

TAMPA BAY LIGHTNING POST-GAME NOTES
Lightning 5 vs. Predators 4 from AMALIE Arena

	1ST	2ND	3RD	FINAL	PP
Tampa Bay	0	2	3	5	1-4
Nashville	1	2	1	4	0-4

Post-game audio from Waltteri Merela, Brandon Hagel and head coach Jon Cooper can be found on soundcloud.com/tblightning

Post-Game Notes

- The Tampa Bay Lightning erased three, one-goal deficits to defeat the Nashville Predators 5-4 on Saturday night at AMALIE Arena.
- The Lightning improved to 3-1-0 in the preseason and boosted their all-time preseason record to 97-70-13 with 15 ties.
- The Lightning were outshot 47 to 27, including a 25-9 shot deficit in the third period.
- The Lightning have been outshot in each of their last three games but have recorded wins in each of those games.
- Brayden Point registered five shots on goal, leading all Tampa Bay skaters.
- Nick Perbix blocked a game-high four shots on goal.
- Lightning goaltender, Matt Tomkins stopped 43 of the 47 shots he faced to earn his second win of the preseason.
- The Lightning scored a power-play goal for the fourth consecutive game and are now 5 for 14 (35.7%).
- Joakim Kemell scored at 14:25 of the first period to give the Predators a 1-0 lead. He was assisted by Yakov Trenin.
- Brandon Hagel knotted the score at one with a shorthanded goal just 34 seconds into the second period. The unassisted goal marked Hagel's second point of the preseason (1-1—2 pts.).
- Philip Tomasino regained the lead for Nashville with a goal at 1:51 of the first period. Ryan O'Reilly added the lone assist to give the Predators a 2-1 lead.

- Austin Watson collected his first point of the preseason with a goal at 8:12 of the second period.
- Watson skated in 75 games with the Ottawa Senators in 2022-23 and recorded eleven points (9-2—11 pts.).
- Waltteri Merela also recorded his first point of the preseason with an assist on Watson's goal. Merela skated in 41 games in 2022-23 with Tappara of the Finnish Liiga and posted 33 points (15-18—33 pts.).
- Max Crozier tallied his first point of the preseason with the secondary assist on Watson's goal. Crozier spent the 2022-23 season at Providence College where he posted three goals and 21 assists in 37 games.
- Tommy Novak scored at 17:51 of the second period to give Nashville a 3-2 lead heading into the third period.
- Waltteri Merela notched his second point of the night with the Bolts' third game-tying goal at 4:26 of the third period.
- Victor Hedman picked up the primary assist, finding Merela on the back door for the tap in. Hedman recorded 49 points (9-40—49 pts.) with the Lightning in 2022-23.
- Nick Perbix also recorded an assist on the play, his first of the preseason in his second game.
- Nikita Kucherov gave Tampa Bay its first lead of the night, beating Askarov with a one-time shot on the power play for his first point of the preseason.
- Brayden Point and Steven Stamkos also recorded assists on the play.
- Kucherov (50), Stamkos (35) and Point (30) lead the Lightning in power-play points during the 2022-23 season.
- Waltteri Merela intercepted a pass in his defensive zone and skated all the way down the ice to extend the Bolts' lead to 5-3 at 13:53 of the third period.
- Merela's goal marked his third point of the game and preseason (2-1—3 pts.).
- Tommy Novak scored his second goal of the night to bring the Predators within a goal at 19:21 of the third period.
- The Lightning will play the first of three consecutive preseason games with the Panthers on Tuesday night at the Amway Center in Orlando. Puck drop is scheduled for 7:00pm.