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#### **NHL PLAYOFF ROUNDUP**

### Killorn does in **Devils**

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The good news for the Tampa Bay Lightning is they're up, 2-0, on New Jersey in the first round of the playoffs and still haven't played their best hock-

Alex Killorn scored twice during a four-goal second period, helping the top seed in the Eastern Conference beat the visiting Devils, 5-3, on Saturday in Game 2 of the best-of-seven

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The Atlantic Division champions scored three times in a 2:47 span in the second period, and the reeling Devils pulled goalie Keith Kinkaid after Killorn's third goal in two games made it 5-1 with 6:48 remaining in the period.

Kinkaid, whose stellar play since January helped New Jersev finish strong and claim its first playoff berth since 2012, yielded five goals on 15 shots.

Nikita Kucherov, Brayden Point, and Tyler Johnson also scored for Tampa Bay, which is up 2-0 in the series after going 0-2-1 against the Devils during the regular season. Andrei Vasilevskiy stopped

41 shots, limiting the Devils to rookie Nico Hischier's unassisted goal in the opening period, Sami Vatanen's sixth career playoff goal late in the second, Blake Coleman's third-period tally that trimmed Tampa Bay's lead to 5-3 with eight minutes left.

Goalie Cory Schneider came off the bench to help the Devils stay in the game with 10 saves, nine in the final period.

Predators 5, Avalanche 4 - Ryan Hartman's empty-net goal with 1:09 left wound up the game-winner as host Nashville held off Colorado for a 2-0 lead in their first-round Western Conference series.

Hartman's goal gave the Predators a 5-3 lead until Alexander Kerfoot pulled Colorado within 5-4 with 35.8 seconds left. But the Avalanche couldn't get another puck past goalie Pekka Rinne.

The Presidents' Trophy winners started slowly, giving up a goal on Colorado's first shot for a second straight game. Yet the Predators rallied again to take their first 2-0 lead when starting a best-of-seven series in their own building.

Kevin Fiala had a goal and an assist, and Viktor Arvidsson, Ryan Johansen, and Austin Watson scored a goal apiece. P.K. Subban and Mattias Ekholm each had two assists for Nashville, which has won 12 straight over the Avalanche.

Rinne made 26 saves for the

Erik Haula's goal in double overtime gave Vegas a 2-1 victorv over the visiting Los Angeles Kings on Friday night for a 2-0 lead in their first-round playoff

With less than five minutes on the clock in the second overtime, James Neal skated into the zone, looked past Alex Tuch, and instead found a streaking Haula, who skated in on his own to beat goalie Jonathan Quick and send a towel-waving crowd of 18,588 into a frenzy.

Game 3 in the best-of-seven Western Conference series is Sunday night in Los Angeles.

Vegas in regulation, and Paul LaDue had the Kings' goal.

Marc-Andre Fleury made 29 saves for the Golden Knights. Quick stopped 54 shots for the



Goalie Marc-Andre Fleury is congratulated after Vegas beat the Kings on Friday night for a 2-0 series lead.

#### **NHL playoffs**

#### EASTERN CONFERENCE

At Tampa Bay 5......Schedule

Mon., Apr. 16 at New Jersey

Wed., Apr. 18 at New Jersey \*Sat., Apr. 21 at Tampa Bay

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\*Sun., Apr. 22 at San Jose.

\*Sat., Apr. 21 at Los Angeles..

\*Mon., Apr. 23 at Vegas.

Sun., Apr. 15 at Minnesota. Tue., Apr. 17 at Minnesota. \*Fri., Apr. 20 at Winnipeg...

Mon., Apr. 16 at Colorado Wed., Apr. 18 at Colorado \*Fri., Apr. 20 at Nashville.

\*Sun., Apr. 22 at Colorado.

At Nashville 5....

\*Sun., Apr. 22 at Minnesota

At Vegas 1.

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Sharks lead Ducks, 1-0

Thursday, April 12

**Knights lead Kings, 2-0** 

Wednesday, April 11

Jets lead Wild, 2-0

Wednesday, April 11

Friday, April 13

Schedule

Predators lead Avalanche, 2-0

Thursday, April 12

Saturday, April 14

Schedule

LIGHTNING 5, DEVILS 3

12:21.
Third period — 8. New Jersey, Coleman 1 (Za-jac, Moore), 11:57. Penalties — Killorn, TB (hooking), 5:02. Point, TB (roughing), 19:51. Palat, TB (roughing), 19:51. Shots on goal — New Jersey 10-15-19 — 44. Tampa Bay 6-10-9 — 25.
Power plays — New Jersey 0-3; Tampa Bay 2-3. Goalies — New Jersey, Kinkaid 0-2-0 (15 shots-10 saves). New Jersey, Schneider 0-0-0 (10 shots-10 saves). Tampa Bay, Vasilevskiy 2-0-0 (44 shots-41 saves).

