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Wednesday, April 24, 2024  
2024 Western Conference First Round – Game 2  
**Dallas Stars 1, Vegas Golden Knights 3**  
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*Vegas leads series 2-0*

## DALLAS STARS

### **Stars Head Coach Pete DeBoer**

*On Mason Marchment and Radek Faksa leaving in the third period*

"It shortened our bench for sure. You could see that it started to wear on us energy-wise in the third. I don't have an update on either of them, but they both left the bench so they weren't available.

*On tonight's game*

"I loved our first period. We made one mistake at the end of the first but we probably deserved to be up. That was probably a critical point in the game with [Jack] Eichel – the wrong guy gets in behind us at the wrong time. That's what they do, they make you pay. You come out of the first after playing a great period, and you have nothing to show for it. That was probably a momentum swing. We've got to find a way to score five-on-five. We generated some chances. You're not going to get a ton against them just like we're not going to give up a bunch, but we've got to finish them. Their goalie made a few saves, and we had some looks that we just have to stick in the net. The puck was on the right guys' sticks a few times, we just have to stick them in the net and bear down."

*On whether Vegas has the Stars figured out*

"They're the Stanley Cup Champions. They've got everyone figured out. They figured out everyone last year, too, so we're not alone in that mode."

### **Stars Forward Tyler Seguin**

*On tonight's performance*

"We had our chances. We're good enough to win, and we've just got to do it."

*On Dallas' intensity in Game 2*

"Maybe we're hitting too much. Maybe they're going for pucks more. We'll take a look at it and try to win the first game in Vegas."

*On shifting focus to the next game*

"That was the message right away. You've got to start with one. They played some good road games, and we've been a good road team all year, and we're going to do it again."

### **Stars Forward Jason Robertson**

*On struggling to create offense in the third period*

"Just didn't generate a lot on the net. I don't know the shot attempts, but only five shots on goal ... they're the defending Cup champions for a reason. They know how to squeeze it out and finish a game off. Just have to generate more shot attempts, look for some tips, second and third chances. I'm sure the coaches will have a look at it."

*On the Stars' zone entries*

"We turn the puck over skating the puck in, and they feed off that. That's one thing the coaching staff tries to reinforce. They're also reloading super hard, so it's tight through the neutral zone, and we just have to pick our spots whether to skate it in or just put it in a spot where we can get it back."

## **VEGAS GOLDEN KNIGHTS**

### **Golden Knights Head Coach Bruce Cassidy**

#### *On tonight's game*

"They were better early, had a good push and were physically. They had the first few chances. We needed some timely saves, and we got them. We settled in eventually. You don't want 1-0 to turn into 2-0, so we did a good job with that. It was a heck of a play by [Ivan Barbashev] on the goal, it was a reload. Strips the guy coming into our end, and we had a quick strike. You go into the intermission 1-1 and we know we haven't been at our best, but we got through it. There's going to be a response. Now let's build our game, and that's what happened. Credit to them for their start. We bent but didn't break. We got saves and countered with a nice goal. Now it starts over, and we can start building our momentum. They're not building off their first period. That's how I thought it played out from there. I liked our game after the first period and especially the third period being able to check. We had a flurry there where we had a turnover on a breakout, but those are going to happen. But structure wise and our guy's discipline and how we wanted to play, I saw a level of commitment there from the guys to get it done and we did."

### **Golden Knights Forward Jack Eichel**

#### *On the first goal and being patient throughout the game*

"It was a good effort. We expected them to come out and push hard the first five to 10 minutes. They played hard and physical. [Logan Thompson] made some big stops for us. Obviously, they got the power-play goal. But it's good. We responded and were able to come in after the first period, and it was all tied. Overall, it was a good first road period from us. We did some good things. You got to expect that. That's a desperate hockey team and a very good one. They gave us all we could handle."

#### *On what to expect going into Game 3*

"You got to expect their best. They're going to throw everything they have at us. Like I mentioned earlier, they're a great hockey team, and I expect another tight game. I'm sure it'll be an awesome atmosphere. We really enjoy playing in front of our fans at T-Mobile. Everyone in the room is excited to get back there in our home barn."

### **Golden Knights Forward Keegan Kolesar**

#### *On the intensity in tonight's win*

"It was awesome right from the start. We knew they were going to have a push for us physically, and they came out really engaged and ready to go, and we did a good job of managing it and taking our chances when we could. They took some licks at our top guys, and we tried to receive them."

#### *On managing the early Stars' push and staying patient*

"Sometimes when they are trying to make those big hits, they can run out of position. For us, if we were just sound defensively and made the little plays to one another, we could break out a little cleaner. As the game went on we saw that more from ourselves, we cleaned up the neutral zone and got more offensive zone time."

### **Golden Knights Defenseman Noah Hanifin**

#### *On the defensive performance tonight*

"It was great. That's the way you have to play, especially on the road. The way we played in the third was perfect. We didn't sit back too much. We were still trying to create offense and make plays. It was a great full 60 minutes for us."

#### *On being calm and positionally sound in your own defensive zone*

"It was huge. We talked about it this morning. We knew [Stars] were going to push. Especially, losing that first one at home. They were physical, but that fits into our style of play well. We're a big team and we can play that time of game. We handled it, well-poised. Everybody was talking and making big plays out there. That's what you need in situations like that."

#### *On Logan Thompson's play in net tonight*

"He was amazing. It doesn't surprise me because we see it on a daily basis in practice as players. We have two great goaltenders coached by an unbelievable man himself, and it's awesome to see all their hard work they are putting in is paying off."

### **Golden Knights Goaltender Logan Thompson**

#### *On defending middle of the ice well*

"The veteran group we have. Obviously losing [Nic Hague] was unfortunate, but we can just plug [Alec Martinez] in there. It shows we know how to win. We've done it all year, and we did it last year. That's just the experience of our group coming through – shutting them down and keeping them on the outside and making my life a lot easier."

#### *On his first two postseason games*

"The first game was a little too close for my liking. Today, I settled in there and felt good. It's fun, but it's definitely not over. We've just got to regroup and refocus and get ready for Game 3."