



Minnesota Wild Game Notes



Wed, Oct 21, 2009

NHL Game #115

Minnesota Wild	1 - 6 - 0	Colorado Avalanche	6 - 1 - 1
Team Game: 8	1 - 0 - 0 (Home)	Team Game: 9	2 - 0 - 0 (Home)
Home Game: 2	0 - 6 - 0 (Road)	Road Game: 7	4 - 1 - 1 (Road)

#	Goalie	GP	W	L	OT	GAA	SV%
32	Niklas Backstrom	5	1	4	0	2.82	.913
37	Josh Harding	2	0	2	0	5.50	.738

#	Goalie	GP	W	L	OT	GAA	SV%
31	Peter Budaj	-	-	-	-	-	-
41	Craig Anderson	8	6	1	1	2.09	.935

#	P	Player	GP	G	A	P	+/-	PIM
3	D	Marek Zidlicky	7	0	3	3	-2	6
5	D	Kim Johnsson	7	1	1	2	-6	6
6	D	Greg Zanon	7	0	0	0	-7	2
8	D	Brent Burns	7	0	1	1	-9	6
9	C	Mikko Koivu	7	2	3	5	-6	4
11	R	Owen Nolan	7	1	1	2	-5	2
12	R	Chuck Kobasew	7	0	1	1	-2	2
14	R	Martin Havlat	5	1	4	5	-6	0
15	L	Andrew Brunette	7	5	3	8	-5	0
19	C	Andy Hilbert	3	0	0	0	-2	2
20	R	Antti Miettinen	7	0	1	1	-3	2
21	C	Kyle Brodziak	7	0	1	1	-3	2
24	L	Derek Boogaard	2	0	0	0	-2	2
25	C	Eric Belanger	7	2	6	8	1	0
27	C	Nathan Smith	3	0	0	0	-3	0
34	D	Shane Hnidy	7	0	1	1	0	11
36	D	John Scott	5	0	0	0	0	5
51	C	James Sheppard	7	0	0	0	-5	2
55	D	Nick Schultz	7	1	1	2	-6	2
67	L	Benoit Pouliot	6	1	1	2	-2	8

#	P	Player	GP	G	A	P	+/-	PIM
4	D	John-Michael Liles	6	2	3	5	-2	0
5	D	Brett Clark	7	1	4	5	1	2
7	C	TJ Hensick	1	0	1	1	-2	0
8	L	Wojtek Wolski	8	4	3	7	2	4
9	C	Matt Duchene	8	1	3	4	-4	0
10	D	Kyle Cumiskey	8	1	1	2	0	0
15	C	Matt Hendricks	8	1	0	1	0	9
16	R	Darcy Tucker	8	3	2	5	-1	15
22	D	Scott Hannan	8	1	2	3	6	4
23	R	Milan Hejduk (A)	8	3	4	7	4	0
26	C	Paul Stastny (A)	8	1	5	6	4	6
27	D	Kyle Quincey	8	1	5	6	3	10
28	L	David Koci	7	0	0	0	0	10
37	C	Ryan O'Reilly	8	1	5	6	5	0
39	L	TJ Galiardi	8	0	4	4	3	0
40	R	Marek Svatos	8	2	1	3	-6	10
44	D	Ryan Wilson	2	0	0	0	2	0
52	D	Adam Foote (C)	8	0	0	0	1	8
54	R	David Jones	4	2	3	5	3	0
55	L	Cody McLeod	8	3	1	4	3	18

Minnesota Wild Management

Owner & Governor	Craig Leipold
General Manager	Chuck Fletcher
Assistant General Managers	Brent Flahr, Tom Thompson
Assistant to the General Manager	Jim Mill
Head Coach	Todd Richards

Colorado Avalanche Management

President	Pierre Lacroix
General Manager	Greg Sherman
Head Coach	Joe Sacco
Assistant Coaches	Sylvain Lefebvre, Steve Konowalchuk
Video/Development Coach	Adam Deadmarsh

Tonight's Officials

Referees	Dave Jackson (#8), Dan Marouelli (#6)	Linesmen	Thor Nelson (#80), Vaughan Rody (#73)
Supervisor		Video Judge	Ian Sandercock
Ntl. Anthem	Cory Renbarger		

Today's Schedule

CAR @ NYI : 7:00	NSH @ BOS : 7:00	DAL @ ANA : 7:00	COL @ MIN : 7:00	BUF @ FLA : 7:30	VAN @ CHI : 7:30
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Minnesota Wild: Roster

Active (22 Players)						
#	Name	Pos	Ht.	Wt.	Born	Birth Place
3	Marek Zidlicky	D	5' 11"	190	Feb 3, 1977	Most, CZE
5	Kim Johnsson	D	6' 1"	193	Mar 16, 1976	Malmö, SWE
6	Greg Zanon	D	5' 11"	201	Jun 5, 1980	Burnaby, BC, CAN
8	Brent Burns	D	6' 5"	219	Mar 9, 1985	Ajax, ON, CAN
9	Mikko Koivu	C	6' 2"	200	Mar 12, 1983	Turku, FIN
11	Owen Nolan	R	6' 1"	214	Feb 12, 1972	Belfast, IRL
12	Chuck Kobasew	R	6' 0"	192	Apr 17, 1982	Vancouver, BC, CAN
14	Martin Havlat	R	6' 2"	217	Apr 19, 1981	Mlada Boleslav, CZE
15	Andrew Brunette	L	6' 1"	210	Aug 24, 1973	Sudbury, ON, CAN
19	Andy Hilbert	C	5' 11"	194	Feb 6, 1981	Howell, MI, USA
20	Antti Miettinen	R	6' 0"	190	Jul 3, 1980	Hameenlinna, FIN
21	Kyle Brodziak	C	6' 2"	209	May 25, 1984	St. Paul, AB, CAN
24	Derek Boogaard	L	6' 8"	257	Jun 23, 1982	Saskatoon, SK, CAN
25	Eric Belanger	C	5' 11"	187	Dec 16, 1977	Sherbrooke, QC, CAN
27	Nathan Smith	C	6' 2"	206	Feb 9, 1982	Edmonton, AB, CAN
32	Niklas Backstrom	G	6' 1"	189	Feb 13, 1978	Helsinki, FIN
34	Shane Hnidy	D	6' 2"	204	Nov 8, 1975	Neepawa, MB, CAN
36	John Scott	D	6' 8"	258	Sep 26, 1982	St. Catharines, ON, CAN
37	Josh Harding	G	6' 1"	197	Jun 18, 1984	Regina, SK, CAN
51	James Sheppard	C	6' 2"	210	Apr 25, 1988	Halifax, NS, CAN
55	Nick Schultz	D	6' 1"	200	Aug 25, 1982	Strasbourg, SK, CAN
67	Benoit Pouliot	L	6' 3"	199	Sep 29, 1986	Alfred, ON, CAN
22 Players Total		Avg:	6' 1"	206	Age: 28.9	

Injured Reserve List (3 Players)						
17	Petr Sykora	R	6' 0"	190	Nov 19, 1976	Plzen, CZE
22	Cal Clutterbuck	R	5' 11"	213	Nov 18, 1987	Wells, ON, CAN
96	Pierre-Marc Bouchard	C	5' 10"	173	Apr 27, 1984	Sherbrooke, QC, CAN

Goal Streaks

No active streaks

Assist Streaks

No active streaks

Point Streaks

ANDREW BRUNETTE (5-3-8 / 7 Games)
MIKKO KOIVU (1-1-2 / 2 Games)



Colorado Avalanche: Roster

Active (22 Players)						
#	Name	Pos	Ht.	Wt.	Born	Birth Place
4	John-Michael Liles	D	5' 10"	185	Nov 25, 1980	Indianapolis, IN, USA
5	Brett Clark	D	6' 0"	195	Dec 23, 1976	Wapella, SK, CAN
7	TJ Hensick	C	5' 10"	185	Dec 10, 1985	Lansing, MI, USA
8	Wojtek Wolski	L	6' 3"	210	Feb 24, 1986	Zabrze, POL
9	Matt Duchene	C	5' 11"	200	Jan 16, 1991	Haliburton, ON, CAN
10	Kyle Cumiskey	D	5' 10"	185	Dec 2, 1986	Abbotsford, BC, CAN
15	Matt Hendricks	C	6' 0"	215	Jun 17, 1981	Blaine, MN, USA
16	Darcy Tucker	R	5' 10"	178	Mar 15, 1975	Castor, AB, CAN
22	Scott Hannan	D	6' 1"	225	Jan 23, 1979	Richmond, BC, CAN
23	Milan Hejduk	R	6' 0"	190	Feb 14, 1976	Usti, CZE
26	Paul Stastny	C	6' 0"	205	Dec 27, 1985	Quebec City, QC, CAN
27	Kyle Quincey	D	6' 2"	207	Aug 12, 1985	Kitchener, ON, CAN
28	David Koci	L	6' 6"	238	May 12, 1981	Prague, CZE
31	Peter Budaj	G	6' 1"	200	Sep 18, 1982	Banska Bystrica, SVK
37	Ryan O'Reilly	C	6' 0"	200	Feb 7, 1991	Clinton, ON, CAN
39	TJ Galiardi	L	6' 2"	190	Apr 22, 1988	Calgary, AB, CAN
40	Marek Svatos	R	5' 10"	185	Jun 17, 1982	Kosice, SVK
41	Craig Anderson	G	6' 2"	180	May 21, 1981	Park Ridge, IL, USA
44	Ryan Wilson	D	6' 1"	207	Feb 3, 1987	Windsor, ON, CAN
52	Adam Foote	D	6' 2"	220	Jul 10, 1971	Toronto, ON, CAN
54	David Jones	R	6' 2"	210	Aug 10, 1984	Guelph, ON, CAN
55	Cody McLeod	L	6' 2"	210	Jun 26, 1984	Binscarth, MB, CAN
22 Players Total		Avg:	6' 0"	200	Age: 26.8	

Injured Reserve List (1 Players)						
24	Ruslan Salei	D	6' 1"	212	Nov 2, 1974	Minsk, BLR

Goal Streaks

No active streaks

Assist Streaks

No active streaks

Point Streaks

RYAN O'REILLY (1-4-5 / 4 Games)
CODY MCLEOD (2-1-3 / 2 Games)



Minnesota Wild: Season Statistics

Pos	#	Player	GP	G	A	P	+/-	PIM	PP	SH	GW	S	%	TOI/g	FO%
D	3	Marek Zidlicky	7	0	3	3	-2	6	0	0	0	12	0.0	20:13	0.0
D	5	Kim Johnsson	7	1	1	2	-6	6	0	0	0	13	7.7	22:48	0.0
D	6	Greg Zanon	7	0	0	0	-7	2	0	0	0	8	0.0	19:39	0.0
D	8	Brent Burns	7	0	1	1	-9	6	0	0	0	22	0.0	24:10	0.0
C	9	Mikko Koivu	7	2	3	5	-6	4	1	0	0	26	7.7	21:41	50.0
R	11	Owen Nolan	7	1	1	2	-5	2	1	0	0	18	5.6	16:46	48.2
R	12	Chuck Kobasew	7	0	1	1	-2	2	0	0	0	13	0.0	14:22	0.0
R	14	Martin Havlat	5	1	4	5	-6	0	1	0	0	12	8.3	18:11	50.0
L	15	Andrew Brunette	7	5	3	8	-5	0	3	0	1	15	33.3	18:00	0.0
R	17	Petr Sykora	4	1	0	1	-1	0	0	0	0	7	14.3	11:56	0.0
C	19	Andy Hilbert	3	0	0	0	-2	2	0	0	0	6	0.0	11:55	0.0
R	20	Antti Miettinen	7	0	1	1	-3	2	0	0	0	8	0.0	16:37	100.0
C	21	Kyle Brodziak	7	0	1	1	-3	2	0	0	0	13	0.0	15:13	60.3
R	22	Cal Clutterbuck	4	0	0	0	-1	2	0	0	0	9	0.0	13:19	0.0
L	24	Derek Boogaard	2	0	0	0	-2	2	0	0	0	0	0.0	5:25	0.0
C	25	Eric Belanger	7	2	6	8	1	0	1	0	0	15	13.3	15:09	51.4
C	27	Nathan Smith	3	0	0	0	-3	0	0	0	0	2	0.0	9:55	63.2
D	34	Shane Hnidy	7	0	1	1	0	11	0	0	0	5	0.0	13:11	0.0
D	36	John Scott	5	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	2	0.0	4:22	0.0
C	51	James Sheppard	7	0	0	0	-5	2	0	0	0	11	0.0	15:30	34.0
D	55	Nick Schultz	7	1	1	2	-6	2	1	0	0	4	25.0	21:01	0.0
L	67	Benoit Pouliot	6	1	1	2	-2	8	0	0	0	9	11.1	11:26	50.0
C	96	Pierre-Marc Bouchard	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0.0	10:44	33.3

