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***THREE THINGS: Scheifele becomes Jets all-time points leader
Scheifele became all-time points leader with power play goal in first period***

By Jamie Thomas

WINNIPEG – Mark Scheifele became the Jets all-time leading scorer tonight as Winnipeg beat Nashville 4-1 at Canada Life Centre. The Jets improved to 4-1-0, the fifth time in franchise history they have won at least four of their first five games of a season. Nino Niederreiter, Logan Stanley and Vladislav Namestnikov had the other goals for the Jets, Jonathan Toews (0-2) recorded his first multi-assist since December 23, 2002. The Jets will fly to Calgary tomorrow and will face the Flames on Monday.

ALL-TIME LEADER

Mark Scheifele didn't wait long to move past Blake Wheeler into top spot on the Jets/Thrashers all-time points list tonight. Following a Steven Stamkos penalty for hooking, the Jets power play went to work with Kyle Connor hitting a wide open Scheifele who one-timed in career point 813.

"Obviously, I'm tremendously honoured. I'm still trying to catch another guy (Hawerchuk). For that one, it will be cool," said Scheifele.

"Obviously, I'm tremendously honoured. I wouldn't be here without the guys, especially the guy I went ahead of. He helped me throughout my career and he also gave me a lot of tap-ins, so I'm very lucky about the guys I play with currently and that I played with in the past and I owe it all to them."

It took Scheifele 884 games to get to point 813 (342 G, 471 A), Wheeler reached 812 in his 895th game as a Jet and that point (assist) came against Nashville on April 8, 2023. Wheeler became the franchise leader in points on December 21, 2019, passing Ilya Kovalchuk's 615 points and held the record for 2,128 days.

STANLEY'S NIGHT

Logan Stanley had a multi-point effort against the Islanders on Thanksgiving and continued his hot start to the season this evening. The big defenceman dropped the gloves with the Preds Michael McCarron in the second period and during the scrap, Jets fans were chanting "Stanley, Stanley". The 27-year-old delivered again in the third ripping a shot past Juuse Saros to give the Jets a three-goal lead and Stanley a career high second goal of the season.

"He's been fantastic here at the start of the year," said Scheifele.

"Obviously, that was a big goal in a game where the momentum was kind of tipping to Nashville. He's been playing great, obviously with the injury to Samberg, we've needed guys to step up and he's done that."

PK DOES IT AGAIN

With the Jets leading 2-0, Nashville took over in the second period outshooting Winnipeg 17-4. The Predators had a 5-on-3-man advantage for 44 seconds and Connor Hellebuyck closed the

door. In the end, the Jets penalty kill continued their dominance shutting down four Nashville power plays and have now killed off 21 off 22 shorthanded situations this season.

"Dean's (Chynoweth) done a really good job of instilling the detail part of it and sticking with it," said Scott Arniel.

"I love how aggressive we are as four. Not just one or two but all four, when one moves they all move, and I just think that's really helped and we have some quickness to do that."

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Scheifele becomes franchise points leader for Jets in win against Predators Forward scores to pass Wheeler mark, helps Winnipeg win 4th straight

By Darrin Bauming

WINNIPEG -- Mark Scheifele became the franchise's all-time points leader for the Winnipeg Jets in a 4-1 win against the Nashville Predators at Canada Life Centre on Saturday.

"That was really special, the fans here are incredible," Scheifele said. "They give us so much extra motivation. We really do have amazing fans. I am lucky to be a part of such a tremendous organization and tremendous community, and I'm very honored to be here."

Scheifele scored his sixth goal of the season for his 813th career point (342 goals, 471 assists) in 884 games, surpassing Blake Wheeler (812) for sole possession of first on the Jets/Atlanta Thrashers all-time list.

"Obviously, I'm tremendously honored," Scheifele said. "I wouldn't be here without the guys, especially the guy I went ahead of (Wheeler). He helped me throughout my career and he also gave me a lot of tap-ins, so I'm very lucky about the guys I play with currently and that I played with in the past, and I owe it all to them."

Nino Niederreiter and Vladislav Namestnikov each had a goal and an assist, and Connor Hellebuyck made 30 saves for the Jets (4-1-0), who won their fourth straight. Jonathan Toews had two assists.

Michael Bunting scored for the Predators (2-2-2), who have lost three straight (0-2-1). Juuse Saros made 20 saves.

"I think we need to start on time," Nashville coach Andrew Brunette said. "Bad penalty right away against a really good power play and fell behind the eight ball, and then made another mental mistake on the second goal.... After that, loved the response. I think when we played to our identity, to the way we want to play, I thought we had a lot of success."

Scheifele gave Winnipeg a 1-0 lead on the power play 2:39 into the first period when he scored with a one-timer.

