

DALLAS STARS

5-3, 10 PTS (Finished 2nd in Central)
Last Game: 5/7 3-2 W at WPG
Next Game: 5/11 vs. WPG
PP: 8/25 (32.0%)
PK: 23/26 (88.5%)

WINNIPEG JETS

4-4, 8 PTS (Finished 1st in Central)
Last Game: 5/7 3-2 L vs. WPG
Next Game: 5/11 at DAL
PP: 5/26 (19.2%)
PK: 21/28 (75.0%)

DALLAS STARS AT WINNIPEG JETS // MAY 9, 2025 // 8:30 P.M. CT // CANADA LIFE CENTRE // WINNIPEG, MB

LAST GAME

Dallas 3 at Winnipeg 2

Goals: Rantanen (3)

Goalie: Oettinger (29/31)

PP: 1/2 PK: 4/4 Shots: Dallas 24 – Winnipeg 31

Three Stars: 1. DAL – M. Rantanen 2. WPG – M. Scheifele 3. DAL – J. Oettinger

- With the win the Stars/North Stars improve to 11-13 when facing a franchise for the first time in the playoffs.
- **Mikko Rantanen** has factored on each of Dallas' last 12 goals, which marks the longest streak by a player in Stanley Cup Playoffs history.
- **Mikko Rantanen** became the first player in Stanley Cup Playoffs history with multiple three-goal periods in the same postseason and fourth to do so at any point during their career, joining Wayne Gretzky (3x), Maurice Richard (3x) and Tim Kerr (2x).
- **Esa Lindell** tied his playoff single-game career high with seven blocked shots in Game 1.

**All information courtesy of NHL Stats*

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

Sunday, May 11, 2025: Dallas vs. Winnipeg, 3:30 p.m. CT, American Airlines Center (TBS, truTV, MAX/The Ticket)

Tuesday, May 13, 2025: Dallas vs. Winnipeg, 7 p.m. CT, American Airlines Center (ESPN/The Ticket)

*Thursday, May 15, 2025: Dallas at Winnipeg, TBD

*Saturday, May 17, 2025: Dallas vs. Winnipeg, TBD

*Monday, May 19, 2025: Dallas at Winnipeg, TBD

**If necessary*

RECENT TRANSACTIONS

April 18, 2025: Recalled D Lian Bichsel, D Alexander Petrovic and G Ben Kraws from Texas (AHL)

CURRENT INJURIES

TOTAL REGULAR SEASON MAN GAMES LOST: 190

TOTAL POSTSEASON MAN GAMES LOST: 23

Nils Lundkvist (shoulder; LTIR) – 35 regular-season games; 8 playoff games

Miro Heiskanen (lower body; IR) – 32 regular-season games; 8 playoff games

GAME NOTES

THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

- Tonight marks the Stars' 420th postseason game in franchise history. Dallas has a 213-206 all-time postseason record.
 - The Stars rank eighth all-time in playoff wins with 213.
- The Stars have a 31-34 all-time record in Game 2s including an 11-24 record on the road, while Winnipeg is 3-8 in Game 2s with a 2-5 record on home ice.
- **Thomas Harley** and **Ilya Lyubushkin** have played 122:40 together at 5-on-5, which was the second-highest total of any defensive pair this postseason entering play Thursday according to Natural Stat Trick. The pairing of **Cody Ceci** and **Esa Lindell** ranked third with 122:36 of 5-on-5 ice time together.
- **Roope Hintz** has 15 points (5-10–15) in his last 15 Stanley Cup Playoff games dating back to May 9, 2024 against the Colorado Avalanche. This includes tying the NHL record for points in a period with four (2-2–4) in the second period against Colorado in Game 6.
- **Tyler Seguin** enters tonight's game two assists shy of totaling 50 career playoff assists. When he reaches the milestone, he will become the 29th active NHL player to have at least 50 career assists in the Stanley Cup Playoffs.
- Entering play Thursday, the Stars and the Golden Knights were the only two teams this postseason to have both their power play and penalty kill ranked in the top five in the league.
- 2025 marks the first trip to the Stanley Cup Playoffs for rookies **Oskar Bäck** and **Lian Bichsel**. **Mavrik Bourque** appeared in one game for the Stars during the 2024 postseason.
- The Stars' American Hockey League (AHL) affiliate the Texas Stars also qualified for the postseason after finishing the 2024-25 regular season with a 42-25-3 record. Dallas is one of nine organizations this season to have both its NHL and AHL clubs qualify for their respective postseasons, with the others being Carolina, Colorado, Florida, Los Angeles, Montreal, St. Louis, Tampa Bay and Washington.

