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Hellebuyck one step closer to returning Jets starting goaltender back on the ice after surgery

By: Ken Wiebe

Scott Arniel wasn't playing coy, he just doesn't want to get ahead of himself.

When it comes to the health of Winnipeg Jets goalie Connor Hellebuyck, the fact he joined his teammates for Wednesday's skate was nothing more than the next important steps on his road to recovery after undergoing arthroscopic knee surgery last month.

At least for the time being.

"He's getting closer. The workload is going up, so you're probably going to see a lot more of that," said Arniel, who was asked a follow up question about whether or not the timeline had shifted from the initial four-to-six weeks. "I'm not a doctor. I don't know. You know what? He's feeling really good. Two things. What happens after a big day like today, how he feels when he wakes up in the morning. And then the other side is conditioning. Those are the two biggest things for him."

Hellebuyck made his last start on Nov. 15 and had surgery one week later, with the expectation being that the reigning Hart and Vezina Trophy winner might not be ready to return to game action before Dec. 27 against the Minnesota Wild in the first game out of the Christmas break.

Depending on how things progress during the coming days, the door could be open for Hellebuyck to be between the pipes as early as next week, when the Jets open a three-game road trip against Central Division opponents that include the St. Louis Blues, Colorado Avalanche and Utah Mammoth.

"Obviously, he's a Vezina and Hart Trophy winning goaltender and he's a massive part of this team," said Jets defenceman Josh Morrissey. "We've missed him, of course for his on-ice contribution but also just having him in the locker room. Every player who has gone through injury, it's tough when you're away from the team and away from the guys, on your psyche."

"So, it's nice to have him back and looking great and seemingly ahead of schedule. That's great news all around."

Hellebuyck is 8-6 so far this season with a 2.51 goals-against average and .913 save percentage in 14 starts.

"He probably would have played a week ago if it was up to him," said Morrissey. "He's been working really hard to try and get back as fast as he can in the best condition he can. I have no doubt that he will be able to do that."

Hellebuyck had been out on the ice this week doing some movement work, but seeing him out with the group for the first time since undergoing surgery provided an emotional lift for a team that's trying to work its way out of a 5-11-1 funk.

"He is awesome and it's great to have him back in the mix with the guys," said Jets winger Cole Perfetti. "We talk about his play a lot, and that speaks for itself, but his energy in the room — he is a pretty talkative guy, always upbeat, no matter how high or low we are as a group or individuals.

"He is pretty even keeled and always there to lighten the mood and have a great time with it. It is great to have him back and great to be around him and great to see him back on the ice. When we get him back on the ice that is going to be a huge bump from our group."

Jets backup Eric Comrie has started 11 of the past 12 games for the Jets and that number should be on the rise as the Jets continue a four-game homestand against the Boston Bruins on Thursday.

Comrie, who is up to 14 appearances this season, had a pair of excellent starts last week in a shootout loss to the Montreal Canadiens and a win over the Buffalo Sabres, but he was also mercy pulled twice.

After giving up four goals on 19 shots on goal in Tuesday's 4-3 loss to the Dallas Stars, Comrie is now 6-7-1 with a 3.16 goals-against average and .892 save percentage.

Domenic DiVincentiis, who was recalled from the Manitoba Moose of the American Hockey League on Monday, is expected to make his first NHL start in goal during this homestand, though there has been no indication yet as to when that might take place.

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***Bettman, Daly address state of the Jets, league
Olympic arena remains top concern, NHL to pull plug if ice unsafe***

By: Ken Wiebe

Gary Bettman wasn't here to sound the alarm or to apply any pressure to the ticket-buying public.

As Bettman, the commissioner of the NHL, and deputy commissioner Bill Daly sat at a table in front of the assembled members of the media inside Canada Life Centre on Wednesday morning, there was no formal agenda to adhere to.

This was a routine check-in with one of the 32 member clubs, which gave Bettman another platform to extol the virtues of an exciting start to a season where parity has taken centre stage.

The recent announcement related to the Winnipeg Jets hosting the Montreal Canadiens in an outdoor game next October was celebrated, questions about the upcoming Olympics were sorted through and Bettman also conceded that the Jets quest to reclaim their 1.0 history remains a work in progress — though that would suggest the efforts will continue until a suitable resolution is found.

The subject of that history returning to its rightful owner is something folks around these parts would love to see sorted out by next season, though it's not as simple as willing it into existence.

"Mr. (Mark) Chipman has raised that issue with us repeatedly. It's not as simple as just doing it," said Bettman. "It is something we're looking into. It's not so much a process. It's what the end result would look like and can we make it make sense? The process is trying to figure it out, which is what we're trying to do.

