First Star
Esa Lindell (1g)

Second Star
Nathan MacKinnon (2a)

Third Star
Ben Bishop (41 svs)

TEAM NOTES
The Avalanche wrapped up its four-game season series against the Stars, finishing 0-2-2 against Dallas.

The Avalanche recorded 40 or more shots on goal for the ninth time this season and the fifth time in its last nine outings. The Avs are averaging 33.1 shots per game, ranked eighth in the league.

Colorado scored twice in the first period. The Avs now have 54 first-period tallies, tops in the NHL and four more than the next closest team (Vancouver).

INDIVIDUAL NOTES
Nathan MacKinnon registered two assists, the 11th time this season he has notched two or more helpers. He’s now tied for sixth among all skaters (Artemi Panarin) with 41 assists and moves into third in overall scoring with 68 points.

Ryan Graves finished with a +1 plus/minus rating to move to +30 this season, tied with Carolina’s Dougie Hamilton for the league lead.

Mikko Rantanen recorded a season-high six shots on goal, which also matches his career best (5x - last: Feb. 20, 2019 vs. Winnipeg).

QUOTES
Colorado D Ian Cole
On Tonight’s Game: “We had a good game. You know, we played well. We didn’t give them much, but unfortunately the goals we did give them were back breakers – part way through the third period and then obviously overtime. So, for the most part it was good, but we still have to figure out how to complete games.”

On The Avs’ Work Ethic: “Work ethic was good. I think our approach to this game was good. I think we had the right mentality, we had the right mindset. We did a lot of really good things, but again, we got to learn how to finish games. You know, we can play the best game in the world but if we lose, it’s still a loss right? We don’t really take moral victories around here and two points is really all that matters, especially as we continue on through this year.”
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Colorado G Philipp Grubauer
On Tonight’s Game: “I think we played really good the whole game. I don’t think we gave up too many chances. We worked on the D-zone coverage a little bit and how we played off the rush. I think that was one of our better games. A little bit unlucky we hit two posts in the second period that went out, they hit one in overtime and it went in, so that’s how it goes. I think we can build on the last couple of games even though we lost and you got to move forward.”

On The First Period: “You look at the first period, that was really good. I mean, they had like three shots and dumped one in from the red line. We got to find a way to play that way [for] 60 minutes. We got to find a way to stay out of the penalty box because the PK is in a little bit of a slump too, so we got to find a way to get out there, but we got to work. Bedsy (Colorado Head Coach Jared Bednar) is right, it’s all about work ethic and backchecking.”

Dallas G Ben Bishop
On The First Period: “Well, we knew that wasn’t our best. Obviously, we wanted to come out and look a little better, but you know, they played a really good period and kind of threw it all at us, and we kind of knew that we had better so it was kind of one of those things where you come in and regroup. It was only 2-0, we still had 40 minutes to play and you know, special teams was huge again tonight, power play did a great job, and it was a great last 40.”

On Tonight’s Game: “They’re a great team. We talked about that too, going into the third period we knew it was the last 20 minutes we’d be playing against them so we wanted to send a good message and I thought that the guys did a good job with that ‘bend don’t break’ mentality and then stuck in there, stuck in there, the big goal by Dicky (Dallas C Jason Dickinson), and then obviously Esa (Dallas D Esa Lindell) in overtime. It was kind of that ‘bend don’t break’ and finding different ways to win; tonight was no different.”

Dallas D Esa Lindell
On His Game-Winning Goal: “I was scared when it hit the net first when I was trying to make the play and then I was right in the slot and just tried to shoot hard. I just thought to shoot the glove side, then we won.”

On Tonight’s Game: “I bet everyone knows the standings and how tight they are, they were a point behind us and it was like a playoff game for us. We didn’t start really well but when the game went along we just kept getting better.”