

2020 APBA Hockey Tournament

Jim Craig Division

1970-71 Bruins – Greg Wells
1977-78 Canadiens – Steve Skoff
1978-79 Islanders – Bob Corsarie
1978-79 Canadiens – Chuck Sorce
1988-89 Flames – Tony Stevens

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 Bye: 1988-89 Calgary (Stevens)

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	W	L	Pts.	GF	GA
a-1977-78 Montreal (Skoff)	3	1	6	17	8
b-1970-71 Boston (Wells)	3	1	6	17	10
1978-79 Montreal (Sorce)	3	1	6	14	10
1978-79 New York (Corsarie)	1	3	2	11	21
1988-89 Calgary (Stevens)	0	4	0	6	16

a-wins division via tiebreaker

b-reaches semifinals via tiebreaker

Round 1 **'77-78 Canadiens Ride Four Goal 3rd Period to Victory in Opener**

UNIONDALE-- Steve Skoff's 1977-78 Canadiens scored four times in the 3rd period tonight to defeat Bob Corsarie and the 1978-79 Islanders 5-2 in the teams' APBA Hockey Tournament round-robin opener. Islanders' goalie Glenn "Chico" Resch looked like he was going to steal this one from Montreal, turning aside 27 of 28 Canadiens' shots through two periods, as New York led 2-1 on goals by Bryan Trottier and John Tonelli. Steve Shutt's second goal of the night finally knotted the game at two for Montreal early in the 3rd. The score stayed tied two apiece until the Canadiens scored three times within two and a half minutes late in the period, on goals by Rejean Houle, Pierre Larouche, and Jacques Lemaire, to pull away for the 5-2 win. Montreal outshot the Islanders 42-13 while dominating puck possession throughout this one. - S.Skoff

1977-78 Montreal	1	0	4	-	5
1978-79 New York	2	0	0	-	2

1st Period Summary

Shutt, Mon. 1 (Lafleur) at 0:45; **Trottier**, N.Y. 1 (Bossy, Persson) at 4:10; **Tonelli**, N.Y. 1 (Marshall, Persson) at 4:48.

Penalty: Marshall, N.Y. (minor) at 16:56.

2nd Period Summary

No scoring.

Penalties: Marshall, N.Y. (minor) at 9:19, Potvin, N.Y. (minor) at 19:54.

3rd Period Summary

Shutt, Mon. 2 (unassisted) at 3:36; **Houle**, Mon. 1 (Larouche, Savard) at 13:17; **Larouche**, Mon. 1 (Lemaire, Nyrop) at 14:25; **Lemaire**, Mon. 1 (Nyrop, Savard) at 15:54.

Penalty: Trottier, N.Y. (minor) at 17:13.

Shots on goal: Montreal 14-14-14--42; New York 4-5-4--13.

Goaltenders: Dryden, Mon. (13 shots, 11 saves); Resch, N.Y. (42 shots, 37 saves).

Power plays: Montreal 0-for-4; New York none.

1977-78 Montreal (Skoff) 1-0, 2 pts.

1978-79 New York (Corsarie) 0-1, 0 pts.

Round 1 **Shutt Sets Up a Pair of Goals to Lead '78-79 Canadiens Over Flames**

CALGARY-- Steve Shutt set up the opening goal, then set up the game-winning goal with just two seconds remaining on the clock to lead Chuck Sorce and the 1978-79 Canadiens past Tony Stevens and the 1988-89 Flames 3-2 in a thriller from Calgary. Early in the 1st, Shutt and Larry Robinson set up Pierre Mondou just under two minutes into the game to open the scoring. Hakan Loob brought the home team even, beating Montreal goalie Ken Dryden through the pads five minutes into the middle period. With the game still knotted at one goal apiece in the 3rd, Mark Hunter gave the home team the lead, but Jacques Lemaire tied things with just under six minutes to play, beating Mike Vernon off the far post. With time winding down, Shutt feverishly worked behind the Flames net and found Guy Lafleur camped off of Vernon's crease for the game winner, breaking the hearts of Calgary with just two clicks left on the clock. -S.Skoff

1978-79 Montreal	1	0	2	-	3
1988-89 Calgary	0	1	1	-	2

1st Period Summary

Mondou, Mon. 1 (Robinson, Shutt) at 1:52.

Penalties: Hunter, Cgy. (fighting major) at 4:04; Tremblay, Mon. (fighting major) at 4:04.

2nd Period Summary

Loob, Cgy. 1 (MacInnis, Vernon) at 5:10.

Penalties: Peplinski, Cgy. (minor) at 8:48, Otto, Cgy. (minor) at 10:54; Shutt, Mon. (minor) at 14:55; Otto, Cgy. (minor) at 16:44.

3rd Period Summary

Hunter, Cgy. 1 (Gilmour, Suter) at 6:04; **Lemaire**, Mon. 1 (Savard, Lambert) at 13:49; **Lafleur**, Mon. 1 (Shutt) at 19:58.

No Penalties.

Shots on goal: Montreal 8-14-13--35; Calgary 9-4-11--24.

Goaltenders: Dryden, Mon. (24 shots, 22 saves); Vernon, Cgy. (35 shots, 32 saves).

Power plays: Montreal 0-for-2; Calgary 0-for-1.

1978-79 Montreal (Sorce) 1-0, 2 pts.

1988-89 Calgary (Stevens) 0-1, 0 pts.

Round 2 **Bruins Stifle Flames, Cruise to 4-1 Win**

BOSTON-- The 1970-71 Boston Bruins entered the competition after a Round 1 bye and flexed their defensive muscles holding down the explosive 88-89 Calgary Flames and skating away with the 4-1 win. Boston's defense held Calgary to only 19 shots on netminder Gerry Cheevers while the Bruins fired 39 shots at the Calgary net. The scoring got underway halfway through the 1st when Ted Green took a beautiful pass from Don Awrey and beat Vernon to put Boston up 1-0. The lead was short-lived, however, as Gary Roberts quickly beat Cheevers after a beautiful setup from Haakan Loob and Theo Fleury, and the 1st period ended tied at 1-1. Early in the 2nd, Ken Hodge and Dallas Smith set up Phil Esposito in the slot and Espo fired it passed Vernon for the lead. Several minutes later, Bobby Orr found some room, taking a Cheevers rebound from end to end and zipping a shot through Vernon's pads to make it 3-1. From there the Bruins were Johnny-on-the-spot, finding loose pucks and smothering the Flames all over the ice. Calgary got a huge opportunity to pull closer with four minutes to go when Awrey lost his cool as he was coming off the ice and was called for a penalty. The Flames first power play was shut down by Boston and the Garden began to rock and roll as the fans felt that was it. With just under a minute left and the Calgary net vacated for the extra attacker, Dallas Smith found the empty net for the final of 4-1. -G.Wells

1988-89 Calgary	1	0	0	-	1
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1970-71 Boston	1	2	1	-	4
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1st Period Summary

Green, Bos. 1 (Awrey, Westfall) at 11:28; **Roberts**, Cgy. 1 (Loob, Fleury) at 13:09.

Penalties: Peplinski, Cgy. (minor) at 10:17; Speer, Bos. (minor) at 10:17.

2nd Period Summary

Esposito, Bos. 1 (Hodge, D. Smith) at 6:47; **Orr**, Bos. 1 (unassisted) at 9:40.

Penalties: Suter, Cgy. (minor) at 5:49, Macoun, Cgy. (minor) at 9:00; Awrey, Bos. (minor) at 9:00.

3rd Period Summary

D. Smith, Bos. 1 (Cashman, Orr) at 19:18.

Penalties: Hunter, Cgy. (minor) at 4:21; McKenzie, Bos. (minor) at 4:21; Ramage, Cgy. (minor) at 10:13; Speer, Bos. (minor) at 10:13; Awrey, Bos. (minor) at 15:54.

Shots on goal: Calgary 8-5-5--18; Boston 15-14-10--39.

Goaltenders: Vernon, Cgy. (58 mins, 38 shots, 35 saves); Cheevers, Bos. (18 shots, 17 saves).

Power plays: Calgary 0-for-1; Bruins 1-for-1.

1988-89 Calgary (Stevens) 0-2, 0 pts.

1970-71 Boston (Wells) 1-0, 2 pts.

Round 2 **'78-79 Canadiens Skate Past Islanders 6-3**

MONTREAL-- Chuck Sorce's 1978-79 Canadiens overcame two early Bryan Trottier goals to come away with 6-3 victory over Bob Corsarie and the 1978-79 Islanders. Trottier's goals came just 1:08 apart in the first three minutes of the contest, the second of which came on the power play. Mike Bossy and Islanders' captain Denis Potvin assisted on each. Several minutes later Steve Shutt got Montreal on the board, off of a cross-ice pass from Guy Lafleur. Later in the 1st, Pierre Larouche beat Islanders goalie Billy Smith from the slot to tie the game 2-2. In the penalty-filled 2nd period, John Tonelli reclaimed the lead for the Islanders when his writer through a crowd elude Ken Dryden. Bob Gainey got the Habs even again when he finished off of a nice feed from defenseman Rod Langway, before Langway scored a goal of his own late in the frame. Dryden proved too tough in the 3rd, turning aside all eleven Islanders' offerings, and late in the period Shutt scored again before Pierre Mondou added an empty-netter. -S.Skoff

1978-79 New York 2 1 0 - 3

1978-79 Montreal 2 2 2 - 6

1st Period Summary

Trottier, N.Y. 2 (Potvin, Bossy) at 1:52; **Trottier**, N.Y. 3 PP (Bossy, Potvin) at 3:10; **Shutt**, Mon. 1 (Lafleur, Mondou) at 6:04; **Larouche**, Mon. 1 (Lapointe, Houle) at 13:49.

Penalties: Shutt, Mon. (minor) at 2:24; Marshall, N.Y. (minor) at 6:21.

2nd Period Summary

Tonelli, N.Y. 2 (Nystrom, Hart) at 8:17; **Gainey**, Mon. 1 (Langway, Hughes) at 12:42; **Langway**, Mon. 1 (Shutt, Jarvis) at 15:34.

