



Post-Game Notes & Quotes

Avalanche vs. Detroit Red Wings

Monday, February 18, 2008



STAT CORRECTION: The Avalanche's total team penalty minutes should be 51 (12-51).

- The Red Wings snapped a six-game winless drought (0-5-1) and four-game losing streak with tonight's victory.
- Detroit swept the season series against the Avalanche, winning all four meetings... This marks only the second time that the Wings have swept a season series from the Avs since the club moved to Denver (2005-06 was the other).
- **Chris Osgood** posted his fourth shutout of the season and 47th of his NHL career.
- **Henrik Zetterberg** tallied his sixth multi-goal effort of the year.
- **Pavel Datsyuk** matched a season high with three assists (fifth time).
- The Avalanche has lost four straight, its longest losing skid of the season.
- Colorado recorded a season-high 51 penalty minutes.

Jose Theodore: "We didn't play the kind of game we want to play, especially against these guys. When they play a solid game and we're not sharp, it can be long out there. And tonight I got to say that it was a long 60 minutes. I think it's the first time we've lost four games in a row. So we have to be aware of the situation and that the points are important. We need a good roadtrip to get the team back on track."

Andrew Brunette: "We kind of get away from the way we should play when we get down, so we need to be sharper right off the hop, right off the first faceoff and go from there. And set our tone the way we want to play, instead of playing the way they want to play or the way the score dictates. For us, obviously frustration sits in a little bit. You think you have to score. When you play a team like this, you start cheating to score, it's going to end up in the back of your net. They're such a good transition team. We got ourselves in a little bit of trouble by not doing the right things. It's important for us to set the tone right from the start."

Head Coach Mike Babcock: *On Laperriere's Hit...* "(Lidstrom) doesn't get hit very often. I didn't like the hit, I thought the hit was high. The guy finished his hit. To me the league's about protecting a guy's head. It's pretty apparent that they saw it one way and we saw it another way. Watching the replay a number of times, I didn't like the play. To me a five-time Norris Trophy winner shouldn't be having to protect his head against someone." *General...* "We played good. We dominated today. I thought we started to dig ourselves out of this slump we were in yesterday. We probably did enough good things that you could have won but Turco played really good in Dallas yesterday. We played bad enough that it took two games to get out of what we were in."

Chris Osgood: *General...* "They tried to make a lot of great plays against us. They had a lot of opportunities but didn't shoot it for one reason or another. We did a real good job of knocking down passes, clogged up the middle. We weren't really doing that late, we were better at it yesterday in Dallas and we were really good at it tonight." *On His Play..* "Things even out throughout the season. Things were going so well for four months, I wasn't expecting that to keep up the entire season. But then I wasn't expecting it to be that bad for two games. It evens out and tonight I got a shutout and it gets you back in the swing of things going to a West Coast trip."