



# COLORADO AVALANCHE UPDATE

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## AVALANCHE NOTES

**BREAKING 50:** Nathan MacKinnon and Mikko Rantanen are just the fifth set of teammates since 1981-82 to be the first two NHL players to reach 50 points in a season, joining Evgeni Malkin and Sidney Crosby (2009-09), Mario Lemieux and Jaromir Jagr (1995-96), Wayne Gretzky and Glenn Anderson (1985-86), and Wayne Gretzky and Jari Kurri (1983-84).

**HISTORIC STREAK:** Mikko Rantanen's career-long 14-game point streak was snapped against the New York Islanders on Monday night. The streak matches the third-longest streak in Avalanche history (since 1995-96), trailing only Paul Stastny (20 games, Feb. 3-March 17, 2007) and Alex Tanguay (16 games, Feb. 6-March 7, 2003). Rantanen totaled 27 points (8g, 19a) during the stretch and remains the league's points (56) and assists (41) leader.

"It probably means I've been here a long time. No, Johnny is obviously a great player and there's been some great D to come through here so it's something that's cool for me and I'll take pride in but, it would have been a lot sweeter if it was a different outcome tonight. The focus of this team is all just on team performance and the individual stuff comes along with that, so that's nice, but we've got a lot of work ahead of us, yet."

—Avalanche defenseman **Tyson Barrie** on tying **John-Michael Liles** for assists by a defenseman in franchise history

## UPCOMING GAMES



**Wednesday, December 19 vs. Montreal Canadiens**  
Pepsi Center, 6:30 p.m. MT, TV: Altitude, Radio: 92.5 FM

The Avalanche hosts the Montreal Canadiens on Wednesday night. The Avs have won their last three home games against the Canadiens and are 11-2-1 at home versus Montreal since relocating to Denver in 1995-96.



**Friday, December 21 vs. Chicago Blackhawks**  
Pepsi Center, 7 p.m. MT, TV: Altitude, Radio: 92.5 FM

Colorado wraps up its four-game homestand against the Chicago Blackhawks on Friday night, the first of five meetings between the Central-Division opponents this season and the first of three visits the Blackhawks will make to Denver.



**Saturday, December 22 at Arizona Coyotes**  
Gila River Arena, 5 p.m. MT, TV: Altitude 2, Radio: 950 AM

The Avs and Coyotes clash for the second of three meetings this campaign. Colorado won the first matchup 5-1 on Nov. 23 in Glendale. Saturday's game is Colorado's last before the NHL's Holiday break, which runs from Dec. 24-26.

## UPCOMING SCHEDULE

Day	Date	Location	Time
Tuesday	Dec. 18	Practice at Family Sports	11 a.m.
Wednesday	Dec. 19	Morning skate at Pepsi Center	9:30 a.m.
		<b>Game #35 vs. Montreal Canadiens</b>	6:30 p.m.
Thursday	Dec. 20	Practice at Family Sports	11 a.m.
Friday	Dec. 21	Morning skate at Pepsi Center	10:30 a.m.
		<b>Game #36 vs. Chicago Blackhawks</b>	7 p.m.
Saturday	Dec. 22	<b>Game #37 at Arizona Coyotes</b>	5 p.m.
Sunday	Dec. 23	No practice	
Monday	Dec. 24	NHL Holiday Break Begins	

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

## CENTRAL DIVISION STANDINGS

TEAM	GP	W	L	OT	PTS
Winnipeg Jets	33	22	9	2	46
Nashville Predators	34	22	10	2	46
<b>Colorado Avalanche</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>42</b>
Minnesota Wild	32	17	13	2	36
Dallas Stars	33	16	14	3	35
St. Louis Blues	31	12	15	4	28
Chicago Blackhawks	35	10	19	6	26

## AVALANCHE LEADERS

Category	Player	No.
Goals	Gabriel Landeskog	22
Assists	Mikko Rantanen	41
Points	Mikko Rantanen	56
Power-Play Goals	Gabriel Landeskog	7
	Mikko Rantanen	7
Shorthanded Goals	J.T. Compher	2
Penalty Minutes	Ian Cole	54
Time on Ice/Game	Nathan MacKinnon	22:00
Game-Winning Goals	Gabriel Landeskog	6
Goals-Against Average	Semyon Varlamov	2.79
Save Percentage	Semyon Varlamov	.913

## PLAYER SPOTLIGHT

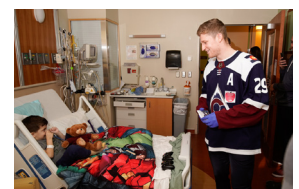
### Gabriel Landeskog

Position: Left Wing  
Height: 6'1  
Weight: 215 lbs.  
Shoots: Left  
Born: November 23, 1992  
Birthplace: Stockholm, Sweden



Landeskog scored his 22nd goal of the season against the New York Islanders on Monday night and now ranks fourth in the NHL in goals. His seven power-play tallies are tied for sixth, and the Avs' captain is also tied for the league lead with six game-winning markers. Landeskog's +19 rating is tied for sixth among all skaters, and 14 of his 22 goals have come in the third period, making Landeskog the top-scoring player in the league in the final frame.

## AVALANCHE IN THE COMMUNITY



The Avalanche made its annual trip to a local pediatric hospital on Dec. 10, spreading holiday cheer to children and their families in the hospital.