



# AVALANCHE PRESEASON GAME NOTES

## Wednesday, September 25, 2019

### Avalanche at Vegas Golden Knights – T-Mobile Arena

**Tonight:** The Colorado Avalanche hits the road on Wednesday to take on the Vegas Golden Knights in its penultimate game of the preseason. Colorado is 1-3-0 through its first four exhibition contests, winning its last outing 3-2 in a shootout against the Minnesota Wild on Sunday night. That game wrapped up the home portion of the Avs' exhibition slate. Colorado will close out the 2019-20 preseason against the Dallas Stars on Saturday afternoon at American Airlines Arena.

**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	L, 3-4
Sun., Sept. 22, 2019	Minnesota Wild	5 p.m.	Pepsi Center	W, 3-2 (SO)
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. Golden Knights:** The Avalanche and Vegas Golden Knights clash on Wednesday night for the second and final preseason meeting between the clubs. Vegas won the first contest 5-0, which was Colorado's first game of the exhibition schedule. The Avs finished 2-1-0 against Vegas last season, winning both games at home. Colorado's win over the Golden Knights in the final matchup between the teams on March 27 was the club's 500th regular-season victory at home since moving to Denver in 1995 and the 800th win for the Nordiques/Avalanche franchise. It was also the 100th career NHL coaching victory for Jared Bednar. Colorado is undefeated against Vegas at home in the regular season with a 3-0-0 record since the Golden Knights joined the league in 2017-18.

#### 2018-19 Results vs. Vegas

Date	Opponent	Result	SF-SA	PP	PK
Dec. 27, 2018	@ Vegas	L, 1-2	32-43	1-4	4-4
Feb. 18, 2019	Vegas	W, 3-0	38-40	0-3	4-4
March 27, 2019	Vegas	W, 4-3	30-37	1-2	3-3

#### 2018-19 Individual Player Scoring vs. Vegas

Player	GP	G	A	Pts	+/-	PIM	PPG	GWG
Nathan MacKinnon	3	1	3	4	1	2	1	0
Tyson Barrie	3	1	2	3	2	2	0	0
Andrew Agozzino	2	1	1	2	2	0	0	0
Matt Calvert	3	2	0	2	-1	0	0	0
Tyson Jost	3	1	1	2	-1	0	0	1
Gabriel Bourque	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	1
J.T. Compher	3	1	0	1	0	2	1	0
Alexander Kerfoot	3	0	1	1	-1	4	0	0
Gabriel Landeskog	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
Matt Nieto	3	0	1	1	2	0	0	0
Mikko Rantanen	2	0	1	1	-1	2	0	0
Carl Soderberg	3	0	1	1	1	0	0	0
Nikita Zadorov	2	0	1	1	1	2	0	0
Sven Andrighetto	3	0	0	0	1	4	0	0
Derick Brassard	1	0	0	0	-1	2	0	0
Ian Cole	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sheldon Dries	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	0
Samuel Girard	3	0	0	0	-1	2	0	0
Ryan Graves	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	0

A.J. Greer	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Erik Johnson	3	0	0	0	0	-1	2	0	0
Patrik Nemeth	3	0	0	0	0	-1	0	0	0
Colin Wilson	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	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	1	2	1	-	4	12	10	4	-	26	0-4	8-8	12-35	M. Zuccarello	D. Dubnyk (30-33)
	COL	0	2	1	-	3	7	13	13	-	33	0-8	4-4	7-17		P. Francouz (22-26)
9/22	vs. MIN	1	1	0	0	2	6	7	8	2	23	1-3	5-5	6-15		A. Stalock (34-36)
	COL	1	1	0	0	3	10	12	10	4	36	0-5	2-3	4-11	(Shootout)	P. Grubauer (21-23)
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)				
9/22 (AM)	D	Mark Alt	Colorado Eagles (AHL)	9/22 (PM)	RW	Nick Henry	Colorado Eagles (AHL)
	RW	Erik Condra	Colorado Eagles (AHL)		RW	Colin Campbell	Released from PTO
	D	Kevin Davis	Colorado Eagles (AHL)				Invited to Eagles training camp
	LW	Ty Lewis	Colorado Eagles (AHL)				
	D	Anton Lindholm	Colorado Eagles (AHL)				
	D	Nicolas Meloche	Colorado Eagles (AHL)				
	D	Peter Tischke	Colorado Eagles (AHL)				
	G	Adam Werner	Colorado Eagles (AHL)				

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