#	Player	GP	Min	GAA	W	L	OT	SO	GA	SVS	SV%	G	A	PIM
32	Niklas Backstrom	5	297	2.82	1	4	0	0	14	147	.913	0	0	2
37	Josh Harding	2	119	5.50	0	2	0	0	11	31	.738	0	0	2



Colorado Avalanche: Season Statistics

Pos	#	Player	GP	G	A	P	+/-	PIM	PP	SH	GW	S	%	TOI/g	FO%
D	4	John-Michael Liles	6	2	3	5	-2	0	1	0	0	8	25.0	20:22	0.0
D	5	Brett Clark	7	1	4	5	1	2	1	0	0	10	10.0	18:29	0.0
C	7	TJ Hensick	1	0	1	1	-2	0	0	0	0	3	0.0	17:41	0.0
L	8	Wojtek Wolski	8	4	3	7	2	4	0	0	1	17	23.5	15:45	33.3
C	9	Matt Duchene	8	1	3	4	-4	0	0	0	0	13	7.7	16:58	40.0
D	10	Kyle Cumiskey	8	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	7	14.3	15:52	0.0
C	15	Matt Hendricks	8	1	0	1	0	9	0	0	0	13	7.7	8:23	50.0
R	16	Darcy Tucker	8	3	2	5	-1	15	2	0	0	14	21.4	15:12	64.3
D	22	Scott Hannan	8	1	2	3	6	4	0	0	0	3	33.3	22:48	0.0
R	23	Milan Hejduk	8	3	4	7	4	0	2	0	0	16	18.8	20:39	0.0
D	24	Ruslan Salei	1	0	0	0	-1	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	19:08	0.0
C	26	Paul Stastny	8	1	5	6	4	6	1	0	0	15	6.7	20:19	42.8
D	27	Kyle Quincey	8	1	5	6	3	10	1	0	0	14	7.1	25:13	0.0
L	28	David Koci	7	0	0	0	0	10	0	0	0	1	0.0	3:34	0.0
C	37	Ryan O'Reilly	8	1	5	6	5	0	0	0	1	11	9.1	14:19	54.0
L	39	TJ Galiardi	8	0	4	4	3	0	0	0	0	7	0.0	15:48	43.4
R	40	Marek Svatos	8	2	1	3	-6	10	2	0	0	11	18.2	12:44	0.0
D	44	Ryan Wilson	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	0.0	12:05	0.0
D	52	Adam Foote	8	0	0	0	1	8	0	0	0	3	0.0	21:22	0.0
R	54	David Jones	4	2	3	5	3	0	0	1	2	7	28.6	17:42	50.0
L	55	Cody McLeod	8	3	1	4	3	18	0	0	1	16	18.8	14:35	40.0

#	Player	GP	Min	GAA	W	L	OT	SO	GA	SVS	SV%	G	A	PIM
31	Peter Budaj	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
41	Craig Anderson	8	487	2.09	6	1	1	1	17	246	.935	0	1	4



Colorado Avalanche @ Minnesota Wild Team Records

	Colorado Avalanche	Minnesota Wild
Last game:	Saturday AT DETROIT (4-3 W)	Saturday AT VANCOUVER (2-1 L)
Next game:	Friday VS CAROLINA	Friday AT ST. LOUIS
Overall record/streak:	6 - 1 - 1 / Win 4 / Undef 4	1 - 6 - 0 / Lost 5
Home record/streak:	2 - 0 - 0 / Win 2 / Undef 2	1 - 0 - 0 / Win 1 / Undef 1
Road record/streak:	4 - 1 - 1 / Win 4 / Undef 4	0 - 6 - 0 / Lost 6
Last 5 Games:	4 - 0 - 1	0 - 5 - 0
Last 10 Games:	6 - 1 - 1	1 - 6 - 0
1-Goal Games:	3 - 1 - 1	1 - 3 - 0
2-Goal Games	0 - 0	0 - 1
3-Goal Games	3 - 0	0 - 2
Scoring first	4 - 1 - 0	0 - 2 - 0
Opponent scoring first	2 - 0 - 1	1 - 4 - 0
Leading after 1 period	4 - 0 - 0	0 - 2 - 0
Trailing after 1 period	2 - 0 - 1	0 - 2 - 0
Tied after 1 period	0 - 1 - 0	1 - 2 - 0
Leading after 2 periods	5 - 0 - 0	0 - 0 - 0
Trailing after 2 periods	1 - 0 - 0	1 - 5 - 0
Tied after 2 periods	0 - 1 - 1	0 - 1 - 0
OT Record - This Season:	1 - 1	1 - 0
OT Record - Franchise:	94 - 84 - 204	54 - 53 - 55
Shootout Record - This Season:	1 - 1	0 - 0
Shootout Record - Franchise:	25 - 18	23 - 21
Outshooting opponent:	0 - 0 - 0	1 - 3 - 0
Outshot by opponent:	6 - 1 - 1	0 - 3 - 0
Even shots:	0 - 0 - 0	0 - 0 - 0
vs. Northeast:	3 - 0 - 0	0 - 0 - 0
vs. Atlantic:	0 - 0 - 0	0 - 0 - 0
vs. Southeast:	0 - 0 - 0	0 - 0 - 0
vs. EASTERN CONFERENCE:	3 - 0 - 0	0 - 0 - 0
vs. Central:	3 - 0 - 0	0 - 0 - 0
vs. Pacific:	1 - 0 - 0	1 - 3 - 0
vs. Northwest:	1 - 0 - 0	0 - 2 - 0
vs. WESTERN CONFERENCE:	3 - 1 - 1	1 - 6 - 0

Month by Month Record

	Colorado Avalanche		Minnesota Wild	
	W-L-OT	Points	W-L-OT	Points
October:	6-1-1	13	1-6-0	2
November:	0-0-0	0	0-0-0	0
December:	0-0-0	0	0-0-0	0
January:	0-0-0	0	0-0-0	0
February:	0-0-0	0	0-0-0	0
March:	0-0-0	0	0-0-0	0
April:	0-0-0	0	0-0-0	0
Totals:	6-1-1	13	1-6-0	2



Colorado Avalanche @ Minnesota Wild Situations

Goals by Period						
	1	2	3	OT	T	Avg
Colorado Avalanche:	7	14	6	0	27	(3.4 avg.)
Opponents:	4	8	5	0	17	(2.1 avg.)
Minnesota Wild:	2	5	7	1	15	(2.1 avg.)
Opponents:	5	13	7	0	25	(3.6 avg.)

Shots by Period						
	1	2	3	OT	T	Avg
Colorado Avalanche:	57	77	54	4	192	(24.0 avg.)
Opponents:	89	82	90	2	263	(32.9 avg.)
Minnesota Wild:	56	81	78	2	217	(31.0 avg.)
Opponents:	67	79	57	0	203	(29.0 avg.)

Power Play						
	Colorado Avalanche			Minnesota Wild		
	G	Att	%	G	Att	%
Overall:	10	33	30.3 (1st NHL)	8	33	24.2 (10th NHL)
Home:	3	10	30.0 (7th NHL)	3	5	60.0 (1st NHL)
Road:	7	23	30.4 (6th NHL)	5	28	17.9 (21st NHL)
	1 SHORT HANDED GOALS ALLOWED (T-16th NHL)			1 SHORT HANDED GOALS ALLOWED (T-16th NHL)		

Penalty Killing						
	Colorado Avalanche			Minnesota Wild		
	G	Att	%	G	Att	%
Overall:	5	34	85.3 (8th NHL)	3	28	89.3 (3rd NHL)
Home:	1	9	88.9 (6th NHL)	1	2	50.0 (29th NHL)
Road:	4	25	84.0 (12th NHL)	2	26	92.3 (3rd NHL)
	1 SHORT HANDED GOALS SCORED (T-5th NHL)			0 SHORT HANDED GOALS SCORED (T-17th NHL)		

Penalties						
	Colorado Avalanche			Minnesota Wild		
	GP	Min	Avg./Rank	GP	Min	Avg./Rank
	8	104	13.0 (14th NHL)	7	70	10.0 (5th NHL)

Goal Situations				
	Colorado Avalanche		Minnesota Wild	
	For	Against	For	Against
5 on 5:	15	11	7	21
5 on 4:	9	1	7	1
5 on 3:	1	0	0	0
4 on 4:	1	0	0	0
4 on 3:	0	0	1	0
3 on 3:	0	0	0	0
3 on 4:	0	0	0	0
3 on 5:	0	0	0	0
4 on 5:	1	5	0	3
Empty Net:	0	0	0	0
Penalty Shots:	0	0	0	0
Total:	27	17	15	25



Colorado Avalanche @ Minnesota Wild Situations

Individual Leaders	
Colorado Avalanche	Minnesota Wild
Points: W. WOLSKI (7),M. HEJDUK (7),K. QUINCEY (6)	A. BRUNETTE (8),E. BELANGER (8),M. KOIVU (5)
Goals: W. WOLSKI (4),D. TUCKER (3),M. HEJDUK (3)	A. BRUNETTE (5),E. BELANGER (2),M. KOIVU (2)
Assists: K. QUINCEY (5),P. STASTNY (5),R. O'REILLY (5)	E. BELANGER (6),M. HAVLAT (4),A. BRUNETTE (3)
PP Goals: D. TUCKER (2),M. HEJDUK (2),M. SVATOS (2)	A. BRUNETTE (3),O. NOLAN (1),E. BELANGER (1)
SH Goals: D. JONES (1)	
GW Goals: D. JONES (2),W. WOLSKI (1),C. MCLEOD (1)	A. BRUNETTE (1)
3+ Goals:	
PIM: C. MCLEOD (18),D. TUCKER (15),D. KOCI (10)	S. HNIDY (11),B. POULIOT (8),K. JOHANSSON (6)
Shots: W. WOLSKI (17),M. HEJDUK (16),C. MCLEOD (16)	M. KOIVU (26),B. BURNS (22),O. NOLAN (18)
+/-: S. HANNAN (+6),R. O'REILLY (+5),M. HEJDUK (+4)	E. BELANGER (+1),S. HNIDY (0),P. BOUCHARD (0)

Shootout							
Colorado Avalanche				Minnesota Wild			
Shooter	G/S	%	GWG	Shooter	G/S	%	GWG
Milan Hejduk	2 / 2	100.0	1				
Marek Svatos	2 / 2	100.0	0				
Darcy Tucker	1 / 1	100.0	0				
Matt Hendricks	0 / 1	0.0	0				
Wojtek Wolski	0 / 1	0.0	0				
Paul Stastny	0 / 1	0.0	0				
Ryan O'Reilly	0 / 1	0.0	0				
Matt Duchene	0 / 1	0.0	0				
Goaltender	Rec.	G/S	%	Goaltender	Rec.	G/S	%
Craig Anderson	1 - 1	5/12	.583				



Minnesota Wild: Media Notes

Minnesota Wild Wireless Information for Media:

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The Minnesota Wild welcomes the Colorado Avalanche to Saint Paul, along with members of the Colorado media including: Marc Moser (Altitude Radio), Mike Haynes and Peter McNab (Altitude TV) and Terry Frei (Denver Post)

Last Game (10/17)

MIN 1 at VAN 2: Minnesota tallied its second first-period goal of the season, but fell short of Vancouver, 2-1, Saturday night at General Motors Place in its final contest on an five-game, 11-day road trip. C **Mikko Koivu** tallied his second goal of the season for the Wild, but C **Ryan Kesler** and RW **Mikael Samuelsson** scored to lead Vancouver to victory. G **Niklas Backstrom** made 37 saves for the Wild in the loss.

