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THREE THINGS: Jets fail to beat Daccord in loss to Kraken
The Jets fired 32 shots at Joey Daccord but couldn't beat the Kraken netminder in 3-0
loss

By Jamie Thomas

WINNIPEG – The Winnipeg Jets saw their five-game win streak come to an end after a 3-0 loss to the Seattle Kraken at Canada Life Centre. It was the first time the Jets have been shutout since they lost 5-0 to the Florida Panthers back on November 16, 2024. Connor Hellebuyck made 25 saves for the Jets who get right back at it tomorrow night when the Calgary Flames come to town.

NO BOUNCES

The Jets had a great chance to score with time winding down in the first period with Josh Morrissey looking for his first goal of the season. The Jets defenceman's shot tipped and went past Seattle netminder Joey Daccord, but it went off the crossbar and stayed out. That was Winnipeg's best chance in the first two periods of the game as the Kraken suffocated the Jets offence.

"I thought they kept us the outside pretty good. We didn't have a ton of grade A chances, a few, like I said, we didn't get a lot of bounces," said Neal Pionk.

"You know, J-Mo's in the first, I thought, went in, but that's the way it goes sometimes."

SPEAKING OF J-MO

The Jets star defenceman was everywhere on Thursday night with a team leading 28:30 of ice time. Morrissey had four shots, two blocks and four hits. He really drove the offence in the third period with Winnipeg down 1-0 and helped the Jets get back to the more direct style of play.

"He's a hard guy to defend when he's feeling it like that," said Scott Arniel.

"I think he was mad at himself in the first because he had a couple of looks and he tried to make plays. I think in the third he did a real good job of manufacturing offence."

NOT MUCH TIME TO REST

The Jets will face a Flames team who will come in trying to end a seven-game winless streak. Winnipeg beat Calgary on Monday night thanks to a third period comeback and will hope to have more puck luck around the net on home ice.

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Daccord, Kraken shut out Jets, hand them 1st loss in 6 games Goalie makes 32 saves; Schwartz has 2 goals, assist

By Darrin Bauming

WINNIPEG -- Joey Daccord made 32 saves, and Jaden Schwartz had two goals and an assist for the Seattle Kraken in a 3-0 win against the Winnipeg Jets at Canada Life Centre on Thursday.

"I think it just gives us a lot of confidence moving forward that if we execute our game plan, we can play with any team in this league," Daccord said. "You know, we're probably not a team that's going to blow anyone's doors off offensively every single night, but we're going to be in every game, we're going to compete, we're going to be disciplined and stick to our structure and execute our game plan. And when we do that we give ourselves a chance to win every night."

Jordan Eberle also scored, and Daccord had an assist for the Kraken (4-2-2), who had lost two in a row. They finished 2-2-2 on a six-game road trip.

"For me it was about the level of battle and the level of compete and the buy-in to playing our way and our structure," Seattle coach Lane Lambert said. "[The Jets] did have a push, they're a good hockey team. For the most part we did a pretty good job of weathering that push. The one thing about that situation, it's a structural thing, it's a team thing, but it's also about winning individual battles and paying the price. We had a lot of good blocked shots towards the end."

Schwartz said, "We checked hard. They've got a lot of skill over there. I thought we were tight, we were moving our feet, our [defensemen] were [in] good gaps and they were defending hard in our own zone and letting Joe see the puck. We had good shifts in the offensive zone, moving our feet and playing hard, being physical on pucks. Everybody was involved today. It was a good team win."

Connor Hellebuyck made 25 saves for the Jets (5-2-0), who had won five straight.

"The second (period) was loose," Winnipeg coach Scott Arniel said. "We got cute, kind of trying to stick-handle our way through the neutral zone. In the first, we got it deep and got it back. In the third period, we did the same thing. You know what, they're good. They're a good defensive team and their goaltender stood tall."

Schwartz made it 1-0 at 2:28 of the second period, putting in a rebound in front after Shane Wright threw the puck on net from the right side and Hellebuyck got a pad on it.

"[Hellebuyck's] one of the best goalies in the League," Schwartz said. "... If he sees it, especially from a distance, there's a good chance he's going to stop it. A big goalie like that (6-foot-4, 207 pounds), you've got to get traffic and try to take his eyes away as much as you can and then be around there for rebounds always."

Daccord made 13 saves in the third period.

"In the second period we got a little discombobulated," Winnipeg forward Kyle Connor said. "Great push in the third. Tip your cap sometimes to the other team with the way they play and their goalie. It was not for a lack of chances."

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SEA@WPG: Schwartz gives Kraken lead in 2nd period

Schwartz scored into an empty net for his second goal of the game to make it 2-0 at 18:20 of the third, and Eberle scored an empty-net goal at 18:43 for the 3-0 final.

"Just attention to detail. I think that's the biggest thing when you're trying to close out a game," Daccord said. "Being sharp and sharp mentally, and focused and just execute the game plan in the last 10 minutes. Coach pulled the guys [aside during] the last two TV timeouts just to go over stuff. I mean, I was doing my own thing, but I like that. I like that he's motivating the guys and giving instruction, and I thought we executed incredibly well down the stretch."

