



DALLAS STARS VS. MINNESOTA WILD

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AMERICAN AIRLINES CENTER // DALLAS, TX



LAST GAME

Dallas 2 at Minnesota 3 [OT]

Goals: Robertson, Heiskanen

Goalie: Oettinger (40/43)

PP: 2/2 PK: 4/4 Shots: Dallas 45 – Minnesota 43

Three Stars: 1. MIN – M. Boldy 2. MIN – J. Wallstedt 3. MIN – B. Faber

- **Jason Robertson** scored Dallas' first goal of the night, extending his postseason point streak against Minnesota to seven games, earning 10 points (5-5—10) during that span.
- **Miro Heiskanen** scored the Stars' second goal, his first postseason goal against the Wild, and now rides a four-game playoff point streak vs. Minnesota, collecting four points (1-3—4) during that span.
- **Matt Duchene** factored on both of Dallas' goals with primary assists and now has seven points (2-5—7) in his last three games played against the Wild.
- **Mikko Rantanen** tallied two assists during the game, extending his postseason point streak vs. Minnesota to three games, registering five points (1-4—5) during that span.
- **Justin Hryckowian** went 6-for-7 for an 86 percent success rate at the faceoff dot during the game. In the postseason, **Hryckowian** ranks second on the team in faceoff win percentage while topping all NHL rookies in the playoffs (72.2).

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

Thursday, April 30, 2026: Dallas Stars at Minnesota Wild, Grand Casino Arena, TBD

*Saturday, May 2, 2026: Dallas Stars vs. Minnesota Wild, American Airlines Center, TBD

**if necessary*

RECENT TRANSACTIONS

April 12, 2026: Loaned F Cameron Hughes to Texas (AHL)

April 13, 2026: Signed F Christian Fitzgerald to a one-year, entry-level contract ; Activated F Radek Faksa from IR

April 17, 2026: Signed D Nils Lundkvist to a two-year contract extension (\$1.75M AAV)

April 18, 2026: Recalled G Ben Kraws from Texas (AHL) for purposes of emergency during the 2026 Stanley Cup Playoffs

CURRENT INJURIES

REGULAR-SEASON MAN GAMES LOST: 314 | PLAYOFF MAN GAMES LOST: 12

Tyler Seguin (lower body; LTIR) – 4 games

Roope Hintz (lower body) – 4 games

Nathan Bastian (undisclosed) – 4 games

MATCHUP

	DALLAS	MINNESOTA
RECORD	2-2	2-2
STANDINGS	2nd in Central, 2nd in West	3rd in Central, 3rd in West
LAST GAME	4/25 at MIN (3-2 OTL)	4/25 vs. DAL (3-2 OTW)
NEXT GAME	4/30 at MIN	4/30 vs. DAL
LAST 10 GAMES	2-2	2-2
LEADING SCORER	Matt Duchene (2-5—7)	Kirill Kaprizov (1-5—6)
POWER PLAY	8/19 (42.1%)	3/19 (15.8%)
PENALTY KILL	16/19 (84.2%)	11/19 (57.9%)

GAME NOTES

THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

- Tonight marks the Stars' 434th postseason game in franchise history. The Stars own a 219-214 all-time postseason record.
- The Stars currently rank eighth all-time in playoff wins with 219.
- Dallas has a 31-32 all-time record in Game 5s including an 18-8 record on home ice.
- **Mikko Rantanen** is the only player on Dallas' active roster who has previously won the Stanley Cup. He hoisted the Cup in 2022 with the Avalanche, finishing the postseason with 25 points (5-20—25) in 20 games, which was good for fifth in the NHL is scoring that year.

- **Esa Lindell** enters tonight's game one assist shy of surpassing Richard Matvichuk (19) for the 10th-most playoff assists by a defenseman in franchise history. He is also one goal shy of tying John Klingberg (7) for the fifth-most playoff goals by a defenseman in franchise history.
- **Mavrik Bourque** has totaled a team-leading 17 hits this postseason, which was tied for 15th in the NHL entering play Monday.
- 2026 marks the first trip to the Stanley Cup Playoffs for rookies **Justin Hryckowian** and **Arttu Hyry**.

