

POSTGAME QUOTES

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Thursday, May 9, 2024
2024 Western Conference Second Round – Game 2
Dallas Stars 5, Colorado Avalanche 3
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Series tied 1-1

DALLAS STARS

Stars Head Coach Pete DeBoer

On Colorado's comeback attempt

"Obviously we have to handle those situations better, but the silver lining is that we build three- and four-nothing leads, so we played some very good hockey for long stretches against them. Tonight was better than Game 1. We did most of the things we wanted to do tonight. We built a lead and the right guys scored and got on the board for us. I really liked our game. They're an explosive team with a little bit of that mojo. When they get in that spot, they can throw caution to the wind and try and create. We can be a little bit smarter in that situation, but you learn as the playoffs go on and you have to win all kinds of different ways."

On challenging the Stars' team leaders

"Those guys want to be difference makers, and they're used to being difference makers. It's critical that those guys started to score. We got scoring from the right guys. Roope [Hintz] looked like Roope tonight. Miro [Heiskanen] had a couple of big goals and Tyler Seguin with a goal, so the right guys got on the board for us."

On the play of Mason Marchment

"He did a great job. He's involved. He's a big body, and this is a series where you have to win puck battles and pinches against their defensemen. You have to hang on to pucks in the offensive zone and try to grind a little bit. He's built for that, it's nice to have him back."

Stars Forward Roope Hintz

On tonight's win and tying the series

"It was huge for us. Jake [Oettinger] played great today and he kept us in the game in the end. It was a great response for us."

On taking a 4-0 lead into the third period

"If you get the 4-0 lead, you usually get the win. They are a good comeback team, so we had to be careful there and play smart."

On his performance and level of confidence

"I don't know if it felt easier, but it was nice to get on the board and help the team get the win. You can't control the past, so let's focus on the future."

On having Logan Stankoven as a linemate

"He's a great player. He's so smart, fast and has a good shot. It's easy to play with him."

Stars Forward Mason Marchment

On returning to the lineup after missing seven games due to injury

"It felt great. That was a great win from us and we're going to be looking for a lot of the same stuff. I don't think they can handle us when we play heavy and hard down low. That's got to be our recipe for the rest of it."

On his offensive lines performance

"We've done well against them. Just the way we play breaks down what they're trying to do. It was a lot of fun to get back out there and roll around with those guys. We'll be looking to do the same thing."

Stars Forward Jason Robertson

On Roope Hintz' and Tyler Seguin's performance

"It added to the excitement on the bench. Those guys have been trying all playoffs to get one. Now I'm sure the momentum and confidence are going to keep going."

On the Avalanche's push in the third period

"Some of the breakdowns we did in the third we didn't do in the first two periods. We got away from that. With a team like that, it's a quick strike. We saw that in Game 1. We have to keep those details throughout the game and try to limit those five-on-five chances."

Stars Defenseman Miro Heiskanen

On tying the series

"It's huge, [the series is] 1-1 now. We know we were down 2-0 against Vegas, and it's a long way from there. It's a lot better to be 1-1, for sure, and it's a huge win for us."

On holding on against the Avalanche's comeback

"It's really important. We need to be a little better. We gave them a little too much time and space in the third period, but we found a way to win the game, and that's the most important thing."

COLORADO AVALANCHE

Avalanche Head Coach Jared Bednar

On tonight's loss and giving up four goals in the first two periods

"I didn't mind the first period at all, to be honest with you. The scoring chances in the first period were hard to come by, and they got their one on the power play. We were just a split second late reacting on that pass. We had a couple of really great looks right at the end of the period with [Zach] Parise, and the power play that was running into the break had a really good look off the rush with a rebound opportunity. [Alexandar Georgiev] made a couple of big saves in the first, and so did [Jake] Oettinger. The second period though, for me, is where it fell apart. Just not sharp. You can just go to the penalties alone, and it shows you're not sharp. We had two too many men on the ice penalties and you get two over the glass penalties unforced, so it's eight minutes of power play you are giving a really good power play team, and the rest of our execution and frustration keeps building from there. I did not like the second period at all. It just lasted too long. Too long of them dominating, too many odd-man rushes and gains. Trying to make something out of nothing. Just not disciplined and too stubborn with the puck, and it lacked the work needed to have success. Then, we turned around in the third and go to work and that's what happens."

On the status of Devon Toews and his reaction to Jamie Benn's hit on Toews

"Toews is fine. It's a physical game, and it's a physical player. I don't know what to say. Does he catch a piece of his shoulder? Yes, I guess you could argue that, but the target is high and it's at his head, and he makes contact with his head. I have seen many times guys get called for the headshot penalties with a lot less than that, but I guess they didn't think so. This time of the year you have to play through some of that stuff. But, for me, it just makes me wonder, again, what the rules is. We will never probably figure out, but it is what it is. You have to play through it, and I am glad he is OK. It's a physical game this time of year, but I can't understand how it's not a penalty even if it isn't a five [minute major]."

Avalanche Forward Andrew Cogliano

On making a comeback in the third period

"It didn't seem like our execution was good enough with the puck, they were checking really hard. It just seems like we weren't clean with the puck throughout the night, and we weren't able to sustain a lot of zone time."

On the penalties in tonight's game

"We got a bunch of penalties, and it seems like we gave up a couple there. When you take penalties you're going to chase the game a little bit, you're just behind it. You got to shore that up. At the end of the day, in the playoffs, you've got to take the positives. It is what it is, and we've got to look at what we did wrong and correct it. We were down 4-0, and we had a power play tied up at the end of the game, so we'll definitely use that to prepare us for the next game."