 2:04 into the second overtime period to give Chicago a 5-4 win over the Los Angeles Kings in Game 5 of the Western Conference Final. **PATRICK KANE** posts a playoff career-high four points (4A), and **BRANDON SAAD** notches a postseason career-high three points (1G, 2A).

## May 30, 2014

The Blackhawks overcome a 3-2 third-period deficit at Los Angeles to win 4-3 and even the series at 3-3, forcing Game 7 after falling behind 3-1 in the series. The game marks the second straight contest in which Chicago rallied from a third-period deficit; they are only the fourth team in Stanley Cup Playoffs history to win consecutive elimination games when trailing in the third period.

## April 15, 2015

The Blackhawks open their 2015 postseason campaign with a 4-3 double-overtime win in Game 1 of the First Round at Nashville, marking four straight playoff years that have begun with overtime games. **SCOTT DARLING** makes his NHL playoff debut in relief of **COREY CRAWFORD** to start the second period and stops all 42 shots he faces, setting a league record for longest relief appearance without allowing a goal. **DUNCAN KEITH** nets his first career playoff OT winner at 7:49 of the second overtime, and rookie **TEUVO TERAVAINEN** collects his first NHL playoff point with an assist on **NIKLAS HJALMARSSON**'s opening goal.

## April 21, 2015

Chicago takes a commanding 3-1 series lead over the Predators with a 3-2 effort decided in the first minute of triple overtime, as **SCOTT DARLING** makes a career-high 50 saves on 52 shots in Game 4. Defenseman **BRENT SEABROOK** nets his second goal of the playoffs and third career overtime winner with a blast from the high slot 1:00 into the third extra frame.

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## May 3, 2015

With his two-goal effort—including the game-winner—propelling the Blackhawks to a 4-1 win over Minnesota in Game 2 of the Western Conference Second Round, **PATRICK KANE** breaks the 100-point plateau in his playoff career, ending the night with 101 points in 101 games.

## May 7, 2015

**PATRICK KANE** extends his goal streak to a career-long five games and his point streak to seven games (matching a career best) with a goal and an assist as the Blackhawks complete the four-game sweep over Minnesota, eliminating their divisional rivals from the playoffs for the third year in a row. **MARIAN HOSSA**'s empty-netter stands as the first such goal to clinch a series since 1991.

## May 19, 2015

**MARCUS KRUGER**'s goalmouth tally at 56:12 ends a marathon triple-overtime Game 4 in Anaheim, setting a record for longest game in franchise history; the previous mark was 53:50 against Montreal on April 9, 1931. Nine players set career highs in playoff ice time, while **COREY CRAWFORD** makes a career-best 60 saves on 62 shots.

## June 3-13, 2015

The Blackhawks and Lightning play five consecutive one-goal games to open the 2015 Stanley Cup Final, matching the historical closeness of the 1951 Final between Toronto and Montreal. Up to this point, the two teams are tied or separated by just one goal for the entire series, marking the first Final in which neither team has a multi-goal lead at any point in the opening five games; additionally, the winning goal has been scored in the third period in each contest, including two in the final 5 minutes of regulation (**ANTOINE VERMETTE** at 15:26 of Game 1 and Cedric Paquette at 16:49 of Game 3). Vermette also scores the game-winner in Game 5, becoming the sixth player in NHL history to net two GWG in the Final after joining the team midseason.

## June 15, 2015

Capping off a postseason for the history books, **DUNCAN KEITH** scores the Cup-winning goal late in the second period in a 2-0 win to help the Blackhawks clinch their sixth Stanley Cup and third in the last six years. **COREY CRAWFORD** makes 25 saves for his second shutout of the playoffs, matching a career high and tying a franchise record with 45 career playoff wins; he's the second goaltender in team history to register a shutout in a Cup-clinching game (C. Gardiner, 1934). Keith wins the Conn Smythe Trophy, becoming the first defenseman to do so since 2007 (S. Niedermayer). Keith's 21 points (3G, 18A) equal a franchise record for defensemen in a playoff year, and he becomes the fourth skater to log 700 minutes in one postseason (since TOL was introduced 1998).

## April 25, 2016

The Blackhawks twice held off elimination vs. the St. Louis Blues in the Western Conference First Round, coming back to tie the series at 3-3 after being down 3-1, but fell 3-2 in Game 7 at Scottrade Center.

## August 1, 2020

After the 2020 NHL regular season was paused due to the Covid-19 virus, plans for an expanded Stanley Cup Playoffs format were announced and the Blackhawks opened their Qualifying Round series vs. Edmonton. All 12 Western Conference Playoff teams played at Rogers Place in Edmonton and the Blackhawks opened their best-of-five series with a 6-4 win thanks to five points (2G, 3A) from rookie Dominik Kubalik. Kubalik became the first NHL player in history to score five points in his postseason debut.

## August 7, 2020

The 12th-seed Blackhawks topped the No. 5 seed Oilers 3-2 to clinch the Qualifying Round series, 3-games-to-1. Dominik Kubalik's third period goal proved to be the series clincher.