POSTGAME NOTES & QUOTES
COLORADO AVALANCHE 3, ARIZONA COYOTES 2 (SO)
MARCH 29, 2019

First Star
Philipp Grubauer (42 svs)

Second Star
Nathan MacKinnon (1g)

Third Star
Oliver Ekman-Larsson (2g)

TEAM NOTES
The Avs wrapped up their three-game season series against the Coyotes, finishing 2-1-0 against Arizona. Colorado is 6-0-1 in its last seven games and 13-5-2 over its last 20. The Avalanche extended its home winning streak to a season-long four games, its longest stretch of home wins since Dec. 29, 2017 - Feb. 14, 2018 (10 games). The Avs are 9-2-1 over its last 12 games at Pepsi Center.

Colorado finished 2-for-4 on the power play, the 11th time this season that the Avalanche has scored two or more goals with the man advantage. The Avs are 11-0-0 when scoring multiple power-play tallies in 2018-19. Colorado is 5-for-14 (35.7%) with the man advantage over its last four games.

The Avalanche has scored first in eight consecutive games (6-1-1) and is 28-5-6 when notching the first goal of the game this season.

Colorado played its third shootout game of the season (2-1) and is 2-0 in shootout games at home in 2018-19.

INDIVIDUAL NOTES
Nathan MacKinnon scored his 39th goal of the season, matching his career high set during the 2017-18 campaign.

Alexander Kerfoot extended his point streak to four games (1g, 4a), matching his career high (last: Oct. 4 - Oct. 11, 2018).

Philipp Grubauer has started a career-high seven consecutive games and is 6-0-1 in those starts with a 1.55 goals-against average and a .957 save percentage. His 17 wins this season is a career high. Grubauer is now 5-5 in shootouts in his career with a .667 save percentage (39 att, 13g).

QUOTES
Colorado G Philipp Grubauer
On Tonight’s Game: “It was a little bit closer than we wanted it to be. We need to stay on the gas a little bit in the last period. It’s quite a bit loud in
here going into the last period with a lead and giving up a lot of shots. But on the other side, we’re doing a great job defending too. A little bit more interesting then we needed it to be, but it was good. Huge two points.”

On The Avs’ Defensive Effort: “You’re reacting from the middle out, not giving them too much off the rush too. They were really dangerous every time they had the puck in their zone and two guys are already leaving the zone and looking for a 2-on-1 or breakaway, so I think we did pretty good in the neutral zone.”

Colorado C Nathan MacKinnon
On The Third Period: “A couple lucky goals. We had good coverage. Gabe (Colorado LW Gabriel Landeskog) had a big block and it just kind of came right back to him. We played it really well, it’s just unfortunate, the two unfortunate goals went in. I think the first one hit something. We had so many chances in the third to put that away. Niets (Colorado LW Matt Nieto), Calvy (Colorado LW Matt Calvert), Gabe had a chance at the end. I thought we played well.”

On The Power Play: “They have a good penalty kill, so we were ready for pressure. They’re first in the league on penalty kill and we did a great job on the power play. I think we were 2-for-4 or something, so that’s solid. It’s nice to have Landy (Colorado LW Gabriel Landeskog) back on the goal line. He makes really good plays, he kind of settles things down. Obviously, great to have him back.”

Colorado D Tyson Barrie
On The Third Period: “It’s tough to be up 2-0 and give one up. That one hit my stick, the first one, and then Gabe (Colorado LW Gabriel Landeskog) gets a big block and then he just kind of fires it on net, I don’t think Grubi (Colorado G Philipp Grubauer) saw it. So that was a bit frustrating to give them a point, but I mean, we got two points and that’s the biggest thing and that, kind of again, puts us in control of our own destiny.”

On Overtime: “We’ve been poor in overtime this year and we kind of knew we had to lock it down more defensively this time and not give any needless chances and give them the game, so I think we did that and then you get to a shoot out. Obviously, Nate (Colorado C Nathan MacKinnon) made a pretty sweet move to win it for us.”

Arizona D Oliver Ekman-Larsson
On Tonight’s Game: “I thought we played a pretty good game overall, it was just taking too many penalties and we couldn’t really kill them off. Other than that, I thought we played pretty good.”

On Playing Through Adversity: “We said that we have to keep working hard and that’s all we can do and maybe we’ll get back in the game. That’s what we did, and I think that could be a huge point at the end of the day so we’ll take that one and move forward and hopefully get in the playoffs but it’s going to be a little bit harder now.”
Arizona C Derek Stepan

On Tonight’s Effort: “Battled real hard, I thought we played a really strong game and we’ll look back at it and make our adjustments and talk about a lot. Special teams is big and we lost the special teams battle but we worked our tails off, which at this time of the year that’s really all you can ask for.”

On The Team’s Mood: “Honestly, it’s the same mood we’ve had all year and it’s not going to change. We’re going to go to work tomorrow and we’re going to prepare ourselves to finish out the season. Four more games and at this point we need all eight points and there’s nothing else we can really stress out about other than just keep worrying about what we can in this room. Like I said, I really liked our game tonight. We keep playing that way down the stretch, we’ll win a lot of hockey games.”