

POSTGAME QUOTES

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Dallas Stars 6, Detroit Red Wings 3

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DALLAS STARS

Stars Head Coach Pete DeBoer

On tonight's game

"It was a good game. I was a little worried. It was six in ten nights, so I was a little worried about our energy levels, but we showed up and had good energy, good contributions from everybody and some big saves from Jake [Oettinger] at the right time."

On coming back from being down 1-0

"We're a pretty veteran group. There was a sense of calm on the bench. There was no panic because we didn't score first. We worked ourselves into the game and really took it over for big stretches."

On the Lindell and Pavelski goals

"The goal at the end of the first was huge. To be able to go in at the end of the first with the lead was a big momentum shift for us and takes that away from them. Then the [Pavelski] goal is huge to as it's a one goal game and they're going to try to get the goalie out again and have an opportunity to tie it up if we don't score there. We got timely goals and timely saves tonight."

Stars Forward Jason Robertson

On Esa Lindell's goal late in the first period

"It's a big turning point. The biggest momentum shifts are goals in the first minute and the last minute of periods, so that was a big one going into the second, and we built on that from there."

On the power play getting more opportunities

"Getting the power plays means you are moving your feet and playing with the puck, getting off checks and trying to make plays, so just doing that more and more, you will get more power plays and will create opportunities in general. We let our five-on-five shifts drive our game, and then our power play will take care of business."

Stars Defenseman Miro Heiskanen

On his two-goal night

"It felt good, it's been a while since last time. It felt good, and it was a huge win for us, too."

On defenseman scoring being low this season

"We know that. We haven't talked about it a lot, but we know and we got better. I think it's coming. Sometimes you need a couple of good bounces and it starts going in. It's been a little tough, but hopefully it's getting a little easier now, and we keep going."

Stars Defenseman Esa Lindell

On his goal

"Just tried to shoot quickly. I was surprised it went in, and I wasn't sure if it beat the clock. Nice to see there was a little time left ... I was in the defensive zone when I got the puck from [Jani Hakanpää]. I looked up, and there was maybe five seconds. I passed it to [Sam Steel], and he made a nice move on the blueline. I knew I had to try to get it off quickly."

On bouncing back after Saturday's loss

"We spoke this morning, and after the goal, we got rolling again. We got better and better through the game. Big goals from the power play in the first and third periods."

DETROIT RED WINGS

Red Wings Head Coach Derek Lalonde

On the game's results

"I didn't mind our effort. Overall, from an effort standpoint, we played pretty good tonight. We gave ourselves a chance, obviously we made a goal there at the six-minute mark. Unfortunately, we gave it back during their powerplay."

On Forward Jonatan Berggren helping keep momentum

"I liked the goal, we had some of that presence there. Someone at the net with traffic and rebounds. We could have a little more of that going forward."

On final score

"Obviously we are not giving ourselves a chance, especially with where our roster is right now. We are not going to be able to score five or six on the road. We are going to have to do better job of keeping the puck out of our net."

Red Wings Forward Andrew Copp

On getting the start that was wanted but losing it as the game progressed

"We played a little too much d-zone. We were doing an okay job of ending plays, but the next play we weren't quick enough there. They got a lot of those second-play chances early in the game through the first two periods. We scored enough goals to win. The penalty kill let us down and just a little too much d-zone."

On losing momentum after the Stars' buzzer-beating goal

"You never want to give up [a goal] in the last minute. Just the way it happened, the openness behind their net with seven seconds left. It was a little bit of a back breaker. Getting down to 4-1, I think we responded pretty well. We played pretty well, and Jonatan Berggren's goal was huge. We had a couple really good chances at the end of the second period. One goal seems a little more manageable. We knew we were going to have to play a really sound identity game that was sound defensively. We just didn't do that. We did a lot of the other stuff, but we didn't get that identity as a team."

Red Wings Forward Jonatan Berggren

On his goal in the second period

"It's good to contribute with some offense. That is my game, so it was a nice goal and a nice play by [Shayne Gostisbehere], but when we didn't get the win, it is kind of boring after."

On being called up and getting some playing time this week

"I am confident in myself, and I know that if I just play my game, I will create chances. I just try to play my game."

On the team defense in tonight's loss

"When you miss some details and you play against a really good team, they will hurt you, so that was a big thing for us tonight."