

# Southwest Scores Big with Colorado Avalanche

Last month, the Colorado Avalanche traded in the rink for the runway to team up with Southwest Airlines Denver-based Employees at Denver International Airport. As The Official Airline of the Avalanche, we invited Mikko Rantanen, Jack Johnson, and Bernie the St. Bernard to see if they have what it takes to run one of Denver's largest airlines. The trio scored a hat trick during their time on the ramp, in the Flight Deck, and at the gate!







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Avalanche hockey player, Mikko Rantanen and Southwest Ground Operations Employees marshaling an aircraft

The first goal came from the Team's time on the ramp! Rantanen, Johnson, and Bernie marshaled in an aircraft to the gate with assistance from Southwest's Ground Ops Team and helped to unload bags from the aircraft.



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Avalanche hockey player, Jack Johnson, helping Southwest Ground Operations Employees After success on the ramp, it was time to head to the Flight Deck! The trio learned a bit about Southwest's Legendary Hospitality from our Pilots and Flight Attendants.



Colorado

Avalanche Jack Johnson, Bernie the St. Bernard, and Mikko Rantanen in the flight deck. Finally, the Team Surprised & Delighted Customers in the gate area. Bernie and the Avs players broke the ice by taking photos in the gate area with Customers. Then, they made gate announcements, scanned Customers' boarding passes, and even gave a few autographs as they boarded their flight to Los Angeles.



Colorado

Avalanche Jack Johnson, Bernie the St. Bernard, and Mikko Rantanen Surprising & Delighting

Customers at Denver International Airport This hat trick wasn't possible without our Denver-based Employees and Flight Crew as well as our partners at the Colorado Avalanche and Denver International Airport. After a win at the airport, we can't wait to watch Rantanen, Johnson, and Bernie on the ice during the playoffs!



Colorado Avalanche Jack Johnson, Bernie the St. Bernard, and Mikko Rantanen with Southwest Denver-based Employees Southwest Airlines is proud to be The Official Airline of the Colorado Avalanche and serves Customers in the Mile High City with more than 300 flights to nearly 100 cities. Hurry and book your next trip on [Southwest.com](https://www.southwest.com) as you never know who you may see on your flight!