



# Post-Game Notes & Quotes

## Avalanche vs. Detroit Red Wings

### Saturday, December 27, 2008



- Colorado improved to 2-0 against Detroit this season after dropping all four regular season meetings a year ago.
- The Avalanche is 7-1 in shootouts this season and 11-1 in its last 12 shootouts...Only the New York Rangers (8-1) have won more shootouts in 2008-09.
- Detroit suffered its first shootout loss of the season, falling to 4-1.
- The Avs have won six of their last seven on home ice.
- The Avalanche scored three power-play goals in the first period tonight, equaling a franchise record for most power-play tallies in a single period (11th time, last: Dec. 11, 2006 vs. Carolina in 3rd)...The last time Colorado had three PPG in the opening period of a game was Feb. 8, 2002 at Minnesota.
- **Wojtek Wolski** is now 6-for-7 in shootouts this season (85.7%) and 13-for-21 in his career (61.9%), the second highest percentage in shootout history...Wolski's six shootout goals this season lead all NHL players.
- **Peter Budaj** improved to 6-1 in shootouts this season, allowing only seven goals on 24 attempts (.708 Sv%)...Only Henrik Lundqvist (7) has more shootout wins in 2008-09.
- **Ryan Smyth** has recorded six points in his last two games (2g/4a).
- **John-Michael Liles** has recorded five points in his last two games (2g/3a).

**Wojtek Wolski:** "We're lucky to get those three goals and lucky to get into overtime. They were really playing hard. I just tried to make sure that I pitched-in in the shootout and I'm happy that we won tonight. They are a hard team to play against. They have so many weapons. You know they're going to keep coming. When they got that third goal, we knew that they were going to keep getting pucks to the net and keep going. They seem to be so shifty. We wanted to make sure we kept in it, and that we took it to overtime. We seem to do very well in overtime and shootouts. That was our main goal."

**Ryan Smyth:** "They're a good measuring stick for us. Specialty teams is obviously a big part, for both sides. We won the first (period), they won the second, and it was a battle in the third. (Budaj) held us in there, played really well. We found a way to win in a shootout. (The Red Wings) never quit until the end. Budaj kept us in there. He played unbelievable, made the saves at the right time. He was square to the puck and it's tough to beat a goalie when he's square."

**Henrik Zetterberg:** *On Back-to-Back Games, Playing In Altitude...* "We don't think about it. We're just worrying about going in and playing. Most of the guys have been through this a lot. We came in at a decent time last night, I think it was 2:00 a.m., and got our eight hours of sleep and back at it today. I don't think it's because we played back-to-back. It was a few mistakes in the first. We battled back and fought all the way through." *On Detroit PK...* "We're working on it, watching video between games. A lot of scouting. Sometimes you just need to execute. We play against good players. A faceoff win compared to a faceoff loss is huge. Just little things I think. We just have to bear down a little bit more and we'll be okay."

**Ty Conklin:** *General...* "Three power-play goals... we buckled down killing penalties and we were really solid the rest of the way." *On Wolski...* "I wouldn't have been where I was if I knew what he was doing. It was a good move. I was looking for him to go across the net and he didn't. He made a good move on me."