NOTES: It was Daccord's first shutout of the season and sixth in the NHL. ... Schwartz has three goals in his past two games. ... The Jets were shut out at home for the first time since Jan. 13, 2024, when they lost 2-0 to the Philadelphia Flyers. ... Winnipeg forward Mark Scheifele had a five-game goal streak (seven goals) and season-opening six-game point streak (seven goals, three assists) end.

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Seattle Kraken's 3-0 Win Over Winnipeg Jets a Family Affair for Lamberts, Fleurys

By Geoff Kirbyson, The Canadian Press

There were a pair of family battles on the ice at Canada Life Centre Thursday night, and the Seattle Kraken won both in a 3-0 victory over the Winnipeg Jets.

There were no bar-down slapshots or open-ice hip checks by either of the Fleury brothers — Cale with the Kraken and older brother Haydn with the Jets — as the Kraken (4-4-2) skated away with two points and ended their six-game road trip with a win.

"It was awesome. It was real special for those guys," said Seattle head coach Lane Lambert. "I know (the brothers) had dinner together last night. It was a pretty cool night all the way around in terms of family dynamics."

Lambert, too, has ties on the Jets. His 21-year-old nephew, Brad Lambert, is a centre in Winnipeg.

The coach wasn't focusing on the younger Lambert on Thursday, but was impressed by some of what he saw.

"In the first period he showed signs of speed. He came down the wing and ripped a shot on goal," Lane Lambert said.

His mother Marilyn — Brad's grandmother — watched the game from the stands.

"(Brad's) grandmother was hoping for her son so I guess she got what she wished for," the Kraken coach added with a smile.

Seattle goalie Joey Daccord also merited special praise from Lambert after turning aside all 32 shots he faced in his first shutout of the season and the sixth of his career. He also recorded an assist in his fourth win of the campaign.

"I thought our goalie was great. He made some big saves and did a really good job of playing the puck and helping us out," Lambert said.

"He plays it well. Every once in awhile there's going to be maybe a little mistake. For the amount he plays it, it really helps us on our breakouts and can break up their forecheck."

Daccord was quick to credit his teammates for their work in front of him.

"They were excellent tonight. There's going to be breakdowns, going to be mistakes," he said. "(The Jets) have great players that are going to generate offence and when they did get a chance or a shot, our guys did an awesome job having good sticks, boxing out, letting me see the puck and clearing rebounds. I thought it was a top-level effort from our group."

Jaden Schwartz was the offensive engine for the Kraken, scoring twice — including the winner early in the second period — and adding an assist.

He was particularly happy to get one past Hellebuyck, who finished last season as the NHL's most valuable player and won the Vézina Trophy as the leauge's top goaltender. The goalie stopped 25 of the 26 shots he faced for the Jets (5-2-0).

"He's one of the best goalies in the league. I think he might have won the MVP last year, so if he sees it, especially from a distance, there's a good chance he's going to stop it," Schwartz said. "A big goalie like that, you've got to get traffic and try to take his eyes away as much as you can and then be around there for rebounds."

Schwartz's second goal was into an empty net with Hellebuyck on the bench. Jordan Eberle also put his second of the season into the empty cage.

Jets coach Scott Arniel said aside from some sloppiness in the second period, he liked a lot of what he saw from his troops.

"We had a lot of chances to score goals," he said. "I know for a fact, I'm going to look at it. There was probably seven or eight quality ones where their goaltender made a stop or we just missed. That's sort of how this league bounces at times."

The Jets, who won the President's Trophy last season for having the league's best record, had not been shut out at home since Jan. 13, 2024 when they were blanked by the Philadelphia Flyers 2-0.

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Are the Jets an elite defensive team? (VIDEO)

After being shutout by the Kraken, what should we think about Winnipeg's offensive attack? TSN Hockey analyst Martin Biron shares his thoughts on that, and whether we should consider the Jets an elite defensive team.

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Road weary Kraken jam Jets for shutout win (VIDEO)

At the tail end of a grueling six-game road trip, the Kraken played a stifling style to slow down the Jets to pull off a shutout win. TSN's Dan Robertson and Kevin Sawyer have more on how Seattle was able to get Winnipeg off their game and more.

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Stingy Kraken stymie Jets Tight-checking, strong-goaltending Seattle gives Winnipeg taste of its own medicine

By: Mike McIntyre

It's a tale as old as time: Tired, slumping hockey team limps into town and, facing a rested, streaking opponent, finds a way to gut out a victory.

For the latest in a long line of examples, see what transpired Thursday night at Canada Life Centre.

The Winnipeg Jets were basically beaten at their own game — stymied by stellar goaltending, strong special teams and a committed to defensive structure on full display by the Seattle Kraken, who ultimately skated away with a 3-0 win.

"You know what, they're good. They're a good defensive team and their goaltender stood tall," said Jets coach Scott Arniel.

"They kept us to the outside, their five guys were packing it in pretty tight. It was going to take a greasy one, a deflection or a rebound and like I said, their goaltender was real good and they played a pretty stingy game."

