POSTGAME NOTES & QUOTES
COLORADO AVALANCHE 5, ST. LOUIS BLUES 3
JANUARY 18, 2020

First Star
Andre Burakovsky (1g/1a)

Second Star
Philipp Grubauer (21 svs)

Third Star
Cale Makar (1g)

TEAM STATS
Avalanche
Shots: 19
Power Play: 0-4
Penalty Kill: 3-4
Faceoffs: 46%

St. Louis
Shots: 24
Power Play: 1-4
Penalty Kill: 4-4
Faceoffs: 54%

TEAM NOTES
The Avalanche is now 2-2-0 against the Blues this season. Each team has held serve on home ice with the rubber match taking place on April 4 at Pepsi Center. The Avs are 2-0-2 on their current five-game homestand.

Colorado is 3-0-0 in day games this season and has outscored its opponents by a combined 16-6 in those contests. The Avs also won matinee games on Oct. 25 at Vegas (6-1) and Nov. 29 at Chicago (5-2).

The Avs scored five or more goals in a game for the 13th time this season and are 13-0-0 when scoring 5+ goals. Colorado’s 173 total goals for in 2019-20 are tied for second in the league (Toronto, Tampa Bay) and one shy of the league-leading Washington Capitals. The Avs’ 3.60 goals-per-game average is also tied for second (Toronto, Tampa Bay).

INDIVIDUAL NOTES
Cale Makar tallied his 11th goal of the season to set a new franchise record for goals by a rookie defenseman, surpassing John-Michael Liles’ record of 10 during the 2003-04 campaign. Makar is now tied for third among all rookies in goals and tied for first in points.

Samuel Girard recorded an assist and has now tallied 10 helpers since the calendar turned to Jan. 1, tied for the most in the league (Washington’s John Carlson) over that span.

Ian Cole finished with two assists, matching a career high (12x - last: Oct. 18 at Florida). It’s his fourth multi-point game of the season, equaling the most multi-point games he’s produced in a season in his career (also: 2016-17).

Nathan MacKinnon registered two points to become the third NHL player to reach the 70-point mark this season. MacKinnon notched his 70th point in his 48th game for the second straight season, the second-fastest Avs player to hit the threshold (Mikko Rantanen, 47 games in 2018-19).

Andre Burakovsky tallied his 100th NHL assist. He also registered a goal, which stood as the game winner and is his fourth game-winning tally of the season, tied for the team lead.

Pierre-Edouard Bellemare tallied his 11th assist of the season to set a new single-season career high, surpassing his previous best of 10 during the 2017-18 campaign with Vegas.

Avalanche Schedule
Sunday, Jan. 19
12 p.m.
Practice at Family Sports
QUOTES

Colorado D Cale Makar

*On The Team’s Confidence:* “Everybody’s playing their game. I think we are just playing confident as a team right now. It’s just got to be something that we have to continue. It’s awesome that we’re going to be able to do this going into the break here. Obviously, we have one more game to do it, but no, it’s been good so far.”

*On Holding The Lead In The Third Period:* “We’ve been talking all week about how it’s just mental in terms of letting up those third period leads. For us, we just wanted to stay on the attack and at the end of the day, we were chipping a lot of pucks out and they were throwing them back at us. But, I think we played well enough defensively to get the win [today].”

Colorado LW Gabriel Landeskog

*On What Was Said During The Second Intermission:* “Just make sure the third period is the best period of the [day]. With a lead, you always want to stay on the gas and kind of play in the offensive zone. We know what it feels like when you are chasing goals and then you have to spend time in your own zone and it’s hard, so didn’t really end up that way. We spent the whole period in our zone, but we found a way to get it done and that’s the most important thing.”

*On The Second Period:* “A couple of big plays. Obviously, we were able to create some power plays and create some momentum off that and then create some scoring chances off the rush. Obviously, (Colorado C Tyson) Jost’s goal is big and Burky (Colorado RW Andre Burakovsky) finds a way to put one in off a tough angle, so no doubt. A couple of big plays, big goals and Grubi (Colorado G Philipp Grubauer) made some steady saves on the other end to keep the game in our favor and make sure we finish that one off the right way.”

Colorado RW Andre Burakovsky

*On Today’s Game:* “We were playing a tough team. We knew that it was going to be hard. We had to play hard, we had to play with patience. It’s not going to come right away, and just the mentality we had at the end is huge. We were blocking shots, we paid a price to win and just the way we played today is the way we have to play every night. It’s not always going to go that way, but we have to have that mentality.”

*On The Avs’ Performance:* “I think we stayed patient the whole game and we were talking that we have to score when we get opportunities. I think my first shot and just Josty (Colorado C Tyson Jost) following it up and puts it in. I think we just put pucks to the net, we were crashing the net, we were doing work. I think today we were working hard and we got rewarded for it.”

St. Louis G Jordan Binnington

*On The Avs’ Scoring Chances:* “It was more of a quality over quantity game tonight, and they capitalized on their chances. I got to be there to make some big saves for them from the boards when we needed it and unfortunately, it’s a tough way to go into the break for me but it is what it is, you know. We’ll just get some time away and come back regrouped.”

*On Tonight’s Game:* “I wanted a win tonight. It’s frustrating, you know, I was pretty pissed off, but it is what it is. You’ve just got to keep building and keep your head down and keep working.”
St. Louis LW David Perron

On Tonight’s Game: I thought there were a lot of good efforts tonight, but it’s disappointing not getting the result for sure. We were up 2-1 at some point and we’ve got to find a way to keep that and certainly not go down 4-2. It is what it is at this point, I’m very frustrated and disappointed about the result tonight for sure, but we’ve got to move on and take the break here and come back fresh.”

On Mistakes: “I thought that some of their goals were definitely mistakes by us, guys didn’t get covered or whatever. Definitely, that shouldn’t happen and it’s disappointing, but we have to try and move on and get fresh here in the next several days. After the All-Star break we’re right back on the road for a week, week and a half, and here we go again.”