Penalties: Tonelli, N.Y. (minor) at 0:48, Bourne, N.Y. (minor) at 2:56; Lambert, Mon. (minor) at 3:17; Nystrom, N.Y. (minor) at 3:17; Hart, N.Y. (fighting major) at 13:41; Lupien, Mon. (fighting major) at 13:41.

3rd Period Summary

Shutt, Mon. 2 (Mondou, Lafleur) at 16:53; **Mondou**, Mon. 2 EN (Lafleur).

Penalties: Gillies, N.Y. (minor) at 1:38; Tremblay, Mon. (minor) at 7:03.

Shots on goal: New York 11-6-11--28; Montreal 21-17-14--52.

Goaltenders: Smith, N.Y. (51 shots, 46 saves); Dryden, Mon. (28 shots, 25 saves).

Power plays: New York 1-for-2; Montreal 0-for-4.

1978-79 New York (Corsarie) 0-2, 0 pts.

1978-79 Montreal (Sorce) 2-0, 4 pts.

Round 3 **Hodge the Hero as Bruins Win Epic Four-Overtime Thriller**

BOSTON-- The biggest rivals of the seventies may have been the Canadiens and the Bruins. The Decade opened with Ken Dryden beating the favored Bruins and closed with Dryden beating them again. These two franchises squared off in a classic game for the ages between Greg Wells' 1970-71 Bruins and Chuck Sorce's 1978-79 Canadiens at Boston Garden that would see over six periods of hockey before Ken Hodge lifted the roof for the 3-2 Boston victory in the longest game in APBA Hockey Tournament history. The game opened with Dallas Smith getting sent to the box for elbowing just sixteen seconds into the game, but what nobody could know at the time was that these teams would play more than 120 minutes of hockey without another penalty. Several minutes later, Mario Tremblay opened the scoring, taking a nice pass from Jacques Lemaire and beating Bruins goalie Gerry Cheevers high. The Bruins finally countered late in the period when Dryden let a rebound roll in front of the net and Phil Esposito beat him to the puck and knocked it in. The game stood tied until Derek Sanderson beat Dryden late in the 2nd period off of a pass from Rick Smith, as Boston took a 2-1 lead into the break. Jacques Lemaire brought the Canadiens even midway through the 3rd, assisted by Tremblay and Yvon Lambert. From there it was just insanity. Esposito had a clear shot on the first play of the first OT but Dryden stoned him. Later, Cheevers stopped Tremblay and Rod Langway on great chances. In the second OT, Dryden stopped three straight excellent shots from Hodge, Esposito and Sanderson. Cheevers appeared to be tiring as the Canadiens started to jump on his saves but each time you thought it would end, he made great play after great play. The game would finally end in the first minute of the 4th OT when Bobby Orr skated the puck up for the Bruins, hit Esposito in front and Espo found a fast closing Hodge who beat Dryden with what was amazingly the 54th shot on Dryden in overtime, and the 102nd shot he faced in the game, sending the Garden into a frenzy. -G.Wells

1978-79 Montreal	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	- 2	4 OT
1970-71 Boston	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	- 3	

1st Period Summary

Tremblay, Mon. 1 (Lemaire) at 5:36; **Esposito**, Bos. 2 (Hodge, Bucyk) at 17:32.

Penalties: D. Smith, Bos. (minor) at 0:16.

2nd Period Summary

Sanderson, Bos. 1 (D. Smith, Cashman) at 17:22.

No penalties.

3rd Period Summary

Lemaire, Mon. 2 (Tremblay, Lambert) at 13:48.

No Penalties.

First Overtime

No scoring.

No penalties.

Second Overtime

No scoring.

No penalties.

Third Overtime

No scoring.

No penalties.

Fourth Overtime

Hodge, Bos. 1 (Esposito, Orr) at 0:41.

No penalties.

Shots on goal: Montreal 15-15-16-23--69; Boston 11-18-17-54--102.

Goaltenders: Dryden, Mon. (120 mins, 102 shots, 99 saves); Cheevers, Bos. (120 mins, 69 shots, 67 saves).

Power plays: Montreal 0-for-1; Boston none.

1978-79 Montreal (Sorce) 1-2, 2 pts.

1970-71 Boston (Wells) 2-0, 4 pts.

Round 3 **Guy Lafleur Scores Twice as '77-78 Canadiens Top Calgary**

MONTREAL-- Guy Lafleur scored two goals and Jacques Lemaire had two assists to lead Steve Skoff's 1977-78 Canadiens past Tony Stevens and the 1988-89 Flames 5-1 in Montreal tonight. Montreal netminder Ken Dryden was sharp throughout, turning away 31 of 32 Calgary shots on goal. Lafleur opened the scoring just over a minute in, stealing the puck from Flames defenseman Jamie Macoun and beating goalie Mike Vernon to the short side. Jim Peplinsky brought the Flames even late in the 1st, but Yvon Cournoyer scored just under eight minutes into the 2nd to put Montreal on top for good. Lafleur added a power play goal in the middle period before defenseman Serge Savard and winger Bob Gainey tallied in the 3rd to give the home squad its second victory in this tournament. -S.Skoff

1988-89 Calgary	1	0	0	-	1
1977-78 Montreal	1	2	2	-	5

1st Period Summary

Lafleur, Mon. 1 (unassisted) at 1:31; **Peplinski**, Cgy. 1 (Otto, Patterson) at 17:28.

Penalties: Patterson, Cgy. (minor) at 3:37; Otto, Cgy. (minor) at 19:43.

2nd Period Summary

Cournoyer, Mon. 1 (Robinson, Larouche) at 7:42; **Lafleur**, Mon. 2 (Lemaire) at 12:54.

Penalty: Fleury, Cgy. (minor) at 11:06.

3rd Period Summary

Savard, Mon. 1 (Jarvis, Lemaire) at 6:56; **Gainey**, Mon. 1 EN (Houle, Jarvis) at 19:50.

Penalties: Macoun, Cgy. (minor) at 0:48; Roberts, Cgy. (minor) at 8:36; Mullen, Cgy. (minor) at 11:06.

Shots on goal: Calgary 10-8-14--32; Montreal 10-7-11--28.

Goaltenders: Vernon, Cgy. (58 mins; 27 shots, 23 saves); Dryden, Mon. (32 shots, 31 saves).

Power plays: Calgary none; Montreal 1-for-6.

1988-89 Calgary (Stevens) 0-3, 0 pts.

1977-78 Montreal (Skoff) 2-0, 4 pts.

Round 4 **Islanders Double-up Flames 4-2 to Stay Alive**

CALGARY-- Bob Corsarie's 1978-79 Islanders got two 2nd period Bryan Trottier goals, bookended by Ed Westfall's 1st period tally and Wayne Merrick's in the 3rd, en route to a 4-2 victory over Tony Stevens and the 1988-89 Flames. The win is Corsarie's first of this tournament and it keeps the Islanders slim playoff hopes alive as they move to within two points of the second playoff spot in the Craig Division. Westfall's goal over Calgary goaltender Mike Vernon's shoulder was the only strike in the opening period. Things opened up in the middle period, the Flames' Doug Gilmour beat Glenn Resch on the power play, before Trottier got a power play goal of his own to put the Islanders back into the lead. Trottier struck again several minutes later to make it 3-1, before Gilmour's second of the contest brought Calgary closer before the second intermission. Merrick's goal midway through the 3rd proved to be too much as the Islanders eliminate Calgary from contention. -S.Skoff

1978-79 New York	1	2	1	-	4
1988-89 Calgary	0	2	0	-	2

1st Period Summary

Westfall, N.Y. 1 (Tonelli, Potvin) at 15:49.

Penalties: Howatt, N.Y. (fighting major) at 14:00; Hunter, Cgy. (fighting major) at 14:00; Trottier, N.Y. (minor) at 16:11; Trottier, N.Y. (minor) at 19:56; Otto, Cgy. (minor) at 19:56.

2nd Period Summary

Gilmour, Cgy. 1 (Ramage, Mullen) at 3:47; **Trottier**, N.Y. 4 PP (Persson, Gillies) at 9:03; **Trottier**, N.Y. 5 (Potvin, Bossy) at 12:00; **Gilmour**, Cgy. 2 (Mullen, McCrimmon) at 19:06.

Penalties: Macoun, Cgy. (minor) at 4:32; Kaszycki, N.Y. (minor) at 4:32; Fleury, Cgy. (minor) at 8:41; Murzyn, Cgy. (minor) at 12:13; Hart, N.Y. (minor) at 12:13; Otto, Cgy. (minor) at 12:57.

3rd Period Summary

Merrick, N.Y. 1 (Harris, Kaszycki) at 11:00.

Penalty: Nieuwendyk, Cgy. (minor) at 13:48.

Shots on goal: unavailable.

Goaltenders: Smith, N.Y.; Vernon, Cgy.

Power plays: New York 1-for-4; Calgary 1-for-2.

1978-79 New York (Corsarie) 1-2, 2 pts.

1988-89 Calgary (Stevens) 0-4, 0 pts.

Round 4 **Lafleur Adds Two More as Bruins Fall to '77-78 Canadiens**

MONTREAL-- Guy Lafleur scored two goals while Steve Shutt and Rejean Houle each added two assists to lead Steve Skoff's 1977-78 Canadiens in a 5-2 win over Greg Wells and the visiting 1970-71 Bruins. Ed Westfall's short-handed goal, set up by Derek Sanderson and Bobby Orr, was the only scoring in a tight-checking first period as Montreal seemed determined to slow down the Bruins' high-powered offense in front of Ken Dryden. Lafleur's power play goal early in 2nd knotted the score with Sanderson in the box. Later in the period, defenseman Brian Engblom floated a wrister through a crowd in front that made its way past Gerry Cheevers to give Montreal a 2-1 lead heading into the 3rd. Montreal again struck early as Bob Gainey redirected a Doug Jarvis shot into the cage to extend the Canadiens' lead. Lafleur then scored again off a nifty pass from Shutt to make it 4-1. John McKenzie finished off a nice play from Wayne Cashman by sweeping the

puck behind Dryden to pull Boston to within two goals later in the period, but Houle's empty-netter with a minute and a half to play sealed it for the Canadiens. -S.Skoff

1970-71 Boston	1	0	1	-	2
1977-78 Montreal	0	2	3	-	5

1st Period Summary

Westfall, Bos. 1 SH (Sanderson, Orr) at 13:30.

