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FLAMES LAST GAME RECAP January 2, 2025 – CALGARY FLAMES [3] vs. UTAH HOCKEY CLUB [5]

Game Summary | Event Summary

The Calgary Flames began the new year by welcoming the NHL's newest franchise, the Utah Hockey Club to the Scotiabank Saddledome on Thursday night. Utah would open the scoring just before the midway point of the first period, a lead they would hold until the 19:12 mark where Blake Coleman banged home his ninth to tie things at one through 20. In the second, Logan Cooley restored Utah's lead, but Connor Zary responded just over a minute later and Brayden Pachal would celebrate game number 100 with a goal to flip the script and give the Flames a 3-2 through lead 40. In the third, the visitors would score a pair of quick goals to turn the game around and add an empty netter to knock off the Flames 5-3.

CGY GOAL SCORERS: Coleman (9), Zary (10), Pachal (2)

GOALIE: Vladar 21/25 .840 Sv%

PP: 1/4 (25%) **PK:** 2/3 (67%)

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

DATE	RESULT	GWG	CGY GOALIE	OPP. GOALIE
January 2, 2025	UTA [5] vs. CGY [3] L	Crouse	Vladar	Vejmelka
December 31, 2024	VAN [1] vs. CGY [3] W	Kadri	Wolf	Lankinen
December 29, 2024	CGY [0] at VGK [3] L	Howden	Vladar	Samsonov
December 28, 2024	CGY [3] at SJS [1] W	Backlund	Wolf	Askarov
December 21, 2024	CHI [4] vs. CGY [6] W	Coleman	Wolf	Mrazek

^{*}shootout winning goal

FLAMES UPCOMING SCHEDULE:

DATE	TIME (MST)	OPPONENT	VENUE	
January 4, 2025	8:00pm	vs. Nashville Predators	Scotiabank Saddledome	
January 7, 2025	8:00pm	at Anaheim Ducks	Honda Center	
January 8, 2025	8:30pm	at Los Angeles Kings	Crypto.com Arena	
January 11, 2025	8:00pm	vs. Los Angeles Kings	Scotiabank Saddledome	
January 13, 2025	5:30pm	at Chicago Blackhawks	United Center	

TONIGHTS STORYLINES & STATS

This is the third and final meeting this season between the Flames and Predators. Calgary has won both prior matchups with Nashville so far on the campaign.

This is a Pacific Division versus Central Division matchup; the Flames have a record of 5-4-1 against Central Division teams and a record of 10-8-2 against Western Conference opponents.

LAST MEETING WITH NASHVILLE:

The Calgary Flames finished off a brief two-game road swing on December 10th against the Nashville Predators. Nashville would open the scoring with Jonathan Marchessault giving the home side a 1-0 advantage. Nazem Kadri would stay hot and draw Calgary level just under three minutes later before another Predators goal would see them lead 2-1 heading into the intermission. In the second, the Flames offense would explode with goals from Kevin Rooney, Brayden Pachal, and Jonathan Huberdeau all countering a second Jonathan Marchessault tally to give Calgary a 4-3 lead through 40. The Flames would lock things down in the third and knock off the Preds 4-3.

PACHAL 100:

Flames defenceman Brayden Pachal skated in his 100th career NHL game on Thursday against Utah, celebrating with a goal and a team-high +2 plus/minus. Pachal was originally signed as a free agent by the Golden Knights in September of 2019 before being claimed off waivers by Calgary from Vegas on February 4th, 2024. Since then, Pachal has skated in all 71 games the Flames have played since his arrival and was rewarded for his effort with a two-year contract extension on December 17th.

HUNGRY LIKE THE WOLF:

With his 23 save performance on Tuesday against Vancouver, Dustin Wolf recorded his 20th career win in the NHL. Wolf has become the second-fastest goaltender to 20 career victories with the Flames behind only Miikka Kiprusoff (20-7-4 in 31 GP in 2003-04) and tied Dan Bouchard (10-1-1 in 12 GP in 1974-75) for the fewest games to 10 home wins in a season by a Flames goaltender. The 23-year-old also earned his 12th victory of this season to extend his league lead for most among rookie goaltenders through 2024-25.

RAZZLE DAZZLE:

Entering play tonight, Rasmus Andersson has recorded 42 goals in his career and with one more can surpass Dougie Hamilton and Noah Hanifin for the ninth most goals by a defenseman in franchise history. Andersson already ranks as the highest-scoring Swedish-born rearguard in Flames franchise history. Andersson's 491 games played also put him 26 games away from tying Paul Reinhart (517) for the seventh-most in Flames history.

