

Carolina Hurricanes at Montreal Canadiens

NHL | Regular | October 6, 2026

Checked Oct 06, 01:08 PM Toronto | prepared snapshot, not live

Away	Carolina Hurricanes
Home	Montreal Canadiens
Venue	Bell Centre, Montreal, Canada
Scheduled start	Oct 06, 07:00 PM Toronto
Game evidence	S1 source event 401891815

Provisional prediction

Expected score	Carolina Hurricanes 3.2 - Montreal Canadiens 3.1
Winner lean	Carolina Hurricanes model probability 52.5%
Margin / total	Home minus away -0.1 goals; total 6.2
Spread meaning	Model margin, not a bookmaker spread or a claim of value.

Lineups not fully set. Historical scoring baseline; probable personnel shown as context, not numeric adjustments. Probabilities are uncalibrated model estimates.

What matters in this matchup

Carolina Hurricanes: 3 completed current-season games; 1 wins, 5 goals for and 8 against. Read the shot, special-teams and scoring-state reviews before interpreting the record.

Montreal Canadiens: 2 completed current-season games; 1 wins, 8 goals for and 8 against. Read the shot, special-teams and scoring-state reviews before interpreting the record.

Tonight's goalie and line decisions can change the outlook. The experimental baseline below does not adjust for confirmed goalies, missing players or opponent shot quality.

Use and confidence

Early research estimate. Small winner differences are weak leans; model probability is not proven accuracy. Recheck personnel and current prices before relying on it.

1. Availability and playing conditions

Carolina Hurricanes - away

Brandon Bussi - LISTED - NOT CONFIRMED [S1]; Pyotr Kochetkov - LISTED - NOT CONFIRMED [S1]

Goalie names in a statistics feed can be candidates or past participants. They are not confirmed starters unless a direct confirmation is recorded.

Captured injury listings [S1]

Player	Reported status / issue	Source effective date
Seth Jarvis	Injured Reserve / Shoulder	2026-09-27T18:00Z
Alexander Nikishin	Out / Contract Dispute	2026-09-16T19:55Z

Final lineup, scratches, replacement roles and any restrictions still require a near-start check. Listed return dates are not clearance.

Montreal Canadiens - home

Jakub Dobes - LISTED - NOT CONFIRMED [S1]

Goalie names in a statistics feed can be candidates or past participants. They are not confirmed starters unless a direct confirmation is recorded.

Captured injury listings [S1]

Player	Reported status / issue	Source effective date
Oliver Kapanen	Out / Lower Body	2026-10-06T16:42Z
Ivan Demidov	Out / Lower Body	2026-10-06T14:45Z
Kaiden Guhle	Injured Reserve / Groin	2026-10-05T16:22Z
Bryce Pickford	Injured Reserve / Undisclosed	2026-09-29T16:39Z
Lucas Condotta	Injured Reserve / Undisclosed	2026-09-29T16:38Z

Final lineup, scratches, replacement roles and any restrictions still require a near-start check. Listed return dates are not clearance.

Location and conditions

Indoor arena: outdoor wind and precipitation are not direct playing-surface inputs. Travel disruption was not assessed. [S1]

Rest and travel

Carolina Hurricanes: last completed phase game 2026-10-03, 2 full calendar off-days; Montreal Canadiens: last completed phase game 2026-10-03, 2 full calendar off-days. Actual travel itinerary, time-zone adaptation and numerical fatigue effect are unverified.

2. Carolina Hurricanes - recent game evidence

Current regular chronology [S2]

Date	Opponent / venue role	Score (team first)
2026-09-29	Florida Panthers / home	0-1
2026-10-02	Washington Capitals / home	2-5
2026-10-03	Philadelphia Flyers / away	3-2

NHL: every completed regular-season game in the current source schedule is summarized below. NBA: available preseason games only. MLB: every completed current postseason game, not a claim of reviewing all 162 regular-season games.

