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FLAMES LAST GAME RECAP December 20, 2025 – CALGARY FLAMES [6] vs. VEGAS GOLDEN KNIGHTS [3]

Game Summary I Event Summary

The Calgary Flames delivered one of their most complete performances of the season on Saturday night, rolling past the Vegas Golden Knights 6–3 at the Scotiabank Saddledome. Calgary struck three times in the opening period, getting goals from Mikael Backlund, Adam Klapka and Ryan Lomberg, before Backlund added his second of the night early in the second to extend the lead. Joel Farabee's shorthanded marker made it 5–1 and proved to be the turning point, as Vegas could get no closer than two the rest of the way. Jonathan Huberdeau sealed the win with a late empty-netter, while Backlund finished with two goals and an assist while Connor Zary and MacKenzie Weegar each posted three-assist nights with Weegar picking up his 200th NHL helper. Devin Cooley turned aside 34 of 37 shots he faced to earn his fourth win on the season.

CGY GOAL SCORERS: Backlund (8, 9), Klapka (3), Lomberg (2), Farabee (9), Huberdeau (7)

GOALIE: Wolf 21/23 .913 SV%

PP: 1/5 (20%) **PK:** 0/1 (0%)

FLAMES LAST FIVE RESULTS, RECORD: 3-2-0

DATE	RESULT	GWG	CGY GOALIE	OPP. GOALIE			
December 20, 2025	CGY [6] vs. VGK [3] W	Backlund	Cooley	Schmid			
December 18, 2025	CGY [4] vs. SEA [2] W	Coronato	Wolf	Daccord			
December 16, 2025	CGY [3] at SJS [6] L	Celebrini	Wolf	Askarov			
December 13, 2025	CGY [2] at LAK [1] OTW	Frost	Wolf	Kuemper			
December 10, 2025	CGY [3] vs. DET [4] L	Larkin	Cooley	Gibson			

^{*}shootout winning goal

FLAMES NEXT FIVE:

DATE	TIME (MST)	OPPONENT	VENUE
December 27, 2025	8:00pm	vs. Edmonton Oilers	Scotiabank Saddledome
December 29, 2025	7:00pm	vs. Boston Bruins	Scotiabank Saddledome
December 31, 2025	7:00pm	vs. Philadelphia Flyers	Scotiabank Saddledome
January 3, 2025	5:00pm	vs. Nashville Predators	Scotiabank Saddledome
January 5, 2025	7:30pm	vs. Seattle Kraken	Scotiabank Saddledome

TONIGHTS STORYLINES & STATS

This is the second of four meetings this season between the Flames and Oilers. Calgary took round one of the Battle of Alberta on opening night with a come-from-behind 4-3 shootout victory.

This is a Pacific Division matchup; the Flames have a record of 7-3-0 against Pacific Division teams and a record of 9-11-2 against Western Conference opponents.

ROUND ONE OF THE BATTLE OF ALBERTA:

The Calgary Flames opened their 2025-26 campaign with round one of the Battle of Alberta in Edmonton on October 8. The Oilers would open the scoring 9:53 into the game with Ryan Nugent Hopkins capitalizing on an Edmonton powerplay. The home side would double their advantage in the late stages of the first, and skate into the break up 2-0. In the second, Edmonton extended their lead to three goals on a Leon Draisaitl tally. Calgary would get on the board just past the midway point of the middle stanza with rookie Matvei Gridin scoring his first NHL goal. Shortly after, Connor Zary would give Calgary a powerplay goal of their own, and through 40 minutes of play, the Flames trailed by one. Just 40 seconds into the third, an Oilers miscommunication at the backend would allow Blake Coleman to poke home his first of the season, and deadlock things at three. Neither team could find the back of the net for the rest of the period, and for the second-straight season, the Flames season opener would require overtime. The extra frame would solve nothing, and it would take an eight-round shootout for a hero to emerge. In the bottom of the eighth, Nazem Kadri would convert and lift the Flames over the Oilers 4-3.

MILESTONE SATURDAY:



With his assist on Mikael Backlund's second-period game-winning goal, MacKenzie Weegar recorded his 200th NHL assist. Weegar became just the seventh defenceman in NHL history drafted in the seventh round (FLA - 206th overall in 2013) to register 200 NHL assists. He joined Anton Stralman (230) as the second defenseman to hit the mark after being drafted in the seventh round since 2005, when the NHL Draft was standardized to seven rounds. Weegar is now the only active seventh-round–selected rearguard to reach the milestone. Only one other active seventh-round selection has more career helpers than Weegar — Devils winger Ondrej Palat (TBL – 208th overall in 2011).

