POSTGAME NOTES & QUOTES
FLORIDA PANTHERS 4, COLORADO AVALANCHE 3 (OT)
OCTOBER 30, 2019

First Star
Jonathan Huberdeau (2g)

Second Star
Nathan MacKinnon (1g, 1a)

Third Star
Philipp Grubauer (34 svs)

TEAM NOTES
Colorado wrapped up its season series against Florida, finishing 1-0-1 against the Panthers. The Avs have points in six straight games in the series (4-0-2).

The Avs are now 4-0-2 against Eastern Conference teams this season.

INDIVIDUAL NOTES
Nathan MacKinnon has registered a point in every game so far this season, the only player in the league to do so and the longest season-opening point streak in Avalanche history. MacKinnon’s 12-game run is tied for the fourth-longest scoring streak to start a season in franchise history.

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
Nathan MacKinnon - 12 games, 2019-20
Joe Sakic - 12 games, 1988-89

MacKinnon is also the fifth player since the 1999-00 campaign to start a season with a point streak of 12 games or longer.

Dany Heatley (OTT) | 22 games in 2005-06
Henrik Zetterberg (DET) | 17 games in 2007-08
Jaromir Jagr (PIT) | 15 games in 1999-00
Nathan MacKinnon (COL) | 12 games in 2019-20
Sebastian Aho (CAR) | 12 games in 2018-19

Joonas Donskoi tallied his fifth goal of the season, tied for second on the team. He has notched a goal in consecutive games for the first time this season.

QUOTES
Colorado LW Pierre-Edouard Bellemare
On What Let Florida Back In The Game: “Obviously, our mistake. I mean, six minutes left in the game, we are on top by two. We give a goal on the kill, which is unfortunate, and then we give a goal at the end, 6-on-5, so tough mistakes that we paid really hard the price for.”
On Tonight’s Game: “First period wasn’t our period and then we found a way to get back a little bit of our swag. Then in the third, I think we are spending a little too much on our heels letting them come with speed, so it’s a good lesson what not to do when you have the lead.”

Colorado LW Matt Nieto
On The Avs’ Penalty Kill: “I thought we’ve done a good job and at the end of the day, they have five guys and we have four. You know, one guy is going to be open and teams are going to get their looks and unfortunately, they got a good look and capitalized.”

On The Avs’ Performance: “Not our best. We are two goals ahead with six minutes [left], like I said, in a really good spot at home and that’s a game where we have to walk away with two points.”

Florida C Jonathan Huberdeau
On Tonight’s Comeback: “It feels good. It is a huge two points. I think we had a good road trip overall, except Vancouver, but I mean I think we are starting to play more together and more system-wise, so I think tonight just showed a character of our team. It was a huge comeback, and now we’re going to have a little stretch at home and it’s going to be good to be under the sunshine.”

On The Team’s Resilience: “I don’t think we need to panic, even when we are down two goals, we’ve got to focus. We’re that kind of team, that’s when we’re good and we know we can come back and win.”

Florida C Aleksander Barkov
On His First Goal Of The Season: “It was nice to get a goal, but even nicer with a win. The guys battled back really hard and we beat a pretty good team on the road. We’re really happy right now.”

On Florida’s Third Period Play: “I think we have a great group of guys here and everyone is contributing in some way and doing the right things. When everyone is doing the right things, we’re a good team that can beat any team in this league. When we don’t do the right things, that’s what happened in Vancouver, but that’s in the past. Now we won, and now we need to keep going.”