



STATS NHL Game Notes

Carolina Hurricanes at Boston Bruins

Eastern Conference Semifinals- Game 1

Friday, May 1, 2009

* The Hurricanes hope to turn things around against the Bruins this series. The regular season meetings were controlled by Boston.

Hurricanes/Bruins Head-to-Head, 2008-09

	Car	Bos
Wins	0	4
Goals	6	18
Power Play%	6.7	25.0
Shooting%	4.7	14.5

Another key to success is Eric Staal's play against the Bruins. He was held without a point, along with a -6 rating in the Canes' four games against Boston. In his four previous seasons, Staal had 21 points and a +16 in 16 games against the B's

* The Bruins were definitely the more "high-profile" of the two teams when they were both located in New England. Since the move south, the Canes' fortunes against Boston have improved dramatically.

Hurricanes, All-Time vs. Boston

(Regular Season & Playoffs)

	Record	Win Pct.
1979-97 (Hartford)	46-78-13	.383
1997-2009 (Carolina)	26-21-3-2	.548

* Carolina has also been the much better team in the postseason since Boston's postseason series win over the Hurricanes in 1999.

Hurricanes & Bruins in Postseason, Since 1999-2000

	Car	Bos
Appearances	4	5
Series Wins	8	1
Game Differential	35-26	13-16
Goal Differential	+7	-5

* The Hurricanes haven't been frequent participants in the month of May throughout franchise history, but they are pretty good when they do play in this month.

Highest Postseason Win Percentage in May, NHL All-Time

	Record	Win Pct.
Anaheim Ducks	21-13	.618
Carolina Hurricanes	16-10	.615
Montreal Canadiens	74-47	.612
Edmonton Oilers	57-37-1	.605
New York Islanders	40-27	.597

The Oilers tie was against the Bruins in Game 4 of the 1990 Cup Finals. The game was postponed due to a power outage with the score tied 3-3 and later replayed in its entirety. The Bruins are ranked 19th in May (43-54-1, .444).

* Mark Recchi helped Carolina win a Stanley Cup in 2006. This year he will be trying to help the Bruins win their first since 1972.

Oldest Players Remaining in 2009 Playoffs

(Played at Least One Game So Far in Playoffs)

	Born
Mark Recchi, Bos	2/1/1968
Sergei Fedorov, Was	12/13/1969
Nicklas Lidstrom, Det	4/28/1970
Teemu Selanne, Ana	7/3/1970
Rod Brind'Amour, Car	8/9/1970

* The Bruins have another older player making an even bigger impact on the team. Tim Thomas is a week removed from his first career playoff series win at an advanced age.

Active Goalies, Oldest to Win First Playoff Series

(Won All Four Games of Series)

T. Thomas, Bos 2009 vs. Mon	35 Yrs, 7 Days
D. Roloson, Min 2003 vs. Van	33 Yrs, 208 Days
M. Biron, Phi 2008 vs. Was	30 Yrs, 250 Days
N. Khabibulin, TB 2003 vs. Was	30 Yrs, 97 Days
V. Toskala, SJ 2006 vs. Nsh	28 Yrs, 345 Days

* Cam Ward looks to be on top of his game again in his second career postseason. The first one ended with a Conn Smythe Trophy three years ago.

Most Wins by Goalies in First Two Postseasons, All-Time

(Minimum 3 Game Played Per Postseason)

	Wins	1st PS	2nd PS
Martin Brodeur	24	1993-94	1994-95
Ryan Miller	20	2005-06	2006-07
Felix Potvin	20	1992-93	1993-94
Cam Ward	19	2005-06	2008-09
Patrick Roy	19	1985-86	1986-87

* Eric Staal has been a difference maker in the postseason for the Hurricanes well before his game-winner in the decisive Game 7 against New Jersey earlier this week.

Most Points Per Game in Postseason, Active Players

(Minimum 10 Games Played)

Sidney Crosby, Pit	1.29
Alexander Ovechkin, Was	1.14
Alexander Semin, Was	1.14
Evgeni Malkin, Pit	1.13
Eric Staal, Car	1.09 (32/35)

* Since joining the Bruins in 2006, Zdeno Chara has lived up to his billing a scorer and a physical presence on the blueline.

Defensemen With 140 Points & 300 PIM, Since 2006-07

(Regular Season and Playoffs)

	Points	PIM
Chris Pronger, Anh	174	329
Dion Phaneuf, Cgy	168	395
Zdeno Chara, Bos	148	321

* Since joining the Hurricanes in 2005, Ray Whitney has had a knack for putting the puck in the net in Game 1 of a series.

Ray Whitney in Game 1's, Since 2005

Games	4
Goals	5
Assists	0
PP Goals	2