

**FLAMES LAST GAME RECAP****December 31, 2023 – CALGARY FLAMES [4] vs. PHILADELPHIA FLYERS [3]**[Game Summary](#) | [Event Summary](#)

The Calgary Flames welcomed the Philadelphia Flyers to the Scotiabank Saddledome for a New Years Eve contest. The visitors would open the scoring midway through the frame off the stick of Rasmus Ristolainen to give the Flyers a 1-0 lead through 20. In the second, Flames captain Mikael Backlund would fire home a one-timer to tie the game at one a piece through 40. In the third, Dennis Gilbert fired home his first of the season to give the Flames their first lead of the night. Shortly after, Nazem Kadri made it goals in back-to-back games to put Calgary up 3-1. The Flyers would draw within one, but an empty netter from Blake Coleman would make it 4-2. Philly would again draw within one, but the Flames held on for a 4-3 win.

CGY GOAL SCORERS: Backlund (8), Gilbert (1), Kadri (10), Coleman (13)**GOALIE:** Markstrom 28/31, .903 Sv%**PP:** 0/2 (0%)**PK:** 4/4 (100%)**FLAMES LAST FIVE RESULTS, RECORD: 3-2-0**

DATE	RESULT	GWG	CGY GOALIE	OPP. GOALIE
December 31, 2023	PHI [3] vs. CGY [4]	Coleman	Markstrom	Ersson
December 27, 2023	SEA [2] vs. CGY [1] L	Wennberg	Markstrom	Driedger
December 23, 2023	CGY [3] at LAK [5] L	Moore	Markstrom	Talbot
December 21, 2023	CGY [3] at ANA [0] W	DeSimone	Markstrom	Dostal
December 18, 2023	FLA [1] vs. CGY [3] W	Backlund	Markstrom	Stolarz

*shootout winning goal

FLAMES UPCOMING SCHEDULE:

DATE	TIME (MST)	OPPONENT	VENUE
January 2, 2024	6:00pm	at Minnesota Wild	Xcel Energy Center
January 4, 2024	6:00pm	at Nashville Predators	Bridgestone Arena
January 6, 2024	11:00am	at Philadelphia Flyers	Wells Fargo Center
January 7, 2024	1:00pm	at Chicago Blackhawks	United Center
January 9, 2024	7:00pm	vs. Ottawa Senators	Scotiabank Saddledome

TONIGHTS STORYLINES & STATS

This is the third and final meeting this season between the Flames and Wild. The Flames have fallen in both prior meetings.

This is a Pacific Division versus Central Division matchup; the Flames have a record of 4-6-1 against Central Division teams and a record of 9-10-2 against Western Conference opponents.

VERSUS MINNESOTA THIS SEASON:

The Calgary Flames welcomed the Minnesota Wild to the Scotiabank Saddledome for the first and only time this season back on December 7th. Marcus Foligno would score the only goal of the first just 1:26 into the frame, and the Wild led 1-0 through 20. In the middle stanza, Minnesota would score a pair of goals inside the opening 1:30 from Kirill Kaprizov and Matt Boldy to go up 3-0. Mikael Backlund would get one back for the Flames 6:51 into the frame, but Matt Boldy would net his second later on in the period to give Minnesota a 4-1 lead through 40. Connor Zary would help Calgary draw within two once again, but Joel Eriksson Ek responded later to give the Wild a 5-2 lead, and that is how game one of the season-series would finish. The Calgary Flames finished off a three-game road swing in Minnesota in their second meeting. In the first, Matt Boldy would open the scoring for Minnesota, netting the only goal of the first and give the Wild a 1-0 advantage through 20. In the second, Yegor Sharangovich extended his then goal-streak to four games to square the game at one's through 40. In the third, the teams would both trade goals with Blake Coleman giving the Flames the lead with a shorthanded marker before Marco Rossi drew Minnesota level and this game required overtime. The extra frame solved nothing, and Minnesota would ultimately win in a shootout 3-2.