GROUNDING THE JETS

- In the postseason, Dallas is 1-0 all-time vs. Winnipeg, including a 1-0 mark on the road.
 - In the regular season, Dallas is 33-22-5 all-time vs. Winnipeg, including a 14-13-3 mark on the road.
- **Mikko Rantanen** has registered 12 points (5-7-12) in six playoff games against the Jets, averaging better than a point per game against them (2.00). His 12 postseason points against Winnipeg are tied for the most among active NHL skaters.
 - **Rantanen** has recorded at least one point in each of his six playoff games against the Jets, riding a six-game playoff point streak against them. This includes having two consecutive multi-point performances against Winnipeg.
 - In the regular season, **Rantanen** has 28 points (10-18-28) in 31 career games played vs. Winnipeg.
 - **Rantanen's** 28 regular-season points against the Jets since the 2016-17 season are tied for the 10th most in the NHL.
- **Tyler Seguin** has registered 54 points (29-25-54) in 51 career regular-season games against Winnipeg, averaging more than a point per game against them (1.06).
 - **Seguin's** 54 regular-season points rank fifth among active NHL skaters.
- **Mikael Granlund** has three points (1-2-3) in six career postseason games played against Winnipeg.
 - In the regular season, **Granlund** has 25 points (8-17-25) in 40 career games against the Jets.
- **Matt Duchene** has tallied 36 points (17-19-36) in 47 career regular-season games vs. Winnipeg. His 36 regular-season points vs. Winnipeg rank third among active Stars skaters.
 - **Duchene** tallied his first playoff point against the Jets with a primary assist on **Mikko Rantanen's** third goal in Game 1 on May 7.
- **Jamie Benn** has recorded 43 points (19-24-43) in 49 career regular-season games vs. Winnipeg. His 43 regular-season points rank second among active Stars skaters while tying for 10th in the league.
 - During his playoff career, **Benn** has earned 79 points (28-51-79), which ranks second among active Stars skaters behind **Mikko Rantanen** (42-74-116).
- **Matt Dumba** has put up two points (1-1-2) in five career playoff games against Winnipeg. His two points came from a multi-point performance against them on April 15, 2018 (with MIN).
- **Jason Robertson** has recorded 13 points (9-4-13) in 15 regular season games vs. Winnipeg.
- **Mason Marchment** has nine points (5-4-9) in 14 career regular-season games against the Jets.
- **Jake Oettinger** has a 6-4-1 record in 11 career regular-season games against the Jets, posting a 2.57 goals-against average and a .905 save percentage in those contests.
 - **Oettinger** is 1-0 in the postseason against Winnipeg, posting a 2.00 goals-against average and a .935 save percentage in Game 1 on May 7.

THE MOOSE IS LOOSE

- **Mikko Rantanen** was leading the NHL in postseason points and goals entering play Thursday, totaling 15 points (8-7-15) in eight games. **Rantanen's** seven assists were tied for the sixth-most in the NHL entering play Thursday.
- With three goals in Game 1 against the Jets, **Rantanen** became the third player in NHL history to score a hat trick in consecutive Stanley Cup Playoff games according to NHL Stats, joining Jari Kurri who did so in 1985 and Doug Bentley who did so in 1944.
 - If he were to score three goals again tonight, **Rantanen** would become the first player in NHL history to score a hat trick in three consecutive postseason games.
- All three of **Rantanen's** goals came in the second period, making him the first player in Stanley Cup Playoffs history with multiple three-goal periods in the same postseason and fourth to do so at any point during their career according to NHL Stats, joining Wayne Gretzky (3x), Maurice Richard (3x) and Tim Kerr (2x).
 - According to NHL Stats, **Rantanen** is the first player in franchise history to score a natural hat trick in the playoffs.
- **Rantanen** is the third player in franchise history to score multiple postseason hat tricks with the team, joining Joe Pavelski and Dino Ciccarelli. **Rantanen** and Pavelski are the only players to do so while the team was located in Dallas.
- **Rantanen** has tallied at least three points in each of the last four postseason games that he has played in, marking the first time in his career that he has had three or more points in four straight Stanley Cup Playoff Games. It also marked the second time in NHL history that a player had at least three points in three consecutive playoff games according to NHL Stats.
- If **Rantanen** were to have at least three points again tonight, he would become the second player in NHL history to have at least three points in five consecutive playoff games according to NHL Stats, joining Leon Draisaitl who did so from May 18 to 26, 2022.
- **Rantanen** enters tonight's game having factored in on each of the last 12 goals that the Stars have scored dating back to Game 5 of the First Round. According to NHL Stats, he is the first player in NHL history to factor in on that many of his team's goals consecutively in the Stanley Cup Playoffs.
- **Rantanen** has tied the league record for points in a period in a playoff game twice this postseason, totaling four points in the second period of Game 6 (1-3-4) and again in the third period of Game 7 (3-1-4).
 - He is the first player in NHL history to have multiple four-point periods in a single postseason according to NHL Stats.

