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### ***THREE THINGS: Jets win penalty filled affair with Flames***

By Jamie Thomas

WINNIPEG – It was another penalty filled affair between the Winnipeg Jets and the Calgary Flames, but the Jets came out on top for the second time in five days with a 5-3 win. Josh Morrissey (0-3—3), Gabriel Vilardi (1-1—2) and Mark Scheifele (0-2—2) had multiple points as the Jets improved to 6-1-0 in their last seven games. Winnipeg went 2-for-8 on the power play and held the Flames to just one power play goal on six chances. Connor Hellebuyck made 30 saves for the Jets who will host the red-hot Utah Mammoth on Sunday.

#### ***J-MO CONTINUES TO PERFORM***

After playing 28 minutes on Thursday night, Josh Morrissey was on the ice a ton on Friday playing a team leading 26:13 against the Flames. The 30-year-old recorded a season high three assists and did it with Doug Armstrong in the building, the Blues general manager is also part of the management group that is putting together the Canadian Olympic team.

“So, I think as we went through it last year with Four Nations, it's not something that you can think about as a player. You just have to go play your game every single night the best you can for your team,” said Morrissey.

“And you know, if you do that, try and put yourself, I guess, in the best situation by playing your best hockey, and that's all you can really do.”

#### ***JT SCORES AT HOME***

Jonathan Toews scored his first goal as a Jet Monday and continued his run of success against the Flames with a second period marker. With the score tied at one, Toews went to the front of the net and shovelled in a pass from Morrissey behind Dustin Wolf. Canada Life Centre went nuts, but the Flames challenged the call saying there was goaltender interference. In the end, the call stood and Toews has second goal of the season and first goal in Winnipeg as a Jet out of the way.

#### ***GABE PUTS ONE ON THE BOARD***

Gabe Vilardi had been snake bitten in the first seven games of the season failing to score a goal. The Jets winger took care of business with Winnipeg on the power play and backhanding a nifty shot behind Wolf and you could see the relief on his face afterwards.

“He's got such great hands in tight, close to his feet and close to his body, where other guys maybe can't pull it that close and do the same things,” said Scott Arniel.

“He's really good at that and as you saw on his goal, it just seemed like it was a little two-foot space and he pulled it to his backhand and through it through there.”

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***Morrissey has 3 points, Jets hand Flames 8th straight loss  
Vilardi scores 1st goal of season for Winnipeg, which has won 6 of 7***

By Darrin Bauming

WINNIPEG -- Josh Morrissey had three assists for the Winnipeg Jets, who handed the Calgary Flames their eighth straight loss with a 5-3 win at Canada Life Centre on Friday.

"He was real good again tonight," Winnipeg coach Scott Arniel said of Morrissey. "He played an awful lot of minutes (26:13) in back-to-back games, but he loves that."

Gabriel Vilardi scored his first goal of the season and also had an assist for the Jets (6-2-0), who were coming off a 3-0 loss to the Seattle Kraken on Thursday but have won six of seven. Mark Scheifele had two assists, and Eric Comrie made 30 saves.

"I really liked our second (period), we got stronger," Arniel said. "We knew that with us playing last night, Calgary was going to really come at us earlier. I thought we weathered that. We got down one, but we still played a really solid game and kind of got our game going and built off a few of the things that happened. The 4-on-4 goal, then the power-play goal, [Toews'] face-off goal, there were a lot of good things that started to kind of build and spread us out from them."

Blake Coleman and Mikael Backlund each had a goal and an assist, and Nazem Kadri also scored for the Flames (1-7-1), who have been outscored 31-12 during their losing streak. Dustin Wolf made 27 saves.

"Well, you lose the rhythm and flow of the game," Calgary coach Ryan Huska said. "Five-on-five I think we're doing some good things right now, but you're not going to win hockey games if you're taking minor penalties. It's just the way it goes."

The Flames went 6-for-8 on the penalty kill after they were assessed nine minor penalties, including one for delay of game following an unsuccessful coach's challenge. They went 1-for-6 on the power play.

"Very bizarre game in that sense," Kadri said. "I think when you're flipping and flopping (to special teams) all the time, I think it's obviously hard to create a rhythm. Same for both teams. Like I said, you'd like to see a little more flow, but it felt like we had some dangerous opportunities today and put a couple in, but we needed one or two more."

Kadri gave the Flames a 1-0 lead at 5:18 of the first period, scoring on the power play with a one-timer from the right circle.

Kyle Connor tied it 1-1 at 5:19 of the second period while the teams were skating at 4-on-4. Morrissey made a move around MacKenzie Weegar in the neutral zone, allowing him to skate in on a 2-on-1 and pass to Connor, who scored with a one-timer from the right circle.

"There's a lot of open ice, and [Dylan DeMelo] made a nice stretch past me and I just tried to use my skating," Morrissey said. "And when you get in a 2-on-1 with a goal-scorer like that, it's nice to put the puck in his hands. And usually he's pretty lethal from there."

Jonathan Toews put the Jets ahead 2-1 at 6:24. He won a face-off back to Morrissey, who carried it down to the goal line before sending a centering pass to the top of the crease, where Toews redirected it into the net.

Calgary challenged the play for goaltender interference, but the goal was upheld after a video review.

"Even in the first period, we were wanting to get one early to just get over the hump a little bit, especially after being shut out last night," Toews said. "Those things can build sometimes if you start forcing it and grip it a little tight, but I think we just said on the bench and in the locker room to keep pushing and it was going to come. It shows a lot of maturity, and it doesn't matter who you're playing or where they are in the standings. The League is so good now that you can't take anyone for granted, and we knew that they were going to play some desperate hockey tonight."