Penalty: Speer, Bos. (minor) at 11:49.

2nd Period Summary

Lafleur, Mon. 3 PP (Shutt, Lemaire) at 1:51; **Engblom**, Mon. 1 (Bouchard, Houle) at 13:43.

Penalties: Sanderson, Bos. (minor) at 1:15; Risebrough, Mon. (minor) at 5:41; Orr, Bos. (minor) at 5:41.

3rd Period Summary

Gainey, Mon. 2 (Jarvis, Houle) at 3:00; **Lafleur**, Mon. 4 (Shutt) at 6:56; **McKenzie**, Bos. 1 (Cashman, Sanderson) at 14:26; **Houle**, Mon. 2 EN (Lapointe, Gainey) at 18:54.

Penalties: D. Smith, Bos. (minor) at 3:57; Risebrough, Mon. (minor) at 11:50; Speer, Bos. (minor) at 11:50.

Shots on goal: Boston 8-11-11--30; Montreal 10-13-15--38.

Goaltenders: Cheevers, Bos. (56:30; 37 shots, 33 saves); Dryden, Mon. (30 shots, 28 saves).

Power plays: Boston none; Montreal 1-for-3.

1970-71 Boston (Wells) 2-1, 4 pts.

1977-78 Montreal (Skoff) 3-0, 6 pts.

Round 5 **Esposito Has Four Points in Bruins Rout of Islanders**

UNIONDALE-- As Bob Corsarie's 1978-79 Islanders skated onto the Nassau Coliseum ice to take on Greg Wells' 1970-71 Bruins, both teams knew that the winner would stay alive in the race for the semifinals while the loser would likely be eliminated. When John Tonelli went to the box in the 1st period, Boston had the opportunity to display its special teams, an opportunity it hadn't seen too many times in this tournament. The B's immediately took advantage as just over 30-seconds into the power play Ken Hodge took a feed from Phil Esposito and found the Chief, Johnny Bucyk, in front of Glenn Resch for an easy wrist-shot goal. The Islanders came right back less than a minute later as Billy Harris beat Gerry Cheevers to the short side off a feed from Mike Kaszycki to tie the game. Wayne Carleton, just moved to the third line wing for this game, broke the tie off a feed from Ted Green. A few minutes later Kaszycki picked up an unnecessary penalty and Phil Esposito cashed in that power-play off a pretty play from Bobby Orr and Hodge and Boston skated off after one period up 4-1. The second period started much like the first ended. Garry Hart went to the box and Derek Sanderson put a sweet move on Resch to make it 5-1 as the Bruins were 3 for 3 with the man advantage. Just about half-way through the period Orr set up Hodge to put Boston up 6-2, prompting Corsarie to lift Resch in favor of Billy Smith in goal. Boston didn't let up on Smith as Hodge and Green worked out a pretty give and go and Hodge dropped a pass back to Esposito blistered a shot past Smitty. Mike Walton capped the Bruins onslaught late in the period off another great setup from Orr, and after two periods the B's led 8-1. Early in the 3rd, the Islanders showed some life as Clark Gillies beat Cheevers on the first shot of the period, but that would be as close as the home team could get, and the Bruins stay in the thick of the race for the top two spots in the Craig Division. -G.Wells

1970-71 Boston 4 4 0 - 8
1978-79 New York 1 0 1 - 2

1st Period Summary

Bucyk, Bos. 1 PP (Hodge, Esposito) at 7:46; **Harris**, N.Y. 1 Kaszycki, Lorimer) at 8:12; **Carleton**, Bos. 1 (Green, Westfall) at 9:42; **Esposito**, Bos. 3 PP (Hodge, Orr) at 12:47; **Hodge**, Bos. 2 (Esposito, Bucyk) at 18:19.

Penalties: Tonelli, N.Y. (minor) at 7:13; Kaszycki, N.Y. (minor) at 11:48.

2nd Period Summary

Sanderson, Bos. 2 PP (McKenzie, Green) at 7:49; **Hodge**, Bos. 3 (Orr, Bucyk) at 9:14; **Esposito**, Bos. 4 (Hodge, Green) at 13:09; **Walton**, Bos. 1 (Orr, D. Smith) at 17:58.

Penalties: Cashman, Bos. (minor) at 1:39; Hart, N.Y. (minor) at 1:39; Kaszycki, N.Y. (minor) at 7:12; Sanderson, Bos. (minor) at 17:22; Bourne, N.Y. (minor) at 17:22.

3rd Period Summary

Gillies, N.Y. 1 (Lewis, Bossy) at 0:27.

No penalties.

Shots on goal: Boston 9-9-17--35; New York 6-7-5--18.

Goaltenders: Cheevers, Bos. (18 shots, 16 saves); Resch, N.Y. (29:30; 15 shots, 9 saves); Smith, N.Y. (30:30; 20 shots, 18 saves).

Power plays: Boston 3-for-3; New York none.

1970-71 Boston (Wells) 3-1, 6 pts.

1978-79 New York (Corsarie) 1-3, 2 pts.

Round 5 **'78-79 Canadiens Beat '77-78 Canadiens in OT on Lafleur Goal**

MONTREAL-- Chuck Sorce and the 1978-79 Canadiens, staked by a thirty-two save performance from Ken Dryden and a pair of power play goals, defeated the '77-78 squad in a close matchup of similar teams when Guy Lafleur converted a nifty cross-ice feed from Guy Lapointe at four minutes of Overtime. The '78-79 bunch outshot '77-78 by a 34-26 margin on the afternoon. Pat Hughes opened the scoring late in 1st to give '78-79 the lead going into the 2nd. Mario Tremblay banged home the rebound of a Doug Jarvis drive midway through the 2nd to knot the game at a goal apiece. Early in the 3rd, Steve Shutt put '78-79 ahead when Pierre Mondou found him in the slot for a power play goal. Just a minute and a half later, Pierre Larouche tied the game off a setup from Jacques Lemaire. The defenses held strong throughout the remainder of regulation, with neither team managing to get to double-digit shots in the period. Rejean Houle' second penalty of the game gave '78-79 a golden power play opportunity in the extra time, and Lafleur made it count as his right circle drive beat Dryden to the short side for the winner. -S.Skoff

1977-78 Montreal 0 1 1 0 - 2 OT
1978-79 Montreal 1 0 1 1 - 3

1st Period Summary

Hughes, '78-79 Mon. 1 (Robinson, Larouche) at 15:23.

Penalties: Lupien, '78-79 Mon. (minor) at 10:16; Gainey, '77-78 Mon. (minor) at 10:16.

2nd Period Summary

Tremblay, '77-78 Mon. 1 (Jarvis) at 10:12.

Penalties: Lupien, Mon. '78-79 (minor) at 0:56; Gainey, '78-79 Mon. (minor) at 2:04.

3rd Period Summary

Shutt, '78-79 Mon. 3 PP (Mondou) at 3:55; **Larouche**, '77-78 Mon. 2 (Lemaire, Savard) at 18:54.

Penalties: Risebrough, '77-78 Mon. (minor) at 1:56; Houle, '77-78 Mon. (minor) at 5:44.

Overtime Summary

Lafleur, '78-79 Mon. 2 PP (Lapointe, Shutt) at 4:07.

Penalties: Houle, '77-78 Mon. (minor) at 2:16.

Shots on goal: 1977-78 Montreal 9-16-9-0--34; 1978-79 Montreal 5-9-9-3--26.

Goaltenders: Dryden, '77-78 Mon. (64 mins; 26 shots, 23 saves); Dryden, '78-79 Mon. (64 mins; 34 shots, 32 saves).

Power plays: 1977-78 Montreal 0-for-2; 1978-79 Montreal 2-for-3.

1977-78 Montreal (Skoff) 3-1, 6 pts.

1978-79 Montreal (Sorce) 3-1, 6 pts.

Round Robin Divisional Series

Mike Eruzione Division

- Round 1: 2012-13 Chicago (Taitano) **1** at 2015-16 Washington (Emch) **4**
2018-19 St. Louis (Kalous) **6** at 2018-19 Tampa Bay (Sparks) **2**
Bye: 1998-99 Nashville (Thibaudeau)
- Round 2: 2018-19 Tampa Bay (Sparks) **4** at 1998-99 Nashville (Thibaudeau) **2**
2015-16 Washington (Emch) **5** at 2018-19 St. Louis (Kalous) **6** **OT**
Bye: 2012-13 Chicago (Taitano)
- Round 3: 2018-19 St. Louis (Kalous) **8** at 1998-99 Nashville (Thibaudeau) **0**
2018-19 Tampa Bay (Sparks) **2** at 2012-13 Chicago (Taitano) **4**
Bye: 2015-16 Washington (Emch)
- Round 4: 1998-99 Nashville (Thibaudeau) **2** at 2012-13 Chicago **5** (Taitano)
2015-16 Washington (Emch) **3** at 2018-19 Tampa Bay (Sparks) **4** **OT**
Bye: 2018-19 St. Louis (Kalous)
- Round 5: 1998-99 Nashville **2** (Thibaudeau) at 2015-16 Washington (Emch) **6**
2012-13 Chicago (Taitano) **2** at 2018-19 St. Louis (Kalous) **5**
Bye: 2018-19 Tampa Bay (Sparks)

Mike Eruzione Division

	W	L	Pts.	GF	GA
a-2018-19 St. Louis (Kalous)	4	0	8	25	9
b-2012-13 Chicago (Taitano)	2	2	4	12	13
2015-16 Washington (Emch)	2	2	4	18	13
2018-19 Tampa Bay (Sparks)	2	2	4	12	15
1998-99 Nashville (Thibaudeau)	0	4	0	6	23

a-clinches division

b-reaches semifinals via tiebreaker

Round 1 **Big 2nd Period Propels Washington to Win in Opener**

WASHINGTON-- Ron Emch's 2015-16 Capitals erupted for three goals in a ten minute span in the 2nd period tonight to defeat Dave Taitano and the 2012-13 Blackhawks by a 4-1 score. Andre Burakovsky got things started early in the 1st for the Capitals when his wrist shot beat Chicago netminder Corey Crawford. The Blackhawks struck back just over a minute into the 2nd as Viktor Stalberg finished off of some nice passing by Patrick Kane and Jonathan Toews to put the puck behind Braden Holtby for a power play goal to knot the score. The Capitals then went to work, first getting a Jay Beagle goal assisted by Matt Niskanen and Marcus Johansson, followed just four minutes later by Tom Wilson's tally set up by a pin-point pass from John Carlson. Washington captain Alex Ovechkin, a 50-goal scorer in the 2015-16 regular season followed and Washington had a commanding 4-1 lead. Holtby and the Capitals were solid from there as they take the opener of this four game round-robin. - S.Skoff

2012-13 Chicago 0 1 0 - 1
2015-16 Washington 1 3 0 - 4

1st Period Summary

Burakovsky, Was. 1 (Kuznetsov, Williams) at 4:33.

