

POSTGAME QUOTES

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Wednesday, April 17, 2024
Dallas Stars 2, St. Louis Blues 1 (shootout)
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DALLAS STARS

Stars Head Coach Pete DeBoer

On tonight's game preparing the Stars for the playoffs

"It was an interesting game. Those aren't easy games to play. Give St. Louis credit, they didn't mail it in, they showed up and played hard and Bennington was outstanding. They made us earn it. I'm glad it was that kind of game and not a blow out or an easy one. You want to play competitive games down the stretch going into the playoffs and we've had a bunch of them."

On clinching the top seed in the Western Conference

"We wanted to win game, one because the building was electric being the last game of the season. This crowd has supported us all year and you want to finish and give them a win. Our guys wanted to make sure that happened. Once we knew we had the point and the conference clenched, you can relax a little bit, but it was important to our group to win the last game. We wanted to earn it and we did that all year. That's a lot of points, 113 points."

Stars Forward Jason Robertson

On clinching the Western Conference

"It feels like we did what we had to do. It's definitely an accomplishment that we should be proud of, but it's not going to be any easy team whoever we play in the playoffs. We're just happy we gave ourselves home ice in round one and gave us a good chance in the playoffs."

On tonight's performance

"We had a lot of scoring chances. That's what's going to happen in the playoffs. You're going to trade chances. Their goalie played extremely well. We're going to run into a hot goalie in the playoffs, so that goal we did score was an example of what you're going to have to do in order to score on a hot goalie. They are a really hard defensive team, and we have to learn from that."

Stars Forward Mason Marchment

On his goal

"We got a rebound. [Evgenii Dadonov] picked it up and walked it up the wall, gave it to [Esa Lindell]. It was a great shot, and it landed right in front of me. I just wanted to get it back on net."

On the confidence of this team when coming back in a game

"We always have confidence. When we play our game and everyone is chipping in and playing their role, we're a hard team to beat. That's why we're where we are this year. It's nice to end off on that note. It was a good win."

Stars Goaltender Jake Oettinger

On being the top seed in the Western Conference

"It's great. We want to have home ice as much as we can, and we will do that unless we play New York [Rangers] in the finals, so that is pretty exciting. You have to give yourself the best chance and get all the opportunities to get as many home games as you can, and we took care of business and now the real fun starts."

On going into the playoffs in great form

"It's been a tough year at some points, and I have learned a lot about myself and the people around me that are there for me. My goalie coach, Jeff Reese, and other goalie coaches that I have that believe in me wholeheartedly. They help me through those tough times, and the people close to me believed that I could turn my game around and get it to where it is now. I am just proud of how I finished the season and thankful for the people that really believed that I could get here when some people didn't think I was going to. I am proud of myself and my team around me, and I feel good about my game right now."

ST. LOUIS BLUES

Blues Head Coach Drew Bannister

On the game tonight

"I was proud with the way we competed in that game against that hockey club. For us with the season ending, our guys competed hard and we came here to win. I was happy with the effort we had tonight."

On Jordan Binnington's performance

"He played great again tonight for us. He's been good all year, but especially here tonight, he was outstanding."

Blues Forward Robert Thomas

On Jordan Binnington's performance in tonight's game

"Really good, he gave us a good chance to win. All year he has been unreal, him and Joel [Hofer], have given us a chance every night, and it's the same story tonight."

On the Jake Oettinger save during overtime and if the thought it went in

"I really did. That one's going to haunt me for a bit. I got nothing to say. That's a tough one."

Blues Goaltender Jordan Binnington

On tonight's game

"We showed that we can compete with the best, for sure, and hopefully that sends a message to evolve the team to make some decisions that are for the better and for us to be more competitive next year. It's a great group. It usually is a good group of guys, and it's unfortunate to not make the playoffs, but it's a good final game and we have more. There are better days ahead."

On his overall assessment of this season for his team

"Not good enough. There is room to grow, and a lot of lessons learned. Guys have to take steps. Young guys and middle-aged guys have to take steps. Everyone has to evolve and expect better, and just agree to be better for each other and push each other."