- **Rantanen** is the first player in NHL history (regular season or playoffs) to record a four-point period in consecutive games according to NHL Stats.
 - He also became just the second player in NHL history to have a four-point period in a Game 7, joining Kevin Labanc who did so in 2019 according to NHL Stats.
- **Rantanen** recorded the first-ever hat trick in the third period of a Game 7 and the second Game 7 hat trick in franchise history (last: Joel Kiviranta in the Second Round in 2020 against Colorado).
 - According to Opta Stats, **Rantanen** is the second player in NHL history to score a playoff hat trick in one period when facing his former team, joining Reggie Leach who did so against the Boston Bruins on May 6, 1976.
- Eleven (5-6—11) of **Rantanen's** 12 points in the First Round were scored in Games 5, 6 and 7, making him the first player in NHL history to have 10 or more points in Games 5 through 7 of a series according to Sportsnet Stats.
- **Rantanen's** 12 points against Colorado were the most by a Stars skater in a single series since **Roope Hintz** also had 12 points (5-7—12) in the Stars First Round matchup against the Minnesota Wild in 2022-23.
 - His 12 points are his most-ever in a single series, surpassing the 11 points (4-7—11) he had against Dallas in 2020.
- **Rantanen** is over a point-per-game player in the postseason in his career, totaling 116 points (42-74—116) in 89 Stanley Cup Playoff games. His 1.30 career points per game are the sixth-most in NHL history among players that have played in at least eight Stanley Cup Playoff games.
 - His 116 career playoff points rank 12th among all active skaters and rank third in NHL history among Finnish players.
 - His 116 points are also the eighth-most by a player in NHL history through his first 90 career playoff games played according to TSN Stats.

JAKE AND BAKE

- **Jake Oettinger** has logged a .914 save percentage and 2.75 goals-against average this postseason. Among netminders to play in at least two games this postseason, **Oettinger's** save percentage was tied for the fourth-best mark in the league and his goals-against average ranked ninth entering play Thursday.
 - The 2025 postseason marks the first time in **Oettinger's** career that he has played a playoff series without defenseman **Miro Heiskanen**.

Jake Oettinger Career Playoff Performance by Series					
Series	Goals Against	Shots Against	Saves	Save Percentage	Goals-Against Average
2025 vs. Winnipeg	2	31	29	.935	2.00
2025 vs. Colorado	20	224	204	.911	2.85
2024 vs. Edmonton	16	161	146	.907	2.56
2024 vs. Colorado	15	168	153	.911	2.24
2024 vs. Vegas	14	187	173	.925	1.95
2023 vs. Vegas	20	163	143	.877	3.84
2023 vs. Seattle	22	179	157	.877	3.50
2023 vs. Minnesota	13	170	183	.929	2.01
2022 vs. Calgary	13	285	272	.954	1.81

- **Oettinger** has made a league-leading 233 saves this postseason, which was 49 more than the second-ranked netminder entering play Thursday (Darcy Kuemper, 184).
- According to MoneyPuck.com, **Oettinger** has saved 3.9 goals above expected against this postseason, which was the fourth-best mark in the NHL entering play Thursday, trailing only Washington's Logan Thompson (7.7), Carolina's Frederik Andersen (6.2) and New Jersey's Jacob Markstrom (5.7).
- Since the start of the 2022 Stanley Cup Playoffs, **Oettinger** has posted a 28-25 postseason record with a .915 save percentage, 2.54 goals-against average and two shutouts. His 28 wins rank second to only Florida's Sergei Bobrovsky (36) during that span.
 - Among netminders to play in at least 10 postseason games since the 2012-22 season, **Oettinger's** save percentage was tied for ninth in the NHL and his goals-against average ranked 10th.
- With the Stars win over the Avalanche, **Oettinger** now has a 3-1 record in Game 7s, posting a .950 save percentage and a 1.75 goals-against average in those games.
- **Oettinger** made 204 saves against Colorado, in the First Round, which was the second-highest total of his career in a series, trailing only the 272 saves he made in Dallas' 2022 First Round series against the Flames.

KILLING IT

- The Stars have gone 23-for-26 on the penalty kill this postseason for an 88.5 percent success rate, which was tied with Florida for the second-best mark in the league entering play Thursday.
- The team has not allowed a power-play goal against since Game 4 of the First Round.
- Entering play Thursday, only the Winnipeg Jets (28) had been shorthanded more times than the Stars (26) this postseason.
- The Stars have been shorthanded at least three times in a game without allowing a power-play goal against this postseason four times: Games 3 (6-for-6), 5 (3-for-3) and 7 (3-for-3) of the First Round and in Game 1 (4-for-4) of the Second Round. Entering play Thursday, the Stars were the only team this postseason to be shorthanded at least three times without allowing a power-play goal against in four or more games.

