



# HOUSTON AEROS VS MANITOBA MOOSE – MOOSE LEAD 3-1

## GAME 5, WESTERN CONFERENCE FINALS – MAY 22, 2009

### TOYOTA CENTER ● HOUSTON, TEXAS ● 7:35 P.M. CDT

HOUSTON AEROS MEDIA INFORMATION

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2003 CALDER CUP CHAMPS

### Tonight's Game

The Aeros avoided a sweep Wednesday night with a 5-4 overtime victory to force tonight's Game 5. An Aeros win tonight would bring about a second trip to Winnipeg for a Game 6 at MTS Centre Monday night. Houston currently holds a 7-5 record when facing elimination and will need to win three straight games to stay alive and advance to the Calder Cup finals. The Aeros longest playoff-win streak stands at seven games occurring during the 2002 Calder Cup Playoffs, the team's first year in the AHL.

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### Aeros Quick Stats

Playoffs	May	4-6	Outshooting opponent	1-6	Trailing after 2nd	1-8	Not allowing PPG	8-4
Home	Scoring 3 or more	5-4	Opponent outshoots	5-3	Tied after 2nd	3-1	More PIM	3-4
Road	Scoring 2 or less	4-5	Shots tied	3-0	Overtime	2-0	Fewer PIM	5-4
Streak	One-goal games	4-5	Leading after 1st	6-0	Shootout	N/A	Same PIM	1-1
Home Streak	Two-goal games	3-1	Trailing after 1st	1-8	Scoring PPG	7-6	First of two	1-1
Last 5	Scoring first	8-2	Tied after 1st	2-1	Not scoring PPG	2-3	Second of two	1-1
April	Opponent scores first	1-7	Leading after 2nd	5-0	Allowing PPG	1-5		

### Aeros Notes

**Facing Elimination** - The Aeros have faced elimination three times this post-season going 3-0 including both Game 7's and Wednesday's Game 4 win. The Aeros will need to make it 6-0 in hopes of making the Calder Cup Finals. Houston has faced elimination a total of 12 times in Calder Cup playoff action going 7-5 in those games, however the Aeros are just 2-4 at home compared to 5-1 on the road in elimination games.

**Leading the way** - Houston's **Corey Locke** leads the league in both points (20) and goals (11) with 12 of those points and five goals coming on the power play. **Matt Beaudoin** moved into second place in both points (16) and goals (7) with his four point (2-2=4) outing in Game 4. Aeros' regular season leader in goals – **Krys Kolanos** – ranks tied for third in the playoffs with six markers, one of which a game-winner. Moose forward and 2008 Calder Cup Playoffs MVP, **Jason Krog**, is tied with Beaudoin and leads Manitoba with 16 points on six goals and ten assists. Goaltender **Cory Schneider** ranks fourth among goalies with a 1.99 goals-against average and he is first in wins with 11. Schneider has backstopped the Moose in everygame in the playoffs.

**Even strength tallies** - Houston's five even-strength goals in Wednesday's Game 4 of the Western Conference finals was the most the Aeros have scored since February 12, 2008 at Peoria. 131 games have passed between the two contests, including playoffs. All five Houston goals Wednesday were five-on-five and the game, 463 days ago, included five, five-on-five goals, one four-on-four marker and a short-handed goal as part of a 7-1 win in Peoria.

**Series numbers** - Houston is 7-10 all-time in Game 5 of a playoff series and 4-5 in Game 5 of a Calder Cup playoff series. The Aeros have been outscored 38-21 in five-on-five play during the 2009 playoffs, however the team has outscored their opponent 19-9 on the power play. The Aeros are 4-1 in the playoffs when scoring two goals, but just 2-3 when scoring three goals.

**Third period scoring** - The Moose have allowed eight third period goals in the team's 14 playoff games, and five of those have been against the Aeros. Manitoba allowed just three third period goals in their first 10 games, but Houston has scored five in four games including two in the final period of regulation in Games 3 and 4. Manitoba is outscoring their opponent 15-8 in the third period. Houston has scored 23 third period goals in the playoffs compared to 24 in the first two and overtime periods combined. The Aeros are outscoring their opponent 23-14 in the third period through 18 games played.