It's the end of a five-game winning streak for Winnipeg, who fall to 5-2-0. It's also the end of a two-game losing streak for Seattle — by a combined score of 9-3 — as they wrap up a six-game road trip and improve to 4-2-2.

The Jets couldn't find a way to beat Kraken goaltender Joey Daccord. He stopped all 32 shots he faced, including 13 in the third period as the Jets mounted a late push for the equalizer only to get burned by a pair of late empty-netters.

"In the second period we got a little discombobulated, we were not on the same page a lot of times," said Jets forward Kyle Connor.

"Great push in the third. Tip your cap sometimes to the other team with the way they play and their goalie. Hopefully we can be a mature group here and take what we can from that game and not get too down on ourselves for not getting on there."

Winnipeg didn't get blanked at all on home ice last season. The last time that occurred was Jan. 13, 2024 against the Philadelphia Flyers.

Connor Hellebuyck took the hard-luck loss after stopping 25 of 26 pucks that came his way.

Let's break this one down further:

THE GAME-WINNER: In a tight-checking game with not a lot of easy ice, a little mistake can go a long way.

Winnipeg's third-pairing of Haydn Fleury and Luke Schenn would probably want a do-over on what ultimately became the game-winning goal early in the second period.

Fleury strayed too far from his own net, creating an open lane that led to Shane Wright's initial shot that was stopped by Hellebuyck. Schenn was then too slow on the read as Jaden Schwartz beat him to the rebound and buried it.

THE CHANCES: The Jets had plenty of them, including a sequence right in the waning seconds of the first period which included a near-miss by Mark Scheifele, a Josh Morrissey shot off the crossbar and the subsequent rebound which bounced in the crease and hopped over the stick of Gabe Vilardi, who is still looking for his first goal of the young season.

Jonathan Toews had a quality opportunity at the start of the final frame, but his wrister just went a bit high and wide. Morgan Barron also came close as a puck deflected on him just wide of the far post. Logan Stanley had a great chance in the third, getting a point-blank shot from the slot after a nifty dangle to evade a Kraken checker.

This marked the second game in a row the Jets entered the third period down 1-0. Unlike Monday night in Calgary, when Toews and Scheifele scored to complete the comeback, a similar rally wasn't in the cards.

"I liked a lot of what happened in the first, I liked a lot of what happened in the third. The second was loose," said Arniel.

"We didn't get any zone time. We got cute, kind of trying to stickhandle our way through the neutral zone."

UNDER THE HOOD: The Jets have won plenty of games, including a few already this season, when the underlying numbers suggest they got lucky.

Thursday night would be the opposite. According to the website Natural Stat Trick, the Jets generated plenty of offence — including 10 high-danger chances — and had an "expected goals" total of 3.19.

Meanwhile, they continued to defend well and only gave Seattle five high-dangers and 2.11 expected goals.

In that sense, the Kraken gave the Jets a taste of their own medicine.

"We had a lot of first opportunities. And, the rebounds just weren't there tonight. We didn't get a few bounces," said Jets defenceman Neal Pionk.

GOOD BEHAVIOUR: One area of improvement Arniel was looking for involved discipline for his club.

The Jets entered play having been shorthanded 27 times over their first six games, a rate of 4.5 per game which trailed only the Chicago Blackhawks for most in the NHL.

The Jets were on their best behaviour in this one, with just one trip to the sin bin. That was an extremely dubious one, with Kyle Connor whistled for slashing. Put it this way: The referee's motion on his own arm to signal the call to the crowd was far more vicious than the love-tap Connor had issued.

The Jets killed the minor and are now 27-for-28 on the kill so far this year.

"It was a lot better, obviously. We didn't shoot ourselves in the foot," said Arniel. "We were able to be rolling our lines and getting five-man units out there. If you stay out of the box, it certainly helps."

KEY PLAY: With the Jets pressing for the equalizer and Hellebuyck on the bench for an extra attacker, a bobbled puck just inside the Seattle blue-line quickly ended up in the back of the empty net as Schwartz made it 2-0 with 100 seconds to play. Jordan Eberle then scored another freebie a short time later.

THREE STARS:

- 1. Kraken G Joey Daccord: 32 save shutout
- 2. Kraken LW Jaden Schwartz: 2 goals
- 3. Kraken D Adam Larsson: 1 assist, +3

SCOUT IN THE HOUSE: It's worth noting that St. Louis Blues general manager Doug Armstrong was among those taking in the game from the press box. He was here on official Team Canada duties, as he's in charge of the squad which will compete for gold in Italy.

No doubt Scheifele — who has very much played his way into contention with a sizzling start to his year — and Josh Morrissey — who was on the 4 Nations squad that won it all last February — were on his radar.

EXTRA: A crowd of 13,690 took in the game, which is the smallest so far of the four home dates.

Winnipeg went 0-for-3 on the power play.

The Jets outhit the Kraken by a considerable margin (30-13). They were also in a giving mood, with 24 giveaways on the night compared to 14 for the visitors. The Jets also dominated in the faceoff circle, winning 32 of 57 draws.