"It's obviously great to see him get it at home here, in front of the hometown crowd is awesome," Winnipeg coach Scott Arniel said. "He's been such a consistent player. He has such great

offensive skills and instincts. That was a great play, a real highlight-reel goal that he did score. A great pass from [Kyle Connor]. Nice to see him get it over and done with real quick.”

Niederreiter made it 2-0 at 10:25, scoring on a deke to the backhand after Namestnikov’s stretch pass sent him in on a breakaway.

“Not a good first period by us, kind of came out sleepy,” Predators defenseman Roman Josi said. “They were definitely the better team, kind of deserved to be up 2-0. I thought we played better after that and got going and created some chances, obviously had some power-play chances, but you just got to score some goals in this league to win games.”

Logan Stanley pushed it to 3-0 at 5:26 of the third period after his point shot redirected slightly off Predators forward Fedor Svechkov and past Saros.

“That was a great play by [Gustav Nyquist],” Stanley said. “It’s kind of weird when you have that much time, so just head down and hammer it.”

Bunting scored on his own rebound at 18:56 for the 4-1 final.

“We didn’t score (enough),” Brunette said. “I thought we had the puck a lot, we did a lot of good things. We didn’t get rewarded. Their goalie made some heck of some saves.”

NOTES: Scheifele was the franchise’s first draft pick after moving to Winnipeg from Atlanta, when he was selected with the No. 7 pick in the 2011 NHL Draft. ... Scheifele has nine points (six goals, three assists) during a season-opening five-game point streak. ... Connor has eight points (three goals, five assists) during a five-game point streak. ... Nashville forward Jonathan Marchessault was a late scratch and is day to day with a lower-body injury. Brunette had no update postgame.

Canadian Press

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Scheifele sets Jets 2.0 career points record in win over Predators

By Canadian Press

The often-stoic Mark Scheifele showed more emotion than usual after reaching an impressive milestone on Saturday.

The Jets assistant captain scored a power-play goal early in the first period of a 4-1 victory over the Nashville Predators, which made him the all-time leading scorer in Jets 2.0 history with 813 points.

“Yeah, an unbelievable pass by KC (Kyle Connor),” Scheifele said. “He’s good, isn’t he? He’s amazing. Obviously, I’m tremendously honoured. I’m still trying to catch another guy (Dale Hawerchuk). For that one, it will be cool.

“Obviously, I’m tremendously honoured. I wouldn’t be here without the guys, especially the guy I went ahead of. He helped me throughout my career and he also gave me a lot of tap-ins, so I’m

very lucky about the guys I play with currently and who I played with in the past, and I owe it all to them.”

Hawerchuk, who coached Scheifele in junior, leads the Jets 1.0 in all-time points.

Scheifele passed former Jets captain Blake Wheeler to reach the top. The Canada Life Centre scoreboard showed a message from Wheeler congratulating his former teammate for passing him on the list.

“Hearing Wheels’ message was obviously pretty emotional,” Scheifele admitted. “Like I said before, he’s taught me so much. I wouldn’t be where I am today without him. So, hearing him say that is tremendous and I’m excited to call him in the coming days.”

Scheifele also looked emotional on the bench after getting congratulated by everyone waiting for him there after the goal.

“Just all the smiling faces of all the brothers I play with every day,” he said. “I think that’s the biggest thing. These are the guys we spend every single day with. We rely on them each and every day. I’m really lucky to be a part of this group.

“I have a lot of amazing friends — lifelong friends — so to see all the smiling faces and getting hugs from the guys means more than the world to me.”

Scheifele also gave a nod to the 14,309 fans, who gave him a standing ovation for reaching the milestone.

“That was pretty special,” said Scheifele, who scored his sixth goal of the season. “The fans here are incredible. They give us so much extra motivation. We really do have amazing fans and I’m lucky to be a part of such a tremendous organization, a tremendous community and I’m very, very honoured to be here.

“It’s very humbling and I’m very honoured to be in the position I am. Just very lucky.”

The Jets are lucky to have him.

“It’s obviously great to see him get it at home here, in front of the hometown crowd is awesome.,” said Jets coach Scott Arniel. “He’s been such a consistent player. He has such great offensive skills and instincts. That was a great play, a real highlight-reel goal that he did score. A great pass from (Connor). Nice to see him get it over and done with real quick.”

Scheifele’s teammates were obviously thrilled for him.

“We’re all happy for Sheif,” said Logan Stanley, who also scored. “He’s an unbelievable teammate and human, and it’s incredible to watch what he does every night.

“He usually scores nice ones, so it wasn’t surprising, but heck of a shot and great pass to him from KC.”

Scheifele, who was the Jets 2.0 first draft pick, also extended his goal-scoring streak to four games.

The fans also chanted Stanley's name after his goal.

"I think it's a first, so yeah, it felt good," he said. "I'll take it."

Vladislav Namestnikov and Nino Niederreiter also scored for Winnipeg.

Michael Bunting replied for Nashville.

