



Post-Game Notes & Quotes Western Conference Semifinals (Game 3) Avalanche vs. Detroit Red Wings Tuesday, April 29, 2008



- Detroit leads the best-of-seven series 3-0.
- With two assists tonight, **Joe Sakic** moved into eighth place on the NHL's all-time playoff scoring list with 186 points, passing Bryan Trottier (184) and Steve Yzerman (185)...Sakic's 186 points (84g/102a) lead all active players.
- **Nicklas Lidstrom** appeared in his 201st career playoff game tonight, breaking a tie with Jari Kurri (200) for the most postseason games played by a European-born player in NHL history....Lidstrom also notched his 100th career playoff assist tonight.
- **Johan Franzen** has scored six goals in the first three games of this series...Franzen leads the NHL with eight goals this postseason.
- **Cody McLeod** scored his first career playoff goal tonight.
- **T.J. Hensick** made his NHL playoff debut and tallied his first career playoff point with an assist on Cody McLeod's goal.
- **Andrew Brunette** scored his team-leading fourth and fifth goals of the playoffs.

Andrew Brunette: "We started off real good, but we got into a little trouble taking penalties. I thought we did a good job killing those penalties, but it just seems like we're going through a little bit like we did versus Minnesota where we get momentum and seem to lose it right away." *On the injuries...* "It's unfortunate what has happened, but it's part of the game. We have to try and find a way to find a solution. I was happy with how we played tonight but we fell a little bit short. We need to correct a few of the things and just try and win one game."

T.J. Hensick: *On his first playoff game...* "It was pretty exciting. Last week in Cleveland, and then you get the call to come here and get a chance to play with the injuries, so for me to get my first playoff game, especially against the Red Wings was pretty exciting." *On Game Four Thursday...* "If we can win Thursday, it would be huge. Obviously the series is over if we don't. We thought tonight was a crucial game, we didn't get the win, but we are down 3-0...it's not over yet, so we are going to keep battling and get back to the black-board tomorrow morning."

Chris Osgood: "We played great tonight. We scored some beautiful goals, goals that were unstoppable for their goalie. We did a lot of good things. We took too many penalties and allowed them to get some momentum and back in (the game). We can't take two too-many men on the ice penalties in a row like that. That can really sting. But we managed to get through it. We really played good the last four minutes... getting pucks deep, making sure that we took the guy high and didn't give the puck away. The last three minutes of the game were our best three minutes of the entire game defensively."

Johan Franzen: "Really huge game tonight. We didn't want to invite them back in the series like we did to Nashville. So it was an important victory for us. It's fun to score but the whole team is playing great. Just happens to be that I get a lot of chances. Our line and our whole team is playing really good. We're creating a lot of offense. It's fun to play around them right now."