



AVALANCHE PRESEASON GAME NOTES

Saturday, September 21, 2019

Avalanche at Minnesota Wild – Xcel Energy Center

Tonight: The Colorado Avalanche plays its first road game of the preseason tonight, taking on the Minnesota Wild at Xcel Energy Center. It's the third of six exhibition contests for Colorado, which faces the Wild, Vegas Golden Knights and Dallas Stars twice each (once at home, once on the road) during the exhibition slate. Saturday's contest is the first half of a back-to-back, home-and-home series against the Wild before Colorado closes out the preseason with road contests at Vegas and Dallas.

Broadcast Schedule: All preseason and regular season games can be heard on the Altitude Radio Network, with Altitude Sports Radio (92.5 FM) serving as the flagship home of Avalanche hockey in 2019-20. Marc Moser (play-by-play) and Peter McNab (analyst) will once again be in the booth for all Altitude TV broadcasts, while Conor McGahey will call the action for all six exhibition games and all 82 regular season contests on Altitude Sports Radio. The Avs are set to appear in 12 nationally televised games in the United States on NBC and NBCSN this season, highlighted by the 2020 Coors Light NHL Stadium Series game against the Los Angeles Kings on Feb. 15, 2020.

Date	Opponent	Time (MT)	Location	Result
Tue., Sept. 17, 2019	Vegas Golden Knights	7 p.m.	Pepsi Center	L, 0-5
Thu., Sept. 19, 2019	Dallas Stars	7 p.m.	Pepsi Center	L, 1-2
Sat., Sept. 21, 2019	@ Minnesota Wild	4 p.m.	Xcel Energy Center	
Sun., Sept. 22, 2019	Minnesota Wild	5 p.m.	Pepsi Center	
Wed., Sept. 25, 2019	@ Vegas Golden Knights	8 p.m.	T-Mobile Arena	
Sat., Sept. 28, 2019	@ Dallas Stars	4 p.m.	American Airlines Center	

Avalanche vs. Wild: The Avalanche continues its preseason slate against the Minnesota Wild on Saturday evening at Xcel Energy Center, the first half of a back-to-back, home-and-home series between the Central Division rivals. Colorado finished 2-2-0 against Minnesota last season, winning one game at home and one on the road. Sheldon Dries made his NHL debut in the season opener against the Wild on Oct. 4.

2018-19 Results vs. Minnesota

Date	Opponent	Result	SF-SA	PP	PK
Oct. 4, 2018	Minnesota	W, 4-1	40-21	1-3	3-3
Oct. 27, 2018	@Minnesota	L, 2-3	32-28	0-6	4-5
Jan. 23, 2019	Minnesota	L, 2-5	22-28	1-2	4-6
March 19, 2019	@Minnesota	W, 3-1	38-37	0-3	2-3

2018-19 Individual Player Scoring vs. Minnesota

Player	GP	G	A	Pts	+/-	PIM	PPG	GWG
Mikko Rantanen	4	1	3	4	2	2	0	0
Carl Soderberg	4	2	2	4	2	0	0	0
Tyson Barrie	4	2	1	3	2	6	1	0
Ian Cole	4	1	1	2	1	4	0	0
Gabriel Landeskog	3	1	1	2	0	0	0	0
Nathan MacKinnon	4	1	1	2	1	0	0	1
Colin Wilson	4	0	2	2	1	0	0	0
Mark Barberio	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
Matt Calvert	4	0	1	1	0	7	0	0
J.T. Compher	3	1	0	1	0	0	1	0
Tyson Jost	2	1	0	1	1	4	0	1
Vladislav Kamenev	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
Alexander Kerfoot	4	0	1	1	-1	4	0	0
Patrik Nemeth	3	0	1	1	1	2	0	0
Matt Nieto	3	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
Sven Andrighetto	3	0	0	0	-1	0	0	0
Gabriel Bourque	4	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
Derick Brassard	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Marko Dano	1	0	0	0	1	2	0	0
Sheldon Dries	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Samuel Girard	4	0	0	0	-1	0	0	0

Ryan Graves	2	0	0	0	-1	0	0	0
Erik Johnson	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Nikita Zadorov	4	0	0	0	3	6	0	0