COLEMAN 500:

Blake Coleman skated in the 500th game of his NHL career on New Years Eve against Philadelphia, celebrating with a goal. Coleman made his NHL debut on January 12th, 2017 in Edmonton with the New Jersey Devils and would go on to play 237 games with New Jersey. A mid-season trade in February of 2020 would see him head to Tampa, where he would play a big role in helping the Lightning win back-to-back Stanley Cups in 2020 and 2021. The Flames would sign the Plano, TX native in the summer of 2021, and he has gone on to play 199 games with Calgary, scoring 47 goals and 49 assists for 96 points. Earlier this season, Blake Coleman scored his 100th NHL goal to become one of just two Texas-born NHLers to reach 100 goals in their NHL career, joining Brian Leetch (247).

LUCKY NUMBER 500:

With his marker last night, Blake Coleman became the third Flames player in the past 10 years to score a goal during his 500th NHL game, following Michael Stone (April 6, 2022) and Elias Lindholm (Jan. 7, 2020). The Flames won in all three of those matches (Apr. 6: 4-2 at ANA), (Jan. 7, 2-1 vs. CHI) with Coleman, Stone, and Lindholm's goals all holding up as game winners in their 500th contest.

KILLER CONFIDENCE:

Blake Coleman scored the Flames ninth shorthanded goal on Dec. 23 at LAK which is tied for the most in the NHL so far this season. Calgary scored a league-best six shorthanded goals through the month of December, led by Blake Coleman who has the most markers on the Penalty Kill since the start of December in the league with four. Coleman's four shorthanded goals in December tied Theo Fleury for the most in a calendar month in Flames franchise history. Five different skaters have tallied while a man-down for Calgary this season, with Sharangovich (2), Andersson, Lindholm, and Backlund all joining Coleman.

LOOK BACKS AT IT:

With his goal on New Years Eve, Mikael Backlund surpassed Mark Giordano (509) for sole possession of ninth place on the Flames' all-time scoring list. The Flames captain recorded his 500th NHL point earlier this season in Seattle to become the 11th player in Flames franchise history to achieve the milestone. Backlund is now 19 points away from tying Guy Chouinard for 8th on the Flames all-time scoring list.

WORLD JUNIOR WATCH:

Flames 2023 first-round pick Sam Honzek is representing Slovakia at the 2024 IIHF World Junior Championships in Sweden. Slovakia faced Czechia in their first game of the tournament, with Honzek scoring the game-winning goal and adding an assist in a 6-2 Slovakian victory. Slovakia's next tilt was against Switzerland, with Honzek again netting the GWG in a 3-0 win. Their most recent matchup was against Norway, which saw the Slovaks win 8-4 with Honzek again finding the back of the net to give him goals in all three games thus far. Slovakia is set to face Finland in the quarterfinals.



HEY DID YOU KNOW?

Mikael Backlund is now six games away from tying Mark Giordano for the second-most games played in Flames franchise history at 949.

Calgary improved to 13-4-2 on games played on New Year's Eve since 2000-01 which is good enough for the most wins among all teams through that span and one more than the next closest (DET: 12-4-2, DAL: 12-5-2 & NYI: 12-2-1).

Adam Ruzicka Skated in his 100th NHL game in Minnesota in the Flames last trip to Xcel Energy Center on Dec. 14.

CALGARY FLAMES vs. MINNESOTA WILD

CGY vs. MIN	ALL-TIME	HOME	AWAY	L10	STRK
 	55-32-4-12	30-13-3-5	25-19-1-7	6-2-2	L2

GAME INFO:

Calgary Flames at Minnesota Wild
 7:00pm CT
 Xcel Energy Center
 TV: Sportsnet West
 Radio: Sportsnet Fan 960

2023-24 Season Series: 0-1-1 (Home: 0-1-0, Road 0-0-1)

Dec. 5, 2022 – MIN [5] vs. CGY [2]
 Dec. 14, 2023 – CGY [2] at MIN [3] (SO)
 Jan. 2, 2024 – CGY at MIN

2022-23 Season Record vs. MIN: 2-1-0 (Home: 1-1-0, Road: 1-0-0)

Last Home Win vs. MIN: December 7, 2022 – Minnesota [3] vs. Calgary [5]
Last Road Win @ MIN: March 7, 2023 – Calgary [1] at Minnesota [0] (SO)
Last Home Loss vs. MIN: November 5, 2023 – Minnesota [5] vs. Calgary [2]
Last Road Loss @ MIN: December 14, 2023 – Calgary [2] at Minnesota [3] (OT)