WILD THINGS

- In the postseason, Dallas is 10-6 all-time vs. Minnesota, including a 5-3 mark on home ice.
 - In the regular season, the Stars are 56-29-13 all-time against the Wild, with a 35-8-7 mark at home.
- Dallas has a 31-32 all-time record in Game 5s including an 18-8 record on home ice, while Minnesota is 5-10 in Game 5s with a 5-7 record on the road.
- The series is currently tied at 2-2. When Dallas is tied in a best-of-seven series 2-2 they are 18-13 and 13-4 when starting at home, while Minnesota is 2-5 when the series is tied at 2-2 and 2-3 when starting the series on the road.
- **Mikko Rantanen** enters tonight's contest riding a three-game postseason point streak against the Wild, earning five points (1-4—5) during that span.
 - Skated in his first NHL playoff game against them in Game 1 on April 18.
 - In all, **Rantanen** has tallied five points (1-4—5) in four career postseason games vs. Minnesota, averaging 22:42 of time on ice per game.
 - **Rantanen** has totaled 44 points (17-27—44) in 42 career regular-season games played against the Wild, carrying a plus-minus rating of +18 and averaging 19:50 of time on ice per game. He has registered 11 multi-point outings against them.
- **Wyatt Johnston** has collected seven points (4-3—7) through 10 career playoff games against the Wild, averaging 20:29 of time on ice per game and tallying two game-winning goals.
 - **Johnston** tied teammate **Esa Lindell** (1-4—5) for the team lead in scoring against Minnesota during the regular season, collecting five points (2-3—5) in four games.
- **Jason Robertson** enters tonight's matchup riding a seven-game playoff point streak against the Wild, collecting 10 points (5-5—10) during that span, including putting up three points (1-2—3) in Game 3 on April 22. In all, **Robertson** has posted 13 points (6-7—13) in 10 career postseason games played vs. Minnesota, averaging 1.30 points per game.
 - In the regular season, **Robertson** has recorded 22 points (14-8—22) in 19 games played. He closed out the regular season against them riding a five-game point streak (4-1—5).
- **Matt Duchene** enters tonight's contest riding a three-game postseason point streak against the Wild, registering seven points (2-5—7) during that span, all of which were multi-point outings. In six career postseason games vs. Minnesota, **Duchene** has totaled 10 points (2-8—10), averaging 21:01 of time on ice per game and 1.67 points per game.
 - His 1.67 points per game against them ranks second among active NHL skaters, trailing teammate **Roope Hintz** (2.00).
- **Jamie Benn** has collected 14 points (5-9—14) in 16 career playoff games against the Wild, carrying a plus-minus rating of +3.
 - His 14 career postseason points against them are tied for third among all active NHL skaters.
 - Has posted 50 points (20-30—50) in 62 career regular-season games played against them with a plus-minus rating of +9.
- **Miro Heiskanen** enters tonight's contest riding a four-game postseason point streak vs. Minnesota, tallying four points (1-3—4) during that span, including putting up his first playoff goal against them in Game 4 on April 25. In all, **Heiskanen** has posted 10 points (1-9—10) in 10 career playoff games against the Wild, averaging 30:05 of time on ice per game, including putting up a career-high of 43:05 of ice time in Game 3 on April 22 (2OT).
 - His 30:05 of time on ice per game in the postseason against them top all active NHL skaters.
 - In 22 regular-season games played vs. Minnesota, **Heiskanen** has put up 18 points (2-16—18) with a plus-minus rating of +10.
- **Roope Hintz** enters tonight's matchup riding a three-game playoff point streak against the Wild, collecting seven points (1-6—7) during that span. In all, **Hintz** has notched 12 points (5-7—12) in six career playoff games vs. Minnesota, carrying plus-minus rating of +3 and averaging 2.00 points per game.
 - His 2.00 points per game against them in the playoffs top all active NHL skaters.
 - **Hintz** has posted five points (1-4—5) in his last four regular-season games against the Wild. In all, he has totaled 24 points (10-14—24) through 25 career regular-season games against them, posting a plus-minus rating of +12.
- **Jake Oettinger** – a native of Lakeville, Minnesota – owns a 6-4 career postseason record against Minnesota, posting a .917 save percentage, 2.30 goals against average and one shutout.
 - His six playoff wins against them are the second-most among all active NHL netminders.

DOUBLE DUTCH

- **Matt Duchene** has totaled seven points (2-5—7) this series, leading all Stars skaters in assists and points this postseason.
- His seven points were tied for second in the NHL entering play Monday and are already the second-most in a single postseason of his career.
 - He enters tonight's game three points shy of matching his playoff career best of 10 points (5-5—10) he had in 10 postseason games with the Columbus Blue Jackets in 2019.
- Five (2-3—5) of his seven points this postseason have come on the power play, which was tied with teammate **Mikko Rantanen** for the League lead entering play Monday.

- **Duchene** has recorded multi-point efforts in each of the last three games that he has played, which is a career long.
- When **Duchene** has been on the ice during 5-on-5 play this series, the Stars are outscoring the Wild 2-0, have a 58.8 expected goals for percentage and a 57.7 Corsi rating according to Natural Stat Trick. Dallas also has 32 scoring chances to Minnesota's 16 when he's on the ice at 5-on-5.
- **Duchene** enters tonight's game riding a playoff career-best three-game assist streak. A goal or an assist tonight would give him points in four consecutive playoff games for the first time in his career.

KILLING IT

- The Stars have gone 16-for-19 on the penalty kill this series for an 84.2 percent success rate. Their success on the penalty kill comes against a Wild team that had the third-best power play in the regular season, converting on 25.2 percent of their opportunities.
- The team's current run includes killing of Minnesota's last 10 power-plays, going 4-for-4 in Game 4 and 6-for-7 in Game 3.
- Dallas has killed of 16 penalties this series, which was tied for the second-most in the NHL this postseason entering play Monday, trailing only the Carolina Hurricanes, who went 20-for-21 on the penalty kill in their series against the Senators.
- **Oskar Bäck** (18:05) and **Radek Faksa** (16:42) have both played more than 15 minutes on the penalty kill this series without being on the ice for a power-play goal against.
 - Boston's Hampus Lindholm was the only player this postseason who has had more shorthanded time on ice without being on the ice for a power-play goal against entering play Monday.
- **Esa Lindell** (24:36) and **Miro Heiskanen** (22:53) ranked third and fourth, respectively, in total shorthanded ice time this postseason entering play Monday.