2026-09-29 | home vs Florida Panthers | L 0-1 (Final/OT)

Period/quarter/inning scores, team first: 1: 0-0; 2: 0-0; 3: 0-0; 4: 0-1 [S3]

Metric	Team	Opponent
Shots total	15	20
Power play goals	0	0
Power play opportunities	6	7
Giveaways	15	12
Penalty minutes	19	17

Recorded scoring sequence: P4 4:55 0-1 Even Strength

Sebastian Aho: Goals 0, Assists 0, Shots total 4, Time on ice 20:56. Historical game participation; not tonight's confirmation.

Jackson Blake: Goals 0, Assists 0, Shots total 2, Time on ice 21:38. Historical game participation; not tonight's confirmation.

William Carrier: Goals 0, Assists 0, Shots total 0, Time on ice 6:46. Historical game participation; not tonight's confirmation.

Interpretation: Shot margin -5. The result and shot-volume advantage point in the same direction.

Interpretation: These observations describe this game; opponent adjustment and stable repeatability have not been established.

2026-10-02 | home vs Washington Capitals | L 2-5 (Final)

Period/quarter/inning scores, team first: 1: 0-3; 2: 1-2; 3: 1-0 [S4]

Metric	Team	Opponent
Shots total	33	27
Power play goals	1	1
Power play opportunities	6	2
Giveaways	12	18
Penalty minutes	18	16

Recorded scoring sequence: P1 6:33 0-1 Even Strength; P1 11:33 0-2 Even Strength; P1 14:23 0-3 Even Strength; P2 1:36 0-4 Power Play; P2 16:50 1-4 Power Play; P2 16:58 1-5 Even Strength; P3 10:50 2-5 Even Strength

Sebastian Aho: Goals 1, Assists 0, Shots total 2, Time on ice 18:39. Historical game participation; not tonight's confirmation.

Jackson Blake: Goals 0, Assists 1, Shots total 3, Time on ice 19:27. Historical game participation; not tonight's confirmation.

William Carrier: Goals 0, Assists 1, Shots total 1, Time on ice 11:30. Historical game participation; not tonight's confirmation.

Interpretation: Shot margin +6. Final score and shot volume do not tell the same story; finishing and goaltending need separate review.

Interpretation: These observations describe this game; opponent adjustment and stable repeatability have not been established.

2026-10-03 | away vs Philadelphia Flyers | W 3-2 (Final/OT)

Period/quarter/inning scores, team first: 1: 1-1; 2: 0-1; 3: 1-0; 4: 1-0 [S5]

Metric	Team	Opponent
Shots total	40	18
Power play goals	2	0
Power play opportunities	4	4
Giveaways	20	14
Penalty minutes	8	8

Recorded scoring sequence: P1 0:10 1-0 Even Strength; P1 8:03 1-1 Even Strength; P2 7:20 1-2 Even Strength; P3 4:59 2-2 Power Play; P4 2:51 3-2 Power Play

Sebastian Aho: Goals 2, Assists 1, Shots total 6, Time on ice 20:30. Historical game participation; not tonight's confirmation.

Andrei Svechnikov: Goals 0, Assists 2, Shots total 4, Time on ice 17:50. Historical game participation; not tonight's confirmation.

Jackson Blake: Goals 0, Assists 1, Shots total 2, Time on ice 18:43. Historical game participation; not tonight's confirmation.

Interpretation: Shot margin +22. The result and shot-volume advantage point in the same direction.

Interpretation: These observations describe this game; opponent adjustment and stable repeatability have not been established.

Evidence limit: score-state and box-score review does not by itself establish tactics, quality of chances, causal luck, or opponent-adjusted team strength.

2. Montreal Canadiens - recent game evidence

Current regular chronology [S6]

Date	Opponent / venue role	Score (team first)
2026-09-29	Toronto Maple Leafs / away	3-2
2026-10-03	Pittsburgh Penguins / away	5-6

NHL: every completed regular-season game in the current source schedule is summarized below. NBA: available preseason games only. MLB: every completed current postseason game, not a claim of reviewing all 162 regular-season games.

