



# NHL HOCKEY

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## STANLEY CUP FINALS (GAME #2)

### FLORIDA PANTHERS @ VEGAS GOLDEN KNIGHTS

**Game Time:** 8:00 PM EST

**Broadcast:** TNT

**Game Pick:** TOTAL UNDER 5.5 GOALS +113

special release, we are going to take the total to go UNDER 5.5 goals in this matchup between the Florida Panthers vs. the Vegas Golden Knights. With the NHL hockey Stanley Cup Final, it's a brand-new season. However, we'll still look for VALUE in the money line, puck line or the total line, and we'll still take into account & factor into our handicapping how a team played during the regular season, and at how the teams are playing in the post season. And of course, we'll look for elements of our 5 main criteria - fundamental match ups / head coaching match ups, schedule, historical / situational, public betting splits / line movement & Dr. Alan psychological motivation. Let's take a look below at some of the "key points" that support a wager on the total to go UNDER 5.5 goals

#### DR. ALAN'S GAME ANALYSIS

- The Florida Panthers are the Eastern Conference Champion & the Vegas Golden Knights are the Western Conference Champion.
- These 2 squads played twice in the regular season.  
The first game in Vegas produced a 4-2 Golden Knights win, and the second game in Florida produced a 2-1 Panthers win.  
Thus, they split the season series 1-1 SU, and the total record was 1-1 O/U
- The Golden Knights lead the series 1-0 due to their OVER whelming 5-2 victory in Game # 1 !!!  
(Much to our delight, as we had the OVER in Game # 1 !!!)
- Game # 1 produced 7 goals (the last goal being an empty net)  
However, there could have easily been AT LEAST 2 or 3 more goals scored when you take into account all the goal posts that were hit, and some of the miraculous saves that both goalies made !!!
- Game # 1 played out EXACTLY as we predicted and how we hoped it would i.e.- it was " FAST PACED " offensive style, lots of " HIGH QUALITY " scoring chances, and lots of penalties called producing power plays, which produced goals.
- As I wrote in the Game # 1 write up, the Golden Knights have been OVER MACHINE at home this post season.

- However, Game # 2 starts the " GAME TO GAME DEFENSIVE ADJUSTMENTS " and RECENT HISTORY OF BOTH SQUADS THIS POST SEASON, AND RECENT HISTORY OF STANLEY CUP GAME # 2'S CLEARLY SHOWS THAT THE SCORING DECREASES IN GAME # 2 !!!
- In the last 2 rounds of playoffs, in the Conference Finals, the Golden Knights won Game # 1 vs. the Stars by a final score of 4-3, and then won Game # 2 by a final score 3-2.  
In the previous round vs. the Oilers the Golden Knights won Game # 1 by a final score of 6-4, but lost Game # 2 by a final score of 5-1 ( the total line was 7 in that game, so that game finished UNDER )  
Scoring decreased in both Game # 2's, both games produced a total record of 0-2 O/U in Game # 2 !!!
- In the last 2 rounds of playoffs, in the Conference Finals, the Panthers won Game # 1 vs. the Hurricanes by a final score of 3-2, and then won Game # 2 by a final score of 2-1.  
In the previous round vs. the Maple Leafs the Panthers won Game # 1 by a final score of 4-2, and then won Game # 2 by a final score of 3-2  
Scoring decreased in both Game # 2's, both games produced a total record of 0-2 O/U !!!
- The starting goalies tonight will be Sergei Bobrovsky for the Panthers & for the Golden Knights it will be Adin Hill.  
Both goalies have played exceptionally well this post season, and I expect that they will both see " LESS HIGH-QUALITY SCORING CHANCES " tonight due to the defensive adjustments in front of them than they did in Game # 1 !!!
- Recently, NHL Stanley Cup Finals Game # 2 has seen the # of goals DECREASE from Game # 1 to Game # 2 !!!  
There are a variety of reasons for this, starting with " GAME TO GAME DEFENSIVE ADJUSTMENTS " more disciplined play ( less penalties called, which means less power plays ), taking less chances, a slower pace of play that is more defensive orientated, and better goalie play !!!
- RECENT HISTORY shows that Stanley Cup Game # 1's have produced goals, and A LOT OF THEM !!!  
Here are the final scores of the last 6 years' worth of NHL Stanley Cup Game # 1's.  
We will then compare them to the last 6 years' worth of Game # 2's

