

(Colo.)- Mason Strong Again In Flyers' 3-1 Win Over Avs

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PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Steve Mason stopped 38 shots, and Mark Streit and Michael Raffl scored goals, leading the Philadelphia Flyers past the Colorado Avalanche 3-1 on Thursday night.

Mason blanked Detroit 5-0 on Jan. 28 and stopped the Los Angeles Kings 2-0 on Feb. 1. He was only 2:50 away from his fourth shutout of the season, and third in five games, when Nathan MacKinnon beat him for his 21st goal of the season. Mason stopped his first 33 shots.

Claude Giroux scored an empty-netter in the final minute for the Flyers.

The 25-year-old Mason signed \$12.3 million, three-year extension last month, a deal already paying off big for the Flyers. He's been the key reason the Flyers have been able to hang around in the Eastern Conference playoff race.