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LIGHTNING, FLYERS TO PLAY GAME 7; STANLEY CUP FINAL BERTH AT STAKE

NEW YORK -- A berth in the Stanley Cup Final is on the line Saturday when the Tampa Bay Lightning host the Philadelphia Flyers in Game 7 of the Eastern Conference Final at the St. Pete Times Forum (7 p.m. ET, ESPN, CBC, RDS). The series is the sixth Conference Final in six seasons to go the limit.

The winner of Saturday's game will host the Western Conference champion Calgary Flames in Game 1 of the 2004 Stanley Cup Final, beginning Tuesday. The Flyers are shooting for their first Final appearance since 1997, while the Lightning will be vying for their first trip to the Final since joining the NHL in 1992-93.

A total of 114 series have gone to seven games since the League introduced the best-of-seven format in 1939. The home team has won 71 (62%), the visiting team 43 (38%). The road club has won two of three Game 7s this postseason, the Montreal Canadiens (against Boston) in the Eastern Quarterfinal and the Calgary Flames (against Vancouver) in the Western Quarterfinal. The Toronto Maple Leafs defeated the Ottawa Senators at home.

Conference Final Series Decided In Game 7 Since 1999

1999 Colorado 1 at Dallas 4
2000 New Jersey 2 at Philadelphia 1
2000 Colorado 2 at Dallas 3
2002 Colorado 0 at Detroit 7
2003 New Jersey 3 at Ottawa 2

Most Game 7 Appearances, Active Players

13 Scott Stevens, New Jersey
11 Al MacInnis, St. Louis
10 Greg de Vries, Ottawa
Mike Keane, Vancouver
9 **Dave Andreychuk, Tampa Bay**
Adam Foote, Colorado
Mark Messier, NY Rangers
Joe Nieuwendyk, Toronto
Joe Sakic, Colorado

Most Goals In A Game 7, Active Players

5 Trevor Linden, Vancouver
Mark Messier, NY Rangers
Joe Nieuwendyk, Toronto
4 **Jeremy Roenick, Philadelphia**
Patrik Elias, New Jersey
Jeff Friesen, New Jersey
Alexander Mogilny, Toronto

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Career Game 7 Player and Goaltender Statistics

Tampa Bay	GP	W-L	G	A	Pts.	Philadelphia	GP	W-L	G	A	Pts.
Dave Andreychuk	9	3-6	3	2	5	Tony Amonte	3	3-0	0	2	2
Jassen Cullimore	1	1-0	0	0	0	Donald Brashear	1	1-0	0	0	0
Chris Dingman	1	1-0	0	0	0	Eric Desjardins	4	1-3	0	0	0
Stan Neckar	1	0-1	0	0	0	Simon Gagne	2	1-1	1	0	1
Cory Stillman	1	0-1	0	0	0	Michal Handzus	3	2-1	0	0	0
Darryl Sydor	4	3-1	0	1	1	Kim Johnsson	1	1-0	0	1	1
Tim Taylor	1	1-0	0	0	0	Sami Kapanen	1	1-0	0	0	0
						Claude Lapointe	2	1-1	1	2	3
						John LeClair	3	1-2	0	2	2
						Vladimir Malakhov	2	2-0	0	1	1
						Danny Markov	1	0-1	0	0	0
						Keith Primeau	7	3-4	1	1	2
						Marcus Ragnarsson	3	2-1	0	1	1
						Mark Recchi	3	2-1	2	2	4
						Jeremy Roenick	4	3-1	4	0	4
						Radovan Somik	1	1-0	0	0	0

Goaltenders

Nikolai Khabibulin (0-2)

Date	Score	Dec.	Shots
4/29/97	PHX 0 at ANA 3	Loss	26
5/4/99	STL 1 at PHX 0 (2OT)	Loss	35

Goaltenders

Sean Burke (1-1)

Date	Score	Dec.	Shots
4/30/88	N.J. 3 at WSH 2	Win	32
5/14/88	N.J. 2 at BOS 6	Loss	31

Tampa Bay Head Coach

John Tortorella (0-0)

Philadelphia Head Coach

Ken Hitchcock (3-1)

Date	Score	Dec.
4/29/97	EDM 4 at DAL 3 (OT)	Loss
6/4/99	COL 1 at DAL 4	Win
5/27/00	COL 2 at DAL 3	Win
4/22/03	TOR 1 at PHI 6	Win

TAMPA BAY, PHILADELPHIA RECORDS IN GAME 7

Tampa Bay Lightning (making first Game 7 appearance)

Philadelphia Flyers (6-5)