ZARY GOOD:

Connor Zary recorded three helpers on Saturday against Vegas to record his first career three-assist and three-point game. Entering play tonight, Zary has recorded points in two of his last three contests, with four assists since December 16. He scored his first goal of the season against the Oilers at Rogers Place on October 8.

LOOK BACKS AT IT:

Mikael Backlund scored his 47th career game-opening goal on Saturday night against Vegas to tie Theo Fleury for second most in Flames history, trailing Jarome Iginla's 93 game-opening goals. Backlund would add a second tally in the middle frame to record his 23rd career multi-goal game. He tied Matthew Tkachuk for the second most multi-goal games among all active players with the Flames, with only Sean Monahan (24) having more. Backlund has posted back-to-back multi-goal games and has five points over his last two outings.

MAGIC NUMBER:

With their six-goal outburst against Vegas on Saturday night, the Calgary Flames have now won 46-straight games when scoring four or more goals, dating back to Dec. 16, 2023. Calgary is 9-0-0 this season when reaching or surpassing the four-goal mark in a game and have won back-to-back contest by scoring four-or-more.

THE BEEZ KNEES:

Joel Farabee scored on Saturday against Vegas to give him points in five of his last seven contests. Since November 19, Farabee has recorded seven goals and four assists for 11 points, sitting tied with Mikael Backlund for the third-most on the Flames over that span. This season, Farabee has scored three shorthanded goals which is tied for the most among all skaters. One of the other players he is tied with is teammate Blake Coleman.

RAZZLE DAZZLE:

Along with his 200th NHL assist on Thursday night, Rasmus Andersson would add another two helpers against Seattle to post his second three-assist game of the season (Nov. 23 at VAN: 0-3 – 3). Mark Giordano (3 GP in 2018-19) is the only Flames defenceman with more three-assist games in a season in the past 30 years. The effort was Andersson's fourth career three-assist game, only four blueliners have more with Calgary: Al MacInnis (33), Gary Suter (22), Paul Reinhart (11) and Mark Giordano (6).

THE LOMBORGHINI:

Ryan Lomberg struck in the first period on Saturday night against Vegas to give him goals in two of his last three contests. Lomberg has registered the fourth-most hits on the Flames this season with 83 and sits third on the team in penalty minutes with 36.

HEY DID YOU KNOW?

The Flames erased a 3-0 deficit in their first meeting with Edmonton to come back and win, marking just the second time they have recorded a three-goal comeback victory in the Battle of Alberta. The other came on March 26, 2011 in a 5-4 shootout victory. The shootout would last eight-round to go down as the longest shootout in NHL history for a season-opening game.

Justin Kirkland scored his first NHL goal at Rogers Arena during the first 'Battle of Alberta' of 2024-25 on October 13, 2024.

CALGARY FLAMES vs. EDMONTON OILERS

CGY vs. EDM ALL-TIME		HOME	HOME AWAY		STRK
	134-111-19-7	75-50-9-1	59-61-10-6	3-6-1	W1

GAME INFO:

Calgary Flames at Edmonton Oilers 7:00pm MT Rogers Place

TV: Sportsnet West, Sportsnet 360

Radio: Sportsnet Fan 960

2025-26 Season Series: 1-0-0 (Home: 1-0-0, Road 0-0-0)

Oct. 8, 2025 – CGY [4] at EDM [3] (SO)

Dec. 23, 2025 – CGY at EDM Dec. 27, 2025 – CGY vs. EDM Feb. 4, 2026 – CGY vs. EDM

2024-25 Season Record vs. EDM: 1-1-1 (Home: 0-1-0, Road: 1-0-1)

Last Home Win vs. EDM: March 26, 2022 – Calgary [9] vs. Edmonton [5] Last Road Win @ EDM: October 8, 2025 – Calgary [4] at Edmonton [3] (SO) Last Home Loss vs. EDM: November 3, 2024 – Calgary [2] vs. Edmonton [4] Last Road Loss @ EDM: March 29, 2025 – Calgary [2] at Edmonton [3] (OT)

2025-26 CALGARY FLAMES

FLAMES RECENT TRANSACTIONS:

Nov. 4 – recalled Yan Kuznetsov (D) from Calgary (AHL)