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- **Jason Robertson** scored the Stars' first goal of the game in Game 4 to extend his playoff goal scoring streak to a career-long four games. **Robertson** has scored in each of the last seven playoff games that he has played in dating back to the 2025 Stanley Cup Playoffs.
 - **Robertson's** four goals were tied for the second-most in the NHL entering play Monday, trailing only Brandon Hagel's six.
- With the goal, **Robertson** became the second player in franchise history to score in four consecutive games to begin a postseason according to NHL Stats, joining Steve Payne who did so in 1981.
- The goal also tied him with Dave Gagner (22) for the 13th-most playoff goals in franchise history and the eighth-most in Dallas Stars team history (since 1993-94).
- His goal extended his postseason point streak against the Wild to seven games. He now has 11 points (6-5—11) in 10 career playoff games against Minnesota.
- **Robertson's** four game-goal streak is the second-longest in Stars playoff history, trialing only Steve Payne (1981) and Milan Marcetta (1968), who recorded five-game goal streaks when the team was located in Minnesota.
- **Robertson's** goal in Game 4 was the ninth power-play goal of his Stanley Cup Playoff career, which is tied for the seventh-most in franchise history. He joined Mike Modano (20), Sergei Zubov (9), Brendan Morrow (9) and **Jamie Benn** (9) as the only five players to score at least nine power-play goals for the Stars since the team relocated to Dallas.
- If **Robertson** were to score again tonight, he would become the first player to begin a postseason with a five-game goal streak since Valeri Nichushkin (7) and Artturi Lehkonen (5) in 2024 according to NHL Stats.
- **Robertson** scored the third game-winning goal of his postseason career in Game 2 to secure a 4-2 Dallas win. **Robertson's** goal the 20th of his playoff career, making him the 16th player in franchise history and ninth in team history to score at least 20 postseaosn gaoals for the team.
- When **Robertson** was on the ice during 5-on-5 in Game 2, the Stars outshot the Wild 9-2, owned a 94.3 expected goals for percentage and had four high-danger scoring chances to Minnesota's zero according to Natural Stat Trick.

MIRO THE HERO

- **Miro Heiskanen** scored a power-play goal in Game 4 to give him at least a point in every game of this series. His four-game point streak is his longest since he also had a point in four straight games from May 6 to 15, 2024.
 - **Heiskanen's** four points (1-3—4) this postseason were tied for third among all NHL defensemen entering play Monday.
- **Heiskanen** is the fourth Stars defensemen in franchise history to have a point in four consecutive games to begin a play off run and first since Sergei Zubov had a point in six straight games to begin the 2003 Stanley Cup Playoffs according to NHL Stats.
- A goal or an assist tonight would give him points in five straight playoff games for the first time since May 7 to 15, 2024 (4-4—8) and would also make him the third defenseman in franchise history to begin a postseason run with a five-game point streak according to NHL Stats. He would join Zubov (6 in 2003 and 5 in 2001) and Brad Maxwell (5 in 1983).
- **Heiskanen** now has 10 points (1-9—10) in 10 career postseason games against Minnesota.
- **Heiskanen** recorded the 51st assist of his playoff career in Game 3 to take sole possessions of fourth on the franchise's all-time playoff assists list.
- **Heiskanen** skated 43:05 in Game 3, the highest single-game ice time of his career, regular season or playoffs. His 43:05 of ice time was the most by a Stars skaters in a playoff game since seven different Dallas skaters had at least 43 minutes of ice time on May 4, 2008 against the San Jose Sharks.
 - The Stars played a quadruple overtime game against the Sharks in Game 6 of the Western Conference Semifinal. Dallas eventually won 2-1 to eliminate San Jose.

- **Heiskanen** recorded the 50th assist of his postseason career in Game 2 with the secondary helper on **Matt Duchene's** goal. In reaching the milestone, **Heiskanen** became...
 - The sixth player in franchise history and fourth in Dallas Stars team history to record 50 playoff assists with the team.
 - The seventh Finnish player in NHL history to have 50 postseason assists.
 - The 14th skater since the start of the 2019 Stanley Cup Playoffs, when he made his postseason debut, to total 50 assists.
- **Heiskanen** recorded his 50th playoff assist in his 95th career Stanley Cup Playoff game, making him third-fastest European defenseman to reach 50 career playoff assists (95 GP) according to NHL Stats, behind only Sergei Zubov (80 GP) and Sandis Ozolinsh (81 GP).
- In all, **Heiskanen** has notched 69 career playoff points (18-51—69) in 97 Stanley Cup Playoff games, which is tied for ninth among all active defensemen and is the second-most by a Stars blueliner in franchise history.
 - He is four points shy of tying Shea Theodore (73) for eighth in playoff scoring among active defensemen.
- He enters tonight's game three points shy of tying Sergei Zubov (72) for the most playoff points by a defenseman in franchise history.