2019-20 Preseason Game-by-Game Summary

Date	Opp.	Scoring by Period					Shots by Period					PP	PK	Pen/Min	GWG	(Saves-Shots)
		1	2	3	OT	F	1	2	3	OT	F					
9/17	vs. VGK	1	1	3	-	5	9	5	14	-	28	2-5	5-5	5-10	V. Zykov	G. Sparks (24-24)
	COL	0	0	0	-	0	10	11	3	-	24	0-5	3-5	5-10		A. Werner (11-13)/H. Miska (12-15)
9/19	vs. DAL	0	0	2	-	2	10	5	8	-	23	0-3	4-4	5-13	M. Mersch	J. Oettinger (31-32)/L. Bow (15-15)
	COL	1	0	0	-	1	16	16	15	-	47	0-4	3-3	4-11		P. Grubauer (21-23)
9/21	@ MIN															
	COL															
9/22	vs. MIN															
	COL															
9/25	@ VGK															
	COL															
9/28	@ DAL															
	COL															

Transactions

Date	Pos.	Player	Team (League)	Date	Pos.	Player	Team (League)
9/16	D	Josh Anderson	Colorado Eagles (AHL)	9/17	D	Sasha Larocque	Colorado Eagles (AHL)
	LW	Travis Barron	Colorado Eagles (AHL)		RW	Alex Beaucage	Rouyn-Noranda Huskies (QMJHL)
	C	Josh Dickinson	Colorado Eagles (AHL)		C/RW	Luka Burzan	Brandon Wheat Kings (WHL)
	C	Brandon Saigeon	Colorado Eagles (AHL)		RW	Sasha Mutala	Tri-City Americans
	C	Igor Shvyrev	Colorado Eagles (AHL)				
	G	Trent Miner	Vancouver Giants (WHL)				

2019 Rookie Showcase: The Avs traveled to Anaheim to participate in the 2019 Rookie Showcase, hosted by the Ducks at their practice facility, FivePoint Arena. Colorado finished 1-2-0 in games against the Vegas Golden Knights, Los Angeles Kings and Arizona Coyotes. Forwards Shane Bowers and Nick Henry and defenseman Bowen Byram led the Avalanche with two points each. Hunter Miska (8 saves) and Trent Miner (13 saves) split Colorado's first game in net, while Miner played the entire second contest against Los Angeles (32 saves) and Adam Werner got the start against Arizona in the final outing of the tournament (24 saves).

2019 Rookie Faceoff Scoring Summary

9/7 vs. Vegas	W, 5-2	9/8 vs. Los Angeles	L, 6-1	9/10 vs. Arizona	L, 2-0
Player	G-A-P	Player	G-A-P	Player	G-A-P
Shane Bowers	1-1-2	Alex Beaucage	1-0-1		
Nick Henry	1-1-2	Sasha Larocque	0-1-1		
Bowen Byram	0-2-2	Wyatt McLeod	0-1-1		
Logan O'Connor	1-0-1				
Igor Shvyrev	1-0-1				
Luka Burzan	1-0-1				
Martin Kaut	0-1-1				
Kevin Davis	0-1-1				

2019-20 Regular Season Schedule: The Avalanche will begin its season at home for the 11th time in the last 14 years and for the 13th time in the last 17. Colorado will play its first four games of the 2019-20 campaign at Pepsi Center, marking the longest season-opening homestand in franchise history (previous was three games in both 1998-99 and 2015-16). Following that four-game homestand, the team will depart for a season-long, six-game road trip from Oct. 14-25. The Avs, who are scheduled for a pair of five-game road swings as well (Nov. 12-21 and Feb. 1-9), will have three road trips of five or more games for just the second time in franchise history (1999-00).

Colorado's busiest month is March, where the club will match a franchise record with 16 games. The Avs have played 16 games in a month only five times before: January 2004 and March 2003, 2004, 2012 and 2017. The Avs are scheduled for 15 dates in February, the team's busiest February ever. Colorado will play 14 games in both November and December, 12 in October, nine in January and two in April.

