

POSTGAME QUOTES

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2024 Western Conference Final – Game 5
Dallas Stars 1, Edmonton Oilers 3
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Edmonton leads series 3-2

DALLAS STARS

Stars Head Coach Pete DeBoer

On the team's offense

"You have to give them credit. If you're going to draw up a road game, that's pretty much what you want to do. You want to come out, get two power-play goals early in the game, get the lead and then defend well all night. It's tough to crack through when you're down two or three goals. There have been big swings in this series, but as the games get deeper, those leads are tougher to overcome. It was a really good road game by them. They got two power-play goals, a seeing-eye goal off a draw, their goalie made some big saves when he needed to. That's a good formula to win on the road."

On the Stars' slow starts in games

"You're at the end. There's only four teams left, and these are the best teams in the league. It's not going to look pretty every night. You're not going to come out firing shots and making plays. We're doing the same to them. They got a couple of power-play goals and didn't have a ton of great looks either. It's muddy, tight hockey. There's not a lot of room there. You get to the end like this with two really good teams that are really deep, and there is not a lot of room there. It's not going to feel great a lot of the time for either team."

On the play of Chris Tanev

"He gutted it out for us. He's obviously not 100%, but he showed up and played and gutted it out for us. Did a great job."

Stars Forward Tyler Seguin

On tonight's performance

"Special teams are important, but it was a bit of a weird game. It felt like the first period was almost two teams feeling each other out. The reality of it probably was its two teams and a lot of media with a lot of travel in the last couple days. The game was there for us, and we are all on the same schedule, and we didn't get the job done."

On struggling to get the puck on net

"I don't know if there was a ton of shots in the game, period. It was more of a neutral zone battle, two teams who've have played each other a lot now. We weren't as connected as we usually are tonight with all five guys on the ice. That's probably why there weren't many shots."

Stars Forward Wyatt Johnston

On the impact of special teams in tonight's game

"Yeah, special teams were a big factor, but we definitely could've helped ourselves and do a lot more to get the win."

On performance during the first two periods

"You've got to give them credit – they did a good job. We didn't do nearly good enough of a job getting to the net and getting first opportunities, but then also getting those rebounds back and generating more."

Stars Forward Matt Duchene

On tonight's loss

"The first two periods weren't good enough. We have to generate more. In the third period, we had some looks, but you're down three by then. There's no time to sit in it. We're getting on a plane tomorrow, heading out there for Game 6. We just have to take it one day at a time now."

On struggling to get the puck on net

"They were breaking out well, but we weren't getting pucks back enough. When we dumped it in, we didn't get it back, and when we carried it in, we didn't set up well enough in the offensive zone. Give them credit – they're doing a good job, they blocked a lot of shots tonight, but we've got to be better."

EDMONTON OILERS

Oilers Head Coach Kris Knoblauch

On Ryan Nugent-Hopkins's performance

"I saw Ryan and told him tonight he's my favorite player. He had two goals tonight and the power play was really big and he was a part of the penalty kill. He had a good game. A lot of the guys had a good game."

On the team's performance

"We're never going to play a 60-minute game in this point of the season where you dominate and you're the better team. It just doesn't happen. The other team just has too much to say, and they're a good team. [Tonight] might've been our best 60-minute effort. We're going to need more of that for Game 6. Dallas is a very good team on the road. We've treated this game the same as last game as a must win game. Game 6 will be a must-win game for us."

Oilers Forward Ryan Nugent-Hopkins

On being one win away from the Stanley Cup Final

"We gave ourselves a chance here, so that's all you can ask. We played a great game, a pretty full 60, and now we get a chance to close it out on home ice. It's going to take everything and an effort like we had tonight."

On having the opportunity to advance on home ice

"The crowd is going to be buzzing, for sure. They're going to be loud, and they're going to be excited. For us, it's about controlling the emotions, playing within ourselves and trusting our game is good enough to get the job done."

Oilers Forward Connor McDavid

On tonight's win

"It was a big win tonight. Everybody was solid. From the goalie out, everybody played real well."

On Ryan Nugent-Hopkins' performance tonight

"He gets asked to do so much on this team, whether it's on the [penalty] kill, big draws on the kill, he's always got a response on the power play. He's asked to do everything, and he just always delivers. Tonight was big. He's awesome."

Oilers Defenseman Philip Broberg

On scoring a goal in the Stanley Cup Playoffs

"It was nice to get the goal, but more importantly, we got a win."

On playing more comfortably in the playoffs

"I'm just trying to play my game, and the guys out there help me a lot. I want to help the team win."

On his shot going in the net

"I was trying to get it on net, and it was nice to see it go in."

Oilers Goaltenders Stuart Skinner

On staying focused throughout the game

"For any goalie, it's the same thing – sometimes it's harder playing in games like that, just trying to do your best to stay mentally and physically engaged. That's about all you can really do. It's never easy, so in my favor, I've been able to have a lot of games like that. The way that we play. We play so well, especially when we play full games like you saw tonight. I've had a lot of practice to be good in situations like this."

On Ryan Nugent-Hopkins' performance

"It's pretty incredible to see what he does on the ice. He is one of the best two-way players in the league. It's pretty remarkable what this guy does, his work ethic day in and day out. But I'm more impressed with just the type of person that he is. When he's off the ice, the type of leader that he is. As a young guy, he was obviously my favorite player growing up, and being able to play with him, I've learned that there's a lot more to him than just hockey. That's one of the coolest things I've been able to watch and become great friends with this guy."