JOHNNY B. GOODE

- **Wyatt Johnston** scored the game-winning goal in double overtime of Game 3. The goal was the sixth game-winning goal of his playoff career, which is tied for sixth in franchise history.
- According to NHL Stats, **Johnston** became the eighth player in Stanley Cup Playoffs history with six game-winning goals before age 23, joining Jaromir Jagr (7), Stephane Richer (7), Steve Payne (7), Ted Kennedy (7), Evgeni Malkin (6), Jeremy Roenick (6) and Claude Lemieux (6).
- The goal was also the second overtime goal of his career, which is tied for the fourth-most in franchise history and only one shy of the franchise record.
 - Joe Nieuwendyk, Steve Payne and Brenden Morrow all scored three playoff overtime goals for the Stars.
- **Johnston** scored the team's first and fourth goals of the night in Game 2 to bring his postseason career total to 20, making him the second player in franchise history and first in Dallas Stars team history to score at least 20 Stanley Cup Playoff goals at age 22 or younger according to NHL Stats.
- According to NHL Stats, **Johnston** is just the 13th player in NHL history, an first since Tampa Bay's Nikita Kucherov, to score 20 goals in the Stanley Cup Playoffs before his 23rd birthday.
- Entering play Monday, there were 76 active NHL players that have scored at least 20 postseason goals. **Johnston**, who is roughly three weeks shy of turning 23, is the youngest of those 76 players.
 - At 26 years old, Carolina's Andrei Svechnikov – who has scored 23 goals in 70 career playoff games – is the next youngest active player to have scored at least 20 goals in the postseason.
- **Johnston's** 21 goals since the start of the 2023 Stanley Cup Playoffs – when he made his postseason debut – were tied with teammates **Mikko Rantanen** and **Jason Robertson** for eighth in the NHL entering play Monday.
- Fourteen of **Johnston's** 21 postseason goals have been scored at even strength, which ranked 11th in the NHL since the start of the 2023 postseason entering play Monday.
- His performance against the Wild in Game 2 was the fourth multi-goal game of his playoff career. **Johnston** is one of seven players to record at least four multi-goal games since the start of the 2023 postseason, joining Leon Drasaitl (7), Connor McDavid (5), **Mikko Rantanen** (5), **Tyler Seguin** (5), Matthew Tkachuk (5) and Zach Hyman (4).
- In all, **Johnston** has totaled 35 points (21-16—37) in 59 career postseason games, leading all players drafted in 2021 in career playoff games played, goals, assists, points, points per game (0.63), even-strength goals (14), even-strength points (23), power-play goals (6), power-play points (12), shorthanded goals (1), overtime goals (2) and game-winning goals (6).
- Since making his postseason debut in 2023, **Johnston's** 21 are tied for the team lead and his 37 points rank third.

NICKLES

- **Thomas Harley** and **Nils Lundkvist** have played 41:55 at 5-on-5 together during this series. When the pair has been on the ice together at 5-on-5, the Stars own a 65.9 expected goals for percentage, 59.1 percent Corsi rating and 60.9 shots for percentage according to Natural Stat Trick.
- Additionally, the Stars have 12 high-danger scoring chances to the Wild's six during 5-on-5 play when the **Harley/Lundkvist** pair is on the ice according to Natural Stat Trick.
- When the duo was on the ice during 5-on-5 play in Game 3, the Stars outscored the Wild 1-0 and outshot them 12-3 and had six high-danger scoring chances for while not allowing one against.
- **Lundkvist** finished Game 3 with 23:06 of ice time, which is his highest single-game time on ice total of his career, regular season or playoffs.
- He has tallied two assists this series, ranking second among Stars defensemen in playoff scoring this year.
- **Harley** leads all 2019 draftees in career playoff games played (60), assists (22), points (27) and even-strength points (18),

GOING STREAKING

- If **Jason Robertson** were to score again tonight, he would become the first player to begin a postseason with a five-game goal streak since Valeri Nichushkin (7) and Artturi Lehkonen (5) in 2024 according to NHL Stats.
- **Matt Duchene** enters tonight's game riding a playoff career-best three-game assist streak. A goal or an assist tonight would give him points in four consecutive playoff games for the first time in his career.

- A goal or an assist tonight would give **Miro Heiskanen** points in five straight playoff games for the first time since May 7 to 15, 2024 (4-4—8) and would also make him the second defenseman in franchise history to begin a postseason run with a five-game point streak according to NHL Stats. He would join Zubov (6 in 2003 and 5 in 2001) and Brad Maxwell (5 in 1983).
- If **Mikko Rantanen** were to have at least two points tonight, it would give him multi-point efforts in three straight playoff games for the first time since April 28 to May 7, 2025.