Penalties: Shaw, Chi. (minor) at 15:07; Richards, Was. (minor) at 12:24; Winnick, Was. (minor) at 15:41; Ovechkin, Was. (minor) at 19:51.

2nd Period Summary

Stalberg, Chi. 1 PP (Kane, Toews) at 1:05; **Beagle**, Was. 1 (Niskanen, Johansson) at 4:14; **Wilson**, Was. 1 (Carlson, Richards) at 8:42; **Ovechkin**, Was. 1 (Backstrom, Orpik) at 14:17.

Penalties: Alzner, Was. (minor) at 3:43, Ovechkin, Was. (minor) at 12:42; Bolland, Chi. (minor) at 19:04.

3rd Period Summary

No scoring.

Penalty: Ovechkin, Was. (minor) at 3:54.

Shots on goal: Chicago 25; Washington 32.

Goaltenders: Crawford, Chi. (32 shots, 28 saves); Holtby, Was. (25 shots, 24 saves).

Power plays: Chicago 1-for-6; Washington 0-for-2.

2012-13 Chicago (Taitano) 0-1, 0 pts.

2015-16 Washington (Emch) 1-0, 2 pts.

Round 1 **Blues' Defensemen Tally Eight Assists in 6-2 Victory over Lightning**

TAMPA BAY-- The 2018-19 Blues defensemen totaled eight assists to lead John Kalous over Mike Sparks and the 2018-19 Lightning by a 6-2 margin. St. Louis began the tournament in style, scoring just twenty seconds into the game, then keeping up the offensive pressure throughout the contest. Brayden Schenn took a pass from Vladimir Tarasenko and beat Andrei Vasilevskiy for the game's first goal. Tampa Bay tied the game at the eight minute mark, when Alex Killorn caught the Blues on a line change and slipped one past Jordan Binnington. The Blues responded quickly though, as Oskar Sundqvist scored just thirty-three seconds later to put the Blues back on top for good. The second period started much like the first, with Alexander Steen blasting a shot past a stunned Vasilevskiy :29 seconds into the period. Steen added another just 1:18 later to give the Blues a commanding 4-1 lead. Tampa responded with a Ryan McDonagh goal just a tick under the eight minute but neither team would threaten the rest of the period and the game went to the final period with the Blues holding a 4-2 lead. St. Louis delivered the dagger just over seven minutes into the 3rd, with Jaden Schwartz putting the game out of reach. Ryan O'Reilly capped things off with a shot into an empty net at with three and a half minutes to play. -J.Kalous

2018-19 St. Louis 2 2 2 - 6

2018-19 Tampa Bay 1 1 0 - 2

1st Period Summary

Schenn, S.L. 1 (Tarasenko, Parayko) at 0:20; **Killorn**, T.B. 1 (unassisted) at 8:00; **Sundkvist**, S.L. 1 (Perron, Bortuzzo) at 8:33.

Penalties: Gourde, T.B. (minor) at 9:00; Maroon, S.L. (minor) at 9:00.

2nd Period Summary

Steen, S.L. 1 (Gunnarsson, Bortuzzo) at 0:29; **Steen**, S.L. 2 (Bozak, Gunnarsson) at 1:47; **McDonagh**, T.B. 1 (Gourde, Hedman) at 7:59.

Penalty: Miller, T.B. (minor) at 19:00.

3rd Period Summary

Schwartz, S.L. 1 (Pietrangelo, Dunn) at 7:12; **O'Reilly**, S.L. 1 EN (Parayko, Tarasenko) at 16:30.

Penalties: Bouwmeester, S.L. (minor) at 3:00; Stamkos, T.B. (minor) at 3:30.

Shots on goal: St. Louis 13-7-5--25; Tampa Bay 5-12-5--22.

Goaltenders: Binnington, S.L. (22 shots, 20 saves); Vasilevskiy, T.B. (24 shots, 19 saves).

Power plays: St. Louis 0-for-2; Tampa Bay 0-for-1.

2018-19 St. Louis (Kalous) 1-0, 2 pts.

2018-19 Tampa Bay (Sparks) 0-1, 0 pts.

Round 2 **Paquette and McDonagh Lead Tampa Bay to First Win in Tourney**

TAMPA BAY-- Cedric Paquette scored two goals in the first period to lead Mike Sparks and the 2018-19 Lightning to a 4-2 win over Jon Thibaut and the 1998-99 Predators. Ryan McDonagh had two assists in the 1st, and later scored the back-breaking goal in the 3rd period. The Predators stayed in this game largely due to Mike Dunham's stellar goaltending. Dunham had thirty-six saves in the game and did everything he could but Nashville came up short in a game they led early after Cliff Ronning's goal in the 1st period. But the home squad undermined their own chances by taking nine penalties in the final two frames. Dunham helped keep Tampa Bay off the scoresheet on every power play, but Tampa Bay was too much in this one. -J.Thibaut

2018-19 Tampa Bay	3	0	1	-	4
1998-99 Nashville	1	1	0	-	2

1st Period Summary

Ronning, Nsh. 1 (Kjellberg, Fitzgerald) at 2:59; **Gourde**, T.B. 1 (Sergachev, Coburn) at 10:13; **Paquette**, T.B. 1 (McDonagh, Palat) at 12:39; **Paquette**, T.B. 2 (Miller, McDonagh) at 14:54.

No penalties.

2nd Period Summary

Johnson, Nsh. 1 PP (Brunette, Krivokrasov) at 17:26.

Penalties: Callahan, T.B. (minor) at 2:00; Vopat, Nsh. (double minor) at 2:00; Berehowsky, Nsh. (minor) at 12:07; Stamkos, T.B. (minor) at 12:40; Kucherov, T.B. (minor) at 13:30; Heward, Nsh. (double minor) at 13:38; Berehowsky, Nsh. (minor) at 15:58; Sergachev, T.B. (minor) at 15:58; McDonagh, T.B. (minor) at 16:59.

3rd Period Summary

McDonagh, T.B. 1 (unassisted) at 3:59.

Penalties: Heward, Nsh. (minor) at 10:36; Stamkos, T.B. (minor) at 11:15; Johnson, Nsh. (minor) at 12:18; Berehowsky, Nsh. (minor) at 13:11.

Shots on goal: Tampa Bay 14-13-13--40; Nashville 6-4-4--14.

Goaltenders: Vasilevskiy, T.B. (14 shots, 12 saves); Dunham, Nsh. (57 mins; 40 shots, 36 saves).

Power plays: Tampa Bay 0-for-6; Nashville 1-for-5.

2018-19 Tampa Bay (Sparks) 1-1, 2 pts.

1998-99 Nashville (Thibaut) 0-1, 0 pts.

Round 2 **Perron Stuns Washington with Short-Handed Winner in OT**

ST. LOUIS-- David Perron scored a short-handed, overtime game winner with teammate Vince Dunn in the box as John Kalous' 2018-19 Blues take a thriller over Ron Emch and the 2015-16 Capitals. The game looked to be all Blues early as Tyler Bozak and Dunn scored thirteen seconds apart early in the 1st. The Blues added two more late in the period as Robert Thomas and Brayden Schenn gave the Blues a 4-0 lead at the first intermission. The 2nd period was a different story as Washington got on the board twice in the first half of the period on goals by Jason Chimera and Tom Wilson to cut the lead to 4-2. Late in the period, Blues' defenseman Jay Bouwmeester was sent off with a penalty, Pat Maroon quickly joined him in the box to give the Caps a golden opportunity, and they wasted little time as Matt Niskanen put one past Binnington in the closing minute to get them within a goal. In the 3rd, just after that Maroon penalty ended, Vladimir Tarasenko scored on a tip-in to increase the Blues lead to 5-3. Washington refused to quit though as Evgeny Kuznetsov scored at

the six minute mark to get the Caps back to within a goal, before Andre Burakovsky blasted one past Binnington and the game was all knotted up at five all. The Blues peppered Braden Holtby in the closing minutes, but he was up to the task and the game went to overtime. When Vince Dunn went off with a penalty at the five minute mark, the St. Louis crowd went silent realizing the Caps power play would be tough to stop. Just eight seconds into the ensuing power play, however, the Enterprise Center erupted as David Perron slipped past the defense with the puck and beat Holtby with the short-handed game winner. -J.Kalous

2015-16 Washington 0 3 2 0 - 5 OT

2018-19 St. Louis 4 0 1 1 - 6

1st Period Summary

Bozak, S.L. 1 (Pietrangelo, Steen) at 4:56; **Dunn**, S.L. 1 (unassisted) at 5:09; **Thomas**, S.L. 1 (Parayko, Sanford) at 15:39; **Schenn**, S.L. 2 (O'Reilly, Tarasenko) at 18:34.

Penalties: Bouwmeester, S.L. (minor) at 2:00; Weber, Was. (minor) at 6:30; Weber, Was. (minor) at 9:00.

2nd Period Summary

Chimera, Was. 1 (Alzner, Niskanen) at 6:26; **Wilson**, Was. 2 (Carlson, Richards) at 10:37; **Niskanen**, Was. 1 PP (Backstrom, Carlson) at 19:21.