Nov. 8 - recalled Daniil Miromanov (D) from Calgary (AHL); placed Zayne Parekh (D) on IR

Nov. 12 – assigned Daniil Miromanov (D) to Calgary (AHL); placed Justin Kirkland (F) on waivers; cleared

Nov. 13 – recalled Rory Kerins (F) from Calgary (AHL)

Nov. 17 – recalled Dryden Hunt (F) and Sam Morton (F) from Calgary (AHL)

Nov. 17 – assigned Rory Kerins (F) to Calgary (AHL)

Nov. 18 - claimed John Beecher (F) off waivers from BOS

Nov. 25 – assigned Sam Morton (F) to Calgary (AHL)

Nov. 28 – announced two-year extensions that were signed prior to the start of the 2025-26 season for Craig Conroy

(General Manager), Don Maloney (President of Hockey Operations), Dave Nonis (Senior VP of Hockey

Operations/Assistant GM) and Brad Pascall (VP of Hockey Operations/Assistant GM)

Dec. 8 – recalled Hunter Brzustewicz (D) from Calgary (AHL)

Dec. 11 – assigned Dryden Hunt (F) to Calgary (AHL)

Dec. 12 - recalled Dryden Hunt (F) from Calgary (AHL); activated Zayne Parekh (D) from IR

Dec. 12 - Ioaned Zayne Parekh (D) to Canada's U20 National Junior Team

Dec. 18 - placed Jake Bean (D) on IR

Dec. 18 - recalled Justin Kirkland (F) from Calgary (AHL); placed Dryden Hunt (F) on waivers; cleared

Dec. 19 – assigned **Dryden Hunt (F)** to Calgary (AHL)

FLAMES RECENT INJURIES (Total man games lost - 80)

Johnathan Huberdeau – injury: 5 games (Oct. 8 – Oct. 15)

Martin Pospisil – injury: 36 games (Oct. 8 – pres.)

Kevin Bahl - illness: 1 game (Nov. 7)

Zayne Parekh – injury: 16 games (Nov. 9 – Dec. 10) Sam Honzek – injury: 16 games (Nov. 18 – pres.) Jake Bean – injury: 6 games (Dec. 8 – pres.)

FLAMES CAREER MILESTONES WITHIN REACH:

Dustin Wolf - 98 games played (2 away from 100 games played)

Yegor Sharangovich – 392 games played (8 away from 400 games played)

HOW THE FLAMES WERE BUILT: (* = injured)

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Draft (8)	Free Agent (7)	Trade (7)	Waivers (3)
Andersson (53rd overall, 2015)	*Bean (July 2024)	Bahl (From NJD – 2024)	Beecher (From BOS – 2025)
Backlund (24th overall, 2007)	Coleman (July 2021)	Brzustewicz (From VAN – 2024)	Hanley (From DAL – 2024)
Coronato (13th overall, 2021)	Cooley (July 2024)	Farabee (From PHI – 2025)	Pachal (From VGK – 2024)
*Honzek (16th overall, 2023)	Kadri (August 2022)	Frost (From PHI – 2025)	
Kuznetsov (50th overall, 2020)	Kirkland (July 2024)	Huberdeau (From FLA – 2022)	
*Pospisil (105 th overall, 2018)	Klapka (May 2022)	Sharangovich (From NJD – 2023)	
Wolf (214th overall, 2019)	Lomberg (July 2024)	Weegar (From FLA – 2022)	
Zary (24th overall, 2020)		•	-

RECORD BY MONTH

	October	November	December	January	February	March	April
HOME	1-3-1	3-1-1	5-1-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0
AWAY	1-5-1	4-5-1	1-2-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0
TOTAL	2-8-2	7-6-2	6-3-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0

POINTS LEADER BY MONTH

	October	November	December	January	February	March	April
Player	Kadri	Andersson	Kadri	_	_	_	_
Points	3-6 – 9	3-11 – 14	3-7 – 10	_	_	_	

RECORD BY DAY

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

RECORD BY DAYS BETWEEN GAMES/ON...

0 Days: 3-2-0 1 Day: 8-10-4 2 Days: 3-5-0 3 Days: 0-0-0 4+ Days: 1-0-0 First of B2B: 2-3-0 Second of B2B: 3-2-0

RECORD WHEN...

