POSTGAME NOTES & QUOTES
COLORADO AVALANCHE 3, ARIZONA COYOTES 2 (OT)
OCTOBER 12, 2019

First Star
Pavel Francouz (34 svs)

Second Star
Cale Makar (2a)

Third Star
Andre Burakovsky (1g)

TEAM STATS
Avalanche
Shots: 32
Power Play: 1-4
Penalty Kill: 3-3
Faceoffs: 51%

Arizona
Shots: 36
Power Play: 0-3
Penalty Kill: 3-4
Faceoffs: 49%

TEAM NOTES
The Avalanche has won its first four home games of the season for the first time since the 2009-10 season (6-0-0). Colorado’s 4-0-0 start is its best since starting the season with six straight wins in 2013-14 and tied for the fourth-best season-opening win streak in franchise history.

1985-86: 7-0-0
2013-14: 6-0-0
1994-95: 5-0-0
2019-20: 4-0-0
1992-93: 4-0-0

The Avs are one of two remaining undefeated teams in the league (Edmonton Oilers, 5-0-0).

The Avalanche has won 10 straight regular-season games at Pepsi Center dating back to last season and is 15-2-1 in its last 18 regular-season contests on home ice. Including their home record during the 2019 Stanley Cup Playoffs, the Avs are now 14-1-0 in their last 15 games at Pepsi Center and 19-3-1 in their last 23.

While franchise records for win streaks are technically single-season only, the Avs matched a franchise record for consecutive home wins at any point. Colorado won 10 straight games at Pepsi Center from Dec. 29, 2017 - Feb. 14, 2018 and Quebec won 10 consecutive contests at Le Colisee twice (March 6 - April 16, 1995 and Nov. 26, 1983 - Jan. 10, 1984).

Colorado swept a homestand of at least four games for the first time since Dec. 17-23, 2011 (4-0-0).

The Avalanche finished 1-for-4 on the power play and has scored a man-advantage goal in each of its first four games of the 2019-20 campaign. Colorado is 5-for-18 (27.8%) on the power play this season.

INDIVIDUAL NOTES
Nazem Kadri registered his first goal as a member of the Avalanche. He also won 15-of-22 (68.2%) of the faceoffs he took and is 45-of-70 (64.3%) on faceoffs through four games.
Cale Makar notched two assists to extend his season-opening point streak to four games and become the first
defenseman in franchise history to open his career with points in each of his first four regular-season games.

Pavel Francouz made his first career NHL start and earned his first win, stopping 34-of-36 shots.

Andre Burakovsky recorded his second game-winning goal in as many games. It was the 15th game-winning
goal of his career and the second overtime winner of his career (also: Dec. 19, 2017 vs. Dallas).

Phil Kessel skated in his 1,000th career NHL game, the third-youngest active player to reach the 1,000-game
milestone. Kessel is the 13th player in franchise history to skate in 1,000 games with the team and the 47th
American to reach the 1,000 game playeau.

**QUOTES**

**Colorado RW Andre Burakovsky**

*On Tonight’s Game:* “We found a way to win the game. I think we played a pretty good game, still we are giving
up a lot of chances and when we went up 2-0 we should close the game there. It’s always good to find a way
to win the game and be 4-0.”

*On Colorado G Pavel Francouz:* “I thought he was excellent. He [made] some really big saves. That’s what we
needed from him [tonight], we know Arizona is a good team, they’re tough to play against, they’re playing hard
and Frankie (Colorado G Pavel Francouz), I’m real happy for him to play his first game and play such a good
game too.”

**Colorado G Pavel Francouz**

*On His Nerves Before The Game:* “I was thinking about it since the morning, you have it somewhere in the back
of your head. I was expecting to be more nervous actually. Once the puck dropped I was trying to be as focused
as possible and trying to flow with the game.”

*On The First Period:* “When we didn’t get scored on the PK. It helped, you get some action, you get some saves
and you feel better with every moment like that. If they would have scored it would be a different story.”

**Colorado D Mark Barberio**

*On Arizona’s Goals:* “On each goal there was a bit of miscommunication. When Grabner (Arizona LW Michael
Grabner) got the puck wide coming down on Frankie (Colorado G Pavel Francouz) there was some miscom-
munication between the D and you got to give him some credit though, he took an unbelievable shot. I think
that is going in on every goalie in the league. On their second one, I think we over-committed. It was (Arizona D
Alex) Goligoski that got into the zone and he made a really nice play, they found (Arizona C Nick) Schmaltz and
again he took a really good shot point-blank in the slot. We can’t leave our goalie hanging out to dry like that.”

*On Colorado G Pavel Francouz:* “He’s played pro hockey for quite a few years now and I was able to see him
firsthand last year when I went down to play with the (Colorado) Eagles for a couple games. I saw how good he
is and you can just tell he is a professional the way he prepares for games. I am not surprised in the least the
way he played tonight.”
Arizona C Nick Schmaltz
*On Tonight’s Game:* “It was tight all night. There were chances both ways. They’re a great team offensively. I think we did a pretty good job getting in behind them and playing in their zone for the most part, but they’ve got a lot of skill on the power play. They’re going to make plays. Got down two but we stuck with it. I thought that Rants (Arizona G Antti Raanta) kept us in it and a couple shots found their way in.”

*On His Productivity:* “I feel better. I feel like I am generating more, and I feel like I am getting more chances off the rush. My legs feel good and I’m skating, making sure I’m shooting as much as I can. If there is a pass to be made, I’ll make it but I stay with it and keep building.”

Arizona LW Michael Grabner
*On Tonight’s Game:* “I think we played pretty well. Obviously, they got the power-play goal there and [we got] a quick one after. The arena was loud, so it was nice to get a quick goal there and settle things down and keep playing.”

*On His First Goal Of The Season:* “It feels nice. Obviously, it would have felt a little bit better if we had come back and finished the two points, but it was still a good effort for the guys. I think that Rants (Arizona G Antti Raanta) played great back there and made some big saves for us.”