POSTGAME NOTES & QUOTES
ANAHEIM DUCKS 5, COLORADO AVALANCHE 2
OCTOBER 26, 2019

First Star
Ryan Miller (35 svs)

Second Star
Hampus Lindholm (3a)

Third Star
Nathan MacKinnon (1g)

TEAM NOTES
The Avalanche is 4-1-0 on home ice this season. Dating back to the 2018-19 campaign, Colorado is 15-3-1 in its last 19 regular-season home contests.

The Avs wrapped up their second of 12 back-to-back sets this season and is now 2-0-0 in the first game and 1-1-0 in the second game of a back-to-back.

Colorado finished 2-for-6 on the power play, the second time this season it has tallied more than one goal with the man advantage (also: Oct. 3 vs. Calgary, 2-for-6). The Avs have notched a power-play marker in eight of their 11 games this season and are 10-for-44 (22.7%) with the man advantage this season.

INDIVIDUAL NOTES
Cale Makar tallied an assist for his 10th point of the season, which is tied for the league lead among rookies (Buffalo’s Victor Olofsson and Toronto’s Ilya Mikheyev). Makar’s nine assists are tops among all first-year players and tied for fourth among all NHL defensemen.

Makar’s nine assists in October are the most by an Avalanche rookie defenseman (since 1995-96) in a single month, surpassing John-Michael Liles, who tallied eight helpers in March 2004. Makar’s 10 points are the third-most by an Avalanche rookie blueliner in a month, trailing Liles (11 points in March 2004) and Kevin Shattenkirk (11 points in Nov. 2010).

With a goal tonight, Nathan MacKinnon extended his season-opening point streak to 11 games (6g, 9a), the longest to begin a campaign in Avalanche history and the fifth-longest in franchise history. He is the only player in the league to register a point in each game he’s played this season.

LONGEST POINT STREAKS TO BEGIN A SEASON
FRANCHISE HISTORY
Mats Sundin - 30 games, 1992-93
Peter Stastny - 16 games, 1987-88
Michel Goulet - 14 games, 1985-86
Joe Sakic - 12 games, 1988-89
Nathan MacKinnon - 11 games, 2019-20

TEAM STATS
Avalanche
Shots: 37
Power Play: 2-6
Penalty Kill: 2-3
Faceoffs: 54%

Anaheim
Shots: 27
Power Play: 1-3
Penalty Kill: 4-6
Faceoffs: 46%

Avalanche Schedule
Sunday
October 27, 2019
Practice at Family Sports
12 p.m.
QUOTES

Colorado LW Gabriel Landeskog

On The Third Period: “I don’t even know if we were that good in the third, but I guess just desperation and knowing that being down two goals or whatever and at times, it was one goal. It’s still a hockey game. You get the next one and anything can happen. Overall, we just didn’t find it tonight and it’s disappointing.”

On Tonight’s Game: “Obviously they are a good team and getting off to the lead like they did, you know, it makes it that much easier to play the way that they want to do, but tonight I think it was more about us and what we didn’t do rather than what they did. It’s just one of those games where you get off to a sloppy start and are trying to find it offensively and trying to find it defensively and guys are just kind of on their own and not communicating and not working hard enough and that’s going to happen. But I think for us here at home ice coming back after long road trips, you want to show up better than we did tonight and it’s unfortunate. You know, it’s not good enough for anybody tonight and we know that and it’s a valuable lesson we have to learn from.”

Colorado RW Joonas Donskoi

On What Needs To Be Improved: “I think work ethic. I think the way we came into this game, I feel like we didn’t have the best legs and we weren’t working hard enough and we were trying to get back to it as the game went on, but it wasn’t enough tonight. I think we can learn a lot from tonight.”

On His Takeaway From Tonight’s Game: “It’s hard to win hockey games in this league. You can’t just show up and think it’s going to be easy. We have to find the work boots every night.”

Anaheim LW Max Comtois

On Playing Left Wing: “For sure remember a lot when I was younger. I used to play on that side, used to be my natural side. So it was tough at first, the first couple shifts, but once I had my legs under me I think it went pretty good. Our line, I think we played good. We found a way to create some stuff. It’s easy to play when you got (Anaheim C Ryan) Getzlaf on your line; he talks a lot, he helps you a lot, and I’m just happy to be here.”

On His Goal: “Yeah, (Anaheim C Ryan) Getzlaf made a good play in the entry to slow down the play and try to, you know, give it to our D on the second wave. I just went to the net, and when I saw the puck between my feet, I knew the goal was behind me. So I just tried to put pucks on net and I got rewarded there with this one.”

Anaheim G Ryan Miller

On Tonight’s Game: “I guess we were a little fortunate we caught them on a back-to-back. But they have a lot of great weapons and I thought the guys did a great job of doing exactly what we needed to do to against this team. They’re going to get some chances, but I had the guys around me. They were pushing them, forcing them not to get Grade-As out of every situation. So I thought we all did a good job of closing down their quick strike, pop-out play kind of around the faceoff dive. They try that on both sides, they’re quite good at it, but we had our guy kind of as a rover. Our forwards helped him, D was helping him, and we shut that down quite a bit. It was good.”

On Even-Strength Play: “Yeah, I mean we keep saying it, but just for whatever reason it keeps coming around to we’re getting some penalties. That’s the game now, you can’t get your stick horizontal in any fashion. Hook, cross-check, anything. I think we’re just having to adjust to that a little bit more. We’re always trying to be heavy, and I think there’s just a little bit more of an adjustment needed there. But our penalty kill has been good. We do a good job in certain situations. I thought the faceoff circle was pretty good tonight, too.”