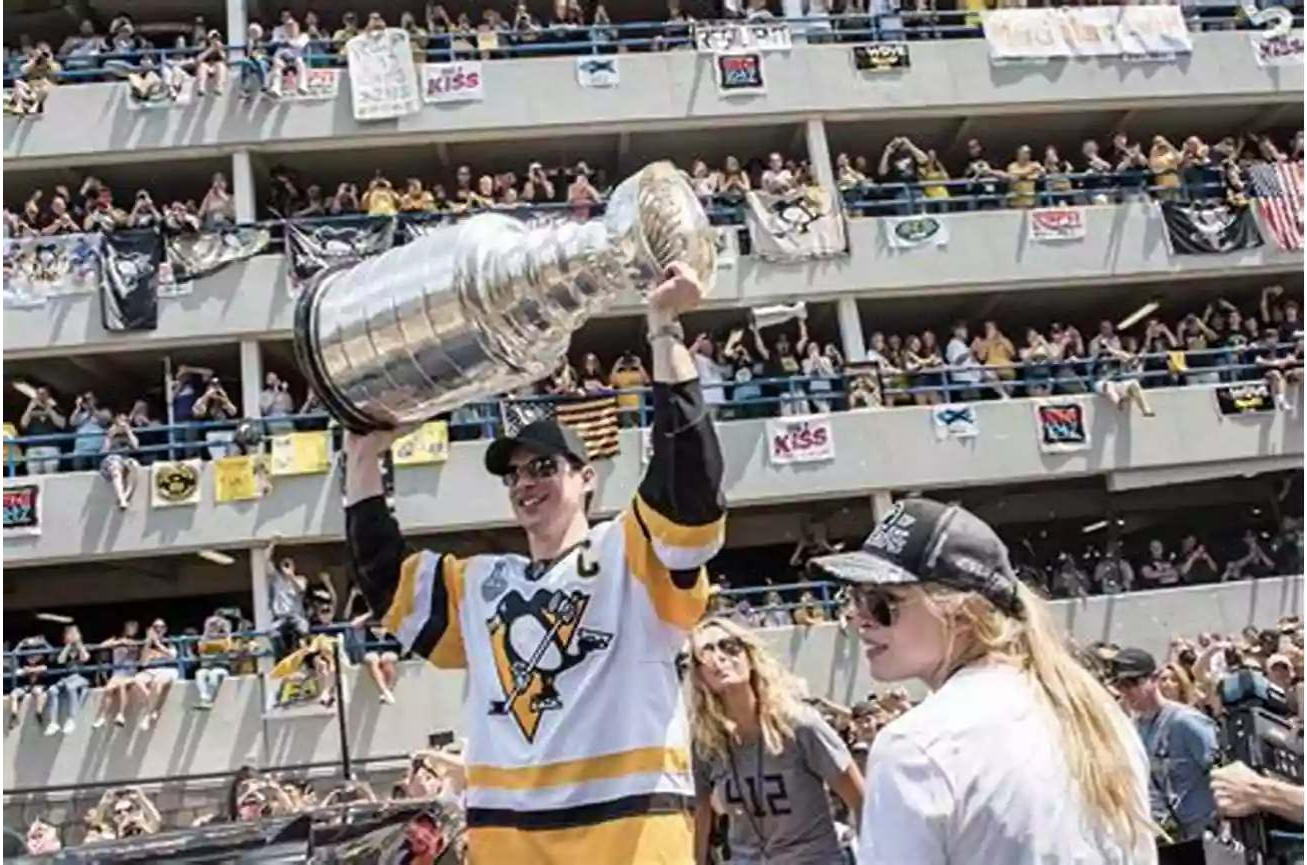


# The Penguins Run To The 2017 Stanley Cup: A Journey of Grit, Skill, and Resilience

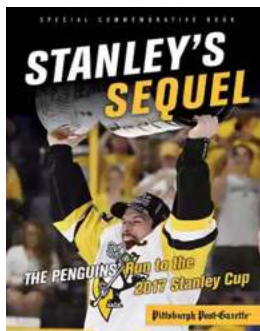


It was a season to remember for the Pittsburgh Penguins as they embarked on their quest for the 2017 Stanley Cup. The team showcased an impressive display of grit, skill, and resilience, capturing the hearts of hockey fans worldwide. Led by their renowned captain Sidney Crosby and a star-studded roster, the Penguins overcame numerous challenges and battled their way to hockey's most coveted trophy.

## The Key Players

One cannot discuss the Penguins' journey without mentioning the remarkable leadership of Sidney Crosby. Regarded as one of the greatest hockey players of

his generation, Crosby consistently displayed his exceptional skill, vision, and tenacity throughout the season. He led by example and inspired his teammates to push their limits, elevating the team's performance to new heights.