Vilardi pushed it to 3-1 at 9:50, scoring a power-play goal with a quick backhand from below the left circle. It was his first goal in eight games this season after he scored 27 in 71 games last season.

"He's been around it," Morrissey said of Vilardi. "He's had lots of looks in front of the net where everybody knows he's so good, and maybe it just hasn't been going in for him. But I think with any great player and goal-scorer and whatnot, I mean, when you're getting those chances and when you're around it, you know it's about to come."

Backlund cut it to 3-2 at 13:56. Coleman spun to deliver a short backhand pass to Backlund, who finished a mini breakaway with a backhand-to-forehand deke.

Alex Iafallo responded with another power-play goal to make it 4-2 at 18:50. Vilardi caught a pass along the goal line, spun and sent a backhand feed to Iafallo for a one-timer in the low slot.

"Both (power-play) units have had lots of looks," Arniel said. "[Vilardi] has the ability to find those open guys. [Iafallo] hung close, knowing we had tried it earlier and it didn't connect. We had a good look at it but it didn't go in. Obviously, we stuck with it. That's Gabe. He can make those small plays in a very tight area."

Coleman got the Flames to within 4-3 at 8:27 of the third period. He scored from all alone in front after receiving a centering pass from Backlund, who was along side boards.

"It wasn't enough for us tonight," Coleman said. "We have to be better. But it's something to build on as a line, and we need to continue to get better and look in the mirror and at some point draw a line in the sand."

"Five-on-five I thought we were the better team. We just couldn't keep the play at 5-on-5, and they've got a good power play and we've got to clean up our kill. And there you go."

The Flames had a chance to tie it late after Haydn Fleury was assessed a minor penalty for cross-checking at 17:10, but they failed to convert on the power play, and Vladislav Namestnikov scored into an empty net with eight seconds left for the 5-3 final.

"Midway through the game we were really going after them and all four lines were rolling, contributing," Toews said. "To see it going the way it was going with all the penalties, we knew we had to kill some and deal with a push from the other team. But then to get the goal in the third, good for our guys to get those kills and for [Comrie] to stand tall in net as well."

*NOTES:* Backlund has 566 career points (217 goals, 349 assists), passing Gary Suter (564) for sixth in Flames history. ... Morrissey has 56 career multiassist games, passing Ilya Kovalchuk for third in Jets/Atlanta Thrashers history.

### **Winnipeg Free Press**

<https://www.winnipegfreepress.com/breakingnews/2025/10/24/jets-bounce-back-with-spirited-victory-over-feisty-flames>

#### ***Jets bounce back with spirited victory over feisty Flames Toews notches first home-ice goal with Jets***

By: Mike McIntyre

The Winnipeg Jets wasted no time getting back in the win column.

Just 24 hours after suffering a 3-0 loss to the Seattle Kraken, the club responded with a 5-3 victory over the Calgary Flames on Friday night inside Canada Life Centre.

There were plenty of highlights to this one: The first home goal by local hockey hero Jonathan Toews; the first goal of the season by Gabe Vilardi; a three-assist night from defenceman Josh Morrissey; more stellar special teams and a rock-solid 30-save performance from backup goaltender Eric Comrie.

Prior to puck drop, Jets coach Scott Arniel talked about his veteran team being able to quickly wash away a tough outing and not allowing it to snowball. Case in point: A 17-7-2 record last year in the game immediately following a loss.

Winnipeg is now 2-0-0 this season in such a situation, and 6-2-0 overall on the campaign.

"Those things can build sometimes if you start forcing it and grip it a little tight," Toews said.

"We just sat on the bench and in the locker room to keep pushing it and it was going to come. It shows a lot of maturity and it doesn't matter who you're playing or where they are in the standings. The league is so good now that you can't take anyone for granted, and we knew that they were going to play some desperate hockey. We had to work for those two points."

Just as they did Monday night in Calgary, the Flames showed plenty of fight against the Jets. Ultimately, it led to the same result. They are now an NHL-worst 1-7-1 on the year.

#### ***Wicked week***

It's been quite a week for Toews.

The 37-year-old sparked his team's comeback victory on Monday night in Calgary, tipping home a Neal Pionk point shot for his first goal in 921 days.

Toews only had to wait four days to light the lamp again. He showed great hand-eye coordination by deflecting a Morrissey pass early in the second period on Friday, giving Winnipeg fans their first chance to cheer a goal by the local legend.

"It's a lot of fun playing in this building," said Toews. "I always loved coming here in the past (with the Chicago Blackhawks) and it was always great energy. There are no better hockey fans in the world. It's nice to be on the right side now and to score a goal and hear the crowd. It definitely gives you some jump out there."

It wasn't without some controversy. The Flames challenged for goaltender interference, believing Toews' skate might have grazed the pad of Dustin Wolf. However, the league upheld the ruling after a quick review, causing another fan eruption, which essentially served as a curtain call.

"I didn't feel too good about it once they were challenging. I haven't had too many of those go my way in the past," said Toews. "But it was nice to get that one. I didn't feel like I interfered, but I haven't seen the replay, but it was good to have that one count."

Toews continued to show dominance in the faceoff circle, winning 13 of 15. Now up to five points in eight games, he's been everything the Jets could have hoped for — and then some.

#### *Vilardi's lament*

There was no sign of a monkey on his back when Vilardi met with the media Friday morning, fielding questions about the fact he had yet to score a goal through seven games.