Forwards Parker Ford and Nikita Chibrikov and defenceman Colin Miller were the healthy scratches for the Jets.

Winnipeg gets right back on the ice as they host Calgary on Friday night. Backup goaltender Eric Comrie is expected to make his second start of the year.

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Following in his brother's footsteps Fleurys savour every moment together on ice, as teammates and as foes

By: Ken Wiebe

In his role of older brother, Haydn Fleury has worn many hats.

The Winnipeg Jets defenceman has shown the way, acted as a protector and often lent a helping hand with a word or two of advice when it comes to the experiences on and off the ice he shares with Cale, who plays for the Seattle Kraken and is just over two years younger.

After the morning skate Thursday, Fleury played the role of hype man as he spoke with reporters about the third meeting of their respective NHL careers that was about to take place inside Canada Life Centre.

"Yeah, this is the marquee matchup, though," said Fleury. "Around the NHL, everyone has this one on their calendars."

For those who weren't there to witness it in person, Fleury's tongue was firmly planted in his cheek when he uttered those words in response to a question about how two of his Jets' teammates also have NHL brotherly connections in Luke and Brayden Schenn and Morgan and Justin Barron — who went head-to-head in Winnipeg last Saturday when the Nashville Predators were in town.

The Fleury brothers are most definitely the marquee matchup for the folks of Carlyle, Sask., the town they grew up in that is 200 km southeast of Regina.

The brotherly bond is a strong one, as Haydn blazed the trail to play first in minor hockey and eventually moving on to the famous Notre Dame Hounds program before graduating to the Western Hockey League to eventually become a Top-10 pick of the Carolina Hurricanes in the 2014 NHL Draft.

Cale followed a similar road and was chosen in the third round of the 2017 NHL Draft by the Montreal Canadiens.

"It's awesome," said Cale. "Similar paths. I've been following his footsteps every step of the way. It's (nice) to have somebody to look up to and ask for advice. Even having somebody that understands what you're going through helps out a lot."

Make no mistake, this is a two-way street and the older brother has also done plenty of leaning on the younger brother over the years.

"We've been to a lot of places together," said Haydn. "I just remember the backyard rink games, all the mini-sticks and all the things along the way. These are special nights and some things I'll never forget.

"Yeah, there'd be some days where maybe we both weren't playing, like last year in Seattle, and we just hung out and almost take your mind off it. We have a lot of things in common. We both love to play golf in the summer and try to do that as much as we can. I think we do a really good job of separating the game from our relationship and just being able to hang out and be brothers instead of hockey players is something we do a really good job of."

Cale's NHL debut with the Canadiens came on Oct. 3 of 2019 against the Hurricanes — and his older brother, which made for quite a memorable night for the family, which includes their father John and their mother Sandy.

"I hadn't scored yet, I think I had played 87 games or something like that. And he got a breakaway in his first game," said Haydn. "Thankfully, Petr Mrazek made a great save for me, otherwise I wouldn't hear the end of it from that one."

Cale verified Haydn's account of that first meeting — and admitted there would have been some lifelong chirping involved had he found the back of the net.

"It didn't even feel like I was real that I had a breakaway in my first game. But, I was unlucky that I didn't score," said Cale. "Haydn didn't have a goal in the league yet at that point, so I really wanted to bury one before him."

The Fleury parents were once again in attendance for Thursday's tilt, just as they were Wednesday when everyone went to watch Haydn's oldest son play hockey after a family dinner.

"There won't be any jerseys or merch worn on any side," said Haydn. "When you look at two kids from a town of 1,200 people to make the NHL and be able to play each other is really cool. I know they're really proud of both of us."

The support from the province of Saskatchewan and the town of Carlyle has been evident to the Fleurys for years.

"Yeah, it's awesome. I think most of our town is Jets fans. It's really cool," said Haydn. "My parents live there now and they really feel the support. Just the texts we get from people in our community is really special."

Part of the shared experience for the Fleury brothers included suiting up in a handful of games with the Kraken together during the 2021-22 season, when Haydn suited up in 36 contests and Cale got into nine.

"Obviously, playing against him is pretty sweet and not a lot of guys get to do that," said Cale. "But playing with your brother, even (fewer) guys get the chance to do that, so it was pretty neat."

Cale was at the end of a six-game road trip on Thursday, so the bonus family time was welcome

"It (provides) a little bit of a perk up to see the family and step away from the game a little bit," he said. "It's nice."

Since signing a one-year, two-way deal as an unrestricted free agent with the Jets in the summer of 2024, Haydn has done an excellent job of carving out a role as an NHL regular.

After a strong performance in the playoffs — which included more than 33 minutes of ice time in Game 7 against the St. Louis Blues in the opening round — Haydn signed a two-year pact with the Jets this past summer and he's settled in nicely on a pairing with Luke Schenn.

Jets head coach Scott Arniel has seen growth in Haydn's game since he arrived on the scene.