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Scheifele makes history as Jets drop division rivals Passes Blake Wheeler to become franchise's all-time leading scorer

By: Mike McIntyre

Mark Scheifele wasted no time making history.

The first draft pick of the 2.0 Winnipeg Jets became the all-time franchise leader in points Saturday night, firing a perfect one-timer past Nashville Predators goaltender Juuse Saros just 159 seconds into the game.

His milestone marker — officially point No. 813 — would set the tone for a fun one at Canada Life Centre for the 14,309 fans in attendance, who watched the home team skate away with a 4-1 victory over their Central Division rivals.

"An unbelievable pass by KC (Kyle Connor). He's good, isn't he? He's amazing," said Scheifele, who is always quick to dish out verbal assists to his linemates.

"I'm tremendously honoured. I wouldn't be here without the guys, especially the guy I went ahead of. He helped me throughout my career and he also gave me a lot of tap-ins, so I'm very lucky about the guys I play with currently and that I played with in the past and I owe it all to them."

Winnipeg has now won four straight games to improve to 4-1-0 on the year. Nashville falls to 2-2-2.

"It's obviously great to see (Scheifele) get it at home here. In front of the hometown crowd is awesome," said Jets coach Scott Arniel.

"He's been such a consistent player. He has such great offensive skills and instincts. That was a great play, a real highlight-reel goal. A great pass from KC. Nice to see him get it over and done with real quick."

Jets goaltender Connor Hellebuyck had his best outing of the young season, stopping 30 of 31 shots he faced. The reigning Hart and Vezina Trophy winner was 64 seconds away from his first shutout but lost it due to some bad luck — Nashville's Michael Bunting banked a shot in off Jets forward Gustav Nyquist.

Jonathan Toews recorded his first multi-point game since returning to the NHL by registering a pair of assists — and also hit a post — while Vlad Namestnikov and Nino Niederreiter each chipped in with a goal and a helper.

Logan Stanley had the other tally, already his second of the year which sets a new career high. The crowd celebrated his feat by chanting “Stanley, Stanley” in unison — just as they did earlier in the contest when the 6-7 defenceman dropped the gloves with 6-6 Nashville forward Michael McCarron.

“I think it’s a first, so yeah, it felt good, I’ll take it,” Stanley joked after the game.

Yeah, it was that kind of night at the downtown barn.

MAKING HIS MARK: Scheifele sure looks like a player who wants to go to the Olympics. He’s been driving the bus for the Jets, now with points in all five games and nine in total (6G, 3A) to put him among the league leaders.

If he keeps this up, there’s no way Team Canada brass can leave him off the club which will go to Milan in February.

After making local hockey history, Scheifele was greeted with a standing ovation by the appreciative crowd during the first television timeout.

“That was really special. The fans here are incredible. They give us so much extra motivation,” said Scheifele.

“We really do have amazing fans. I am lucky to be a part of such a tremendous organization and tremendous community and I’m very honoured to be here.”

There was also a video message from good friend and former teammate Blake Wheeler, who had held the record of 812 points.

“The day we knew was coming has come,” Wheeler began.

“I remember in 2018, when I broke the record, we got back to the bench and you were congratulating me and I let you know that I was going to hold onto this one for you for a little bit. And now that time has come.”

Scheifele, who turns 33 next March and still has six more years on his contract, now has his sets sight on the 1.0 Jets record held for former junior coach and beloved mentor Dale Hawerchuk. He is 37 goals, 79 assists and 116 points from passing “Ducky” in all three categories.

There’s also the matter of the 1,000 point benchmark, which Scheifele should eventually surpass.

POWER KILL: The penalty kill continues to be one of the biggest surprises of the season. Winnipeg went a perfect 4-for-4 while shorthanded on Saturday, including nearly a minute where Nashville had a 5-on-3 advantage, and they are now 21-for-22 on the year.

Only the Buffalo Sabres, who are 22-for-23, have a better rate in the league.

"It's been great," said Stanley. "Your best penalty killer has got to be your goalie and he has been. And we've got lots of pressure and some veteran guys out there that know what's going on."

One of the penalties the Jets had to kill was a strange one. Josh Morrissey was called late in the second period for a rare "playing without a helmet" infraction. Predators forward Filip Forsberg had delivered a big hit along the boards which caused Morrissey to lose his lid.

The NHL rule states he's required to immediately head off the ice. Instead, Morrissey jumped back into the play, which was quickly whistled down.

On the flipside, Winnipeg went 2-for-3 on the power play against the Predators and are now 5-for-15 on the year.

UNDER THE HOOD: The underlying numbers suggest the Jets weren't as solid as the final score indicated.

According to Natural Stat Trick, Nashville had a whopping 18 high-danger chances in all situations (even strength and special teams) compared to 12 for Winnipeg. The Predators also had 5.34 expected goals versus just 2.99 for the Jets.