"Whether that's luck or just bearing down and being more deadly with your chances, I think it's a little bit of both," Vilardi admitted. "It is very frustrating, I'm not going to lie and say that it's not."

Sure, the team was still enjoying overall success, and yes, linemates Mark Scheifele and Kyle Connor were generating plenty of offence. Vilardi, coming off a career-high 27 goals in 71 games last year, wasn't satisfied.

"I think if I could score those guys would have 20 points apiece right now," he said. "It's been frustrating, but at the end of the day when you're getting chances it's tough to be overly critical and concerned."

Vilardi's patience was rewarded in a big way a few hours later. With the Jets on a power play midway through the second period, he took a feed from Scheifele and flicked a backhand past Wolf to give the Jets a 3-1 lead. He let out a visceral scream and jumped into the glass — a rare show of emotion from a guy who is usually cool as a cucumber.

"It's a huge weight off his shoulders. It really was, you could see" said Arniel. "Now he's got a big smile from ear to ear. I'm glad for him and glad to see him get that (goal). Now he can get off and running."

Later in the middle frame, Vilardi showed how dangerous he can be as a net-front presence as he calmly took the puck and, with a spinning backhand pass, found a wide-open Alex Iafallo, who ripped home the shot to make it 4-2.

#### *Helper hat trick*

Morrissey clearly loves playing his hometown team. The Calgary native had a huge helper on Monday to set up Scheifele's game-winning goal late in the third period. He added three more in this one against the Flames.

The first one was the best one, with Morrissey undressing Calgary defenceman Jake Bean and then feeding Connor for a perfect one-timer early in the second period to erase a 1-0 deficit and spark a four-goal frame for the Jets.

"A four-on-four situation, there was obviously a lot of open ice. Just tried to use my skating," Morrissey said of the razzle dazzle that was on display. "When you get on a two-on-one with a goal scorer like that, it's nice to put the puck in his hands. Usually, he's pretty lethal from there."

We suspect Doug Armstrong, the general manager of the Canadian Olympic Team, who was on hand to do some scouting, enjoyed what he saw. Morrissey is a shoo-in to make the roster, which will be finalized at the end of December, and it's games like this that show why. Scheifele, who is on the radar to make it, also had a nice game and chipped in with two assists.

#### *Key play*

Iafallo's goal with 70 seconds left in the second period restored Winnipeg's two-goal lead and proved to be the game-winner.

#### *Three stars*

Jets D Morrissey: 3A

Jets RW Vilardi: 1G, 1A

Jets C Scheifele: 2A

#### *Extra, extra*

Logan Stanley had another notable game. He dropped the gloves with big Adam Klapka in the first period, getting the crowd fired up by flexing and pounding on the glass after scoring a takedown victory. He then assisted on Vlad Namestnikov's empty-net goal which sealed the victory with eight seconds left on the clock.

The Jets went two-for-eight on the power play and five-of-six on the penalty kill. Winnipeg has now killed off 32 of 34 penalties this year while also scoring a pair of shorthanded goals.

Arniel made two lineup changes: Defenceman Colin Miller and forward Nikita Chibrikov replaced Luke Schenn and Brad Lambert, who joined Parker Ford as healthy scratches.

A crowd of 13,967 took in the action. They seemed to enjoy what they saw, not only from the Jets but from the Toronto Blue Jays in Game 1 of the World Series. Highlights of various key plays were shown throughout the night on the scoreboard, and the final couple of innings of the game were broadcast once the final buzzer had sounded for plenty of fans who stuck around.

The Jets are back in action Sunday when they host the red-hot Utah Mammoth, who are off to a 6-2-0 start.

## **Winnipeg Sun**

<https://winnipeg.sun.com/sports/hockey/winnipeg-jets-douse-the-flames-in-a-5-3-victory-on-friday-night>

### ***Winnipeg Jets douse the Flames in a 5-3 victory on Friday night***

By Gordon Anderson

Gabe Vilardi scored his first goal of the season in a Winnipeg Jets 5-3 win over the Calgary Flames at Canada Life Centre on Friday night.

Vilardi scored on the power play at 9:50 of the second period when he skated into the face-off circle to the right of Dustin Wolf before taking a pass from Mark Scheifele to beat the Calgary netminder to the short side.

The goal came in Vilardi's eighth game of the season. Vilardi also picked up an assist on Alex Lafallo's second period power-play goal. Last season, Vilardi didn't score his first goal until his sixth game of the campaign.

Kyle Connor, Jonathan Toews and Vlad Namestnikov also scored for the Jets. Connor's goal snapped a six-game drought for the winger. Connor notched a hat-trick in the season opener against the Dallas Stars. Josh Morrissey picked up three assists in the win.

The Flames challenged the Toews goal for interference. Toews skated into the crease backwards and appeared to bump into the left pad of Wolf, just as he was deflecting the puck into the net, but the call on the ice stood.

Eric Comrie stopped 30 shots for the win. In his previous start, Comrie turned aside 33 of 35 shots in a 5-2 win over the New York Islanders on Thanksgiving Monday.

Jets winger Gabriel Vilardi still on the lookout for his first goal of the season

Nazem Kadri, Mikael Backlund and Blake Coleman scored for the Flames. After beating the Edmonton Oilers in the season opener, the Flames have lost eight straight games.

They have scored a league-low 16 goals, five of those goals coming at five-on-four. Wolf stopped 27 of 31 shots. Wolf has lost seven consecutive games.