Next Games

10/23 MIN @STL –NHL Center Ice, WCCO Radio

10/24 MIN vs. CAR –FS North (HD), WCCO Radio

10/26 MIN @ CHI –VERSUS (HD), WCCO Radio

Injuries (Total games missed - 18)

Player	Injury	Games Missed	Date of Injury	Return
Derek Boogaard	Concussion	4	9/18	10/16
Pierre-Marc Bouchard	Concussion	6	10/6	IR 10/14
Cal Clutterbuck	Ankle	3	10/10	IR 10/13
Petr Sykora	Groin	3	10/10	TBA
Martin Havlat	Groin	2	10/14	TBA

Recent Transactions:

Oct. 20: Assigned D Jaime Sifers to Houston (AHL)

Oct. 18: Acquired RW Chuck Kobasew from Boston in exchange for RW Craig Weller, a second round pick in the 2011 NHL Entry Draft and the rights to RW Alexander Fallstrom, who was selected by Minnesota in the fourth round (116th overall) of the 2009 NHL Entry Draft.

Oct. 13: Recalled C Nathan Smith and LW Andy Hilbert from Houston (AHL)

COLORADO AVALANCHE

All-Time Wild Record: 20-23-8 (13-8-4 at Xcel Energy Center, 7-15-4 at Colorado)

Minnesota went 4-1-1 against Colorado in 2008-09 and is 8-1-2 in the last 11 meetings...The Wild is 7-1-0 in the last eight home meetings against the Avalanche...**Pierre-Marc Bouchard** (4-2=6) and **Mikko Koivu** (1-5=6) scored six points each against Colorado...

Owen Nolan (4-1=5) and **Marek Zidlicky** (0-5=5) had five points each...**Niklas Backstrom** was 4-1-1 with a 2.06 GAA, a .935 SV% and one shutout (1/4)...The Wild's 2-0 win Jan. 4 is the lone shutout of the Avalanche in team history...**Milan Hejduk** (1-3=4), **John-Michael Liles** (1-3=4) and **Paul Stastny** (2-2=4) led Colorado with four points each...**Peter Budaj** was 2-2-1 with a 2.53 GAA and a .892 SV% in five starts.

WILD LEADERS: **Nolan** has 30 points (19-11=30) in 49 games against Colorado...**Koivu** owns 19 points (10-9=19) in 28 contests...

Andrew Brunette has 18 points (6-12=18) in 32 matches.

WILD GOALIES: **Backstrom** is 11-2-2 with a 2.06 GAA and a .930 SV% in 16 starts...**Josh Harding** is 1-2-1 with a 2.05 GAA and a .931 SV% in five games (four starts).

AVALANCHE LEADERS: **Hejduk** ranks second in all-time scoring against Minnesota with 39 points (16-23=39) in 49 contests...His 10 career PPG against the Wild are most all-time...**Stastny** owns 16 points (6-10=16) in 19 games.

AVALANCHE GOALIES: **Budaj** is 8-7-3 with a 2.71 GAA and a .896 SV% in 19 starts...**Craig Anderson** is 0-1-0 with a 3.75 GAA and a .861 SV% in two games (one start).

CONNECTIONS: **Brunette** played three seasons with the Avalanche (2005-08)...**Nolan** played with the Quebec Nordiques for five seasons before the moved to Colorado where he played one season...**Dave Barr** and **PJ DeLuca** spent the 2008-09 season with the Avalanche...**Matt Hendricks** is a native of Blaine, Minn. and played at St. Cloud State...**Tom Preissing** was born in Illinois but raised in Rosemount, Minn.

Six Things You Need to Know:

1. **C Mikko Koivu** was named the Wild's first-ever full-time team captain Tuesday. Koivu served as the Wild's captain for four months in 2008-09. Of the 28 NHL teams that currently have full-time captains, Koivu (3/12/83) becomes the seventh-youngest player to hold the role. Koivu currently ranks tied for third on the Wild roster with five points (2-3=5). Last season, Koivu led the Wild in points (20-47=67), assists (47), multi-point games (16), SHG (3) and ranked third in goals (20). The Wild went 14-3-1 when Koivu scored a goal, and 12-3-1 when he notched two or more points.

2. G Niklas Backstrom has just four regulation losses in 35 home decisions against the Northwest Division in his career. Backstrom is 23-4-8 with a 1.65 GAA, a .936 SV% and seven shutouts versus the four NW teams, allowing two goals or less 28 times in 35 outings. Backstrom is 6-1-1 at home versus the Avalanche, with a 2.27 GAA (highest against any NW team) and a .916 SV%.

3. Backstrom has quite the overall run at home as well, going 9-0-4 since his last regulation loss (2/6/09). Backstrom sports a 2.12 GAA and a .917 SV% in that span. He has also won his last four home starts dating back to last season. In his career at Xcel Energy Center, Backstrom is 59-17-15 with a 1.98 GAA and a .928 SV% - the best cumulative GAA and SV% of any goalie at home since 2006-07.

4. LW Andrew Brunette leads the Wild with five goals, is tied for first on the team with eight points (5-3=8), and his seven-game point streak is tied for the second-longest active run in the NHL (NYR's Marian Gaborik, eight games). Brunette's career-high point streak is 11 (2/8-2/27/07), and he also holds the Wild record of 10 (3/7-3/27/02). Brunette had points in each of his last three games last season, and in eight of nine, meaning overall, he has a point in 15 of his last 16 games played, with 18 points (10-8=18) in that span. His hot streak comes after undergoing reconstructive knee surgery last season (4/16). Brunette's 81 goals trail Wes Walz (82) for third place on Minnesota's all-time list. Brunette is third with 141 assists, third with 222 points, third with 38 PPG (Brian Rolston has 39) and ninth with 332 games played. Brunette has scored 20 or more goals in three of the last four seasons, and in five NHL campaigns overall.

5. Minnesota is 8-1-2 in its last 11 games versus Colorado overall, and 9-1-2 in its last 12 home games against the Avs. Each of the last four games between the teams at Xcel Energy Center have been decided by one goal, as have nine of the last 11 games overall.

6. The Wild will wear its new third jersey for the first time Wednesday. Based in the Wild's Forest Green with Wheat trim and a hint of Iron Range Red, the jersey's classic sports look was the overwhelming favorite of Wild fans surveyed during the summer of 2008. Also debuting Wednesday will be recently acquired RW **Chuck Kobasew**. Kobasew recorded one assist in seven games with the Boston Bruins this season and was acquired Monday for Craig Weller, the rights to Alexander Fallstrom and a second-round pick in 2011. Kobasew tallied 42 points (21-21=42) and 56 PIM in 68 regular season games with Boston in 2008-09.

Belanger Breaks Out: C **Eric Belanger** leads the team with six assists and is tied for the team lead with eight points (2-6=8) in seven games. Belanger set a new career high this season with a five-game assist streak (10/6-10/16) and was one game shy of his career high six-game point streak set in 2005 (11/11-11/22).

Home Sweet Home: The Wild faces Colorado in only its second home game of the season, tied with Atlanta for the fewest home games played. Minnesota went 0-5-0-0 on an 11-day Western Conference trek, its longest of the season from (10/7-10/18). Minnesota's five-game regulation losing streak ties a franchise record set in 2008 (12/5-12/14). Minnesota's lone win this season came against Anaheim in the home opener (10/6), when Minnesota rallied from a 3-0 deficit in the third period for a 4-3 OT win. The OT winner marked the first time in franchise history Minnesota has come back from a three-goal deficit in the third period, according to Elias Sports Bureau. The Wild has started each of its last four seasons with a point in at least two straight home games.

Tweet of the Week: "Head Coach Todd Richards told the media after practice that the recent struggles will without question make the #mnwild better in the end." Follow the Wild on Twitter @mnwild.

Marty's Milestone: RW **Martin Havlat** posted his 400th career point in the home opener against Anaheim (10/6) and ranks fourth on the team with five points (1-4=5) in five games. Havlat signed a six-year contract with the Wild on July 1 after leading Chicago with a career-high 48 assists and 77 points (29-48=77) in a career-high 81 games, helping the Blackhawks advance to the Western Conference finals. Havlat ranked second on the club and tied for ninth in the NHL with a career-best plus-minus rating (+29). He ranked second on the team with 29 goals, give GWG and 249 shots. Havlat led the Blackhawks in post-season scoring with 15 points (5-10=15).

Nolan, Sykora give Wild 1, 2, 300-punch: RW **Owen Nolan** (407) and RW **Petr Sykora** (301) make the Wild one of only six NHL teams with a pair of 300-goal scorers.

20 Goal Club: RW **Petr Sykora** has scored 20 or more goals in each of his last 10 NHL seasons, sharing the longest active streak in the NHL with Calgary's Jarome Iginla and Nashville's Jason Arnott, according to Elias Sports Bureau.

Richards' Regime: Wild Head Coach Todd Richards joins Colorado's Joe Sacco as the only coaches to make their NHL debuts this season. Richards comes to the Wild after one season as an Assistant Coach for the San Jose Sharks, helping the team to an NHL-best 53-18-11 record and a Presidents' Trophy in 2008-09. Richards spent two seasons as a Head Coach with the American Hockey League's Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins, including a Calder Cup final berth. Richards has advanced to the playoffs in all 13 of his professional seasons as a player, and in all seven as a Head Coach or an Assistant Coach.

New Faces: This season begins a new era for the Minnesota Wild, under General Manager Chuck Fletcher and Head Coach Todd Richards. Wild Owner Craig Leipold named Fletcher General Manager on May 22, 2009. Entering his 17th season in the National Hockey League, Fletcher oversees the Wild's hockey operations department including all matters relating to the club's player personnel, coaching staff, scouting department and minor league operations.



Minnesota Wild: Game By Game Summary

													* = Overtime, ** = Shootout, + = Sellout	
#	Date	Team	W-L-OT	Record	GF-GA	Scorers	W Goal	PP	PK	SF-SA	W-L Gfdr.	Attend.		
1	10/03/2009	@ Columbus Blue Jackets	L	00-01-00	1-2	15p	97	1-4	3-3	33-39	1 / 32	18159+		
2	10/06/2009	Anaheim Ducks	W*	01-01-00	4-3	9p,17,25p,15p	15	3-5	1-2	32-19	32 / 35	18256+		
3	10/08/2009	@ Los Angeles Kings	L	01-02-00	3-6	14p,55p,5	26	2-4	3-4	29-23	32 / 37	14995		
4	10/10/2009	@ San Jose Sharks	L	01-03-00	2-4	15,11p	15	1-8	4-5	40-29	20 / 32	17562+		
5	10/14/2009	@ Anaheim Ducks	L	01-04-00	2-3	25,15	20	0-4	4-4	34-35	1 / 32	15111		
6	10/16/2009	@ Edmonton Oilers	L	01-05-00	2-5	67,15p	67	1-4	5-5	31-19	35 / 37	16839+		
7	10/17/2009	@ Vancouver Canucks	L	01-06-00	1-2	9	26	0-4	5-5	18-39	1 / 32	18810+		