Penalties: Bouwmeester, S.L. (minor) at 18:00; Maroon, S.L. (minor) at 19:00.

3rd Period Summary

Tarasenko, S.L. 1 (O'Reilly, Schenn) at 1:51; **Kuznetsov**, Was. 1 (Carlson, Burakovsky) at 6:00; **Burakovsky**, Was. 2 (Weber, Kuznetsov) at 14:23.

Penalties: Dunn, S.L. (minor) at 4:30; Weber, Was. (minor) at 4:30.

Overtime Summary

Perron, S.L. 1 SH (Bouwmeester, Steen) at 5:08.

Penalty: Dunn, S.L. (minor) at 5:00.

Shots on goal: Washington 4-8-10-0--22; St. Louis 14-3-11-3--31.

Goaltenders: Holtby, Was. (65 mins; 31 shots, 25 saves); Binnington, S.L. (65 mins; 22 shots, 17 saves).

Power plays: Washington 1-for-3; St. Louis 0-for-2.

2015-16 Washington (Emch) 1-1, 2 pts.

2018-19 St. Louis (Kalous) 2-0, 4 pts.

Round 3 Crawford Outduels Vasilevskiy As Blackhawks Top Lightning

CHICAGO-- Dave Taitano's 2012-13 Chicago Blackhawks and Mike Sparks' 2018-19 Tampa Bay Lightning hit the ice this afternoon for an important divisional meeting with the Blackhawks prevailing 4-2. Ondrej Palat got the visitors on the board first, putting a one-timer set up by Victor Hedman behind Corey Crawford midway through the opening period. Early in the 2nd, Duncan Keith tied the game before Jonathan Toews gave Chicago the lead. Patrick Kane's power play goal a few minutes later extended the lead for the Blackhawks. Trailing by a 3-1 score in the 3rd, coach Mike Sparks pulled his goalie with 5:00 remaining, resulting in an empty-netter by Niklas Hjalmarsson essentially putting the game out of reach. Steven Stamkos scored with just over two minutes to play, but the Lightning would get no closer as Crawford stopped 21 shots in the 3rd. -D.Taitano

2018-19 Tampa Bay 1 0 1 - 2
2012-13 Chicago 0 3 1 - 4

1st Period Summary

Palat, T.B. 1 (Hedman, Paquette) at 12:48.

No penalties.

2nd Period Summary

Keith, Chi. 1 (Stalberg) at 4:49; **Bickell**, Chi. 1 (Keith, Stalberg) at 7:14; **Kane**, Chi. 1 PP (Toews, Hossa) at 12:10.

Penalty: Miller, T.B. (minor) at 11:28.

3rd Period Summary

Hjalmarsson, Chi. 1 EN (Sharp, Oduya) at 15:01; **Stamkos**, T.B. 1 (McDonagh, Hedman) at 17:42.

Penalties: Kucherov, T.B. (minor) at 3:16; Joseph, T.B. (minor) at 11:50; Kucherov, T.B. (minor) at 17:19; Toews, Chi. (minor) at 17:19.

Shots on goal: Tampa Bay 9-5-22--36; Chicago 10-12-20--42.

Goaltenders: Vasilevskiy, T.B. (56 mins; 41 shots, 39 saves); Crawford, Chi. (36 shots, 34 saves).

Power plays: Tampa Bay none; Chicago 1-for-3.

2018-19 Tampa Bay (Sparks) 1-2, 2 pts.

2012-13 Chicago (Taitano) 1-1, 2 pts.

Round 3 **Sundqvist and Schenn Star as St. Louis Thumps Nashville**

NASHVILLE-- Oskar Sundqvist and Brayden Schenn scored two goals apiece and Jordan Binnington recorded the tournament's first shutout as John Kalous and the 2018-19 Blues stormed into Nashville and took it to Jon Thibaut and the 1998-99 Predators 8-0. Sundqvist's first of the evening, an unassisted goal midway through the opening period proved to be the game winner as Binnington would turn aside all 22 shots that he faced. Sundqvist scored again in the 2nd, sandwiched by goals from round 2 hero David Perron and Colton Parayko, before St. Louis poured it on in the 3rd, scoring four more times, with Schenn capping the night by netting the last two. The win put Kalous and the Blues in a commanding position to reach the semifinals at 3-0 in the 4-game round robin opening round.

2018-19 St. Louis 1 3 4 - 8
1998-99 Nashville 0 0 0 - 0

1st Period Summary

Sundqvist, S.L. 2 (unassisted) at 8:38.

Penalty: Heward, Nsh. (minor) at 11:24.

2nd Period Summary

Perron, S.L. 2 (Gunnarsson) at 2:51; **Sundqvist**, S.L. 3 (Pietrangelo, Parayko) at 6:44; **Parayko**, S.L. 1 (unassisted) at 17:11.

Penalties: Boughner, Nsh. (minor) at 10:06; Johnson, Nsh. (minor) at 16:48; Perron, S.L. (minor) at 16:48.

3rd Period Summary

Tarasenko, S.L. 2 (O'Reilly, Pietrangelo) at 0:18; **Dunn**, S.L. 2 (Bozak, Schwartz) at 7:08; **Schenn**, S.L. 3 PP (Bozak) at 13:32; **Schenn**, S.L. 4 (Tarasenko, Pietrangelo) at 19:38.

Penalties: Walker, Nsh. (minor) at 10:04; Nashville (bench minor) at 12:58.

Shots on goal: St. Louis 9-11-16--36; Nashville 3-11-8--22.

Goaltenders: Binnington, S.L. (22 shots, 22 saves); Vokoun, Nsh. (36 shots, 28 saves).

Power plays: St. Louis 1-for-4; Nashville none.

2018-19 St. Louis (Kalous) 3-0, 6 pts.

1998-99 Nashville (Thibaudeau) 0-2, 0 pts.

Round 4 **Brayden Point Delivers in OT as Lightning Top Capitals**

TAMPA BAY-- Tyler Johnson tied the game in the 3rd, and Brayden Point sent the Amalie Arena Crowd into euphoria in overtime as the 2018-19 Lightning keep their semifinal hopes alive with a thrilling 4-3 victory. The Lightning came out sluggish in this one and, after two Alex Ovechkin goals and another by Daniel Winnick, they found themselves down 3-0 late in the 2nd period. They regained some hope with a last-minute goal at the in the middle period when Point slid one in to cut the lead to 3-1. That goal was almost as crucial as Point's game-winner, as Victor Hedman scored early in the 3rd to bring the Lightning within one before Johnson tied it with five and a half minutes left with Tampa swarming like bees. Both teams had their chances late in the 3rd, but Lightning goalie Andrei Vasilevskiy and the Capitals' Brayden Holtby sent the game into overtime. OT didn't last long as Point ended it at the 2:47 mark. -R.Emch

2015-16 Washington 2 1 0 0 - 3 OT

2018-19 Tampa Bay 0 1 2 1 - 4

1st Period Summary

Ovechkin, Was. 2 (unassisted) at 1:58; **Winnick**, Was. 1 (Johansson) at 14:16.

Penalties: McDonagh, T.B. (minor) at 2:30; Ovechkin, Was. (minor) at 2:30; Stamkos, T.B. (minor) at 6:00.

2nd Period Summary

Ovechkin, Was. 3 (Oshie, Orpik) at 15:36; **Point**, T.B. 1 (McDonagh, Hedman) at 19:41.

Penalties: Stralman, T.B. (minor) at 12:30; Ovechkin, Was. (minor) at 12:30.

3rd Period Summary

Hedman, T.B. 1 (Stamkos, Kucherov) at 2:54; **Johnson**, T.B. 1 (Stralman, Point) at 14:26.

Penalty: Callahan, T.B. (minor) at 6:30.

Overtime Summary

Point, T.B. 2 (Stralman) at 2:47.

No penalties.

Shots on goal: Washington 24; Tampa Bay 32.

Goaltenders: Holtby, Was. (63 mins; 29 shots, 25 saves); Vasilevskiy, T.B. (63 mins; 29 shots, 26 saves).

Power plays: Washington 0-for-2; Tampa Bay 0-for-1.

2015-16 Washington (Emch) 1-2, 2 pts.

2018-19 Tampa Bay (Sparks) 2-2, 4 pts.

Round 4 **Hossa Has Four Point Night to Lead Chicago Past Nashville**

CHICAGO-- Marian Hossa scored eleven seconds into the game and Dave Taitano's 2012-13 Blackhawks never looked back as they defeated Jon Thibault and the 1998-99 Predators 5-2. After the Hossa goal the teams traded chances throughout the 1st, but it wasn't until the last two and a half minutes before another goal was scored when Patrick Kane took a pass from Hossa and found Jonathan Toews in the slot and Toews whipped it by a sliding Dunham. Viktor Stalberg scored his second goal of the tournament seven minutes into the 2nd to make it 3-0 before Drake Berehowski got Nashville on the board. Greg Johnson's goal with just under four minutes to play in the period got Nashville within a goal, and then Patrick Sharp went to the box giving Nashville a great chance to pull even. Toews scored struck again, however, and his short-handed goal took the life out of the Predators. Just over a minute into the 3rd, Hossa found Patrick Kane on the doorstep and he slid it by Dunham to make it 5-2. -S.Skoff

1998-99 Nashville	0	2	0	-	2
2012-13 Chicago	2	2	1	-	5

1st Period Summary

Hossa, Chi. 1 (Kane, Toews) at 0:11; **Toews**, Chi. 1 (Kane, Hossa) at 18:33.

Penalties: Shaw, Chi. (minor) at 9:08; Seabrook, Chi. (minor) at 15:07.

2nd Period Summary

Stalberg, Chi. 2 (Keith, Seabrook) at 7:19; **Berehowsky**, Nsh. 1 (Petonen, Timonen) at 10:16; **Johnson**, Nsh. 2 (Brunette, Walker) at 16:20; **Toews**, Chi. 2 SH (Hossa, Seabrook) at 17:56.

Penalties: Bolland, Chi. (minor) at 0:09; Sharp, Chi. (minor) at 17:12.

3rd Period Summary

Kane, Chi. 2 (Hossa, Keith) at 1:04.