"If we figure it out, my guess is it will be okay, but not perfect."

Attendance has been a hot-button issue around these parts for quite some time and the Jets have seen strides taken this season, both on the corporate front for season tickets and with individual games on the rise so far.

But there have been only two sellouts through 13 home games for the Jets going into Thursday's tilt with the Boston Bruins.

Bettman praised the Jets' organization and had kind words for the market, though there was also an acknowledgement that further strides need to be taken on the attendance front, especially when you consider the salary cap will eclipse US\$100 million next season and increase steadily during the coming years.

"If we figure it out, my guess is it will be okay, but not perfect."

"Attendance is better, attendance is improving. I know that the Jets' organization and Mark (Chipman) — as would I — love to see this building full every night," said Bettman. "But I do think the attendance is trending in the right direction. A franchise cannot be stronger than the support it gets locally, and an essential element of that is the attendance.

"This is a team that I think has more regular-season wins over the last three years than any other team in the NHL. The product is great, it's strong. This team more than earns the support of the local community and I'm glad it's increasing, but I'd like to see a little bit more."

Some time was also spent on the topic of no-trade and no-movement clauses and Bettman was asked if there was any appetite to try and do something to try and level the playing field, since there have been plenty of players that include Winnipeg — and many other Canadian markets — on the trade protection they receive in free agency.

"Players choose to play in different places for a variety of reasons. The flavour of the day seems to be state taxes," said Bettman. "It's (about) quality of life. It's the quality of the organization. It's where a player thinks he can fit in. It's where he wants to live and raise his family and send his kids to school if he has kids. There's a whole host of variations that go into it and, most recently, this club (the Jets) has been very successful in signing players who are here, who want to stay here long term. Which, to me, is probably the best indication as to the quality of being an NHL player in Winnipeg.

"So, I don't get overly moved by articles and polls that depend on how you ask the question. I think this is a great place to live and play and, obviously, a number of players obviously agree with that."

During his opening remarks, Bettman made it clear he wasn't in town to break any news, though he did engage in some friendly banter with a reporter who posed a query about whether the 2026 Heritage Classic might include an alumni game component to it — like the one held at Princess Auto Stadium did when the Edmonton Oilers served as the opponent.

"We haven't made an announcement to that effect. So maybe there will and maybe there won't and maybe at some point we will make an announcement if there will or maybe at some point, they'll never be an announcement, so stay tuned," said Bettman. "We just announced the main event. There are always things that may or may not come in tent pole events. Would you like to see one?"

"The product is great, it's strong. This team more than earns the support of the local community and I'm glad it's increasing, but I'd like to see a little bit more."

Bettman also tackled a question about how much longer he plans to remain in his current role.

"I love what I get to do on a daily basis. It energizes me. I love being a part of the game. I love the people associated with the game," said Bettman. "What I get to do on a daily basis is intellectually challenging, stimulating, sometimes rigorous. It brings me to places all over North America and the world. I get to meet interesting people and I get to be a part of something that I think is terrific day in and day out, and that's what keeps me going."

"So, that's why I don't put a timeline on it."

Bettman acknowledged that he's been around the block a few times and, at some point, an appropriate succession plan would be put in place — but that doesn't appear to be imminent.

"Today, tomorrow, the next day, for the foreseeable future, I'm still fully engaged and as long as the owners want me to be fully engaged, I'm gonna continue to do it," said Bettman, who then took an example to use his wit as an exclamation point. "And so, if you're looking to get rid of me, I'm sorry, you'll have to be disappointed a little longer."

Bettman certainly didn't hide his disappointment with some of the challenges related to getting the primary venue in Italy up to speed for the upcoming Olympics in Milan-Cortina.

"I'm excited about the fact that our best-on-best, our internally-based best-on-best perhaps may be the best. Our players love it, our fans will love it," said Bettman. "But as you've heard me say over the years, from a league operation standpoint in our season, it's a bit of a mixed bag. But we think it's good for hockey world wide and it's something that's important to our players, which is why we do it."

Daly says the concerns about the arena have shifted from chatter about the length of the ice being slightly shorter to ensuring that player safety is not compromised once the completion of the main rink is finally completed and the ice plant is functioning.

"It's probably a self-fulfilling prophecy that if the ice isn't ready and it's not safe, then we're not going," said Daly. "I mean, I think that's pretty self-evident."