PREDATORS 5, AVALANCHE 4

Shots on goal — Colorado 11-8-11 — 30. Nash-ville 9-10-14 — 33.

Power plays — Colorado 1-5; Nashville 1-5. Goalies — Colorado, Bernier 0-2-0 (32 shots-28

saves). Nashville, Rinne 2-0-0 (30 shots-26 saves). Referees — Jean Hebert, Dan O'Rourke. Lines-

JETS 4, WILD 1

Friday night game

peg 15-14-17 – 44. Power plays – Minnesota 1-4; Winnipeg 0-2. Goalies – Minnesota, Dubnyk 0-2-0 (44 shots-40 saves). Winnipeg, Hellebuyck 2-0-0 (17 shots-

Referees — Kelly Sutherland, Eric Furlatt. Linesmen — David Brisebois, Brad Kovachik. A — 15,321 (15,294). T — 2:42.

GOLDEN KNIGHTS 2, KINGS 1

Friday night game Los Angeles...... 0 1 0 0 0 — 1 Vegas ...... 1 0 0 0 1 — 2

First period — 1. Vegas, Tuch 1 (Marchessault, Smith), 14:47 (pp). Penalties — Clifford, LA (interference on the goaltender), 12:51. Marchessault, VGK (slashing), 17:58.

VGK (slashing), 17:58.
Second period – 2. Los Angeles, LaDue 1 (Phaneuf, Amadio), 15:55 (pp). Penalties – Phaneuf, LA (roughing), 3:51. Lewis, LA (tripping), 10:12. McNabb, VGK (tripping), 14:19.
Third period – None. Penalties – None.
Overtime – None. Penalties – Bellemare, VGK (delay of game), 9:07.
Second overtime – 3. Vegas, Haula 1 (Neal, Theodore), 15:23. Penalties – Phaneuf, LA (hooking), 7:33.

Shots on goal — Los Angeles 5-7-8-7-3 — 30. Vegas 11-14-9-13-9 — 56.

gas 11-14-9-13-9 – 56.
Power plays – Los Angeles 1-3; Vegas 1-4.
Goalies – Los Angeles, Quick 0-2-0 (56 shots-54
saves). Vegas, Fleury 2-0-0 (30 shots-29 saves).
Referees – Kevin Pollock, Francois StLaurent.
Linesmen – Darren Gibbs, Matt MacPherson.

A - 18,588 (17,500). T - 4:12.

men — Michel Cormier, Brian Murphy. A — 17,369 (17,113). T — 2:34.

TJ Luxmore, Ryan Gibbons. A — 19,092 (19,092). T — 2:49.

at Anaheim 0

Los Angeles 0

**Lightning lead Devils, 2-0** Raptors lead Wizards, 1-0 Thursday, April 12
At Tampa Bay 5.....New Jersey 2
Saturday, April 14

Saturday, April 14 At Toronto 114 Schedule Tue., Apr. 17 at Toronto

EASTERN CONFERENCE

**NBA** playoffs

76ers lead Heat, 1-0 \*Wed., Apr. 25 at Tampa Bay. Saturday, April 14 At Philadelphia 130..... **Blue Jackets lead Capitals, 1-0** Schedule

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Thunder vs. Jazz

Trail Blazers vs. Pelicans

Saturday, April 14

Warriors lead Spurs, 1-0

Saturday, April 14
At Golden State 113 ......Sa
Schedule
Mon., Apr. 16 at Golden State.....

Rockets vs. Timberwolves

WARRIORS 113, SPURS 92

FG%: 543, FT%: 682, 3-pt. goals: 10-22, 455 (Green 2-6, Durant 1-4, Iguodala 1-2, K.Thompson 5-6, Cook 0-2, Young 1-2). Blocks: 6 (Green, Mc-Gee 2, Iguodala, Cook, Looney). Turnovers: 15 (Green 3, Durant 4, Iguodala, K.Thompson, West,

A - 19,596 (19,596). T - 2:17.

#### RAPTORS 114, WIZARDS 106

WASHINGTON
FG FT Reb
1 M-A M-A O-T A F Pt
2 3-47 0-0 0-5 1 1 9
3 9-15 3-3 2-11 6 5 22
3 6-9 0-0 2-6 0 3 12
1 8-17 1-1 0-2 4 1 19
0 6-20 8-10 0-3 15 3 23
0 0-0 2-2 0-0 0 2 2 7
7 7-10 0-0 2-3 0 2 14
5 1-4 0-0 0-5 1 3 3 3
2 0-3 2-2 0-0 1 0 2
4 0-1 0-0 0-0 1 1 0
2 4 0-1 0-0 0-0 1 1 0
5 14-86 16-18 6-35 29 21 106

A - 19,937 (19,800). T - 2:20.