"I always knew he was a really good skater and that's always his best attribute, in the sense of how quick he can close on people and jump in the rush," said Arniel. "But we've really seen it more this year. Obviously, he's in every night right now, and he's been able to put his skating on display. But then he's added to it as well, with his defending and closing quick on people jumping in the rush offensively, creating plays. He's had some really good looks offensively. And that's kind of just him feeling confident in doing those things nightly."

Cale, meanwhile, appeared in his fourth game of the campaign with the Kraken and is trying to take advantage of an extended run with Ryker Evans sidelined with an injury and Brandon Montour away from the team for family reasons.

Just like he has since they were kids growing up in small-town Saskatchewan, Cale is trying to be like his big brother.

"He's been grinding, in and out of the lineup for a long time. It's taken until now, when he's 28 or 29, where he's established himself that he can help out every night and stick around in the lineup," said Cale. "That's definitely my next goal is to stick around and try to be a game player every day."

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Jets' penalty kill one step ahead Savvy shorthanded play covers for early-season parade to sin bin

By: Ken Wiebe

It's the type of conversation that makes NHL coaches uncomfortable, out of fear that discussing it will cause it to unravel.

So it's understandable when Winnipeg Jets head coach Scott Arniel brings humour into the equation when his sizzling-hot penalty kill is raised.

Arniel wants to keep most of the finer details to himself, out of fear of providing a subtle clue or two about what has made the unit so successful to a future opponent.

The other part of him has no interest in tempting fate, which makes sense when you consider the Jets have managed to kill off 23 consecutive minors and are 26-for-27 for the season while playing shorthanded.

This is mind-boggling stuff, especially when you consider two of the Jets most reliable penalty killers, captain Adam Lowry and defenceman Dylan Samberg, remain sidelined.

That's a testament to the tweaks Jets assistant coach Dean Chynoweth has made within the system and the personnel brought in by general manager Kevin Cheveldayoff to augment a group that moved from near the bottom of the NHL in penalty killing in 2023-24 to 13th overall last season.

Yet as the Jets prepare to host the Seattle Kraken on Thursday to open a three-game homestand at Canada Life Centre, the topic is impossible to ignore as it has clearly contributed to a five-game winning streak and a 5-1 start.

"Too many penalties," said Arniel. "We've had way too many opportunities to practice it."

Although Arniel made it clear he was joking, at least to a degree, there was plenty of truth attached to his words.

For a team that prided itself on not spending much time in the sin bin last season, the Jets have been shorthanded five times on four occasions, four times once, and three times in the other game they played.

That number can be reduced by placing a greater emphasis on being more disciplined, since stick infractions have accounted for 14 of the fouls the Jets have accrued and six interference minors have been called against them so far.

"For me, we always talk about checking with your legs. We've got to keep sticks off people," said Arniel. "You get a little bit rattled at times when they're in the offensive zone. Getting on the wrong side of people and then trying to use your stick to catch back up. Yeah, it does happen quite a bit.

"There's a lot of calls early on in the season. Then, guys get a feel for what's going on. There are areas we can clean up but if they're aggressive penalties and there are things that happen to save goals, you have to do what you have to do. We can clean that up a little bit."

What doesn't require cleaning up is the job the Jets have been doing to ensure the increase in shorthanded situations hasn't come back to bite them.

To date, the Jets have actually outscored their opponent 2-1 in four-on-five situations, which means they've been competing hard and winning a lot of one-on-one battles all over the ice.

"The big thing for me is that we look really in sync," said Arniel. "All four guys, plus our goaltender, are all on the same page when it comes to reads, pressure points, working on retrievals, shared clears, and getting them down the ice."

Jets defenceman Josh Morrissey believes improvements were actually made as last season wore on, though a barrage of early goals allowed made it difficult for the team to dig its way out of the hole it had dug for itself.

"We got off to a rough start last year and were kind of playing catch-up," said Morrissey, whose shorthanded minutes have been elevated this season with Samberg on the shelf. "I think our PK was actually better last year at points than the numbers showed. It's tough to quantify when the numbers are there.

"From Day 1 this year, it's been an area of emphasis. We want to be a good penalty-killing team. The PK is kind of a thankless job. You don't often get a lot of accolades for being out there and (you're) doing the sort of dirty work, blocking shots, winning battles — all the intangibles that go into a good PK. It's been awesome to see the effort level and commitment level on our kill."

The effort and commitment levels are evident throughout the lineup, as the Jets have integrated new players up front such as Cole Koepke, Tanner Pearson, Jonathan Toews as well as Parker Ford when he's been in the lineup.

Morgan Barron has taken on an elevated role, Alex Iafallo and Vladislav Namestnikov are getting their regular reps and Kyle Connor and Mark Scheifele are contributing here as well.

On the back end, Dylan DeMelo and Neal Pionk have eclipsed 20 minutes while shorthanded, while Luke Schenn (15:22) and Haydn Fleury (12:10) have also been supported by Morrissey and Logan Stanley.

Naturally, the goaltending has been excellent here as well.