	0G	1G	2G	3G	4G	5G	6G	7G	8G
Scoring	0-2-1	0-6-1	5-4-0	1-4-2	2-0-0	4-0-0	2-0-0	1-0-0	0-0-0
Allowing	2-0-0	5-0-1	4-2-1	2-2-2	1-6-0	0-4-0	0-2-0	0-0-0	0-0-0

PLAYER HIGHS *active

- LATERANONO GONTO	High (Most Recent Occurrence)	Date: Game
Goals, Game:	2 (Backlund)	Dec. 20 vs. VGK (6-3 W)
Assists, Game:	3 (Weegar/Zary)	Dec. 20 vs. VGK (6-3 W)
Points, Game:	3 (Andersson)	Dec. 18 vs. SEA (4-2 W)
Shots, Game:	11 (Coronato)	Nov. 7 vs. CHI (0-4 L)
TOI, Game:	27:46 (Weegar)	Oct. 22 vs. MTL (1-2 OTL)
Best +/-, Game:	+4 (Andersson)	Nov. 23 at VAN (5-2 W)
Saves, Game:	42 (Wolf)	Nov. 5 vs. CBJ (5-1 W)
Goal Streak	4 Games (Coronato: 4G)	(Nov. 15 – Nov. 22)
Assists Streak	5 Games (Andersson: 8A)	(Nov. 15 – Nov. 23)
Point Streak	6 Games (Huberdeau: 3-4 – 7)	(Oct. 26 – Nov. 5)

	LAST TIME (2025-26)	PREVIOUS (2025-26)
Regulation win, home	Dec. 20 vs. VGK (6-3 W)	Dec. 18 vs. SEA (4-2 W)
Regulation win, away	Nov. 28 at FLA (5-3 W)	Nov. 23 at VAN (5-2 W)
Regulation loss, home	Dec. 10 vs. DET (3-4 L)	Nov. 7 vs. CHI (0-4 L)
Regulation loss, away	Dec. 16 at SJS (3-6 L)	Dec. 2 at NSH (1-5 L)
OT win, home	_	_
OT win, away	Dec. 13 at LAK (2-1 OTW)	_
OT loss, home	Oct. 22 vs. MTL (1-2 OTL)	_
OT loss, away	Nov. 30 at CAR (0-1 OTL)	_
Shootout win, home	Nov. 22 vs. DAL (3-2 SOW)	_
Shootout win, away	Oct. 8 at EDM (4-3 SOW)	_
Shootout loss, home	Nov. 15 vs. WPG (3-4 SOL)	_
Shootout loss, away	Oct. 30 at OTT (3-4 SOL)	_
Shutout, home	Dec. 6 vs. UTA (2-0 W)	Nov. 13 vs. SJS (2-0 W)
Shutout, away	_	_

CALGARY FLAMES ALL-TIME LEADERS (*Bolded* = Active Players) CAREER GAMES PLAYED:



1) Jarome Iginla 1996-96 – 2012-13 1,219



2) Mikael Backlund 2008-09 - Present 1,102



3) Mark Giordano 2005-06 – 2020-21 949



4) Robyn Regehr 1999-00 – 2010-11 826



5) Al MacInnis 1981-82 – 1993-94 803

CALGARY FLAMES JERSEY RECORD:

JERSEY	GP	W	L	OTL/SOL	Last Result
Home	13	6	5	2	Dec. 20 vs. VGK (6-3 W)
Away	20	6	12	2	Dec. 15 at SJS (3-6 L)
Alternate	3	3	0	0	Dec. 8 vs. BUF (7-4 W)



WORLD JUNIOR WATCH:

On December 7, Flames defenceman Zayne Parekh and Calgary's 2025 first-round pick Cole Reschny were named to Team Canada's World Junior camp roster.

Parekh skated in 11 games for the Flames in his first professional season and has been sidelined since Nov. 7 with an injury. The Markham, ON, product was a member of the gold-medal-winning Canadian squad at the 2023 Hlinka Gretzky Cup, recording three assists in five games. He also represented Canada at the 2022 World U17 Hockey Challenge, finishing tied for second in scoring on Canada Black with five points in seven games.

Reschny has suited up in 16 games for the University of North Dakota this season, scoring two goals and adding a team-leading 16 assists for 18 points, also a team high. The 18-year-old freshman is currently riding a four-game assist streak and has picked up at least one point in eight of his last nine outings. Reschny was part of Team Canada's gold-medal-winning U18 World Championship squad last spring, finishing that tournament with five goals and three assists for eight points in five games.

On December 12, Zayne Parekh was loaned to Canada's U20 National Junior Team by Calgary.