



Post-Game Notes & Quotes

Western Conference Semifinals (Game 4)

Avalanche vs. Detroit Red Wings

Thursday, May 1, 2008



- Detroit won the best-of-seven playoff series 4-0, giving the Red Wings their first series sweep since 2000 against Los Angeles...The Avalanche was swept for only the second time since moving to Denver (2006 CSF vs. Anaheim).
- The Red Wings have advanced to the Western Conference Finals for the seventh time in the last 13 seasons.
- Detroit has won six straight playoff games, its longest postseason winning streak since also winning six in a row from April 21-May 4, 2002.
- The Red Wings won all four regular-season meetings and all four playoff games against Colorado in 2007-08.
- **Joe Sakic's** two assists tonight gives him 188 career points in the playoffs, tying Doug Gilmour for seventh place on the NHL's all-time playoff scoring list.
- **Johan Franzen** notched his second hat trick of this series, becoming just the sixth player in NHL history to record two hat tricks in one series, and the first since Jari Kurri in 1985...Kurri had three hat tricks for Edmonton against Chicago in the 1985 Conference Finals, the only player to ever have three in a single series...The other players to have two in one series were Doug Bentley (Chicago, 1944 SF vs. Detroit), Norm Ullman (Detroit, 1964 SF vs. Chicago), Mark Messier (Edmonton, 1983 DF vs. Calgary) and Mike Bossy (NY Islanders, 1983 CF vs. Boston).
- **Franzen** has not only tied Detroit's franchise record for the most three-goal games in one series (Norm Ullman in 1964 vs. Chicago), but also matched the club record for most three-goal games in one post-season, set by Ullman in 1964 and Petr Kilma in 1988.
- **Franzen** has already established a franchise record with 11 goals this postseason, breaking the previous mark of 10 set by Petr Kilma in 1988 (12 games), Sergei Fedorov in 1998 (22games) and Brett Hull in 2002 (23 games).
- **Henrik Zetterberg** recorded a career playoff high with four points tonight...He fell one shy of tying the franchise record for points in a single postseason game.
- Detroit's eight goals tonight were its most in a playoff game since April 15, 2000 vs. Los Angeles, an 8-5 win in Game Two of that first-round series.

Joe Sakic: "You give them credit. It's a great hockey team over there. They are deep throughout their lineup and they really played well as a team. Every player was going, and they exposed us out there. We weren't as good obviously in this series, as we were in the last series. They were great. It's a great hockey club over there. They're firing on all cylinders." *On His Future*.... "I'm going to take my time, think about it over the summer. It's something obviously I need to make a decision on. Discuss it with my family and see where we go. But right now, just take some time."

Adam Foote: "The whole series, they had the momentum from the first game. It was hard for us to get momentum and get confidence. Those guys capitalized on our mistakes. That's what they do. You can't give them odd-man rushes. You can't play open hockey. I'm not going to sit here and make excuses as to why it happened. That's too easy to do. It's not fun. What happened tonight, it's not fun being swept for anybody. There's good days, and you have to take the praise on the good days, and there are bad days where you have to accept that you failed. We're not feeling good about it, that's for sure."

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Henrik Zetterberg: “We get a few days off. Re-focus and have some good practices. We played really good two games at home. We came out strong the third game here, too. We had a good road game. It was tight in the end but we found a way to win. Today, we just kept going. They had some injuries. That didn’t make it easier for them.” *On Franzen...* “It’s not often you see a player score like this. It’s fun to be a part of it. I’m real happy for ‘Mule’ that it’s him. He’s been working hard and it’s great to see him score.”

Nicklas Lidstrom: “Even though we won four straight games, I thought the first three games were a lot closer than winning four straight.” *On The Success Of The Franchise...* “I think we’ve been able to find players, maybe players that didn’t fit into other teams but once they came here they fit into our system. Our scouting department too. Whether it’s here or overseas. Ken Holland’s been overseeing everything. But just finding players. Zetterberg was a late draft pick, same with Datsyuk. Being able to find those players, impact players and star players in our league. Holmstrom is another guy who was a late rounder. I think a lot of people thought what with the new salary cap system that we were going to take a step back but I think we still continue to find players who fit into our system.”