The lone goal to be scored against the Jets penalty killers came five seconds after Pionk exited the penalty box to turn a 5-on-3 disadvantage into a 5-on-4.

When a team enjoys as much success on the penalty kill as the Jets have, the opposition will be scouring the film to look for places they can try to attack.

Since the Jets have a potent power play that has scored in five consecutive games and currently sits third in the NHL (with a 30.0 per cent efficiency rating), they also have a good idea of the areas they're trying to protect on the ice to limit the number of high-danger chances against.

"There's only so many looks that come from a power play," said Arniel. "If the PK knows that if a certain team is in a setup, if that's a one-three-one or an overload one-timer set, we have an idea where the next plays are. That's being one step ahead. When it goes to the goal line, what are his options going to be and who are going to be the most dangerous people? We know it's not going to be the guy at the blue line.

"So, it's the reads that happen. We kind of anticipate or have an idea of what their next plays are going to be."

When the reads are right and players are in sync all over the ice, remarkable runs are possible, like the one the Jets are riding.

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Low-five: Jets five-game win streak ends in a 3-0 loss to Seattle Kraken

By Gordon Anderson

All it takes is one slow reaction to bring a win streak to an end.

Jaden Schwartz scored twice as the Seattle Kraken snapped the Jets' five-game win streak in a 3-0 victory on Thursday night at Canada Life Centre.

The winning goal came early in the second period when Schwartz managed to beat Alex Iafallo to the back post before burying a rebound behind Connor Hellebuyck at 2:28. The goal was Schwartz's third of the season.

The goal was set up when Shane Wright's shot from the left corner ricocheted off the body of Hellebuyck, the puck bouncing to Schwartz who was skating unmarked towards the right post, with Iafallo a step behind.

"I liked a lot of what happened in the first, I liked a lot of what happened in the third," head coach Scott Arniel said. "The second was loose. We didn't get any zone time. We got cute, kind of trying to stickhandle our way through the neutral zone."

Prior to the Schwartz goal, the Jets nearly assumed a 1-0 lead late in the first period when Josh Morrissey's shot from the right point hit traffic in front and pinged off the crossbar at 19:55. Gabe Vilardi had a chance to knock the bouncing puck into the empty net, but he whiffed on the rebound.

"We didn't have a ton of Grade A chances, a few, like I said, we didn't get a lot of bounces," Neal Pionk. said. "Morrissey's shot in the first, I thought, went in, but that's the way it goes sometimes." Pionk was credited with five shots on net.

The Jets pulled Hellebuyck for the extra attacker with less than two minutes remaining in the third period, but the visitors scored an empty-net goal at 18:20 when Schwartz intercepted a Morrissey pass intended for Kyle Connor at the Jets blue line before racing in alone for the empty-netter.

Jordan Eberle then scored a second empty-net goal at 18:43, to further pad the advantage.

"(Seattle) is a good defensive team and their goaltender stood tall," Arniel said. "They kept us to the outside, their five guys were packing it in pretty tight. It was going to take a greasy one, a deflection or a rebound and like I said, their goaltender was real good and they played a pretty stingy game."

The Jets outshot Seattle 13-8 in the third but couldn't solve Seattle netminder Joey Daccord. The Kraken netminder stopped 32 shots for his first shutout of the season. The win snapped a two-game losing streak for the Kraken.

"We had a great push in the third," Kyle Connor said. 'Tip your cap sometimes to the other team with the way they play and their goalie. It was not for a lack of chances, obviously if we push them like that and control a lot of the zone time like that we are going to score a lot more times than that."

Connor logged 22:41 of ice time. He was credited with six shots on net.

Hellebuyck stopped 25 of 26 shots. The loss snapped a four-game winning streak for the Jets netminder

The Jets went 0-3 with the powerplay. The Jets penalty kill went 1-for-1. The PK has blanked the opposition 25 consecutive times, dating back to the home opener against the Dallas Stars.

The last time Winnipeg was shutout at home occurred in January of 2024, when the Philadelphia Flyers earned a 2-0 victory.

Winnipeg hosts the Calgary Flames on Friday night. The Flames are on a seven-game losing streak. Puck drop is scheduled for 7 p.m.

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Jets PK getting too much practise by taking way 'too many penalties'

By Gordon Anderson

From the onset of training camp, the Winnipeg Jets wanted to focus on improving their penalty-

And early this season, the Jets have managed to stymie the opposition power plays in 26 of 27 opportunities, which equates to a league-best 96.3 per cent efficiency rate. Last year, they ranked 13th in the NHL at 79.4 per cent.

The reason for the improvement, however, has a negative side to it, as head coach Scott Arniel explains.

"(We are taking) too many penalties," he said prior to Thursday night's game against the Seattle Kraken. "We've had way too many opportunities to practise (the penalty kill)."

Heading into the Kraken game, contest, the Jets were whistled for 27 penalties in six games. That's the seventh most minors in the league. The Boston Bruins and Chicago Blackhawks lead the charge to the box with 33 minors apiece. The Anaheim Ducks are the least penalized team with 14 infractions in six games.

As far as the nature of the penalties goes, that is a different story.

