

POSTGAME QUOTES

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Dallas Stars 2, New York Islanders 3 (OT)

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DALLAS STARS

Stars Head Coach Pete DeBoer

On tonight's game

"Tough game coming back off the trip. I thought we started slow and didn't like our first period at all. We worked ourselves back into the game and had enough chances to win in the third period. We had a breakaway and hit the crossbar. We worked hard enough to score or at least draw a penalty or two down the stretch that we didn't get."

On the Stars' penalty kill

"I think that 5-on-3 was a huge kill. I think it was a turning point in the game. That's where you can grab momentum. It got the fans into it and gets the building going as much as a goal does when you can kill something like that. We got a couple of big blocks from some guys and the guys dug in and [Scott Wedgewood] made good saves."

Stars Forward Matt Duchene

On tonight's game

"I think we're probably the better team tonight. A lot of good looks...played most of the third and the second on their end. The first was probably our worst period. You get to overtime and it's just a coinflip as we always talk about. We had a good look there they just tied up [Wyatt Johnston] on the doorstep there and made a nice play on the goal. No time to feel sorry for ourselves, it's a huge week for us and we've got a big one against Colorado tomorrow."

On hitting 800 points milestone

"Yeah, I think every time you hit another 100 points it feels good, but I was happier for [Logan Stankoven] for getting his first point and first goal. He was awesome for us tonight. You can see why he has had such a great year in the AHL and he's going to have a really long career and will be a good player for a long time."

Stars Forward Logan Stankoven

On what he saw on the goal

"Just kind of a broken play, obviously [Wyatt Johnson] made a great play through the neutral zone there, kind of chilling through the defensemen. I thought I'd follow up on the play. The goalie was pretty screened so throw pucks on the net and good things happen."

On being compared to Jason Robertson

"[Jason Robertson] is in a whole different category with that stuff. It was nice to get that first goal, but it would've been nicer to cap it off with a win."

Stars Forward Wyatt Johnston

On tonight's loss

"It comes down to finishing the games off. We have lost a lot of our overtime shoot-outs. That's one thing we've worked on, and we've been better this year. It's not fun to play a solid game and not get the points. Obviously, we can be better in certain areas, but we need to find a way to win these games and get these points."

On learning from the loss

"Goals have not been easy to come by this last bit of games. We all have the ability to score every time we are on the ice. We've proved that the whole season. It's getting back to that and bearing down on those chances. We've had a lot of chances so it's about finishing those off."

Islanders Head Coach Patrick Roy

On Islanders performance tonight

"We had a good practice yesterday. The guys had a very good vibe, so it's fun to see them rewarded. We played against a very good hockey team. They are first in their division, and they are a fast team. Our guys did really well. We moved that puck north, we forechecked well and we had some good chances. It's a road game and this is not an

easy building to play in. I was very happy, every line brought something. The line with [Kyle] MacLean, [Matt] Martin and [Cal] Clutterbuck played a solid game. They forechecked hard and they got the puck out. Our defense did well.”

On leading the game in goals

“It’s always more fun to play with the lead than trailing. We took one and they came back. We took two, they came back. We had a good chance on the power play and we sure would like to have that one back. We were moving that puck well; it was great play by [Kyle] Palmieri. I thought it was a solid game. You don’t win in Dallas if you don’t play a good hockey game.”

Islanders Defenseman Ryan Pulock

On tonight’s win

“Whenever you’re on the road playing against a good team, the two points is what’s important. Obviously, another overtime game but that doesn’t matter. What matters is we got that extra point and I felt for the most part we played a solid road game.”

On scoring the first goal

“It was big. I struggled a little bit to score in the last few games until late the other night. It was good to get on the board early and get some momentum going that way. It capped off a pretty good first period for us overall.”

Islanders Forward Bo Horvat

On tonight’s game

“I thought we played a great road game today. I think they obviously took it to us there a little bit, but we weathered the storm well and we get to add two points. At the end of the day, we got the job done so that’s all that matters.”

On continued team progression

“I think we’re getting a lot of opportunities. We’re getting a lot of scoring chances. Including myself, it was about time one went in there with all the chances we had tonight. I think we’re doing a lot of good things. It’s just a matter of getting the wins behind it and tonight definitely felt good.”

Islanders Forward Brock Nelson

On his performance tonight

“You find yourself in some different spots with a bit of a different look, but I was trying to read off Bo [Horvat] and [Mathew] Barzal but mostly Bo [Horvat] because we are interchangeable on the left side. I thought we had a couple of transition looks but would have liked to have more pucks in the offensive zone to generate more offense. It felt alright.”

On tonight’s win

“It’s a big win. Dallas is an extremely tough team with a lot of depth and a solid back end. For us to come in here and win this one on the road is a big two points. We did a good job of sticking with it. Right now, it’s singular game focus and trying to string together as many wins as we can.”