



# POSTGAME NOTES & QUOTES

## COLORADO AVALANCHE 4, MINNESOTA WILD 2

### OCTOBER 5, 2019

#### First Star

Gabriel Landeskog (1g)

#### Second Star

Mikko Rantanen (1g, 1a)

#### Third Star

Philipp Grubauer (29 svs)

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### TEAM STATS

#### Avalanche

Shots: 32

Power Play: 1-6

Penalty Kill: 3-4

Faceoffs: 46%

#### Minnesota

Shots: 31

Power Play: 1-4

Penalty Kill: 1-6

Faceoffs: 54%

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#### Next Practice

Monday

October 7, 2019 — 11 a.m.

Family Sports

### TEAM NOTES

Going back to last season, Colorado is 9-2-2 in its last 13 games against Central Division opponents, including a 4-1-0 mark at home.

The Avs have won eight straight regular-season games at Pepsi Center going back to the 2018-19 campaign. Colorado is 13-2-1 in its last 16 regular-season home outings. Including the postseason, the Avalanche is 12-1 in its last 13 contests at Pepsi Center and 17-3-1 in its last 21.

The Avalanche has scored a power-play goal in each of its first two contests, going 3-for-12 (25%) in that span.

### INDIVIDUAL NOTES

Gabriel Landeskog's second-period goal was the 178th of his career, tying him with Matt Duchene for seventh place in franchise history. Landeskog's marker was the 27th game-winning goal of his career.

Nathan MacKinnon notched two assists to tie Duchene (250) for 10th place in franchise history.

Cale Makar has points in consecutive games, the first Avalanche rookie defenseman to tally a point in his first two appearances since Stefan Elliott did it in three straight games from Nov. 26-30, 2011 (2g, 1a).

Pierre-Edouard Bellemare registered his first goal in an Avalanche sweater.

Valeri Nichushkin tallied his first point as a member of the Avalanche.

Matt Calvert skated in his 500th NHL game.

Ryan Graves finished with a career-high +3 plus-minus rating.

### QUOTES

#### Colorado RW Mikko Rantanen

*On Tonight's Game:* "It wasn't our best game, I think defensively we were a little bit sloppy with the puck, especially in the neutral zone and D-zone. Some things we can do better but obviously we have to look at Grubi (Colorado G Philipp Grubauer) and how he played again. He was making some key saves at the key times of the game, so it was a good team effort though."



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*On His Assist:* “It was a good entry from us I think, we spread the play and then we came back again. You know it’s hard for defensive teams to defend that. I think we had four guys on the rush and then Nate (Colorado C Nathan MacKinnon) tried to go to Gravy (Colorado D Ryan Graves) it came through to me and then it was kind of 2-on-1. I tried to show the shot a little bit and Landy (Colorado LW Gabriel Landeskog ) was stopped at the net like he should do and he was in a good spot.”

#### **Colorado G Philipp Grubauer**

*On The Third Period:* “I think we were sitting a little bit too much back in the last period. I think if we get on our horse a little bit more, like the last period against Calgary wasn’t the best one. Today we did a little bit of a better job eliminating the chances but the guys that are coming out, they’re scoring in every period. The power play is always top notch at creating chances so it’s good to have those guys they make it easy for me back there.”

*On Preparing For Minnesota:* “I watched all the goals they scored in preseason, all the goals they scored in the first game. They just like shooting from the blue line and getting bodies in front so you can’t really give too many rebounds. If we give up rebounds we have to eliminate the secondary chances, which our guys did an amazing job today taking away the second chances and committing to blocking the shots.”

#### **Colorado LW Gabriel Landeskog**

*On Playing As A Five-Man Unit:* “At times, especially the first 10 minutes of the game I thought really we came hard and we were just rolling over lines over the boards and everybody was in the O-zone creating momentum which is what we talked about after last game as well, which is what we need to keep doing. I think we still need to clean up our D-zone exits and things like that, coming back as a five-man unit and helping our defensemen back there ultimately. That’s the good thing you’re 2-0 and there are a lot of things we can clean up.”

*On His Goal:* “I mean I’m not surprised when I get those on my tape from Mikko (Colorado RW Mikko Rantanen) anymore, he’s been serving those for years. I was glad I was able to put it in.”

#### **Minnesota LW Kevin Fiala**

*On Tonight’s Game:* “We played a pretty good second and third period. We were pushing. I had a couple posts, good turns there, they didn’t go in. There are still 80 more games, but it’s going quick. We’ve got to find ways to win games.”

*On Scoring Goals As A Team:* “Two goals is not enough. We just have to get more goals, get more shots on goal, get more people in front of the net. Maybe it is just too easy for the goaltender right now. Maybe just one more guy in front to help get goals. It’s going to come.”

#### **Minnesota D Ryan Suter**

*On The Use Of The Timeout:* “I think we just all got a little ticked off. We knew that we hadn’t played good at all, and we wanted to get going.”

*On Offensive Chances:* “I think we had some good chances. That effort is going to get us a lot of points this year. There were a lot of positives. Obviously, we’ve got to fix some of the negatives, but it was a solid game. We just weren’t able to get that third one to tie it up.”