Los Angeles Kings (31-42-9) vs. Vegas Golden Knights (43-32-7) – April 6, 2019

Kings 2-1-2=5
Golden Knights 0-2-0=2

KINGS HEAD COACH WILLIE DESJARDINS:
(RE: TAKEAWAYS):
“I thought it was good; the guys played hard. That team [Vegas] played good tonight. Vegas was great in the second period and we kind of had to regroup and find a way in the third.”

KINGS FORWARD BLAKE LIZOTTE:
(RE: NHL DEBUT):
“It was a lot of nerves, but all of the guys in the room were really good to me and gave me some advice, kind of calmed me down and said, ‘You’ll be fine out there, just play your game. You’re here for a reason.’ So that calmed me down. After the first shift I felt a lot better, that’s for sure.”

KINGS FORWARD ANZE KOPITAR:
(RE: SEASON’S END):
“It’s certainly not the season that we wanted, expected, all of the above. Yeah, some sort of relief. It was nice to end it on a good note, but we can’t forget obviously. We’ve got to make sure that we really think about this one and get ready for next year.”

KINGS FORWARD DUSTIN BROWN:
(RE: SEASON’S END):
“It’s always hard when you’re not in the playoffs and you don’t have a chance to play, especially knowing what we’re missing out on. The flip side of that is the guys, both the young guys and the veteran guys that have been here, it’s a huge opportunity to make sure that we’re really prepared. We’ve got lots of time.”

GOLDEN KNIGHTS COACH GERARD GALLANT:
(RE: SCHULDT’S DEBUT):
“He was composed in every position. I was really impressed to watch him play. For his first NHL game, to come into a game like this, and every pass he made was on the tape. He played a real good strong defensive zone. Definitely a great first game for him.”

GOLDEN KNIGHTS DEFENSEMAN JIMMY SCHULDT:
(RE: NHL DEBUT):
“That was a lot of fun. Obviously not the outcome we wanted, but I learned a lot just from being out there, listening to the guys. Just kind of watching from ice level. I thought it was really a good experience obviously. Would’ve loved to win, but it was fun.”

GOLDEN KNIGHTS FORWARD BRANDON PIRRI:
(RE: POSTSEASON):
“That’s what we play for. I’m looking forward to it. It’s a special group of guys with big expectations. So, I know that Wednesday game, or whenever it is, can’t come soon enough.”

KINGS NOTES:
- Tonight’s win marked the 999th home win in Kings history.
- Ilya Kovalchuk (2-0-2) finished the season third on the team in goals with 16.
- Jeff Carter (1-0=1) registered his 13th goal of the season.
- Matt Roy (1-0=1) scored his second goal of the year and has points in each of the last two games (1-1=2).
- Anze Kopitar (1-1=2) notched his first PPG of the season.
- Dustin Brown (0-2=2) surpassed 50 points on the season (22-29=51), the 7th time he has reached the 50-point plateau in his career.
- Kyle Clifford (0-1=1) tallied his 10th assist of the season, a new career-high. He set career-highs in goals, assists and points this year.
- Carl Grundstrom (0-1=1) recorded his first career NHL assist.
- Alex Iafallo (0-1-1) registered his 18th assist of the year.
- Jonathan Quick stopped 29-0f-31 shots in his 16th win of the year.