The Jets penalty kill surrendered a power-play goal to Kadri in the first period after turning back 26 consecutive chances, dating back to the game against the Stars. The Jets went five-for-six on the penalty kill. In last week's game, a 2-1 win for the Jets, both teams combined for 10 minors.

The power play went 2-for-8. In the 4-1 victory over Nashville last week, the man advantage converted twice on three chances.

The Jets host the Utah Mammoth on Sunday afternoon at 5 p.m.

<https://winnipegssun.com/sports/jets-winger-gabriel-vilardi-still-on-the-lookout-for-his-first-goal-of-the-season>

## ***Jets winger Gabriel Vilardi still on the lookout for his first goal of the season***

By Gordon Anderson

Seven is perhaps the luckiest number of all, but not for Jets forward Gabe Vilardi.

Now seven games into the regular season, Vilardi is still looking for his first goal.

"I feel like I've had a lot of opportunities, and obviously I'm not scoring," Vilardi said prior to Friday night's game against the Calgary Flames. "Whether that's luck or just bearing down and being more deadly with your chances, I think it's a little bit of both."

According to Natural Stat Trick, Vilardi is the sixth unluckiest player in the league for skaters with zero goals. His expected goal number is 2.36 heading into Friday night's game.

There is similar precedence as the 26-year-old waited six games to get his first goal last season. And last season didn't turn out so unlucky for No. 13, as he scored a career-high in goals with 27 in 71 regular-season games played.

"It is very frustrating. I'm not going to lie and say it's not," Vilardi said. "There's a flow to the season, and you go through your streaks where it seems like everything's going in, and then you go through the streaks like this one where it seems like nothing is going in and you can't catch a break. Whether it's a stick lift or goalies making a crazy save. You just kind of remind yourself of the flows of the season."

On Thursday night against the Seattle Kraken, Vilardi was given a glorious chance to get on the board late in the first period.

The Kingston, Ont., native was battling with Kraken defenceman Jamie Oleksiak in the goal crease when Josh Morrissey's point shot pinged off the post and bounced down into the crease, with Vilardi ready to knock the puck home. Unfortunately for Vilardi, Oleksiak lifted his stick, and the chance was gone.

"I know he's frustrated because he hasn't scored yet," head coach Scott Arniel said. "He's one of those guys that has to play the whole time in the middle of the ice. What Connor and Scheifele do, they have mobility, and they have the playmaking, not that Gabe doesn't. But if you look back at any highlights on Gabe, all of his stuff happens 10 feet from the net, whether it's around the back of the net, front of the net, tipping pucks, getting rebounds, or popping sticks."

The last thing Arniel wants is for Vilardi to change his scrappy and combative nature as an offensive player.

"He's got to be more consistent with that," Arniel said. "He knows it, we've talked about it and then, he's just got to stick with it. If you're looking to score goals, don't get farther away from the net. Get closer to the net. We're trying to get him in that frame of mind."

Vilardi is turning over every stone looking to break the goose egg, including video and self-analysis.



He is aware his linemates Kyle Connor and Mark Scheifele have scored 10 of the team's 23 goals. Scheifele is tied for tops in the league with seven goals. Connor has three goals, but none in his last six games.

"I kind of got caught the first few games just over-analyzing myself to the extreme, and I've kind of gotten away from that the last few games," he said. "We do a lot of video, as a team. I get to see that and the structure stuff. In terms of my own video, I feel I'll go through flows where I'm watching a lot of them and then I'll go through periods where it's like OK, take a break."

*Update:* Vilardi scored his first goal of the season as the Jets beat the Flames 5–3 on Friday night.

<https://winnipegsun.com/sports/hockey/nhl/winnipeg-jets/jets-captain-adam-lowry-back-with-the-boys>

### ***Jets captain Adam Lowry back with the boys***

By Gordon Anderson

Adam Lowry is in yellow but hopes to get the green light in the near future.

Wearing the yellow jersey, the Jets captain has finally returned to regular practice duties with the Jets.

"It's great to see him, but until that jersey changes, I'm not thinking too much about him," Jets head coach Scott Arniel said after the optional skate at Canada Life Centre on Friday morning. "He's just getting to the point (where) he's able to get in with our guys. There's still a timeline coming here."

Arniel is still recovering from surgery on his hip last May. Lowry underwent the procedure 10 days after the Jets were eliminated in the Western Conference semi-final by the Dallas Stars.

#### ***Getting healthy***

"He needs live contact, and he needs to get in those situations," Arniel said

The coach says Lowry is just starting the heavy lifting portion of his recovery. Until he passes the determined benchmarks, he will remain in the non-contact jersey.

"(He was taking faceoffs on Thursday), something he hasn't really done," Arniel said. "Which is a little bit, last year, when he was hurt, last couple years, it really affected his hip. That's one area, when he got into battles off draws, so it's nice to see him do that. He felt pretty good about it."

The 32-year-old is still on schedule for a late-October or early-November return to game action.

"Now, (it's) the battle, getting into drills where there's opponents five-on-five, and it's not just a couple of guys," Arniel said. "It's not the best part of the schedule because we have so many games, but we're trying to make it more game-like for him."

**Canadian Press**

<https://globalnews.ca/news/11494328/jets-use-power-play-to-soar-past-flames/>

## ***Jets use power play to soar past Flames***

By Jim Bender The Canadian Press

WINNIPEG – Gabriel Vilardi scored had a goal and assist to lead the Winnipeg Jets to a hard-fought 5-3 triumph over the Calgary Flames on Friday night.