CALGARY/NASHVILLE TIES:

Flames blueliner Tyson Barrie was acquired by Nashville in February of 2023 and spent the 2023-24 season with the Predators. Nashville forward Mark Jankowski was drafted by the Flames in the first round (21st overall) in the 2012 draft and spent seven seasons with the Flames organization.

INTERIM COACH:

Due to family reasons, on December 8th, Brad Larsen was granted an indefinite leave of absence from his duties as assistant coach with the Flames. Wranglers Head Coach Trent Cull will join the Flames as an assistant coach for the unforeseeable future. Cull is in his second season as bench boss with the Wranglers. Having coached in the AHL for 15 years, Cull was also an assistant coach with the Vancouver Canucks during the 2022-23 campaign.

HEY DID YOU KNOW?

With his goal in Calgary and Nashville's second meeting, Jonathan Huberdeau increased his goal total against the Predators to 15 in 31 career games against Nashville, which is tied with the Flyers (15 in 28 GP) for his second most goals against a franchise. The only club Huberdeau has scored more goals against is the Tampa Bay Lightning (17 in 47 GP).

Flames assistant coach Dan Lambert was an assistant with Nashville from 2019-20 until the 2022-23 campaign.

Nazem Kadri has scored eight of his 14 goals this season in the third period.

In Calgary and Nashville's first meeting, Dustin Wolf recorded the first shutout of his career, becoming the third California-born goaltender in NHL history to record a shutout, joining Thatcher Demko and John Blue.

CALGARY FLAMES vs. NASHVILLE PREDATORS

CGY vs. NSH	ALL-TIME	HOME	AWAY	L10	STRK	
	41-36-4-6	20-15-3-4	21-21-1-2	4-3-3	W2	

GAME INFO:

Calgary Flames vs. Nashville Predators

8:00pm MT

Scotiabank Saddledome

TV: Sportsnet West, Sportsnet One, CITY

Radio: Sportsnet Fan 960

2024-25 Season Series: 2-0-0 (Home: 1-0-0, Road 1-0-0)

Nov. 15, 2024 – NSH [0] vs. CGY [2] Dec. 10, 2024 – CGY [4] at NSH [3]

Jan. 4, 2025 - NSH vs. CGY

2023-24 Season Record vs. NSH: 2-1-0 (Home: 1-0-0, Road: 1-1-0)

Last Home Win vs. NSH: November 15, 2024 – Nashville [0] vs. Calgary [2] Last Road Win @ NSH: December 10, 2024 – Calgary [4] at Nashville [3] Last Home Loss vs. NSH: April 10, 2023 – Nashville [3] vs. Calgary [2] (SO) Last Road Loss @ NSH: November 22, 2023 – Calgary [2] at Nashville [4]

2024-25 CALGARY FLAMES

FLAMES RECENT TRANSACTIONS:

Nov. 19 – recalled Adam Klapka (F) from Calgary (AHL)

Dec. 12 – recalled Jakob Pelletier (F) and Walker Duehr (F) from Calgary (AHL); reassigned Adam Klapka (F) to Calgary (AHL), placed Justin Kirkland (F) on IR

Dec. 11 – assigned Jakob Pelletier (F) and Walker Duehr (F) to Calgary (AHL)

Dec. 12 - recalled Jakob Pelletier (F) and Walker Duehr (F) from Calgary (AHL)

Dec. 13 - recalled Devin Cooley (G) on an emergency basis from Calgary (AHL)

Dec. 14 – assigned Jakob Pelletier (F), Walker Duehr (F), and Devin Cooley to Calgary (AHL)

Dec. 16 – recalled Jakob Pelletier (F) and Walker Duehr (F) from Calgary (AHL)

FLAMES RECENT INJURIES (Total man games lost – 59)

Yegor Sharangovich – lower-body injury (7 games 10/9/24 – 10/24/24)

Kevin Rooney – upper-body injury (5 games: 10/12/24 – 10/22/24)

Sam Honzek – upper-body injury (5 games: 10/19/24 –10/28/24)

Anthony Mantha – lower body injury (24 games: 11/7/24 – pres.)

Justin Kirkland – lower-body injury (13 games: 11/30/24 – pres.)

