

# POSTGAME QUOTES

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Saturday, Jan. 27, 2024  
**Dallas Stars 5, Washington Capitals 4 (OT)**  
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## DALLAS STARS

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

*On the Continuous Play call which allowed a late Capitals goal*

"The explanation I got was that the referee on the ice lost sight of the puck, blew the whistle and waived it off. The other three thought, once they huddled, that the puck was loose, and it was 'continuous play,' is what they called it. [The puck] was never covered, in their estimation ... It was the right result. We deserved to win. The end didn't feel great, but we played – considering the circumstances – a really good game. Our only mistake was not extending the lead at some different moments and then giving a team who has a history of being really opportunistic a late power play. Change of momentum there for a few minutes."

*On Matt Duchene's 1,000 game ceremony*

"It's fantastic. I was talking to Jim [Nill] about how the 1,000<sup>th</sup> game celebrations changed over the years from when I got into the league. I'm going to date myself, but they're so much better now. They're so much more inclusive of family and friends. He had all his friends up from Haliburton, he had his family on the ice, he saw his mom and dad, his son Beau was out there and did a lap prior to the anthem and got to stand with him on the blueline. We've evolved as a league to a much better place where we recognize that 1,000 games – it's great for the player, but there's a lot of people behind the scenes that are a part of those 1,000 games. It's nice to see that."

### **Stars Forward Matt Duchene**

*On having his family in attendance for his 1,000-game ceremony*

"It's great. It's hard to take in. You're used to getting attention when you make big plays, win big games, but it's a little unnerving when you're out there by yourself. It's a lot different than actually playing the game. I just tried to not be too nervous about it and just take it in and enjoy it. It's a pretty special moment, a full circle moment for my family, friends and me. The amount of people that came down for this – it's pretty amazing. I'm just really grateful and really blessed to have the people I do in my life, friends and family."

*On having his son out on the ice during warm-ups*

"Honest to god, him scoring that goal in warm up and people cheering and everything – that feels better than any goal I scored this year. As funny as that sounds, I'm getting a full dose of what it's like to be a proud parent at this point. When he did the line-up in Washington, honestly it might've been the greatest moment of my life. Then, getting to do that tonight, that's something I'll never forget and he'll never forget. His love for hockey has just gone through the roof since we moved to Dallas. He is just non-stop hockey, and an experience like that – that can do a lot for a kid going forward, you never know what that can add up to down the road."

### **Stars Forward Mason Marchment**

*On the Capitals' late goal to send the game to overtime*

"I've never seen something like that at the end there. I thought the whistle went. That kind of happened to me earlier this season where the whistle went at the same time, but good for the boys for keeping with it and getting that one done."

*On playing with Thomas Harley*

"Miro [Heiskanen] was out there for a couple of weeks and he was our dog. We rode him pretty hard, and he did a really good job. Now Miro is back and he's got a little more free rein. He's taking advantage of it. He is a great skater, and he's got a great shot. He's been a big player for us."

### **Stars Defenseman Thomas Harley**

*On winning the game in overtime*

"We didn't need that to happen. I'm sure it was good for the fans though. They got a good show, so that's good. We're going to try and avoid doing that again."

*On scoring back-to-back overtime winners*

"I've never had a moment like that. This was the first ... I liked the Anaheim one more because I aimed that shot. This one, I just made a play on the back-check. We got up the ice with a 3-on-2. [Matt Duchene] drove the net and took the defenseman with him. [Jason Robertson] made a great pass, and I just put it on net."

## **WASHINGTON CAPITALS**

### **Capitals Head Coach Spencer Carbery**

*On the Capitals coming back from two-point to deficit to earn a point in overtime*

"That was a huge finish, and we didn't lay down in a difficult game. That's a really good hockey team. They cause a lot of different issues for teams in general but us as well. I credit our guys for not laying down and finding a way. Six-on-five steps up and scores two goals to get that game into overtime. I would have liked to have found a way to get the second point, but that point could be very important down the road. We know we have a long way to go. We have a lot of work to do to hang in these games against these types of teams in the league. We know that. We're going to put the work in and get back in after the break."

*On the review which allowed the Capitals' late game-tying goal*

"I was fairly confident because of that new rule that came in where, even if the referees blow the whistle when the puck is on its way in, they can go back to that and say 'I was in the process of blowing it, but it was going in.' I was fairly confident they were going to count that. This year, I've found out very quickly that it may not have happened. It was nice for one of those to go our way."

### **Capitals Forward Dylan Strome**

*On coming back and sending the game to overtime*

"Obviously, it wasn't our best road trip. We got down a lot in all the first three games and this game. I think every game of this trip we scored two late goals. It shows we don't quit and stick with it. I turned it over to them on the first goal and fell on the fourth goal. It's obviously frustrating, and you want to get it back for the team. We did a job with the 6-on-4. [Alexander Ovechkin] got his shot through a couple of times and [Tom Wilson] had a great screen. The puck was just sitting there behind [Jake Oettinger] on that last one. Like coach said after the game, you never know when those points are going to come up and matter in April. That's where we're wanting to be, battling for a playoff spot. Hopefully, that point helps."

*On wondering if the last goal was going to count*

"It's about time we got one goal our way this year. I don't know. It felt like it was bound to happen at some point this year. I don't know what the challenges have been, but I know we got one against Pittsburgh and I think this is the only other one. I'm not sure what the exact rule is, but it was close from when he blew the whistle to when I put it in the net. If the puck is sitting there, they did a good job of talking about it after the puck went in, and then they talked about it as a group and called a goal on the ice. When it's a goal on the ice, it usually stands. I'm a bit biased, but I feel like it was the right call. The puck was sitting behind him, and he can't see that, but I could. That's hockey sometimes, and the hockey gods got us a point tonight."

### **Capitals Defenseman Trevor Van Riemsdyk**

*On earning a point in the standings*

"That's a really good team over there, and we knew it was going to be a tough game right before break. We knew how important it was, and it was great how we didn't give in there. Obviously, we weren't in the situation we wanted to be, but we found a way to dig out a point. You never know what those can mean come April. It was a great result by the team."

*On All-Star break coming after tough series of games*

"You got to take a step away. This trip before break – you want to go in with some good momentum. We didn't accomplish that on this road trip, so it's a good time to decompress. A lot of us have families, so we'll get some good family time. We'll come back ready to go. It's going to be a couple months of hard work and a lot of tight games. We've got to be ready for that."

### **Capitals Defenseman Rasmus Sandin**

*On scoring his first goal of the season*

"It's always fun to score. But we didn't get the ending we wanted. It doesn't seem as good now, after. But it's good to get the first one out of the way."

*On coming back to lose in overtime*

"It shows character and strength in this team to come back from 4-2. At the same, there's 60 minutes of hockey and we didn't play 60 minutes of great hockey. There were moments we played pretty well, but too often today it wasn't good enough."