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***Perfetti trying to stay confident during cold streak
Jets' winger learning to rely on ankle post-injury, feel good about his game***

By: Ken Wiebe

Cole Perfetti has been down this frustrating road before.

And while it hasn't made it any easier to avoid the potholes he's encountered during this latest slump, having that road map does provide a sense of calm for the Winnipeg Jets forward as he battles to work through things.

Perfetti has battled through adversity in the form of surgeries that ended consecutive seasons prematurely and he's powered through lengthy goal-scoring droughts.

But what he's going through right now is a combination of working his way back from a significant injury while searching to find the level he's established for himself on a more consistent basis.

"You never want to go through this but it is going to happen throughout your career and, luckily or unlucky enough, I have been through it before," said Perfetti, whose Jets will welcome the Boston Bruins to town on Thursday night. "You learn a lot about yourself and yourself as a player and person and how you deal with this kind of stuff. It is all a mindset. If you keep doing the same thing, it's not like you have got worse as a hockey player its just that sometimes the puck bounces for you and sometimes, it doesn't.

"I am trying to keep that confidence, and that is something I learned throughout my first year I went through it."

By chipping in an assist in Tuesday's 4-3 loss to the Dallas Stars, Perfetti is up to two goals and five points in 15 games for the Jets this season, numbers that certainly don't match the projections going into the campaign.

After recording a career-high in assists (32) and points (50) to go along with 18 goals while appearing in all 82 games last season, the expectation was that Perfetti would take another important step in his development, leading his productivity to increase once again.

But a high ankle sprain in an exhibition game against the Calgary Flames sidelined Perfetti and he's been trying to get himself back up to speed — and that's not an easy thing to do given the nature of the injury, coupled with the timing of it.

"Just trusting it is the hardest thing," said Perfetti. "For the first little bit, you are a little hesitant, (worrying) it is not as strong, you're not scared but a little hesitant to get leaned on (in) the same way. Even when you come back and are cleared to play, there is still a little bit of achiness or pain to it and it is not ideal to play with. But I am just trying to get over that mental hurdle, where you have to feel a couple of tweaks and twinges and then get mentally over it in that aspect. And then, feeling good about yourself and your game.

"It is a tough process coming back. Everyone goes through it, it is part of the game, and I am trying to get into midseason form as fast as possible."

Unfortunately for Perfetti, pushing fast forward to speed up that process isn't an option.

There are going to be days when he isn't feeling quite as good physically and there will be others when the bounces just don't seem to be going his way, whether that's making a crisp pass to a linemate or trying to bury a pass on his stick in an area on the ice where he's a scoring threat.

To that end, Perfetti stayed on the ice late with veteran Luke Schenn on two occasions this week, fine-tuning some things that could eventually translate into some more offence.

"I am just trying to feel good about my game and feel good with the puck on my stick. Just feel under control," said Perfetti. "It wasn't anything crazy, just getting the puck in the right position and making some plays and just feeling good out there is a big part of it. There are games right now where you don't feel your best, and you go into practice the next day, just looking to get touches that make you feel good about yourself heading into the next game and that is what I have been trying to do for the last couple of days.

"Feel good at going into a game, so when the game comes, you already have that positive mindset and feeling good about yourself."

Compounding the issue for the Jets is that they've been generating very little offensive production behind the top trio of Mark Scheifele, Kyle Connor and Gabe Vilardi — forcing head coach Scott Arniel to replace Vilardi with Alex Iafallo in an effort to spread the wealth.

Perfetti is no stranger to be counted on and he's carried himself to a high standard when it comes to his own expectations, now it's just a matter of delivering when opportunities present themselves.

"The puck won't go in the net for him. At the end of the day, guys want to see him succeed and they know that he's important for us," said Arniel. "When he starts to score, it starts to relieve some of that pressure for that other line specifically."

Arniel has been encouraging Perfetti to stick with it, exuding the confidence that things can turn quickly if he continues to stack stretches of strong play with and without the puck.

"He has something he can add every shift," said Arniel. "Just find a way. Be repetitious about it, and hopefully that carries over into the game. Really, the next thing for him is he's going to have to get rewarded here, sooner or later. There's not much more. We've talked, we've shown video, we've had one-on-ones, his teammates are pumping him up and it's just a case of him finding it. And hopefully, he can get on a run with it."

Perfetti isn't that far removed from scoring one of the most important goals in franchise history, his roof-raising equalizer in the waning seconds of regulation time of Game 7 of the opening round series with the St. Louis Blues.

So, it's not like Perfetti needs to scour over a bunch of video from the archives to remember what it looks like when he's on his game.

