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Spanish-English dictionary | 100,000 word Spanish/English dictionary and thesaurus in the same app. News apps, the best dictionary and thesaurus app. On paper, the four members of the Nashville Predators' top defense pairing are basically just names for a secondary unit. And so, it was little surprise that the last time anyone watched Nashville's top pair take the ice, the lineup was something of a mess. It was the final game of the season, a 6-5 shootout win over the Florida Panthers, and the pair of Roman Josi and Ryan Ellis -- who had been together for all but 11 games in the first half of the season -- were both scratchy in Game 2 of the second round of the playoffs. With Josi missing the start of the second round for an unspecified injury and Ellis suffering through an undiagnosed groin injury, Dan Hamhuis and Matt Irwin stepped into the top pairing and it was a recipe for disaster. But in the Predators' Game 3 win at Bridgestone Arena, a new top pairing has been formed and it is a big reason why Nashville is headed back to Nashville with a 4-1 series lead over the Panthers. "If you look at those last two games, those two games were some ugly games," Predators coach Peter Laviolette said after practice on Thursday. "I think that we were in a tough situation. Ryan was injured and [Josi] and [Ellis] were going up against some of the best players in the league. I thought both of those guys did a good job of responding to it and trying to make it work." Josi and Ellis have combined for two goals and 14 assists in Nashville's first three games of the series. They have been there for each other, putting Nashville on their game and giving the team a greater ability to keep its focus. "We have two guys on our team, our defense, that know how to play, and they know how to play in this environment," Predators goalie Pekka Rinne said after practice on Thursday. "We have two really good players up there that play hard and they play physical. They know how to play. They know how to play with each other. They know when to be on and when to be off. They just know how to play." Despite getting the first start of his playoffs, Hamhuis has bounced back nicely in his first series since the 2012-13 season. He has 2d92ce491b