Postgame Notes & Quotes
Colorado Avalanche 3, New York Rangers 1
Saturday, January 20, 2018

The Avalanche won its ninth straight game, matching the second-longest win streak in franchise history (Oct. 10-28, 2000). Colorado's streak is the longest of any team in the NHL this season, and longest since the Washington Capitals won nine in a row from Dec. 31, 2016-Jan. 15, 2017.

Longest Winning Streaks, Franchise History
12: Jan. 10—Feb. 7, 1999
9: Dec. 29, 2017 - present

The Avs have won eight straight games at home, tied for the longest single-season home win streak since the team relocated to Denver.

Colorado has scored the first goal in all nine contests (22-4-2 when scoring first) and has never trailed during the streak, outscoring its opponents 37-14 during the run.

The Avs have scored 95 goals at home this season, the most of any team in the league and six more than the team that’s ranked right behind them, the Rangers. Colorado’s 3.65 goals per game on home ice is second to just the Winnipeg Jets (4.10).

Colorado improved to 3-2-1 in day games this season.

Nathan MacKinnon extended his point streak to nine games, the longest active streak in the NHL. He also registered his 18th multi-point game of the season, the most by an Avalanche player since Matt Duchene in the 2013-14 campaign (21). Of those multi-point games, 14 have come at home, and MacKinnon ranks first in the league in scoring on home ice with 46 points (18g, 28a). MacKinnon’s 59 points this season (23g, 36a) rank second in the league, just two points behind Nikita Kucherov. His five-game goal streak is the longest by an Avalanche player since Gabriel Landeskog during the 2014-15 campaign.

MacKinnon notched his seventh game-winning goal of the season, a new career high (6 in 2015-16) and tied for the NHL lead. It’s the most GWG by Avalanche player since Marek Svatos scored nine game winners in 2005-06.
Jonathan Bernier’s eight-game win streak is the longest by an Avalanche goaltender since Patrick Roy’s 11-game streak from Jan. 12-Feb. 7, 1999 and matches the third-longest win streak by an Avalanche goaltender in franchise history (Jocelyn Thibault, March 6-26, 1995).

**Longest Winning Streaks By a Goaltender in Franchise History**

9: Stephane Fiset, Oct. 18-Nov. 18, 1995

**9: Jonathan Bernier, Dec. 29, 2017-present**
8: Jocelyn Thibault, March 6-26, 1995

Mikko Rantanen notched his 11th multi-point game of the season with all but one of those performances coming at Pepsi Center. His 37 points (14g, 23a) on home ice in 2017-18 rank second in the league in home scoring behind MacKinnon.

Erik Johnson registered his fourth multi-point game of the season and second during the Avs’ win streak, the most multi-point games for the defenseman since the 2015-16 season (5). Johnson now has 19 points (7g, 12) in 2017-18, surpassing his total from 2016-17 (2g, 15a).

Colorado and New York combined for four penalty minutes, the fewest combined penalty minutes for the Avs in a game this season. The Avs’ two penalty minutes matches a season mark for fewest penalty minutes in a game (3x – Dec. 12 at Washington, Dec. 14 vs. Florida).

Ryan McDonagh extended his assist/point streak to three games (0g, 3a).

Daniel Catenacci made his Rangers debut and recorded one shot, one hit and one blocked shot in 11:03 of time on ice.

**Colorado C Nathan MacKinnon**

*On Today’s Physical Game:* “We don’t mind a physical game. We’re a very fast team and when we hit, we are hitting with some speed and some force. Yeah, we’ll play any type of game obviously. The Rangers are a good hockey team and it’s fun to beat a good team like that.”

*On The Team’s Chemistry:* “Well when you win, it’s always fun. Obviously, things are loose but we are still intense, it’s a good balance we have right now. Like I said before, we can’t get comfortable. We are only in the mix now. I think we are in a playoff spot right now but that’s why we are fighting every night because we need these points. It’s so tight, our division is tight.”

**Colorado D Erik Johnson**

*On Getting A Fast Start:* “Throughout this homestand, we’ve found a way to get ourselves going early and the crowd has a lot to do with that. They were buzzing right
from the start and I think we picked up that energy from them. It feels good to have that type of atmosphere in the Pepsi Center. It was a lot of fun today.”

On His Goal: “I dished it to the middle to Mikko (Colorado RW Mikko Rantanen) and then I just kind of filled in and he took my spot. I kind of made myself available in the middle and then swung around and Mikko made a great play. You know, we’ve been deadly scoring first so that was key.”

Colorado D Mark Barberio
On Colorado’s Nine-Game Winning Streak: “We are feeling really good about ourselves right now. We just have to keep this thing rolling as best as we can. We are keeping it simple, we are not complicating things out there, and we are getting great goaltending obviously from Bernie (Colorado G Jonathan Bernier), so just on to the next one.”

On Keeping The Intensity Up On The Road: “We have to. It was a great homestand obviously. Yeah, we have to prove to ourselves that we can get the job done on the road as well. That’s what it’s going to take to make the push into the playoffs.”

New York Rangers D Ryan McDonagh
On The Loss: “Like most teams that are real successful, they were really quick on the forecheck, pounding us. For the majority of the game we were stuck in their zone a little too much. Give them credit, they had some good sticks and some good forchecking. I loved our battle and compete here with a lot of relatively new faces. Guys really battled for one another. I know we didn’t get the result, but we fought all the way to end. We can look at that as a positive and try to continue this road trip the right way.”

On The Team’s Performance: “There are going to be tight games so you need contributions from your whole lineup. Like I said, we have a lot of new faces right now and we are working to try to play in sync the best we can, keep competing and keep trying to play with a little simplicity as well.”

New York Rangers C J.T. Miller
On The Loss: “We came for two points. We did a lot of good things in the game today, and obviously we have some bodies out so we need people to step up and play. For a lot of the game we played pretty well and we played hard. We got some looks, but at the end of the day they got the two points and we didn’t.”

On Playing Against Colorado: “Their top line is pretty dangerous, when they are on the ice you have to be pretty aware that they create a lot of offense. Other than that they play a pretty simple game; they get it in, get it deep and then there some big D-men that hold the lines really well. They make it hard on you, they play hard, and tonight was another example of a hard fought game. Unfortunately, we came up short.”