All of this underscores how good Hellebuyck was, especially in the second period where the ice was severely tilted with Winnipeg making a parade to the penalty box. High-danger chances alone were 11-4 for the visitors in the middle frame, while shots on goal were 15-4.

"I still don't think we've played a solid 60 minutes yet," said Scheifele.

"I think that's very exciting. Even tonight, we came out great, obviously got an early goal on the power play and then they kind of turned the tides on us, started to buzz on us and got a couple power plays. There are still a lot of things to fix and there are always things to get better at, but we have a group that wants to do that."

KEY PLAY: Stanley's slapper early in the third gave the Jets some additional breathing room and essentially put this one to bed.

"It's kind of weird when you have that much time, so just head down and hammer it," the towering defenceman said of his snipe.

THREE STARS

1. WPG G Connor Hellebuyck: 30 saves
2. WPG D Logan Stanley: 1 goal, 1 fight
3. WPG C Mark Scheifele: 1 goal

EXTRA, EXTRA: Jets captain Adam Lowry joined his teammates for the first time this season during the morning skate, which is another step in his eventual return from offseason hip surgery.

"You notice him? I don't know if you noticed him. Six-foot-six in a yellow jersey," Arniel joked. "But yeah, that's day one. He'll be starting practice with us again."

The end of October remains the earliest possible timeline for a Lowry return, so we'll see how things develop over the next couple of weeks.

The Jets made one roster move on Saturday, calling up Brad Lambert from the Manitoba Moose. He joined forward Nikita Chibrikov and defenceman Colin Miller as the healthy scratches.

Veteran Nashville forward Jonathan Marchessault was a late scratch for the Predators due to a lower-body injury.

Winnipeg now hits the road for a one-game trip to Calgary on Monday night.

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***'Stanley! Stanley!' Jets fans roar for unexpected hero
Once jeered, Stanley earns chants of praise in statement game***

By: Mike McIntyre

CALGARY — The chants were raining down from the rafters Saturday night inside Canada Life Centre. Not once, but twice.

"Stanley! Stanley! Stanley!" the crowd of more than 14,000 bellowed in unison.

Believe it or not, this had nothing to do with a certain silver trophy the Winnipeg Jets hope to be hoisting next June — and everything to do with their 6-7 defenceman who has, at times, been public enemy No. 1 around here.

"I think it's a first, so yeah, it felt good. I'll take it," Logan Stanley said after the game, a 4-1 victory over the Nashville Predators which improved Winnipeg's record to 4-1-0.

It's safe to say the 207th game of Stanley's NHL career will be one he won't soon forget.

First came something familiar: a fight. Stanley went toe-to-toe, and in this case eye-to-eye, with 6-6 Nashville forward Michael McCarron. It was more of a prolonged grappling match than a slugfest, but it clearly got everyone's attention and sparked the first round of chants.

Then came something entirely new: a second goal in the same NHL season. And in just the fifth game of the campaign, no less. Hard to believe, but a player who'd scored exactly one goal in each of his previous five seasons already has a new career high — with 77 games to go. Once again, "Stanley!" echoed through the rink.

"It's kind of weird when you have that much time, so just head down and hammer it," Stanley said of his slapshot which eluded Predators goaltender Juuse Saros and gave the Jets a two-goal cushion in the third period.

For those keeping score at home, Stanley now sits two goals ahead of Edmonton Oilers megastar Connor McDavid in the early Rocket Richard race. And among Winnipeg defencemen, who had Stanley, locked in a battle just to crack the top six out of training camp, leading the way in scoring?

The Jets' social media team even got in on the fun, posting a meme joking that Stanley, now up to 39 career points, was hot on the heels of Mark Scheifele, who on the same night set a new franchise record with 813.

"He's been fantastic here at the start of the year," Scheifele said of the teammate known as "Stanimal."

In all seriousness, Stanley has provided steady play, along with some unexpected offence, for a Jets team currently missing shutdown defenceman Dylan Samberg (broken wrist). He's been physical, smart, and disciplined, avoiding some of the costly errors that dogged him in the past. He's also been a key part of a penalty kill that sits at an impressive 22-for-23.

"Obviously, when we lost Samberg, everybody would have to stand up and I think that he's done that," said Jets coach Scott Arniel.

"When you get a little bit more ice time, you've got to take advantage of it. He's trying to make it hard on us as a staff when Sammy comes back. You have to present the opportunity and it's theirs to go and take and make the most of it and he's done that."

Stanley has always been a lightning rod for some fans, due largely to the fact he was selected in the first round, 18th-overall, in 2016 and hasn't exactly blossomed into the type of player you'd expect from that spot.

There was one game last year, for example, where a blunder ended up in the back of Winnipeg's net late in a game, spoiling what looked to be a shutout for goaltender Connor Hellebuyck. The next time he was on the ice and touched the puck, a chorus of boos rained down.

Some critics also feel he's been afforded chances over more talented young defencemen simply because of his size, which he hasn't always used to his advantage.

