



COLORADO AVALANCHE

POSTGAME NOTES

WINNIPEG JETS 3, COLORADO AVALANCHE 2 (OT)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22, 2025 | BALL ARENA

TEAM STATS

Avalanche

Shots: 27

Power Play: 0-2

Penalty Kill: 1-1

Faceoffs: 49%

Jets

Shots: 25

Power Play: 0-1

Penalty Kill: 2-2

Faceoffs: 51%

THREE STARS

First Star

Neal Pionk
1 point (1g/0a)

Second Star

Connor Hellebuyck
25 saves on 27 shots

Third Star

Jonathan Drouin
2 points (0g/2a)

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TEAM NOTES

- ▲ The Colorado Avalanche grabbed one standings point tonight but came up short in overtime to the Winnipeg Jets in overtime by a 3-2 score. The result was the first time the Avs lost in overtime in 2024-25.
- ▲ Tonight's game concluded a five-game homestand for the Avalanche. It also wrapped up a stretch of three straight divisional opponents, but it will be four in a row at home with St. Louis on Jan. 31 being the last Central team Colorado is yet to play.
- ▲ Colorado's penalty kill was 1-for-1 tonight. The team has registered a 92.3% rate while shorthanded dating back to Jan. 4 (10 games) as well as 89.1% since Dec. 7 (22 games).
- ▲ Tonight was the first time since Dec. 27 that an Avalanche game was scoreless after one period of play.
- ▲ The Avalanche's next two games will be afternoon tilts out east.

INDIVIDUAL NOTES

- ▲ **Nathan MacKinnon** scored for the second consecutive game to extend his point streak to five games in the process. The tally elevated his season scoring line to 75 points (19g/56a), the second consecutive season he's hit 75 points in fewer than 50 games.
- ▲ Each of MacKinnon's last two seasons are the only times since relocation that an Avalanche has recorded 75 points in fewer than 50 showings.
- ▲ The goal was the 14th time MacKinnon has scored on Connor Hellebuyck in his career and has now compiled 40 points (16g/24a) against the Jets since entering the league (43 GP). It's the ninth franchise he's posted 40-plus points against. The centerman's first shift of the night was also his 1,000th against the Jets in the regular season.
- ▲ In the process of scoring, MacKinnon reclaimed sole possession of the most even-strength points in the NHL with 54.
- ▲ MacKinnon also extended his home point streak to 12 games (7g/12a). That's the third longest such run of his career and the longest by an Avalanche in 2024-25.
- ▲ MacKinnon finished his night with seven shots and now ranks second in the league on the season with 189.
- ▲ **Cale Makar** netted his 16th goal of the campaign and reclaimed the NHL lead among defensemen. The Calgary, Alberta, native also maintained his one-point lead among rear guards and now has 53 thru 49 games.
- ▲ **Mikko Rantanen** picked up the primary assist on Makar's goal and is up to 64 points (25g/39a). The helper came at even-strength, his 28th such helper, and now shares the fourth-most in the circuit.
- ▲ Rantanen has found the scoresheet in 11 of his last 12 home games as well as 19 of his last 22 outings overall.
- ▲ **Jonathan Drouin** chipped in two assists and has six points (1g/5a) in his last four games. The winger is operating at a point per game on the season with 16 (4g/12a) in 16 skates.
- ▲ Drouin earned his fourth multi-assist game of the season, tied for the fourth-most on the Avs.
- ▲ **Devon Toews** notched an assist and is sitting on 199 for his career. The blueliner has also picked up a point in three of his last five games.
- ▲ **Juuso Parssinen** tied his single-game career-high for hits with six (two previous instances).



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Colorado D Cale Makar

On The Homestand: “[It was] pretty average, I thought. [We were] kind of in and out of games.”

On Tonight's Game: “We just had to be better defensively and move our feet. [I] felt at times tonight we weren't moving our feet and gave up a couple of odd-man rushes and those ones hurt us.”

Colorado D Keaton Middleton

On Tonight's Game: “The couple of goals we did have were great plays. I thought we had a stride in the right direction, but it's still a bummer [that] we lost. We come for two points, not one.”

On The Homestand: “[It was] not great. I've said it before, and I'll say it again; we hold ourselves to a very high standard. I thought we played better tonight, but we want to string together back-to-back games of being dominant. Maybe we don't win, but if we're dominating teams and doing the right things, [it's a] recipe for success.”

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Winnipeg D Josh Morrissey

On Tonight's Effort: “I think it [was] good, coach [challenged] us, we've asked for that. We want to be pushed like an elite team and we have been an elite team this year. We've responded well when we haven't had our best games this year so far. It's a tough building to play in here obviously with the altitude, the players that they can put out there on last change and all that kind of stuff. I thought we battled hard. It wasn't perfect, that's the game of hockey and [we] found a way to get two points.”

On The Overtime Goal: “Very similar goal in this building I think two years ago. Neal (Winnipeg D Neal Pionk) is going down that wing and taking a slapper far side. I think a few of us were talking after, when he picked the puck up and had the room, we kind of had flashbacks. I think he even outdid that last shot with this one. It was a perfect shot, had a good angle at it and you know, huge win.”

Winnipeg D Neal Pionk

On Tonight's Game: “From an individual effort, just everybody picking up their game a little bit. I thought overall as a team, we were patient tonight. We allowed the game to come to us and then took advantage of the opportunities when we could.”

On Playing Colorado: “Like you said, stay calm. They get a chance, don't let them get two. We know for the most part Buck (Winnipeg G Connor Hellebuyck) is going to make the first save. We clear out the second chances, we're going to be alright.”