POWER TRIP

- The Stars have gone 8-for-19 for a 42.1 percent success rate on the power play this postseason, which was the second-best mark in the League entering play Monday. Their eight power-play goals topped the NHL entering play Monday.
- The Stars went 2-for-2 on the power play in the team's last game, making their performance in Game 4 against the Wild the 10th time in franchise history that the team has had a 100 percent conversion rate on the power play in a playoff game.
- Dallas went 3-for-8 on the man advantage in Game 3, which included **Wyatt Johnston** scoring the game-winning goal in double overtime on the team's eighth power-play opportunity of the night.
- The team's performance against the Wild in Game 3 marked the 24th time in franchise history and ninth time in Dallas Stars team history that they scored at least three power-play goals in a playoff game.
 - They last accomplished this feat on May 21, 2025, going 3-for-4 on the power play in Game 1 of the Western Conference Final against the Edmonton Oilers.
 - The Stars also scored three power-play goals against the Wild in Game 2 of the 2023 First Round, a 7-3 Dallas win on April 19, 2023.
- **Matt Duchene**, **Johnston** and **Jason Robertson** have all scored two goals on the power play this postseason, which was tied for the second-most in the League entering play Monday.
- **Miro Heiskanen** was one of four defensemen to score a power-play goal this postseason entering play Monday.
- During the regular season, the Stars went 71-for-248 on the power play for a 28.6 percent success rate, which set a franchise record for best power-play conversion rate in a single season and was also the second-best mark in the NHL this year.
- The team's 71 power-play goals this year topped the League and was the Stars' most in a single season since they scored 79 times on the man advantage in 2006-07.
- **Johnston** finished the season with 27 power-play goals, which were the second-most in a single-season in the NHL in the post-lockout era (since 2005-06).
- **Johnston's** 27 power-play goals topped the NHL and were seven more than the second-ranked skater (Vegas' Pavel Dorofeyev).

KEEP IT 100 ON THE LAND, THE SEA, THE SKY

- **Mikko Rantanen** has totaled five points (1-4—5) in four games this series.
- He has recorded multi-point efforts in each of the last two games against the Wild. If he were to do so again tonight, it would give him at least two points in three straight playoff games for the first time since April 28 to May 7, 2025.
 - During that four-game run, **Rantanen** totaled 14 points (8-6—14) and had at least three points in each game.
- **Rantanen** is over a point-per-game player (1.24) in the postseason in his career, totaling 128 points (44-84—128) in 102 Stanley Cup Playoff games.
 - **Rantanen** had a career-best nine goals during the 2025 postseason, finishing the playoffs with 22 points (9-13—22) in 18 games. His 22 points tied for seventh in the NHL and tied for the 11th-highest scoring postseason in franchise history.
- His 128 career playoff points are the 11th-most among all active skaters and rank third in NHL history among Finnish players.
- **Rantanen's** 1.24 points per game are the fourth-best mark among active players that have played in at least three Stanley Cup Playoff games.
- **Rantanen** played in his 100th Stanley Cup Playoff game in Game 1 against the Wild.
- In reaching the milestone, he became the 54th active skater and 10th Finnish player in NHL history to appear in at least 100 postseason games.
- **Rantanen** totaled 123 points (43-80—123) through the first 100 games of his postseason career, which is the fourth-most among active skaters according to NHL Stats. Connor McDavid (150), Leon Drasaitl (141) and Nathan MacKinnon (125) are the only active players with more points through their first 100 Stanley Cup Playoff games.
- **Rantanen** is also one of 12 skaters in NHL history to have at least 123 points through his first 100 career postseason games according to NHL Stats.

PUTTING ON THE RITZ

- **Justin Hryckowian** has gone 26-for-36 at the faceoff dot this postseason for a 72.2 percent success rate, which was the second-best mark in the NHL among skaters that have taken at least 15 draws entering play Monday.
- **Hryckowian** has totaled 15 hits through the first four games of the postseason, which was tied for the League lead among all NHL rookies entering play Monday and ranked second on the Stars' roster.
- **Hryckowian** finished Game 1 – his Stanley Cup Playoff debut – having gone 7-for-9 at the faceoff dot for a 77.8 percent success rate. His seven faceoff wins were the most by a Stars rookie in a playoff game since **Roope Hintz** went 8-for-21 on May 7, 2019 against the Blues.
- Additionally, his 77.8 faceoff win percentage was the best mark by a Stars rookie in a playoff game (minimum five faceoffs taken) since **Radek Faksa** went 10-for-12 for an 83.3 percent success rate on May 7, 2016 against St. Louis.
- **Hryckowian** also led all Stars skaters with six hits.

- In Game 2, he recorded the first playoff point of his career with an assist on **Wyatt Johnston's** empty-net goal.
- **Hryckowian** also went 9-for-12 at the faceoff dot for a 75 percent success rate in Game 2. His nine faceoff wins are the most by a Stars rookie in a playoff game since **Roope Hintz** also went 9-for-12 on May 5, 2019 against the St. Louis Blues.

