

AMALIE Arena Media Clips Monday, November 27, 2023

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SYRACUSE, N.Y. – The Syracuse Crunch topped the Laval Rocket, 4-3, in a shootout tonight at the Upstate Medical University Arena.

Gage Goncalves had a three-point night (1g, 2a), while Felix Robert tallied a goal and an assist to help advance the Crunch to 10-5-0-2 on the season and 2-0-0-0 in the eight-game season series.

Crunch goaltender Matt Tomkins recorded the win stopping 21-of-24 shots and all three shootout attempts. Jakub Dobes turned aside 32-of-35 shots and 1-of-2 shootout attempts. The Syracuse power play went 2-for-5 and the penalty kill was a perfect 4-for-4.

The Crunch jumped out to a quick lead just 1:14 into the game off some tic-tac-toe passing on the man-advantage. Goncalves sent the puck down to Gabriel Dumont along the goal line. He immediately centered a feed for Robert to fire in. The Rocket responded with two goals of their own to take over the lead by the end of the first period. The first came at the 11:08 mark when Riley Kidney scored from the left circle off a 2-on-1 rush with Mitchell Stephens. Brandon Gignac then put Laval on top with a wrister from the slot.

Mitchell Chaffee evened the score early in the second period. Goncalves's initial move was stopped, but Chaffee got a stick on the rebound and fired it over the goaltender. Laval regained their lead halfway through the frame when Jan Mysak sent the puck in from between the circles.

Syracuse knotted the score again with a power-play goal 7:28 into the third period to eventually send the game to overtime. Robert set up Goncalves to rip a one-timer from the top of the left circle.

After a scoreless overtime period, the teams went to a shootout. Joe Carroll scored the only goal in the second round to give Syracuse the win.

The Crunch are back in action on Friday when they host the Toronto Marlies.

Crunchables: Gage Goncalves recorded his 100th AHL point tonight...Matt Tomkins earned his first win with the Crunch tonight. It's his first AHL win since May 14, 2021.

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Everything you need to know ahead of Tampa Bay's matchup against the Colorado Avalanche on Monday night.

When: Monday, November 27 - 9 p.m. ET
Where: Ball Arena - Denver, CO
TV coverage: Bally Sports (check local listings)
Radio coverage: 102.5 MHz-FM, Lightning Radio 24/7
Where to stream it: BallySports.com

Lines from Monday's game (subject to change)

Forwards Brandon Hagel - Brayden Point - Nikita Kucherov Steven Stamkos - Anthony Cirelli - Mike Eyssimont Tanner Jeannot - Tyler Motte - Alex Barre-Boulet Cole Koepke - Luke Glendening - Austin Watson

Defensemen Victor Hedman - Nick Perbix Mikhail Sergachev - Erik Cernak Calvin de Haan - Darren Raddysh

Goaltenders Jonas Johansson Matt Tomkins

Monday's Matchup

The Lightning and Avalanche are playing the first of two matchups this season and the only meeting at Ball Arena...The Bolts posted a 2-0-0 record vs. COL last season, winning the two games by a combined score of 8-3... Anthony Cirelli (1-2—3), Brandon Hagel (2-1—3), Brayden Point (1-2—3) and Alex Killorn (0-3—3) were tied for the Tampa Bay team lead in points vs. COL last season with Hagel leading the way in goals and Killorn pacing the team in assists...Nikita Kucherov is riding a four-game point streak vs. COL (3-1—4) and has found the scoresheet in seven of his last eight contests vs. COL (5-3 8)... Kucherov has scored a goal in five consecutive games at COL (5-1—6) and has points in seven of his nine career games at Ball Arena (6-3—9)...Point is riding a five-game point streak vs. COL (3-4—7) and has points in five of his six career games at COL (2-4—6)...Steven Stamkos has posted 12 points over his last 10 contests vs. COL (5-7—12)...Tampa Bay is 18-15-5 with three ties all-time vs. COL, including a road record of 8-9-2 with two ties...Stamkos (8-8—16) holds the Lightning franchise records for career goals and points vs. COL, while Victor Hedman (2-13—15) leads the way in assists.

Injuries

Conor Sheary - Upper-body, out

The Road Ahead

Tuesday, November 28 at Arizona Coyotes Thursday, November 30 vs. Pittsburgh Penguins Saturday, December 2 at Dallas Stars