- In Games 3 through 7 of the First Round, the Stars went 14-for-15 on the penalty kill, not allowing a power-play goal against in Games 3, 5, 6 or 7.
- Colorado's 13.6 percent success rate on the power play ranked 14th out of 16 playoff teams in the First Round. They finished the regular season having converted on 24.8 percent of their power-play opportunities, which was tied for the eighth-best mark in the NHL.
 - Since the Four Nations break (Feb. 22) through the end of the regular season, Colorado's power-play topped the NHL with a 33.9 percent conversion rate.
- Dallas went a perfect 6-for-6 on the penalty kill in Game 3 against Colorado (10:17 of shorthanded ice time in total), which includes killing off 3:20 of a penalty kill to begin overtime.
- Since the NHL began tracking penalty kills in 1977-78, Dallas' Game 3 performance in the First Round marked the 13th time that the Stars have been shorthanded for at least 10 minutes without allowing a power-play goal against in a Stanley Cup Playoff game.
 - The Stars last accomplished this feat on Sept. 2, 2020 against the Avalanche, going 5-for-5 on the penalty kill.
- Game 3 against the Avalanche also marked the 17th time since 1977-78 that the Avalanche have not scored a power play goal in a postseason game while having at least 10 minutes of power-play time.
- **Esa Lindell** played 8:09 of Dallas' 10:17 of shorthanded time in Game 3 against Colorado, the highest single-game total by a Stars skater in a Stanley Cup Playoff game since the NHL began tracking penalty killing in 1977-78.
 - He also played all four minutes of Dallas' penalty kill in Game 6 against the Avalanche.
- **Lindell's** 36:17 of total shorthanded ice time led all NHL skaters entering play Thursday and his 4:32 of average shorthanded ice time per game ranked third.
 - **Lindell** also led the NHL in total shorthanded ice time (287:02) and shorthanded ice time per game (3:35) during the regular season. His 287:02 of shorthanded ice time was nearly 10 more minutes than the second ranked player (Mike Matheson; 277:22).
- **Sam Steel** totaled 22:38 of shorthanded ice time this postseason, which was the most of any NHL forward entering play Thursday. His 2:50 of shorthanded ice time per game during the playoffs was the sixth-most among NHL forwards entering play Thursday.
- **Oskar Bäck** led all NHL rookies in the First Round in total shorthanded ice time (18:59) and shorthanded ice time per game (2:43). No other rookie played more than 1:35 of total shorthanded ice time.
 - **Bäck's** 18:59 of shorthanded ice time ranked fourth among all NHL forwards entering play Thursday.
 - Since the NHL began tracking penalty killing in 1997-98, **Bäck's** 18:59 of shorthanded ice time is already the most by a Stars rookie in postseason franchise history, surpassing the 17:43 of shorthanded ice time Radek Faksa had in 13 Stanley Cup Playoff games his rookie season in 2015-16.

BASH BROS

- **Lian Bichsel** and **Alexander Petrovic** played 9:24 at 5-on-5 together in Game 1 against the Jets. During that time, the Stars outscored the Jets 1-0, outshot them 9-0 and had 11 scoring chances while not allowing a scoring chance against.
- Among defensive pairs that have played at least 50 minutes of 5-on-5 together this postseason, the **Bichsel/Petrovic** pairing ranked fourth in the NHL entering play Thursday with a 59.7 percent on-ice Corsi rating according to Natural Stat Trick.
- Additionally, Bichsel and Petrovic own a 66.2 expected goals for percentage, which was the fourth-best mark in the NHL among defensive pairs that have played at least 50 minutes together entering play Thursday according to MoneyPuck.com.
- **Bichsel** has recorded 26 hits through the first eight games of the postseason, which led all rookies entering play Thursday.

JOHNNY B. GOODE

- **Wyatt Johnston** scored the game-winning goal in Game 7 to secure Dallas' series victory over the Avalanche. His goal came on the power-play with 3:56 remaining in regulation, which is the 11th-latest go-ahead goal in Game 7 history according to NHL Stats.
- With the goal, **Johnston** has now scored in each of the three Game 7s that he has played in in his career, which includes also notching the game-winner in 2023 against Seattle.
- **Johnston** is the first player in franchise history to score multiple series-clinching goals in a Game 7 according to NHL Stats.
- **Johnston** has now scored three series-clinching goals in his career, making him the second player in NHL history (Jeremy Roenick, 4) to have at least three series-clinching goals at age 22 or younger according to NHL Stats. He also became the first player in NHL history to score multiple series-clinching goals in Game 7s at age 22 or younger according to NHL Stats.
- **Johnston** has totaled seven points (3-4-7) in eight games this postseason, which is already the second-highest scoring postseason of his career, trailing only the 16 points (10-6-16) he had in 19 games during the 2024 Stanley Cup Playoffs.
- His 29 career playoff points (17-12-29) are the most of any player selected in the 2021 NHL Draft and are tied for third on Dallas' roster since he made his postseason debut in 2023. **Johnston** trails only Brian Bellows (34) and **Miro Heiskanen** (30) for the most playoff points by a skater in Stars franchise history before turning 22 according to NHL Stats.

