The Avalanche improved to 23-8-1 on home ice this season and has won 13 of its last 14 contests at Pepsi Center, outscoring opponents 55-22 during that stretch. Colorado is averaging 3.66 goals-per-game at home, which ranks second in the league. Colorado’s 23 home wins is its most since the 2014-15 campaign (23-15-3).

The Avalanche matched a season high with seven goals (3x: Jan. 6 vs. Minnesota, Dec. 9 at Florida) and has scored seven goals on three separate occasions for the first time since the 2006-07 season (also three 7-goal games).

Colorado’s six-goal margin of victory is its largest of the season.

Nathan MacKinnon...
- Reached the 30-goal mark for the first time in his career. He’s just the second player in the last 11 seasons to reach the threshold (Matt Duchene, 2015-16).
- Is the first Avalanche player to score more than 30 goals in a season since 2006-07 (Joe Sakic, 36 and Milan Hejduk, 35).
- Registered his 11th game with three or more points, the most 3+ point games by an Avalanche player since Peter Forsberg had 14 and Milan Hejduk had 11 in 2002-03.
- Now has 76 points this season, the most by an Avalanche player since Paul Stastny had 79 in 2009-10.
- Picked up his 22nd multi-point game of the season, the most by a Colorado player since Joe Sakic (28) and Andrew Brunette (22) in 2006-07.
- Recorded five points for the second time in his career, both of which have occurred this season (Nov. 16, 2017 vs. Washington). It’s the most 5+ point nights by an Avalanche player since Paul Stastny had two 5+ point games in 2007-08.
- Has recorded 56 of his 76 points (23g, 33a) on home ice and ranks first in the league in points at home. It’s the most points by an Avs player at home since Peter Forsberg also notched 56 points in 2002-03.
- Now ranks first in the league in points-per-game (1.36) and fourth in total points (76).
- Is tied for fifth in the league with 11 power-play goals
- Has 11 points (6g, 5a) in his last four outings, including a four-game goal streak.
- Scored the game-winning goal for the 10th time this season, the most by an Avalanche player since Joe Sakic had 12 in 2000-01. MacKinnon ranks second behind Calgary’s Sean Monahan in game-winning tallies in 2017-18.
- Is the first player to finish with a +5 plus-minus rating since Rob Blake on March 19, 2006 at San Jose (also +5).
Colorado is 2-0-1 against the Wild this season with one game remaining in the 2017-18 series. The Avs have outscored Minnesota 16-6 in the three contests, including a 14-3 margin of victory in the last two combined games.

The Avalanche has had four players register five-point nights this season, the most 5+ point performances since 1995-96 (6).

Mikko Rantanen reached the 100-point milestone for his career and matched a career high with four points (1g, 3a), a feat he’s accomplished twice (Nov. 16, 2017 vs. Washington). His 44 points (16g, 28a) at home in 2017-18 is tied with Pittsburgh’s Sidney Crosby for third in the NHL in home scoring. His 25 power-play points are tied for 10th in the league.

Patrik Nemeth registered the fourth multi-point game of his career, two of which have come this season (Nov. 2, 2017 vs. Carolina). He was a career-high +4 on the night and is now +26 on the season.

Samuel Girard registered his second multi-point game (Dec. 31 vs. New York Islanders).

Carl Soderberg has recorded three points in his last two outings.

The Avs’ top line accounted for 10 points (4g, 6a) in tonight’s game and has combined for 130 points (52g, 78a) in 32 home outings this season.

The Avs are now 29-6-2 when scoring the first goal of the game, the fourth-most wins in the NHL when lighting the lamp first.

Colorado scored four goals in a period for the second straight game, matching a season high for goals in a single frame (5x, last: Dec. 31 vs. New York Islanders, 2nd period).

The Avalanche finished 3-for-3 on the penalty kill and is 94-101 (93.1%) on the kill at home this season, the league’s top-ranked home penalty-kill unit. The Avs have allowed a league-low seven power-play goals on home ice in 2017-18 and just three in its last 20 contests at Pepsi Center (57-for-60, 95%). Colorado has killed 17 straight penalties at home.

**Colorado C Nathan MacKinnon**

*On Tonight’s Game:* “Like I said, every game is so big now. The Wild, they are a really good hockey team, we couldn’t take them lightly and obviously it wasn’t their best night, but I thought we earned every goal we got. We played well.”
On His Power-Play Goal: “I figured they saw me shoot low blocker a couple of times so I wanted to mix it up. I just tried faking short side, maybe going across my body, managed to catch that far post.”

Colorado LW Gabriel Landeskog
On His Line’s Performance: “For any team, it doesn’t matter what team you’re playing on but your first line has got to be driving the boat and we’re making sure that we are leading and that’s kind of what we wanted to do tonight. Just come out and lead the charge right off the get-go and we did that.”

On His Goal: “I think that’s what I got to do to be successful and get to the front of the net and provide that screen. Some of those you are able to get a stick on and I did tonight.”

Colorado D Patrik Nemeth
On The Team’s Performance: “We’ve been playing pretty well at home. They played last night so obviously we had legs on them. I think we took our chance to have a good start. I mean, they’re a good team, they are up their in the standings, so it was a big win for us.”

On The Team’s Mentality: “Our goal is obviously getting in the playoffs and we feel that we are good enough and we feel that we are right there. So, this win was huge but now, every game is going to be like four-point games almost every night so it shouldn’t be that hard to get up to the challenge. I think we have a good group here. Every game is just so important right now.”

Minnesota D Ryan Suter
On The Team’s Performance: “It wasn’t good. They played better than we did. We didn’t come out bad, they got that first goal on the power play, and then they were able to get momentum. They’re fast, they’re good through the neutral zone, they come at you with all their guys. Their D are jumping in every time.”

On The Turning Point: “I thought that third goal was the difference. I thought if we get one, then we are back into it. We just weren’t able to contain them. They were coming at us with four or five guys every run.”

Minnesota C Eric Staal
On Tonight’s Game: “It was 7-1, there was a lot of things you could say went wrong. It wasn’t good enough. Coming off of the game last night we wanted to do a better job and get a result, but it went the other way. It’s not a good feeling right now, but we have to get back at it. It’s one game again and we have to respond on Sunday.”

On The Road Trip: “It’s disappointing. You come on the road and you want to keep building momentum. We had a pretty good start in Arizona, we didn’t get rewarded with a couple goals and it just seemed to run out as the game went on there. Tonight we fought early and then you give up one, and then a tough one on the power play, it
was a bad penalty by me and then you’re chasing the game. We were chasing the
game again and guys are starting to feel it, it’s tough.”