Alex Iafallo, Vladislav Namestnikov, Kyle Connor and Jonathan Toews also scored for the Jets. Josh Morrissey chipped in with three assists.

Blake Coleman, Mikael Backlund and Nazem Kadri replied for Calgary.

The Flames are now winless in their last eight games.

Backup netminder Eric Comrie made 30 saves for Winnipeg (5-1-0) before 13,917 fans at Canada Life Centre.

Dustin Wolf stopped 27 shots for Calgary (1-7-1).

Calgary had pulled to within 4-3 almost midway through the third period. Coleman, who was set up alone in front of Comrie by Backlund, made no mistake in getting the puck past him. The Jets then held on for the win.

The Jets took a 4-2 lead into the third period when Iafallo scored on the power play with 1:10 left in the second, converting a nifty pass from Vilardi. Mark Scheifele also assisted.

Calgary had pulled to within 3-2 when Backlund was sent in alone on Comrie by Coleman.

Vilardi upped the lead to 3-1 on the power play midway through the middle frame, backhanding a shot past Wolf from the side of the net on a setup from Scheifele. Morrissey also assisted.

Exactly 65 seconds after Winnipeg had tied the score, Toews gave the Jets a 2-1 lead when he deflected a Morrissey pass past Wolf on his doorstep. Calgary challenged for goalie interference but lost and was penalized.

The Jets knotted the score at 1-1 at 5:19 of the second. Connor's one-timer on a perfect pass from Morrissey on a 2-on-1 beat Wolf, who got a piece of the shot. Dylan DeMelo also assisted.

Calgary opened the scoring early in the first period on their second straight power play. With DeMelo off for tripping, Kadri's one-timer beat Comrie cleanly on a setup from Morgan Frost. Zayne Parekh also assisted.

### **TAKEAWAYS**

Jets: They were on their heels in the first period, trailing 1-0 and being outshot 9-5. But they came to life in the second, outscoring Calgary 4-1 and outshooting the Flames 16-9.

Flames: After outworking the Jets in the first period, taking a 1-0 lead, they got into penalty trouble in the second, allowing two power-play goals and a total of four in the second 20 minutes.

### **KEY MOMENT**

After the Jets finally snapped a four-period goalless streak when Connor scored in the second, Toews gave Winnipeg a 2-1 lead when he deflected a Morrissey pass past Wolf. The Flames then lost their challenge for goalie interference. Winnipeg then upped the score to 3-1 and 4-2 before the period ended.

### **KEY STAT**

Winnipeg scored two power-play goals in the second period.

### **UP NEXT**

Flames: Host the New York Rangers on Sunday.

Jets: Host the Utah Mammoth on Sunday.

<https://www.sportsnet.ca/nhl/article/toews-making-a-difference-for-determined-jets/>

### ***Toews making a difference for determined Jets***

By Canadian Press

Jonathan Toews keeps proving his worth to the Winnipeg Jets.

Not only did the future Hall-of-Famer score the goal that gave Winnipeg a lead that it never relinquished in a 5-3 victory over the desperate Calgary Flames on Friday, but Toews won almost all of his faceoffs in a game where possession of the puck is so important.

That helped the Jets rebound from a 3-0 loss to the Seattle Kraken on Thursday.

"It's huge," said Toews. "Even in the first period, we were wanting to get one early to just get over the hump a little bit, especially after being shut out last night.

"Those things can build sometimes if you start forcing it and grip it a little tight. But I think we just sat on the bench and in the locker-room to keep pushing it and it was going to come. It shows a lot of maturity and it doesn't matter who you're playing or where they are in the standings.

"The league is so good now that you can't take anyone for granted, and we knew that they were going to play some desperate hockey tonight. We had to work for those two points, and sometimes it's not perfect but I think we are building our team game. A lot of new guys are finding their way with this team."

The Flames are now winless in their last eight games.

Toews scored at 6:24 of the second to give Winnipeg a 2-1 edge when he deflected a Josh Morrissey pass past Calgary netminder Dustin Wolf. The Flames challenged for goalie interference but lost.

"I didn't feel too good about it once there were challenges," Toews said. "I haven't had too many of those go my way in the past. I was just trying to prepare myself for the worst and shake it off if the call goes against us, whatever, keep playing. But it was nice to get that one. I didn't feel like I interfered, but I haven't seen the replay. But it was good to have that one count."

Toews got a loud ovation from the hometown crowd of 13,917 at Canada Life Centre after scoring that goal and another one when he was named the game's second star.

"It's a lot of fun to play in this building," Toews said. "I've always loved coming here in the past and it was always great energy. There are no better hockey fans in the world.

"It's nice to be on the right side now and to score a goal and hear the crowd. It definitely gives you some jump out there."

The Jets needed that jump.

"I think the first half, we worked pretty hard for our breaks," Toews said. "But it was nice to see us convert a few times on the power play. Midway through the game, we were really going after them and all four lines were rolling, contributing. To see it going the way it was going with all the penalties, we knew we had to kill some and deal with a push from the other team.

"But then, to get the goal in the third, good for our guys to get those kills and for Coms (goalie Eric Comrie) to stand tall in net as well."

Toews is among the top three in the NHL in faceoff winning percentage and the other Jets centres are improving.

"Yeah, we've talked about it a lot and it's kind of grown confidence in our other guys," said Jets coach Scott Arniel. "Bear's (Morgan Barron) been doing great, Scheif's (Mark Scheifele) been doing great, like even Vladdy (Gabriel Vilardi). They've all improved their faceoffs. Whether he's talking to those guys, but ... we feel a lot more comfortable now.

