



COLORADO AVALANCHE POSTGAME NOTES & QUOTES

COLORADO AVALANCHE 4, CHICAGO BLACKHAWKS 2
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2021 | BALL ARENA

TEAM STATS

Avalanche

Shots: 36

Power Play: 0-4

Penalty Kill: 2-3

Faceoffs: 44%

Blackhawks

Shots: 34

Power Play: 1-3

Penalty Kill: 4-4

Faceoffs: 56%

THREE STARS

First Star

Bowen Byram
2 points (1g/1a)

Second Star

Darcy Kuemper
32 saves

Third Star

Gabriel Landeskog
2 points (1g/1a)

TEAM NOTES

The Avalanche franchise owns a 24-11-7 (.655) all-time on Opening Night, the second-best mark in the NHL (min. 10 games). Since moving to Denver, Colorado is 17-6-3 (.712) in home openers, including a 15-5-2 (.727) record at Ball Arena. The Avalanche/Nordiques are 29-9-4 (.738) all-time in home openers, the second-best mark of any team behind only Minnesota.

The Avs faced the Blackhawks on Opening Night for the third time since moving to Denver (also 2003-04 and 2010-11) and are now 3-0 versus Chicago on Opening Night. The clubs will meet three more times this season, all in January.

Going back to the 2020-21 regular season, Colorado has won 10 straight games on home ice, a stretch that began on March 29 against Anaheim.

INDIVIDUAL NOTES

Bowen Byram scored his first NHL goal and finished with two points (1g/1a) for his first multi-point game. Byram's two points tonight equals his career best (through 19 games played in 2020-21).

Jack Johnson scored his first goal in an Avalanche sweater.

Darcy Kuemper earned his first win as a member of the Avalanche, stopping 32-of-34 shots.

Samuel Girard equaled his career best with five blocked shots (3x - last: March 14, 2021 vs. Los Angeles).

J.T. Compher's five shots equaled his career high (6x - last: Nov. 27, 2019 vs. Edmonton).

QUOTES

Colorado G Darcy Kuemper

On Tonight's Game: "It was a lot of fun to finally play a real game with this group. You know, a lot of talent in this locker room, so it's fun to be a part of and it's always fun to start off with a big win with the season and just got to keep building out."

On The Second Period: "They had a push back. We really dominated the first and knew they were going to come out with a push. I thought we defended well, which made my reads a lot easier and just trying to do my part."

Colorado D Bowen Byram

On His First Career NHL Goal: "Really excited. Obviously it's something you dream about for a long time and also nice to get out of the way, get the pressure off. I think it was a fun game and we did a pretty good job out there."

On His Confidence: "I mean it's the NHL, it's a hard league to play in. I think I did a decent job last year but this year, I really want to take a step and assert myself, so this was a good step in the right direction, but I still got a long way to go."

Colorado D Jack Johnson

On His Goal: "Just excited to be a part of this team and contribute. When you come in to a new team, you always want to get off on the right foot. Pretty fortunate opportunity."

On Colorado D Bowen Byram Scoring His First NHL Goal: "I was thrilled for him. Whenever I see a guy score his first goal in the NHL, it's something you remember for the rest of your life. It's a special thing."



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Chicago LW Dominik Kubalik

On The First Period: "We didn't manage the puck how we wanted. We didn't make it easy on ourselves. We didn't do that, we gave them those chances, and they scored. Obviously not the start we wanted."

On Colorado: "They're a skating team. They love that transition game and I think as the game went on we did a better job stopping those situations."

Chicago C Kirby Dach

On The Start Of The First Period: "We knew they were gonna come out hard. They have a lot of speed and talent up front. We gotta find a way to be ready and there's really no other excuses."

On The Road Trip: "Obviously we are on the road to start the year, so it's a good chance for us to come together as a group and hopefully find a couple wins here."