- **Johnston's** 17 career playoff goals are the fourth-most in NHL history by a player age 21 or younger according to NHL Stats, trailing only Sidney Crosby (24), Patrick Kane (19) and Jaromir Jagr (19).
- **Johnston** tallied an assist in Game 6 against Colorado to pass Mike Modano (27) for the third-most career playoff points by a Stars/North Stars player before age 22 according to NHL Stats.
- **Johnston** scored two goals and added an assist in Game 5 against the Avalanche, marking the third three-point game of his postseason career.
- **Johnston's** first goal of the night came just nine seconds into regulation, which set the franchise record for fastest goal to begin a playoff game and was tied for the fifth-fastest goal to begin a game in Stanley Cup Playoff history according to NHL Stats.
 - His goal was the fastest to begin a playoff game since Derek Roy also scored nine seconds into regulation in Game 4 of the 2007 Conference Finals.
- **Johnston's** second goal of the night marked the third time in his playoff career that he has scored two goals in a game. According to NHL Stats, **Johnston** is tied for the third-most multi-goal playoff games by a player age 21 or younger in Stanley Cup Playoff history according to NHL Stats. The only players with more were Sidney Crosby (4) and Pierre Turgeon (4).
- **Johnston** also went 9-for-13 at the faceoff dot in Game 5, setting a single-game career high for faceoffs won in a Stanley Cup Playoff game.
- In Game 2 against the Avalanche, **Johnston** earned his 10th playoff assist in his career on **Evgenii Dadonov's** goal, making him the sixth player in Stars/North Stars history with at least 10 playoff helpers before age 22 according to NHL Stats. The others: **Miro Heiskanen** (22), Brian Bellows (20), Mike Modano (15), Craig Hartsburg (13) and Tom McCarthy (11).

BIKER GANG

- **Thomas Harley** tallied an assist in Game 1 against the Jets and now has six points (2-4—6) in eight games this postseason, which ranked fourth on the Stars and was tied for third among all NHL defensemen entering play Thursday.
- **Harley's** six points this postseason are already the second-most in his playoff career, trailing only the nine points (1-8—9) he had in 2023 with Dallas.
- Between the regular season and postseason, **Harley** has scored 18 goals, which is the third most in a single season by a Stars defenseman in franchise history according to TSN Stats. He trails only Brad Maxwell (21 in 1983-84) and Phillipp Boucher (19 in 2006-07).
- **Harley** has totaled 222:13 of ice time this postseason, which led all NHL skaters this postseason entering play Thursday and was nearly 20 more minutes than the second-ranked player (Dylan Samberg, 203:52). His 27:47 of average ice time per game topped all players still playing this postseason entering play Thursday and ranked second to only New Jersey's Brian Dumoulin (29:21) during this year's playoffs.
 - **Harley** set a playoff single-game career high with 35:54 in Game 2 against Colorado, which was also the highest time on ice by an NHL skater in a single game this postseason.
 - He also had 27:34 of ice time in Game 1 against the Avalanche, which was the most he's ever played in a Stanley Cup Playoff game that ended in regulation and topped all skaters from either team.
- **Harley's** six points this postseason brings his playoff career total to 19 (3-16—19). He currently leads all players drafted in 2019 in playoff career goals, assists, points and games played (46).
- **Harley** and teammate **Esa Lindell** were tied for the league lead in blocked shots this postseason entering play Thursday with 24 each.
- **Harley** had a career year in 2024-25, finishing the regular season with 50 points (15-34—50), setting career highs in goals, assists, points, even-strength goals (15), power-play points (15), plus/minus (plus-32) and time on ice per game played (23:23).
 - His 50 points ranked 15th among all NHL defensemen this season.
- **Harley** became the third Stars defenseman in the last 10 years to reach the 50-point plateau (Miro Heiskanen, John Klingberg), and his 16 goals were tied for the sixth-most by a Stars defenseman in a single season in franchise history.
- The Stars outscored their opponents 93-59 when **Harley** was on the ice during even-strength play during the regular-season season, which topped the Stars and was tied for the sixth-best mark in the NHL.

POWER UP

- The Stars have gone 8-for-25 on the power play this postseason for a 32.0 percent success rate, which was the fourth-best mark in the NHL entering play Thursday.
 - The Stars scored at least one power-play goal in seven of the eight games they played this postseason.
- The Stars eight power-play goals were tied with Los Angeles for the most in the NHL this postseason entering play Thursday.
- Dallas' eight power-play goals were scored by five different skaters: **Roope Hintz** (2), **Wyatt Johnston** (2), **Mikko Rantanen** (2), **Jamie Benn** and **Tyler Seguin**.
- The Stars finished their series against Colorado going 7-for-23 on the power play for a 30.4 percent success rate. Their performance against the Avalanche was their best on the power play in a series since 2023 when the team went 9-for-24 for a 37.5 percent success rate against the Minnesota Wild.

FOR PETE'S SAKE

- Head Coach **Pete DeBoer** has a 93-74 all-time playoff record. His 93 wins are the eighth-most in NHL history and top all active coaches.
 - He is one postseason win shy of tying Derryl Sutter and Patt Quinn for sixth.
- Those 93 wins have amounted to 18 series wins, which is tied for sixth in NHL history and is also tied with Tampa Bay's Jon Cooper for the most among active head coaches.
- No coach in NHL history has a better record in Game 7s than **DeBoer**, who is a perfect 9-0 in his career. His nine Game 7 victories are the most of any head coach or skater in NHL history.
- The 2025 postseason marks the 10th consecutive year in which a DeBoer-coached team has reached the playoffs, which trails only Paul Maurice (12) and Cooper (11) for the longest active run among head coaches.
- **DeBoer** is looking to reach the Conference Finals for the seventh time in his career after previously doing so with New Jersey (2011-12), San Jose (2015-16, 2018-19), Vegas (2019-20) and Dallas (2022-23, 2023-24).
- Entering this postseason, **DeBoer** and Cooper are the only active coaches to reach the Conference Finals six separate times, with **DeBoer** being the only coach to achieve that feat with multiple teams.