But so far this season, Stanley has done exactly what the Jets need him to do while filling in for Samberg on the second pairing beside Neal Pionk. And hearing the home fans chanting your name instead of jeering it? That's got to feel pretty sweet.

"You've got to have confidence to play in this league," said Stanley.

"If something doesn't go right, you're trying to forget about it quick and go back out and make a good play. So yeah, confidence is a huge part and you try and build on it."

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On fire and on notice

Mark Scheifele tops Jets' all-time scoring list and makes strong Olympic case with dominant early season

By: Mike McIntyre

CALGARY — Memo to Team Canada brass: Ignore Mark Scheifele at your own peril.

Two months ago, the veteran Winnipeg Jets centre arrived here in Calgary for an orientation camp as part of the selection process for Canada's Winter Olympics team. Scheifele, who was left off the 4 Nations roster last February, was among 42 players invited this time around.

With the new NHL season underway, he's already building a compelling case to be one of the 25 skaters headed to Milan in February. Scheifele is off to a scorching start, leading the Jets with six goals and nine points through five games — four of them wins.

He is, quite frankly, playing like a man possessed. He'll look to keep it going Monday night when the Jets visit the Flames inside the Saddledome.

"You look at all the top centres in the league. It's their hockey IQ, obviously their stickhandling, their skating, their shot. He has all of that. He always has," Jets coach Scott Arniel remarked on Saturday morning when asked about the growth he's seen from Scheifele.

"Now you throw in how much pride he takes in playing without the puck and that makes him a 200-foot player. For me, as a coach, it helps me not worry about if he's going out against the MacKinnon's or the Hintz's or the McDavid's, those type of guys. You're real comfortable with both him and his linemates because of the buy-in."

A few hours later, Scheifele went out and made some local hockey history, ripping a wicked one-timer past Nashville Predators goaltender Juuse Saros just 2:29 into the game. The goal gave him 813 career points, to put him alone atop the franchise's all-time scoring list.

What followed was a flood of emotion from the first draft pick of the 2.0 era, and from an appreciative fan base that has watched this once-gangly teenager from Ontario grow into a franchise cornerstone and favourite hockey son.

Scheifele's milestone marker prompted a prolonged standing ovation, which he acknowledged during a television timeout by clapping his gloves and touching his heart.

"That was really special. The fans here are incredible. They give us so much extra motivation," Scheifele said following the 4-1 victory by his team. "We really do have amazing fans. I am lucky to be a part of such a tremendous organization and tremendous community and I'm very honoured to be here."

His teammates were just as animated, many literally jumping for joy on the bench.

"Just all the smiling faces of all the brothers I play with every day," Scheifele said of what he saw.

"That was really special. The fans here are incredible. They give us so much extra motivation."

"I think that's the biggest thing. I'm really lucky to be a part of this group. I have a lot of amazing friends — lifelong friends — so to see all the smiling faces and getting hugs from the guys means more than the world to me."

Scheifele fought to keep his emotions in check during his post-game appearance on Hockey Night in Canada, when host Sean Reynolds asked about his late father, Brad, who passed away in May.

“Just hope I’m making him proud. It’s tough not having him here and to be able to call him after this game, but I know he’s watching,” said Scheifele.

He also acknowledged the late, great Dale Hawerchuk — his former junior coach and mentor — who holds the original Jets franchise scoring record.

At 33, with six more years remaining on his contract, it seems only a matter of time before Scheifele surpasses “Ducky” in goals, assists, and points. He currently sits 37 goals, 79 assists and 116 points shy in each respective category.

In true Scheifele form, he was quick to dish out some assists to his teammates.

“An unbelievable pass by KC (Kyle Connor). He’s good, isn’t he?” Scheifele said of the feed that led to his record-breaking snipe.

“I’m tremendously honoured. I wouldn’t be here without the guys, especially the guy I went ahead of (Blake Wheeler). He helped me throughout my career and he also gave me a lot of tap-ins, so I’m very lucky about the guys I play with currently and that I played with in the past and I owe it all to them.”

To that end, a pre-recorded video message from Wheeler, who previously held the mark with 812 points, was played inside Canada Life Centre.

“The day we knew was coming has come,” Wheeler began.

“I remember in 2018, when I broke the record, we got back to the bench and you were congratulating me and I let you know that I was going to hold onto this one for you for a little bit. And now that time has come.”

There are likely plenty more accolades to come. Team Canada must submit its final Olympic roster by Dec. 31, and given Scheifele’s current form, it would be a surprise if he’s left off. He was already on standby for the 4 Nations as an injury replacement, and the Olympic team has two additional roster spots.

If he maintains his torrid pace, Scheifele could eclipse his previous career highs in goals (42, set in 2022-23), assists (50, in 2016-17) and points (87, last season). At this rate, he could approach the 1,000-point milestone by the end of the 2026-27 campaign.