DYNAMIC DUO

- After finishing the regular season with matching 45-goal efforts, **Jason Robertson** (4) and **Wyatt Johnston** (3) have each scored at least three goals this postseason.
- **Johnston's** next goal will tie him with **Robertson** and Dave Gagner (22) for the 13th-most playoff goals in franchise history and the eighth-most in Dallas Stars team history (since 1993-94).
- **Johnston's** 45 regular-season goals were a career high and **Robertson's** 45 were one shy of matching his career best of 46.
- The duo's 90 combined goals during the regular season were the second-most by any set of teammates this year, trailing Colorado's Nathan MacKinnon (53) and Martin Necas (38), who combined to score 91 goals this season.
- **Johnston** and **Robertson** are the sixth pair of teammates in franchise history – and first in Dallas Stars team history (since 1993-94) – to score at least 40 goals in the same season.
- The pair's 45 goals tied for the third-most in a single season in Dallas Stars team history (since 1993-94), trailing only **Robertson's** 46 goals in 2021-22 and Mike Modano's 50 goals in 1993-94.
- The two also became just the third pair of teammates to score at least 45 goals in the same season since 2002-03, joining Leon Draisaitl and Connor McDavid who did so in 2022-23 for the Edmonton Oilers and Todd Bertuzzi and Markus Naslund who did so in 2002-03 for the Vancouver Canucks.
- Both of **Johnston** (41) and **Robertson** (51) recorded at least 40 assists this year, making them the third set of teammates in Stars/North Stars history to each register 40 goals and 40 assists in a single season according to NHL Stats. They joined Dino Ciccarelli and Brian Bellows (1987-88) as well as Ciccarelli and Bobby Smith (1981-82).

FAMILIAR FOES

- The 2026 Stanley Cup Playoffs marks the third time in franchise history that the Stars have faced off against the Wild in a playoff series, owning a 2-0 record in their previous two postseason meetings.
- In all, the Stars have a 10-6 record against the Wild in 16 playoff games. The team's 10 wins and .624 win percentage against the Wild are tied for second and rank fourth, respectively, in NHL history.
 - A series win in the first round would give the Stars 12 playoff wins against the Wild, which would tie Chicago for the most against Minnesota in NHL history.
- Dallas has outscored Minnesota 53-46 in their 16 playoff games against each other. The Stars' 3.31 goals per game is the best mark of any team against the Wild in the postseason.
- The Stars have gone 21-for-64 on the power play against the Wild in the postseason. Their 33.9 percent conversion rate is the best mark of any team that has played Minnesota in the playoffs.
 - No team has scored more power-play goals against the Wild during the postseason than the Stars.

PARTY LIKE IT'S 1999

- The Stars enter the 2026 Stanley Cup Playoffs looking to win their second Stanley Cup in franchise history after defeating the Buffalo Sabres in six games to bring the team's first championship to Dallas in 1999.
- At the time of the Stars' first Stanley Cup win, 10 players on the team's current roster had yet to be born: **Oskar Bäck, Mavrik Bourque, Lian Bichsel, Thomas Harley, Miro Heiskanen, Justin Hryckowian, Arttu Hyry, Wyatt Johnston, Nils Lundkvist and Jason Robertson**.
 - **Heiskanen** (July 18, 1999) and **Robertson** (July 22, 1999) were both born about a month after the Stars hoisted the Stanley Cup.
- The Stars defeated the Sabres 2-1 on June 19, 1999 to secure the franchise's first-ever championship. On that day...
 - The number one song in the United States was "If You Had My Love" by Jennifer Lopez.
 - The number one movie was Disney's "Tarzan."
 - The 1999 FIFA Women's World Cup began the same day. The United States would ultimately go on to win the tournament, led by superstars Mia Hamm and Brandi Chastain.

PLAYOFF BOUND*

- The Stars clinched their berth to the 2026 Stanley Cup Playoffs with Utah's win over Los Angeles on March 22.
- The Stars are making their fifth consecutive postseason appearance, tied for the second-longest run in franchise history, behind seven straight playoff berths from 1980 to 1986.
- Dallas has made it to the Conference Finals in each of the past three postseasons. The Stars will look to become the third team in the past 40 years to reach the Conference Finals in four straight playoffs, following Colorado (4; 1999-2002) and Detroit (4; 1995-1998).
- The Stars have earned six series wins since 2023, the third most among all teams behind Florida (11) and Edmonton (7).

*All information courtesy of NHL Stats

REGULAR SEASON RECAP

- The Stars ended the regular season with a 50-20-12 record, 112 points and a .683 points percentage, finishing the year ranked third in the NHL in wins (tied), points and points percentage.

- The 2025-26 campaign marked the team's fifth-consecutive 40-win season and is the first time in franchise history that the team has won at least 50 games for three straight years.
- Their 112 points and .683 points percentage were both tied for the third-best mark in a single season in franchise history and makes the 2025-26 season the fourth consecutive year that the team has finished the regular season with at least 100 points.
- The team's success this season came despite logging 314 man games lost with **Tyler Seguin, Jamie Benn, Mikko Rantanen** and others all missing significant time with injury.

IRON SHARPENS IRON

- Four players appeared in all 82 regular-season games for the Stars this season: **Mavrik Bourque, Wyatt Johnston, Esa Lindell** and **Jason Robertson**.
- The 2025-26 campaign is the fourth consecutive year that **Robertson** played in all 82 regular-season games. He finished the season riding a 374-game Iron Man streak, which is the second-longest such streak in franchise history and the eighth-longest active streak in the NHL.
- This is also the fourth-straight year that **Johnston** has played in all 82 games. He has not missed a regular-season game since making his NHL debut at the start of the 2022-23 season, making him one of 13 players in NHL history to begin their career by playing in at least 328 consecutive games according to NHL Stats.

