



# DALLAS STARS AT MINNESOTA WILD



APRIL 22, 2026 // 8:30 P.M. CT  
GRAND CASINO ARENA // ST. PAUL, MN

## LAST GAME

### Dallas 4 vs. Minnesota 2

Goals: Johnston (2), Duchene, Robertson

Goalie: Oettinger (28/30)

PP: 2/5 PK: 4/4 Shots: Dallas 32 – Minnesota 30

Three Stars: 1. DAL – J. Oettinger 2. DAL – M. Duchene 3. MIN – B. Faber

- Monday's win marked the first Stanley Cup Playoff win of **Glen Gulutzan's** career.
- Jason Robertson** scored his second goal of the postseason and 20th of his playoff career in the third period to become the 16th player in franchise history and ninth in team history to score at least 20 postseason goals for the team.
  - Robertson's** goal extended his postseason point streak against the Wild to five games. He now has nine points (4-5-9) in eight career playoff games against Minnesota.
- Wyatt Johnston** scored the team's first and fourth goals of the night to bring his postseason career total to 20. **Johnston** is now 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.
- Miro Heiskanen** recorded the 50th assist of his postseason career 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.
- Nils Lundkvist** recorded two primary assists, making Monday's game the first multi-point performance of his playoff career.
- Matt Duchene** had a goal and an assist during the game to give him five points (1-4-5) in four career postseason games against Minnesota.
- Oskar Bäck** and **Justin Hryckowian** both recorded the first playoff points of their careers. **Bäck** had an assist on **Johnston's** first goal and **Hryckowian** assisted on his second.
- Hryckowian** went 9-for-12 at the faceoff dot for a 75 percent success rate. 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

## UPCOMING SCHEDULE

**Saturday, April 25, 2026:** Dallas Stars at Minnesota Wild, 4:30 p.m. CT, Grand Casino Arena (TBS/truTV/HBO MAX/Victory+/The Ticket)

**\*Tuesday, April 28, 2026:** Dallas Stars vs. Minnesota Wild, American Airlines Center, TBD

**\*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: 6

**Tyler Seguin** (lower body; LTIR) – 2 games

**Roope Hintz** (lower body) – 2 games

**Nathan Bastian** (undisclosed) – 2 games

## MATCHUP

	DALLAS	MINNESOTA
RECORD	1-1	1-1
STANDINGS	2nd in Central, 2nd in West	3rd in Central, 3rd in West
LAST GAME	4/20 vs. MIN (4-2 W)	4/20 at DAL (4-2 L)
NEXT GAME	4/25 at MIN	4/25 vs. DAL
LAST 10 GAMES	1-1	1-1

LEADING SCORER	Wyatt Johnston (2-1—3)	Joel Eriksson Ek (2-2—4) / Kirill Kaprizov (1-3—4)
POWER PLAY	3/9 (33.3%)	2/8 (25.0%)
PENALTY KILL	6/8 (75.0%)	6/9 (66.7%)

## GAME NOTES

### THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

- Tonight marks the Stars' 432nd postseason game in franchise history. The Stars own a 218-213 all-time postseason record.
- The Stars currently rank eighth all-time in playoff wins with 218.
- Dallas has a 28-39 all-time record in Game 3s including a 13-18 record on the road.
- **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.
- **Thomas Harley** leads all 2019 draftees in career playoff games played (58), assists (22), points (27), even-strength points (18), power-play points (8), overtimes goals (1) and game-winning goals (1, tied).
  - **Harley** has recorded six blocked shots this postseason, which was tied for third in the NHL entering play Tuesday.
- If **Esa Lindell** were to tally an assist tonight, it would give him assists in consecutive playoff games for the second time in his career after previously doing so from Sept. 14 to 19, 2020.
  - **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.
- A goal or an assist tonight would give **Nils Lundkvist** points in consecutive games for the first time in his playoff career.
- 2026 marks the first trip to the Stanley Cup Playoffs for rookies **Justin Hryckowian** and **Arttu Hyry**.
- The Stars have scored three goals on the power-play this postseason, which was tied with Montreal for the most in the NHL entering play Tuesday.

