



Postgame Notes & Quotes
Stanley Cup Playoffs First Round, Game 1
Calgary Flames 4, Colorado Avalanche 0
Thursday, April 11, 2019

Thursday's game was the first-ever postseason contest between the Avalanche and the Flames.

Nathan MacKinnon and Gabriel Landeskog led Colorado with 25:04 of ice time, the second-most time on ice for each in their postseason careers (MacKinnon, 25:18, April 18, 2018 vs. Nashville; Landeskog, 25:56, April 17, 2014 vs. Minnesota).

Philipp Grubauer finished with 28 saves, a postseason career high.

The Avalanche surrendered two power-play goals in a playoff game for the first time since April 22, 2010 at San Jose.

Colorado D Tyson Barrie

On Tonight's Game : "I mean we had some looks, I think we had a bunch of power-play chances that we have to score on and give credit to Smitty over there. He played a great game but we've got to find a way to get one by him. You know, it's a different game if we score one, two, three of our chances early, we take the lead, so disappointing because I think the chances were there for us, but it's going to be a long series so you just got to turn the page."

On The Power Play: "If you don't score, you're not really happy with it, so we had some good looks but, again, he made some big saves and we've got to find a way to find the back of the net on the mitt. We had some really good chances so maybe it's just raising it an extra half a foot or whatever it is to make sure it goes in so we've got to bear down on that."

Colorado D Erik Johnson

On Moving on to Game 2: "I mean, seven-game series. You know that you can't hang on to games, win or lose. We probably deserved a better fate tonight, Smith was really, really good. Second period maybe it could have been 2-0 us but he made some really big saves for them, he's definitely the difference. So we're going to have to look at that and find a way to score some goals on him too."

On Making Adjustments: "He was seeing the puck really well. I thought we did a decent job of getting traffic in front of him, but he made some really, really big saves for them and trust me, we went over a lot of stuff on him this morning and the last couple of days and trying to see some spots we can put the puck to score some goals. But he was lights out, he was really good. So we're going to have to better and find a way to pot a couple goals. I mean you're not going to do much if you can't get one, two or three, it's too tough of a league to win 1-0 or something like that, so we've got to find a way to get a couple on him."

Colorado Head Coach Jared Bednar

On The Game: "I liked our start coming into an energizing building against an energizing opponent. Relatively low event first period, which I thought was good for us coming out on the road for Game 1. I didn't think we did enough to win the hockey game."

On Mikko Rantanen's Return To The Lineup: "Looked a little rusty to me. With the puck, the jump that he normally has with his legs and the impact that he can make. I thought as the game went on he got a little more competitive and started making things happen, even 4-on-4 game, it was a good, hardworking shift by him. I think he got better as the game went on, and I expect him to be real good next game