LUCKY NO. 7

- The Stars defeated the Avalanche 4-2 in Game 7 to advance to the Second Round with goals coming from **Mikko Rantanen** (3) and **Wyatt Johnston**. With the win, the Stars became the first team in NHL history to trail by multiple goals in the third period of a Game 7 and win in regulation according to Opta Stats.
- The Stars also become the fourth team to rally from a multi-goal deficit in the third period to win a Game 7 in NHL history according to Sportsnet Stats. They were joined by the Winnipeg Jets the following day.
- The Stars final tilt with the Avalanche marked the fourth time in franchise history that Dallas has faced Colorado in a Game 7, going a perfect 4-0 in those games.
- The team's victory over the Avalanche marked the fourth time in franchise history that the Stars have overcome a deficit to win a Game 7 according to NHL Stats, also doing so in 2020, 1984 and 1980.
- The Stars trailed entering the third period in three of their eventual four wins in the series, down 3-2 in Game 2 (a 4-3 overtime win), 1-0 in Game 3 (a 2-1 overtime win) and 1-0 in Game 7 (a 4-2 regulation win). According to NHL Stats, the Stars are the first team to win three games in a series after trailing to begin the third period since the Anaheim Ducks did so in the First Round of the 2015 Stanley Cup Playoffs against the Winnipeg Jets.
 - The Ducks won the first three games of the series after trailing each contest entering the third period.
- With the win, Head Coach **Pete DeBoer** is now a perfect 9-0 in Game 7s in his career. His nine Game 7 wins are the most by any skater or coach in NHL history.
- The Stars have now won at least one series in each of the last three seasons and have improved to a 5-2 record in seven playoff rounds over that span.
- Dallas' streak of three consecutive postseasons with a series win is tied for its second-longest in franchise history according to NHL Stats behind a stretch of four straight from 1998 to 2001 (also 3 from 1983 to 1985).
- The Stars improved to 3-0 in their last three series against the Avalanche and 5-2 in seven all-time postseason rounds versus Colorado dating to the 1999 Conference Finals according to NHL Stats. The Stars' five series wins against the Avalanche are tied for their most versus one opponent since relocating to Texas in 1993-94 (also 5 vs. EDM).

PARTY LIKE IT'S 1999

- The Stars enter the 2025 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, eight players on the team's current roster had yet to be born: **Oskar Bäck**, **Mavrik Bourque**, **Lian Bichsel**, **Thomas Harley**, **Miro Heiskanen**, **Wyatt Johnston**, **Nils Lundkvist** and **Jason Robertson** had not been born yet.
 - **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 United States would ultimately go on to win the tournament, led by superstars Mia Hamm and Brandi Chastain.

CUP RUNNETH OVER

- **Tyler Seguin** and **Mikko Rantanen** are the two players on Dallas' roster who have previously won the Stanley Cup.
- **Seguin** was a part of Boston's 2011 championship run, winning the Stanley Cup in his rookie season. He recorded seven points (3-4-7) in 13 postseason games.
- **Seguin** has reached the Finals on two additional occasions: in 2013 with Boston (vs. Chicago) and in 2020 with Dallas (vs. Tampa Bay).
- **Rantanen** 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 in scoring that year.

REGULAR SEASON RECAP

- The Stars finished the 2024-25 regular season with a 50-26-6 record, ranking in the top five in the NHL this year in wins (tied fourth), points (fifth), goals for (275, tied third), goals for per game (3.35, tied third) and penalty kill (82.0 percent, tied fourth).
- The 2024-25 campaign marks the second straight year that Dallas has finished the regular season with at least 50 wins and the third consecutive year that the team concluded the regular season with a points percentage above .640.
- This season also sits near the top in the franchise record book in terms of single-season success with the team's 50 wins tying for the fourth-most in franchise history.
- The team's regular-season success this year came in spite of logging 190 man games lost to injury, which includes significant stretches playing without **Tyler Seguin** (62 games), **Miro Heiskanen** (32 games), **Nils Lundkvist** (40 games), **Mason Marchment** (20 games) and others.