### **Game #1**

- ❖ 2022 AVALANCHE 4 LIGHTNING 3 = 7 GOALS
- ❖ 2021 LIGHTNING 5 CANADIENS 1 = 6 GOALS
- ❖ 2020 STARS 4 LIGHTNING 1 = 5 GOALS
- ❖ 2019 BRUINS 4 BLUES 2 = 6 GOALS
- ❖ 2018 GOLDEN KNIGHTS 6 CAPITALS 4 = 10 GOALS
- ❖ 2017 PENGUINS 5 PREDATORS 3 = 8 GOALS

### **Game #2**

- ❖ 2022 AVALANCHE 7 LIGHTNING 0 = 7 GOALS
- ❖ 2021 LIGHTNING 3 CANADIENS 1 = 4 GOALS
- ❖ 2020 LIGHTNING 3 STARS 2 = 5 GOALS
- ❖ 2019 BLUES 3 BRUINS 2 = 5 GOALS
- ❖ 2018 CAPITALS 3 GOLDEN KNIGHTS 2 = 5 GOALS
- ❖ 2017 PENGUINS 4 PREDATORS 1 = 5 GOALS

- As you can clearly see, there has been a noticeable pattern. Goals from Game # 1 to Game # 2 DECREASED in 5 out of the last 6 NHL Stanley Cup Finals Game # 2's and 5 out of those 6

games produced 5 goals OR LESS, producing an UNDER WHELMING 1-5 O/U TOTAL RECORD !!!

- Going back another year to the 2016 Stanley Cup Finals Game # 2 produced a final score of Penguins 2 Sharks 1 adding more fuel to the fire !!!
- As you can see in Stanley Cup Final Game # 2 HISTORICALLY these games have produced FAR MORE UNDER'S THAN OVERS !!!
- The general betting public, which bets far more OVER'S than UNDER's, saw the result of Game # 1, and expects a repeat of that in Game # 2 !!!  
Thus, the general betting public has POUNDED the OVER, as approx. 75 % of the public bets have come in on the OVER !!!  
To the general betting public this seems like easy \$\$\$ money, like taking candy from a baby.
- The Las Vegas oddsmakers did NOT adjust this total line of 5.5 from Game # 1 to game # 2 FULLY KNOWING that the sports books will be FLOODED WITH OVER \$\$\$ MONEY !!!
- Given this fact, a logical (?) Question would be why would the Las Vegas oddsmakers & sportsbooks do this ???  
It makes no sense, because on its surface it appears that they are making it easier for the general public to win tonight taking the OVER !!!
- Answer: I am 100 % CERTAIN that the Las Vegas oddsmakers (WHO ARE THE SHARPEST IN THE ENTIRE WORLD ) are aware of the historical statistics about NHL playoff Game # 2's that I cited above, along with each squads Game # 2 records this year, and they " BAKED IT INTO THE CAKE " so to speak when they did NOT adjust this total line !!!
- The sportsbooks a/k/a " THE HOUSE " as we all know, are NOT in the business of giving away " FREE MONEY \$\$\$ " and they have " TAKEN A POSITION ON THIS GAME " on that is on the total to finish UNDER 5.5 goals.  
So, tonight, we will be on the same side as THE HOUSE. Does that guarantee us a win tonight ?  
No, of course not.
- However, what it does do, is to put us FIRMLY ON THE SAME SIDE AS THE HOUSE, WHICH IS WHERE WE WANT TO BE THE MAJORITY OF THE TIME, BECAUSE AS WE ALL KNOW, THE HOUSE NEVER LOSES LONG TERM !!!
- We will be making our selection on the total to go UNDER 5.5 total goals in this NHL Stanley Cup Final Game # 2 battle between the Florida Panthers vs. the Vegas Golden Knights in Sin City !!!

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