### WILD THINGS

- In the postseason, Dallas is 9-5 all-time vs. Minnesota, including a 4-2 mark on the road.
  - In the regular season, the Stars are 56-29-13 all-time against the Wild, with a 21-21-6 mark on the road.
- Dallas has a 28-39 all-time record in Game 3s including a 13-18 record on the road, while Minnesota is 10-7 in Game 3s with an 8-5 record on home ice.
- **Mikko Rantanen** skated in his first NHL playoff game against the Wild in Game 1 on April 18. In two career postseason games against them, he has put up an assist and is averaging 20:17 of time on ice per game.
  - **Rantanen** has totaled 44 points (17-27—44) in 42 career regular-season games played vs. Minnesota, 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** tied teammate **Esa Lindell** (1-4—5) for the team lead in scoring against the Wild during the regular season, collecting five points (2-3—5) in four games.
  - In eight career playoff games vs. Minnesota, **Johnston** has tallied five points (3-2—5).
  - He enters tonight's contest riding a three-game postseason point streak against the Wild, earning four points (3-1—4) during that span, including putting up two goals in Dallas' last meeting against them in Game 2 on April 20.
- **Jason Robertson** enters tonight's matchup riding a five-game playoff point streak vs. Minnesota, collecting six points (3-3—6) during that span. In all, **Robertson** has registered nine points (4-5—9) in eight career postseason games played against the Wild, averaging 1.13 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** has put up five points (1-4—5) in four career playoff games against the Wild, averaging 1.25 points per game. His 1.25 points per game against them ranks fourth among active NHL skaters.
- **Jamie Benn** has totaled 14 points (5-9—14) in 14 career playoff games vs. Minnesota, carrying a plus-minus rating of +6.
  - His 14 career playoff points against them is 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** has registered eight points (0-8—8) through eight career playoff games against the Wild, averaging 28:02 of time on ice per game. He enters tonight's contest having two assists in his last two consecutive postseason games played against them.
  - His 28:02 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 5-3 career playoff record against Minnesota, posting a .917 save percentage, 2.37 goals against average and one shutout.
  - His five playoff wins against them are the second-most among all active NHL netminders.

## 21 CAN YOU DO SOMETHING FOR ME

- **Jason Robertson** scored the third game-winning goal of his postseason career in Game 2 to secure a 4-2 Dallas win.
- **Robertson's** goal was his second of the postseason and 20th of his playoff career, making him the 16th player in franchise history and ninth in team history to score at least 20 postseason goals for the team.
- His goal extended his postseason point streak against the Wild to five games. He now has nine points (4-5—9) in eight career playoff games against Minnesota.
- If **Robertson** were to score again tonight, it would give him goals in three consecutive playoff games for the second time in his career after previously doing so from May 25 to 29, 2025.
- The 2026 Stanley Cup Playoffs also marks the second time in **Robertson's** career that he has scored in his first two games played in the postseason after also doing so in 2024. He has never begun a postseason run by scoring in three straight games.
- **Robertson's** goal in Game 1 was the eighth power-play goal of his Stanley Cup Playoff career, which is tied for the 11th-most in franchise history. If he were to score one more power-play goal this postseason, he would join 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.
- 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** 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).
- **Heiskanen** now has eight points (all assists) in eight career postseason games against Minnesota.
- In all, **Heiskanen** has notched 67 career playoff points (17-50—67) in 95 Stanley Cup Playoff games, which ranks 10th among all active defensemen and is the second-most by a Stars blueliner in franchise history.
- He enters tonight's game five points shy of tying Sergei Zubov (72) for the most playoff points by a defenseman in franchise history. He is also just one assist shy of surpassing Bobby Smith (50) for the fifth-most playoff assists in franchise history.

## JOHNNY B. GOODE

- **Wyatt Johnston** scored the team's first and fourth goals of the night in Game 2 to bring his postseason career total to 20. **Johnston** is now 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 Tuesday, there were 75 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 75 players.
  - At 26 years old, Carolina's Andrei Svechnikov – who has scored 23 goals in 68 career playoff games – is the next youngest active player to have scored at least 20 goals in the postseason.
- **Johnston's** 20 goals since the start of the 2023 Stanley Cup Playoffs – when he made his postseason debut – were tied with teammate **Mikko Rantanen** for eighth in the NHL entering play Tuesday.
- Fourteen of **Johnston's** 20 postseason goals have been scored at even strength, which ranked 10th in the NHL since the start of the 2023 postseason entering play Tuesday.
- His performance against the Wild in Game 2 was the fourth multi-goal game of his playoff career. **Johnston** is now 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 (5).
- In all, **Johnston** has totaled 34 points (20-14—34) in 57 career postseason games, leading all players drafted in 2021 in career playoff games played, goals, assists, points, points per game (0.60), even-strength goals (14), even-strength points (23), power-play goals (5), power-play points (11), shorthanded goals (1), overtime goals (1) and game-winning goals (5).
- Since making his postseason debut in 2023, **Johnston's** 20 goals top all Stars skaters and his 35 points rank third.

## PUTTING ON THE RITZ

- **Justin Hryckowian** has gone 16-for-21 at the faceoff dot this postseason for a 76.2 percent success rate, which topped all NHL skaters to take at least four draws entering play Tuesday.
- His 16 faceoff wins were also tied for the eighth-most in the NHL entering play Tuesday.

