



COLORADO AVALANCHE UPDATE

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AVALANCHE NOTES

MacKINNON NAMED SECOND STAR: Nathan MacKinnon was named the NHL's Second Star for the month of November. He tied for the league lead with 23 points (9g/14a) in 14 games last month, equaling the Avalanche record for scoring in November set by Peter Forsberg in 1995-96. The 23 points were a career high for MacKinnon in a single month.

ROAD WARRIORS: Colorado has won six consecutive road games, tied for the second-longest road winning streak in franchise history and one short of their single-season franchise record of seven straight road wins set in 1998-99. Colorado is 10-4-2 on the road this year, the most away points in the NHL (22), and has scored 62 goals on the road, the most of any team.

"It was a little stressful, it's not like you are leading 5-0 with five minutes left. We knew that Detroit was going to push back in the third period. Like I said, they are a good team and never give up. They are playing all 60 minutes so we knew that and just tried to stay focused."

—Avalanche goaltender Semyon Varlamov following Colorado's 2-0 win over the Detroit Red Wings on Sunday night

UPCOMING GAMES



Tuesday, December 4 at Pittsburgh Penguins
PPG Paints Arena, 5 p.m. MT, TV: Altitude, Radio: 92.5 FM

The Avalanche continues its four-game, Eastern Conference road trip against the Pittsburgh Penguins on Tuesday night, the second and final meeting between the clubs this season. Colorado won the first matchup 6-3 last Wednesday in Denver, backed by a four-point night (1g, 3a) from Nathan MacKinnon.



Thursday, December 6 at Florida Panthers
BB&T Center, 5 p.m. MT, TV: Altitude, Radio: 92.5 FM

The Avs take on the Florida Panthers on Thursday for the first of two matchups between the teams in 2018-19. The Avalanche won both contests last season, outscoring the Panthers by a combined score of 9-4. Florida will make its annual trip to the Mile High City on Feb. 25.



Saturday, December 8 at Tampa Bay Lightning
Amalie Arena, 5 p.m. MT, TV: Altitude, Radio: 92.5 FM

Colorado wraps up its road trip in Tampa Bay, also closing out a two-game series against the Lightning. Tampa Bay won the first game 1-0 on Oct. 24 at Pepsi Center. Colorado is currently 9-2-2 against Eastern Conference teams this season, including a 5-1-1 mark on the road.

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

Day	Date	Location	Time
Tuesday	Dec. 4	Morning skate at PPG Paints Arena	9:30 a.m.
		Game #28 at Pittsburgh Penguins	5 p.m.
Wednesday	Dec. 5	Travel Day	
Thursday	Dec. 6	Morning skate at BB&T Center	9:30 a.m.
		Game #29 at Florida Panthers	5 p.m.
Friday	Dec. 7	Practice at Ice Sports Forum	10 a.m.
Saturday	Dec. 8	Morning skate at Amalie Arena	9:30 a.m.
		Game #30 vs. Tampa Bay Lightning	5 p.m.
Sunday	Dec. 9	No practice	

*All practice dates/times are subject to change, all times mountain

CENTRAL DIVISION STANDINGS

TEAM	GP	W	L	OT	PTS
Nashville Predators	28	19	8	1	39
Colorado Avalanche	27	16	6	5	37
Winnipeg Jets	26	16	8	2	34
Dallas Stars	28	15	10	3	33
Minnesota Wild	26	14	10	2	30
Chicago Blackhawks	28	9	14	5	23
St. Louis Blues	25	9	13	3	21

AVALANCHE LEADERS

Category	Player	No.
Goals	Nathan MacKinnon	19
Assists	Mikko Rantanen	34
Points	Mikko Rantanen	45
Power-Play Goals	Gabriel Landeskog	5
	Nathan MacKinnon	5
	Mikko Rantanen	5
Shorthanded Goals	J.T. Compher	2
Penalty Minutes	Ian Cole	48
Time on Ice/Game	Nathan MacKinnon	22:03
Game-Winning Goals	Gabriel Landeskog	5
Goals-Against Average	Semyon Varlamov	2.23
Save Percentage	Semyon Varlamov	.930

PLAYER SPOTLIGHT

Semyon Varlamov

Position: Goaltender
Height: 6'2
Weight: 205 lbs.
Catches: Left
Born: April 27, 1988
Birthplace: Samara, Russia



Varlamov turned away all 24 shots he faced against the Detroit Red Wings on Sunday night to pick up his first shutout of the season and the 24th of his career. Varlamov has now registered 20 shutouts as a member of the Avalanche, the second-most in franchise history to Patrick Roy (37). He's 6-0-1 in his last seven starts, which included a five-game winning streak from Nov. 11-27.