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Dallas Stars 1, Vegas Golen Knights 2 (OT)

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DALLAS STARS

Stars Head Coach Pete DeBoer

On tonight's game

"Good hockey game. Two good teams. [Vegas] was better in the first, and we were better in the second. The third period, the referees got a little more involved, and it was a little more of a special teams game. We did some good things in overtime and had some looks, but they found a way to win the game. But big picture, we are going into the break in a good spot, and we have things that we have to get better at, but it was an important point."

On Jake Oettinger's play

"You knew he would bounce back and rise to the occasion. I can't think of another guy I want in there in an important game than him, and we knew we would get that kind of game out of him. He was great."

On watching Vegas goaltender Adin Hill make big saves in the second period

"You can't get frustrated. You just have to stick with it. I didn't sense frustration on our bench. We were building, and we felt that eventually we were going to get one, and we did. We got an important one at the end of the second."

Stars Forward Roope Hintz

On tonight's game

"After the first [period], we were playing really well. We had some good looks, but it was a bad ending. We've been playing well these days, so we'll get our heads up and go from there."

On the performance of the goaltenders in tonight's game

"Both goalies were great today. You need good goalies, and we got some good looks, but [Hill] made some good saves. He was there when they needed him."

Stars Defenseman Thomas Harley

On returning to the line up

"It was good. I was a little nervous about how I'd hold up out there, but everything went well. A little contact on my first shift, but I took a deep breath and went from there."

On getting back to being game-ready

"Yeah, I don't play a ton of special teams so it was nice there was a lot of 5-on-5 out there, I could get into rhythm and get some puck touches."

Stars Goaltender Jake Oettinger

On tonight's game

"It was a tight game. Two great teams and it could've gone either way, probably."

On Vegas' offensive pressure in the third period

"You just have to weather it. [Adin Hill] was doing the same thing on the other end, too, so it was just a tight game with two good teams."

On another overtime game with Vegas

"Those overtime points are important, so we want to get better at that as well, but you're not playing three-on-three in the playoffs, so I am not too worried about that."

VEGAS GOLDEN KNIGHTS

Golden Knights Head Coach Bruce Cassidy

On tonight's game

"I figured it would be low scoring and intense. Can't really evaluate their game from top to bottom. There were pockets of the game where we were crisp with our execution, but the second period got away from us, maybe even late first [period]. We just weren't clean coming out of our end, and it led to a lot of zone. So, it was tough. It was tough on our defensemen. We battled and had big groups, and they put a lot of pucks at the net. It was a game similar to the first one that went into overtime and a shootout back in Vegas. This one didn't quite make it that far, but good hockey team. Two good teams that don't give up a lot of room."

On wrapping up the road trip with a win

"It's important that there's guys that we rely on for offense, and it just hasn't come. There are two ways to look at that, right? There is the group that is getting the chances every night. [Jonathan] Marchessault sees the puck flying, and it's just not going in, and Jack [Eichel] has had a lot of good looks. Other guys not as many looks. We want to make sure that we find a way to get them going offensively. It was important there for one of the guys that we rely on to get a goal. We have to take it from anybody, and those are the guys that play in overtime, anyways. That's why it was important for us. You know the old saying going .500 on the road, so we got that, but we expected a lot more than .500 on the road for this hockey club. For this trip, that's how it ends. That's a good mental item on the checklist to make sure you get half the points on the road trip."

Golden Knights Forward Jack Eichel

On scoring the overtime goal

"It's not at all how you draw it up – I fanned a couple times – but I'll take it. It was good to get the two points. It's been a long road trip for us. It's never easy being away for this long, and we knew it was going to be a tough game tonight. It's always close when we play them."

On his view of the play preceding his goal

"We get the puck back in our own zone, come up on the ice, we're weaving a bit to trying to get them to make some bad reads to get an opportunity to attack. Originally, I was trying to pull it back and shoot it using the defensemen as a screen. I fanned on it a little bit and the puck goes through the legs. It was just me and the goalie, trying to go around him, and lucky to see the puck go in.

Golden Knights Goaltender Adin Hill

On the game-winning goal

"It was a pretty impressive move. I don't know if it was on purpose, but it was a nice move and good patience by Jack Eichel. Just out-waiting Oettinger and making sure to bury it in the net. Big players make big plays at big times, so Jack is unreal for this."

On his proudest moment in the second period

"I was just trying to battle through screens. I got a lot of dips and a lot of loose looks around the net. It felt like I was seeing the puck well and trying to find it through all the legs and bodies over there. Our defensemen did a great job taking some sticks and clearing a few areas where I needed a little help."