First Star
Pavel Francouz (37 svs)

Second Star
Gabriel Landeskog (1g)

Third Star
Nathan MacKinnon (1g, 1a)

TEAM NOTES
The Avalanche extended its point streak to a season-high nine games (8-0-1). Colorado’s streak is tied for the longest active point streak in the league. Calgary is also 8-0-1 in its last nine games.

Colorado is 13-3-1 (.794) over its last 17 games, the best record in the league since Nov. 7.

The Avalanche has scored three or more goals in its last 10 games and in 15 of its last 17 contests. Colorado’s 117 goals this season is tied with the Washington Capitals for first in the NHL and its 3.66 goals-per-game average is tops in the league.

Colorado is 10-1-2 against the Eastern Conference this season, the highest points percentage (.846) of any team against the East and tied with Calgary for the most wins by a Western Conference team against the other conference. The Avs have won five straight games against Eastern Conference games.

The Avs are now 3-2-1 in games taking place on Friday the 13th.

The Avalanche closed out a three-game homestand, finishing 2-0-1 during the stay.

INDIVIDUAL NOTES
Nathan MacKinnon finished with a goal and an assist to reach the 50-point threshold for the fifth straight season. He is the first Avalanche player since the team moved to Denver and the fourth in franchise history to record 20+ goals and 30+ assists in 32 or fewer games into the team’s season.

Valeri Nichushkin extended his point streak to four games, a new career best. Nichushkin now has goals in six of his last 10 contests and points in eight of his last 10 games. Nichushkin’s goal stood as the game winner, his second game-winning goal of the season and the fifth of his career.

Pavel Francouz is 7-0-1 in his last 10 games and is now tied for fifth in the league in save percentage (.932) and tied for eighth in goals-against average (2.26).
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QUOTES
Colorado G Pavel Francouz
On His Performance: “It was just one of those nights where the puck is just hitting you and you can just enjoy the time. My teammates played pretty well in front of me, so that helped a lot.”

On The Second Period: “I had some saves in the start, then in the start of the second period as well but then I was just standing there. I didn’t have much action in front of me so I just tried to be focused as much as possible every moment. It’s been mentally tough, but as I’ve said, we are pretty lucky sometimes. The puck just hit me some moments when I didn’t see and sometimes it’s like that.”

On His Confidence: “A huge part of that is the strength of the team. Like, we are able to win games like this and [Wednesday] night versus Philly, so we have [a] really strong team and it’s great for goalies to play behind a team like that.”

Colorado D Mark Barberio
On Colorado G Pavel Francouz’s Performance: “I feel like it’s been the story all week where Frankie’s (Colorado G Pavel Francouz) kept us in games and he stole another one for us. We’ve got to find a way to play more complete hockey games. I really think it was just the second period that we were really solid and besides that, they took it to us. It takes a team effort and Frankie’s a big part of the team and he played amazing, it’s fun to see.”

On The First Intermission: “Well the coaches came in and challenged us to be better. Like it doesn’t matter who we are playing, it doesn’t matter the opponent, wherever they are in the standings it’s about us and playing our game and bringing our structure. The first wasn’t good enough and he challenged us and we stepped up. But again, I think in the third, we let off the gas a bit and let them back in it but again, Frankie (Colorado G Pavel Francouz) was there to save it.”

On The Avs’ Homestand: “I think it’s a sign of a good team that you find ways to win games, ways to pick up points even when you’re not playing your best and I think that’s what happened this week, this homestand. It wasn’t our best but good teams find a way and it’s a good sign.”

New Jersey C Nico Hischier
On Tonight’s Game: “It’s a tough one tonight. Same result, but if you look at the game, I think we deserve better. We were right there. I think we had like 10 minutes where we were not dialed in. But I think the rest of the game we could play with them, and that shows us that we don’t have to hide. We just have to play our game. Now it sucks but tomorrow is a new chance, and we have to get right back.”

On Colorado G Pavel Francouz’s Performance: “I think he made some good saves there. He played really well. We tried to put a lot of pucks on net and he made some good saves. But we stick with it and you see what happened at the end, it (the puck) was frozen at the net and somehow it goes in. We just have to stick with it.”
New Jersey D Andy Greene

On New Jersey LW Taylor Hall Being Scratched: “When it’s that close to game time you have no choice but to sit there and block it out. You have to. It seems like the longer you have to focus on a decision like that the more you kind of process it. You know, he (New Jersey LW Taylor Hall) came off the ice there in warmups and we found out. But at that point we have to be focused and ready, because, if not, you’ve seen what can happen if we’re not ready.”

On The Key To Sustaining Progress: “We have to make sure we know what we did right tonight, and how and why. We were a little loose in the second. They pushed pretty hard there in the second half of the second. But besides that, I thought we were skating well, we were playing a lot more north hockey and managing the puck. It seems like when we do those types of things, we access our speed, we play a little bit of a smarter game. We didn’t get the result we wanted tonight, but it’s for sure a better recipe to play than the first two periods in Dallas.”