2026-09-29 | away vs Toronto Maple Leafs | W 3-2 (Final)

Period/quarter/inning scores, team first: 1: 1-1; 2: 1-0; 3: 1-1 [S7]

Metric	Team	Opponent
Shots total	24	28
Power play goals	0	0
Power play opportunities	2	3
Giveaways	22	21
Penalty minutes	8	8

Recorded scoring sequence: P1 0:48 0-1 Even Strength; P1 10:53 1-1 Even Strength; P2 4:52 2-1 Even Strength; P3 13:12 3-1 Even Strength; P3 15:46 3-2 Even Strength

Josh Anderson: Goals 1, Assists 1, Shots total 3, Time on ice 12:53. Historical game participation; not tonight's confirmation.

Alexandre Carrier: Goals 1, Assists 1, Shots total 3, Time on ice 21:54. Historical game participation; not tonight's confirmation.

Zack Bolduc: Goals 1, Assists 0, Shots total 2, Time on ice 11:04. Historical game participation; not tonight's confirmation.

Interpretation: Shot margin -4. Final score and shot volume do not tell the same story; finishing and goaltending need separate review.

Interpretation: These observations describe this game; opponent adjustment and stable repeatability have not been established.

2026-10-03 | away vs Pittsburgh Penguins | L 5-6 (Final/OT)

Period/quarter/inning scores, team first: 1: 1-1; 2: 1-4; 3: 3-0; 4: 0-1 [S8]

Metric	Team	Opponent
Shots total	25	30
Power play goals	0	2
Power play opportunities	2	4
Giveaways	8	13
Penalty minutes	12	8

Recorded scoring sequence: P1 3:49 1-0 Even Strength; P1 14:07 1-1 Power Play; P2 0:32 1-2 Even Strength; P2 7:59 1-3 Even Strength; P2 14:01 1-4 Even Strength; P2 15:32 1-5 Power Play; P2 18:46 2-5 Even Strength; P3 3:31 3-5 Even Strength; P3 18:52 4-5 Even Strength; P3 19:16 5-5 Even Strength; P4 1:33 5-6 Even Strength

Nick Suzuki: Goals 1, Assists 3, Shots total 4, Time on ice 22:43. Historical game participation; not tonight's confirmation.

Lane Hutson: Goals 0, Assists 3, Shots total 3, Time on ice 29:06. Historical game participation; not tonight's confirmation.

Cole Caufield: Goals 2, Assists 0, Shots total 3, Time on ice 22:50. Historical game participation; not tonight's confirmation.

Interpretation: Shot margin -5. The result and shot-volume advantage point in the same direction.

Interpretation: These observations describe this game; opponent adjustment and stable repeatability have not been established.

Evidence limit: score-state and box-score review does not by itself establish tactics, quality of chances, causal luck, or opponent-adjusted team strength.

3. Matchup interpretation and key players

Carolina Hurricanes

Current phase: 3 games, 1 wins; scoring average 1.67 for / 2.67 against. These are descriptive averages, not projected scores.

Current feed metric	Value
Avg goals	1.67
Avg goals against	2.67
Avg shots	29.3
Avg shots against	21.7
Power play pct	18.8
Penalty kill pct	92.3

Feed season scope: 3 completed current-phase games in the captured schedule; metrics are all-strength where supplied. No five-on-five xG model is inferred. [S1]

Montreal Canadiens

Current phase: 2 games, 1 wins; scoring average 4.00 for / 4.00 against. These are descriptive averages, not projected scores.

Current feed metric	Value
Avg goals	4.00
Avg goals against	4.00
Avg shots	24.5
Avg shots against	29.0
Power play pct	0.0
Penalty kill pct	71.4

Feed season scope: 2 completed current-phase games in the captured schedule; metrics are all-strength where supplied. No five-on-five xG model is inferred. [S1]

How to read the matchup

Compare the two recent-game sections: did score and underlying volume agree, did the game change late, and did current absences affect the players producing those numbers? Where shot-quality, possession or bullpen detail is missing, the report cannot declare a repeatable style edge.