A Stanley Cup remains his ultimate goal — and Winnipeg’s chances look pretty good with their No. 1 centre at the top of his game.

It brings to mind a bold prediction from former Jets coach Paul Maurice several years ago, made just before Scheifele signed the seven-year extension that will likely see him retire with the club that drafted him seventh overall in 2011.

“He has that (potential) to be a one-team player that wins Cups and is the captain of it at some point and gets a bronze statue in front of the building kind of guy,” said Maurice.

It would be a fitting conclusion to the Scheifele story, especially since Hawerchuk’s likeness already stands in True North Square.

“At the end of the day it’s all just very humbling,” said Scheifele. “I’m very honoured to be in the position I am and just very lucky.”

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Mark Scheifele sets Jets points record in a win 4-1 over the Nashville Predators

By Gordon Anderson

Mark Scheifele set a team record, and the Jets improved their overall record in a 4-1 triumph over the Nashville Predators on Saturday night.

Scheifele’s first period power-play marker at 2:39 set the franchise points record for the Jets 2.0 organization at 813. The record of 812 was previously held by Blake Wheeler.

“Obviously, I’m tremendously honoured,” Scheifele said. “I’m still trying to catch another guy (Hawerchuk). For that one, it will be cool.”

Dale Hawerchuk scored 929 points as a member of the original Jets.

“We’re all happy for Scheifele,” Logan Stanley said. “He’s an unbelievable teammate and human, and it’s incredible to watch what he does every night.”

Kyle Connor threaded a diagonal cross-ice seam pass to Scheifele inside the faceoff circle to the right of the Nashville net. Scheifele’s one-timed shot found the top half of the net over the left shoulder of Jusse Saros for his sixth goal of the season and 341st of his career. The Kitchener native also has 471 helpers in 884 games played with the club.

After losing the season opener to the Dallas Stars, the Jets have consecutive wins over the Kings, Islanders, Flyers, prior to Saturday’s decisive win at Canada Life Centre.

Nino Niederreiter, Vlad Namestnikov and Stanley also scored for the Jets. Scheifele has scored at least one goal in his last four games. Niederreiter has two goals and two assists in his last three games. Connor has five assists in his last four games. Jonathan Toews picked up his first multi-point game with two assists.

Connor Hellebuyck earned his third straight win. He turned aside 30 shots in victory.

The Jets penalty kill continues to shine as it went 4-for-4, including a 44 second five-on-three in the second period with Parker Ford and Tanner Pearson in the box.

“(The penalty kill) has done a great job,” Stanley said. “Your best penalty killer has got to be your goalie and (they have) been, and we’ve got lots of pressure and some veteran guys out there that know what’s going on.”

Overall, the Jets penalty kill is ranked No. 2 in the league at 95.4 per cent, turning back 21 of 22 opportunities against.

"I love how aggressive we are as four," head coach Scott Arniel said. "Not just one or two but all four, when one moves, they all move. That's really helped, and we have some quickness to do that."

The power play converted twice in three chances. The Jets are 5-for-15 on man advantage through five games.

Often the whipping boy for what supposedly ails the team, cheers of 'Stanley, Stanley' erupted when he dropped the mitts with Nashville heavyweight Mike McCarron at 8:28 of the second period.

"I think it's a first, so yeah, it felt good, I'll take it," Stanley said of his namesake chants.

Stanley gave the home crowd another reason to cheer his name when he buried his second goal of the season at 5:26 of the third period as his shot from near the blue line to the right of Saros beat the goaltender to the short side. The puck was deflected by Predators Fedor Svechkov on its way to the net.

"That was a great play by Gustav [Nyquist], and it's kind of weird when you have that much time, so just head down and hammer it," Stanley said. The 6-foot-7 defender has now set a career high in goals scored in a season.

Michael Bunting scored for Nashville. The Predators finished their four-city road trip through Canada with a 1-2-1 record. Erik Haula, Roman Josi and Jonathan Marchessault lead the Predators in points with four each. Marchessault was out of the lineup on Saturday with a lower-body injury.

Saros stopped 20 shots in the loss.

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Jets flying high on the 'special' portion of special teams

By Gordon Anderson

Given the speed and accuracy of the offensive game, it's the tiny margins that make all the difference in the world.

Through five games the Jets penalty kill has surrendered one goal on 22 chances, including a 4-for-4 performance as the Jets earned a 4-1 triumph over the Nashville Predators on Saturday night.

"The difference between deflecting a pass or breaking up a play and not can be millimeters sometimes," Jets defender Josh Morrissey said. "So that's just instinct, that's read, that's little positioning on the ice, maybe a foot, one way or the other. All those little details that, when you when you add them all together, that's how you get a better penalty kill. Now, it's just stressing those all the time."

The team allowed a third-period power-play goal to Jason Robertson in the 5-4 loss to the Dallas Stars on opening night. Since that goal, the team is 18-for-18 on the PK.

