

# Colorado evens series with Detroit at 1-1

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DETROIT (AP) — This is Chris Drury’s season. The playoffs and overtime bring out his best, and so do the Detroit Red Wings.

Drury was at it again Monday night, scoring at 2:17 of overtime as the Colorado Avalanche beat the Red Wings 4-3 to even the Western Conference finals at 1-1.

This was his 10th career game-winning goal in the playoffs — third in overtime. Four have come against the Red Wings. The only player in franchise history with more game-winners in the playoffs is Joe Sakic with 14.

“Chris Drury is one of the best money players we can have on our team,” Colorado coach Bob Hartley said.

Game 3 of the best-of-seven series is Wednesday night in Denver.

“I think everybody knows how big of a win this is for us,” Sakic said. “You go home 0-2, it puts all the pressure on us to win both games. It’s the best-of-five now. We seem to have home-ice advantage. But, you know, in the playoffs that doesn’t mean a heck of a lot really.”

The Eastern Conference finals are also 1-1, with the Toronto Maple Leafs at home against the Carolina Hurricanes on Tuesday night.

The Avalanche were pushed to seven games in the first two rounds against Los Angeles and San Jose.

They won’t be surprised by another long series.

“It’s going to be a battle all the way to the end,” said Colorado’s Alex Tanguay, who scored first on Monday. “Both teams are hungry for a Stanley Cup. It’s what hockey is all about.”

Hockey, especially playoff hockey, also is about bouncing back, and Patrick Roy has proved a master at it. He made 30 saves to improve to 10-0 following a playoff loss in which Colorado allows at least five goals. The Avalanche lost the opener 5-3.

“I see it more as a team stat,” Roy said.

Colorado took a 1-0 lead in the first, a 2-1 lead in the second and a 3-2 lead in the third, on goals from Tanguay, Peter Forsberg and Greg de Vries. But Roy couldn’t hold the advantage.

Each time, the Red Wings answered later in the period to tie it with goals from Boyd Devereaux, Kirk Maltby and Nicklas Lidstrom.

“It was great to bail Patty out for once because he’s always there for us,” said Forsberg, who had a goal and three assists.

Forsberg moved past Toronto’s Gary Roberts to take over the lead in the playoff point-scoring race with 23.

While Forsberg and Sakic have starred for Colorado in this series, Red Wings standouts Brendan Shanahan and Sergei Fedorov have not.

“Our big guys have got to get going,” Detroit coach Scotty Bowman said. “It’s a tight series and, you know, there is not much room out there.”

Drury credited Forsberg, his linemate, for making his job easier and said his latest goal was just another example.

After Detroit failed to clear the puck, Forsberg skated patiently with the puck, then took a shot on Dominik Hasek. Steven Reinprecht got the rebound and set up Drury, who made a move around defenseman Jiri Fisher and easily beat Hasek.

“I’m pretty lucky to be next to this guy,” said Drury, motioning to Forsberg. “I don’t think they were watching me, they were watching him.”

Hasek, who made 22 saves, didn’t like his team’s latest performance.

“It should be a wake-up call for us,” Hasek said. “The way we played, myself included, we did not deserve to win. ... They were flying and we couldn’t stop them.”

Following the game, several players pushed and shoved each other, but no fights ensued.

# Red-hot Anaheim Angels take care of Kansas City

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) — Given early run support, the Anaheim Angels pitchers have been counting their blessings and victories.

Kevin Appier was staked to a four-run lead after two innings and showed his appreciation by retiring 15 straight batters as the Angels beat the Kansas City Royals 6-3 Monday night for their 19th victory in 22 games.

“It helps immensely,” Appier said. “You get a big enough lead and you can take a team out of its game, make them chase pitches or hurt their confidence. So it’s certainly advantageous, and we’ve been doing a great job of it.”

Garret Anderson, Brad Fullmer and Scott Spiezio got RBI singles in the first off Blake Stein (0-2), who surrendered an RBI triple by Darin Erstad in the second. Two of the runs were scored by leadoff hitter David Eckstein, who singled and was hit by a pitch.

“That’s what we need — Eck setting the table for the guys in the middle who are really doing a good job of picking up RBIs for us,” manager Mike Scioscia said. “We have to keep pressure on from one through nine, and we’ve been able to do that for the last three weeks or so.”

The Angels are 18-5 when Eckstein

has scored a run, and his ability to get on base has been vital during the Angels’ surge. They have outscored their opponents 56-39 in the first two innings.

“Early runs are obviously a key to allowing a pitcher to relax and make his pitches,” Scioscia said. “But I don’t think that’s the only reason why we’re winning.”

Defense is another reason. The Angels made at least six plays worthy of a highlight reel — starting with the first inning, when Eckstein made a diving stop of Joe Randa’s sharp grounder toward the middle and flipped to second baseman Adam Kennedy for the inning-ending forceout on Mike Sweeney.

Sweeney, whose sixth-inning single drove in the Royals’ first run, tried to take second on the throw to third by center fielder Erstad.

But Troy Glaus threw back to second, where Kennedy lunged for the ball and simultaneously tagged out Sweeney to end the threat.

“They swing the bats, they’ve got good pitching and they play good defense. When you put that together, you’re going to win games — and that’s what they’re doing right now,” Stein said.

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