



# POSTGAME NOTES & QUOTES

## COLORADO AVALANCHE 3, NEW YORK RANGERS 2 (OT)

### MARCH 11, 2020

#### First Star

J.T. Compher (1g)

#### Second Star

Pavel Francouz (30 sv)

#### Third Star

Vladislav Namestnikov (1g)

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#### TEAM STATS

##### Avalanche

Shots: 28

Power Play: 2-5

Penalty Kill: 4-4

Faceoffs: 51%

##### New York

Shots: 32

Power Play: 0-4

Penalty Kill: 3-5

Faceoffs: 49%

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#### Avalanche Schedule

Thursday, March 12

No practice

#### TEAM NOTES

The Avalanche wrapped up its season series against the Rangers, finishing 1-1-0 against New York.

Avalanche finished 4-for-4 on the penalty kill. Since Feb. 15, Colorado is 35-for-37 (94.6%) on the PK, the top-ranked unit in the league over that span.

Colorado finished 2-for-5 on the power play, the second time in five games it has scored multiple man-advantage goals. The Avalanche is 5-for-16 (31.3%) over that five-game stretch.

#### INDIVIDUAL NOTES

Gabriel Landeskog tallied two points (0g/2a) and now has 460 career points, surpassing Paul Stastny to take sole possession of 10th place in franchise history and sixth place in Avalanche history in scoring.

Cale Makar registered three assists in his return to the lineup after missing five games with an injury. It's the third time this season that Makar has tallied three or more points in a game (also: Nov. 7 vs. Nashville and Nov. 16 at Vancouver). He now has 50 points this season (12g/38a), ranked second among all rookies. His 0.88 points per game are tops among all first-year players.

Tyson Jost recorded a goal and now has seven points (3g/4a) over his last nine games.

J.T. Compher notched his third game-winning goal of the season, all of which have come in Colorado's last 11 games (also: Feb. 21 at Anaheim and Feb. 26 vs. Buffalo). He also logged a career-high 25:38 of time on ice.

Pavel Francouz finished with 30 saves for his 21st win of the season (21-7-4). He is tied for fifth in the league in save percentage (.923) and ranks seventh in goals-against average (2.21).

Vladislav Namestnikov notched a goal and has produced six points (4g/2a) in nine games since being acquired by the Avalanche on Feb. 24.

Matt Nieto attempted the fourth penalty shot of his career (0-for-4), all of which have been as a member of the Avalanche.



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##### **Colorado LW Gabriel Landeskog**

*On Missing Colorado C Nathan MacKinnon:* "Listen, obviously we know how big of a part Nate is of this team and obviously he's been my linemate for as long as I can remember now the last handful of years. You get used to playing with somebody, especially a guy that's so high caliber and in my opinion one of the top two centers in the league, it's a big piece. It just fueled us, the whole team really and obviously our line as well that we want to come out and prove that it's not just Nate. He's obviously a big part of our team, but we wanted to come out and show that we're a heck of a team without him as well and that's the same thing across the board with all of the guys that are out."

*On Colorado D Cale Makar:* "You're still impressed every time. This is special what everybody in this building gets to see on a nightly basis. It's very special; it doesn't happen a whole lot. I know there are some other guys in the league that are raising some attention and some guys that are doing well, but in my opinion Cale is a special kid and a special talent that's taken this league by storm. Some of the plays you see him make, you're not supposed to do that as a rookie so he's done an awesome job of stepping in and obviously he got some experience last year in the playoffs. He keeps impressing all of us and he's got a good head on his shoulders and he keeps working hard."

##### **Colorado D Cale Makar**

*On The Power Play:* "Obviously, Vlady (Colorado C Vladislav Namestikov) had a great snipe on the side there, Comph (Colorado LW J.T. Compher) had a great screen and I mean things were clicking. Maybe not on the 4-on-3, but we just wanted to go out there and put pucks on net."

*On Returning From Injury:* "As a team I think we are just going to go out there every night and try and compete regardless of who's in and who's out of the lineup. For us right now, obviously we didn't want to let that last one go in, but I think for me I just kind of wanted to get back into the groove today. I've just been practicing the past few days and just [wanted to] get back into game action."

##### **Colorado C Vladislav Namestikov**

*On Coming To The Avs:* "I think the guys made it easy, it's a good group of guys here and they welcomed me with open arms and made me feel comfortable from day one. I don't think I changed anything in my game, just brought my game to the Avalanche."

*On The Avs' Injuries:* "It's the same mentality, we know we are a good team. We're missing some key guys but the mentality was we could go out there and win so that's what we did."

##### **New York D Marc Staal**

*On Tonight's Game:* "They got a couple power-play opportunities that they capitalized on. Obviously we'd like to be better in that area, but coming off a back-to-back, everyone was on board, we worked hard, we got the point. Obviously we would've liked to get two, but this time of year you scratch and claw and get as many as you can."



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*On Avalanche Power-Play Goals:* “First one was a break in, and they come with a lot of speed. Made a nice play. And then the second, it was just a quick shot from the outside that had eyes. They had a good screen in front. It happens sometimes. Obviously we’d like to have killed them off and kept them off the board, but they made two nice plays. It happens.”

#### **New York C Mika Zibanejad**

*On Tonight’s Game:* “Considering it’s a back-to-back and they played hard, I thought we played well. We had chances. It was frustrating to see them not go in earlier. Obviously a lot of emotion, we were happy about the tying goal, but we’ll take the point and move on.”

*On Team Showing Signs of Improvement:* “I think, as of these last two months, we’ve been fighting. Obviously there’s frustration that creeps in when you don’t score on your opportunities, but at the same time we just keep going, and that showed tonight.”