"I think confidence is high right now, and it's a good momentum boost for our team when we get a big kill, especially the five on three on Saturday," Logan Stanley said.

The Jets led 2-0 when Parker Ford and Tanner Pearson took penalties 1:16, apart in the second period, giving the Predators a 44 second two-man advantage.

"That was a huge moment in the game, so hopefully we keep rolling on that," Stanley said

Morrissey says the penalty kill takes more time to be efficient than its special teams brethren.

"There are structural changes, personnel changes, but then also just reads," Morrissey said. "It's a lot more silent reads off one another, knowing where your penalty kill partner is, where all four guys are on the ice. "It's just those reads that take a little bit more time. And, the game is so fast, especially on the power play, you can't think about it. It has to be instinct and second nature."

Heading into league action on Sunday, the PK is tied for second in the league with a conversion rate of 95.5 per cent. The Buffalo Sabres are ranked first at 95.7.

With new personnel on the PK units, including Tanner Pearson and Cole Koepke fitting in seamlessly, the results are perhaps coming quicker than originally thought. Never mind the continuing absence of defensive specialists Dylan Samberg and Adam Lowry.

"That's part of some of the new people that we brought in. Cole Koepke, a great skater, has done that before," head coach Scott Arniel said. "Tanner Pearson has done that before. Gustav Nyquist has. Even Jonathan Toews has killed penalties, so we've got more people who have experience at it."

The team wants the penalty kill residing in the top10 by years end. It was one of the goals the team set this season.

"Everybody is pitching to the best of their ability, and everybody is buying in (to the structure the coaches have laid out)," Iafallo said. "Blocking shots is huge, and our goalies have been making huge saves. All around we just have to keep doing that and keep sticking to the plan."

Alex Iafallo ranks third among the forwards with 11:11 of penalty kill time through five games. Dylan DeMelo leads the way with 19:01 of ice time.

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Mark Scheifele flying all alone, Jets centre breaks Blake Wheeler's all-time points record

By Gordon Anderson

In the end, there can be only one Jet to fly further, higher, and faster.

Mark Scheifele set the Jets 2.0 all-time points record in a 4-1win over the Nashville Predators on Saturday evening at Canada Life Centre.

"I wouldn't be here without the guys, especially the guy I went ahead of," Scheifele said about Blake Wheeler. "He helped me throughout my career, and he also gave me a lot of tap-ins, so I'm very lucky about the guys I play with currently and that I played with in the past and I owe it all to them."

As Scheifele mentioned, the previous record of 812 points, set by Wheeler, was bested at 2:39 of the first period on the power play when Kyle Connor's pass from the near the left point found Scheifele alone near the faceoff circle to the right of Jussi Saros.

"Yeah, an unbelievable pass by KC," Scheifele said. "He's good, isn't he? He's amazing."

The one-timed shot found the right corner over the left shoulder of the Nashville goaltender. Alex Lafalvo also picked up an assist on the goal.

"You look at all the top centres in the league and it's their hockey IQ, obviously their stickhandling, their skating, their shot. He has all of that. He always has," Jets head coach Scott Armstrong said. "You throw in how much pride he takes in playing without the puck, and that makes him a 200-foot player ... He's a handful when he and his linemates are on their game. They're tough to defend."

After the goal, Wheeler congratulated Scheifele with a message on the video board during a timeout. Scheifele came off the bench to celebrate with the crowd, raising his stick in celebration, with Shoot to Thrill by AC/DC blasting from the house sound system.

"That was really special," Scheifele said. "The fans here are incredible. They give us so much extra motivation. We really do have amazing fans. I am lucky to be a part of such a tremendous organization and tremendous community and I'm very honoured to be here."

Luke Schenn has admired Scheifele's game from a distance and, since he joined the team last March, admires him now from just a few stalls away.

"I always had a ton of respect playing against him, and I viewed him as very dangerous on the ice," Schenn said. "He has elite vision and a sneaky good release, and you can't put up his amount of points without being special. He continues to get better with age, and he is a pleasure to play with."

Schenn and Scheifele have tested each other's mettle ever since Scheifele joined the league on a full-time basis back in the 2013-14 season. The Jets drafted the Kitchener native with the seventh pick overall in the 2011 draft.

"Not that I didn't (appreciate his talent) before, but every time you were playing the Jets back in the day, you had Scheifele, Blake Wheeler and Kyle Connor, guys like that," Schenn said. "It seemed like you were in your own end when they were on the ice as big, strong and fast guys. (Seeing him) day-to-day, you do appreciate him more. There are not a lot of holes, if any, in his game. I don't know how much recognition he is getting around the league, but he deserves it, and he is appreciated around here."

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'Stan' the man scores once and sets a career-high in goals during a season

By Gordon Anderson

It's just five games into the regular season, but Logan Stanley is bursting with confidence.