Minnesota Wild: Player Game By Game Summary

Date	Opp.	ZIDLICKY #3	JOHNSON #5	ZANON #6	BURNS #8	KOIVU #9	NOLAN #11	HAVLAT #14
Oct 3	@ CBJ	0-0 2/-1 19:23	0-0 0/-1 21:39	0-0 0/0 20:31	0-0 4/-1 25:11	0-1 6/-1 19:27	0-0 3/-1 14:04	0-1 3/-1 19:08
Oct 6	Vs ANA	0-0 1/1 21:24	0-1 2/0 25:02	0-0 3/0 17:17	0-1 1/-2 24:31	1-0 4/-1 25:16	0-0 4/0 15:10	0-3 1/0 21:38
Oct 8	@ L.A	0-0 0/0 15:46	1-0 3/-3 20:52	0-0 0/-1 20:41	0-0 4/-1 26:09	0-1 0/-2 21:23	0-1 1/0 16:06	1-0 5/-3 15:43
Oct 10	@ S.J	0-1 2/1 20:39	0-0 3/-1 22:47	0-0 2/-1 18:59	0-0 4/-2 25:46	0-0 5/0 24:58	1-0 5/-1 19:15	0-0 2/0 23:07
Oct 14	@ ANA	0-0 1/0 20:11	0-0 0/-1 22:51	0-0 1/-2 19:14	0-0 5/-1 25:08	0-0 3/-1 20:06	0-0 1/-1 19:21	0-0 1/-2 11:19
Oct 16	@ EDM	0-2 3/-1 22:42	0-0 5/0 21:35	0-0 2/-2 20:20	0-0 3/-3 20:59	0-1 2/-1 18:41	0-0 3/-2 16:33	DND
Oct 17	@ VAN	0-0 3/-2 21:30	0-0 0/0 24:52	0-0 0/-1 20:32	0-0 1/1 21:32	1-0 6/0 22:00	0-0 1/0 16:57	DND

Date	Opp.	BRUNETTE #15	SYKORA #17	HILBERT #19	MIETTINEN #20	BRODZIAK #21	CLUTTERBUCK #22	BOOGAARD #24
Oct 3	@ CBJ	1-0 3/0 18:34	0-0 2/0 13:03	MIN	0-0 2/-1 15:57	0-0 2/-1 14:45	0-0 2/0 15:17	INJ
Oct 6	Vs ANA	1-1 (W) 3/-2 18:28	1-0 4/1 15:37	MIN	0-0 1/0 15:10	0-0 2/-1 12:44	0-0 2/0 17:43	INJ
Oct 8	@ L.A	0-1 3/-2 17:41	0-0 0/-2 13:53	MIN	0-1 0/1 14:22	0-0 2/-1 12:40	0-0 4/-1 17:44	INJ
Oct 10	@ S.J	1-0 1/0 20:02	0-0 1/0 5:13	MIN	0-0 1/-1 14:52	0-0 2/-1 15:51	0-0 1/0 2:33	INJ
Oct 14	@ ANA	1-0 3/0 17:17	DND	0-0 3/0 9:28	0-0 3/1 17:49	0-1 4/0 18:07	INJ	DND
Oct 16	@ EDM	1-0 1/-2 16:36	DND	0-0 1/-2 12:20	0-0 0/-2 19:54	0-0 1/1 17:06	INJ	0-0 0/-1 6:28
Oct 17	@ VAN	0-1 1/1 17:27	DND	0-0 2/0 13:57	0-0 1/-1 18:15	0-0 0/0 15:21	INJ	0-0 0/-1 4:23

Date	Opp.	BELANGER #25	SIFERS #26	SMITH #27	HNIDY #34	SCOTT #36	SHEPPARD #51	SCHULTZ #55
Oct 3	@ CBJ	0-0 1/0 12:53	DND	MIN	0-0 0/0 13:11	0-0 1/0 6:05	0-0 2/-1 15:00	0-0 0/-1 20:10
Oct 6	Vs ANA	1-2 2/1 14:02	DND	MIN	0-0 0/0 12:11	0-0 0/0 3:10	0-0 1/0 14:35	0-0 1/-1 25:46
Oct 8	@ L.A	0-1 1/-2 15:40	DND	MIN	0-0 1/0 15:06	0-0 0/-1 4:32	0-0 2/1 16:54	1-0 2/-3 21:36
Oct 10	@ S.J	0-1 5/-1 16:42	DND	MIN	0-1 2/1 12:13	0-0 1/0 2:51	0-0 0/-1 13:54	0-0 0/-2 19:31
Oct 14	@ ANA	1-1 3/2 14:27	DND	0-0 1/-1 13:06	0-0 2/0 12:16	0-0 0/1 5:13	0-0 2/0 12:23	0-0 0/2 20:54
Oct 16	@ EDM	0-1 1/1 16:02	0-0 0/-1 4:58	0-0 1/-1 8:48	0-0 0/0 15:09	DND	0-0 3/-3 16:58	0-0 1/-2 19:21
Oct 17	@ VAN	0-0 2/0 16:23	0-0 0/0 4:49	0-0 0/-1 7:51	0-0 0/-1 12:17	DND	0-0 1/-1 18:48	0-1 0/1 19:50

Date	Opp.	POULIOT #67	BOUCHARD #96	BACKSTROM #32	HARDING #37
Oct 3	@ CBJ	DND	0-0 0/0 10:44	2/39L 59	DNP
Oct 6	Vs ANA	0-0 0/-1 5:11	DND	3/19W 63	DNP
Oct 8	@ L.A	0-1 1/0 7:07	DND	DNP	6/23L 60
Oct 10	@ S.J	0-0 3/-1 13:09	DND	4/29L 58	DNP
Oct 14	@ ANA	0-0 1/-1 13:21	INJ	3/35L 59	DNP
Oct 16	@ EDM	1-0 4/1 15:30	INJ	DNP	5/19L 60
Oct 17	@ VAN	0-0 0/0 14:23	INJ	2/39L 59	DNP



Minnesota Wild: Head Coach and Goalie Bios

Head Coach: Todd Richards

Todd Richards was named Head Coach of the Minnesota Wild on June 16, 2009. He has advanced to the playoffs in all 13 of his professional seasons as a player, and in all seven as a Head Coach or Assistant Coach. Prior to joining the Wild, Richards spent one season as an Assistant Coach for the San Jose Sharks. He spent two seasons (2006-08) as Head Coach of the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins in the AHL, where he led the team to a berth in the Calder Cup Finals in 2008. Richards also served as an Assistant Coach (2002-06) with the Milwaukee Admirals. Richards, 42 (10/22/66), was drafted by the Montreal Canadiens in the second round (No. 33 overall) of the 1985 NHL Entry Draft. The native of Crystal, Minn. spent four seasons at the University of Minnesota and was team captain his senior season. Richards is the all-time points leader (30-128=158) amongst Gopher defensemen.

#32: Niklas Backstrom

6' 1", 189	4th NHL / 4th MIN Season	GP	W-L-OT	GAA	SV%
Feb 13, 1978	Last Win: OCT 6, 2009 vs ANAHEIM (3)	Season	5	1-4-0	2.82
	Last SO: APR 3, 2009 vs CALGARY (8)	Career	175	94-49-22	2.26
					.923

2009-10 GAME HIGHS

Saves - 37, 2x

Shots Faced - 39, 2x

Win Streak - 1, 10/6

2009-10 HIGHLIGHTS

*Has stopped 37 of 39 shots faced twice this season (10/3 at CBJ and 10/17 at VAN)

*Is 59-17-15 record, with a 1.98 GAA, a .928 SV% and 13 shutouts in 93 career games played at Xcel Energy Center

#37: Josh Harding

6' 1", 197	5th NHL / 5th MIN Season	GP	W-L-OT	GAA	SV%
Jun 18, 1984	Last Win: APR 11, 2009 @ COLUMBUS (2)	Season	2	0-2-0	5.50
	Last SO: OCT 14, 2007 @ ANAHEIM (49)	Career	60	19-29-4	2.61
					.915

2009-10 GAME HIGHS:

Saves - 17, 10/8 at LA

Shots Faced - 23, 10/8 at LA

Win Streak -

2009-10 HIGHLIGHTS

*Stopped 17 of 23 shots faced in first start of season, a 6-3 loss at LA (10/8)



Minnesota Wild: Skater Bios

#3: Marek Zidlicky

5' 11", 190
Feb 3, 1977

6th NHL / 2nd MIN Season
Last Goal: APR 10, 2009 vs NASHVILLE (8)
Last Assist: OCT 16, 2009 @ EDMONTON (1)

	GP	G-A-P	+/-	PIM
Season	7	0-3-3	-2	6
Career	390	47-173-220		381

2009-10 GAME HIGHS:

Goals -

Assists - 2, 10/16 at EDM

Points - 2, 10/16 at EDM

Shots - 3, 2x

Plus/Minus - +1, 2x

Ice Time - 22:42, 10/16 at EDM

2009-10 HIGHLIGHTS

*Recorded pair of assists for first multi-point game of season and logged season-high 22:42 of ice time at EDM (10/16)

#5: Kim Johnsson

YAWN-suhn, KIHM
6' 1", 193
Mar 16, 1976

10th NHL / 4th MIN Season
Last Goal: OCT 8, 2009 @ LOS ANGELES (4)
Last Assist: OCT 6, 2009 vs ANAHEIM (5)

	GP	G-A-P	+/-	PIM
Season	7	1-1-2	-6	6
Career	686	61-208-269		382

2009-10 GAME HIGHS:

Goals - 1, 10/8 at LA

Assists - 1, 10/6 vs. ANA

Points - 1, 2x

Shots - 3, 2x

Plus/Minus -

Ice Time - 25:02, 10/6 vs. ANA

2009-10 HIGHLIGHTS

*Ranks second on team in average ice time (22:48)

*Notched point in back-to-back games (1-1=2, 10/6-10/8)

#6: Greg Zanon

5' 11", 201
Jun 5, 1980

5th NHL / 1st MIN Season
Last Goal: MAR 26, 2009 vs SAN JOSE (15)
Last Assist: APR 4, 2009 vs COLUMBUS (10)

	GP	G-A-P	+/-	PIM
Season	7	0-0-0	-7	2
Career	237	7-19-26		102

2009-10 GAME HIGHS:

Goals -

Assists -

Points -

Shots - 3, 10/6 vs. ANA

Plus/Minus -

Ice Time - 20:41, 10/8 at LA

2009-10 HIGHLIGHTS

*Leads team with 16 blocked shots

*Recorded team-high five blocked shots at SJ (10/10) and at VAN (10/17)

#8: Brent Burns

6' 5", 219
Mar 9, 1985

6th NHL / 6th MIN Season
Last Goal: FEB 12, 2009 @ DETROIT (16)
Last Assist: OCT 6, 2009 vs ANAHEIM (5)

	GP	G-A-P	+/-	PIM
Season	7	0-1-1	-9	6
Career	333	35-83-118		201

2009-10 GAME HIGHS:

Goals -

Assists - 1, 10/6 vs. ANA

Points - 1, 10/6 vs. ANA

Shots - 5, 10/14 at ANA

Plus/Minus - +1, 10/17 at VAN

Ice Time - 26:09, 10/8 at LA

2009-10 HIGHLIGHTS

*Leads team in average ice time per game at 24:10

*Third on team with 10 hits

#9: Mikko Koivu

MEE-koh, KOY-voov	5th NHL / 5th MIN Season		GP	G-A-P	+/-	PIM
6' 2", 200	Last Goal: OCT 17, 2009 @ VANCOUVER	Season	7	2-3-5	-6	4
Mar 12, 1983	Last Assist: OCT 16, 2009 @ EDMONTON (1)	Career	289	59-130-189		210

2009-10 GAME HIGHS:

Goals - 1, 2x

Assists - 1, 3x

Points - 1, 5x

Shots - 6, 2x

Plus/Minus -

Ice Time - 25:16, 10/6 vs. ANA (career-high)

2009-10 HIGHLIGHTS

*Leads team forwards in average ice time (21:41)

*Recorded a point in first three games of season (1-2=3)

*Scored goal and played career-high 25:16 vs. ANA (10/6)

#11: Owen Nolan

6' 1", 214	18th NHL / 2nd MIN Season		GP	G-A-P	+/-	PIM
Feb 12, 1972	Last Goal: OCT 10, 2009 @ SAN JOSE (3)	Season	7	1-1-2	-5	2
	Last Assist: OCT 8, 2009 @ LOS ANGELES (4)	Career	1134	407-447-854		1755

2009-10 GAME HIGHS:

Goals - 1, 10/10 at SJ

Assists - 1, 10/8 at LA

Points - 1, 2x

Shots - 5, 10/10 at SJ

Plus/Minus -

Ice Time - 19:21, 10/14 at ANA

2009-10 HIGHLIGHTS

*Notched goal and season-high five shots at SJ (10/10)

*Ranks among active leaders in most major categories: 16th in games played (1,134), 10th in goals (407), sixth in PPG (152), 14th in points (854) and seventh in PIM (1,755)

*Has scored a goal for six franchises (counting Quebec and Colorado as one franchise) in 47 different arenas

*Only three current NHL arenas he has not scored a goal in are TD Garden (Boston), Wachovia Center (Philadelphia) and Prudential Center (Newark)

#12: Chuck Kobasew

6' 0", 192	7th NHL / 1st MIN Season		GP	G-A-P	+/-	PIM
Apr 17, 1982	Last Goal: APR 12, 2009 @ NY ISLANDERS (7)	Season	7	0-1-1	-2	2
	Last Assist: OCT 12, 2009 vs COLORADO (2)	Career	368	78-77-155		272

2009-10 GAME HIGHS:

Goals -

Assists - 1, 10/12 vs. COL

Points - 1, 10/12 vs. COL

Shots - 4, 10/10 vs. NYI

Plus/Minus - +1, 2x

Ice Time - 17:18, 10/17 at PHX

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

*Notched 42 points (21-21=42) and 56 PIM in 68 contests with Bruins in 2008-09. Set new career-highs in assists and points and reached 20-goal mark for the third time in his career.