THE FINNISH FIVE

- Dallas' roster currently houses five Finns: **Miro Heiskanen, Roope Hintz, Arttu Hyry, Esa Lindell** and **Mikko Rantanen**. Dallas' five Finns all hail from different Finnish cities: Espoo (**Heiskanen**), Nokia (**Hintz**), Nousiainen (**Rantanen**), Oulu (**Hyry**) and Vantaa (**Lindell**).
- **Heiskanen, Lindell** and **Rantanen** were three of the six players selected to Finland's preliminary Olympic roster with **Hintz** expected to join them in Milan this year. Prior to their time together on the Stars, various combinations of the Finns had played together in international competition.
 - All four players were selected to represent their home country at the Four Nations Face-Off last February before **Heiskanen** had to withdraw due to injury.
 - **Heiskanen** and **Lindell** won a gold medal together at the 2022 IIHF World Championship.
 - **Heiskanen** and **Rantanen** represented Finland together at the 2018 IIHF World Championship.
 - **Lindell** and **Rantanen** won a silver medal together at the 2016 IIHF World Championship.
 - **Hintz** and **Rantanen** played together at the 2015 and 2016 IIHF World Junior Championships, winning a gold medal in 2016.
- **Heiskanen, Hintz, Lindell** and **Rantanen**, along with current Ducks forward and former Star Mikael Granlund, started Game 2 of the Western Conference Final against the Oilers during the 2025 Stanley Cup Playoffs. It marked the first time in a regular-season or playoff game since the NHL began tracking starters in 1997-98 that all five skaters starting were from Finland.
- In all, 34 Finnish players (28 skaters and six goalies) have appeared in at least one regular-season game for the Stars, the most of any NHL franchise in League history.

CONNECTIONS

- Stars forward **Sam Steel** was a member of the Minnesota Wild during the 2022-23 season.
- Stars Player Development Assistant **Jordie Benn** skated for the Minnesota Wild during the 2021-22 season.
- Wild forward Mats Zuccarello skated in two games for the Stars during the 2018-19 season.
- Stars forward **Colin Blackwell** and Wild forward Ryan Hartman were teammates on the Nashville Predators during the 2018-19 season.
- Stars forward **Nathan Bastian** and Wild forward Marcus Johansson played together on the New Jersey Devils during the 2018-19 season and on the Seattle Kraken during the 2021-22 season.
- Stars forward **Mikko Rantanen** and Wild forward Nico Sturm played together on the Colorado Avalanche during the 2021-22 season.
- Stars forwards **Matt Duchene** and **Colin Blackwell** played with Wild forward Yakov Trenin in Nashville during the 2019-20 season.
- Stars forward **Colin Blackwell** and Wild forward Marcus Johansson were both members of the Seattle Kraken during the 2021-22 season.
- Stars goaltender **Jake Oettinger** and Wild forward Matt Boldy and defenseman Brock Faber played for Team USA in the 2025 Four Nations tournament.
- Stars goaltender **Jake Oettinger** and Wild forward Matt Boldy and defensemen Brock Faber and Quinn Hughes all won the gold medal with Team USA at the 2026 Winter Olympic Games in Milan.
- Stars goaltender **Jake Oettinger** and Wild defenseman Quinn Hughes represented Team USA during the 2018 IIHF World Junior Championship.
- Stars forward **Jason Robertson** and Wild defenseman Quinn Hughes skated on Team USA together during the 2019 IIHF World Junior Championship.
- Stars defenseman **Tyler Myers** and Wild forward Quinn Hughes were teammates in Vancouver from 2019-20 to 2025-26.
 - Stars goaltender **Casey DeSmith** joined the two in Vancouver during the 2023-24 season.
- Stars defenseman **Ilya Lyubushkin** and Wild forward Vinnie Hinostroza were teammates in Arizona for the 2018-19 and 2019-20 seasons. They also played together in Buffalo in 2022-23.
- Stars forward **Mikko Rantanen** and Wild forward Yakov Trenin played for Colorado during the 2023-24 season.

- Stars defenseman **Tyler Myers** and Wild defenseman Jacob Middleton both represented Team Canada during the 2023 IIHF World Championship
- Stars forward **Matt Duchene** and Wild forward Nick Foligno crossed paths in Columbus following the 2019 trade deadline.
- Stars forward **Colin Blackwell** and Wild forward Nick Foligno shared the ice in Chicago during the 2023-24 season.
- Stars forward **Radek Faksa** skated with Wild forward Robby Fabri in St. Louis during the 2024-25 season.
- Stars forward **Adam Erne** and Wild forward Robby Fabri were teammates in Detroit from 2019-20 to 2022-23.
- Stars defenseman **Tyler Myers** and Wild forward Marcus Foligno skated together in Buffalo from 2011-12 to 2014-15.
- Stars forwards **Michael Bunting** and **Matt Duchene** and Wild forward Michael McCarron all shared the ice in Nashville. Duchene skated with McCarron from 2020-21 to 2022-23 and Bunting skated with him from 2024-25 to the 2026 trade deadline.
- Stars goaltender **Casey DeSmith** and Wild defenseman Jeff Petry were teammates in Pittsburgh during the 2022-23 season.
- Stars Director of Player Personnel **Rich Peverly** and Wild defenseman Zach Bogosian played for the Atlanta Thrashers from 2008-09 to 2010-11.
- Stars VP of Cultural Growth & Strategy **Al Montoya** and Wild defenseman Zach Bogosian played for the Winnipeg Jets during the 2012-13 and 2013-14 seasons.
- Stars goaltending coach **Jeff Reese** and Wild associate coach Jack Capuano both played for the Toronto Maple Leafs in 1989-1990.

