

**NAME:** BRIAN ELLIOTT

**TEAM:** COLORADO AVALANCHE

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Brian Elliott's debut for the Colorado Avalanche did not go well at all. He only faced three shots against in the first period and was never able to calm his nerves or get comfortable in the game. Edmonton scored on their second shot on goal on a power play, so it was the only sustained pressure he faced in the first 20 minutes. Elliott settled down early in the second after an early flurry of saves, but was beat again on just his ninth shot against. Later in the second period, Taylor Hall would score another power play goal to give Edmonton a 3-0 lead. Through two periods, Elliott had given up three goals on 16 shots. His best save of the game came in the third period on a Hall breakaway chance, but after that, the wheels fell off. He would give up two very weak goals, both over the left shoulder, just 1:47 apart to drop a 5-1 decision. Overall, it was an uncomfortable performance for Elliott in his Avs debut.

**SKATING**

- S2 Set Feet
- S4 Mobility
- S4 Speed
- S3 Lateral
- S3 Recovery

**SITUATION**

- S3 2-on-1's
- S3 3-on-2's
- S5 Breakaways
- S1 5-on-4's
- 5-on-3's
- S3 Slot Area
- S3 At Posts
- S3 Corners
- S3 Half-boards
- S2 Early (1st)
- S1 Late (3rd)

**SAVES**

- S4 Glove Side
- S3 Blocker Side
- S5 Five-Hole
- S4 Stick Side
- S2 Deflections
- S2 Screen/Tips
- S3 Backdoor
- S3 Rebound
- S4 Butterfly
- S4 Posts
- S3 Desperate
- S4 Toe/Kick

**STANCE**

- S3 Square
- S3 Angles
- S2 Depth
- S3 Upright
- S2 Baiting
- S2 Patience

Ability: E=Elite / S=Strong / W=Weak. Rank: 1=Poor / 5=Elite

*Lacked confidence and was never fully comfortable in this game. Lost track of the puck numerous times.*

**HEAD**

*Had very solid stick placement tonight, especially on Hall's breakaway. Had very good stick angles.*

**STICK**

*Elbows flare out from his sides when in a ready crouch. Wrists and hands are tight to his body.*

**ARMS**

*Both hands held in front of his body in a ready manner. Blocker held low, glove held overhand.*

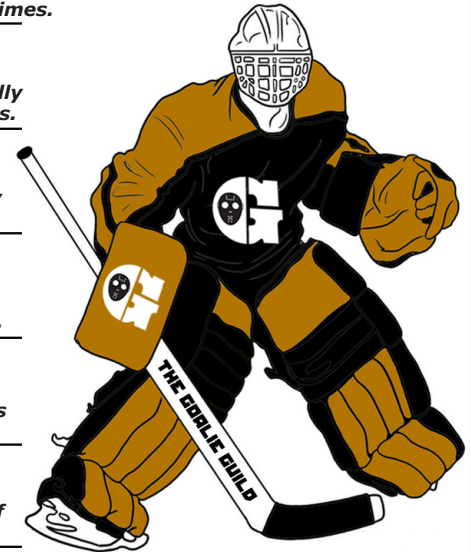
**GLOVES**

*Quick legs display good recovery speed and has the ability to react with sharp reflexes as well.*

**LEGS**

*Had happy feet most of the night. Was victim of over-sliding numerous times, especially early.*

**FEET**



Skill Area	Attributes	Score	Weight	Rating
<b>Mental</b>	Elliott struggled to gain any confidence in this game. He was very attentive early and tracked the puck well, but his inability to get comfortable due to very few shots caused him to lack control. He was resilient until allowing the fourth goal against.	82	<b>30%</b>	24.6
<b>Attitude</b>	Despite getting very little support from his defensemen, Elliott popped right back up after allowing each goal in this game. It proved he has a positive attitude and strong work ethic. But unfortunately he didn't display a lot of composure or poise.	85	<b>15%</b>	12.75
<b>Skating</b>	Elliott is a very fundamentally sound skater, but suffered from happy feet in this game. After challenging many shooters, he was caught back-pedaling with too many mini-steps, which caused unnecessary movement on a number of routine shots.	85	<b>15%</b>	12.75
<b>Mobility</b>	Elliott's overall agility and mobility was slightly above average in this game. But too much foot movement was a result of too much nervousness. Overall, he was unable to control his athleticism and wasn't always set and ready for initial shots.	85	<b>10%</b>	8.5
<b>Angles</b>	Overall, Elliott had solid angle play in this game. He was caught out of position a number of times on fast-developing plays, but on shots that were straight on, he absorbed well. The fourth goal he allowed was the most glaring mistake with his angles.	84	<b>10%</b>	8.4
<b>Legs</b>	Like any NHL goalie, Elliott's legs were the foundation of his success. He has quick feet and a relatively wide stance when up on his skates. He flares out the legs a little bit and has a very solid "set" position before dropping into the butterfly.	86	<b>10%</b>	8.6
<b>Hands</b>	One of his more visible strengths, Elliott has good active hands and holds his gloves out in front of his body. His glove is held with the "overhand" style and his blocker is held lower on his hips. Only the fourth and fifth goals were allowed up high.	86	<b>10%</b>	8.6
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>BOTTOM LINE</b> - Brian had a very difficult outing with little help on his side. Only seeing one shot in the first 15 minutes caused his nerves to skyrocket. Giving up a goal on his second shot made him even more tense. He fought the puck all night and failed to gain any confidence.		<b>100%</b>	84.20