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Texas Pulls Off Comeback Behind McKenzie's Heroics, 3-2

Forward Scores the Game-Tying and Game-Winning Goals for Stars

CEDAR PARK, Texas - Twenty-four hours after the American Hockey League released the rosters for their 2018 All-Star Classic, Curtis McKenzie put an exclamation point on his first career All-Star selection.

The Texas Stars' captain tipped home the tying goal with 1:13 remaining in regulation against the Bakersfield Condors to force overtime on Friday. Fifty seconds into the extra frame, he ended things with the game-winner off Travis Morin's assist to lift Texas to a 3-2 comeback win at H-E-B Center at Cedar Park.

"It took all sixty minutes, and I guess more than that too," said McKenzie. "So, I thought the guys stuck with it and played hard all night."

McKenzie's two goals added to his team lead for 18 on the season. Rookie forward Tommy Thompson scored for the second straight game for the Stars, and Landon Bow stopped 30 of 32 shots in net for his 12th win of the season. The game-winner was scored on a rebound chance after Morin drove wide down the right side, then cut to the middle of the offensive zone to open up a lane for McKenzie to finish the play and snap the Stars' four-game winless skid (0-2-2-0). Morin also tallied the assist on McKenzie's tying goal as Texas (19-13-3-1) opted for the extra attacker trailing 2-1 in the final minutes of regulation.

"We had a six-on-five last game, and we didn't really get quite as much to the net as we wanted to. So, I think [Morin] was just trying to put it in there," added McKenzie. "It went off a guy, and I was lucky to get a piece of it there. We just wanted to get pucks to the net and crash the net and get in that goalie's eyes because he made some incredible saves all night."

Eddie Pasquale came into the night having stopped 69 of 70 shots over the previous two games for Bakersfield (13-13-6-0). He stopped all 14 shots he faced from the Stars in the opening period and opened the door for the Condors to take a 1-0 lead with 13 seconds to play in the frame as Brad Malone stuffed home a loose puck in front of the net.

Texas continued to apply pressure throughout the second, and Thompson finally broke through as Justin Dowling fed a cross-ice pass from the right circle for the rookie's second goal of the season.

"He's a great player so whoever he plays with gets a little better," said Thompson of Dowling's assist on his goal. "He just made a great play to me, and I was lucky enough to get my stick on it."

Thompson's goal not only forced the game back to even, but also ended Pasquale's shutout streak at 142:47 over a three-game stretch. Facing Texas for the fourth time this season, the Condors' netminder stopped 32 of 35 total shots in the loss.

Both teams stayed even until 6:58 remained in the third when liro Pakarinen capitalized on a Condors' power play that put the visitors back in front. Joey LaLeggia teed up Pakarinen for a one-time blast at the bottom of the left circle that beat Bow just under the crossbar. It was Pakarinen's seventh goal in 13 games after being assigned from the NHL's Edmonton Oilers. Roughly five minutes later, Texas pulled their goaltender and McKenzie's heroics capped off the night.

Bakersfield finished 1-for-5 on the power play and held a Stars team scoreless in their five chances after climbing to ninth in the AHL on the man-advantage with 23 power-play goals in their last 25 games.

Both teams will face off again Saturday in Cedar Park as Texas closes out its four-game homestand.

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Cedar Park Center Partners Up with Ryan Sanders Sports Services

RS3 to Manage the Building's Food and Beverage Operation and Renovate Concourse Storefronts

CEDAR PARK, Texas – Texas Stars LP, owner of the American Hockey League's Texas Stars and operator of Cedar Park Center, announced Tuesday after a nationwide search they have entered into a partnership agreement with Ryan Sanders Sports Services (RS3) to serve as the building's new food and beverage provider.

Beginning this month, the Central Texas-based RS3 will bring new storefront concepts to Cedar Park Center's concourse. Each storefront will reflect specific themes and menu offerings designed to enhance guests' experiences. RS3 will also oversee the premium and catering options on the At Home suite level and in the MillerCoors Club.

"This partnership is going to significantly improve the guest experience when they visit Cedar Park Center," said Cedar Park Center General Manager and Texas Stars President Rick McLaughlin. "RS3's renovation of the concourse storefronts, overhaul of the selection and increase in the menu quality will give our customers a greater variety of food and beverage options to choose from when attending an event."

