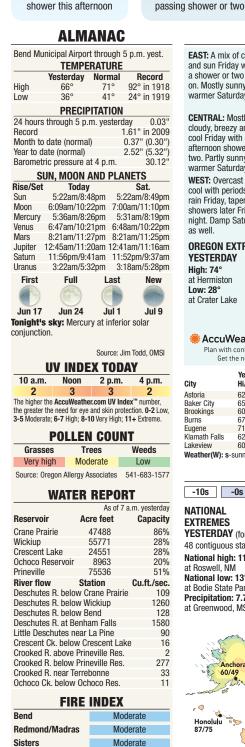
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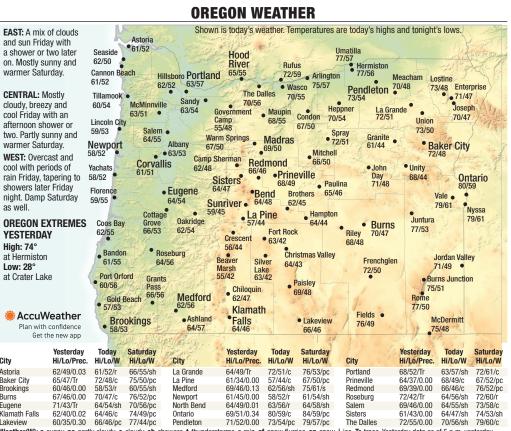
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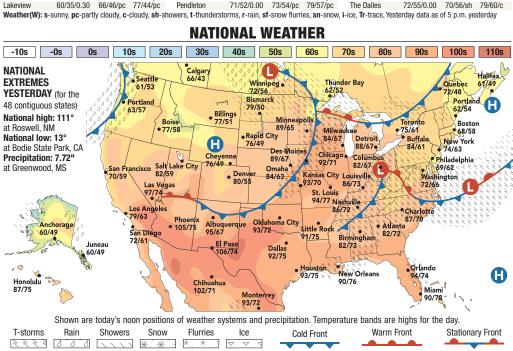


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Comfortable with plenty

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Pleasant with sunny

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NHL PLAYOFFS

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Road-ice advantage? Fans are back, visitors quieting them

BY STEPHEN WHYNO AP Hockey Writer

Fans gave the Carolina Hurricanes a standing ovation after their team bowed out of the second round of the playoffs in

Lightning.
The crowd of 16,000-plus did not get much to cheer about on the ice before the final horn because the defending Stanley Cup champion Lightning kept

the Hurricanes from scoring. "We're slowly getting back used to this, but I think ultimately the way to try and keep the crowd down is don't let their team score on you," Tampa Bay coach Jon Cooper said. Fans are back at varying lev-

els for every team left in the NHL playoffs, and yet road teams are holding their own, winning just under half the games played so far. Players and coaches are enjoying the warmth and noise of having fans back after the 2020 bubble playoffs went on in cold, empty buildings.

With that comes the natural desire to silence a home crowd when on the road.

"If you take the fans out of it right away, your squad gets energy and momentum and that's the whole goal," Montreal defenseman Joel Edmundson said Thursday. "The crowds definitely help the home team especially in the playoffs, so the earlier you can take them out of it, the better it's going to set up for you in the game."

While goaltending has played a major role in the success of visiting teams, the biggest key has been scoring first. The road team has scored first in 23 of 32 victories through the first two rounds and trailed first in 22 of the 33 wins by the

"If you can do that, maybe the crowds get a little bit nervous and in anticipation and they watch the clock wind down," said Cooper, whose Lightning are 5-1 on the road. "But (if) you let the opposing team score goals, all it does is amp up the energy in the building."

That energy doesn't just benefit the home team. After skating in eerily silent rinks with piped-in noise for so many



David Zalubowski/AP

As members of the Vegas Golden Knights, left, celebrate a a goal by center Jonathan Marchessault, Golden Knights fans cheer during Game 5 of a second-round playoff series on Tuesday night in Denver. The Golden Knights won 3-2 in overtime.

games, any crowd is a good

"It's just really exciting to be around any crowd just because of what we've been through," Boston winger Brad Marchand said. "Typically in playoff time it's tough to go in an opposing team's building and be in front of their crowd, but I think we get excited for it now just as much as the other team."

Which team has the better

goalie sometimes makes the difference. NBC Sports analyst Pierre McGuire credited Minnesota goaltender Cam Talbot for stealing the first playoff game with fans at Vegas and New York's Semyon Varlamov for winning a game for the Is-

landers in Boston.
"That's the goaltending thing," McGuire said. "The biggest thing now moving forward will be that the crowds

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- Montreal defenseman Joel **Edmundson**

are electrifying."