Pronunciation Guide

Mark Barberio	<i>bahr-BAIR-ee-oh</i>	Vladislav Kamenev	<i>KA-men-ehv</i>
Alex Beaucauge	<i>BO-kahge</i>	Martin Kaut	<i>COW-t</i>
Pierre-Edouard Bellemare	<i>BEHL-mahr</i>	Cale Makar	<i>mah-KAR</i>
Andre Burakovsky	<i>buhr-a-KAWV-skee</i>	Jayson Megna	<i>MEHG-na</i>
Kevin Connauton	<i>kuh-NAW-tuhn</i>	Nicolas Meloche	<i>meh-LAWSH</i>
Joonas Donskoi	<i>DAWN-skoy, YOH-nuhs</i>	Hunter Miska	<i>MIS-kah</i>
Sheldon Dries	<i>DR-EYES</i>	Valeri Nichushkin	<i>nih-CHOOSH-kihn</i>
Pavel Francouz	<i>FRAN-soos</i>	Matt Nieto	<i>NEE-eh-toh</i>
Philipp Grubauer	<i>groo-BAHW-uhr</i>	Peter Tischke	<i>TISH-kee</i>
Tyson Jost	<i>JOH-st</i>	Nikita Zadorov	<i>za-DOHR-awv</i>
Nazem Kadri	<i>KA-dree, NA-zihm</i>		

Taking it Outdoors: The Avalanche, in conjunction with the NHL, will host the Los Angeles Kings in the 2020 Coors Light NHL Stadium Series outdoor game at the United States Air Force Academy on Feb. 15, 2020. This event will mark the second NHL outdoor game in the state of Colorado, as the Avs hosted the Detroit Red Wings at Coors Field on Feb. 27, 2016. It will be the first outdoor game in Air Force's history and the second to be held at a United States service academy. The Capitals and Maple Leafs played at the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis on March 3, 2018.

Productive Offseason: The Avalanche was busy this summer, adding veteran depth to its roster while continuing to build for the future. The Avs acquired Nazem Kadri and Andre Burakovsky via trade and signed free agents Pierre-Edouard Bellemare, Joonas Donskoi and Valeri Nichushkin. The organization selected eight players at the 2019 NHL Draft in Vancouver, which included five of the first 78 picks and two first rounders, Bowen Byram (fourth overall) and Alex Newhook (16th).

In July, the Avalanche announced a two-year contract extension for head coach Jared Bednar, locking him up through the 2021-22 season. Hired in August 2016, Bednar has led the Avalanche to consecutive postseason appearances for the first time in 13 years and was a finalist for the 2018 Jack Adams Award as the NHL's coach of the year.

Avalanche Newcomers: The Avalanche added depth and experience to its roster for the 2019-20 campaign, acquiring Nazem Kadri and Andre Burakovsky via trade, and signing free agents Pierre-Edouard Bellemare, Joonas Donskoi and Valeri Nichushkin.

Kadri, 28, has totaled 357 points (161g/196a) in 561 regular-season outings and has tallied 10 points (3g/7a) in 19 total playoff games. He compiled consecutive 30-goal seasons in 2016-17 and 2017-18, reaching a career high with 32 tallies in each campaign to rank seventh among NHL centers during that time frame (64).

Burakovsky, 24, appeared in 76 games for the Capitals last season, tallying 25 points (12g/13a). He helped Washington capture its first Stanley Cup championship in 2017-18.

Donskoi, 27, completed his fourth NHL season with the San Jose Sharks in 2018-19, setting career highs in games (80), points (37), goals (14-tied), game-winning goals (4) and plus/minus rating (+10-tied).

Bellemare, 34, has spent the last two seasons with the Vegas Golden Knights and tallied 15 points (6g/9a) in 76 games in 2018-19 while serving as an alternate captain. During the 2017-18 campaign, he finished with 16 points (6g/10a) in 72 contests, setting career highs in assists and points and helping Vegas reach the Stanley Cup Final in its inaugural season.

Nichushkin, 24, played his fourth NHL season with the Dallas Stars in 2018-19 where he tallied 10 points (0g/10a) in 57 games. The right wing has registered 74 points (23g/51a) in 223 career NHL regular-season contests and has recorded three points (1g/2a) in 17 career games in the Stanley Cup Playoffs.