Conditional game scripts

If one team sustains a shot-volume and special-teams advantage, it has a plausible territorial route to scoring. A different goalie, changed lines or poor conversion can break that route. This is a conditional scenario, not a claim that tonight's deployment is confirmed.

4. Executed simulations and prediction limits

EXPERIMENTAL TEAM-SCORE BASELINE. This run is real and reproducible, but is not adjusted for the personnel, injuries, game-flow evidence, weather or tactical factors described in this report. It supplies the provisional prediction on page one; no accuracy or betting edge is established.	
Scenario win share	Carolina Hurricanes 52.5% Montreal Canadiens 47.5%
Average sampled score	Carolina Hurricanes 3.20 Montreal Canadiens 3.05
Total scenarios	Mean 6.25; central 80% sampled totals 3-10
Trials / seed	100,000 / 4270780201
Raw ties	16.2%; assumed 50/50 winner split
Run completed	2026-10-06T17:08:30.429020+00:00
Input hash	See retained JSON run record

Method: pooled venue scoring/conceding moments; independent negative-binomial draws where overdispersed, otherwise Poisson. For NHL, current completed regular-season results augment the preserved prior sample. NBA preseason estimates explicitly transfer preserved regular-season scoring without a rotation model. There is no opponent-strength, roster, goalie/pitcher or recency adjustment. Historical NHL overtime/shootout scores are included; raw ties are not regulation ties. MLB postseason transfer remains unvalidated.

Monte Carlo repeat-run error approximately +/- 0.31 percentage points at 95%. This only measures simulation noise; it excludes model and input uncertainty. No accuracy, calibration or ROI is claimed.

Carolina Hurricanes: 85 historical qualifying games; 42 in this venue role. Latest input 2026-10-03T23:00Z.

Montreal Canadiens: 84 historical qualifying games; 41 in this venue role. Latest input 2026-10-03T23:00Z.

Spread and total probabilities

DraftKings via ESPN, captured 2026-10-06T17:00:44.919037+00:00 [S1]. Snapshot, not a live available offer.

Captured spread	Montreal Canadiens +1.5; model cover 71.1%; away cover 28.9%; push 0.0%
Captured total	6.5; model over 43.5%; under 56.5%; push 0.0%

These fractions come from the same uncalibrated score scenarios. Price, bookmaker availability and edge are not established. NHL historical shootout scores and fair random tie breaking are a proxy, not exact sportsbook settlement.

Conditional player-prop outlook

Sebastian Aho | Carolina Hurricanes

Conditional expected shots on goal: 4.0; 3+ probability 76.2%. Observed sample 3 games: 4.0, 2.0, 6.0.

Only if dressed with similar ice time; lineup/role not confirmed. No current bookmaker player line captured.

Poisson with observed current-season per-appearance mean; tiny-sample and role uncertainty unmodeled. Opportunity sensitivity: 3.2-4.8. +/-20% opportunity is an explicit illustrative assumption, not measured uncertainty. Sources: S3, S4, S5

Andrei Svechnikov | Carolina Hurricanes

Conditional expected shots on goal: 4.0; 3+ probability 76.2%. Observed sample 3 games: 2.0, 6.0, 4.0.

Only if dressed with similar ice time; lineup/role not confirmed. No current bookmaker player line captured.

Poisson with observed current-season per-appearance mean; tiny-sample and role uncertainty unmodeled. Opportunity sensitivity: 3.2-4.8. +/-20% opportunity is an explicit illustrative assumption, not measured uncertainty. Sources: S3, S4, S5

Logan Stankoven | Carolina Hurricanes

Conditional expected shots on goal: 2.7; 3+ probability 49.8%. Observed sample 3 games: 0.0, 4.0, 4.0.