4/18/68, Quarterfinal vs. St. Louis (STL 3 at PHI 1)
 5/5/74, Semifinal vs. NY Rangers (NYR 3 at PHI 4)
 5/13/75, Semifinal vs. NY Islanders (NYI 1 at PHI 4)
 4/25/76, Quarterfinal vs. Toronto (TOR 3 at PHI 7)
 4/26/81, Quarterfinal vs. Calgary (CGY 4 at PHI 1)
 5/2/87, Patrick Division Final vs. NY Islanders (NYI 1 at PHI 5)
 5/31/87, Stanley Cup Final vs. Edmonton (PHI 1 at EDM 3)
 4/16/88, Patrick Division SF vs. Washington (PHI 4 at WSH 5, OT)
 4/29/89, Patrick Division Final vs. Pittsburgh (PHI 4 at PIT 1)
 5/26/00, Eastern Conference Final vs. New Jersey (N.J. 2 at PHI 1)
 4/22/03, Eastern Conference QF vs. Toronto (TOR 1 at PHI 6)

OVERTIME IN GAME 7

Of the 114 series in League playoff history that have gone to seven games, 29 have been decided in overtime. Home teams have posted a 15-14 record in the 29 games, although road clubs are 10-4 since 1990. There has been a Game 7 overtime in 18 of the past 22 seasons.

Date	Series Winner	Goal Scorer	Result	Series	Time
April 2, 1939	Boston	Mel Hill	NYR 1 at Bos 2	Semifinal	48:00
April 9, 1950	Detroit	Leo Reise	Tor 0 at Det 1	Semifinal	8:39
April 23, 1950	Detroit	Pete Babando	NYR 3 at Det 4	Final **	28:31
April 16, 1954	Detroit	Tony Leswick	Mtl 1 at Det 2	Final **	4:29
May 3, 1968	St. Louis	Gerry Melnyk	Min 1 at StL 2	Semifinal	22:50
April 16, 1972	St. Louis	Kevin O'Shea	StL 2 at Min 1	Quarterfinal	10:07
April 29, 1978	Toronto	Lanny McDonald	Tor 2 at NYI 1	Quarterfinal	4:13
May 10, 1979	Montreal	Yvon Lambert	Bos 4 at Mtl 5	Semifinal	9:33
April 24, 1983	Boston	Brad Park	Buf 2 at Bos 3	Adams Div. F	1:52
April 22, 1984	Minnesota	Steve Payne	StL 3 at Min 4	Norris Div. F	6:00
May 2, 1985	Quebec	Peter Stastny	Que 3 at Mtl 2	Adams Div. F	2:22
April 29, 1986	Montreal	Claude Lemieux	Hfd 1 at Mtl 2	Adams Div. F	5:55
April 18, 1987	NY Islanders	Pat LaFontaine	NYI 3 at Wsh 2	Patrick Div. SF	68:47
April 16, 1988	Washington	Dale Hunter	Phi 4 at Wsh 5	Patrick Div. SF	5:57
April 15, 1989	Calgary	Joel Otto	Van 3 at Cgy 4	Smythe Div. SF	19:21
April 16, 1991	Edmonton	Esa Tikkanen	Edm 5 at Cgy 4	Smythe Div. SF	6:58
May 1, 1992	Montreal	Russ Courtnall	Hfd 2 at Mtl 3	Adams Div. SF	25:26
May 1, 1993	Toronto	Nikolai Borschevsky	Tor 4 at Det 3	Norris Div. SF	2:35
May 14, 1993	NY Islanders	David Volek	NYI 4 at Pit 3	Patrick Div. F	5:16
Apr. 30, 1994	Vancouver	Pavel Bure	Van 4 at Cgy 3	Western Conf. QF	22:20
May 27, 1994	NY Rangers	Stephane Matteau	N.J. 1 at NYR 2	Eastern Conf. F	24:24
May 19, 1995	San Jose	Ray Whitney	S.J. 5 at Cgy 4	Western Conf. QF	21:54
May 16, 1996	Detroit	Steve Yzerman	St.L 0 at Det 1	Western Conf. SF	21:15
April 29, 1997	Edmonton	Todd Marchant	Edm 4 at Dal 3	Western Conf. QF	12:26
April 29, 1997	Buffalo	Derek Plante	Ott 2 at Buf 3	Eastern Conf. QF	5:24
May 4, 1999	St. Louis	Pierre Turgeon	St.L 1 at Phx 0	Western Conf. QF	17:59
May 10, 2001	Pittsburgh	Darius Kasparaitis	Pit 3 at Buf 2	Eastern Conf. SF	13:01
April 22, 2003	Minnesota	Andrew Brunette	Min 3 at Col 2	Western Conf. QF	3:25
April 19, 2004	Calgary	Martin Gelas	Cgy 3 at Van 2	Western Conf. QF	1:25

** Stanley Cup-winning goal

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