POSTGAME NOTES & QUOTES
TAMPA BAY LIGHTNING 4, COLORADO AVALANCHE 3 (OT)
FEBRUARY 17, 2020

First Star
Nikita Kucherov (1g)

Second Star
Nathan MacKinnon (1g/1a)

Third Star
Steven Stamkos (1g)

TEAM STATISTICS

**Avalanche**
- Shots: 27
- Power Play: 1-4
- Penalty Kill: 1-1
- Faceoffs: 61%

**Tampa Bay**
- Shots: 27
- Power Play: 0-1
- Penalty Kill: 3-4
- Faceoffs: 39%

TEAM NOTES

The Avalanche concluded its two-game season series against Tampa Bay, finishing 1-0-1 against the Lightning.

Colorado is now 1-2-1 through four games of its current five-game home-stand. The Avs are 8-3-1 over their last 12 games and have collected points in 11 of their last 14 contests (8-3-3).

Tampa Bay extended its win streak to 11 games, establishing a new record for the longest winning stretch in franchise history.

INDIVIDUAL NOTES

Nathan MacKinnon notched two points (1g/1a) to bring his total to 82 this season, tied for second in the league (Boston’s David Pastrnak). MacKinnon has collected at least one point 47 times this season, second only to Leon Draisaitl of the Edmonton Oilers, who has done it 49 times.

Cale Makar picked up an assist, his 31st of the season, to equal Bruce Bell's franchise record for assists by a rookie defenseman set in the 1984-85 campaign.

MacKinnon has tallied 20 points (9g/11a) in 14 career games against the Lightning.

Gabriel Landeskog tallied two assists to bring his career total to 252 and move past Matt Duchene (250) for sole possession of seventh place in assists since the club moved to Denver.

Landeskog’s 10 faceoff wins matches the second-most of his career (4x - last: Jan. 8, 2019 at Winnipeg).

QUOTES

Colorado RW Andre Burakovsky

On Tonight's Game: “Obviously, I think we made some mistakes on the goals against. I think in the [second] period when they score we could definitely tighten that up. I think the opportunities that they had; I think we are giving it to them and in OT it’s a 50-50, it can go either way and today it wasn’t our way.”
On The Third Period: “I think we were battling hard and we knew we needed some points. Unfortunately, we couldn’t get the two [points], but I think we are doing a good job getting back in the game from 3-1 and getting a point here.”

Colorado G Pavel Francouz
On Tonight’s Game: “We started really well in the first period, we were playing like we want it. In the second period they scored two goals in a minute. That let us down a little bit, but we came back from 3-1 to 3-3. That’s the best part of the game today. Unfortunately, we lost in OT.”

On The Game-Winning Goal: “Their best player gets the puck on the blue line, he was racing with Nathan (Colorado C Nathan MacKinnon) and he kind of opened me up a little bit and shot it five-hole. I thought I had it for a while, but unfortunately it just went in and got stuck in the net.”

Tampa Bay RW Nikita Kucherov
On His Overtime Goal: “I was right by [the puck], I saw a goalie in front of me, good pre-scout from the goalie coaches, and I just put it in the five-hole.”

On Tampa Bay D Cameron Gaunce: “Definitely it brings a lot of energy, and he played well tonight. Scored a big goal for us. Hopefully he sticks with the team. He’s a fine guy, a good guy, and it’s nice to have him around.”

Tampa Bay D Cameron Gaunce
On Responding To The Avs’ Comeback: “I think it was just sticking with it. We’ve got a very capable team in here. We know that at any point we can get an opportunity to score. With the guys we have, all it takes is one. So we just knew we had to stick with it and make sure that we tried to minimize what we gave them and we just believed in our team.”

On His Goal: “It felt great. I wasn’t sure when it first went in, if Gordo (Tampa Bay C Yanni Gourde) had tipped it, so I was a bit hesitant. But it felt great. That’s something that I’ve been working on a lot: is when the puck comes up the boards, getting that shot. To see it go in was a nice feeling.”