CONNECTIONS

- Jets forward Vladislav Namestnikov played 15 games as a member of the Dallas Stars in the 2021-22 season.
- Jets defenseman Colin Miller played for the Dallas Stars during the 2022-23 season.
- Stars forward **Colin Blackwell** and Jets forwards Mason Appleton and Brandon Tanev and defenseman Haydn Fleury played together with the Seattle Kraken during the 2021-22 season.
- Stars forward **Colin Blackwell** and defenseman **Brendan Smith** played with Jets forward Morgan Barron with the New York Rangers during the 2020-21 season.
- Stars defenseman **Nils Lundkvist** and Jets forward Morgan Barron shared the ice for three games with the New York Rangers during the 2021-22 season.
- Stars defenseman **Brendan Smith** and Jets forward Vladislav Namestnikov were teammates on the New York Rangers from 2017-18 until 2019-20.
- Stars defenseman **Matt Dumba**, forward **Mikael Granlund** and Jets forward Nino Niederreiter all played for the Minnesota Wild from 2013-14 until the 2017-18 season. Granlund and Niederreiter also played together during the 2018-19 season.
- Stars defenseman **Brendan Smith** and Jets forward Nino Niederreiter both played for the Carolina Hurricanes during the 2021-22 campaign.
- Stars forward **Matt Duchene** and Jets forward Nino Niederreiter both played for the Nashville Predators for the 2022-23 season.
- Stars forward **Evgenii Dadonov** and Jets defenseman Dylan Coghlan were members of the Vegas Golden Knights during the 2021-22 season.
- Stars forward **Matt Duchene** and Jets defenseman Dylan DeMelo were teammates on the Ottawa Senators for the 2018-19 season.
- Stars forward **Sam Steel** and Jets defenseman Haydn Fleury were teammates for a short time in Anaheim during the 2020-21 season.
- Stars defenseman **Matt Dumba** and Jets defenseman Haydn Fleury were teammates in Tampa Bay following the trade deadline in 2023-24.
- Stars defenseman **Brendan Smith** and Jets defenseman Colin Miller played for the New Jersey Devils in 2023-24.
- Stars defenseman **Brendan Smith** and Jets defenseman Neal Pionk were both a part of the New York Rangers from 2017-18 to 2018-19.
- Stars defenseman **Ilya Lyubushkin** and Jets goaltender Eric Comrie were teammates in Buffalo during the 2022-23 season.
- Stars goaltender **Jake Oettinger** and Jets forward Kyle Connor and goaltender Connor Hellebuyck played for Team USA in the 2025 Four Nations tournament.
- Stars goaltender **Casey DeSmith** and defenseman **Cody Ceci** skated with Jets forward Brandon Tanev in Pittsburgh from 2019-20 to 2020-21.
- Stars captain **Jamie Benn** and Jets defenseman Luke Schenn played for Canada at the 2012 IIHF World Championship.
- Stars forward **Matt Duchene** played for Team Canada with Jets defenseman Luke Schenn at the 2011 IIHF World Championship.
- Stars forward **Sam Steel** and Jets defenseman Luke Schenn both played for the Anaheim Ducks in 2018-19.
- Stars Player Development Assistant **Jordie Benn** and VP of Cultural Growth & Strategy **Al Montoya** both played under Jets GM Kevin Cheveldayoff and VPs Craig Heisinger and Larry Simmons. Montoya in 2013-14 and Benn in 2020-21.
- Stars GM **Jim Nill** and Jets head coach Scott Arniel both played for the Winnipeg Jets from 1984-85 to 1985-86.
- Stars Player Development Coordinator **Ben Bishop** played under Jets assistant coach Davis Payne, when Payne was the head coach of the St. Louis Blues in 2010-11. They met again when Bishop played in Los Angeles in 2016-17 where Payne was an assistant coach for the Kings.
- Stars Player Development Assistant **Jordie Benn** and Jets assistant coach Dean Chynoweth overlapped in Toronto in 2022-23 when Chynoweth was an assistant coach and Benn was a defenseman.

REGULAR SEASON STARS REAL-TIME STATS LEADERS

Hits: Bichsel (155), Benn (114), Blackwell (84)

Blocked Shots: Lindell (170), Lyubushkin (136), Harley (110)

Shots: Rantanen (212), Robertson (211), Johnston (202)

POSTSEASON STARS REAL-TIME STATS LEADERS

Hits: Benn (31), Bichsel (26), Marchment (25)

Blocked Shots: Lindell/Harley (24), Ceci (17), Rantanen (10)

Shots: Rantanen (29), Hintz (26), Johnston (17)

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

Regular Season

1-10: 7-3-0 (14), 32/23, 6/32, 28/31

11-20: 6-4-0 (12), 37/27, 4/30, 20/27

21-30: 6-4-0 (12), 28/25, 7/31, 25/29

31-40: 7-2-1 (15), 34/25, 4/33, 18/20

41-50: 6-4-0 (12), 27/23, 8/28, 21/26

51-60: 7-2-1 (15), 47/31, 12/26, 26/29

61-70: 6-2-2 (14), 31/27, 6/29, 20/24

71-80: 5-3-2 (12), 35/31, 8/32, 24/35

81-82: 0-2-0 (0), 5/11, 0/9, 5/7

Playoffs

1-10: 5-3 (10), 24/26, 8/25, 23/26

OVERTIME RESULTS (Regular Season: 7-4) (Playoffs: 2-0)

