**First Star**  
Mikko Rantanen (2g)

**Second Star**  
Pavel Francouz (32 svs)

**Third Star**  
Nathan MacKinnon (1a)

### TEAM NOTES

The Avalanche became the first Western Conference team to reach the 20-win mark this season, the third-fastest Avs team to reach 20 wins in a campaign (31 games) and the fourth-fastest in franchise history.

27 GP: 2013-14  
28 GP: 2000-01  
29 GP: 1994-95  
31 GP: 2019-20

The Avs are 9-3-2 at home this season and 15-3-2 in its last 20 regular-season home games.

Colorado is 9-1-2 against the Eastern Conference this season, tied for the most wins (Edmonton and Calgary) of any Western Conference club against the East.

### INDIVIDUAL NOTES

Mikko Rantanen recorded his second multi-goal game of the season and first since Opening Night against the Calgary Flames (Oct. 3, 2g). Rantanen’s first tally stood as the game winner, his third of the season (also: Oct. 3 vs. Calgary and Oct. 14 at Washington) and the 12th of his career.

Rantanen now has 20 points this season, the second time in his career he has produced 20 points in 15 or fewer games (also 11 GP in 2018-19). Peter Forsberg (3x) and Joe Sakic (3x) are the only other players in Avalanche team history to do so on multiple occasions.

Valeri Nichushkin extended his point streak to three games, matching a career long (7x - last: Nov. 23-29).

Matt Calvert has tallied five points (2g, 3a) in four games played since returning from injury.

### QUOTES

**Colorado RW Mikko Rantanen**  
*On Tonight’s Game:* “I think we had a really good start, like first period I think we were really good. Second period was kind of tough, no flow really, a lot of whistles – probably the longest period I have ever been a part of, you know? Whistles all of the time, but we battled through it. No goals against there, but it wasn’t our best. Third period we answered pretty good. Still not our best in
the third, we were a bit sloppy, but we found a way so that was the most important thing.”

On His Two Goals: “Nate (Colorado C Nathan MacKinnon) made a key play on the rush, just found me driving to the net, great pass and tap it in. And then we made a good play in the entry delay and then cycled it behind the net, Naz (Colorado C Nazem Kadri) was there, made a quick play around the net and found a way, so it was two good passes.”

Colorado G Pavel Francouz
On The Second Period: “They tried to come back and I think a huge part of this game was we stayed patient. We didn’t panic in that time, we stayed structured in our zone, we were trying to seal them out of the danger zones and we blocked a lot of shots and then we scored the second goal and it was huge for us.”

On The Second Goal: “We had a big chance before that. (Philadelphia G Carter) Hart made a huge stop on Mikko (Colorado RW Mikko Rantanen), but then we made an even better play and scored the second goal, which was great. And I think when we scored the third goal, we were pretty sure we were going to win this game.”

Colorado D Mark Barberio
On Tonight’s Game: “I don’t think it was our best game. We had pockets of really good play. I think to start the second, they really took it to us and we were on our heels a bit. Frankie (Colorado G Pavel Francouz) stepped up big time and made some huge saves for us, managed to keep it a 1-0 game in our favor and we got some timely scoring and then I thought we were a lot more solid in the third. I thought we got back to our game, getting pucks north, moving the puck north, getting it on our forecheck and we just had better structure. We weren’t getting beat on our neutral-zone regroups and forechecks.”

On Momentum From The Second Goal: “I wouldn’t say it was a backbreaker for them, but I’ve been on the other side where you are all over a team, all over a team and then they find a way to sneak one in and it does sting. It’s good to get one in our favor and it’s just a testament to Frankie (Colorado G Pavel Francouz). He had just an outstanding game to keep us in it.”

Philadelphia RW Jakub Voracek
On Tonight’s Game: “We had a lot of good looks. Obviously, games like that are going to happen, you know. It did happen, two times out of the last three games. I think we played a pretty good hockey game. We were about to get that first one and we got it too late, and after that we still had a lot of good looks, so we have a couple of days off before the next one, we’ve got to make sure we win our next two to make it a successful road trip.”

On His Line: “We had a few chances. I don’t know what it looked like from upstairs. We were playing against MacKinnon (Colorado C Nathan MacKinnon), I think we did a pretty good job. We didn’t give up much and, like I said, we had a few good looks the first two periods. Unfortunately, we got one too late.”

Philadelphia RW Kevin Hayes
On Tonight’s Game: “I thought we played well at the beginning of the game, and then they gave it to us at the end of the first there. I thought we kind of took to the ice there in the second and their goalie made some good saves but, I mean, if a couple of those go in it’s a totally different game.”

On Philadelphia’s Injuries: “It’s just a next-man-up mentality. Injuries happen to every team, and it just gives guys a better chance to show what they have and step up in the lineup.”