#### 76ERS 130, HEAT 103

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.Johnson25	5-9	1-2	0-3	4	1	13
Whiteside12	1-4	0-0	3-6	1	1	2
T.Johnson18	2-6	4-4	0-3	0	2	9
Oragic31	4-14	4-5	3-5	4	5	15
Ellington19	2-5	0-0	0-2	1	2	6
Winslow31	4-8	1-3	1-7	5	2	9
Olynyk31	9-13	4-7	3-7	2	5	26
Wade19	4-7	3-4	0-4	4	3	11
Adebayo21	2-3	2-4	0-1	0	1	6
Babbitt2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
McGruder2	1-2	0-0	0-0	ō	ō	2
Totals	35-78	21-31	10-42	25	25	103
EC04: 440 E	T04 - 67	7 2-nt	anale:	12	26	462

FG%: 449, FT%: .677. 3-pt. goals: 12-26, .462 (Richardson 0-4, J.Johnson 2-2, T.Johnson 1-3, Dragic 3-4, Ellington 2-5, Winslow 0-2, Olynyk 4-5, McGruder 0-1). Blocks: 6 (Whiteside 2, Ellington, Winslow, Olynyk, Adebayo). Turnovers: 16 (Richardson, J.Johnson 2, Whiteside 2, T.Johnson, Dragic 4, Winslow 2, Olynyk 2, Wade, Adebayo). Steals: 4 (Richardson 2, T.Johnson, Winslow).

FG%: 474, FT%: .759. 3-pt. goals: 18-28, 643 (Covington 2-4, Saric 4-6, Redick 4-6, Belinelli 4-7, Ilyasova 3-4, Korkmaz 1-1). Blocks: 5 (Covington 3, Johnson, Ilyasova). Turnovers: 10 (Saric, Sim-mons 5, Redick 2, Ilyasova 2). Steals: 9 (Simmons 2, Redick, Belinelli 3, Ilyasova, Fultz 2).

A - 20.617 (20.318), T - 2:31.

**NBA PLAYOFF ROUNDUP** 

## 76ers dominate Heat

#### Raptors, Warriors also win openers

ASSOCIATED PRESS

Ben Simmons had 17 points, 14 assists, and 9 rebounds in his playoff debut, and the 76ers romped again without Joel Embiid, beating the Miami Heat, 130-103, on Saturday night in Philadelphia for their 17th straight win.

Embiid was a spectator in Game 1 of the first-round series because of a broken orbital bone around his left eye.

Simmons dished and dazzled in the paint and the Heat had no answer for Sixers reserves Marco Belinelli and Ersan Ilyasova.

Belinelli and Ilyasova combined to hit four 3-pointers in the third quarter that helped shift the tone from physical and foul-filled to a long-distance game that allowed the Sixers to put away this one. They used a 15-0 run in the third in their first postseason game in five seasons under coach Brett Brown to get the rout rolling.

JJ Redick scored 28 points to lead the Sixers. Belinelli had 25 and Ilyasova 17. Former Celtic Kelly Olynyk led the Heat with 26 points.

The Sixers, who set an NBA record with 16 straight wins to end the season, got the rout in full swing with a raucous crowd behind them. The Heat shot 26 percent in the third and were outscored, 34-18.

Raptors 114, Wizards 106 -Serge Ibaka had 23 points and 12 rebounds, Delon Wright scored 11 of his 18 points in the fourth quarter, and host Toronto snapped a 10-game losing streak in playoff series openers by beating Washington. DeMar DeRozan added 17

points, C.J. Miles and OG Anunoby each had 12, and Kyle Lowry had 11 points and nine assists for the Raptors, whose only previous victory in the



Kevin Durant had 24 points, 6 rebounds, and 7 assists in Golden State's win.

opening game of a playoff series came in the second round against Philadelphia in 2001.

Toronto entered having lost

an NBA-worst 10 consecutive Game 1s since, including six at home

The top-seeded team in the Eastern Conference, Toronto made 16 of 30 3-point attempts, with Miles making four, and

Ibaka and Wright each hitting

John Wall had 23 points and 15 assists for the Wizards, while Markieff Morris had 22 points and 11 rebounds. The Wizards

Bradley Beal added 19 points. Warriors 113, Spurs 92 - Kevin Durant helped the defending champions get defensive in a hurry, finishing with 24 points, 6 rebounds, and 7 assists and Golden State returned to its old dominant self at playoff time to beat cold-shooting San Antonio in Oakland.

Klay Thompson found his shooting touch and scored 27 points, making 11 of 13 shots, while 7-footer JaVale McGee started in coach Steve Kerr's center-by-committee approach and contributed 15 points, 4 rebounds, and 2 blocked shots in 16 minutes. Draymond Green contributed 12 points, 11 assists, and 8 rebounds.

Rudy Gay led the Spurs with 15 points off the bench as leading scorer LaMarcus Aldridge was limited to 14 points on 5for-12 shooting.

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