"I mean, you set up plays all the time. You have a D-zone draw, you usually have something you're trying to do. ... If you don't win draws, you never get to really see them. So, there's always something called. That's usually why they're all huddled up calling a play."

Toews won 13 of 15 faceoffs.

Kyle Connor, Alex Iafallo, Vlad Namestnikov, into an empty net, and Vilardi also scored for Winnipeg. Morrissey assisted on three of the goals.

"He was real good again tonight," Arniel said. "He played an awful lot of minutes in back-to-back games, but he loves that."

Blake Coleman, Mikael Backlund and Nazem Kadri scored for Calgary.

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### ***Winnipeg Jets ride four-goal second period to down Flames 5-3***

By Christian Aumell Global News

Coming into their matchup with the Calgary Flames Friday night, second periods had not been great for the Winnipeg Jets this season.

They had only scored five goals in seven games coming in and had a negative goal differential, but the Jets flipped that on its head by scoring four goals in the middle frame en route to a 5-3 win.

Calgary opened the scoring 5:18 into the game as the Winnipeg penalty kill finally gave up a goal.

On their second power play of the night, Nazem Kadri, who drew the tripping penalty on Dylan DeMelo, wired a one-timer past Eric Comrie for his first of the season.

It was just the second power play goal on 30 kills that the Jets have allowed on the season and their first since their opener against Dallas.

Calgary outshot the Jets 9-5 in the first as Winnipeg failed to generate much in terms of offensive chances.

That changed in a big way in the middle frame.

With teams playing at 4-on-4 early in the period, DeMelo sent a stretch pass to Josh Morrissey in the neutral zone. He made a great move to get around a Flames defender to create a 2-on-1 with Kyle Connor.

Morrissey patiently waited as the defender and goalie Dustin Wolf focused on him before sliding a pass over to Connor that the sniper blasted into the goal for his fourth of the season and first since his opening night hat-trick.

From there, Winnipeg dominated the bulk of the period.

Just 65 seconds after Connor's goal, Jonathan Toews won a faceoff in the Calgary end, sending it back to Morrissey. He drove to the corner and sent a puck toward the front of the net where Toews steered it past Wolf for his second of the season and first goal at home.

The Flames challenged the goal, arguing that there was goaltender interference but the call on the ice stood. Winnipeg failed to score on the ensuing man advantage, but right after it was killed off, they earned another power play and cashed in on that look to make it 3-1.

It was Gabriel Vilardi getting the puck down low and chipping a backhand shot through Wolf for his first of the season. He let out a yell of relief after seeing that the puck had crossed the goal line, frustrated to be held without a goal over the first seven games.

Calgary got one back at the 13:56 mark when a defensive breakdown in the Winnipeg end allowed captain Mikael Backlund to walk in alone and put a deke on Comrie before sliding it home to make it 3-2.

But Winnipeg was back on the power play in the final minutes and made good to restore their two-goal lead.

The puck was cycled around the zone before landing on the stick of Vilardi near the crease, and he slid a slick short pass to Alex Iafallo in the slot that he wired home to make it 4-2 after two periods.

Winnipeg outshot Calgary 16-9 in the middle frame.

The third period was defined by penalties. It began with Nino Niederreiter in the box after he took a penalty as the second expired, but Calgary took a penalty 55 seconds in that negated the opportunity.

At 3:40, Tanner Pearson was called for holding, but Winnipeg killed it off, and seconds later Jonathan Huberdeau high-sticked Toews, though the Jets couldn't take advantage.

Moments after Huberdeau got out of the box, the Flames made it a one-goal game. Blake Coleman got lost in coverage and received a pass from the corner that he buried at the 8:27 mark.

The parade to the penalty box continued a few minutes later when Niederreiter was called for goaltender interference but just 13 seconds later, Calgary took another offensive zone penalty.

With 2:50 to go, it was Haydn Fleury's turn to head to the sin bin, but right off the ensuing faceoff it was Cole Koepke who was sprung on a shorthanded breakaway. He was unable to bury the chance, giving the Flames a chance to get set up and pull the goalie to make it a 6-on-4.

They were unable to get the job done before Vladislav Namestnikov sent the puck down the ice into the empty net with under ten seconds remaining.

With the win, the Jets improve to 6-2 on the season while Calgary still hasn't won a game since their opener, now 1-7-1 on the campaign.

Winnipeg finished the game 2-for-8 on the power play while Calgary went 1-for-6.

Comrie stopped 30 shots to pick up his second win in as many starts this season.

The Jets return to action Sunday afternoon against Utah. Pregame coverage on 680 CJOB begins at 3 p.m. with the puck dropping just after 5 p.m.

## **The Athletic**

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### ***Why Mark Scheifele's pursuit of Winnipeg Jets scoring records is so complicated***

By Murat Ates

Mark Scheifele has scored 343 goals and 816 points in 887 Winnipeg Jets games.

Those first two numbers are franchise records, meaning Scheifele passed Blake Wheeler, Bryan Little, and Atlanta Thrashers like Ilya Kovalchuk and Vyacheslav Kozlov to set them. They're not Winnipeg records, though: Scheifele has made it clear that he's still chasing Jets 1.0 great, Dale

Hawerchuk, for most goals (379) and points (929) scored while playing for a Winnipeg NHL team.