No penalties.

Shots on goal: Nashville unavailable; Chicago 49.

Goaltenders: Dunham, Nsh. (49 shots, 34 saves); Crawford, Chi. (unavailable).

Power plays: Nashville 0-for-4; Chicago none.

1998-99 Nashville (Thibault) 0-3, 0 pts.

2012-13 Chicago (Taitano) 2-1, 4 pts.

Round 5 **Oshie Scores Twice to Lead Washington Over Nashville**

WASHINGTON-- Ron Emch's 2015-16 Capitals jumped all over Jon Thibault's 1998-99 Predators and kept their semifinal hopes alive with a 6-2 win at the Verizon Center. After an early Washington bench minor for too many skaters, Evgeny Kuznetsov scored a short-handed goal when his backhand somehow dribbled through Nashville goalie Mike Dunham. Two and a half minutes later, Andre Burakovsky extended the lead to 2-0, prompting Thibault to lift his netminder in favor of Thomas Vokoun. Later in the period, T.J. Oshie

scored his first goal of the tournament, before Sebastian Bordeleau got the Predators on the board to make it 3-1 at the break. Andrew Brunette's power play goal late in the 2nd got the Predators to within one headed to the final period. Early in the 3rd, Oshie scored again, taking advantage of some extra room as the teams skated four aside, and the Caps were on top 4-2. Nicklas Backstrom's goal four minutes later extended the lead before Alex Ovechkin's fourth goal of the tournament iced the game as the expansion Predators exit the tourney without a victory. - S.Skoff

1998-99 Nashville 1 1 0 - 2

2015-16 Washington 3 0 3 - 6

1st Period Summary

Kuznetsov, Was. 2 SH (Beagle) at 2:50; **Burakovsky**, Was. 3 (Backstrom, Carlson) at 5:22; **Oshie**, Was. 1 (Kuznetsov) at 17:50; **Bordeleau**, Nsh. 1 (Johnson, Fitzgerald) at 18:23.

Penalty: Washington (bench minor) at 2:00.

2nd Period Summary

Brunette, Nsh. 1 PP (Krivokrasov) at 15:02.

Penalties: Burehowsky, Nsh. (minor) at 12:09; Ovechkin, Was. (minor) at 12:09; Johansson, Was. (minor) at 13:33; Bouchard, Nsh. (minor) at 19:45.

3rd Period Summary

Oshie, Was. 2 (Kuznetsov) at 1:53; **Backstrom**, Was. 1 (Carlson, Williams) at 5:43; **Ovechkin**, Was 4 (Oshie, Alzner) at 16:49.

Penalty: Ovechkin, Was. (minor) at 0:27.

Shots on goal: Nashville 10-9-11--30; Washington 7-9-14--30.

Goaltenders: Dunham, Nsh. (5 mins; 3 shots, 1 save); Vokoun, Nsh. (55 mins; 27 shots, 23 saves); Holtby, Was. (30 shots, 28 saves).

Power plays: Nashville 1-for-3; Washington 0-for-2.

1998-99 Nashville (Thibaut) 0-4, 0 pts.

2015-16 Washington (Emch) 2-2, 4 pts.

Round 5 **St. Louis Completes Round Robin Sweep with Win Over Chicago**

ST. LOUIS-- Having already clinched a spot in the playoffs for John Kalous, the 2018-19 Blues were a relaxed bunch as they took the ice to face Dave Taitano's 2012-13 Blackhawks, but they served notice early on that they were in it to win, when Ryan O'Reilly scored just twenty-seven seconds into the game, en route to the 5-2 victory. The Blackhawks came right back, though, and they took the lead by scoring twice in a two minute span, the first from Patrick Kane and the second by defenseman Niklas Hjarlmasson to give the Hawks a 2-1 lead before seven minutes had been played. With less than ninety seconds left in the period, Vladimir Tarasenko tipped O'Reilly's shot past Corey Crawford to send the teams to the break tied at two apiece. St. Louis wasted little time in breaking the tie as Tyler Bozak scored just over two minutes into the 2nd, and then Pat Maroon used the open ice to his advantage got behind the Chicago defense and sent another shot past Crawford to give the Blues a 4-2 lead. Colten Parayko scored a power play goal just over a minute later and the Blues had a commanding 5-2 lead. In the 3rd period, the Hawks were unable to get much offense going as they only managed seven shots in the period. After a shaky start, Binnington settled down to hold Chicago scoreless for the final 53 minutes and the Blues sweep into the semifinals undefeated as the number 1 seed in the Eruzione Division. -J.Kalous

2012-13 Chicago 2 0 0 - 2
 2018-19 St. Louis 2 3 0 - 5

1st Period Summary

O'Reilly, S.L. 2 (Pietrangelo) at 0:27; **Kane**, Chi. 3 (Sharp, Bolland) at 4:42; **Hjalmarsson**, Chi. 2 (Kane, Oduya) at 6:32; **Tarasenko**, S.L. 3 (O'Reilly, Dunn) at 18:32.

Penalties: Perron, S.L. (minor) at 7:55; Hossa, Chi. (minor) at 8:29.

2nd Period Summary

Bozak, S.L. 2 (Perron, Schwartz) at 3:23; **Maroon**, S.L. 1 (Steen, Parayko) at 6:47; **Parayko**, S.L. 2 PP (Schenn, Bozak) at 8:36.

Penalties: Seabrook, Chi. (minor) at 5:57; Pietrangelo, S.L. (minor) at 5:57; Kane, Chi. (minor) at 7:29.

3rd Period Summary

No scoring.

Penalties: Hossa, Chi. (minor) at 1:52; Seabrook, Chi. (minor) at 18:38.

Shots on goal: Chicago 8-6-7--21; St. Louis 8-8-13--29.

Goaltenders: Crawford, Chi. (29 shots, 24 saves); Binnington, S.L. (21 shots, 19 saves).

Power plays: Chicago 0-for-1; St. Louis 1-for-4.

2012-13 Chicago (Taitano) 2-2, 4 pts.

2018-19 St. Louis (Kalous) 4-0, 8 pts.

2020 APBA Hockey Tournament

Round Robin Standings

Jim Craig Division

		W	L	Pts.	GF	GA
a-1977-78 Montreal (Skoff)	3	1	6	17	8	
b-1970-71 Boston (Wells)	3	1	6	17	10	
1978-79 Montreal (Sorce)	3	1	6	14	10	
1978-79 New York (Corsarie)	1	3	2	11	21	
1988-89 Calgary (Stevens)	0	4	0	6	16	

a-wins division via tiebreaker

b-makes semifinals via tiebreaker

Mike Eruzione Division

	W	L	Pts.	GF	GA
c-2018-19 St. Louis (Kalous)	4	0	8	25	9
d-2012-13 Chicago (Taitano)	2	2	4	12	13
2015-16 Washington (Emch)	2	2	4	18	13

2018-19 Tampa Bay (Sparks)	2	2	4	12	15
1998-99 Nashville (Thibaudeau)	0	4	0	6	23

c-clinches division

d-makes semifinals via tiebreaker

Divisional Finals

Best-of-Three

Jim Craig Division

Game 1 - 1970-71 Boston (Wells) **7** at 1977-78 Montreal (Skoff) **4**

Game 2 - 1977-78 Montreal (Skoff) **5** at 1970-71 Boston (Wells) **3**

Game 3 - 1970-71 Boston (Wells) **2** at 1977-78 Montreal (Skoff) **6**

(Montreal wins series 2-1)

Game 1 **Boston Brings the Firepower, Routs Montreal in Opener**

MONTREAL-- Phil Esposito, Johnny Bucyk, Ken Hodge and Bobby Orr, the “Big Four” of Greg Wells’ 1970-71 Bruins, were determined to have an impact in the opener of the Craig Division final after being effectively shut down by the Steve Skoff’s 1977-78 Canadiens’ in the round-robin game between these teams. An “impact” may be an understatement in describing their game 1 performance. After being held to just one assist by the checking line of Doug Jarvis, Bob Gainey, and Rejean Houle in that first round game, the Big Four were virtually unstoppable in this one, totaling four goals and eleven points as the Bruins smashed Montreal 7-4 to take the series lead. Hodge got things started just under three minutes into the contest when Montreal goalie Ken Dryden mishandled an Esposito shot and left the rebound on the doorstep for Hodge to put home, with Orr picking up the second assist. Just three minutes later, John McKenzie also took advantage of Dryden’s inability to control a rebound, this time off of Wayne Carleton’s drive, banging the puck in to make it 2-0. Just over two minutes later, with Montreal defenseman Bill Nyrop in the penalty box, Hodge and Orr set up Esposito for a power play goal and a 3-0 lead. Early in the 2nd, Carleton netted a goal of his own and the rout was on. After Guy Lafleur, who had a four-point night, scored a power play goal to cut the Boston lead to 4-1, Esposito struck again, assisted by Orr and Fred Stanfield, leading to Dryden being benched in favor of Michel “Bunny” Larocque. Later in the period it was Bucyk’s turn as he beat Larocque on a play set up by Esposito and Hodge

to make it 6-1 at the break. Early in the 3rd, defenseman Serge Savard drilled a slap shot past Gerry Cheevers for Montreal's second goal. Wayne Cashman then made it 7-2 for Boston. After McKenzie received a double-minor, Steve Shutt and Jacques Lemaire scored power play goals for the Canadiens, but game 1 was all about the Bruins' Big Four. Game 2 of this best-of-three will be in Boston. -S.Skoff

Game 1

1970-71 Boston	3	3	1	-	7
1977-78 Montreal	0	1	3	-	4

1st Period Summary

Hodge, Bos. 4 (Esposito, Orr) at 2:56; **McKenzie**, Bos. 2 (Carleton, R. Smith) at 5:57; **Esposito**, Bos. 5 PP (Hodge, Orr) at 8:12.

Penalties: Nyrop, Mon. (minor) at 7:20; Speer, Bos. (minor) at 8:03; Walton, Bos. (minor) at 14:09; Tremblay, Mon. (minor) at 14:09; Houle, Mon. (minor) at 19:26; Awrey, Bos. (minor) at 19:26.