Arniel can stomach minors that are solely derived from effort.

"I am not going to criticize the guys for the physical penalties that happen as there are a few of them that happen in a game," Arniel said. But what he doesn't like are stick fouls, infractions that fly in the face of the team's speed game and up-tempo style of play.

"We've got to keep sticks off people," Arniel said. "You get a little bit rattled at times when they're in the offensive zone. To me, it's those stick infractions. Getting on the wrong side of people and then trying to use your stick to catch back up. It does happen quite a bit. There's a lot of calls early in the season."

Debate what constitues a stick infraction or 'lazy' penalty, but of the 27 minors 13 were judged as stick fouls, with three for hooking, three for holding, and seven for tripping.

Arniel's prescription for stick fouls or infractions that are maybe perceived as coming from a lack of effort is, 'checking with your legs.'

"I always say, try to check with your legs, not with your stick," Arniel said. "I's great that we're getting opportunities that are penalty kill, but at the same time, it's just it catches up to you, so you just, you really lose the rhythm and the pace of the game, and the lines kind of get mixed up on and when you have a lot of that. But for me, it is about being better with our details, with our checking, not taking those infractions."

Arniel says the Jets have a speed advantage, so why not use it.

"When we skate and close and use our (team) quickness on people, then we are away from that stuff where we have to use our sticks and hands to grab on to people," he said.

So far, the high penalty totals haven't burned the Jets.

"The big thing for me is that we look really in sync," Arniel said of the penalty-killing units. "All four guys, plus our goaltender, all on the same page when it comes to reads, pressure points, working on retrievals, shared clears, and getting the pucks down the ice."

Defenceman Josh Morrissey agreed with Arniel about the goaltending aspect.

"Your goaltender has to be your best penalty-killer and Connor Hellebuyck certainly has been, and Eric Comrie as well when he was in," Morrissey said.

The only power-play goal allowed came against the Dallas Stars in the home opener when Jason Robertson scored early in the third period. The Jets have been perfect since.

"The PK is a thankless job," Morrissey said. "You don't often get a lot of accolades for being out there and doing the dirty work, blocking shots, winning battles — all of the intangibles that go into a good PK.

"It's been awesome to see the effort level and commitment level on our kill."

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Blue Jays fan Josh Morrissey sets career assists mark for Jets defenceman

By Gordon Anderson

Josh Morrissey is the new career assists leader among the Jets defencemen.

Morrissey surpassed his former defence partner, Dustin Byfuglien, with his 295th helper in a 2-1 win over the Calgary Flames on Monday. He earned the secondary assist on Mark Scheifele's game winner at 15:06 of the third period and was given a standing ovation during the first period of Thursday night's game against the Seattle Kraken

"It's a pretty cool feeling, for sure," Morrissey said. "Buff was my first defensive partner in the NHL and played the first 40 or 50 games together as a pairing in my rookie year, I have so much respect for him and I'm very thankful for his mentorship early on and how many things I learned from him."

The Jets drafted the Calgary native with the 13th pick overall in the 2013 entry draft. Morrissey played one game for the Jets during the 2015-16 season. The ex-Prince Albert Raiders d-man joined the Jets on a full-time basis the following season.

Byfuglien notched 294 helpers in eight seasons with the Jets. Byfuglien transferred to Winnipeg after the Atlanta Thrashers franchise relocated to Winnipeg in June 2011.

"I'm not sure I ever thought I'd pass him in something," Morrissey said. "It's a testament to playing with a lot of great players and a lot of guys that can put the puck in the back of the net."

And, speaking of numbers:

Morrissey would like to see four more victories in the win column for the Toronto Blue Jays.

"I'm kind of jumping on the bandwagon," he said. "It's cool to see the way their run has kind of united Canadians and coast-to-coast people are going crazy," Morrissey said. You saw the other night in the Saddledome when they showed the home run and the eventual strikeout to end the game. The place was going nuts."

Morrissey wasn't alive the last time the Jays won the World Series in 1993.

"It's pretty cool that everyone is behind them," the 30-year-old said. "There aren't too many teams in sport that kind of represent a singular country outside of a national team. It's cool to see how people have come together to support them, and hopefully they can go on and win the World Series."

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Winnipeg Jets blanked at home 3-0 by Kraken

By Christian Aumell & Russ Hobson Global News

The five-game win streak for the Winnipeg Jets is over.

Facing a Seattle team at the end of a six-game road trip, the Jets were unable to solve the Kraken's defensive scheme, falling 3-0 Thursday night at the Canada Life Centre.

While neither team was able to generate a lot of quality chances, the Kraken scored early in the second period and tacked on a pair of empty net goals for the three-goal win after losing their previous five consecutive meetings against Winnipeg.

The Jets found their legs in the final frame and threw 13 shots on goal, but Joey Daccord recorded his sixth career shutout as the Jets were blanked for the first time this season.

"You're not going to tic-tac-toe your way around a team like that, that is taking away the middle of the ice," said Jets head coach Scott Arniel. "In the second period, I thought that's what we were trying to do – too cute. But I liked our first. I thought our first we broke out of our zone real well against a good forechecking team, we got out of there.