*Collected 49 points (27-22=49) in 43 games with Boston College in 2000-01 and was named the Frozen Four MVP helping the Eagles claim the 2001 NCAA championship.

#14: Martin Havlat

6' 2", 217 9th NHL / 1st MIN Season
 Apr 19, 1981 Last Goal: OCT 8, 2009 @ LOS ANGELES (2)
 Last Assist: OCT 6, 2009 vs ANAHEIM (3)

	GP	G-A-P	+/-	PIM
Season	5	1-4-5	-6	0
Career	475	170-231-401		246

2009-10 GAME HIGHS:

Goals - 1, 10/8 at LA
 Assists - 3, 10/6 vs. ANA
 Points - 3, 10/6 vs. ANA
 Shots - 5, 10/8 at LA
 Plus/Minus -
 Ice Time - 23:07, 10/10 at SJ

2009-10 HIGHLIGHTS

*Recorded a point in first three games with Wild (1-4=5)
 *Tied career-high with three assists vs. ANA (10/6)

#15: Andrew Brunette

broo-NEHT 14th NHL / 5th MIN Season
 6' 1", 210 Last Goal: OCT 16, 2009 @ EDMONTON (1)
 Aug 24, 1973 Last Assist: OCT 17, 2009 @ VANCOUVER

	GP	G-A-P	+/-	PIM
Season	7	5-3-8	-5	0
Career	875	218-389-607		282

2009-10 GAME HIGHS:

Goals - 1, 5x
 Assists - 1, 3x
 Points - 2, 10/6 vs. ANA
 Shots - 3, 4x
 Plus/Minus - +1, 10/17 at VAN
 Ice Time - 20:02, 10/10 at SJ

2009-10 HIGHLIGHTS

*Has scored a point in first seven games of season (5-3=8)
 *Registered a three game goal streak (10/10-10/16)
 *Scored first career regular season OTGWG vs. ANA (10/6)
 *Scored PPG at CBJ (10/3) for 600th career point

#19: Andy Hilbert

5' 11", 194 8th NHL / 1st MIN Season
 Feb 6, 1981 Last Goal: MAR 25, 2009 vs MINNESOTA (9)
 Last Assist: APR 11, 2009 vs PHILADELPHIA (4)

	GP	G-A-P	+/-	PIM
Season	3	0-0-0	-2	2
Career	306	42-62-104		132

2009-10 GAME HIGHS:

Goals -
 Assists -
 Points -
 Shots - 3, 10/14 at ANA
 Plus/Minus -
 Ice Time - 13:57, 10/17 at VAN

2009-10 HIGHLIGHTS

*Recalled from Houston (10/13) and made Wild debut at ANA (10/14)
 *Collected three points (1-2=3) in four games with Aeros

#20: Antti Miettinen

6' 0", 190 6th NHL / 2nd MIN Season
 Jul 3, 1980 Last Goal: MAR 25, 2009 @ NY ISLANDERS (15)
 Last Assist: OCT 8, 2009 @ LOS ANGELES (4)

	GP	G-A-P	+/-	PIM
Season	7	0-1-1	-3	2
Career	327	53-83-136		152

2009-10 GAME HIGHS:

Goals -
 Assists - 1, 10/8 at LA
 Points -
 Shots - 3, 10/14 at ANA
 Plus/Minus - +1, 2x

Ice Time - 19:54, 10/16 at EDM

2008-09 HIGHLIGHTS

*Set career highs with 29 assists and 44 points while skating in career-best 82 games

*First player in Wild history to score a goal in first three games played with team

#21: Kyle Brodziak

6' 2", 209 May 25, 1984	5th NHL / 1st MIN Season Last Goal: MAR 27, 2009 @ ANAHEIM (13) Last Assist: OCT 14, 2009 @ ANAHEIM (2)		GP	G-A-P	+/-	PIM
		Season	7	0-1-1	-3	2
		Career	182	26-34-60		62

2009-10 GAME HIGHS:

Goals -

Assists - 1, 10/14 at ANA

Points - 1, 10/14 at ANA

Shots - 4, 10/14 at ANA

Plus/Minus - +1, 10/16 at EDM

Ice Time - 18:07, 10/14 at ANA

2009-10 HIGHLIGHTS

*Leads Wild in faceoff win percentage at 60.3% (47 of 78) and in takeaways (8)

*Tallied assist at ANA (10/14) for first point in Wild sweater

#24: Derek Boogaard

BOO-guard 6' 8", 257 Jun 23, 1982	5th NHL / 5th MIN Season Last Goal: JAN 7, 2006 vs ANAHEIM (167) Last Assist: DEC 19, 2008 vs NY ISLANDERS (25)		GP	G-A-P	+/-	PIM
		Season	2	0-0-0	-2	2
		Career	200	2-8-10		441

2009-10 GAME HIGHS:

Goals -

Assists -

Points -

Shots -

Plus/Minus -

Ice Time - 6:28, 10/16 at EDM

2009-10 HIGHLIGHTS

*Made season debut at EDM (10/16) after missing first five games of season due to concussion suffered 9/18

*167 games since last goal (1/7/06 vs. ANA), longest active streak in NHL

#25: Eric Belanger

buh-LAWN-zhay 5' 11", 187 Dec 16, 1977	9th NHL / 3rd MIN Season Last Goal: OCT 14, 2009 @ ANAHEIM (2) Last Assist: OCT 16, 2009 @ EDMONTON (1)		GP	G-A-P	+/-	PIM
		Season	7	2-6-8	1	0
		Career	564	108-158-266		251

2009-10 GAME HIGHS:

Goals - 1, 2x

Assists - 2, 10/6 vs. ANA

Points - 3, 10/6 vs. ANA

Shots - 5, 10/10 at SJ

Plus/Minus - +2, 10/14 at ANA

Ice Time - 16:42, 10/10 at SJ

2009-10 HIGHLIGHTS

*Notched career-high five game assist streak (2-6=8, 10/6-10/16)

*Notched goal and assist at ANA (10/14)

*Tallied goal and two assists vs. ANA (10/6)

#27: Nathan Smith

6' 2", 206 Feb 9, 1982	4th NHL / 1st MIN Season Last Goal: Last Assist:		GP	G-A-P	+/-	PIM
		Season	3	0-0-0	-3	0
		Career	20	0-0-0		2

2009-10 GAME HIGHS:

Goals -
Assists -
Points -
Shots - 1, 2x
Plus/Minus -
Ice Time - 13:06, 10/14 at ANA

2009-10 HIGHLIGHTS

*Made Wild debut at ANA (10/14) and logged 13:06 of ice time and won all eight faceoffs
*Recorded two assists and 31 PIM in four games with Houston

#34: Shane Hnidy			GP	G-A-P	+/-	PIM
6' 2", 204 Nov 8, 1975	9th NHL / 1st MIN Season Last Goal: FEB 17, 2009 @ CAROLINA (21) Last Assist: OCT 10, 2009 @ SAN JOSE (3)	Season	7	0-1-1	0	11
		Career	484	14-44-58		576

2009-10 GAME HIGHS:

Goals -
Assists - 1, 10/10 at SJ
Points - 1, 10/10 at SJ
Shots - 2, 2x
Plus/Minus - +1, 10/10 at SJ
Ice Time - 15:09, 10/16 at EDM

2009-10 HIGHLIGHTS

*Recorded assist at SJ (10/10) for first point with Wild

#36: John Scott			GP	G-A-P	+/-	PIM
6' 8", 258 Sep 26, 1982	2nd NHL / 2nd MIN Season Last Goal: Last Assist: MAR 15, 2009 @ ST. LOUIS (15)	Season	5	0-0-0	0	5
		Career	25	0-1-1		26

2009-10 GAME HIGHS:

Goals -
Assists -
Points -
Shots - 1, 10/3 at CBJ
Plus/Minus - +1, 10/14 at ANA
Ice Time - 6:05, 10/3 at CBJ

2009-10 HIGHLIGHTS

*Had two hits and fighting major vs. ANA (10/6)

#51: James Sheppard			GP	G-A-P	+/-	PIM
6' 2", 210 Apr 25, 1988	3rd NHL / 3rd MIN Season Last Goal: MAR 28, 2009 @ CALGARY (14) Last Assist: APR 10, 2009 vs NASHVILLE (8)	Season	7	0-0-0	-5	2
		Career	167	9-34-43		72

2009-10 GAME HIGHS:

Goals -
Assists -
Points -
Shots - 3, 10/16 at EDM
Plus/Minus - +1, 10/8 at LA
Ice Time - 18:48, 10/17 at VAN

2009-10 HIGHLIGHTS

*Second on team with 15 hits
*Logged season-high 18:48 in ice time at VAN (10/17)

#55: Nick Schultz			GP	G-A-P	+/-	PIM

6' 1", 200
Aug 25, 1982

8th NHL / 8th MIN Season
Last Goal: OCT 8, 2009 @ LOS ANGELES (4)
Last Assist: OCT 17, 2009 @ VANCOUVER

	GP	G-A-P	+/-	PIM
Season	7	1-1-2	-6	2
Career	534	22-68-90		213

2009-10 GAME HIGHS:

Goals - 1, 10/8 at LA
Assists - 1, 10/17 at VAN
Points - 1, 2x
Shots - 2, 10/8 at LA
Plus/Minus - +2, 10/14 at ANA
Ice Time - 25:46, 10/6 vs. ANA

2009-10 HIGHLIGHTS

*Has played 534 games with Wild –most all-time
*Recorded first goal of season and third PPG of career at LA (10/8)

#67: Benoit Pouliot

BEHH-wah POO-lee-ott
6' 3", 199
Sep 29, 1986

4th NHL / 4th MIN Season
Last Goal: OCT 16, 2009 @ EDMONTON (1)
Last Assist: OCT 8, 2009 @ LOS ANGELES (4)

	GP	G-A-P	+/-	PIM
Season	6	1-1-2	-2	8
Career	57	8-8-16		26

2009-10 GAME HIGHS:

Goals - 1, 10/16 at EDM
Assists - 1, 10/8 at LA
Points - 1, 2x
Shots - 4, 10/16 at EDM
Plus/Minus - +1, 10/16 at EDM
Ice Time - 15:30, 10/16 at EDM

2009-10 HIGHLIGHTS

*Tallied first goal of season at EDM (10/16)

LAST GAME (Oct. 17: Colorado 4 at Detroit 3 - shootout)

The Avalanche scored three goals in the third period to force overtime, then scored twice in the shootout to win their fourth straight game with a 4-3 victory over the Detroit Red Wings at Joe Louis Arena on Saturday. The Avs trailed 2-0 halfway through the third and 3-2 late in the game before tying it on Cody McLeod's second goal of the night at 17:28. Marek Svatos and Milan Hejduk scored in the shootout for Colorado and Craig Anderson stopped two-of-three attempts as the Avs improved to 6-1-1 on the season. Matt Duchene collected his first NHL goal and Anderson made 28 saves through regulation and overtime.

CURRENT INJURIES

John-Michael Liles (shoulder). Out approximately two weeks.

