TEAM NOTES
Tuesday’s loss snapped an eight-game home winning streak for the Avalanche. Colorado had not lost at Pepsi Center since March 15 vs. Anaheim and is 13-3-1 in its last 17 outings in Denver dating back to Feb. 18.

The Avs are 6-9 all-time when losing two of the first three games of a best-of-seven playoff series, including a 4-4 record since moving to Denver.

INDIVIDUAL NOTES
Nathan MacKinnon extended his point streak to seven games, the longest postseason point streak by an Avalanche player since Peter Forsberg (also seven games) in 2004 and the longest point streak of the 2019 Stanley Cup Playoffs.

MacKinnon has registered 12 points (5g/7a) in the 2019 Stanley Cup Playoffs, the most points in a single postseason since Joe Sakic produced 12 (7g/5a) in 2004. He now has 28 points (10g/18a) in 21 career playoff contests, the highest points-per-game average (1.33) among active players and the fifth highest in Stanley Cup Playoff history among players with at least 10 points.

Logan Couture netted the sixth playoff hat trick in San Jose Sharks franchise history and first since Devin Setoguchi in Game 3 of the 2011 Western Conference Semifinal.

Samuel Girard recorded his first career postseason point.

Matt Nieto notched his fourth goal of the playoffs and is now ranked third on the team in goals this postseason and tied with Gabriel Landeskog for fourth in points (6).

Nikita Zadorov’s 11 hits is a postseason career high and the most by an Avalanche player in the playoffs.

QUOTES
Colorado LW Gabriel Landeskog
On The Third Period: “We fight back to tie it up with six or seven minutes to go, to be honest with you, the whole third period I thought we were pushing and we had some good looks. You know, it comes down to a mistake and turnover and ends up in the back of our net.”

On The Bounces Tonight: “I thought we worked hard. Yeah, maybe the bounces just weren’t there, but [in] playoffs, I feel like you work for your bounces and re-
ally all year. I mean, you create your own luck and create your own chances. Even when they scored to get ahead there, 3-2, Willy (Colorado C Colin Wilson) has one on the post, a nice tip, you know, could have gone the other way too.”

On The First Period: “We just didn’t have a good start, turning over so many pucks in the neutral zone. Whatever we were trying to do, it wasn’t working. I mean, forwards are standing still on the blue line and D were trying to find targets and just wasn’t happening for us and it ended up costing us a good start. Because, I felt like the first five minutes, we were going, and then a couple fifty-fifty calls go against our way and then they get all of the momentum. But like I said, we fought our way back. You know, a tied hockey game with six minutes to go at home, you got to get it at least to overtime.”

Colorado C Nathan MacKinnon
On Tonight’s Game: “It wasn’t great. They took it to us in the first period, like they did in Game 2. We did a good job battling back and then we threw it away late.”

On The Third Period: “We tied it up 2-2 and then they score with five minutes left to go up 3-2, so yeah, we definitely blew it.”

On The Avs’ Performance: “We just couldn’t find it. They outplayed us. We were turning a lot of pucks over, big turnovers, costly ones. You know, we started to find our momentum in the second half of the second period and in the third period – 15 minutes of the third period – and then we lost it again. It’s unfortunate. We were feeling great, thinking about OT, maybe could have got another one with the momentum with Nietsy (Colorado LW Matt Nieto) tying it up, but it didn’t happen.”

San Jose G Martin Jones
On His Team’s Defensive Play: “I thought we played really well. They had a couple good pushes right at the start of the game and a little bit in the second period there, but I thought we defended really, really well. The only time was the (Colorado C Nathan) MacKinnon goal that they really had a lot of time and space. It was good, I thought we defended well.”

On Colorado’s Early Push: “I felt great. We knew they were going to come hard. That’s always the case when you come home after a couple road games, so again, did a great job defending all night.”

San Jose C Logan Couture
On Tonight’s Game: “This is what you play hockey for. This is what you play 82 games for. I’ve been fortunate enough to play on some very good teams and we’ve only missed the playoffs once since I’ve been in San Jose, and these games are so much fun. You’re playing for the ultimate prize, it’s just a lot of fun playing hockey.”

On The Mood After Colorado Tied The Game: “Same as it has been all year, that’s the positive about our team. Probably the best attribute we have is promise. When we give up a goal, there’s no panic, just stick with our game and that’s what we did. We had a couple good shifts and then I was able to pot one there.”