Dan Vladar - lower-body injury (1 game: 12/14/24)

Andrie Kuzmenko – lower-body injury (4 games: 12/14/24 – 12/21/24)

FLAMES CAREER MILESTONES WITHIN REACH:

Tyson Barrie – 397 assists (3 away from 400 assists)

Dan Vladar – 94 games played (6 away from 100 games played)

Rasmus Andersson – 493 games played (7 away from 500 games played)

Ryan Lomberg – 293 games played (7 away from 300 games played)

Yegor Sharangovich – 90 goals (10 away from 100 goals)

Kevin Rooney – 290 games played (10 away from 300 games played)

HOW THE FLAMES WERE BUILT: (* = injured)

Draft (6)	Free Agent (9)	Trade (7)	Waivers (2)
Andersson (53 rd overall, 2015)	Barrie (October 2024)	Bahl (From NJD – 2024)	Hanley (From DAL – 2024)
Backlund (24th overall, 2007)	Bean (July 2024)	Huberdeau (From FLA – 2022)	Pachal (From VGK – 2024)
Coronato (13 th overall, 2021)	Coleman (July 2021)	Kuzmenko (From VAN – 2024)	
Pelletier (26th overall, 2019)	Duehr (April, 2021)	Miromanov (From VGK – 2024)	
Pospisil (105 th overall, 2018)	Kadri (August 2022)	Sharangovich (From NJD – 2023)	
Zary (24th overall, 2020)	Lomberg (July 2024)	Vladar (From BOS – 2021)	
	Mantha* (July 2024)	Weegar (From FLA – 2022)	
	Rooney (July 2022)		-
	Kirkland* (July 2024)		

RECORD BY MONTH

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

POINTS LEADER BY MONTH

	October	November	December	January	February	March	April
Player	Andersson	Kadri	Huberdeau	Coleman			
Points	4-6 – 10	4-5 – 9	8-7 – 15	1-1 – 2			

RECORD BY DAY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1-3-0	1-2-0	7-1-2	1-1-1	1-3-2	2-1-0	5-2-2

RECORD BY DAYS BETWEEN GAMES/ON...

0 Days: 1-3-0 1 Day: 10-9-6 2 Days: 4-1-0 3 Days: 1-0-1 4+ Days: 2-0-0 First of B2B: 3-1-0 Second of B2B: 1-3-0

RECORD WHEN...

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

PLAYER HIGHS

*active

donvo	High (Most Recent Occurrence)	Date: Game
Goals, Game:	2 (Huberdeau)	12/28/24 at SJS
Assists, Game:	3 (Weegar)	11/21/24 vs. NYR
Points, Game:	4 (Huberdeau)	10/12/24 vs. PHI
Shots, Game:	7 (Kadri)	12/28/24 at SJS
TOI, Game:	28:05 (Andersson)	11/25/24 at OTT
Best +/-, Game:	+4 (Andersson)	10/13/24 at EDM
Saves, Game:	39 (Vladar)	10/24/24 vs. CAR
Goal Streak	5 Games (Kadri)	12/10/24 - 12/18/24
Assists Streak	3 Games (Huberdeau)	11/30/24 - 12/5/24
Point Streak	6 Games (Huberdeau 4-5 – 9)	11/30/24 - 12/12/24

	LAST TIME (2024-25)	PREVIOUS
Regulation win, home	12/31/24 vs. VAN	12/21/24 vs. CHI
Regulation win, away	12/28/24 at SJS	12/10/24 at NSH
Regulation loss, home	1/2/25 vs. UTA	12/12/24 vs. TBL
Regulation loss, away	12/29/24 at VGK	12/8/24 at DAL
OT win, home		
OT win, away	11/5/24 at MTL	10/9/24 at VAN
OT loss, home	12/19/24 vs. OTT	12/17/24 vs. BOS
OT loss, away	11/27/24 at DET	11/7/24 at BOS
Shootout win, home	11/21/24 vs. MIN	11/19/24 vs. NYI
Shootout win, away		
Shootout loss, home		
Shootout loss, away	11/9/24 at BUF	
Shutout, home	12/3/24 vs. CBJ	11/15/24 vs. NSH
Shutout, away		

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



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



2) Mikael Backlund 2008-09 - Present 1,028



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



4) Robyn Regehr 1999-00 – 2010-11 826



5) Al MacInnis 1981-82 – 1993-94 803

CALGARY FLAMES JERSEY RECORD:

JERSEY		GP	W	L	OTL/SOL	Last Result
Home		14	9	2	3	12/21/24: 6-4 W vs. CHI
Away		17	5	8	4	12/29/24: 0-3 L at VGK
Alternate	S CONTRACTOR OF THE SECOND SEC	8	5	3	0	1/2/25: 3-5 L vs. UTA