"I am just trying to have the belief in myself, that things are going to turn and you have to be ready and prepared when they do turn," said Perfetti. "And it is going to turn for the group, as well. And when it does, and we start getting those bounces and start getting a little luck with us, you have to be ready to roll with it and be ready to go. That is when teams and players get hot."

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The long runway to return for Jets forward Cole Perfetti

By Gordon Anderson

Perhaps, the runway into competitive hockey mode was less than ideal, considering the circumstances.

Jets winger Cole Perfetti is struggling to find his offensive flair with two goals and three assists in 15 games played, heading into a Thursday night matchup with the Boston Bruins at Canada Life Centre.

"He landed when we were on the craziness of the three-in-fours, and the four-in-six, and everything that the whole league is going through," head coach Scott Arniel said, attempting to partially explain Perfetti's recent struggles in front of the net. "There was no time for him to really work on anything, whether it was his conditioning or in practice"

"It is a tough process coming back (from a high ankle sprain)," Perfetti admitted. "Everyone goes through it, it is part of the game, and I am trying to get into midseason form as fast as possible."

As Arniel mentioned, Perfetti's return to the lineup coincided with the six-game, 13-day road trip through the Mountain and Pacific time zones. His first game was Nov. 9 in Anaheim.

He scored his first goal on Nov. 15 in Calgary and notched his second marker on Nov. 29 against Nashville.

And since then? Mostly crickets with three assists.

As any responsible head coach would do, Arniel is giving Perfetti plenty of permission to succeed by providing top six minutes at five-on-five and on the power play. Perfetti is averaging 15:24 of ice time at even strength, which ranks him fifth among the forwards. On the power play, he ranks fourth among the forwards at 2:14 per game.

During the last few practices, Perfetti stayed on the ice after his teammates had left for the dressing room. He's working on discovering the feel-good factors that could help him turn things around.

"I am just trying to feel good about my game and feel good with the puck on my stick," Perfetti said. "It wasn't anything crazy, just getting the puck in the right position and making some plays and just feeling good out there is a big part of it."

Perfetti has struggled before.

During the 2023-24 season Perfetti was scratched for 11 regular-season games and four playoff games, as the Jets lost to the Colorado Avalanche in five games of the Stanley Cup quarterfinal round.

In a 15-game span between Jan. 20 and Feb. 9 of that season, Perfetti didn't register a point.

He did break a four-game pointless streak when he earned the primary assist on Logan Stanley's goal at 5:54 of the third period. The Jets lost 4-3 to the Dallas Stars on Tuesday evening.

"I am just trying to keep that confidence, being the player that got me here," he said. "I am trying to have the belief in myself (that) things are going to turn, and you have to be ready and prepared when they do."

Perfetti injured himself during the final pre-season game against the Calgary Flames on Oct. 3. At the time, the club said the Whitby, Ont., native was week-to-week. He returned to practice on Oct. 20, but he was limited in what he could do.

"At the start of the year there wasn't that much time to do five-on-five stuff or three-on-two, all that playmaking stuff," Perfetti said. "I was doing a lot of skating on my own. So, it is just trying to get back into game shape and the game mindset of having to make a quick play and then slowly getting a little bit better."

In the month since his return, it doesn't seem like the injury is 100 per cent healthy, more of a pain tolerance thing for the 23-year-old.

"Even when you come back and are cleared to play, there is still a little bit of achiness or pain to it and it is not ideal to play with," he said. "I am just trying to get over that mental hurdle (where) you have to feel a couple of tweaks and twinges and then get mentally over it in that aspect," Perfetti said.

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NHL's Bettman to Jets fans: Why not fill the place?

By Paul Friesen

No doubt the stadium in south Winnipeg will be packed with 32,000-plus for next fall's Heritage Classic.

It's the 1,000-plus empty seats at your average Jets game that NHL commissioner Gary Bettman would like to see filled.

"Attendance is better," Bettman said at the downtown arena on Wednesday. "The Jets organization and Mark (Chipman), as would I, love to see this building full every night. But the attendance is trending in the right direction. A franchise cannot be stronger than the support it gets locally, and an essential element of that is the attendance. I'm glad it's increasing.

"But I'd like to see a little bit more."

The Jets have sold out just two of their 13 home games this season, averaging 14,139 fans in a facility that seats 15,225.

It's an improvement from two years ago, when Bettman last held court in Manitoba during the regular season.

At the time, Chipman had stirred up a hornet's nest by saying the way things were going this franchise was "not going to work over the long haul."

