POSTGAME NOTES & QUOTES
COLORADO AVALANCHE 4, COLUMBUS BLUE JACKETS 2
NOVEMBER 9, 2019

First Star
Cale Makar (2g)

Second Star
Pavel Francouz (39 svs)

Third Star
Nazem Kadri (1g, 1a)

TEAM STATS

Avalanche
Shots: 36
Power Play: 1-2
Penalty Kill: 3-4
Faceoffs: 55%

Columbus
Shots: 41
Power Play: 1-4
Penalty Kill: 1-2
Faceoffs: 45%

TEAM NOTES
The Avalanche is 5-0-2 against the Eastern Conference this season.

Colorado has scored a power-play goal in each game of the homestand, going 3-for-8 (37.5%) over its last two outings.

The Avs’ 55% faceoff win percentage is their best in a game this season.

INDIVIDUAL NOTES
Cale Makar is the first Avalanche rookie defenseman to register two goals in a game since the team relocated to Denver. He’s just the third first-year blueliner in franchise history to accomplish the feat, joining Pierre Lacroix, who did it twice (Nov. 20, 1979 vs. Boston and Jan. 27, 1980 vs. Detroit) and Bruce Bell (Jan. 24, 1985 vs. Montreal).

Makar became the fourth defenseman in Avalanche/Nordiques franchise history to record a multi-goal game before his 22nd birthday, joining Bryan Fogarty (Dec. 1, 1990), Bruce Bell (Jan. 24, 1985) and Pierre Lacroix (Jan. 27, 1980 and Nov. 20, 1979).

Makar is the 10th defenseman in Avalanche history (since 1995-96) to score two goals in a period and now has 17 points (4g, 13a) this season, which is tied for third among NHL defensemen (Nashville’s Roman Josi) and ranks first among all rookies.

Tyson Jost matched a career high with two assists (3x - last: Feb. 20, 2019 vs. Winnipeg).

Vladislav Kamenev extended his point streak to a career-long three games.

Joonas Donskoi skated in his 300th NHL game.

QUOTES
Colorado D Cale Makar

On Tonight's Game: "It’s fun. Anytime you get some adrenaline going down until the end of it is awesome. I think it was a big relief just (Colorado C Nazem) Kadri burying that one at the end, but I mean, we were working hard all night. A few mishaps here and there, but we just tighten that up and keep rolling with it."
On His Performance: “I don’t think I really played too well. Those goals are just a credit to guys. Like I mean the second one, Josty (Colorado C Tyson Jost) just gave me an unreal pass and fortunately that one went in the net and the first one, we just had good traffic and a great pass from Gravy (Colorado D Ryan Graves). All of the credit goes to them.”

Colorado LW Matt Calvert
On What Worked During The Homestand: “The hunger. I’m going to use that word again. We wanted it more. When you get in a slump, you start to stay on the perimeter in the O-zone and that’s something we really talked about before the Nashville game and we got guys to the net, we got guys burying their chances and like I said before, D are getting pucks to the net. So, it’s been a lot of fun these two games and we are excited for this big roadie coming up.”

On Playing Against Columbus: “They are a solid team. They will play games like that. They’re going to work and that’s the big thing but we knew our talent could take over if we matched their work effort. I thought in the second period, we finally matched their work ethic and you see some game-changing goals by (Colorado D) Cale Makar. It pays to have guys like that on your team, so some big goals at great times and it was great to get the two points ultimately.”

Colorado G Pavel Francouz
On His Performance: “It’s always easier for the goalie if you have more shots and I kind of felt I didn’t think much, I was just flowing with the game and having fun.”

On The Avs’ Defensive Scoring: “These guys are half defenders, half forwards so they are really active. They are really skilled so it’s just a matter of time before they will score a lot I think.”

Columbus C Nick Foligno
On His Hit On Colorado C Pierre-Edouard Bellemare: “I actually didn’t know I hit him in the head at all. That’s why I was reacting the way I did when I saw the replay. There was no intent to hit him like that at all. I’m trying to line him up at the time and then he kind of turns back and makes that play. It just happened so fast and I felt sick to my stomach when I saw that I hit him in the head. It’s an unfortunate collision, and my main concern is that he’s just alright. I got word from their locker room that he’s feeling alright, so yeah, it just sucks.”

On Seeing The Replay Of The Hit: “Originally, I honestly just thought it was a collision. I fell over him and I didn’t even think I got him. I was trying to avoid him, to be honest with you. Once he made that move back, it’s just too bad.”

Columbus D Zach Werenski
On Tonight’s Game: “We’re getting the shots but we’re not getting the goals. I like a lot of the things we’re doing as a team, just some breakdowns that we have to clean up. And obviously we have to start scoring some goals.”

On Columbus C Nick Foligno’s Game Misconduct: “Yeah, it’s tough, especially when he’s not trying to do anything dirty like that. He’s just trying to finish his check. It’s an unfortunate play, especially with our captain leaving the game. We made a big kill there, a five-minute penalty kill. If we do a good job on that, we just have to find a way after that to get a goal and tie things up. So, yeah that’s a tough play for sure.”