



COLORADO

AVALANCHE UPDATE

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AVALANCHE NOTES

GETTING OFFENSIVE: The Avalanche ranks third in the NHL in goals (108) and fourth in goals-per-game (3.60). Colorado has scored six or more goals six different times and five or more goals 11 times, both of which rank second in the NHL behind only Tampa Bay (eight and 13 respectively). The Avs rank second in third-period scoring (44) and are tied with the Lightning for the most combined second and third-period goals (83).

MacKINNON HITS 20 GOALS: MacKinnon scored his 20th goal of the season on Saturday night in Tampa Bay, matching Joe Sakic's Avalanche record for the fewest team games (30) to reach 20 goals. Sakic tallied his 20th in Colorado's 30th game in 1995-96. MacKinnon's 20 markers are tied for fourth in the NHL.

"We have been on the road a lot. It seems like we haven't really slept in our own beds here this last month and a half. It will be nice to go back to the Pepsi Center in front of our own fans."

—Avalanche forward Tyson Jost, as Colorado returns to Denver to host the Edmonton Oilers Tuesday night

UPCOMING GAMES



Tuesday, December 11 vs. Edmonton Oilers
Pepsi Center, 7 p.m. MT, TV: Altitude, Radio: 92.5 FM

Colorado returns to Pepsi Center for its first home game in the month of December. Tuesday's contest is just the 12th home contest of the season for the Avs, the fewest in the league, but the Avalanche will play five of its next six games at home.



Friday, December 14 at St. Louis Blues
Enterprise Center, 6 p.m. MT, TV: Altitude 2, Radio: 92.5 FM

The Avalanche heads to St. Louis for the first game of a back-to-back set against Central-Division opponents. Colorado is 3-1-0 in the first game of a back-to-back this season.



Saturday, December 15 vs. Dallas Stars
Pepsi Center, 7 p.m. MT, TV: Altitude, Radio: 92.5 FM

The Avs and Stars clash for the second time this season and the last meeting between the clubs at Pepsi Center, as both remaining matchups are in Dallas. Colorado won the first game of the season series 3-2, which was also the second half of a back-to-back set.



Monday, December 17 vs. New York Islanders
Pepsi Center, 7 p.m. MT, TV: Altitude, Radio: 92.5 FM

The New York Islanders make their only visit to Denver on Monday, which is also the second contest of a four-game homestand for the Avalanche. Colorado was 1-1-0 against the Islanders in 2017-18.

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

Day	Date	Location	Time
Tuesday	Dec. 11	Morning skate at Pepsi Center	10:30 a.m.
		Game #31 vs. Edmonton Oilers	7 p.m.
Wednesday	Dec. 12	Practice at Family Sports	11 a.m.
Thursday	Dec. 13	Practice at Family Sports	11 a.m.
		Team flight to St. Louis after practice	
Friday	Dec. 14	Morning skate at Enterprise Center	10:30 a.m.
		Game #32 at St. Louis Blues	6 p.m.
Saturday	Dec. 15	Game #33 vs. Dallas Stars	7 p.m.
Sunday	Dec. 16	No practice	

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

CENTRAL DIVISION STANDINGS

TEAM	GP	W	L	OT	PTS
Nashville Predators	30	19	10	1	39
Colorado Avalanche	30	17	8	5	39
Winnipeg Jets	29	18	9	2	38
Dallas Stars	30	16	11	3	35
Minnesota Wild	29	15	12	2	32
St. Louis Blues	28	10	14	4	24
Chicago Blackhawks	31	9	17	5	23

AVALANCHE LEADERS

Category	Player	No.
Goals	Nathan MacKinnon	20
Assists	Mikko Rantanen	36
Points	Mikko Rantanen	48
Power-Play Goals	Gabriel Landeskog	5
	Nathan MacKinnon	5
	Mikko Rantanen	5
Shorthanded Goals	J.T. Compher	2
Penalty Minutes	Ian Cole	50
Time on Ice/Game	Erik Johnson	21:55
Game-Winning Goals	Gabriel Landeskog	5
Goals-Against Average	Semyon Varlamov	2.63
Save Percentage	Semyon Varlamov	.918

PLAYER SPOTLIGHT

Mikko Rantanen

Position: Right Wing
Height: 6'4
Weight: 215 lbs.
Shoots: Left
Born: October 29, 1996
Birthplace: Nousiainen, Finland



Rantanen has registered at least a point in his last 11 games (5g, 14a), tied with Washington's Alexander Ovechkin for the longest active streak in the NHL. He continues to lead the league in scoring with 48 points (12g, 36a) and has held at least a share of the scoring lead since Oct. 23. Rantanen has been the outright leader for 44 of those 50 days. Rantanen's 48 points is the second-highest total through 30 games in Avalanche history behind Peter Forsberg, who had 53 points through 30 contests in 1995-96.