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■ One person is dead and nine are missing after a chemical tank explosion in Washington state. **6A**

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■ A new Metro substation in the east valley may help with concerns about the homeless population. **1B**

■ A man accused in a fatal stabbing told police he feared for his life. **1B**

### BUSINESS

■ U.S. consumer confidence declined slightly in May. **6B**

■ Sunset Station reopened its iconic Gaudi Bar and gaming pit. **6B**

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■ President Donald Trump said his fourth physical exam in his second term went "PERFECTLY." **4A**

■ The Congressional Black Caucus said corporations must fight redistricting. **4A**

### OPINION

■ Clark County must release public records as required by law. **14A**

### WORLD

■ Iran said the United States is guilty of "bad faith" in negotiations with its latest attack. **11A**

■ The United Kingdom broke a century-old heat record for May with a temperature of 95.2 degrees Fahrenheit. **12A**



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**WESTERN CONFERENCE FINAL GAME 4 | GOLDEN KNIGHTS 2, AVALANCHE 1**

# Sweep to Stanley



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Golden Knights right wing Cole Smith, left, and teammate Keegan Kolesar, right, celebrate after Smith scored against Avalanche goalie Mackenzie Blackwood in the third period of Tuesday's 2-1 victory in Game 4 of Western Conference Final at T-Mobile Arena.

## Knights close out Avalanche to reach their third Final

By Ed Graney  
Las Vegas Review-Journal

For the third time in nine seasons, the Vegas Golden Knights are headed to the Stanley Cup Final.

The Knights punched their ticket with a 2-1 win against Colorado on Tuesday night at T-Mobile Arena.

It culminated an improbable 4-0 sweep in the best-of-seven Western Conference Final series against the Presidents' Trophy-winning Avalanche.

The Knights became the seventh team in NHL history to sweep a best-of-seven from the league's No. 1 team.

The Knights were also awarded the Clarence S. Campbell Bowl for winning the Western Conference.

Goals by the Knights came from captain Mark Stone at 4:42 of the first period and fourth-liner Cole Smith at 14:15 of the third.

Vegas will be going for its second championship after claiming the Stanley Cup in 2023 by beating Florida in five games.

The Knights also became the first expansion team in the modern era to make a championship series in 2018 when they lost to Washington in five games.

This is the second playoff sweep in

the Knights history. They also swept the Los Angeles Kings in their first-ever playoff series in 2018.

The Knights will next meet the winner of the Eastern Conference Final between Carolina and Montreal.

The Hurricanes lead that series 2-1. The Knights will begin the Stanley Cup Final on the road.

No dates for when the championship series will begin have been released, but the Final is not expected to start before the middle of next week.

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### Knights pull off upset for the ages

Sweeping mighty Avalanche was improbable, became real

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### Graney on series-clinching victory

The Knights saved their best for last, and it was needed

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### The trouble with that other trophy

Like 2023 (win), unlike '18 (loss), Campbell Bowl was avoided

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### Smith applies coup de grace

Cole Smith gave the Knights much-needed insurance goal

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