2nd Period Summary

Carleton, Bos. 2 (Green) at 3:02; **Lafleur**, Mon. 5 PP (Shutt, Lapointe) at 6:27; **Esposito**, Bos. 6 (Orr, Stanfield) at 6:58; **Bucyk**, Bos. 2 (Esposito, Hodge) at 14:45.

Penalties: Cashman, Bos. (fighting major + minor) at 5:59; Risebrough, Mon. (fighting major + 10 min. misconduct) at 5:59.

3rd Period Summary

Savard, Mon. 2 (Lemaire, Lafleur) at 4:31; **Cashman**, Bos. 1 (Stanfield, Westfall) at 11:22; **Shutt**, Mon. 2 PP (Lafleur) at 14:07; **Lemaire**, Mon. 2 PP (Lapointe, Lafleur) at 15:56.

Penalties: McKenzie, Bos. (double minor) at 13:20; D. Smith, Bos. (minor) at 18:07.

Shots on goal: Boston 9-10-6--25; Montreal 14-14-11--39.

Goaltenders: Cheevers, Bos. (39 shots, 34 saves); Dryden, Mon. (27 mins; 13 shots, 8 saves); Larocque, Mon. (33 mins; 12 shots, 10 saves).

Power plays: Boston 1-for-1; Montreal 3-for-5.

(Boston leads series 1-0)

Game 2 **Dryden Stands Tall as Canadiens Tie Series**

BOSTON-- With their backs to the wall, Steve Skoff's 1977-78 Canadiens skated into Boston Garden and on the strength of Ken Dryden's forty-four save performance walked out with a series tie and a lot of momentum as Greg Wells' 1970-71 Bruins will look to regroup. Mario Tremblay opened the scoring with a sweet end to end rush beating Gerry Cheevers with a wicked wrist shot from the circle. In what would be a bit of a theme, the Bruins got that goal right back as Don Marcotte took a Bobby Orr feed and found a hole in Dryden. Steve Shutt buried a blistering one-timer past Cheevers later in the period and Montreal looked like they'd skate off with a lead, but Phil Esposito camped out in front of Dryden and slipped a Bucyk pass through the goalie's pads just forty seconds after Shutt's goal to tie the score 2-2. Shutt was the only scorer in period two as Dryden shut down the relentless Bruins offense. When Yvon Lambert cashed in a rebound of a Doug Jarvis shot to put the Canadiens up 4-2, the Garden got very quiet. Just two and a half minutes later, Derek Sanderson got a John McKenzie feed and beat Dryden to make it a game. Moments later Dryden stopped a beautiful Wayne Carlton shot and that seemed to take the life out of Boston. Guy Lafleur got a breakaway goal late and that was enough as Dryden's big game sends the teams back to Montreal for the deciding game 3. -G.Wells

Game 2

1977-78 Montreal	2	1	2	-	5
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1970-71 Boston 2 0 1 - 3

1st Period Summary

Tremblay, Mon. 1 (unassisted) at 12:06; **Marcotte**, Bos. 1 (Orr, D. Smith) at 13:23; **Shutt**, Mon. 3 (Houle, Savard) at 17:45; **Esposito**, Bos. 7 (Bucyk, Hodge) at 18:25.

No penalties.

2nd Period Summary

Shutt, Mon. 4 (Risebrough, Houle) at 14:56.

No penalties.

3rd Period Summary

Lambert, Mon. 1 (Jarvis) at 9:58; **Sanderson**, Bos. 3 (McKenzie, Carleton) at 12:33; **Lafleur**, Mon. 6 (unassisted) at 14:46.

Penalties: Robinson, Mon. (minor) at 2:16; D. Smith, Bos. (minor) at 2:31; Sanderson, Bos. (minor) at 6:24.

Shots on goal: Montreal 6-8-8--22; Boston 12-18-17--47.

Goaltenders: Dryden, Mon. (47 shots, 44 saves); Cheevers, Bos. (58 mins; 22 shots, 17 saves).

Power plays: Montreal 0-for-2; Boston 0-for-1.

(Series tied 1-1)

Game 3 **Lafleur, Risebrough Score Two Goals Apiece as Montreal Triumphs**

MONTREAL-- Doug Risebrough scored just two minutes into game 3 and added a 2nd period goal to go with Guy Lafleur's pair of power play tallies as Steve Skoff's 1977-78 Canadiens beat Greg Wells' 1970-71 Bruins to advance to the 2020 APBA Hockey Tournament finals. The Canadiens got to Boston goalie Gerry Cheevers early in this one, as Risebrough's unassisted goal was quickly followed by a Rejean Houle rebound goal and Montreal led 2-0 before four minutes had been played. As had happened before in the series, however, Boston struck right back when Derek Sanderson put his own rebound behind Ken Dryden just thirty-seven seconds later to cut the lead in half. Cheevers regrouped to finish the 1st period with fifteen saves as Montreal headed to the locker room with a one-goal lead. Just past the midway point of the 2nd, Pierre Mondou got his first goal of the tournament, set up by Bob Gainey and Serge Savard, to extend the lead. Just three and a half minutes later, Risebrough struck again, scoring off of a nice pass from Houle and *Les Habitants* were up 4-1. Wayne Carleton then took an ill-timed penalty for Boston, and Lafleur redirected a Guy Lapointe drive on the ensuing power play to put Montreal ahead by four. With just twelve seconds to play in the period, though, Sanderson beat Dryden again to cut the Canadiens' lead to 5-2 heading into the break. Coach Wells decided that a goaltending change was in order, and Cheevers went to the bench in favor of Eddie Johnston to start the 3rd. With Ted Green in the box, Lafleur struck again on the power play seven minutes into the final frame, and the only drama left was a fight between Don Awrey and Bill Nyrop as Montreal takes the series 2 games to 1 to head to the finals. -S.Skoff

Game 3

1970-71 Boston	1	1	0	-	2
1977-78 Montreal	2	3	1	-	6

1st Period Summary

Risebrough, Mon. 1 (unassisted) at 2:16; **Houle**, Mon. 3 (Lapointe, Robinson) at 3:59; **Sanderson**, Bos. 4 (unassisted) at 4:36.
Penalties: Sanderson, Bos. (minor) at 6:41; Shutt, Mon. (minor) at 7:34; Speer, Bos. (minor) at 10:11; Esposito, Bos. (minor) at 17:28.

2nd Period Summary

Mondou, Mon. 1 (Gaine, Savard) at 11:43; **Risebrough**, Mon. 2 (Houle, Shutt) at 15:15; **Lafleur**, Mon. 7 PP (Lapointe, Robinson) at 17:11; **Sanderson**, Bos. 5 (Orr, McKenzie) at 19:48.

Penalties: Marcotte, Bos. (minor) at 8:57; Carleton, Bos. (minor) at 16:43.

3rd Period Summary

Lafleur, Mon. 8 PP (Robinson, Lapointe) at 7:09.

Penalties: Sanderson, Bos. (minor) at 4:59; Green, Bos. (minor) at 6:19; Awrey, Bos. (fighting major + minor) at 13:41; Nyrop, Mon. (fighting major) at 13:41.

Shots on goal: Boston 8-8-6--22; Montreal 17-11-6--34.

Goaltenders: Cheevers, Bos. (40 mins; 28 shots, 23 saves); Johnston, Bos. (19 mins; 6 shots, 5 saves); Dryden, Mon. (22 shots, 20 saves).

Power plays: Boston 0-for-1; Montreal 2-for-7.

(Montreal wins series 2-1)

Divisional Finals

Best-of-Three

Mike Eruzione Division

Game 1 - 2012-13 Chicago (Taitano) **1** at 2018-19 St. Louis (Kalous) **5**

Game 2 - 2018-19 St. Louis (Kalous) **3** at 2012-13 Chicago (Taitano) **0**

(St. Louis wins series 2-0)

Game 1 **Blues Dominate Blackhawks to Take Game 1**

ST. LOUIS-- John Kalous' 2018-19 Blues played penalty free hockey and blitzed Dave Taitano's 2012-13 Chicago defense for 40 shots, converting five of them for a 5-1 victory in the first game of their best-of-three playoff series. Oskar Sundqvist got things started for St. Louis team just over twelve minutes in, taking a beautiful pass from Alex Pietrangelo and putting it past Chicago goaltender Corey Crawford. Near the end of the period the Blues used one final push to net their second goal as Brayden Schenn beat the clock with just nine ticks to go to give the Blues a 2-0. The 2nd period started much like the 1st ended with Jaden Schwartz getting one past Crawford at the just over a minute into the frame. The Blackhawks responded quickly when defenseman Nick Leddy scored just forty-two seconds after Schwartz to cut the Blues' lead to 3-1. After the early fireworks, the teams settled in to a tense back-and-forth, but neither team was able to get anything past the goaltenders. Midway through the 3rd, Sundqvist put the game all but out of reach, scoring his second of the game and fifth of the tournament to give the Blues a commanding 4-1 lead. Ray Emory replaced Crawford in the Chicago goal as the Blues kept the offensive pressure on throughout the 3rd, and O'Reilly closed out the scoring with just under four minutes to play as St. Louis heads to Chicago for game 2 looking to advance to the finals. -J.Kalous

Game 1

2012-13 Chicago	0	1	0	-	1
2018-19 St. Louis	2	1	2	-	5

1st Period Summary

Sundqvist, S.L. 4 (Pietrangelo, Maroon) at 12:02; **Schenn**, S.L. 5 (Dunn, O'Reilly) at 19:51.

No penalties.

2nd Period Summary

Schwartz, S.L. 2 (Gunnarsson, Bortuzzo) at 1:18; **Leddy**, Chi. 1 (Rozsival, Kane) at 2:00.

Penalty: Sharp, Chi. (minor) at 19:46.

3rd Period Summary

Sundqvist, S.L. 5 (Steen, Bortuzzo) at 9:32; **O'Reilly**, S.L. 3 (Schenn, Parayko) at 16:18.

Penalty: Stalberg, Chi. (minor) at 12:06.

Shots on goal: Chicago 8-10-6--24; St. Louis 11-12-17--40.

