



Postgame Notes & Quotes
Stanley Cup Playoffs First Round, Game 2
Colorado Avalanche 3, Calgary Flames 2 (OT)
Saturday, April 13, 2019

Nathan MacKinnon scored his second career playoff overtime goal and is one of three players on Colorado's roster that have scored an overtime goal in the postseason (Matt Calvert, 2; Derick Brassard, 1).

The Avalanche is now 38-29 (24-14 on the road) all-time in playoff overtimes, including a 28-20 record since moving to Denver.

Mikko Rantanen recorded his second career multi-point playoff game (also: April 16, 2018 vs. Nashville).

Matt Nieto scored the fourth playoff goal of his career and first since April 22, 2016 in Game 5 of San Jose's first-round series against Los Angeles.

Nieto's marker on the penalty kill was the 13th short-handed goal in Avalanche playoff history (since 1995-96) and the club's first since April 28, 2014 at Minnesota.

Colorado played an overtime game in the postseason for the first time since April 30, 2014 vs. Minnesota.

J.T. Compher's game-tying goal was the first playoff goal of his career.

Tyson Barrie (28:13), Alexander Kerfoot (20:19), Nathan MacKinnon (26:26), Carl Soderberg (22:37) and Mikko Rantanen (22:53) each registered career highs in postseason time on ice.

Barrie's four shots matched a postseason career high, while Erik Johnson's seven shots was a new career high for the defenseman in the playoffs. Nathan MacKinnon also matched a postseason career high with seven shots and set a new playoff career best with 10 faceoff wins.

Nikita Zadorov matched a playoff career best with three blocked shots (also: April 12, 2018 at Nashville).

Philipp Grubauer reached a new postseason career high with 35 saves (surpassing his previous career best in the playoffs from Game 1 in this series, 28 saves).

Colorado C Nathan MacKinnon

On his overtime-winning goal: “I think I just kind of read that Andersson was stepping up on Mikko, and I just tried to get ahead of the F3 that was on me. I got a step and Mikko made a great pass from his triangle, a little saucer pass. I managed to get another step on that weak-side D, just to get a shot off, and I put it where I wanted to.”

On the first two games of the series: “I think we could have won that first game and then tonight I thought we could have. Once again [Calgary G Mike] Smith was so good, and we played so well. This was our best game of the season, I thought from everybody. Everybody needed to play better than we did in Game 1, and I thought we did.”

Colorado LW Gabriel Landeskog

On winning in overtime: “It is a good feeling, I mean there is nothing like a Stanley Cup-overtime goal. I have said it before, but Nate is a superstar and that is what superstars do. That is a good feeling and obviously this is a big one here tonight, but 1-1 and coming home and now we got to repeat this effort.”

On the series being tied: “That is a split, that is the least we came here for. Obviously we would have liked to win both games, but a 1-1 split, we will take that. Now it is a matter of us coming home and repeating this effort. We are not going to sit back, we are not going to enjoy this one for a whole lot longer than for another hour or whatever and then it is right back to prepare for Monday.”

Colorado LW J.T. Compher

On his game-tying goal: “Nate first off did a great job of winning the draw and Mikko through the seam, it wasn’t as clean as we would have wanted but it got the puck going to the net. And that was the plan, get bodies and pucks going to the net.”

On overtime: “Definitely different 5-on-5. We have the confidence after regulation, I thought we played a really good game for 60 minutes. We just had to continue to do that and we would get our chances, we just had to bury one. Nate, he stepped up in the biggest moment of the year just like we knew he would. Big goal for us.”