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MacKINNON, DEMKO AND DOBSON NAMED NHL 'THREE STARS' OF THE WEEK

NEW YORK (Dec. 18, 2023) – Colorado Avalanche center **Nathan MacKinnon**, Vancouver Canucks goaltender **Thatcher Demko** and New York Islanders defenseman **Noah Dobson** have been named the NHL's "Three Stars" for the week ending Dec. 17.

FIRST STAR – NATHAN MacKINNON, C, COLORADO AVALANCHE

MacKinnon, who extended the NHL's longest active point streak to 15 games dating to Nov. 20 (8-19—27), recorded multiple points in all four of his contests to lead the League with 3-7—10 and help the Avalanche (19-10-2, 40 points) post a 3-1-0 week. He registered 1-1—2, including the winning goal with 4:30 remaining in regulation, as Colorado rallied from a two-goal, third-period deficit for a 6-5 victory over the Calgary Flames Dec. 11. MacKinnon then collected two helpers in each of his next two outings, becoming [the fifth player in franchise history to compile 800 points](#) as part of a 5-1 triumph against the Buffalo Sabres Dec. 13 and assisting on both Avalanche goals in a 6-2 loss to the Winnipeg Jets Dec. 16. MacKinnon capped the week with 2-2—4, his 17th career four-point performance, to stretch his overall and [season-opening home point streak](#) to 15 and 16 games, respectively, as Colorado earned a 6-2 win over the San Jose Sharks Dec. 17. The 28-year-old MacKinnon, who has [the most points among all NHL players during the calendar year](#) (48-76—124 in 78 GP), currently ranks second with 14-33—47 through 31 total appearances in 2023-24. He also sits among this season's leaders in assists (1st; 33), power-play assists (t-2nd; 15), shots on goal (3rd; 137) and power-play points (t-8th; 16).

SECOND STAR – THATCHER DEMKO, G, VANCOUVER CANUCKS

Demko turned aside 89 of the 93 shots he faced, going 3-0-0 with a 1.33 goals-against average, .957 save percentage and one shutout as the Canucks (21-9-2, 44 points) extended their point streak to six games dating to Dec. 7 (5-0-1) via a 3-0-1 week. He stopped 28 of 29 shots, including all 18 over the final two periods, during a 4-1 win against the Tampa Bay Lightning Dec. 12. Demko then earned his sixth career shutout (and third of 2023-24) with 36 saves in a 4-0 victory over the Florida Panthers Dec. 14. He finished the week with 25 stops in a 4-3 triumph versus the Chicago Blackhawks Dec. 17 to boost his League-leading win total to 16 – one ahead of Colorado's **Alexandar Georgiev** and Winnipeg's **Connor Hellebuyck** (both w/ 15). The 28-year-old Demko has played in 23 total contests this season, compiling a 16-7-0 record to go along with three shutouts (t-1st in the NHL), a 2.34 goals-against average (5th in the NHL) and a .921 save percentage (7th in the NHL).

THIRD STAR – NOAH DOBSON, D, NEW YORK ISLANDERS

Dobson paced the NHL with eight assists (0-8—8) and a +7 rating (tied) in four games to guide the Islanders (14-8-8, 36 points) to points in three of their four contests (2-1-1). He recorded three helpers, including a secondary assist on **Bo Horvat**'s overtime winner, in a 4-3 triumph against the Toronto Maple Leafs Dec. 11. Dobson then picked up a pair of assists in a 4-3 comeback victory over the Anaheim Ducks Dec. 13 before being held without a point in a 5-4 shootout loss to the Boston Bruins Dec. 15. He closed the week with helpers on all three New York goals, his third career three-assist performance (also Nov. 30 at CAR), in a 5-3 defeat versus the Montreal Canadiens Dec. 16. The 23-year-old Dobson has played in 30 total contests this season, ranking fourth among defensemen with 5-27—32 and in the top 10 among all skaters in average time on ice (3rd; 25:33), plus/minus (t-5th; +17) and assists (t-7th; 27).

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