Tom Preissing (knee). Out 4-6 weeks.

Ruslan Salei (back). Out indefinitely. Placed on IR, Oct. 11 (retroactive to Oct. 8)

TRANSACTIONS (since Opening Night)

Oct. 11 - Ruslan Salei placed on IR (retroactive to Oct. 8).

Oct. 12 - Ryan Wilson recalled from Lake Erie (AHL).

Oct. 20 - Chris Stewart reassigned to Lake Erie (AHL).

AVS FINISH SEVEN-GAME ROAD TRIP TONIGHT IN MINNESOTA

The Colorado Avalanche finishes off a seven-game road trip tonight in Minnesota against the Wild. Colorado is 4-1-1 so far on this seven-game journey, which is the Avalanche's longest road trip since moving to Denver in 1995. The Avs opened the trip with a loss in Nashville and a shootout defeat in Chicago, but have rebounded with victories at Boston, Toronto, Montreal and Detroit. This seven-game trip is the third-longest journey in franchise history, as the Quebec Nordiques had a nine-game (Oct. 9-26, 1980) and eight-gamer (Feb. 8-22, 1981) back in their first few seasons in the league. The Avs did return home for a few days after beating Detroit before heading here to St. Paul. Colorado is in the middle of a stretch that finds them playing 11 of 13 away from home.

LONGEST ROAD TRIPS, AVALANCHE HISTORY

7 games Oct. 8-21, 2009

6 games Feb. 20 - March 2, 2009

6 games Oct. 31 - Nov. 10, 1998

The Avalanche has won four straight, all on the road. **This marks the first time Colorado has won four consecutive road games since March 25 - April 5, 2007.** With a victory tonight, the Avs would have their longest road winning streak since taking six straight away from home Jan. 19 - March 11, 2002.

The Avalanche has a chance to post one of its best road trips in franchise history. The Avs are 4-1-1 and with a win tonight would finish 5-1-1 with 11 out of a possible 14 points (.786 %). That would rank as the fourth-best roadtrip of at least five games in franchise history. The Avs had two 4-0-1 trips (.900 %), Jan. 25 - Feb. 6, 2003 and March 1-11, 2007, and also had a 4-1-0 road trip (.800 %) from March 3-11, 1999. **Win or lose, this will be Colorado's best-ever road trip before the Christmas Break (minimum five games).**

AVALANCHE OFF TO ONE OF BEST STARTS IN TEAM HISTORY

The Avalanche is off to its second-best start since moving to Denver 14 years ago. The only other Avalanche club to post a better record after eight games was the 2000-01 Stanley Cup Championship team, who went 6-0-2-0 for 14 points on their way to the league's best record that season.

Years	W-L-O/T-OL	Pts	Next game
2000-01	6-0-2-0	14	win
2009-10	6-1-1	13	???
1997-98	5-1-2	12	tie

Furthermore, the only two times that the Quebec Nordiques had a better record after eight games was in 1985-86 (7-1-0) and 1994-95 (7-1-0). Thus, the Avalanche is currently off to its fourth-best start in franchise history.

RECORD-SETTING START FOR ANDERSON

Craig Anderson has started all eight games this year and should he get the nod tonight **would tie the franchise record for consecutive starts to open a season.** Quebec's Mario Gosselin started the first nine games for the Nordiques in 1987-88. Anderson has posted a 6-1-1 record so far this season with a 2.09 goals-against average, .935 save percentage and one shutout. **He needs just one victory to tie the franchise record for most wins in the month of October.** Patrick Roy won seven games with Colorado in October of 1996-97 and 2000-01, and Ron Hextall had seven wins with the Nordiques in October of 1992-93.

SECOND STAR FOR SECOND TIME IN 2009-10

Avalanche goaltender Craig Anderson was named the NHL's Second Star of the Week for Oct. 12-18, the second time in three weeks he's earned that honor (also Oct. 1-4). Anderson recorded four consecutive road victories with a 2.20 goals-against average and .928 save percentage in four starts. The Park Ridge, Illinois native began the week with a sweep of Northeast Division opponents, recording 29 saves in a 4-3 win over the Boston Bruins Oct. 12, turning aside 30 of 31 shots in a 4-1 victory over the Toronto Maple Leafs Oct. 13 and making 29 saves in a 3-2 win over the Montreal Canadiens Oct. 15. He finished the week by stopping 28 shots and two of three shootout attempts in a 4-3 victory over the Detroit Red Wings Oct. 17.

SAVE IT

Craig Anderson, who ranks among the league leaders in save percentage this year at .935, finished third among NHL goaltenders last season with a .924 Sv% in 31 appearances with Florida. He now owns a .929 combined save percentage since 2007-08, best in the NHL. Tim Thomas is second (.926), followed by Jonas Hiller (.921), Niklas Backstrom (.921) and Tomas Vokoun (.921).

YOUNG GUNS

Colorado has the fourth-youngest active roster in the NHL with an average age of 26.8 years old (*does not include players on IR*). Only Columbus (25.8), Chicago (26.0) and Los Angeles (26.2) boasts younger active rosters (*as of October 19th*).

18-YEAR-OLD DUO

18-year-olds Matt Duchene and Ryan O'Reilly have played in all eight games for the Avalanche this season, with Duchene tallying a goal and three assists and O'Reilly collecting five points (1g/4a) and a +5 plus/minus rating. O'Reilly, who is on a four-game point streak (1g/3a), scored his first NHL goal on Thursday in Montreal and Duchene followed with his first just two nights later in Detroit.

Duchene is averaging 16:58 of ice time, second among NHL rookie forwards, while O'Reilly leads the Avalanche and all rookies in faceoff percentage at 53.9%.

The two 18-year-old centers each made their NHL debut on Opening Night, making the Avalanche the first NHL team to have two 18-year-olds play in a season opener since the Winnipeg Jets in 1995-96 (Shane Doan, Jason Doig). At 18 years, 236 days, O'Reilly became the youngest player in Avalanche history, and the second youngest in franchise history. The youngest was Owen Nolan, who beat O'Reilly by two days when he made his debut with the Nordiques at the age of 18 years, 234 days in 1990-91. O'Reilly and Duchene (18 years, 258 days) are the first 18-year-olds to ever play with the Colorado Avalanche. The youngest Avalanche player had been goaltender Marc Denis at 19 years, 128 days.

SOMETHING SPECIAL

The Avs have failed to score on the power-play in their last two games (0-for-7) after scoring in each of their first six contests to begin the year. That was team's best season-opening stretch since 1997-98 (nine straight). Colorado is 10-for-33 with the man advantage in 2009-10, scoring at a 30.3% clip. Meanwhile, the Avalanche's PK unit has allowed just five goals in 34 short-handed situations, killing 85.3%. Colorado has yet to allow more than one PPG in any game this season.

AVALANCHE & WILD

Tonight marks the first of six meetings between the Avalanche and Wild in 2009-10. Colorado was 2-3-1 against Minnesota last season, 1-2-0 at home and 1-1-1 here at the Xcel Energy Center. The Avs hold a 28-14-3-6 all-time series advantage in this the 52nd regular season meeting. These two clubs have also met twice in the playoffs.

SHOOTOUTS

Colorado is 1-1 in shootouts this season after finishing 9-4 in 2008-09. The Avs own a 25-18 all-time record in shootouts, including a 14-5 mark in their last 19.

TEAM - Season: 5-for-11 (45.5%). All-Time: 61-for-156 (39.1%).

OPPONENTS - Season: 5-for-12 (41.7%). All-Time: 51-for-156 (32.7%).

Duchene – Season: 0-for-1 (0.0%). Career: 0-for-1 (0.0%).

Foote – Season: no attempts. Career: 0-for-1 (0.0%)

Hejduk – Season: 2-for-2 (100%). Career: 14-for-35 (40.0%) with 6 GDG.

Hendricks – Season: 0-for-1 (0.0%). Career: 0-for-1 (0.0%).

Hensick – Season: no attempts. Career: 0-for-3 (0.0%).

Jones – Season: no attempts. Career: 0-for-1 (0.0%).

Liles – Season: no attempts. Career: 1-for-1 (100%).

McLeod – Season: no attempts. Career: 1-for-1 (100%)

O'Reilly – Season: 0-for-1 (0.0%). Career: 0-for-1 (0.0%).

Stastny – Season: 0-for-1 (0.0%). Career: 0-for-5 (0.0%).

Stewart – Season: 0-for-1 (0.0%). Career: 0-for-2 (0.0%)

Svatos – Season: 2-for-2 (100%). Career: 10-for-28 (35.7%) with 4 GDG.

Tucker – Season: 1-for-1 (100%). Career: 4-for-13 (30.8%).

Wolski – Season: 0-for-1 (0.0%). Career: 17-for-27 (63.0%) with 3 GDG.

Anderson – Season: 1-1 Rec, 5/12 G/S, 583 SV%. Career: 2-8 Rec, 17/32 G/S, .469 Sv%

Budaj – Season: no attempts. Career: 11-15 Rec, 37/85 G/S, .565 Sv%

No career attempts for Clark, Cumiskey, Galiardi, Hannan, Koci, Quincey, Preissing, Salei, Wilson

SEASON INJURY LIST

PLAYER	GAMES MISSED	NATURE & DATES OF INJURY
David Jones	4	chest (10/1 - 10/10)
John-Michael Liles	2	shoulder (10/15 - present)
Tom Preissing	8	knee (10/1 - present)
Ruslan Salei	5	back (10/10 - present)
Total	19	



Colorado Avalanche: Game By Game Summary

													* = Overtime, ** = Shootout, + = Sellout
#	Date	Team	W-L-OT	Record	GF-GA	Scorers	W Goal	PP	PK	SF-SA	W-L Gldr.	Attend.	
1	10/01/2009	San Jose Sharks	W	01-00-00	5-2	16,8,55,8,4p	55	1-4	5-6	20-40	41 / 20	18007+	
2	10/03/2009	Vancouver Canucks	W	02-00-00	3-0	8,26p,16p	8	2-6	3-3	27-35	41 / 1	13416	
3	10/08/2009	@ Nashville Predators	L	02-01-00	2-3	27p,40p	27	2-3	2-2	24-37	39 / 41	14797	
4	10/10/2009	@ Chicago Blackhawks	O**	02-01-01	3-4	15,8,23p	16	1-5	4-5	19-26	39 / 41	20655+	
5	10/12/2009	@ Boston Bruins	W	03-01-01	4-3	23p,22,40p,54s	54	2-3	5-5	22-32	41 / 40	16393	
6	10/13/2009	@ Toronto Maple Leafs	W	04-01-01	4-1	5p,54,16p,4	54	2-5	2-3	28-31	41 / 29	19148+	
7	10/15/2009	@ Montreal Canadiens	W	05-01-01	3-2	23,10,37	37	0-4	5-6	23-31	41 / 31	21273+	
8	10/17/2009	@ Detroit Red Wings	W**	06-01-01	4-3	55,9,55	23	0-3	3-4	29-31	41 / 30	19763	



Colorado Avalanche: Player Game By Game Summary

Date	Opp.	YIP #	LILES #4	CLARK #5	HENSICK #7	WOLSKI #8	DUCHENE #9	CUMISKEY #10
Oct 1	Vs S.J	INJ	1-1 2/1 20:40	0-1 0/0 16:45	DND	2-0 2/2 19:25	0-1 1/-1 14:51	0-0 0/-1 12:13
Oct 3	Vs VAN	INJ	0-0 1/0 21:53	0-1 1/1 20:09	DND	1-1 (W) 6/1 15:16	0-0 2/0 15:29	0-0 0/1 16:13
Oct 8	@ NSH	INJ	0-1 0/-1 20:36	DND	0-1 3/-2 17:41	0-0 0/0 10:02	0-0 1/-1 19:45	0-0 1/-1 15:56
Oct 10	@ CHI	INJ	0-0 1/-1 24:02	0-0 2/-1 14:40	DND	1-0 1/0 23:18	0-0 1/-1 19:16	0-0 1/0 13:47
Oct 12	@ BOS	INJ	0-0 1/-2 20:24	0-1 2/1 17:36	DND	0-1 3/-1 15:43	0-1 1/-1 15:08	0-0 0/1 12:35
Oct 13	@ TOR	INJ	1-1 3/1 14:37	1-0 3/0 21:59	DND	0-1 1/0 16:32	0-1 2/1 16:29	0-0 1/0 17:16
Oct 15	@ MTL	INJ	DND	0-0 1/1 19:23	DND	0-0 3/0 15:28	0-0 2/-1 16:44	1-1 2/2 18:11
Oct 17	@ DET	INJ	DND	0-1 1/-1 18:52	DND	0-0 1/0 10:23	1-0 3/0 18:07	0-0 2/-2 20:45