2023-24 CALGARY FLAMES**FLAMES RECENT TRANSACTIONS:**

Nov. 30 – acquired a 2024 fifth-round draft pick and a 2026 third-round draft pick from the Vancouver Canucks in exchange for Nikita Zadorov (D)
Dec. 1 – recalled Ilya Solovyov (D) from Calgary AHL
Dec. 2 – signed Mark Pysyk (D) to a one-year two-way contract
Dec. 3 – assigned Mark Pysyk (D) to the Calgary (AHL)
Dec. 5 – recalled Dustin Wolf (G) from Calgary (AHL)
Dec. 9 – recalled Matt Coronato (F) from Calgary (AHL), placed Jacob Markstrom (G) on IR
Dec. 12 – recalled Nick DeSimone (D) from Calgary (AHL); assigned Matt Coronato (F) to Calgary AHL
Dec. 17 – activated Jacob Markstrom (G) off IR; reassigned Dustin Wolf (G) and Ilya Solovyov (D) to Calgary (AHL)

FLAMES RECENT INJURIES (Total man games lost – 126)

Jakob Pelletier – upper body injury (36 games, 10/11/23 – pres.)
 Kevin Rooney – upper body injury (36 games, 10/11/23 – pres.)
 Oliver Kylington – (36 games, 10/11/23 – pres.)
 Adam Ruzicka – upper body injury (4 games, 10/26/23 – 11/7/23)
 Jacob Markstrom – upper-body injury (2 games, 11/10/23 – 11/14/23)
 Connor Zary – lower body injury (1 game, 11/22/23)
 Jacob Markstrom – Illness (1 game, 11/27/23)
 Jacob Markstrom – fractured finger (7 games, 12/5/23 – 12/16/23)
 Chris Tanev – upper-body injury (3 games: 12/12/23 – 12/16/23)

FLAMES CAREER MILESTONES WITHIN REACH:

Andrew Mangiapane – 195 points (5 away from 200 points)
Andrew Mangiapane – 94 assists (6 away from 100 assists)
Nazem Kadri – 594 points (6 away from 600 points)
Mikael Backlund – 193 goals (7 away from 200 goals)

HOW THE FLAMES WERE BUILT: (* = injured)

Draft (9)	Free Agent (9)	Trade (6)	Waivers (1)
Andersson (53 rd overall, 2015)	Coleman (July 2021)	Hanifin (From CAR – 2018)	Greer (From BOS – 2023)
Backlund (24 th overall, 2007)	Duehr (April 2021)	Huberdeau (From FLA – 2022)	
Dube (56 th overall, 2016)	DeSimone (2022)	Lindholm (From CAR – 2018)	
Kylington* (60 th overall, 2015)	Gilbert (July 2022)	Sharangovich (From NJD – 2023)	
Mangiapane (166 th overall, 2015)	Kadri (August 2022)	Vladar (From BOS – 2021)	
Pelletier* (26 th overall, 2019)	Markstrom (October 2020)	Weegar (From FLA – 2022)	
Pospisil (105 th overall, 2018)	Oesterle (July 2023)		
Ruzicka (109 th overall, 2017)	Tanev (October 2020)		
Zary (24 th overall, 2020)	Rooney* (July 2022)		

RECORD BY MONTH

	October	November	December	January	February	March	April
HOME	1-2-0	3-1-1	4-4-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0
AWAY	1-4-1	4-3-1	1-2-2	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0
TOTAL	2-6-1	7-4-2	5-6-2	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0

POINTS LEADER BY MONTH

	October	November	December	January	February	March	April
Player	Lindholm/ Mangiapane	Kadri	Coleman				
Points	6pts	4-9 – 13	7-6 – 13				

RECORD BY DAY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1-2-0	3-1-1	1-2-1	1-3-0	5-1-1	1-1-1	2-6-1

RECORD BY DAYS BETWEEN GAMES/ON...

0 Days: 0-3-1

1 Day: 8-8-3

2 Days: 5-4-1

3 Days: 1-1-0

4+ Days: 2-0-0

First of B2B: 2-1-1

Second of B2B: 0-3-1

RECORD WHEN...