"The third period I thought it was better. There was some real good looks. There was some chances that I thought the puck was going in the net and it found a way to stay out."

Jaden Schwartz scored twice for the Kraken in the victory, and he also added one assist.

The loss drops the Jets to 5-2 on the season and 2-2 on home ice.

The Kraken were able to cool off the red-hot Mark Scheifele and Kyle Connor. Scheifele had both his six-game point-streak and five-game goal streak halted, while Connor's six-game point-streak also ended in the defeat.

"The second period we got a little discombobulated," said Connor. "Not on the same page a lot of times. Great push in the third, tip your cap sometimes to the other team and the way they played 'D' and the goalie, yeah, not for a lack of chances."

The Jets were held to only eight shots on goal in the middle stanza.

"I thought they kept us to the outside pretty good," said Jets defenceman Neal Pionk. "We didn't have a ton of grade-A chances, we had a few. Like I said, we didn't get a lot of bounces.

"I think they limited second chances. We had a lot of first opportunities, and the rebounds just weren't there tonight and we didn't get a few bounces, so, overall, it wasn't a horrible game, but we'll get back at it tomorrow."

Despite the loss, the Jets have only surrendered nine goals in the last six games with the goalie in the net.

Neither side found the back of the net in a mostly uneventful first period. Winnipeg had the best chance in the dying seconds when a point shot deflected off the crossbar and landed in the crease. Gabriel Vilardi swiped at the loose puck but was unable to make contact before it was swept away to safety.

Seattle opened the scoring early in the second. Adam Larsson came off the bench and kept the puck in at the point, sliding it down to Shane Wright. He took a shot through traffic that Connor Hellebuyck stopped but there was a big rebound that went right to the stick of Schwartz for an easy put-back at the 2:28 mark.

It stayed that way for most of the rest of the game, though Winnipeg started to push hard midway through the third period. They spent several minutes in the Seattle end but were unable to get one past Daccord.

Winnipeg pulled Hellebuyck for an extra attacker with just under two minutes left, but off an offensive-zone faceoff, the puck went back to Josh Morrissey who blew a tire, giving Schwartz an open lane to skate the puck into the empty net.

The Jets pulled Hellebuyck again but once against Seattle found free ice for an easy emptynetter, this one going to captain Jordan Eberle.

Winnipeg managed to outshoot the Kraken 32-28 but Daccord stopped every shot he faced while Hellebuyck turned aside 25 shots in defeat.

The Jets will try to start a new win streak Friday night at home against Calgary. Pregame coverage starts at 5 p.m. on 680 CJOB with the puck dropping just after 7.

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32 Thoughts: Flames in 'danger zone' as season begins to slip away

By Elliotte Friedman

- 19. Was in Winnipeg for about 24 hours to tape our interview with Jonathan Toews. What absolutely stood out is the local population's pride that this native son chose to play for the Jets.
- 20. I do believe that Toews' comments about being captain at a young age will matter. Toews was the youngest captain in Blackhawks history and third-youngest ever in the NHL when honoured at 20 years and 79 days.

"I don't think it's really fair for a 21- or 22-year-old kid in that situation because you're trying to find yourself as your hockey career is taking off and it's not a normal life for anyone, let alone a 20-year old kid," he said. "You're not maybe allowing yourself to just grow and mature at your own pace. You're putting a lot of pressure on yourself. Whatever criticism or shortcoming or just any sort of weakness that maybe someone else can expose, I mean, I would really feel that and be very sensitive to it. I would absorb that and kind of take it personally and then try to better myself as opposed to just like...kind of just rub off there or just flatten it a little bit and just be patient. Accept your own flaws, your own weaknesses as you're growing as a young man. So I think that pressure and...the pressure I put on myself was a lot."

Toews said it's only been in the last couple of years that he learned how to do a better job of letting things go.

"I think it's not carrying the stress around like I used to."

It's a reminder, you rarely know what's really going on in someone's head. There are teams with young franchise cornerstones (Chicago, San Jose, potentially Anaheim after Radko Gudas). Will Toews' words affect how they shape their leadership groups?

21. Heritage Classic in Winnipeg gaining steam for next season. Nothing is done until it is done, however.

https://www.sportsnet.ca/nhl/video/which-players-stood-out-most-offensively-to-start-season/

Which players stood out most offensively to start season? (VIDEO)

Mike Kelly joins the Hockey Central panel to break down who stood out the most offensively, including a Jets legend, a Golden Knight cornerstone, a blossoming Senator, the 'Thrill' from Columbus, and a scorer turned playmaker in Toronto.

https://www.sportsnet.ca/nhl/video/starts-with-the-leadership-connor-on-jets-hot-start-to-the-season/

'Starts with the leadership': Connor on Jets' hot start to the season (VIDEO)

Sean Reynolds catches up with Winnipeg Jets' Kyle Connor to discuss the success both he and Mark Scheifele have had early in the season and the keys to another hot start to the season for the team.