Date	Opp.	HENDRICKS #15	TUCKER #16	HANNAN #22	HEJDUK #23	SALEI #24	STEWART #25	STASTNY #26
Oct 1	Vs S.J	0-0 2/0 9:15	1-0 2/1 16:07	0-0 0/3 21:21	0-1 0/2 20:58	DND	0-1 2/2 12:36	0-2 3/2 21:23
Oct 3	Vs VAN	0-0 4/0 10:08	1-0 5/0 15:27	0-0 0/0 18:36	0-2 1/1 20:53	DND	0-0 0/0 17:24	1-1 1/1 18:47
Oct 8	@ NSH	0-0 3/0 8:30	0-1 2/-1 15:05	0-0 0/-1 21:40	0-1 3/-1 18:49	0-0 0/-1 19:08	0-0 0/0 8:54	0-0 4/-1 18:10
Oct 10	@ CHI	1-0 1/1 8:04	0-0 0/-1 13:39	0-1 0/1 25:11	1-0 2/1 24:18	DND	0-0 0/0 9:57	0-1 1/1 23:22
Oct 12	@ BOS	0-0 1/-1 8:16	0-0 0/0 14:05	1-0 1/0 23:47	1-0 2/0 19:05	INJ	DND	0-0 3/0 19:05
Oct 13	@ TOR	0-0 2/0 9:30	1-1 3/1 14:49	0-1 1/1 21:21	0-0 3/0 18:52	INJ	DND	0-0 0/0 17:25
Oct 15	@ MTL	0-0 0/0 6:01	0-0 2/-1 16:28	0-0 0/-1 23:46	1-0 3/1 19:15	INJ	DND	0-1 1/1 19:00
Oct 17	@ DET	0-0 0/0 7:25	0-0 0/0 15:56	0-0 1/3 26:49	0-0 2/0 23:04	INJ	DND	0-0 2/0 25:27

Date	Opp.	QUINCEY #27	KOCI #28	O'REILLY #37	GALIARDI #39	SVATOS #40	WILSON #44	FOOTE #52
Oct 1	Vs S.J	0-1 1/2 27:02	0-0 0/0 2:11	0-1 0/1 10:51	0-1 1/1 16:51	0-0 2/-1 12:20	MIN	0-0 0/1 22:29
Oct 3	Vs VAN	0-1 0/0 23:35	0-0 0/0 1:20	0-0 1/0 13:03	0-0 1/0 16:54	0-0 1/0 11:54	MIN	0-0 1/0 20:10
Oct 8	@ NSH	1-0 3/-1 25:19	DND	0-0 0/-1 15:26	0-0 1/0 12:50	1-0 1/-1 14:57	MIN	0-0 0/-1 17:21
Oct 10	@ CHI	0-2 4/1 26:22	0-0 0/1 3:26	0-0 1/0 14:06	0-1 2/1 16:12	0-0 0/-2 12:40	MIN	0-0 1/0 25:07
Oct 12	@ BOS	0-1 0/-1 22:24	0-0 0/-1 3:35	0-1 2/0 15:18	0-1 0/0 16:22	1-0 1/-1 12:12	DND	0-0 0/-1 23:14
Oct 13	@ TOR	0-0 2/1 25:06	0-0 0/0 6:06	0-1 1/1 18:05	0-0 0/0 13:06	0-1 2/0 12:37	DND	0-0 0/1 19:56
Oct 15	@ MTL	0-0 2/-1 24:14	0-0 0/0 3:54	1-0 (W) 2/2 11:37	0-0 0/0 15:17	0-0 2/-1 12:54	0-0 1/1 11:34	0-0 0/2 21:52
Oct 17	@ DET	0-0 2/2 27:49	0-0 1/0 4:26	0-2 4/2 16:12	0-1 2/1 18:53	0-0 2/0 12:19	0-0 0/1 12:36	0-0 1/-1 20:52

Date	Opp.	JONES #54	MCLEOD #55	BUDAJ #31	ANDERSON #41
Oct 1	Vs S.J	DND	1-0 (W) 2/0 12:05	DNP	2/40W 60
Oct 3	Vs VAN	DND	0-0 2/0 15:15	DNP	0/35W 60
Oct 8	@ NSH	DND	0-0 2/-1 17:13	DNP	3/37L 59
Oct 10	@ CHI	DND	0-0 1/-1 14:21	DNP	3/26O 65
Oct 12	@ BOS	1-1 (W) 4/1 17:06	0-0 1/0 14:30	DNP	3/32W 60
Oct 13	@ TOR	1-1 (W) 2/2 18:32	0-0 2/1 13:19	DNP	1/31W 60
Oct 15	@ MTL	0-1 0/2 17:53	0-1 2/2 15:07	DNP	2/31W 60
Oct 17	@ DET	0-0 1/-2 17:20	2-0 4/2 14:50	DNP	3/31W 65

Colorado Avalanche: Head Coach and Goalie Bios

Head Coach: Joe Sacco

Joe Sacco is in his first season as an NHL head coach after being named the fifth head coach in Avalanche history, and the 13th in franchise history on June 4, 2009. Sacco has guided the Avalanche to its second-best record (6-1-1) after eight games.

Sacco, 40, spent the last two seasons as head coach of Colorado's American Hockey League affiliate, the Lake Erie Monsters. The 2009-10 campaign marks his fifth season overall with the organization, as he also spent two years as an assistant coach in the AHL.

The Monsters finished with a 34-38-3-5 record (76 pts) in 2008-09, posting eight more wins and 11 more points than they did in their inaugural season. Sacco also served as an assistant coach for Team USA at the 2009 IIHF World Championship.

A fourth-round pick (71st overall) by Toronto in the 1987 Entry Draft, Sacco appeared in 738 games over his 13-year career in the NHL. Born in Medford, Mass., Joe attended Boston University and played for the United States at the 1992 Olympics.

#31: Peter Budaj

BOO-digh 6' 1", 200 Sep 18, 1982	5th NHL / 5th COL Season Last Win: APR 5, 2009 @ VANCOUVER (3) Last SO: APR 7, 2009 @ SAN JOSE (2)		GP	W-L-OT	GAA	SV%
		Season	-	-----	-	-
		Career	182	81-65-21	2.75	.902

2009-10 SEASON

- Ranks third in franchise history in shutouts (7) and is fifth in both appearances (182) and wins (81).
- Needs three wins and six games to tie Stephane Fiset for fourth place in both categories.
- Made his fifth straight appearance on Colorado's Opening Night roster.
- Led the Avs with 20 victories a year ago, reaching the 20-win plateau for the second time in his career (31 in 2006-07).
- Posted a 7-4 record in shootouts in 2008-09, allowing only 13 goals on 35 attempts (.629 Sv%).

#41: Craig Anderson

6' 2", 180 May 21, 1981	7th NHL / 1st COL Season Last Win: OCT 17, 2009 @ DETROIT Last SO: OCT 3, 2009 vs VANCOUVER (6)		GP	W-L-OT	GAA	SV%
		Season	8	6-1-1	2.09	.935
		Career	117	42-44-14	2.81	.913

2009-10 SEASON

- Was named the NHL's Second Star of the Week for Oct. 12-18, the second time in three weeks he's earned that honor.
- Recorded four consecutive road victories with a 2.20 goals-against average and .928 save percentage during the week.
- Has started all eight games this season.
- Ranks among the league leaders in wins (6), goals-against average (2.09), save percentage (.935), shutouts (1), shots faced (263) and saves (246).
- Was named the NHL's Second Star of the Week for the opening week of the season.
- Went 2-0 with a 1.00 GAA and .973 Sv% in two starts during the week, stopping 73 of 75 shots.
- Made his first career Opening Night start on Oct. 1 vs. San Jose, stopping 38 shots in a 5-2 victory.
- Signed a two-year contract with the Avalanche on July 1.
- Owns a .929 combined save percentage since 2007-08, best in the NHL.



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#4: John-Michael Liles

LYE-lz 5' 10", 185 Nov 25, 1980	6th NHL / 6th COL Season Last Goal: OCT 13, 2009 @ TORONTO Last Assist: OCT 13, 2009 @ TORONTO		GP 6 394	G-A-P 2-3-5 58-145-203	+/- -2	PIM 0 153
		Season				
		Career				

2009-10 SEASON

- Suffered a shoulder injury on Oct. 13 at Toronto and is out approximately two weeks.
- Had a goal and an assist in the season opener against San Jose, giving him 200 points for his NHL career.
- Became just the fifth defenseman in franchise history to reach 200 points, joining Sandis Ozolinsh (253), Adam Foote (242), Rob Blake (208) and Mario Marois (200).
- Has led all Colorado defensemen in scoring during each of the last three seasons.

#5: Brett Clark

6' 0", 195 Dec 23, 1976	11th NHL / 6th COL Season Last Goal: OCT 13, 2009 @ TORONTO (2) Last Assist: OCT 17, 2009 @ DETROIT		GP 7 460	G-A-P 1-4-5 32-92-124	+/- 1	PIM 2 233
		Season				
		Career				

2009-10 SEASON

- Has a point in five of his seven games this season.
- Scored his first goal of the year on Oct. 13 at Toronto.
- Set an Avalanche record with 238 blocked shots last season, second most in the NHL (Zbynek Michalek - 271).

#7: TJ Hensick

5' 10", 185 Dec 10, 1985	3rd NHL / 3rd COL Season Last Goal: JAN 21, 2009 vs LOS ANGELES (28) Last Assist: OCT 8, 2009 @ NASHVILLE		GP 1 93	G-A-P 0-1-1 10-23-33	+/- -2	PIM 0 16
		Season				
		Career				

2009-10 SEASON

- Had an assist in his season debut on Oct. 8 at Nashville.
- Needs seven games to reach 100 for his NHL career.
- Opened the 2008-09 season with Lake Erie (AHL) but spent most of the year with the Avalanche.

#8: Wojtek Wolski

VOY-teck VOHL-skee 6' 3", 210 Feb 24, 1986	5th NHL / 5th COL Season Last Goal: OCT 10, 2009 @ CHICAGO (4) Last Assist: OCT 13, 2009 @ TORONTO (2)		GP 8 248	G-A-P 4-3-7 60-93-153	+/- 2	PIM 4 64
		Season				
		Career				

2009-10 SEASON

- Leads the Avalanche in goals (4) and is tied for first in points (7).
- Scored two goals in the season opener against San Jose on Oct. 1.
- Is 17-for-27 in career shootout attempts (63%), the highest percentage in league history.
- Led all NHL players last year in both shootout goals (10-of-12) and percentage (83.3%).

#9: Matt Duchene

5' 11", 200 Jan 16, 1991	1st NHL / 1st COL Season Last Goal: OCT 17, 2009 @ DETROIT Last Assist: OCT 13, 2009 @ TORONTO (2)		GP 8 8	G-A-P 1-3-4 1-3-4	+/- -4	PIM 0 0
		Season				
		Career				

2009-10 SEASON

- Ranks second among NHL rookie forwards in ice time (16:58).
- Scored his first NHL goal on Oct. 17 at Detroit.
- Made his NHL debut in the season opener on Oct. 1 vs. San Jose, recording an assist for his first NHL point.
- Colorado's first-round pick (third overall) in the 2009 Entry Draft.
- Is the Avalanche's highest draft pick since the team moved to Denver and the franchise's highest pick since 1991 (Eric Lindros).
- He and Ryan O'Reilly are the first 18-year-olds to ever play for the Colorado Avalanche.
- Has spent the last two seasons with the Brampton Battalion (OHL).