**Hardly a tie after one** - The Aeros have played 18 playoff games so far in the 2009 Calder Cup Playoffs, but the team has only been tied after one period in three games (all against Peoria). Houston is 6-0 when leading after the first period and 1-8 when trailing after the first period. The Aeros' only win when trailing after the opening stanza came on Wednesday night against the Moose. The Aeros have played 12 straight games in which there has been a leader after the first period of play.

**Killing penalties** - The Moose and Aeros hold the top two spots in the league for penalty killing with Houston trailing by only 0.3%. Manitoba has killed off 45-of-50 (90%) short handed situations in 14 games played while Houston has stopped 78-of-87 (89.7%) penalty kills in 18 games. During the 2008-09 regular season the Moose ranked fourth in PK with 85.6% and Houston ranked sixth with a 85.1% kill rate, just a 0.5% differential.



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## The Series Match-up

## Aeros vs. Manitoba Notes

### Aeros Goalies vs. MTB

**Schaefer**  
Totals: 1-1, 3.94 gaa, .789 pct

**Brust**  
Totals: 0-0, 0.00 gaa, .000 pct

**Khudobin**  
Totals: 0-2, 3.89 gaa, .827 pct

**Climie**  
Totals: 0-0, 0.00 gaa, .000 pct

### Aeros skaters vs. MTB

2 Crowley	0gp, 0-0=0
3 Albers	2gp, 0-0=0
4 Mojzis	2gp, 0-0=0
6 Love	2gp, 0-0=0
7 Stoner	4gp, 0-1=1
10 Schultz	0gp, 0-0=0
13 Testwuide	4gp, 1-1=2
14 Hrkac	4gp, 1-1=2
15 Lundbohm	4gp, 0-1=1
17 Earl	4gp, 1-1=2
18 Scandella	0gp, 0-0=0
19 Irmen	4gp, 1-0=1
22 Ryznar	2gp, 0-0=0
24 McMillan	0gp, 0-0=0
25 Beaudoin	4gp, 4-2=6
26 Noreau	4gp, 0-1=1
27 Pouliot	4gp, 0-2=2
28 Rogers	4gp, 0-0=0
29 Lammers	4gp, 0-4=4
36 Kolanos	4gp, 0-1=1
40 Rosa	4gp, 1-3=4
42 Kassian	4gp, 0-0=0
44 Falk	4gp, 0-0=0
84 Locke	4gp, 2-3=5

### Moose Goalies vs.HOU

**Schneider**  
Totals: 3-1, 2.73 gaa, .905 pct

**Sanford**  
Totals: 0-0, 0.00 gaa, .000 pct

**Ford**  
Totals: 0-0, 0.00 gaa, .000 pct

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2 Ramsey	4gp, 0-0=0
3 Ehrhardt	0gp, 0-0=0
5 Baumgartner	4gp, 0-2=2
6 Rahimi	0gp, 0-0=0
7 Ouellet	0gp, 0-0=0
8 McIver	4gp, 0-0=0
10 Krog	4gp, 2-3=5
12 Keane	4gp, 3-2=5
15 Jaffray	4gp, 0-4=4
16 Nesbitt	0gp, 0-0=0
18 Hodgson	4gp, 1-1=2
19 Cullen	4gp, 0-1=1
26 Heshka	4gp, 0-1=1
27 Fortunus	4gp, 0-1=1
29 Sawada	4gp, 1-0=1
32 Labrie	0gp, 0-0=0
36 Ellington	0gp, 0-0=0
37 Walsky	0gp, 0-0=0
38 Rallo	4gp, 0-2=2
40 Grabner	4gp, 4-0=4
41 Desbiens	4gp, 0-3=3
42 Pope	0gp, 0-0=0
43 Collins	4gp, 1-0=1
44 Maxwell	0gp, 0-0=0
45 Fistic	4gp, 0-2=2
47 FitzGerald	1gp, 0-0=0
48 Oberg	0gp, 0-0=0
49 Bolduc	3gp, 1-1=2
55 Bliznak	4gp, 2-1=3

During the 2008-09 regular season, Houston and Manitoba faced off four times with the Moose winning each. The Aeros were able to eek out a point in a shootout loss on December 4 but lost the other three by two goals apiece. Aeros forward **Krys Kolanos** led both teams in points during the four pairings with five (3 goals, 2 assists) and was matched with three goals by Manitoba's **Mario Bliznak**.