Only if dressed with similar ice time; lineup/role not confirmed. No current bookmaker player line captured.

Poisson with observed current-season per-appearance mean; tiny-sample and role uncertainty unmodeled. Opportunity sensitivity: 2.1-3.2. +/-20% opportunity is an explicit illustrative assumption, not measured uncertainty. Sources: S3, S4, S5

Josh Anderson | Montreal Canadiens

Conditional expected shots on goal: 3.0; 3+ probability 57.7%. Observed sample 2 games: 3.0, 3.0.

Only if dressed with similar ice time; lineup/role not confirmed. No current bookmaker player line captured.

Poisson with observed current-season per-appearance mean; tiny-sample and role uncertainty unmodeled. Opportunity sensitivity: 2.4-3.6. +/-20% opportunity is an explicit illustrative assumption, not measured uncertainty. Sources: S7, S8

Cole Caufield | Montreal Canadiens

Conditional expected shots on goal: 3.0; 3+ probability 57.7%. Observed sample 2 games: 3.0, 3.0.

Only if dressed with similar ice time; lineup/role not confirmed. No current bookmaker player line captured.

Poisson with observed current-season per-appearance mean; tiny-sample and role uncertainty unmodeled. Opportunity sensitivity: 2.4-3.6. +/-20% opportunity is an explicit illustrative assumption, not measured uncertainty. Sources: S7, S8

Nick Suzuki | Montreal Canadiens

Conditional expected shots on goal: 3.0; 3+ probability 57.7%. Observed sample 2 games: 2.0, 4.0.

Only if dressed with similar ice time; lineup/role not confirmed. No current bookmaker player line captured.

Poisson with observed current-season per-appearance mean; tiny-sample and role uncertainty unmodeled. Opportunity sensitivity: 2.4-3.6. +/-20% opportunity is an explicit illustrative assumption, not measured uncertainty. Sources: S7, S8

What changes the prediction

Different starter; scratch or minutes restriction; changed batting order/rotation; material weather change; corrected source results. The current model does not recompute player-specific team adjustments. This prepared report does not refresh itself.

5. Sources and freshness

Source numbers refer to the captured snapshots below. This is a prepared report; personnel and conditions may change before the game.

S1 | fetched 2026-10-06T17:00:44.919037+00:00

<https://site.api.espn.com/apis/site/v2/sports/hockey/nhl/summary?event=401891815>

S2 | fetched 2026-10-06T17:00:45.870379+00:00

<https://site.api.espn.com/apis/site/v2/sports/hockey/nhl/teams/7/schedule?season=2027&seasontype=2>

S3 | fetched 2026-10-06T17:00:49.162232+00:00

<https://site.api.espn.com/apis/site/v2/sports/hockey/nhl/summary?event=401891773>

S4 | fetched 2026-10-06T17:00:49.359397+00:00

<https://site.api.espn.com/apis/site/v2/sports/hockey/nhl/summary?event=401892432>

S5 | fetched 2026-10-06T17:00:49.442019+00:00

<https://site.api.espn.com/apis/site/v2/sports/hockey/nhl/summary?event=401892435>

S6 | fetched 2026-10-06T17:00:45.803962+00:00

<https://site.api.espn.com/apis/site/v2/sports/hockey/nhl/teams/10/schedule?season=2027&seasontype=2>

S7 | fetched 2026-10-06T17:00:49.591416+00:00

<https://site.api.espn.com/apis/site/v2/sports/hockey/nhl/summary?event=401891827>

S8 | fetched 2026-10-06T17:00:49.645993+00:00

<https://site.api.espn.com/apis/site/v2/sports/hockey/nhl/summary?event=401891822>

Release status: PROVISIONAL RESEARCH. Predictions and conditional prop scenarios are experimental and unvalidated. All 23 catalog entries remain DRAFT; validated forecasts remain disabled.