Goaltenders: Crawford, Chi. (40 shots, 35 saves); Binnington, S.L. (24 shots, 23 saves).

Power plays: Chicago none; St. Louis 0-for-2.

(St. Louis leads series 1-0)

Game 2 **Blackhawks Can't Solve Binnington, Blues Sweep into Finals**

ST. LOUIS-- John Kalous and the 2018-19 Blues were hoping to end their series with Chicago and continue their winning ways. Dave Taitano shuffled up the 2012-13 Blackhawks' lineup in hopes of generating more offense. Things started poorly for Chicago as Brent Seabrook went to the box just over two minutes in and the Blues took advantage with David Perron scoring in the waning seconds of the power play. Neither side was able to gain an advantage the rest of the period as the Blues took the 1-0 to the intermission. The second period started even worse for Chicago as the teams skated four-on-four, with Perron and Niklas Hjarlmasson off with coincidental penalties, as Tyler Bozak found the back of the net just over a minute into the middle period. After

Chicago's Jonathan Toews and Dave Bolland each went off during the Perron and Hjalmarsson penalties, the Blues had a great opportunity to extend the lead with the two-man advantage, but Blackhawks' goalie Corey Crawford came up big, stonewalling the Blues. Late in the period, when Perron was whistled for a penalty and Chicago had its first power play, things started to turn with the Blackhawks getting the best of the play, putting several shots on St. Louis goalie Jordan Binnington, but he came up big stopping the Hawks and ending the period with a 2-0 St. Louis advantage. Chicago kept up the pressure in the 3rd and St. Louis gave them a chance when the Blues were called for too many men on the ice just under three minutes into the period. Again, Binnington came up strong when it counted and kept the Blackhawks out of the net. With eight minutes to go, Chicago pulled Crawford for the extra skater hoping to get on the board, and they were able to get numerous shots at Binnington, but he refused to yield. Jaden Schwartz rewarded his efforts with an empty net goal with four and a half minutes to play to give the Blues a 3-0 lead. As time wound down, Chicago kept up the pressure but they weren't able to get anything past Binnington as he recorded his second shutout of the tournament, and St. Louis heads to the finals having swept all six of its games. -J.Kalous

Game 2

2018-19 St. Louis	1	1	1	-	3
2012-13 Chicago	0	0	0	-	0

1st Period Summary

Perron, S.L. 3 PP (Tarasenko) at 4:05.

Penalties: Seabrook, Chi. (minor) 2:12; Sharp, Chi. (minor) at 18:21.

2nd Period Summary

Bozak, S.L. 3 (Schwartz, Gunnarsson) at 4:05.

Penalties: Hjalmarsson Chi. (minor) at 0:31; Perron, S.L. (minor) at 0:31; Toews, Chi. (minor) 1:34; Bolland, Chi. (minor) at 2:15; Perron, S.L. (minor) at 17:21.

3rd Period Summary

Schwartz, S.L. 3 EN (Perron, Bouwmeester) at 15:38.

Penalties: St. Louis (bench minor, served by Tarasenko) at 2:56; Seabrook, Chi. (minor) at 5:09.

Shots on goal: St. Louis 15-5-9--29; Chicago 9-6-18--33.

Goaltenders: Binnington, S.L. (33 shots, 33 saves); Crawford, Chi. (53 minutes; 29 shots, 26 saves).

Power plays: St. Louis 1-for-4; Chicago 0-for-2.

(St. Louis wins series 2-0)

2020 APBA Hockey Tournament Finals

Best-of-Three

2018-19 St. Louis Blues (John Kalous) Eruzione Division Champion

vs.

1977-78 Montreal Canadiens (Steve Skoff) Craig Division Champion

Game 1 2018-19 St. Louis (Kalous) **4** at 1977-78 Montreal (Skoff) **8**

Game 2 1977-78 Montreal (Skoff) **4** at 2018-19 St. Louis (Kalous) **1**

(Montreal wins series 2-0)

Game 1 **LaFleur's Six Point Night Sends Blues to First Defeat of Tournament**

MONTREAL-- Guy Lafleur exploded for four goals and six points tonight as Steve Skoff and the 1977-78 Canadiens take Game 1 of the best-of-three APBA Hockey Tournament finals by an 8-4 score over John Kalous and the 2018-19 St. Louis Blues. Lafleur beat Blues netminder Jordan Binnington with the first shot he faced, and Jacques Lemaire scored on the second shot just over a minute later and *Les Habitants* were off to the races. Late in the 1st, defenseman Serge Savard beat Binnington with a slap shot from the point and Montreal took a 3-0 lead into the first intermission. Just two minutes into the middle period, Lafleur struck again as Lemaire found him on the doorstep and Montreal had a four-goal lead. Just over a minute later, David Perron converted the rebound of his own shot, beating Ken Dryden through the pads to cut the lead to 4-1, but Guy Lapointe's power play tally midway through the frame restored the four-goal advantage. With the Blues Todd Bortuzzo off with his second penalty of the period, Ryan O'Reilly netted a short-handed goal, and when Vladimir Tarasenko scored three minutes later to make it a 5-3 game after two periods, it appeared that St. Louis would make a game of it. Lafleur had other ideas, though, getting the hat trick with the teams skating four aside to make it 6-3, then adding his fourth goal of the night and twelfth of the tournament as he stripped Carl Gunnarsson of the puck and scored again, sending Binnington to the bench in favor of Jake Allen. After a Jay Bouwmeester penalty, Lemaire welcomed Allen to the game with a one-timer power play goal and Montreal led 8-3. By the time David Perron scored his second goal of the night for St. Louis, the result was no longer in doubt, as the series shifts to St. Louis where the Blues face a must-win situation following their first loss of the tournament. -S.Skoff

Game 1

2018-19 St. Louis	0	3	1	-	4
1977-78 Montreal	3	2	3	-	8

1st Period Summary

LaFleur, Mon. 9 (Mondou, Savard) at 4:39; **Lemaire**, Mon. 3 (Lafleur) at 5:44; **Savard**, Mon. 3 (Shutt) at 16:39.

Penalty: Boumeester, S.L. (minor) at 8:53.

2nd Period Summary

LaFleur, Mon. 10 (Lemaire) at 2:06; **Perron**, S.L. 4 (Boumeester) at 3:20; **Lapointe**, Mon. 1 PP (Robinson, Lafleur) at 10:40; **O'Reilly**, S.L. 4 SH (Pietrangelo, Maroon) at 13:18; **Tarasenko**, S.L. 4 (unassisted) at 16:21.

Penalties: Bortuzzo, S.L. (minor) at 8:42; Bortuzzo, S.L. (minor) at 11:47.

3rd Period Summary

Lafleur, Mon. 11 (Lapointe, Savard) at 7:32; **Lafleur**, Mon. 12 (unassisted) at 12:54; **Lemaire**, Mon. 4 PP (Robinson, Lapointe) at 15:09; **Perron**, S.L. 5 (Schwartz, Bozak) at 15:39.

Penalties: Bouwmeester, S.L. (minor) at 5:33; Nyrop, Mon. (minor) at 5:33; Dunn, S.L. (minor) at 14:30.

Shots on goal: St. Louis 6-13-11--30; Montreal 10-14-18--42.

Goaltenders: Binnington, S.L. (53 mins; 25 shots, 18 saves); Allen, S.L. (7 mins; 17 shots, 16 saves); Dryden, Mon. (30 shots, 26 saves).

Power plays: St. Louis none; Montreal 2-for-4.

(Montreal leads series 1-0)

Game 2 **Shutt Scores Two Power Play Goals as Montreal Wins Title**

ST. LOUIS-- Steve Shutt scored a pair of power play goals and Ken Dryden stopped twenty-four of twenty-five shots on goal as Steve Skoff's 1977-78 Canadiens swept the best-of-three finals from John Kalous and the 2018-19 Blues. Just as in the opener of this series, Montreal scored on its first shot of the game as Shutt took a cross-ice pass from game 1 star Guy Lafleur and wristed one over the glove of Jordan Binnington with David Perron off serving a minor. Less than a minute later, Rejean Houle made it 2-0 for the visitors as he redirected Pierre Larouche's shot past Binnington for his fourth tournament goal. Late in the period, Valdimir Tarasenko netted his second goal of this series and fifth of the tournament, assisted by Ryan O'Reilly, to make it a one-goal game at the break. Just half a minute into the 2nd, however, Perron was whistled again, and Shutt wasted no time making him pay as Guy Lapointe found him alone to the left of Binnington and it was 3-1. Later in the period, defenseman Serge Savard scored for the second time in the finals, assisted by Bob Gainey and Bill Nyrop as Montreal took a 4-1 lead into the 3rd. Dryden had all the scoring he would need, as he turned away all ten St. Louis shots in the 3rd as the Canadiens take the series two-games-to-none and win the 5th annual APBA Hockey Tournament. Guy Lafleur was named tournament MVP on the strength of his twelve goals in nine games. -S.Skoff

Game 2

1977-78 Montreal	2	2	0	-	4
2018-19 St. Louis	1	0	0	-	1

1st Period Summary

Shutt, Mon. 5 PP (Lafleur, Lapointe) at 7:10; **Houle**, Mon. 4 (Larouche, Lambert) at 8:07; **Tarasenko**, S.L. 5 (O'Reilly) at 17:18.

Penalty: Perron, S.L. (minor) at 5:11.

2nd Period Summary

Shutt, Mon. 6 PP (Lapointe, Robinson) at 1:04; **Savard**, Mon. 4 (Gainey, Nyrop) at 8:21.

Penalties: Perron, S.L. (minor) at 0:36; Tremblay, Mon. (minor) at 10:59; Dunn, S.L. (minor) at 12:00.

3rd Period Summary

No scoring.

Penalties: Sundqvist, S.L. (minor) at 11:49; Dunn, S.L. (minor) at 12:27.

Shots on goal: Montreal 8-14-17--39; St. Louis 8-7-10--25.

Goaltenders: Dryden, Mon. (25 shots, 24 saves); Binnington, S.L. (58:30; 39 shots, 35 saves).

Power plays: Montreal 2-for-5; St. Louis 0-for-1.

(Montreal wins series 2-0)