



Pittsburgh's Jake Guentzel (59) celebrates his goal against the Nashville Predators during Game 2 of the Stanley Cup Final on Wednesday in Pittsburgh.

NHL

# Penguins take control with Game 2

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PITTSBURGH — The Pittsburgh Penguins kept Pekka Rinne plenty busy this time.

Too busy for Rinne and the rest of the Nashville Predators to keep up with the surging defending Stanley Cup champions.

Jake Guentzel, Scott Wilson and Evgeni Malkin scored 3:18 apart early in the

third period as the Penguins chased Rinne and pulled away for a 4-1 victory in Game 2 of the Stanley Cup Final on Wednesday night. The Penguins lead the best-of-seven series 2-0. Game 3 is Saturday night in Nashville in what amounts to a last stand for the Predators and



their suddenly very average-looking goalie. The 22-year-old Guentzel finished with two goals to give him an NHL-high 12 during the playoffs, the second-most by a rookie in postseason history. His 19 playoff points are the most by an American-born

first-year player and he'll have at least two more cracks at adding to that total. Matt Murray finished with 37 saves in all as he helped move the Penguins to within two victories of becoming the first team to go back-to-back since the Detroit Red Wings in 1998. Pontus Aberg scored the lone goal for the Predators, who were once again undone by a sudden barrage from the NHL's highest-scoring team.

# NBA FINALS: Warriors picked as heavy favorites by odds makers, statisticians

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"I can't go out there and do everything on my own or I can't go out there and just let my teammates do all the work for me," Durant said Wednesday, a day before the series opener. "I got to do my part and we all got to make it come together as a group." This matchup has seemed ordained since James walked off the court in Oakland last June, having delivered his native northeast Ohio its first major team championship since 1964. James had won two titles as part of another "super team" in Miami but last year's crown meant even more to his legacy. "I'm not in the 'prove people wrong, silence critics' department no more," James said. "I got a promotion when I got to the 30s. At the end of

the day, I know the way I'm built. My only motivation is to be able to compete for a championship every single year." The Warriors have been right there the past two years, winning the franchise's first title in 40 years in 2015 and then blowing a 3-1 lead last year to put a sour ending on a record-breaking 73-win season. That series turned when Green was suspended for Game 5 and James and Kyrie Irving took over from there. "Any time someone beats you, you'd love to play them," Green said. "But at the end of the day winning a championship is winning a championship. You don't care who you've got to take down, you just want to take whoever that is down." Here are some other things to watch in Part III:

## FINALS REMATCH

While the Cavs and Warriors have played in the Finals the past two years, Durant and James met before that in different uniforms. James won his first title in 2012 with Miami in a five-game series over Durant and the Thunder. Durant played well, averaging 30.6 points and shooting 55 percent but James came out on top. "I know I've grown as a player just through experience from the last five years, but if I don't go out there and execute, none of that matters," Durant said.

## BROWN CONNECTION

James' first trip to the Finals came 10 years ago when the Cavs were swept by San Antonio. His coach that year was Mike Brown, who has served as acting coach for

the Warriors while Steve Kerr is out following complications from back surgery. Brown had two stints as coach in Cleveland, leading the team to the playoffs five straight times from 2006-10 before returning for a one-year stint in 2013-14 when the Cavs won 33 games. "It feels a little surreal," Brown said. "I'm sure come tip-off tomorrow, when I'm looking at those guys in that uniform, it will feel even more that way, but right now just kind of taking everything in stride." **UNDERDOG CAVS** According to the odds makers in Las Vegas and the number crunchers at analytical sites, the Warriors are the clear favorites to win the series after sweeping their way through the playoffs with a record-setting margin

of victory of 16.3 points per game. James has called Golden State a "juggernaut" but the Warriors aren't buying all that talk. "We've had a great season to this point, a great playoff run. And hopefully we keep it going, but we fully respect and are aware that this team that we're playing, they're the champions and we're not," Kerr said. **KLAY'S SHOT** One of the few things that hasn't gone right for Golden State this postseason has been Klay Thompson's shooting. He has hit just 38 percent of his shots as his normally reliable jumper has failed him. "I've had a week off," Thompson said. "So I feel great. Can't get caught up in your shot falling or not." Thompson has been

stellar on the defensive end even when his shot has been off and will likely be counted on at times to slow down Irving, who scored 98 points in the final three games last year, including the series-clinching 3-pointer. **BY THE NUMBERS** The Warriors are the first team to win their first 12 games of the postseason, sweeping all three rounds so far. The Cavs haven't been far behind, losing only in Game 3 of the Eastern Conference final to Boston. This series also features 11 players who have been named All-Stars in their careers, including seven this year. The only other time a Finals matchup featured 11 former All-Stars came in 1983 when Philadelphia swept the Los Angeles Lakers.