No matter the size. A Canadiens fan said in a clip that has gone viral during their run that "2,500 will feel like 25,000" at Bell Centre in Montreal, and players certainly appreciated it.

"When guys step on the ice and the rink full of fans, oh, my God, tears in my eyes," Montreal defenseman Alexander Romanov said.

The Canadiens' next game at either Vegas or Colorado with over 17,000 expected in attendance will be just their

fifth game with any fans in the building this season and by far the biggest crowd they've played in front of. That's quite the adjustment, though Islanders coach Barry Trotz wonders treal will have an opposite effect on the opponent going

back into a quieter atmosphere.

"There could be quite a contrast," Trotz said. "They'll go from packed buildings to very few people in the building. That could be an advantage, I guess, for the Canadiens because they've gotten very used to it."

Either Trotz's Islanders or Cooper's Lightning will only find out what that's like if Montreal pulls the semifinal upset. Vegas coach Peter DeBoer knows from his previous two trips to the Cup Final that suc-

cess on the road is vital.
"If you're one of those teams left standing at the end in the Stanley Cup Final, you've found a way to win all kinds of different ways: home, road, coming from behind, leading, closing it out," he said. "That's the beauty of playoff hockey."

French Open

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"It's not like any other match. Let's face it, it's the biggest challenge that you can have - playing on clay against Nadal on this court, in which he has had so much success in his career," Djokovic said. "In the final stages of a Grand Slam, it doesn't get bigger than that."

It is their 58th showdown, more than between any other two men in the Open era, which dates to 1968; Djokovic leads 29-28.

Nadal is ahead 10-6 at the Slams, 7-1 at the French Open (including a straight-set victory in the 2020 final) and 19-7 on clay (including a win in last month's Italian Open final).

This one comes in the semifinals, rather than the final, because Nadal recently slid from No. 2 to No. 3 in the rankings. The tournament seedings strictly follow the rankings, so Nadal got no boost for his dominance at the place, and a random draw determined which half of the bracket he was placed in.

"It's going to be a special match," said 10th-seeded Diego Schwartzman, who lost to Nadal in the quarterfinals Wednesday but not before ending his 36-set winning streak in Paris. "Everyone wants to see

The women's final Saturday is No. 31-seed Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova against unseeded Barbora Krejcikova. The last four women all were first-time major semifinalists, and Pavlyuchenkova beat Tamara Zidansek 7-5, 6-3, while Krejcikova defeated No. 17 Maria Śakkari 7-5, 4-6, 9-7.

No matter what happens Friday, the men's final will be "It's not like any other match. Let's face it, it's the biggest challenge that you can have — playing on clay against Nadal on this court, in which he has had so much success in his career."

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Old vs. New.

That's because it will pit someone in his 30s who is one of the greatest ever — Nadal, 35; or Djokovic, 34 — against someone in his 20s with plenty of potential but zero Grand Slam titles — Tsitsipas, 22; or Zverev, 24.

Tsitsipas vs. Zverev offers a glimpse of what the future of

men's tennis could be.
Both are all-court, all-surface players who are 6-foot-4 or taller. And both have now become regulars in the latter stages of majors.

The Grand Slams, they're

still a different animal. ... You got to learn how to play them, as well. Very rarely does anybody come in and, all of a sud-den, perform his best at Grand Slams. Yes, we've seen Rafa do it, but Rafa is sometimes not human," Zverev said. "For young guys, it is a learning curve. Hopefully I can say that, slowly but surely, I'm starting to

get the hang of it."
This is his third semifinal in the past five Slams, and he was the runner-up to Dominic Thiem at last year's U.S. Open.

It's the third major semifinal ously, I've put in a lot of daily in a row and fourth overall for hard work (that) has been a key



Novak Djokovic reacts as he defeats Matteo Berrettini in a quarterfinal match of the French Open on Wednesday in Paris. Djokovic will have to defeat Rafael Nadal in a semifinal on Friday if he wants a shot to win his 19th Grand Slam title and close the gap on Nadal and Roger Federer.

Tsitsipas, who is 0-3 so far. "I feel privileged that I'm in that position, and I feel, obvi-

element of me being here," Tsitsipas said after eliminating No. 2 seed Daniil Medvedev in the quarterfinals. "But, you know, my ego tells me I want more."