

# POSTGAME QUOTES

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Dallas Stars 2, New Jersey Devils 6  
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## DALLAS STARS

### **Stars Head Coach Pete DeBoer**

#### *On tonight's game*

"The frustrating thing is we came out and got the first goal, and we'd like to think that it's a good sign and you can build on that. Instead, we were flat for a big portion of the rest of that period for sure. We dug ourselves a hole, and unlike San Jose and some of the other places where we've found a way to dig ourselves out, we didn't tonight. If you're going to play that game, you're not going to be able to do that every night. We got what we deserved."

#### *On costly turnovers*

"The turnover goals are something you have to eliminate, especially at this time of year. The guys know that. You've got to eliminate the recklessness with the puck. There's no place for it. We didn't do it against Florida, and if you don't do it this time of year, you're not going to win."

#### *On surrendering goals at home*

"I'm not going to hang this on our goaltenders tonight. It was a collective effort loss by everybody. We can all be better at home."

### **Stars Forward Matt Duchene**

#### *On tonight's loss*

"In the first period, we had some good looks, and they were able to stay with us, and then they got one first shift in the second period. I didn't see how the goal ended up going in, but we just didn't execute a couple of things, and we didn't have some of our systems in check on that shift. It was kind of like 'bang, bang, bang' after that and then all of a sudden you were down 5-2 pretty quick. After that, they just punted pucks out of the neutral zone. Give credit to their goalie. He played really well. He let the first shot of the game in, but then turned around and played a pretty good game. We had some looks, and I don't know what the final shots were, but we had some really good chances in the third and we just got too far in a hole."

### **Stars Defenseman Miro Heiskanen**

#### *On tonight's game*

"Yeah, it's tough. It's not a good thing to lose two in a row, but it's over now. We have to move on and get back to the win column on Saturday."

#### *On reviewing the game*

"Yeah, we're probably going to watch the video and see what's going on there and work smarter after that."

### **Stars Goaltender Scott Wedgewood**

#### *On differences between playing at home and on the road*

"Structure's the same no matter where we are. There are a few rules that change when you're playing in a system, but there are games where, as a goaltender, you might fight it, you might be a little different, but then there are games that are just bounces. Jake [Oettinger] and I look at each other at times and we're like, 'We're in the right spot and our defense is in the right spot, and it's a ricochet or a tip or off a leg right to someone who's wide open. For whatever reason it feels like it's a bit worse on home ice. We'll battle through it. That's the way it's been going right now, and if you look at numbers – I don't really dive into it that much, but Jake and I want to be better. That's always what you want to do as a goaltender, regardless of whether you get a one-goal-against or six-goals-against game. You want to be perfect every night, and we strive and push each other to do that. There's no lack of effort. Just find a way to battle through it and we'll be good."

#### *On bad bounces in tonight's game*

"I'd love to break it down, but before I got beat clean in Washington – maybe 10 games into my season – I don't think

I had been beaten clean. There's a way you break it down: *should've had it, could've had it* and *would've had it*, and there's been a lot of would-haves. We're doing the right things. Even when I get in there and [Jani Hakanpää] tries to block it, it gets his stick and knuckles and goes back the other way. Miro tries to block a pass and tips it in on Jake. As a hockey player, you know those are going to come, and it's very annoying when it does happen, but you have to find a way to get through those bounces. Unfortunately, on home ice we've gotten the bad side of it.

## **NEW JERSEY DEVILS**

### **Devils Interim Head Coach Travis Green**

#### *On tonight's win against Dallas*

"This was going to be a tough matchup for our group. That's a real good hockey team over there. A veteran group that has a lot of size to it. Our young defensemen played well tonight. They had us hemmed in a little bit at times, but we kept them to the outside, and Jake [Allen] was solid in goal."

#### *On Nick DeSimone's play tonight after not playing in a game since Jan. 18*

"That's hard. When you haven't played for a while, and you are practicing every day trying to get ready to play a game. I was happy for him. When a guy sits that long, you are worried he is going to have some rust on him. Give him credit – he went in there and played well."

#### *On depth scoring from his team tonight*

"It was nice to see some guys score some goals, and it wasn't just our big guys that scored. Getting scoring throughout your lineup this time of year helps immensely, to say the least. It was good to see. I was happy for our guys."

### **Devils Forward Erik Haula**

#### *On tonight's win against Dallas and the play of his goaltender*

"[Jake Allen] played great. Especially the last 40 minutes, he really settled in and made some really nice saves. It was a great team effort, and we finally got rewarded with some bounces. It feels good."

#### *On getting back into the playoff picture*

"We are just going to keep playing. We have a proud group in here, and things haven't gone our way and it's been disappointing. With 16 games left we are going to play hard all the way to the finish and see where we end up in the end."

### **Devils Defenseman Nick DeSimone**

#### *On playing tonight*

"It was great. It was good to be back out there and feeling the competition and battling. I wasn't thinking at all, just hopping over the boards again, so it was good."

#### *On contributing with the penalty kill*

"Yeah, I just want to contribute in any way that I'm called upon right, so I was called upon to PK tonight with [John Marino] out and I just want to do a good job."

### **Devils Goaltender Jake Allen**

#### *On tonight's goaltending performance*

"Overall, it was a good. It was not a good first seven minutes not by myself. I wanted to make a good first impression with this group. They supported me and gave me some goal support in the second period. Ultimately, I was impressed how we played with the lead. We played very defensively and very mature. Got pucks out and didn't make too many mistakes or errors. We tried to simplify the game. The win was crucial for us in the standings. I was impressed with the way the guys played with a lot of maturity."

#### *On getting back in the net after not playing since his trade to New Jersey*

"My feet felt a little off the first 10 minutes. It's been a wonky year for me. To be able to get back in here, I wanted to have a great first impression on the ice and off the ice. It was important for me to come in here and try to put a good performance together."