



POSTGAME NOTES & QUOTES

TAMPA BAY LIGHTNING 1, COLORADO AVALANCHE 0

OCTOBER 24, 2018

First Star

Nikita Kucherov (1g)

Second Star

Semyon Varlamov (23 sv)

Third Star

Andrei Vasilevskiy (23 sv)

TEAM STATS

Avalanche

Shots: 23

Power Play: 0-4

Penalty Kill: 2-3

Faceoffs: 53%

Tampa Bay

Shots: 24

Power Play: 1-3

Penalty Kill: 4-4

Faceoffs: 47%

Next Practice

Thursday

October 25, 2018 — 12 p.m.

Family Sports

TEAM NOTES

Colorado won a season-high 53% of its faceoffs.

The Avalanche finished 2-for-3 on the penalty kill, allowing a power-play goal for the first time at home this season. Colorado entered the game as one of three remaining teams in the league that was perfect on the PK on home ice. The Avs are 12-for-13 (92.3%) on the penalty kill at Pepsi Center in 2018-19, ranked fourth in the NHL.

The Avs were shut out for the first time since Feb. 3 (3-0 at Winnipeg) and for the first time at home since March 5, 2017 (3-0 vs. St. Louis), a stretch of 51 consecutive games without a shutout loss.

INDIVIDUAL NOTES

Nikita Kucherov's third-period tally was the 150th goal of his career, tying him with Brad Richards for fourth on Tampa's all-time goals list.

Andrei Vasilevskiy recorded his 13th career shutout, nine of which have come on the road. Vasilevskiy's nine road shutouts ranks second in Lightning history (Ben Bishop, 10).

Semyon Varlamov has allowed one goal in four of his seven starts this season. He ranks first in the league (among goaltenders who have played 3+ games) in goals-against average (1.56) and first in save percentage (.953).

QUOTES

Colorado LW Gabriel Landeskog

On Tonight's Game: "First period was awesome. Second period, we had some trouble getting out of our zone just because pucks weren't clean and we kept flicking pucks in the air. We weren't skating on them, we weren't supporting, we weren't communicating but at the end of the day, it was a 0-0 hockey game going into the third here at home with a packed house. We had a chance to win the hockey game, but we didn't."



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On Special Teams: “I mean, it’s a tight game all the way through. They score on the power play, we didn’t score on any of our power plays. That’s the difference.”

Colorado D Ian Cole

On Tampa Bay’s Power Play: “They’re a good team. They have some very dangerous players. On the power play, they can certainly hurt you when you give them too many chances.”

On Bouncing Back Against Ottawa: “Good teams respond, so it obviously [stinks] tonight. You know, it’s a missed opportunity for us to beat a great hockey team but, like I said, we’re going to reassess, have a practice tomorrow and be ready to go come Friday night.”

Tampa Bay RW Nikita Kucherov

On His Goal: “Nice to get a chance to play with (Tampa Bay C Steven Stamkos) on the PP. We feel each other pretty well, we work on that every day. So, they got a little tired, so they gave us a little more time to make the play, we’ve got to make it so that’s what happened.”

On Tampa Bay C Steven Stamkos: “He’s a skilled player, he’s definitely able to do all those plays and sell the shot and make moves around D’s and when everybody expects him to shoot, it makes it easier for us to get open, so all I had to do was just get open, find a lane, and I was sure he would make it. It’s starting to click and it’s just fun to watch.”

Tampa Bay C Steven Stamkos

On Tonight’s Game: “We made some adjustments, thinking we’d get a power play in the third--I was noticing that if I got the puck their guy was coming out and trying to block the shot. So, we talked about some different looks and maybe faking one and sucking the guy in a bit. It worked out and, obviously, I was able to find Kuch (Tampa Bay RW Nikita Kucherov) and it doesn’t miss too often from there. We stuck with it—we had some decent looks on that power play and it was nice to get one and be a difference maker in the game. Our PK was outstanding again; special teams won us the game tonight.”

On The Tampa Bay Defense: “That’s [the Avalanche] a really good hockey team over there; that first line has probably been the best line in hockey so far. They’ve been unbelievably hot to start the year so huge credit to (Tampa Bay C Cedric) Paquette, (Tampa Bay RW Ryan) Callahan and (Tampa Bay C J.T.) Miller tonight. After a sluggish start, they really shut those guys down in the second and third when they were matched up against them. Not often can you do that on the road, but they did a fantastic job and we were able to build off that. Any time your goalie can pitch a shutout you usually find a way to win and that’s a big win for us.”