October 13, 2011: St. Louis Blues (1-1-0) vs. Dallas Stars (2-1-0).

Tonight will be the début of the official LetsGoBlues.com in-game blog! Feel free to discuss the game here
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The game will start at 7:30 pm CDT and will be played at American Airlines Center in Dallas, Texas.

Blues starting lineup

Offense

Andy McDonald - David Backes - Jamie Langenbrunner

T.J. Oshie - Patrik Berglund - Chris Stewart

Alex Steen - Jason Arnott - Matt D'Agostini

Vladimir Sobotka - Scott Nichol - Ryan Reaves

Defense

Kent Huskins - Alex Pietrangelo

Barret Jackman - Kevin Shattenkirk

Nikita Nikitin - Roman Polak

Goaltender

Jaroslav Halak

7:38 Game time! First puck drop at 7:38 pm CDT. There seems to be no one in attendance watching this game.

7:49 Some rough stuff going pretty early. Lots of shots after the whistle; Jackman and Burish were going at it earlier while Steen and Daley were shoving around after the whistle.
Could be a good night of hockey.

7:56 Blues are getting a lot of pressure in the first half of the 1st period. Dallas really is collapsing a lot in front of their goalie; this is the style of rookie head coach Glen Gulutzan.
It is allowing the Blues point-men to have plenty of room but there are hardly any shots getting through.
8:30 left in 1st period.

8:08 Penalty called on Dallas. Chris Stewart was on a partial breakaway and Nick Grossman held him on the break. The play started when T.J. Oshie blocked a shot at the point and slid it to a streaking Stewart.
Oshie goes to the locker room.

8:10 Just after the penalty, a clearing attempt goes haywire and the puck bounces to center. St ar forward Loui Eriksson took the puck and went on the breakaway.
He goes forehand-backhand on Halak and beats him along the ice.
The shorthanded goal was scored at 18:50 of the 1st period making it 1-0 Stars.

8:13 End of the 1st period. Blues trail the Stars, 1-0. Shots are 13-12 in favor of the Blues.

8:29 Start of 2nd period.

8:33 Penalty called on the Dallas Stars. High-sticking to Adam Burish as he upended Vladimir Sobotka.

8:34 Fight between Chris Stewart and Sheldon Souray. Few puches thrown from each player. Hardly a fight.

8:35 Penalty to the St. Louis Blues. Jason Arnott goes off for holding to end the Blues' PP and send the game to 4-on-4.

8:37 Stars head to the PP as Burish comes out of the box with just over a minute left in Arnott's penalty.

8:41 Adam Burish scores for the Dallas Stars to make it 2-0. Trevor Daley easily skates through four Blues defenders and slides it to Burish who beats Halak along the ice.
Blame goes to the Blues for not putting a body on Daley and to Halak for not closing those legs. How many times have we said the latter blame this season already? Goal scored at 7:06 of the 2nd period.

8:42 T.J. Oshie takes a high-sticking penalty with about 11 minutes left in 2nd.

8:53 Penalty to Patrik Berglund of the Blues for hooking with just under 7 minutes left in 2nd.

8:55 Yet another PPG for the opposing team. Mike Ribeiro took the shot from the point and Brendan Morrow was all alone in front to slide it by Halak. 3-0 Stars at 14:21 of the 2nd.

8:57 BLUES GOAL!!!! Matt D'Agostini scores his 1st of the season off a rebound in front. Alex Steen and Kent Huskins get the assists. This was Huskins' first point as a Blue. Goal makes it 3-1 Stars at 14:41 of 2nd.

9:05 I think that last interception by the Stars puts Jackman's total interceptions at 1,700 of his career! Congrats, Barret!

9:06 End of 2nd period. Huge may-lay in front after Andy McDonald took a shot at the buzzer. He took a high hit from Vernon Fiddler and teammate Nikita Nikitin (by accident of course). He laid on the ice for a few seconds but got up when trainer Ray Barile hopped off the bench. We'll see if any penalties are handed out to start the 3rd period. Shots are 25-18 in favor of the Blues. 3-1 Stars.

9:26 Start of 3rd period. Blues start on PP as roughing penalties were handed out to David Backes (STL), Mark Fistric (DAL) and Adam Burish (DAL). McDonald is on the bench.

9:31 BLUES GOAL!!! Chris Stewart blasts it from the point and T.J. Oshie screens Lehtonen in front. Great shot from Stewart beats him low glove-side. 3-2 Stars. Goal scored at 3:58 of 3rd period and it was Stewart's 2nd of the season. Assists go to Kevin Shattenkirk and Patrik Berglund.

9:40 Alex Steen takes a high-stick from Sheldon Souray. They battled in front and Souray brought it a little far. Around 8:00 mark of this period.

9:42 PP over but the Blues got some insanely good chances that time around. Their puck control in this period has been excellent.

9:44 Penalty to Roman Polak of the Blues at 10:05 for delay of game.

9:56 Penalty coming to the Blues. Alex Steen knocked down Daley behind the Stars' net. Looke d coincidental to me.
Nonetheless, the Blues have 3:16 left to get a goal to tie the game.
They will be pushing during this PK.

9:58 Blues are trying to get that goal during the PK a little too hard. Passes up the middle in their own zone will cost them a goal.

10:00 Penalty coming to Dallas with 1:04 remaining! Loui Eriksson is going off for tripping. Timeout Blues. Still 3-2 Stars.

10:02 Penalty coming to Blues with about .08 remaining. Face-off comes down to the Blues' zone and this game is all but over. McDonald goes off for boarding.

10:04 Stars take this one, 3-2. Blues fall to 1-2-0 and the Stars go to 3-1-0. Blues blow out the Stars in shots, 38-24 Another game where Halak was not his strongest. I would expect to see Brian Elliott some time this weekend.

As you can see, it was okay that you watched the Cardinal game tonight instead.

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