

**FLAMES LAST GAME RECAP****December 21, 2023 – CALGARY FLAMES [3] at ANAHEIM DUCKS [0]**[Game Summary](#) | [Event Summary](#)

The Calgary Flames headed to Anaheim on Thursday to face the Ducks as part of a two-game California swing prior to the Christmas break. The Flames would open the scoring early in the first with Nick DeSimone scoring his first NHL goal to give the Flames an early 1-0 lead. In the second, Elias Lindholm would score a power play marker to double the Flames advantage through 40. In the final frame, Jacob Markstrom continued to stay white-hot, stopping all 25 shots he faced in the contest, while A.J. Greer added an empty netter, and the Flames left the Honda Center with a 3-0 win.

CGY GOAL SCORERS: DeSimone (1), Lindholm (8), Greer (6)**GOALIE:** Markstrom 25/25, 1.00 Sv%**PP:** 1/7 (14%)**PK:** 4/4 (100%)**FLAMES LAST FIVE RESULTS, RECORD: 3-0-2**

DATE	RESULT	GWG	CGY GOALIE	OPP. GOALIE
December 21, 2023	CGY [3] at ANA [0] W	DeSimone	Markstrom	Dostal
December 18, 2023	FLA [1] vs. CGY [3] W	Backlund	Markstrom	Stolarz
December 16, 2023	TBL [2] vs. CGY [4] W	Sharangovich	Vladar	Vasilevskiy
December 14, 2023	CGY [2] at MIN [3] SOL	Boldy*	Vladar	Gustavsson
December 12, 2023	CGY [4] at VGK [5] OTL	Stone	Wolf	Thompson

*shootout winning goal

FLAMES UPCOMING SCHEDULE:

DATE	TIME (MST)	OPPONENT	VENUE
December 23, 2023	8:00pm	at Los Angeles Kings	Crypto.com Arena
December 27, 2023	7:30pm	vs. Seattle Kraken	Scotiabank Saddledome
December 31, 2023	6:00pm	vs. Philadelphia Flyers	Scotiabank Saddledome
January 2, 2024	6:00pm	at Minnesota Wild	Xcel Energy Center
January 4, 2024	6:00pm	at Nashville Predators	Bridgestone Arena

TONIGHTS STORYLINES & STATS

This is the first of four meetings this season between the Flames and Kings. The Flames earned points in three of their four meetings last season with the Kings, going 2-1-1.

This is a Pacific Division matchup; the Flames have a record of 5-2-1 against Pacific Division teams and a record of 9-8-2 against Western Conference opponents.

LAST SEASON VERSUS LA:

The Flames and Kings are set to square off for the first time this season. Last year, the clubs' first meeting came back in November where Jonathan Huberdeau scored his 200th NHL goal, and the Flames also got goals from Andrew Mangiapane, Elias Lindholm, and Adam Ruzicka in a 6-5 win over the Kings. In their second matchup, Jonathan Huberdeau scored again just 3:23 into the first. The Kings would score three-unanswered goals to go up 3-1 in the third, but Calgary would battle back but eventually fall in overtime. Calgary also fell in their third meeting, but in the season-finale Jacob Markstrom made 32 saves with Andrew Mangiapane and Walker Duehr scoring in a 2-1 Flames win.

MARKY MARK 200:

Jacob Markstrom made 25 saves on Thursday night in Anaheim for his first shoutout of the season. Markstrom also recorded the 200th win of his career with the 25-save effort, becoming just the third Swedish-born goaltender in NHL history to record 200 career wins, joining Henrik Lundqvist (459) and Tommy Salo (210). Markstrom also joined Braden Holtby (299) as the only goalies from the 2008 draft to reach 200 wins in the NHL.

STONEWALLED:

Jacob Markstrom's 25-save shutout was his 14th with the Flames, surpassing Mike Vernon for sole possession of the third most in franchise history behind Miikka Kiprusoff (41) and Dan Bouchard (20). Since joining the Flames prior to the 2020-21 season, Markstrom's 14 shutouts are the second-most among all goalies over that span, only trailing New York's Ilya Sorokin (18).

DESIMONE'S FIRST:

Nick DeSimone scored his first NHL goal on Thursday night in Anaheim at the age of 29 years, 30 days. DeSimone has become the fourth-oldest player to score their first NHL goal with the Flames after Sergei Makarov (31 years, 108 days on Oct. 5, 1989), Jiri Hrdina (30 years, 70 days on March 15, 1988) and Pavel Torgaev (29 years, 288 days on Nov. 9, 1995). DeSimone is also the third Flame to score their first NHL goal this season, joining Matt Coronato (Oct. 14 at PIT), Connor Zary (Nov. 1 vs. DAL), and Martin Pospisil (Nov. 4 at SEA) and has become the 388th player to score a goal in a Calgary Flames uniform.