# PIONEERS: Richwine heads to George Fox

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Her decision came down to College of Idaho and Dixie State, but her comfort level with the Coyotes coaching staff and with the school's campus sold her. "It kind of reminded me of home, and you have to go with what feels like home and that's what I did," Copeland said while smiling. Fortune felt the same way about the Coyotes, as she also looked at Whitworth University in Spokane, Washington and George Fox University. The infielder, who plans to study biology and pre-veterinary, finished off her career strong for the Pioneers this season as she led the team with a .574 batting average and 44 runs scored as the leadoff hitter. On top of that, she hit three home runs, five doubles, five triples and drove in 26 runs. And being able to make her

college decision official on Wednesday was a "dream come true." "It's a lot of relief and that sense of being really proud of yourself for working hard for something and getting where you want to be," Fortune said. "I'm excited to play with Mall and Collette and I think we'll be able to do good things for the program and I'm super excited." Also signing on Wednesday was senior Sydney Richwine, who will be playing basketball for the George Fox Bruins. Richwine was a first-team all-conference player for the Pioneers as a senior, where she averaged 13.9 points and 11.1 rebounds per game. "This is kind of unbelievable," Richwine said. "I grew up looking at college players thinking 'Wow, that'd be awesome' and now I'm here and it's making me

emotional because I'm so excited." Richwine, who plans to study exercise science with the intent on moving into the physical therapy program, will join two other Eastern Oregon athletes on the Bruins roster this winter, with Hermiston alumnae Tavin Headings and Condon alumnae Matney Jamieson on the team already. Richwine's older brother Derek played football for George Fox as well, and will graduate in December. She said that from her trips to campus to visit her brother, she knew George Fox was a good place for her. "I like that it's close to Portland, but it's not quite the big city," she said. "And then the community ... every time I visited it seemed super family like and it's a gorgeous campus, especially in the fall, and I'm super excited."

## SCOREBOARD

### Local Slate

**PREP SOFTBALL**  
Friday  
Pilot Rock vs. North Douglas (2A/1A championship at Oregon State University), 1 p.m.

### Prep Slate

**OSAA Championships BASEBALL**  
All games at Volcanoes Stadium in Keizer  
Friday  
Class 2A/1A — #2 Knappa (19-3) vs. #5 Reedsport (24-3), 1:30 p.m.  
Class 3A — #4 St. Mary's (25-4) vs. #6 Glide (22-6), 5 p.m.  
Saturday  
Class 5A — #1 Churchill (27-3) vs. #2 Crater (26-4), 10 a.m.  
Class 4A — #2 Henley (23-6) vs. #4 La Grande (22-3), 1:30 p.m.  
Class 6A — #1 West Linn (27-4) vs. #2 Clackamas (28-3), 5 p.m.

**SOFTBALL**  
All games at OSU Softball Complex  
Friday  
Class 2A/1A — #2 Pilot Rock (25-5) vs. #5 North Douglas (21-4), 1 p.m.  
Class 3A — #1 Rainier (22-2) vs. #3 Dayton (24-2), 4 p.m.  
Saturday  
Class 4A — #1 Henley (29-0) vs. #6 Crook County (21-5), 10 a.m.  
Class 5A — #1 Dallas (25-4) vs. #2 Marist Catholic (26-3), 1 p.m.  
Class 6A — #3 North Medford (29-1) vs. #5 Westview (27-4), 4 p.m.

### Basketball

**NBA FINALS**  
(Best-of-7; x-if necessary)  
All Games televised on ABC  
**Golden State vs. Cleveland**  
Today: Cleveland at Golden State, 6 p.m.  
Sunday, June 4: Cleveland at Golden State, 5 p.m.