#10: Kyle Cumiskey

5' 10", 185 Dec 2, 1986	4th NHL / 4th COL Season Last Goal: OCT 15, 2009 @ MONTREAL (1) Last Assist: OCT 15, 2009 @ MONTREAL (1)		GP 8 61	G-A-P 1-1-2 2-7-9	+/- 0	PIM 0 18
		Season				
		Career				

2009-10 SEASON

- Has dressed in all eight games

- Recorded a career-high two points (1g/1a), including his second career goal, on Oct. 15 at Montreal.
- Made his first appearance on an Opening Night roster.
- Missed the final 33 games of the 2008-09 season after suffering a shoulder injury on Jan. 29 vs. Toronto.

#15: Matt Hendricks

6' 0", 215 Jun 17, 1981	2nd NHL / 2nd COL Season Last Goal: OCT 10, 2009 @ CHICAGO (4) Last Assist:		GP	G-A-P	+/-	PIM
		Season	8	1-0-1	0	9
		Career	12	1-0-1		22

2009-10 SEASON

- Scored his first NHL goal on Oct. 10 at Chicago.
- Made his first appearance on an Opening Night roster and has dressed in all eight games.
- Spent most of the 2008-09 season with Lake Erie (AHL) but also skated in four games with the Avalanche.

#16: Darcy Tucker

5' 10", 178 Mar 15, 1975	14th NHL / 2nd COL Season Last Goal: OCT 12, 2009 @ TORONTO (2) Last Assist: OCT 13, 2009 @ TORONTO (2)		GP	G-A-P	+/-	PIM
		Season	8	3-2-5	-1	15
		Career	884	208-249-457		1378

2009-10 SEASON

- Is tied for second on the Avalanche with three goals.
- Shares the team lead in power-play goals (2) and is second in penalty minutes (15).
- Collected points in each of his first three games, his longest point streak to start a season.
- Is one of six active players with at least 200 goals and 1300 PIM (R. Blake, Guerin, Nolan, Shanahan, Tkachuk).

#22: Scott Hannan

6' 1", 225 Jan 23, 1979	11th NHL / 3rd COL Season Last Goal: OCT 12, 2009 @ BOSTON (3) Last Assist: OCT 13, 2009 @ TORONTO (2)		GP	G-A-P	+/-	PIM
		Season	8	1-2-3	6	4
		Career	679	29-132-161		414

2009-10 SEASON

- Is a team-best +6.
- Ranks second on the club in ice time (22:48).
- Has appeared in 171 of 172 games since joining the Avalanche.
- Scored his first goal of the season on Oct. 12 at Boston.
- Was +3 in the season opener on Oct. 1 vs. San Jose.

#23: Milan Hejduk

HAY-dook 6' 0", 190 Feb 14, 1976	11th NHL / 11th COL Season Last Goal: OCT 15, 2009 @ MONTREAL (1) Last Assist: OCT 8, 2009 @ NASHVILLE (5)		GP	G-A-P	+/-	PIM
		Season	8	3-4-7	4	0
		Career	791	315-349-664		274

2009-10 SEASON

- Shares the team scoring lead with seven points (3g/4a).
- Had points in each of his first five games (2g/4a), his longest point streak to start a season.
- On Sept. 24, agreed to a one-year contract extension through 2010-11.
- Has appeared in 161 consecutive games. Was the only Colorado player to dress in all 82 games last year.
- Has scored 301 goals since the start of the 1999-00 season, tied for the fourth highest total in the NHL behind Jarome Iginla (349), Marian Hossa (324) and Ilya Kovalchuk (304). Jaromir Jagr also has 301.
- Ranks fourth in franchise history in both games played and goals, and sits fifth in points.
- Is the franchise's all-time leader in regular season overtime goals with nine and his 52 career game-winning tallies rank second.
- Led the Avalanche with 27 goals and shared the team lead with 59 points in 2008-09.

#26: Paul Stastny

STAS - nee 6' 0", 205 Dec 27, 1985	4th NHL / 4th COL Season Last Goal: OCT 3, 2009 vs VANCOUVER (6) Last Assist: OCT 15, 2009 @ MONTREAL (1)		GP	G-A-P	+/-	PIM
		Season	8	1-5-6	4	6
		Career	201	64-127-191		94

2009-10 SEASON

- Is tied for first on the team with five assists.
- Skated in his 200th NHL game on Oct. 15 at Montreal.
- Has 191 points (64g/127a) in 201 career games.
- Participated in Team USA's Olympic Orientation Camp over the summer.
- Finished fifth on the team in scoring last season with 36 points (11g/25a) despite playing only 45 games.
- Missed a total of 37 games due to two separate injuries.

#27: Kyle Quincey

6' 2", 207 Aug 12, 1985	5th NHL / 1st COL Season Last Goal: OCT 8, 2009 @ NASHVILLE (5) Last Assist: OCT 12, 2009 @ BOSTON (3)		GP	G-A-P	+/-	PIM
		Season	8	1-5-6	3	10
		Career	93	6-39-45		77

2009-10 SEASON

- Leads the club in ice time (25:13) and is tied for first in assists (5).
- Had points in each of his first five games (1g/5a), the first Avalanche defenseman to open a season with points in five straight games since Sandis Ozolinsh in 1996-97.
- Scored his first goal as a member of the Avalanche on Oct. 8 at Nashville.
- Had an assist and was +2 in his Avalanche debut on Oct. 1 vs. San Jose.
- Was acquired by Colorado this offseason.
- Led all Kings defensemen in scoring last season with 38 points (4g/34a) in 72 games.

#28: David Koci

6' 6", 238 May 12, 1981	4th NHL / 1st COL Season Last Goal: MAR 26, 2009 @ MONTREAL (14) Last Assist: FEB 22, 2009 vs BOSTON (24)		GP	G-A-P	+/-	PIM
		Season	7	0-0-0	0	10
		Career	71	1-1-2		307

2009-10 SEASON

- Has dressed in seven of the first eight games.
- Was credited with a game-high six hits on Oct. 12 at Boston.
- Signed with Colorado as a free agent on July 1.
- Appeared in 37 combined games with Tampa Bay and St. Louis in 2008-09, recording two points (1g/1a) and 141 penalty minutes.

#37: Ryan O'Reilly

6' 0", 200 Feb 7, 1991	1st NHL / 1st COL Season Last Goal: OCT 15, 2009 @ MONTREAL (1) Last Assist: OCT 17, 2009 @ DETROIT		GP	G-A-P	+/-	PIM
		Season	8	1-5-6	5	0
		Career	8	1-5-6		0

2009-10 SEASON

- Leads the Avalanche and all NHL rookies in faceoff percentage at 53.9% (41-for-76).
- Ranks second on the club in plus/minus at +5.
- Current four-game point streak (1g/3a).
- Scored his first NHL goal on Oct. 15 at Montreal, the game-winning tally in the third period of a 3-2 victory.
- Made his NHL debut in the season opener on Oct. 1 vs. San Jose, recording an assist for his first NHL point.
- At 18 years, 236 days, became the youngest player in Avalanche history and the second-youngest in franchise history behind Owen Nolan (18 years, 234 days).
- Signed a three-year, entry-level contract on Sept. 21.
- Colorado's second pick (33rd overall) in the 2009 Entry Draft.
- Has spent the past two seasons with the Erie Otters (OHL), where he served as an assistant captain in 2008-09.
- Served as captain of Team Canada at the 2009 IIHF World Under-18 Championship in North Dakota.

#39: TJ Galiardi

6' 2", 190 Apr 22, 1988	2nd NHL / 2nd COL Season Last Goal: APR 5, 2009 @ VANCOUVER (12) Last Assist: OCT 17, 2009 @ DETROIT		GP	G-A-P	+/-	PIM
		Season	8	0-4-4	3	0
		Career	19	3-5-8		6

2009-10 SEASON

- Leads the Avalanche in short-handed time on ice (3:37 per game).
- Assisted on the game-winning goal and won five-of-six faceoffs on Oct. 12 at Boston.
- Made his first appearance on an Opening Night roster and had an assist in the season opener against San Jose on Oct. 1.
- Dressed in each of the final 11 games for the Avalanche in 2008-09, tallying three goals and one assist.
- Finished fourth on the Lake Erie Monsters (AHL) in scoring with 27 points (10g/17a) in 66 games.

#40: Marek Svatos

MAIR-ehk SVA-tos 5' 10", 185 Jun 17, 1982	6th NHL / 6th COL Season Last Goal: OCT 12, 2009 @ BOSTON (3) Last Assist: OCT 13, 2009 @ TORONTO (2)		GP	G-A-P	+/-	PIM
		Season	8	2-1-3	-6	10
		Career	270	91-65-156		182

2009-10 SEASON

- Needs nine goals to reach 100 for his NHL career.
- Scored his first goal of the season on Oct. 8 at Nashville.
- Made his sixth straight appearance on Colorado's Opening Night roster.
- Appeared in a career-high 69 games last season, recording 14 goals and 20 assists.

#44: Ryan Wilson

6' 1", 207 Feb 3, 1987	1st NHL / 1st COL Season Last Goal: Last Assist:		GP	G-A-P	+/-	PIM
		Season	2	0-0-0	2	0
		Career	2	0-0-0		0

2009-10 SEASON

- Made his NHL debut on Oct. 15 at Montreal, posting a +1 rating in 11:34 of ice time.
- Was recalled from the Lake Erie Monsters of the American Hockey League on Oct. 12.
- Appeared in three games with the Monsters, registering no points and a team-high 17 penalty minutes.
- The Windsor, Ontario native was acquired from Calgary last season on March 4.

#52: Adam Foote

6' 2", 220 Jul 10, 1971	18th NHL / 16th COL Season Last Goal: FEB 20, 2009 @ WASHINGTON (17) Last Assist: MAR 8, 2009 @ CHICAGO (10)		GP	G-A-P	+/-	PIM
		Season	8	0-0-0	1	8
		Career	1048	66-225-291		1445

2009-10 SEASON

- Named team captain prior to the start of training camp on Sept. 11.
- Is the second captain in Avalanche history and only the ninth in the 30-year history of the franchise.
- Entering his 18th season in the NHL, his 16th with the Avalanche/Nordiques.
- Has appeared in more regular season (861) and playoff games (164) than any other defenseman in franchise history.
- Overall, has skated in 1,048 career games in the NHL, recording 291 points (66g/225a) and 1,445 penalty minutes.
- Ranks as the second highest scoring defenseman in team history with 242 points (56g/186a).

#54: David Jones

6' 2", 210 Aug 10, 1984	3rd NHL / 3rd COL Season Last Goal: OCT 13, 2009 @ TORONTO (2) Last Assist: OCT 15, 2009 @ MONTREAL (1)		GP	G-A-P	+/-	PIM
		Season	4	2-3-5	3	0
		Career	71	12-12-24		16

2009-10 SEASON

- Leads the Avalanche with two game-winning goals.
- Collected a point in each of his first three games (2g/3a), his longest career point streak.
- Scored a short-handed, game-winning goal and also had an assist in his season debut on Oct. 12 at Boston.
- Missed the first four games of the season due to injury (chest).
- Suffered the injury in a preseason game on Sept. 23 vs. Los Angeles.
- Missed the final 34 games of the 2008-09 season after suffering a shoulder injury on Jan. 27 vs. San Jose.

#55: Cody McLeod

6' 2", 210 Jun 26, 1984	3rd NHL / 3rd COL Season Last Goal: OCT 17, 2009 @ DETROIT Last Assist: OCT 15, 2009 @ MONTREAL (1)		GP	G-A-P	+/-	PIM
		Season	8	3-1-4	3	18
		Career	136	22-11-33		300

2009-10 SEASON

- Leads the Avalanche with 18 penalty minutes and is tied for second with three goals.
- Matched his career high with two goals and had a fighting major on Oct. 17 at Detroit.
- Scored the game-winning goal in the season opener against San Jose on Oct. 1.
- Made his second straight appearance on an Opening Night roster.
- Scored 15 goals and added 162 penalty minutes in 79 games during his second NHL season in 2008-09.
- Was one of four NHL players with at least 15 goals and 150 PIM, joining David Backes, Alex Burrows and David Clarkson.