PLAYOFF STARS REAL-TIME STATS LEADERS

Hits: Bourque (17), Hryckowian (15), Blackwell (13)

Blocked Shots: Myers (13), Lindell (10), Harley (9)

Shots: Robertson (23), Heiskanen/Johnston (17), Rantanen (12)

STARS' RECORD IN 10-GAME SEGMENTS (W-L, GF/GA, PP, PK)

First Round: 2-2, 11/14, 8/19, 16/19

OVERTIME RESULTS (1-1)

April 22, 2026 at Minnesota : Johnston

April 25, 2026 at Minnesota : Boldy

UPCOMING NHL PLAYOFF MILESTONES (PLAYER ... NEEDS ... MILESTONE)

Games Played

Miro Heiskanen ... 3 games ... 100 NHL playoff games

Sam Steel ... 4 games ... 50 NHL playoff games

Roope Hintz ... 5 games ... 100 NHL playoff games

Goals

Lian Bichsel ... 1 goal ... First NHL playoff goal

Mavrik Bourque ... 1 goal ... First NHL playoff goal

Kyle Capobianco ... 1 goal ... First NHL playoff goal

Adam Erne ... 1 goal ... First NHL playoff goal

Justin Hryckowian ... 1 goal ... First NHL playoff goal

Arttu Hyry ... 1 goal ... First NHL playoff goal

Nils Lundkvist ... 1 goal ... First NHL playoff goal

Ilya Lyubushkin ... 1 goal ... First NHL playoff goal

Mikko Rantanen ... 6 goals ... 50 NHL playoff goals

Assists

Mavrik Bourque ... 1 assist ... First NHL playoff assist

Kyle Capobianco ... 1 assist ... First NHL playoff assist

Adam Erne ... 1 assist ... First NHL playoff assist

Arttu Hyry ... 1 assist ... First NHL playoff assist

Points

Mavrik Bourque ... 1 point ... First NHL playoff point

Kyle Capobianco... 1 point ... First NHL playoff point

Adam Erne ... 1 point ... First NHL playoff point

Arttu Hyry ... 1 point ... First NHL playoff point

UPCOMING FRANCHISE PLAYOFF MILESTONES (PLAYER ... NEEDS ... MILESTONE)

Games Played

Miro Heiskanen ... 2 games ... Tying Darryl Sydor (99) for the fifth-most playoff games played by a defenseman in franchise history

Esa Lindell ... 3 games ... Surpassing Tyler Seguin (109) for the fifth-most playoff games played in franchise history

Miro Heiskanen ... 3 games ... Surpassing Darryl Sydor (99) for the 10th-most playoff games played in franchise history

Roope Hintz ... 5 games ... Surpassing Darryl Sydor (99) for the 10th-most playoff games played in franchise history

Goals

Esa Lindell ... 1 goal ... Tying John Klingberg (7) for the fifth-most playoff goals by a defenseman in franchise history

Jamie Benn ... 6 goals ... Tying Brian Bellows (34) for third on the franchises all-time playoff goal list

Assists

Esa Lindell ... 1 assist ... Surpassing Richard Matvichuk (19) for the 10th-most playoff assists by a defenseman in franchise history

Roope Hintz ... 8 assists ... Surpassing Bobby Smith (50) for the fifth-most playoff assists in franchise history

Miro Heiskanen ... 7 assists ... Surpassing Sergei Zubov (57) for the most playoff assists by a defenseman in franchise history

Thomas Harley ... 9 assists ... Surpassing Gordie Roberts (30) for the fifth-most playoff assists by a defenseman in franchise history

Points

Jamie Benn ... 4 points ... Surpassing Brian Bellows (83) for the second-most playoff points in franchise history

Miro Heiskanen ... 4 points ... Surpassing Sergei Zubov (72) for the most playoff points by a defenseman in franchise history

RECENT PLAYOFF MILESTONES

Justin Hryckowian ... First NHL playoff game ... April 18, 2026 vs. Minnesota

Mikko Rantanen ... 100 NHL playoff games ... April 18, 2026 vs. Minnesota

Arttu Hyry ... First NHL playoff game ... April 20, 2026 vs. Minnesota

Justin Hruckowian ... First NHL playoff point (assist) ... April 20, 2026 vs. Minnesota

Miro Heiskanen ... 50 NHL playoff assists ... April 20, 2026 vs. Minnesota

Jason Robertson ... 50 NHL playoff points ... April 25, 2026 at Minnesota

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