- **Hryckowian** has totaled eight hits through the first two games of the postseason, which topped all NHL rookies entering play Tuesday and was tied with **Mavrik Bourque** and **Colin Blackwell** for the team lead.
- **Hryckowian** finished the 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. 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.

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

- **Mikko 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.
- **Rantanen** is over a point-per-game player (1.23) in the postseason in his career, totaling 123 points (43-81—124) in 100 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 123 career playoff points are the 11th-most among all active skaters and rank third in NHL history among Finnish players.

### DYNAMIC DUO

- After finishing the regular season with matching 45-goal efforts, **Jason Robertson** and **Wyatt Johnston** have each scored two goals this postseason and have 20 playoff goals in their respective careers.
- **Robertson's** and **Johnston's** next goals will tie them with Brett Hull (21) for the 14th-most playoff goals in franchise history and 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 9-5 record against the Wild in 14 playoff games. The team's nine wins and .643 win percentage against the Wild are both the fourth-best mark 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 47-39 in their 14 playoff games against each other. The Stars' 3.36 goals per game is the best mark of any team against the Wild in the postseason.
- The Stars have gone 16-for-52 on the power play against the Wild in the postseason. Their 30.8 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.

## POWER TRIP

- The Stars went 71-for-248 on the power play this season 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.
- Dallas scored at least two power-play goals in a game 18 different times this season, their highest total since they also scored at least two power-play goals in a game 18 times in 2007-08.
- The Stars scored two power-play goals 14 seconds apart in their game on Nov. 1 at Florida, which set the franchise record for the fastest consecutive power-play goals for according to NHL Stats. They bested the previous record of 15 second set by Steve Payne and Mike Fidler on March 21, 1979 against the Philadelphia Flyers while the team was still located in Minnesota.
- Fourteen different skaters scored at least one power-play goal for the Stars this year: **Wyatt Johnston** (27), **Jason Robertson** (15), **Roope Hintz** (6), **Mikko Rantanen** (6), **Matt Duchene** (5), **Miro Heiskanen** (2), **Justin Hryckowian** (2), **Jamie Benn** (2), **Mavrik Bourque, Michael Bunting, Thomas Harley, Esa Lindell, Tyler Seguin** and **Sam Steel.**
  - The Stars, Kraken and Blues were the only teams to have 14 unique power-play goal scorers during the regular season.
- **Johnston** (27-15—42) tied for fourth in the NHL in power-play points this year, followed by **Robertson** (15-26—41), who ranked fifth, and **Rantanen** (6-28—34), who was tied for eighth.
- **Johnston** scored his 23rd power-play goal of the season in Dallas' March 22 game, establishing a new franchise record for power-play goals in a season.
  - The record was previously held by Dino Ciccarelli, who scored 22 power-play goals for the Minnesota North Stars in 1986-87.
- He 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 this year topped the NHL and were seven more than the second-ranked skater (Vegas' Pavel Dorofeyev).
- **Heiskanen** totaled 28 points (2-26—28) on the power play this season, which tied for the fourth-most among all NHL defensemen.

## 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

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- 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

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**Hits:** Blackwell/Bourque/Hryckowian (8), Myers (7)

**Blocked Shots:** Harley (6), Myers (5), Lindell/Lundkvist (3)

**Shots:** Robertson (11), Johnston (10), Heiskanen (9)

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

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**First Round:** 1-1, 5/8, 3/9, 6/8

## OVERTIME RESULTS (0-0)

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N/A

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

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### Games Played

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

Miro Heiskanen ... 5 games ... 100 NHL playoff games

Sam Steel ... 6 games ... 50 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 Hyyry ... 1 goal ... First NHL playoff goal

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

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

Mikko Rantanen ... 7 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 Hyyry ... 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 Hyyry ... 1 point ... First NHL playoff point

Jason Robertson ... 4 points ... 50 NHL playoff points

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

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### Games Played

Miro Heiskanen ... 4 games ... Tying Darryl Sydor (99) for the fifth-most playoff games played by a defenseman in franchise history

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

Esa Lindell ... 5 games ... Surpassing Tyler Seguin (109) for the fifth-most playoff games played in franchise history

Miro Heiskanen ... 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

Jason Robertson ... 1 goal ... Surpassing Al MacAdam (20) for the 15th-most playoff goals in franchise history

Wyatt Johnston ... 1 goal ... Surpassing Al MacAdam (20) for the 15th-most playoff goals 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

Jason Robertson ... 2 assists ... Surpassing Craig Hartsburg (27) for the 15th-most playoff assists in franchise history

Miro Heiskanen ... 1 assist ... Surpassing Bobby Smith (50) for the fifth-most playoff assists in franchise history

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

Miro Heiskanen ... 8 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 ... 6 points ... Surpassing Sergei Zubov (72) for the most playoff points by a defenseman in franchise history

## RECENT PLAYOFF MILESTONES

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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

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