Each team played a pair of goaltenders in the season series with Houston's **Nolan Schaefer** posting a 3.05 GAA and a .909 SV% in two losses and **Barry Brust** tallying a 2.95 GAA and a .880 SV% with a 0-1-1 record. **Karl Goehring**, who was traded to San Antonio mid-season, had a 2.40 GAA and an .889 SV% in two wins including the shootout while **Corey Schneider** posted a 2.00 GAA and a .905 SV% with a pair of victories over Houston.

The Aeros were 2-for-17 on power plays for an 11.8% conversion rate and successfully killed 21-of-23 short handed situations for a 91.3% penalty kill. Manitoba outshot Houston 120-87 in the four regular season games. The Moose also outscored the Aeros 16-9 for a 13.3% shot percentage compared to Houston's 10.3%.

### Aeros' All-time Playoff Games vs. Manitoba

Overall: 4-7 Home: 2-4 Road: 2-3

### Last Game vs. Manitoba Moose

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The game marked Houston's 100th game of the season including pre-season, regular season and the playoffs. Prior to the game Manitoba had trailed for just 75 seconds in the previous six games. Houston held a lead over the Moose for 5:44 in the first period before Mike Keane tied the game. Houston improved their record when scoring the first goal to 8-2 and snapped the trend of losing all eight games when trailing after the first period, prior to tonight.

Houston recorded two third-period goals for a total of 23 during the current playoff run. The Aeros have posted a total of 24 goals in the first, second and overtime periods combined.

Since Game 4 of the 2003 Calder Cup finals Houston has won their last seven playoff overtime games, including two this post season. Matt Beaudoin's four points tied an Aeros' all-time playoff record that happened twice before in team history. His two goals in the contest also tied a club record which is the 31st time in history, fourth time this post season.

### Western Conference Finals Schedule

5/15 - HOU 1 at MTB 2  
5/16 - HOU 2 at MTB 5  
5/18 - MTB 4 at HOU 3  
5/20 - MTB 4 at HOU 5  
5/22 - MTB at HOU  
\*5/25 - HOU at MTB  
\*5/27 - HOU at MTB  
\*- if necessary

### Current Streaks

#### Point Streak(s):

Beaudoin, 2 games, (3-2=5)  
Locke, 2 games, (2-2=4)

#### Goal Streak(s):

Beaudoin, 2 games, 3 goals  
Locke, 2 games, 2 goals

#### Assist Streak(s):

None

### Minnesota Wild Update

- The Wild finished with a 40-33-9 record and ninth place in the Western Conference, one place out of the playoffs.
- Head Coach Jacques Lemaire stepped down from his position shortly after the season ended. Lemaire had a 293-255-108 record and was the only bench boss for the Wild in the team's history.
- **Mikko Koivu** finished as Minnesota's leading scorer with 67 points (20-47=67) in 79 games played. Former Aero **Cal Clutterbuck** set a National Hockey League record with 356 hits in 78 games this season. Goaltender **Niklas Backstrom** set personal and franchise highs with 71 games played and 37 wins with a final record of 37-32-8. Backstrom also ranked in the top five in the four major goaltending categories.

### Aeros by the Numbers

- 6-0** Record when leading after the first period.
- 1-8** Record when trailing after the first period, the only win came in WCF Game 4.
- 1** Difference in number of even strength (22) and special teams (21) goals for the Aeros.
- 8:36** Amount of time Houston has led in the Western Conference Finals
- 166:40** Amount of time Houston trailed in the Western Conference Finals
- 66:45** Amount of time Manitoba and Houston were tied in the Western Conference Finals

### TONIGHT'S OFFICIALS

#### Referees:

Frederick L'Ecuyer (48)

#### Linesmen:

Bryan Pancich (85)

Carl Sasyn (12)