

Avalanche fall behind in Stanley Cup semi-finals

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SAN JOSE, Calif. (AP) — A hard lesson from videotape brought Sharks captain Owen Nolan to life in the play-offs.

Nolan had not scored a goal through the Sharks' first seven playoff games. On Monday night, he scored twice to lead San Jose past the Colorado Avalanche 6-4.

A video session Sunday proved instructive.

"It was a lot of little things, but they add up," he said. "You're looked upon by your team to score goals, and I haven't been doing that. I came here tonight determined to do something about it."

Patrick Marleau scored the tiebreaking goal in the third period, beating Patrick Roy from the top of the left circle on a power play with 6:34 left to give the Sharks a 2-1 lead in the Western Conference semifinal. Game 4 is Wednesday at San Jose.

With six goals and four assists, Marleau has a point in each of the Sharks' eight playoff games.

"I'm getting a lot of bounces," he modestly said.

Rob Blake scored two goals for the Avalanche, who had won five straight in San Jose, dating to Jan. 25, 2000. Roy turned away 34 San Jose shots.

In the only other conference semifinal Monday, Ottawa edged Toronto 3-2 to take a 2-1 series lead. The other two series resume Tuesday night. Detroit, which won the first two games at home, plays at St. Louis. Carolina is at Montreal with the series 1-1.

Evgeni Nabokov, who was pulled Saturday in San Jose's 8-2 Game 2 loss, stopped 29 shots. The Sharks had just one penalty to Colorado's seven.

"It definitely made a difference in the way we played," Avalanche coach Bob Hartley said. "Being shorthanded takes you away from your game plan

and you have to give your penalty killers more ice time. You should give them credit for scoring the big goals on the power play when they had the opportunity."

Teemu Selanne tied it for the Sharks with a power-play goal 3:31 into the third.

The Sharks had a 5-on-3 advantage early in the period when both Blake and Stephane Yelle were penalized. Just as Yelle's holding penalty ended, Selanne hit a perfectly angled shot from the right side that slid under Roy.

Blake set the tone with a goal just 59 seconds into the game. Blake hadn't practiced Sunday and played only 14 minutes in the second game — he scored two goals — because of a sore leg. He missed Game 1.

The Sharks nearly tied it later in the first period. Vincent Damphousse appeared to bunt a bouncing puck over Roy's shoulder and into the net. But, amid the roar of the crowd, one official apparently had blown his whistle. According to the explanation, the official lost track of the puck, negating the goal.

Thornton took a feed from Mike Ricci and shoved the puck under Roy from the top of the crease to tie it before the period was over. It was Thornton's third playoff goal.

Nolan scored his first goal of the playoffs 3:20 into the second. Roy came way out of the net to send the puck back down the ice, but made a bad clear.

Nolan took advantage with a 45-foot shot that went between the goalie's legs and into the net.

Just a little more than two minutes later, Nolan took a bouncing shot that caromed off Adam Graves' stick to make it 3-1.

Blake scored his second goal less than three minutes later. Nabokov was tied up in the net with Nolan, who had fallen behind him.



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Jared Cranston stole home to score the go-ahead run in Game 1 of Monday's doubleheader against Healy-Leoti.

Eagles split with Healy-Leoti at home

By DARREL PATTILLO
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The Colby Eagle baseball team improved its record to 14-4 Monday af-

ternoon by splitting a doubleheader with Healy-Leoti at the Colby Recreation Complex.

The Eagles took the first game 5-4,

with Jared Cranston coming on in relief of Clayton Kaiser to get the win. In the second game, the Healy-Leoti bats warmed up as they scored 7 runs and

held the Eagles to just 1. Colby is getting set for regional action which begins Monday at the Recreation Complex.

Several Trojans earn conference and region honors

The Colby Community College Trojan Baseball team enters Region VI tournament play this weekend against Seward County in Great Bend. Three

Trojans were recently honored for their efforts by being named Honorable-Mention All-Jayhawk West. Josh Prickett (Torrington, Wyoming) made the squad as an infielder while the ace of the Trojan pitching staff, Andy Wernke (Alliance, Nebraska) made the team as a pitcher. Mike Dove (Boulder, Colorado) also made the team as

he saw action for the Trojans in the outfield and on the hill.

Several Lady Trojans had outstanding seasons and were recently honored for their efforts. Megan Langerak was named to the First Team All-Region Six District C team as an outfielder. She was also named First-Team All-Jayhawk West Conference as an out-

fielder. Cody Pettibone was named to the Second Team All-Region 6 District C team as an infielder. She also garnered Honorable Mention honors on the All-Jayhawk West Team as a shortstop.

Kayla Hansen earned Honorable Mention honors in the Jayhawk West Conference as a pitcher.

Winner by a ponytail



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Brianna Swafford won the 200 meter dash Friday at the Colby Invitational track meet. The Eagles are getting ready for the Northwest Kansas League track meet Friday in St. Francis

Eagle junior varsity tennis finishes season

Eric Luedke won all three of his matches Monday at the Scott City JV tennis tournament, as the Eagles took second place in their final outing of the year.

"This was a satisfying way to end the JV season," coach Bill Weber said. "Four out six of our players brought home medals. We have a good young nucleus to build from for the next few years."

Ian Yoon, playing number 2 singles, was 3-1 for second place. The number 1 doubles team of Chris Barnum and Ian Myers won 1 and lost two for fifth place, and the number 2 team of Brett Dempewolf and Luke Rogers were 2-2, good enough for 2nd place in their division.

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