

# POSTGAME QUOTES

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Thursday, Oct. 26, 2023  
**Dallas Stars 1, Maple Leafs 4**  
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## DALLAS STARS

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

#### *On the game*

Their goalie was good. We had enough chances to score a few goals, but for me the story of the game was our start. The first 20 minutes of the game were not nearly good enough playing one of the elite teams in the league coming in here, so we're going to get that fixed. Once we got engaged in the game in the second period, I thought we were really good, but you can't play 40 minutes in this league.

#### *On Mason Marchment's performance*

I thought he was our best player tonight. He was on and he was engaged.

#### *On Craig Smith's performance*

Smitty comes and gives you what he's got every night. He's got good speed, he's a straight-line player and we needed some straight-line physicality tonight from some more guys. He brings that, so I wanted to reward that. I rewarded Mason [Marchment] because he was bringing that, and I wish I had some more guys on that train.

#### *On the Stars' power play in the third period*

I thought we moved it around well. The first unit did, for sure. We had a couple of good looks around the net. A little bit execution, a little bit their goalie was good tonight. We've got to get one to get it going in the right direction and get that confident feeling again.

### **Stars forward Mason Marchment**

#### *On coming up short despite a plethora of scoring chances*

I think [Scott] Wedgewood kept us in a lot of that game. He played great. We had our chances, but they just didn't fall.

#### *On his performance*

I felt good. I slowed it down and [made it] more of a timing thing. I'm starting to feel better timing wise. It was a great pass by [Matt] Duchene. I was happy this one [goal] counted.

### **Stars forward Matt Duchene**

#### *On scoring chances*

It would've been nice to get more and more in the second [period]. We didn't have a great first two [periods]. They were the better team. We weren't as opportunistic as we needed to be in there

#### *On scoring chance opportunities*

You just have to keep doing the right things. At the start of the season a lot of teams and a lot of individuals start hot or cold, and it's one or the other usually at the first bunch of games. You just have to stick with it and eventually you get one and it snowballs from there.

#### *On his performance*

I'm getting used to the differences, but obviously it's an adjustment. I felt good. It's been an upward trend and tonight I was able to find the puck a bit more and get into my type of game. It's a disappointment not to have contributed more on the scoresheet, but you just have to stay with the process. The results are sometimes uncontrollable, but the process is what you have to stick with.

### **Stars forward Craig Smith**

#### *On switching lines and adjusting*

You get different looks, especially going through camp. You're getting to play with different guys, and you take it for what it is and get the chance to play with some good players. Everybody in there is a great player, but when you step into a different role, it's the next man up, and you try to play aggressive.

*On the team moving on from the loss to Toronto*

Just keeping moving forward. We'll sit together. We're a good team and we can generate chances – the zone times, puck possession and being hungry in the puck. We're good at creating a lot of good chances. We had a couple good looks there and [Matt] Duchene turned it into [Mason] Marchment's goal. It was encouraging and we'll continue to work on it and be better.

## **TORONTO MAPLE LEAFS**

### **Maple Leafs Head Coach Sheldon Keefe**

*On the win*

I thought it was all in the backs of what I thought was our best first period of the season. In a lot of ways, scoring first so we came out of it with a lead. The way we were playing and the flow of the game, we were able to use everyone at forward and on defense. We spent a lot of time in their half of the ice during the first period, which allowed us to have enough gas in the tank throughout because of the way we played in the first. Those guys grinded. At times our forwards took care of the puck well, and at times not so well. We knew in this building their team was going to push, but we didn't break.

*On Jake McCabe's injury*

There's concern there yes, but we don't know the extent of his injury yet.

*On William Nylander's performance*

He's doing great. He has a lot of confidence with the puck. He's had a terrific start this season and he's continuing with that, but without a doubt he's really in a good place with his rhythm offensively.

*On Tyler Bertuzzi's performance*

I thought today was his best game yet. I've been looking at his game really closely and he's done some very subtle things that aren't necessarily getting rewarded with points. He's been working and grinding and he's just more comfortable in general.

### **Maple Leafs forward Tyler Bertuzzi**

*On scoring points against a quality opponent*

That's a good team we played. I think we had a really good first period. We hadn't had a really good first period in all six of those games. That was a big thing for us to get off to a good start.

*On the Stars' penalty kill*

It feels like there's not much room out there. They're very good, tight and they block a lot of shots. Even the goal, I know it was a shot from the point. It was the tip. It wasn't a passing play. They've got a good PK over there.

### **Maple Leafs forward Mitch Marner**

*On the team's defense*

I thought it was great. Gutsy by our defense. We had a great first [period], second [period] kind of got away from us just standing. Shifts [were] too long, too many plays to the blueline not really helping them out too much, but they did a great job just keeping it calm back there. The brick [Joseph Woll] did his thing as usual.

*On Joseph Woll's performance*

He made a couple of massive saves, a couple of big ones on our penalty kill for a couple of tip plays and didn't give them a lot of opportunities. It's something you love to see from your goaltender.

### **Maple Leafs defenseman Morgan Rielly**

*On the team's penalty kill*

It's not the easiest thing to deal with, but you get familiar with being down a player. There comes a point on the game where you have to manage energy. It's challenging, but with it being early in the game, it was easier to do so.

*On Joseph Woll's performance*

He's been phenomenal. He's making difficult saves in important times of the game against great players. As teammates, we want to make it easier on him.

### **Maple Leafs goaltender Joseph Woll**

*On the team's performance*

Pretty good. That's a really good team over there. They haven't lost in regulation yet, so that was a big win for us playing a Stanley Cup contender like that. I think we came on the first, played really hard and shut it down pretty well in the third.

*On his save on Jason Robertson*

I think that was a time they were controlling the play a bit. I think [I was] just doing the best I could to keep our team in it. It was a quick play that happened. Just through everything, I had him at the leg and managed to get it.