	0G	1G	2G	3G	4G	5G	6G	7G
Scoring	0-1-0	0-5-0	2-6-1	3-3-0	6-0-3	2-1-0	1-0-0	1-0-0
Allowing	1-0-0	3-0-0	4-1-0	6-4-1	1-5-0	0-4-3	0-2-0	0-0-0

PLAYER HIGHS

*active

	High (Most Recent Occurrence)	Date: Game
Goals, Game:	2 (Coleman)	12/23/23 at LAK
Assists, Game:	3 (Sharangovich, Mangiapane)	11/24/23 at DAL
Points, Game:	3 (Sharangovich, Mangiapane)	11/24/23 at DAL
Shots, Game:	7 (Kadri)	12/14/23 at MIN
TOI, Game:	29:37 (Andersson)	12/11/23 at COL
Best +/-, Game:	+4 (Tanev)	11/24/23 vs. DAL
Saves, Game:	41 (Markstrom)	11/22/23 at NSH
Goal Streak	5 GP (Sharangovich: 6G)	12/9/23 – 12/16/23
Assists Streak	4 GP (Coleman: 4A)	12/7/23 – 12/12/23
Point Streak	7 GP (Coleman: 3G, 5A)	12/7/23 – 12/21/23





	LAST TIME (2023-24)	PREVIOUS
Regulation win, home	12/31/23 vs. PHI	12/18/23 vs. FLA
Regulation win, away	11/24/23 at DAL	11/14/23 at MTL
Regulation loss, home	12/27/23 vs. SEA	12/9/23 vs. NJD
Regulation loss, away	12/23/23 at LAK	12/11/23 at COL
OT win, home	11/30/23 vs. DAL	11/27/23 vs. VGK
OT win, away	11/20/23 at SEA	
OT loss, home		
OT loss, away	12/12/23 at VGK	
Shootout win, home		
Shootout win, away		
Shootout loss, home	11/18/23 vs. NYI	
Shootout loss, away	12/14/23 at MIN	11/10/23 at TOR
Shutout, home		
Shutout, away	12/21/23 at ANA	

CALGARY FLAMES ALL-TIME LEADERS (***Bolded*** = Active Players)

CAREER GAMES PLAYED:

Rank	Player	Years With Flames	Games
1 st	Jarome Iginla	1996-97 – 2012-13	1,219
2 nd	Mark Giordano	2005-06 – 2020-21	949
3rd	Mikael Backlund	2008-09 - Present	944
4 th	Robyn Regehr	1999-00 – 2010-11	826
5 th	Al MacInnis	1981-82 – 1993-94	803

CALGARY FLAMES JERSEY RECORD:

JERSEY	GP	W	L	OTL/SOL	Last Result
Home 	11	7	4	0	4-3 W vs. PHI (12/31/23)
Away 	18	6	8	4	3-5 L at LAK (12/23/23)
Alternate 	6	2	3	1	2-4 L vs. NJD (12/9/23)
Heritage 	1	0	1	0	2-5 L at EDM

CALGARY FLAMES ALTERNATE JERSEY SCHEDULE:

Nov. 16 vs. VAN (5-2 W)	Nov. 18 vs. NYI (4-5 SOL)	Dec. 2 vs. VAN (3-4 L)	Dec. 5 vs. MIN (2-5 L)
Dec. 7 vs. CAR (3-2 W)	Dec. 9 vs. NJD (2-4 L)	Jan. 23 vs. STL	Jan. 25 vs. CBJ
Jan. 27 vs. CHI	Mar. 12 vs. COL	Mar. 14 vs. VGK	Apr. 2 vs. ANA
Apr. 6 vs. EDM			

CALGARY FLAMES HERITAGE CLASSIC JERSEY SCHEDULE:

Oct. 29 at EDM (2-5 L)	Jan. 20 vs. EDM	Feb. 24 at EDM
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ON THE FARM

CALGARY WRANGLERS (AHL): 19-7-3

The Calgary Wranglers enter their second season in Calgary, AB after moving from Stockton, CA prior to the start of last season. The Wranglers welcomed the Abbotsford Canucks to the Scotiabank Saddledome for their final two games of 2023. Calgary would drop the first matchup 4-3 in overtime but bounced back with a strong effort in game two, prevailing 5-0.