But Hawerchuk doesn't actually hold the first Winnipeg Jets franchise's records in goals or points. He's second to Shane Doan on both fronts, even though Doan played 1,466 of his 1,540 games for the Coyotes. Doan's goals (402) and points (972) records include seven goals and 17 points scored for Winnipeg in 1995-96, which was less than five percent of his career totals. If Doan's Coyotes records were treated the same way Hawerchuk's Jets records were, moving from one city to the next as a franchise relocated, then Utah Mammoth star Clayton Keller would be chasing him.

But Arizona's records, which include Winnipeg Jets 1.0 records, are currently collecting mothballs in Arizona. The NHL considers the Coyotes to be an inactive franchise, while treating the Utah Mammoth as though everything they do is brand new. Making sense of Winnipeg records would be a lot easier if the NHL had treated Atlanta's record books in the same way when True North purchased the Thrashers and moved them to Winnipeg.

"That's just part of the craziness from an organization (city) losing their team and then getting it back again," said Jets head coach Scott Arniel.

As it stands, we're left to keep track of four columns: Jets 1.0, Jets 2.0, the current Jets franchise (including Atlanta), and the former Jets franchise (which includes the Coyotes.) Each of those categories means different things to different people — Winnipeg's fanbase doesn't always agree on everything — but there is a growing push in this city to consolidate Jets records in a single, Winnipeg-based set of books.

Scheifele's most recent goal was scored on a two-on-one rush against Calgary earlier this week. It brings him within 36 goals of tying Hawerchuk — something Scheifele could accomplish late this season. He's also within 113 points of Hawerchuk — a total Scheifele should be able to accumulate partway through next season. Those accomplishments should be more than milestones. They should be Winnipeg Jets all-time records — and the NHL should work with the Jets to make it so.

"The 1.0 and 2.0, it's a tough one for me because I played in the first (era)," Arniel said. "At the end of the day, (Scheifele) will end up catching (Hawerchuk)."

Hawerchuk's mentorship of Scheifele is well known — first as his junior coach in Barrie, then during Scheifele's NHL career prior to Hawerchuk's death in 2020. It would make sense if Scheifele's desire to catch him were 100 percent personal. Scheifele told The Athletic this week that his connection to Hawerchuk "obviously means so much to me ... I owe so much of my career to him ... and everything he helped me with."

It goes even deeper than that.

"Dale is the all-time Winnipeg Jet. Obviously there's 1.0 and 2.0, but he was a Winnipeg Jet (and) I'm a Winnipeg Jet."

There are precedents for moving team records from one franchise to another. The Cleveland Browns were "deactivated" during a controversial NFL relocation in 1996, but allowed to keep their history and records, which were restored to a Cleveland Browns expansion team three seasons later. The NBA's original Charlotte Hornets relocated to New Orleans in 2002, but a

2004 Charlotte expansion team was eventually allowed to reclaim the Hornets' name and records when New Orleans changed its name to the Pelicans in 2013.

What's the best way to approach this?

"I don't know if there's a 'right' or a 'wrong' way," Scheifele said. "It's just whatever the team thinks is best."

True North maintained Atlanta's records upon purchasing the Thrashers in 2011 — just as the Coyotes had done when the original Jets franchise moved to Phoenix. This was a sensible decision at the time, whether for reasons of NHL precedence, respect for the Thrashers organization, or inclusion of Thrashers fans who followed Atlanta to Winnipeg. It may also have made sense for True North not to ruffle the Coyotes franchise's feathers while the Arizona franchise was still active.

Now that Winnipeg's 1.0 records are attached to the "inactive" Arizona franchise — and now that Scheifele is within striking distance of Hawerchuk for the goals and points record — there is no better time for Winnipeg to reclaim them. Knowing that the gears are in motion to prepare for a Heritage Classic in 2026-27, it would make sense if the Jets are actively working on repatriating Jets 1.0 records, too.

And what a moment it will be if Winnipeg announces the outdoor game and its acquisition of Jets 1.0 records at the same time.

If the stars align, Scheifele will pass Hawerchuk's points total on the outdoor ice at Princess Auto Stadium next season, where Hawerchuk put on a show at the 2016 Heritage Classic against Edmonton. He'll do so while wearing a Jets heritage jersey, setting an official, all-time Winnipeg record.

Dale's son, Eric Hawerchuk, says he's aware of Jets fans' push to reclaim his dad's records. He wants it known that the Coyotes organization was always first class to the Hawerchuk family, calling them "amazing," but Arizona is not where his dad's records belong.

"Regardless of what is official or not, everyone knows that his record is with Winnipeg and nowhere else," Hawerchuk said.

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### ***Why these 5 teams can take advantage of the NHL's skyrocketing salary cap***

By Harman Dayal

The NHL salary cap has entered a new phase of skyrocketing growth after years of relatively flat movement during the pandemic era.

We saw a \$7.5 million increase to a \$95.5 million cap ceiling for 2025-26, with the league projecting a \$104 million ceiling for 2026-27 and a \$113.5 million figure by 2027-28. If those numbers hold, the NHL will be looking at a near 40 percent growth of the cap in less than five years.



Player salaries, of course, are jumping accordingly. Superstars — with the exception of Connor McDavid's massively team-friendly deal — are hitting new heights on contracts. Blue-chip restricted free agents coming off their entry-level contracts are commanding significant salaries faster than ever, even if they have very little big-league experience.

One downstream effect is that many long-term contracts signed in the flat-cap era are quickly becoming massive bargains. If you're a team fortunate enough to already have most of your core players locked up to favorable deals for several years to come, you're going to be in an excellent cap situation, because some teams have multiple star players that will command huge raises on contracts that expire just as the cap and player salaries are growing significantly.