KILLER CONFIDENCE:

The Calgary Flames have eight shorthanded markers, tied with St. Louis and Minnesota for the most in the league. Calgary has scored a league-leading five shorthanded goals over the month of December, led by Blake Coleman who has a league-best three markers on the Penalty Kill since the start of December. Five different skaters have tallied while a man-down for Calgary this season, with Sharangovich (2), Andersson, Lindholm, and Backlund all joining Coleman.

LETHAL LINDHOLM:

Elias Lindholm had a goal and two assists on Thursday in Anaheim for the third three-point night of the season, and sixth multi-point outing on the campaign. Lindholm's 10 three-point outings since joining the Flames in 2018-19 have surpassed Matthew Tkachuk (9) for sole possession of second most among all skaters during that span behind only Johnny Gaudreau (11). Through 33 games so far this season, Lindholm has accrued the third-most ice-time by a centre in the NHL at 693:01, trailing only Nathan MacKinnon (746:44) and Jack Eichel (697:12).

CHRISTMAS BREAK:

This will be the Flames last tilt before the Christmas Break. Prior to tonight, the Flames have recorded points in five-straight games, going 3-0-2. Following the break, the Flames will welcome to the Seattle Kraken to the Scotiabank Saddledome on December 27th.



HEY DID YOU KNOW?

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

Jonathan Huberdeau scored his 200th NHL goal against the LA Kings last season in the team's first meeting on November 14th 2022.

Elias Lindholm and Viktor Arvidsson were teammates on Sweden at the 2013 World Junior Championships.

CALGARY FLAMES vs. LOS ANGELES KINGS

CGY vs. LAK	ALL-TIME	HOME	AWAY	L10	STRK
 	129-95-21-9	75-36-12-5	54-59-9-4	5-3-2	W1

GAME INFO:

Calgary Flames at Los Angeles Kings

7:00pm PT

Crypto.com Arena

TV: CBC, Sportsnet West

Radio: Sportsnet Fan 960

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

Dec. 23, 2023 – CGY at LAK

Feb. 27, 2024 – LAK vs. CGY

Mar. 30, 2024 – LAK vs. CGY

Apr. 11, 2024 – CGY at LAK

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

Last Home Win vs. LAK: March 28, 2023 – Los Angeles [1] vs. Calgary [2]

Last Road Win @ LAK: April 4, 2022 – Calgary [3] at Los Angeles [2]

Last Home Loss vs. LAK: March 20, 2022 – Los Angeles [3] vs. Calgary [2] (SO)

Last Road Loss @ LAK: March 20, 2023 – Calgary [2] at Los Angeles [8]

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 – 117)

Jakob Pelletier – upper body injury (33 games, 10/11/23 – pres.)

Kevin Rooney – upper body injury (33 games, 10/11/23 – pres.)

Oliver Kylington – (33 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 – pres.)

FLAMES CAREER MILESTONES WITHIN REACH:

Blake Coleman – 497 GP (3 away from 500 games played)

Mikael Backlund – 192 goals (8 away from 200 goals)

Nazem Kadri – 592 points (8 away from 600 points)

Andrew Mangiapane – 191 points (9 away from 200 points)

Andrew Mangiapane – 90 assists (10 away from 100 assists)

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	3-3-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0
AWAY	1-4-1	4-3-1	1-1-2	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0
TOTAL	2-6-1	7-4-2	4-4-2	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	Sharangovich				
Points	6pts	4-9 – 13	6-4 – 10				

RECORD BY DAY

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

RECORD BY DAYS BETWEEN GAMES/ON...

0 Days: 0-3-1

1 Day: 8-7-3

2 Days: 5-4-1

3 Days: 1-0-0

4+ Days: 1-0-0

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	0-4-0	2-6-1	3-2-0	5-0-3	2-1-0	1-0-0	1-0-0
Allowing	1-0-0	3-0-0	4-0-0	5-4-1	1-5-0	0-3-3	0-2-0	0-0-0

PLAYER HIGHS

*active

	High (Most Recent Occurrence)	Date: Game
Goals, Game:	2 (Sharangovich)	12/12/23 at VGK
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	12/18/23 vs. FLA	12/16/23 vs. TBL
Regulation win, away	11/24/23 at DAL	11/14/23 at MTL
Regulation loss, home	12/9/23 vs. NJD	12/5/23 vs. MIN
Regulation loss, away	12/11/23 at COL	11/25/23 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	941
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 	9	6	3	0	3-1 W vs. FLA (12/18/23)
Away 	17	6	7	4	3-0 W at ANA (12/21/23)
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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CALGARY **WRANGLERS**

ON THE FARM

CALGARY WRANGLERS (AHL): 16-7-2

The Calgary Wranglers enter their second season in Calgary, AB after moving from Stockton, CA prior to the start of last season. The Wranglers kicked off a five-game road trip with a pair of games in San Jose. The Wranglers would fall in both contests but remain atop the Pacific Division and the Western Conference standings.