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Associated Press

OTTAWA, Ontario — Brady Tkachuk had his second two-goal game as the Ottawa Senators beat the Lightning 5-2 on Sunday night.

Mathieu Joseph, Vladimir Tarasenko and Tim Stützle also scored, while Joonas Korpisalo stopped 22 shots to get his first win with the Senators, who won got their second victory in two nights.

“Two games of playing our type of hockey,” Tkachuk said. “That’s just been our goal. We don’t care about wins or losses, it’s just how quickly we get to our game. I think we’ve shown that we’re starting to find it now, and I think we’re going to keep building on it.”

Anthony Cirelli and Tanner Jeannot each scored for the Lightning, and Matt Tomkins had 33 saves in his NHL debut.

Both teams had played Saturday, with the Senators beating Philadelphia 5-2, while Tampa Bay fell 6-4 to Detroit.

Leading 3-2, Tkachuk was able to give the Senators some breathing room midway through the third period when he beat Darren Raddysh in a race and scored five-hole on Tomkins. Stützle added an empty-net goal, with Korpisalo picking up the secondary assist.

“Winning is exciting,” Tarasenko said. “We had a lot of talks before the season. When you win, everything is different. Like, the mood is different, you know, the atmosphere and confidence level.”

Ottawa outshot Tampa Bay 17-3 in the first period, scoring the opening goal for the third straight game when Tarasenko got a backhanded pass from Ridly Greig and beat Tomkins from down low 7:02 into the game.

“People are going to sit there and look at the first period and say oh my god, they just have 17-3 or whatever it was,” Lightning coach Jon Cooper said, “but we’re looking at chances that actually have a chance of going into the net and pucks I guess directed at the net that have a chance, but we didn’t feel like we gave them a whole lot.”

Ottawa Senators right wing Mathieu Joseph fires the puck at Lightning goaltender Matt Tomkins during the third period.

Tomkins weathered the early onslaught and looked solid.

“(Tomkins) was unbelievable,” Cirelli said. “You know from the first puck drop he made huge saves and kept us in that game the whole game. Huge credit to him the way he came in here and he made saves and played really well.”

The Lightning tied it in the opening minute of the second as Cirelli crossed to the front of the net uncontested and roofed a shot over Korpisalo.

Midway through the period, Raddysh blocked Tkachuk’s shot and dropped allowing the Senators’ captain to grab the loose puck and make it 2-1 at 8:48.

Tampa Bay tied it again with 7 minutes left in the middle period when Jeannot capitalized on the rebound of a shot by Victor Hedman.

“The two goals they score, we give them tap-ins there,” Ottawa coach D.J. Smith said. “And that’s hard for a goalie sometimes, but give our guys credit, give the (defense) credit, we came out ready to play, we held the chances down, but certainly we have to manage those big-time breakdowns.”

With just under a minute to play in the second, Tarasenko picked off a drop pass by Tampa Bay’s Nick Perbix and passed it to Joseph, fired it into the top corner to put Ottawa ahead again.

“It was just a tough goal to give up with a minute left and we had tired D out there and again, they catch a break,” Cooper said. “You know, they try and force the puck in, we got a stick on it and it goes right to Joseph and it’s in the net.

“Tkachuk’s goal (Raddysh) blocks it and it goes right on his stick, but we put ourselves in those situations and they capitalized so you know good on them for that.”

Milestones

Cooper coached his 800th NHL game Sunday. He has a 481-252-67 record. ... Ottawa’s Parker Kelly played in his 100th NHL game Sunday.

Sidelined

Tampa Bay captain Steven Stamkos did not play. He is listed day-to-day with a lower-body injury.

Seeing familiar faces

Austin Watson returned to Ottawa to face his former team after signing a one-year deal with the Lightning in the offseason.

Up next

Lightning: At Buffalo on Tuesday night.

Senators: Host Washington on Wednesday night.

Lightning's Steven Stamkos misses Ottawa game with lower-body injury **Eduardo Encina (Tampa Bay Times)**

Lightning captain Steven Stamkos missed Sunday's road loss to Ottawa with a lower-body injury and is considered day-to-day, the team announced.

Stamkos, who has been extremely durable over the past two seasons, was visibly hindered in the second half of Saturday's 6-4 loss at Detroit. He scored two goals early in the game, and had another negated, but went down the tunnel toward the locker room, hunched over, following a 35-second shift with 7:20 left in the second period Saturday.

When he returned, he spent several minutes looking to skate off the discomfort during breaks in action, flexing both legs as if trying to get something loose.

He played seven third-period shifts and finished the game without incident, logging 18:11 of total ice time.

The Lightning played a lineup with 11 forwards and seven defensemen, and went through stretches in the game when they were down to 10 after Stamkos and Anthony Cirelli each down the tunnel at separate times.

Stamkos has played 81 of 82 regular-season games in each of the past two seasons; in 2021-22, the only game he missed was to return home for the birth of his second son, Chase.

The Lightning dropped Sunday's game to Ottawa 5-2 and have allowed 11 goals over the first two games of their four-day road trip, which ends Tuesday in Buffalo.

Stamkos entered this season feeling like he took advantage of a longer offseason; it was the first time in four seasons that the Lightning didn't play in the final game of the NHL season following a first-round playoff exit. He said being healthy helped him train more and better prepare for this season.

"I worked really hard to get into the best shape I could," Stamkos said earlier this month. "I really felt proud of what I was able to do in the summer."