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Alongside Crosby, Evgeni Malkin emerged as a force to be reckoned with. Malkin's incredible scoring ability and on-ice presence added another dimension to the Penguins' offensive firepower. His chemistry with Crosby was undeniable, creating a duo that struck fear into the hearts of opposing goaltenders.

### Overcoming Adversity

The path to the Stanley Cup is never smooth, and the Penguins encountered their fair share of obstacles along the way. Injuries to key players tested the team's depth, but the Penguins stood tall and showcased their resilience. Players such as Conor Sheary, Bryan Rust, and Jake Guentzel stepped up when it mattered most, demonstrating the organization's ability to develop young talent.

Furthermore, the Penguins faced stiff competition in the playoffs, including intense matchups against formidable opponents like the Columbus Blue Jackets, Washington Capitals, and the Ottawa Senators. Each series was a grueling battle, featuring tight games and dramatic moments that kept fans on the edge of their seats.

## **The Rise of the Rookie**

One of the most remarkable storylines of the Penguins' Stanley Cup run was the emergence of rookie sensation Jake Guentzel. The young forward burst onto the scene, providing a much-needed offensive spark for the team. Guentzel's timely goals and clutch performances earned him the nickname "Playoff Jake" and solidified his place in Penguins history.

Guentzel's meteoric rise in the playoffs was nothing short of extraordinary. He shattered rookie scoring records and set the bar high for future young talents striving to make a name for themselves. His impact on the team cannot be understated, and his contributions played a significant role in their ultimate success.

## **The Ultimate Triumph**

After battling through a fierce postseason and overcoming all obstacles in their path, the Penguins found themselves in the Stanley Cup Finals, facing off against the Nashville Predators. The series was closely contested, with both teams showcasing their skill and determination. However, the Penguins' experience and poise proved to be the deciding factor.

The Penguins ultimately won the series in six games, securing their second consecutive Stanley Cup championship. The team's resilience and ability to

perform under pressure were on full display, leaving a lasting legacy in the history of the franchise and cementing their status as a dominant force in the NHL.

## **The Legacy Lives On**

The Penguins' 2017 Stanley Cup run will forever be etched in the hearts and minds of their loyal fans. It served as a testament to the team's unwavering dedication, unwavering commitment to excellence, and unwavering belief in their collective abilities. The journey to the championship was filled with unforgettable moments, thrilling victories, and the unyielding spirit of champions.

As the Penguins lifted the Stanley Cup high above their heads, the excitement and joy that radiated from the players and fans alike were evidence of a special bond. It was not just a triumph for a team; it was a celebration of the city, the fans, and the enduring spirit of hockey.

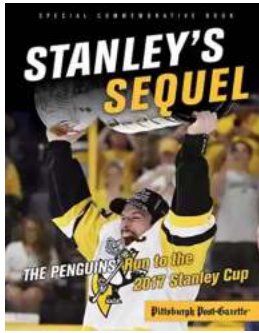
The Penguins' run to the 2017 Stanley Cup was a rollercoaster of emotions, filled with moments of despair and elation. From battling through injuries to defeating formidable opponents, the team displayed unwavering determination and an unwavering commitment to their ultimate goal. Led by the brilliance of Sidney Crosby and powered by the emergence of Jake Guentzel, the Penguins left an indelible mark on the history of hockey.

Their incredible journey serves as a reminder of the beauty and magic that lies within the game, igniting the passion and devotion of fans around the world. The Penguins' run to the 2017 Stanley Cup will forever be remembered as an epitome of perseverance, skill, and the unwavering spirit of champions.

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Back-to-back Stanley Cup champions. No NHL team this century could stake that claim. Until the Pittsburgh Penguins topped the Nashville Predators in the 2017 Final to bring Lord Stanley home for the second consecutive season. In their 50th NHL season, the Penguins overcame adversity en route to the franchise's fifth Stanley Cup. Key players, including Kris Letang and goalie Matt Murray, missed time due to injuries and the team played a compressed schedule. But led by Sidney Crosby and Evgeni Malkin, Pittsburgh finished with 111 points, the second-most in the NHL. In the eastern conference playoffs, the Penguins prevailed over the Columbus Blue Jackets and Presidents' Trophy-winning Washington Capitals before topping Ottawa in a thrilling seven-game series reach the Stanley Cup Final.

Filled with stunning full-color photography and expert reporting from the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, Stanley's Sequel captures the Penguins' exciting journey, from the preseason to their Stadium Series in over the Flyers at Heinz Field to Chris Kunitz's goal in the second overtime of Game 7 against Ottawa and the final seconds against the Predators. This commemorative edition also includes in-depth profiles of Crosby, Malkin, head coach Mike Sullivan, veteran goalie Mark-Andre Fleury and other Penguins stars.



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