The new storefronts include Texas Smokehouse presented by Smokey Mo's Bar-B-Q, One-Eighty-Three Chophouse, Rojo's Mexican Hideaway, Fairlane's Diner and Metro Deli. Guests will also find expanded wine, food and beverage selections throughout the arena. In addition, Pizza Hut returns with an updated storefront look and location.

Menu items exclusive to Cedar Park Center include 18-inch flatbreads, fried alligator and a hot Cuban sandwich. RS3 will also feature their signature Grilled Cheese Hot Dog, which has become a fan favorite at all RS3 venues. Brian Candler, who brings more than 15 years of experience in food and beverage operations, will serve as General Manager of RS3's operations at Cedar Park Center.

"Our vision to combine homegrown hospitality and the pursuit of excellence the Ryan Sanders brand represents together with the diversity of Cedar Park Center was a natural fit," said RS3 President George King. "We share the Texas Stars' drive to deliver on the mission of bringing innovative and creative guest service that adds value to their wide array of events."

Guests can experience the new concepts and updated items beginning Oct. 10, when the Texas Stars begin their 2015-16 season at Cedar Park Center.

About Ryan Sanders Sports Services:

Ryan Sanders Sports Services (RS3) is a sports service-related firm wholly owned by Ryan Sanders Baseball. RS3 folds-in programming and operational models for banquet and conferencing, retail and merchandising, award-winning groundskeeping and turf management, and a complete food and beverage service package to address every event-day need in any size venue. RS3 injects a resounding new perspective to the traditional industry of sports venue services – an operator's sensitivity to guest service and a difference-making attitude about quality and unexpected guest satisfaction. RS3 also serves as the food and beverage operator for Circuit of the Americas, Austin360 Amphitheater, United Heritage Center & Dell Diamond, and is owned by parent company Ryan Sanders Baseball, led by Nolan, Reid and Reese Ryan and Don, Bret and Brad Sanders.

The Texas Stars will begin their seventh season at Cedar Park Center on Saturday, Oct. 10. Full season, 24-game and 12-game ticket packages for the 2015-16 campaign are on sale now. For more information, call (512) GO-STARS (467-8277) or visit TexasStarsHockey.com.

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Texas Stars Unveil New Logos and Colors for the 2015-16 Season

Texas to Adopt Dallas' Victory Green Color Scheme

CEDAR PARK, Texas – The Texas Stars, American Hockey League affiliate of the NHL's Dallas Stars, unveiled Thursday a new logo and color scheme for the upcoming 2015-16 season. The new brand features the same Victory Green color scheme the Dallas Stars adopted two years ago, accented with black, white and silver.

"The colors and themes have worked so well in Dallas and they've become synonymous with Stars Hockey," said Owner Tom Gaglardi. "It's exciting for us to have the Texas Stars represented in the same Victory Green that we take great pride in."

"An updated look reflects a new era in the history of our franchise," said Texas Stars President and Alternate Governor Rick McLaughlin. "We've spent our six-year existence developing players as the Dallas Stars' primary affiliate, and last December we began a transition into new ownership, led by Tom Gaglardi. Wearing the Victory Green next season completes that transition into one unified operation, and the color stands out among all the other AHL clubs."

The team's new primary logo is a revised version of the former secondary Texas Stars logo that had been worn during previous seasons and features the Victory Green, white, black and silver color scheme. The new secondary logo acknowledges the state flag of Texas, with a circular crest of the team name wrapping around the state flag in the team's new color scheme. A new wordmark logo was also introduced.

"Rick McLaughlin and his team have worked closely with Tom Gaglardi and myself, and they've done a tremendous job of spearheading this project," said Jim Lites, President, CEO and Alternate Governor of the Dallas Stars. "We're thrilled with the new look for the Texas Stars and it represents the next phase of what we set out to accomplish when we purchased the franchise."

About the logos:

- A revised version of the Texas Stars secondary logo, which was featured as the crest on the team's road jerseys the past two seasons, will serve as the primary logo.
- The secondary logo is a circular crest of the team's name wrapped around the state flag of Texas.
- Both logos will be colored in the same Victory Green, white, black and silver scheme as the Dallas Stars, who have been the parent club of Texas since the inaugural 2009-10 season.
- Home and road jerseys will be revealed later this summer.

A video unveiling the new color and logos can be seen on the Texas Stars YouTube page at http://www.youtube.com/texasstarshockey. Multimedia wallpaper can also be downloaded at the team's website, http://www.texasstarshockey.com/promo/digital-wallpapers.

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