Stanley set a career-high in goals scored with two, netting one in the team's 4-1 victory over the Nashville Predators on Saturday evening.

"You've got to have confidence to play in this league," Stanley said. "If something doesn't go right, you're trying to forget about it quickly, and go back out and make a good play. Confidence is a huge part (as I) try and build on it."

Stanley was just one assist short of a Gordie Howe hat-trick as he fought Predators big boy Mike McCarron at 8:28 of the second period. Combined, the scrap involved more than 13 feet of humanity busting chops in front of Connor Hellebuyck.

The 14,000-plus in attendance started up with the 'Stanley, Stanley' chant.

"I think it's a first. It felt good, I'll take it," Stanley said of his namesake chants.

In each of his five previous seasons with the Jets, Stanley has never scored more than one goal in a season. He has seven goals in 207 games heading into Monday's road game against the Calgary Flames.

Currently, he is averaging 16:27 of ice time per game, which ranks eighth on the squad and fourth amongst the d-core.

"He's been fantastic at the start of the year," Jets forward Mark Scheifele said. "Obviously, that was a big goal in a game where the momentum was kind of tipping to Nashville. He's been playing great, obviously with the injury to Samberg, we've needed guys to step up and he's done that."

As Scheifele mentioned, Stanley scored his second marker at 5:26 of the third period when his shot from near the blue line to the right of Jussi Saros zipped past the goaltender on the short side. The puck was deflected by Predators forward Fedor Svechikov on its way to the net.

Dylan Samberg broke his wrist in the pre-season after an innocent looking collision with Calgary's Ryan Lomberg on Sept. 27. Samberg's prognosis was six to eight weeks.

Often seen as the whipping boy for what supposedly ails the team, Stanley has seen his ice time and leverage minutes increase with Samberg out of the lineup. Stanley was on the second pairing with Neal Pionk on Saturday. He played 16:33 against the Preds on 17 shifts.

The 6-foot-7 defenceman netted the game-winner against the New York Islanders on Monday evening. Stanley's last game-winning goal happened during the 2021-22 season.

Keeping the puck out of the net is job number one for the first-round selection in the 2016 draft. His next job is convincing head coach Scott Arniel of his worth.

“When we lost Samberg, everybody would have to stand up and I think that he’s done that,” Arniel said. “When you get a little bit more ice time, you’ve got to take advantage of it. He’s trying to make it hard on us as a staff, when Sammy comes back. You have to present the opportunity and it’s theirs to go and take and make the most of it and he’s done that,” Arniel said.

The Jets are in Calgary on Monday for the first of three matchups with the Flames.

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ANALYSIS: Can Jets’ Scheifele maintain inspired level of play?

By Kelly Moore CJOB

ANALYSIS: Can Jets’ Scheifele maintain inspired level of play? - 

Mark Scheifele is clearly motivated to have a great start to his 13th full NHL season.

Earning an invite to the Canadian men’s Olympic hockey team would be an obvious reason for that inspired play. But there might be another factor spurring on the veteran Winnipeg Jets centre.

Scheifele’s first-period goal in the 4-1 win over Nashville Saturday night made it official: The first-ever draft pick of the Jets 2.0 is now the franchise’s all-time points leader with 813 — one more than longtime linemate Blake Wheeler amassed in his 897 games for Atlanta and Winnipeg.

Number 55 has mentioned more than once that the record he would really like to surpass is the 929 points former coach and mentor Dale Hawerchuk tallied for the original 1.0 version of the Jets. And there is not much doubt he’ll do that next season if he remains healthy.

And if he avoids father time.

Scheifele will celebrate his 33rd birthday in March. Maybe that’s why a panel of ESPN hockey experts chose Winnipeg’s No. 1 centre as a candidate for “regression” from his 39-goal and 87-point campaign in 2024-25.

To be fair, the NHL’s U.S. TV broadcast partner felt a step back from the 25 power-play points Scheifele put on the board would be the biggest single factor in a 10 per cent or more decrease in offensive production for the Jets’ star pivot.

But for an athlete who looks after his body the way Scheifele does — and is as driven to improve and succeed as Scheifele is — just the mere mention of “regressing” or losing a step might almost draw a four-letter response from the very religious man who never swears, even in the heat of battle.

Just for the record, Manitobans Morgan Geekie of Strathclair and Mark Stone of Winnipeg also made ESPN's "likely to regress" list, along with Matt Duchene of Dallas, Tampa Bay's Brandon Hagel and Aliaksei Protas of Washington.

It will be interesting to see how many of those players do experience a year-to-year 10 per cent or more drop-off in production.

But the smart money says Mark Scheifele won't be one of them.

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Toews details his arduous journey back to NHL with hometown Jets (VIDEO)

Elliott Friedman sits down with Jonathan Toews to talk about Toews' two-year hiatus from hockey. They dig into the perspective he gained from spending time in India, undergoing a purification and detoxification therapy called panchakarma.