Regular Season

Dec. 14, 2024 vs. St. Louis: Duchene

Dec. 27, 2024 vs. Minnesota: Faber

Jan. 4, 2025 vs. Utah: Harley

Jan. 7, 2025 at New York Rangers: Benn

Jan. 28, 2025 at Vegas: Johnston

March 6, 2025 vs. Calgary: Robertson

March 16, 2025 at Colorado: Makar

March 18, 2025 vs. Anaheim: Granlund

March 22, 2025 vs. Philadelphia: Harley

April 6, 2025 at Minnesota: Rossi

April 8, 2025 vs. Vancouver: Sherwood

Playoffs

April 21, 2025 vs. Colorado: Blackwell

April 23, 2025 at Colorado: Seguin

SHOOTOUT RESULTS (2-2)

Oct. 15, 2024 vs. San Jose: Duchene

Jan. 11, 2025 at Montréal: Robertson

Feb. 7, 2025 at Los Angeles: Kempa

March 20, 2025 vs. Tampa Bay: Goncalves

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

Games Played

Mason Marchment ... 1 game ... 50 NHL playoff games

Evgenii Dadonov ... 3 games ... 50 NHL playoff games

Thomas Harley ... 3 games ... 50 NHL playoff games

Wyatt Johnston ... 4 games ... 50 NHL playoff games

Cody Ceci ... 4 games ... 100 NHL playoff games

Jason Robertson ... 4 games ... 50 NHL playoff games

Esa Lindell ... 7 games ... 100 NHL playoff games

Mikko Rantanen ... 11 games ... 100 NHL playoff games

Starts

N/A

Goals

Mikko Rantanen ... 8 goals ... 50 NHL playoff goals

Assists

Tyler Seguin ... 2 assists ... 50 NHL playoff assists

Roope Hintz ... 10 assists ... 50 NHL playoff assists

Points

Jason Robertson ... 12 points ... 50 NHL playoff points

RECENT MILESTONES

Oskar Bäck ... First NHL game ... Oct. 10, 2024 at NSH
 Pete DeBoer ... 100th win as Stars head coach ... Oct. 10, 2024 at NSH
 Oskar Bäck ... First NHL point (assist) ... Oct. 17, 2024 at WSH
 Mavrik Bourque ... First NHL point (assist) ... Oct. 22, 2024 at BUF
 Roope Hintz ... 400th NHL game ... Oct. 24, 2024 at BOS
 Jason Robertson ... 300th NHL game ... Oct. 24, 2024 at BOS
 Jake Oettinger ... 200th NHL game ... Nov. 1, 2024 vs. FLA
 Mavrik Bourque ... First NHL goal ... Nov. 1, 2024 vs. FLA
 Brendan Smith ... 700th NHL game ... Nov. 11, 2024 at PIT
 Oskar Bäck ... First NHL goal ... Nov. 14, 2024 vs. BOS
 Tyler Seguin ... 800th NHL point ... Nov. 14, 2024 vs. BOS
 Mason Marchment ... 100th NHL assist ... Nov. 18, 2024 vs. ANA
 Jake Oettinger ... 200th NHL start ... Nov. 29, 2024 vs. COL
 Esa Lindell ... 200th NHL point ... Dec. 1, 2024 vs. WPG
 Lian Bichsel ... First NHL game and first NHL goal ... Dec. 12, 2024 vs. NSH
 Justin Hryckowian ... First NHL game ... Dec. 29, 2024 at CHI
 Wyatt Johnston ... 200th NHL game ... Dec. 31, 2024 vs. BUF
 Jason Robertson ... 200th NHL assist ... Dec. 31, 2024 vs. BUF
 Arttu Hyry ... First NHL game ... Jan. 2, 2025 vs. OTT
 Arttu Hyry ... First NHL point (assist) ... Jan. 4, 2025 vs. UTA
 Matt Dumba ... 700th NHL game ... Jan. 14, 2025 at TOR
 Matt Duchene ... 1,100th NHL game ... Jan. 16, 2025 vs. MTL
 Justin Hryckowian ... First NHL point (assist) ... Jan. 19, 2025 vs. DET
 Ilya Lyubushkin ... 400th NHL game ... Jan. 21, 2025 vs. CAR
 Lian Bichsel ... First NHL assist ... Feb. 2, 2025 vs. CBJ
 Matt Duchene ... 500th NHL assist ... Feb. 7, 2025 at LAK
 Sam Steel ... 400th NHL game ... March 8, 2025 at EDM
 Evgenii Dadonov ... 600th NHL game ... March 8, 2025 at EDM
 Mikko Rantanen ... 400th NHL assist ... March 16, 2025 at COL
 Mikael Granlund ... 600th NHL point ... March 18, 2025 vs. ANA
 Thomas Harley ... 100th NHL point ... March 26, 2025 at EDM
 Roope Hintz ... 200th NHL assist ... March 29, 2025 at SEA
 Mikko Rantanen ... 700th NHL point ... April 3, 2025 vs. NSH
 Mason Marchment ... 300th NHL game ... April 8, 2025 vs. VAN
 Mikael Granlund ... 900th NHL game ... April 12, 2025 vs. UTA
 Jake Oettinger ... 50th NHL playoff game ... April 23, 2025 at COL
 Jake Oettinger ... 50th NHL playoff start ... April 28, 2025 vs. COL

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