

(Colo.)- Callahan Nets 2, Rangers Beat Avs For 4th Straight

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NEW YORK (AP) — Rangers captain Ryan Callahan shook off trade talk and scored two first-period goals to lead New York to its fourth straight win, 5-1 over the Colorado Avalanche on Tuesday night.

With Callahan's future with the Rangers unsettled just before he heads to the Sochi Olympics, Callahan staked New York to a 2-0 lead with goals 3:19 apart. Defenseman Anton Stralman added his first of the season in the second period, and Derick Brassard and Brad Richards scored in the third — with an assist from Callahan — in the Rangers' 10th win in 13 games.

After Callahan was stopped with a chance at a hat trick, Brassard made it 4-1 at 1:58. Richards finished the scoring with 1:36 left.

Henrik Lundqvist made 27 saves for his 297th win, four shy of Mike Richter's club record.