Today, I wanted to examine which teams have the most talent already signed to favorable long-term contracts. This isn't a prediction for which teams will necessarily have the most playoff success because some teams that are not on this list (eg: the Dallas Stars because of Thomas Harley and Jason Robertson's upcoming deals and the Colorado Avalanche with Martin Necas and Cale Makar's) will still be perennial Stanley Cup contenders.

Without further ado, let's dive in.

#### *Winnipeg Jets*

Connor Hellebuyck	\$8.5M	6
Josh Morrissey	\$6.25M	3
Mark Scheifele	\$8.5M	6
Kyle Connor	\$12M	9 (extension kicks in next season)
Dylan Samberg	\$5.75M	3
Gabriel Vilardi	\$7.5M	6
Neal Pionk	\$7M	6
Dylan DeMelo	\$4.9M	3

2026 notable free agents: Cole Perfetti, RFA (\$3.25 million), Adam Lowry, UFA (\$3.25 million)

2027 notable free agents: Nino Niederreiter, UFA (\$4 million)

Winnipeg has a uniquely promising three-year window to contend for a Stanley Cup. In this time frame, the Jets have all four of their top-four defensemen, their three best forwards and their superstar goaltender all under contract.

It's remarkable that Josh Morrissey, a top-10 defenseman in the NHL, and Dylan Samberg, who's wildly underrated as an elite shutdown defenseman, will only cost a combined \$12 million against the cap for the next three seasons. The Jets are also blessed to have six more years of Connor Hellebuyck and Mark Scheifele at a discount with cap hits of \$8.5 million apiece. Kyle Connor's recent \$12 million AAV extension was also a huge win for the organization.

The Jets are currently spending to the cap, but as a small-market team, there's no guarantee that will be the case in a few years once the cap ceiling has skyrocketed past \$100 million. With that in mind, the cost certainty of having nearly all your top players signed long-term to good contracts is massive.

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## ***Flames Takeaways: Discipline derails otherwise solid effort vs. Jets***

By Eric Francis

Eight minor penalties — one for each of the consecutive losses the Calgary Flames have piled up.

“That’s the difference,” said Flames winger Blake Coleman after a 5-3 loss in Winnipeg Friday, during which the Flames allowed two power-play goals and an empty-netter.

“You’re not going to win games, you’re not going to get out of a rut like we’re in, you’re just beating yourself at that point.”

Insisting his club is finally starting to like its five-on-five play, the carelessness that led to a good chunk of the squad’s sins put the Flames on their heels in a game they led early, only to give up two of four goals in the second period while out-manned.

“And they’re not physical penalties, they’re stick penalties,” said Coleman, whose third finish through Eric Comrie’s legs made it a one-goal game for the final ten minutes.

“They’re penalties that are avoidable; you can work hard to avoid it, and we just aren’t doing it. It’s disappointing because it’s been talked about, and we know it’s been an issue, but it’s just not getting through.”

Pausing, the most eloquent member of the Flames offered up a simple, “We’re running out of words right now.”

We’ll do the same, so readers can get back to their Blue Jays parties:

### ***Kadri comes through***

Nazem Kadri had his best outing of the season, drawing his first of two penalties just 19 seconds into the game.

The second penalty he drew, five minutes in, led to his first goal of the season, a one-timer on the power play set up brilliantly by the passing of Zayne Parekh and Morgan Frost.

Kadri had a career-high 35 goals last season and will definitely be needed to help lead the way if the Flames are to improve on their league-worst scoring rate.

### ***Parekh promoted***

With an eye on trying to speed up the puck movement on the power play, Parekh was promoted to the top unit Friday.

It worked, well, early on at least.

Five minutes in, his assist on the Kadri goal marked his first in the NHL.

“He did a good job up there tonight,” said Ryan Huska of the 19-year-old defenceman.

“The puck movement up top was noticeably different from him tonight, so it was a lot quicker moving side-to-side, and I think that’s what opened up that chance for Naz on his goal.”

Ultimately, the power play let the Flames down, as it finished 1 for 6.

#### *Captain chips in*

Mikael Backlund may have had his best outing of the season, scoring a beauty, setting up Coleman’s third-period tally, hitting the crossbar, and finishing plus-two with four shots.

The team’s chief penalty killer was also busy doing his best to limit a potent Jets’ power play to two goals in eight chances.

Special teams have been a huge issue for the Flames throughout the team’s horrific start, with the power play sitting 29th in the league at 13.2 per cent, and the penalty kill now 22nd at 74.4 per cent.

#### *Klapka fights again*

Adam Klapka’s team-leading third fight of the season came early in the first period when the six-foot-eight, 235-pound winger found a dance partner in Logan Stanley, who stood just one inch shorter and five pounds lighter.

Heavyweights by stature, if not reputation, the two exchanged just a few punches before an off-balanced Klapka was thrown to the ice.

Klapka hits everything that moves. He’s got some hands, but most importantly, he’s got some jam, willing to do whatever it takes to make an impact in a lineup with too many passengers many nights.

The Flames host the Rangers Sunday night before jetting off for a four-game eastern swing through Toronto, Ottawa, Nashville and Philadelphia.

#### **TSN.ca**

<https://www.tsn.ca/nhl/video/2025/10/25/sawyer-morrissey-fantastic-in-win-over-flames/>

#### ***Sawyer: Morrissey 'fantastic' in win over Flames***

TSN's Dan Robertson and Kevin Sawyer recap all the action from the Winnipeg Jets' 5-3 win over the Calgary Flames, which featured strong performances from Josh Morrissey and Jonathan Toews.