Postgame Notes & Quotes
Stanley Cup Playoffs | Western Conference Semifinals | Game 2
Colorado Avalanche 4, San Jose Sharks 3
Sunday, April 28, 2019

Tyson Barrie registered his first career playoff goal and fourth career multi-point outing in the postseason. He’s produced eight points (1g, 7a) in the 2019 Stanley Cup Playoffs, tied for fourth among all defensemen.

Nathan MacKinnon and Mikko Rantanen extended their point streaks to six games, the first avalanche players to tally points in six consecutive playoff games since Peter Forsberg (seven games) and Joe Sakic (six games) did it to open the 2004 postseason.

MacKinnon scored his fourth career postseason game-winning goal and second of the 2019 Stanley Cup Playoffs (also: April 13 at Calgary). MacKinnon’s four game winners in the playoffs is tied for eighth (Sandis Ozolinsh) in Avalanche history (since 1995-96).

Gabriel Landeskog recorded his first multi-point game of the playoffs, the fourth such outing of his career and first since he tallied three points (1g/2a) against Nashville on April 16, 2018.

Matt Nieto tallied his third goal of the playoffs, his most goals in a single postseason.

The Avalanche earned their third win in at SAP Center in the last 10 years, including regular season and postseason. The Avs are 3-16-5 at SAP Center in that span, having also won on Dec. 28, 2015 and Game 1 of the 2010 Conference Quarterfinals.

Nathan MacKinnon matched a postseason career high with seven shots (4x – last: April 17, 2019 vs. Calgary). MacKinnon’s 36 shots in the playoffs ranks second in the league only to Dallas’ Tyler Seguin (37).

Matt Calvert recorded the third postseason multi-point game of his career (last: April 21, 2018 at Washington) and the first multi-assist playoff game of his career.

Colorado D Tyson Barrie

On His Goal: “I think we beat an icing out, and then it kind of bounced around a little bit and spit out to me. It was wobbling a little bit, so I was just trying to make some contact with it. I honestly don’t even know where it went.”
On Heading Home With The Series Tied: “It’s big for our confidence. This is a tough building to win in, we haven’t had a whole lot of success in here. We wanted to come in and at least get the split and we did that. Now we’re going back to Pepsi Center where we’re definitely confident and comfortable, and we love playing there.”

Colorado RW Mikko Rantanen

On The Success In Game 2: “We found a way to get pucks behind their D. That is the key, try and make their D turn all the time. Chip pucks in and use our speed. Especially in the O-zone, we have to move like we did. You see young guys, Girard, Makar, how they move at the blue line it’s pretty fun to watch. We have to keep doing that.”

On Going Back To Pepsi Center: “We’re excited. The crowd is going to be waiting for us there. We just have to take care of home advantage now. It’s a big one. They’re a good team as well, playing on the road, so we have to be ready as well.”

Colorado LW Matt Nieto

On Tying The Series: “We know the importance of splitting on the road. That was the emphasis before the series started. Obviously we would have liked to win two, but if we can get away going 1-1 here in this building, that is huge for our team. Now we’re going to Pepsi Center where our fans are going to be electric, and we’re excited to get back there.”

On His Goal: “I think our line was grinding all night. We’re in the offensive zone, not really getting a whole lot of looks, but working down there and playing in the O-zone. To get that one, where it is just sitting on the goal line and we’re all battling to get there, that was nice.”