

POSTGAME QUOTES

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Dallas Stars 2, Bruins 3

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DALLAS STARS

Stars Head Coach Pete DeBoer

On tonight's loss

"I expected that we might come out a little flat tonight coming back from the road trip we were on, so this is one of those where you give them a little bit of leeway. Unfortunately, we were then down 2-0, so that's a tough hole to get out of against a good defensive team. The second and third period we pushed hard and did some good stuff."

On the team's difficulties with scoring in the first period at the start the season

"We know that's an issue. It's something that we talk about and we are trying to address. It's been hit or miss. We have had some good starts, but more poor ones than good ones, so it's definitely on our radar. It's something I know we are capable of getting fixed."

On Mason Marchment's penalty in the third period

"Poor penalty and poor timing. No sugarcoating that. I'd like to say it was a bad call, but it was a penalty. You can't do that at that point. We have battled back into the game and he is a smarter and better player than that."

Stars Forward Jason Robertson

On finishing stronger than they started

"You've got to fix the first part. Playing one of the best teams in the league. You can't have a slow start."

On what happened in the third period

"We were trying to push for another goal, and we got a couple. Just not enough."

Stars Forward Wyatt Johnston

On a slow start transitioning into a hard finish

"When we don't start as well, it's easy to pick it up and realize that you've not been playing your best. It's not something we want to have to do. We don't want to have to wake ourselves up after the first period, and having good starts is huge. It's a lot easier to play with a lead rather than come back in the games."

On what needs to change on the power play

"One thing – execution. Everyone can make plays, but it's about making those plays. A strength of ours has always been getting the puck to the net and having bodies there. A lot of our power play goals are scored from right outside the crease. It's about just getting to that and winning your battles and executing."

Stars Defenseman Joel Hanley

On making his season debut tonight

"It was nice. Sitting out is not the easiest thing, but it was nice getting in there. It would've been nice to get the win there, but I felt alright. I feel like I have a lot more to give."

On the speed and physicality of the game

"It's hard to replicate sometimes. The coaches and trainers do a great job with us keeping us in shape, but it's hard to replicate the games. Sometimes it's fun to get hit and try to hit, so it was nice to get in there."

BOSTON BRUINS

Bruins Head Coach Jim Montgomery

On tonight's game

"It's great. Two goals from rookies and the fourth line. It was really important. We wanted to jump on them early, and we were able to do that. They got a big push in the last seven minutes of the first and into the second [period]. In the last five minutes of the second and into the third, we played well with a lead."

On John Beecher's goal

"He attacked downhill, looked to shoot, took the open space. He did a great job on the forecheck – the entire line did. Got the turnover and then made something happen going to the net."

Bruins Captain Brad Marchand

On John Beecher and Mason Lohrei getting their first NHL career goals

"John [Beecher] was pressing, and you could tell he wanted that one. It takes the monkey off your back and allows you to feel good. Mason [Lohrei] is such a talented player and has done well since he's been up. It's good to see both get that first one. It's one you'll always remember. When they look back on their career, that will be one of their favorite memories."

On the power-play goal

"It was something that we talked about. We wanted to be more direct, and it was good to get that one."

Bruins Forward John Beecher

On scoring his first NHL goal

"I dreamt of that as a kid growing up. Getting the first one out of the way is huge for me. I'll take some confidence going forward and get ready for the next one... picked up a rebound there and was looking to go low-to-high. They cut it off right away, so I took my space and tried to get it off as quickly as I could."

On fellow rookie Mason Lohrei scoring his first NHL goal

"I'm super happy for him. He's playing amazing, and we needed guys to come up and fill roles and play their game. He's been great for us, and I couldn't be happier."

Bruins Goaltender Jeremy Swayman

On his play in net tonight

"It's an accumulation of all the games, and that's important because a lot of these teams have great identities of funneling pucks to the net. Tips, I have to work on those. Two tipped goals are frustrating, so I want to make sure I get on top of that when we get back to Boston, but it's one game at a time. That's all I really care about, and the experience is what makes me better and allows me to make these saves."

On Dallas' offensive pressure tonight

"That's a great gameplan by them. We knew they were going to come out after they had a longer [road] trip, and they pushed, so kudos to them. It's always a fun battle in this building. I wanted to do my job, and the guys in front of me were working their butts off, too, and making sure that we were leaving this road trip with two points at least. It's a great team win, and regardless of their grade-A chances, we had just as many, and that's important. It's a team win."