### Hockey

**NHL STANLEY CUP FINAL**  
(Best-of-7; x-if necessary)  
**Pittsburgh 2, Nashville 0**  
Monday: Pittsburgh 5, Nashville 3  
Wednesday: Pittsburgh 4, Nashville 1  
Saturday: Pittsburgh at Nashville, 5 p.m.

### Baseball

**MLB AMERICAN LEAGUE Wednesday's Games**  
Toronto 5, Cincinnati 4  
Houston 17, Minnesota 6  
Oakland 3, Cleveland 1  
Baltimore 10, N.Y. Yankees 4  
Tampa Bay 7, Texas 5, 10 innings  
Boston 4, Chicago White Sox 1  
Detroit 6, Kansas City 5  
L.A. Angels 2, Atlanta 1  
Seattle 5, Colorado 0  
**Thursday's Games**  
Oakland (Cotton 3-5) at Cleveland (Kluber 3-2), 9:10 a.m.  
Colorado (Freeland 5-3) at Seattle (Gardner 2-5), 12:40 p.m.  
Boston (Rodriguez 4-1) at Baltimore (Miley 1-3), 4:05 p.m.  
N.Y. Yankees (Sabathia 5-2) at Toronto (Estrada 4-2), 4:07 p.m.  
Minnesota (Mejia 1-1) at L.A. Angels (Meyer 2-2), 7:07 p.m.

**NATIONAL LEAGUE Wednesday's Games**  
Arizona 6, Pittsburgh 5, 14 innings  
Toronto 5, Cincinnati 4  
Miami 10, Philadelphia 2  
San Diego 2, Chicago Cubs 1  
Milwaukee 7, N.Y. Mets 1  
St. Louis 2, L.A. Dodgers 1  
L.A. Angels 2, Atlanta 1  
Seattle 5, Colorado 0  
Washington 3, San Francisco 3  
**Thursday's Games**  
Milwaukee (Anderson 3-1) at N.Y. Mets (Wheeler 3-2), 10:10 a.m.  
L.A. Dodgers (McCarthy 5-1) at St. Louis (Wainwright 5-3), 10:45 a.m.  
Colorado (Freeland 5-3) at Seattle (Gal-

ardo 2-5), 12:40 p.m.  
Arizona (Greinke 6-3) at Miami (Locke 0-0), 4:10 p.m.

### Soccer

**MLS Wednesday's Games**  
Orlando City 2, D.C. United 0  
New England 2, NYC FC 2  
Columbus 3, Seattle 0  
Houston 5, Real Salt Lake 1

### Tennis

**French Open How the seeds fared Wednesday**  
At Stade Roland Garros, Paris  
**Men First Round**  
Jo-Wilfried Tsonga (12), France, lost to Renzo Olivo, Argentina, 7-5, 6-4, 6-7 (6), 6-4.  
**Second Round**  
Novak Djokovic (2), Serbia, def. Joao Sousa, Portugal, 6-1, 6-4, 6-3.  
Rafael Nadal (4), Spain, def. Robin Haase, Netherlands, 6-1, 6-4, 6-3.  
Milos Raonic (5), Canada, def. Rogerio Dutra Silva, Brazil, 4-6, 6-2, 6-3, 6-4.  
Dominic Thiem (6), Austria, def. Simone Bolelli, Italy, 7-5, 6-1, 6-3.  
David Goffin (10), Belgium, def. Sergiy Stakhovsky, Ukraine, 6-2, 6-4, 3-6, 6-3.

**Women Second Round**  
Garbine Muguruza (4), Spain, def. Anett Kontaveit, Estonia, 6-7 (4), 6-4, 6-2.  
Dominika Cibulkova (6), Slovakia, lost to Ons Jabeur, Tunisia, 6-4, 6-3.  
Svetlana Kuznetsova (8), Russia, def. Oceane Dodin, France, 7-6 (5), 5-7, 6-3.  
Venus Williams (10), United States, def. Kurumi Nara, Japan, 6-3, 6-1.  
Caroline Wozniacki (11), Denmark, def. Francoise Abanda, Canada, 6-0, 6-0.  
Kristina Mladenovic (13), France, def. Sara Errani, Italy, 6-2, 6-3.  
Petra Kvitova (15), Czech Republic, lost to Bethanie Mattek-Sands, United States, 7-6 (5), 7-6 (5).

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