

POSTGAME QUOTES

D A L L A S S T A R S C O M M U N I C A T I O N S

Sunday, Dec. 31, 2023

Dallas Stars 8, Chicago Blackhawks 1

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DALLAS STARS

Stars Head Coach Pete DeBoer

On tonight's game

"It was a good night. The main thing we wanted to fix from the previous night was to not get in a hole and chase the game. That first period set the tone for the rest of the night, which is something we haven't done enough of in this building. We want to continue to do that and build on that."

On Mason Marchment's performance

"The whole group is really happy for him. He's a really popular guy in the dressing room. Everybody feels for what he went through last year personally. We always had faith in him. I really felt that he was in a much better place this year coming into camp than he was a year ago with his life. He was settled and he had a year to grieve and get through that process. Everyone's really excited for him. When he's playing like he is now, he's a really effective guy for us."

Stars Forward Tyler Seguin

On tonight's win

"Great game. I don't know what you can say negative about it. It started great, the middle was solid, and the end was a nice hat trick."

On Mason Marchment's play and their line chemistry

"He's a force out there. We always tell him that he could be the best F1 in the league as far as being on forechecks. He opens up so much space for [Matt Duchene] and I. Tonight it was nice to see him get rewarded."

Stars Forward Mason Marchment

On tonight's win and keeping the offensive pressure up all game

"It's happened all over the league with teams coming back into games. It's something we said going out into the third that we wanted to keep our foot on the pedal, and we did a great job."

On his four-point performance tonight and which was his favorite

"The last one, honestly. It was pretty lucky, but I was giving Esa [Lindell] the target and he hit it right on the dot, and then it went off a guy's foot. But the first one was nice, too. Me and [Matt] Duchene were playing a little two-man game, and [Tyler] Seguin was getting open in the front. It was nice to get a line goal and get us back one."

On the line chemistry with him, Tyler Seguin and Matt Duchene

"We're getting grade-A's every game. We are playing good hockey and as long as we play good D-zone the rest will take care of itself for us. We are playing good hockey right now, so it is a lot of fun."

Stars Defenseman Ryan Suter

On first goal of the season

"It's always nice to have something to show for it."

On Scott Wedgewood stepping up

"He's been great. He's got the confidence right now and he's making that first save which is important. When he has confidence, and your goalie is making those saves, it gives the whole team confidence. "

On playing Connor Bedard and generational talents

"It's awesome, it's fun to see the skill that these guys have and to be a part of it. Obviously, it's a challenge to keep them under wraps, but he's a good player and he'll be around for a long time. You see all the highlights, so to play was fun."

CHICAGO BLACKHAWKS

Blackhawks Head Coach Luke Richardson

On tonight's loss

"Pretty much the way the score was. There wasn't a lot of battle in our game and things that we showed from last game that we did well with moving our feet in the O-zone and shooting pucks. We were very slow tonight and [Dallas] upped their battle level from last game, and we went the other way. That was pretty much the way the score said it was."

On why this team can't consistently put good games together

"I can't put my finger on it. It's not consecutive. It's kind of spontaneous and for no reason. We were down a body in the middle of the game, but it started way before that. It's conscious focus levels mentally to make us physically perform at what we are supposed to do. It's unfortunate that the goaltenders get left out to hang on these games, and we didn't help them out very much. Hopefully it's a new year and back to the drawing board tomorrow at practice. Maybe that's what we need – a little bit more practice and getting focused for some upcoming games that are going to be strong teams."

Blackhawks Forward Nick Foligno

On tonight's game after a competitive performance on Friday

"That was really disappointing. We talked about how we were trending in the right direction, even though we didn't get that win. We bent, but we didn't break last game. We come back and there are a lot of nights where we go down 4-2 like that or a team comes back from that, but it seemed to go the other way. We caught ourselves and tied it up and go to overtime. I expected the same exact result tonight where we were going to compete. My only hope from a game like today is we finally hammer through our thick heads of how we are going to need to play. That is not it, that is not who we are or can be. That's not what we expect in the room or what our fans should expect. It pisses me off – that's not a winning team. That's just a team hoping. You're hoping it's an easy night or that the other team doesn't have it. You kidding me with that team's record? We're going to play like that? Sorry, that's really frustrating with the strides I saw us making."

Blackhawks Forward Anthony Beauvillier

On tonight's loss

"It's tough to explain. It seems like every mistake was going in tonight, and we just couldn't stop the bleeding. It's unfortunate."

On how to keep the morale up after a loss like this

"It's over. It's a long road trip and we have three games still, so we just have to find a way to have a push together. Losing games is one thing, but I feel like we have to be connected and keep working. It's a bad feeling when you lose a game like that. Sometimes you lose 4-3 like we did last game, but the energy was good. We played a really good game, and there was a lot of positive coming out of that game. Tonight, it's hard to find some positives."