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Dallas Stars 6, New York Rangers 3

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DALLAS STARS

Stars Head Coach Pete DeBoer

On tonight's game

"From the second period on, we got to our game and stated to take the game over. It felt a little bit like the Colorado game in reverse. I don't think we loved our first period. We gave them too much room and too much time. We came out in the second and third and played the way we needed to play against a team like that and got rewarded for it."

On the play of Sam Steel and Craig Smith in the second period

"That line has done a really good job of tilting the ice for us. That's terminology we try to use. You're not going to go out there and score every night, but you want to grab momentum for us. What those second period shifts do, when the get offensive zone time like that, we caught them tired a few times. We out-changed them and got some fresh people out and managed to really put some pressure on them, and we get some momentum because of that."

Stars Forward Mason Marchment

On his goal

"Great cross ice pass by [Duchene], trying to put it in the net. I just saw it sitting there in between [Shesterkin's] legs so I poked at it, and it went in. They instantly called it off, but I knew it was a good goal. But I'm happy that one got called the right way."

On coming back after last game

"Last game – that's not our group. We're better than that, and we know that. We know to come out this game and do the same thing [Colorado] did to us; it shows the kind of team we are. We have those kinds of people in this room. It's a big win for us and on to the next one."

Stars Forward Joe Pavelski

On playing with the new line mate and tonight's game

"It was good. When there's a shift, it simplifies your focus to more effort, execution, compete, battle. That's what tonight's game was about. The first period was fast. Both teams were playing fast. We got down, and it was our turn to answer. We talked quick last game. When something like that happens, we want to respond correctly, and we did that tonight."

On the two goal reviews

"It helps. Especially when they go your way. Over the season they even out, normally. When they go your way and you feel that momentum coming, it helps. Some big plays throughout the night. Duchene's line was big. The penalty kill was huge, especially against that power play. It's been a strength of our team, and it was good to see them step up."

Stars Goaltender Scott Wedgewood

On bouncing back from a loss to Colorado last game

"We said it in here in the intermission going into the third: do to them what Colorado did to us. We wanted to respond after what happened last game. Our guys took pride in that and came out with the win tonight."

On his mentality coming into tonight's game

"We talked about before. When I get my starts, it's a little bit of my energy bug sparked through the lineup. First shot, there's a no-look glove save, and I throw it away – let the guys know I'm dialed. It's those intangibles that you try to play into. They see I'm focused and ready to go, and it gives them a little more security. I try to stay in it. I like to see what hands guys are, where they're posted. We watch video before the game on what tendencies they have. When you feel like you have a mental edge it weighs in your favor."

NEW YORK RANGERS

Rangers Head Coach Pete Laviolette

On tonight's game

"We came out good again in the first period. We had a few mishandles with the puck, but for the most part it was good. Second period, it got away from us a bit in the neutral zone. They pressed a little more, and we turned pucks over. Again, handling things clean and getting behind things we did in the first period. They came out and scored to start the third period. From there they picked up some momentum, and we couldn't grab it. We started the right way, but it's tough to finish that way and give up the goals in the third period."

On performance differences between periods

"The start of the second period, we played smart. First period, we got it behind them and controlled the period, and then they pressed more. You got to get through that neutral zone clean. If you don't, things turn around pretty quick."

Rangers Forward Mika Zibanejad

On tonight's game

"They're a good team. We did some good things in the first. The second was a little bit back and forth. The third, they created chances and scored. It's a tough loss. We'll look at this with a little more detail."

On the turning point in tonight's game

"When they got the 3-2 goal and then 4-2 goal. It's a challenge, and those challenges haven't gone our way. This one's tough."

Rangers Forward Chris Kreider

On tonight's loss

"We focus on each individual game. It's frustrating for us to think we had the opportunity to come away with points, having the lead. There were definitely some learning moments tonight."

Rangers Defenseman Jacob Trouba

On two unsuccessful challenges in tonight's game

"Both challenges didn't go our way. It is what it is. Sometimes those things happen, and we try to rally together as much as we can and just came up a little short in the third period."

On rebounding after this loss

"We liked the way we started. We had two pretty good periods. We liked the first more than the second. Taking a lead into the third period on the road is a pretty good spot to be. Third period got away from us. Nothing to panic over – we just move on and keep playing our game.