Back then there were more than 2,000 empty seats, on average. A season-ticket base of 13,000 had eroded to less than 10,000, a waiting list 8,000-strong reduced to nothing.

The Jets finally pivoted, improved their customer relations and have at least seen a half-comeback.

Successful regular seasons, culminating in last year's Presidents' Trophy campaign as the NHL's top team, no doubt helped.

Currently, the Jets are below the playoff line.

Player-friendly Manitoba

Bettman says there's no need to level the playing field for places such as Winnipeg to try to attract free agents.

The home of the Jets is often included in the no-move clauses of players' contracts, meaning they can veto a trade to the Manitoba capital.

"Players choose to play in different places for a variety of reasons," Bettman said, citing things like taxes, quality of the organization, and the environment for raising a family. "Most recently, this club has been very successful in signing players who are here, who want to stay here long term. Which to me is probably the best indication as to the quality of being an NHL player in Winnipeg."

Mark Scheifele, Connor Hellebuyck, Kyle Connor, Adam Lowry and Josh Morrissey are among the players who have been with the Jets their entire careers.

Kudos to Bombers' stadium

The still-relatively-new home of the Blue Bombers is one of the reasons the NHL awarded Winnipeg another Heritage Classic, 10 years after the first one.

"We have challenges in Canada finding facilities that can host these games," deputy commissioner Bill Daly said. "This one was fantastic."

The only downer for fans that day in 2016, other than the Jets losing to Edmonton, was a two-hour delay caused by the sun's glare off the ice.

"We're going to try to avoid that," Bettman said, without getting into specifics. "Sports is the ultimate reality show and when we take it outside, we get another element of reality. We've now played 43 outdoor games. We've got two coming up in Florida, another test of our sanity and our ability to manage this. We think it'll be fine, and we'll take into account what we think the conditions are."

The 2026 game will see the Jets host Montreal on Oct. 25.

Reclaiming Jets history

While the history and records of the Jets, Version 1.0, were taken down to Arizona to become the history of the Coyotes, Winnipeg could be getting it back.

Chipman has raised the issue “repeatedly,” Bettman said, and the league is looking into it.

“It’s not as simple as just doing it,” the commissioner said. “It’s what the end result would look like and can we make it make sense?”

Currently, Jets history includes records from the Atlanta Thrashers, the franchise that Chipman and David Thomson bought and moved to Winnipeg 15 years ago.

“If we figure it out,” Bettman said. “My guess is it will be OK but not perfect.”

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Jets goaltender Connor Hellebuyck back at practice

By Gordon Anderson

After a one-goal loss to the Dallas Stars on Tuesday night, there was a pick-me-up moment for the Jets on Wednesday afternoon.

Goalie Connor Hellebuyck joined his teammates on the ice at the team’s optional practice for the first time since he underwent knee surgery on Nov. 22.

“He’s a massive part of this team,” Jets defenceman Josh Morrissey said. “Every player that’s gone through injury, it’s tough when you’re away from the team and away from the guys on your individual psyche. It’s just nice to have him back, looking great, and seemingly ahead of schedule is what he says. It is great news.”

Head coach Scott Arniel confirmed what most Jets fans are hoping for.

“He’s getting closer,” he said. “The workload is going up, so you’re probably going to see a lot more of that. It wasn’t quite a full practice where there’s real contact situations, him getting run into or anything like that, so that’s why he stayed (for) the duration.”

The timeline for Hellebuyck’s return was four to six weeks after the Nov. 22 surgery.

The coach was asked if there was a change from the original proposed timeline. Perhaps a nugget of information that his netminder is a little ahead of schedule.

“I’m not a doctor. I don’t know,” Arniel said. “He’s feeling good. There are two things: What happens after a big day like today, and how he feels when he wakes up on Thursday morning. And then the other side is conditioning. Those are the two biggest things for him.”

Eric Comrie has primarily manned the fort in Hellebuyck’s absence. The Edmonton native is 2-6-1 since he was named the starter on Nov. 21. Overall, Comrie has a record of 6-7-1 with a 3.16 goals against average and .892 save percentage. Thomas Milic made one start and allowed

four goals in a 5-1 loss to the Carolina Hurricanes on Nov. 28. Milic was loaned back to the Manitoba Moose earlier this week and Dom DiVincentiis was promoted to the parent club.

Morrissey says the three-time Vezina Trophy winner was ready to go earlier this month. Alas, there are annoying impediments like doctors and medical clearances to pass before Hellebuyck gets into a game with pucks flying around and bodies going hard to the net.

"He probably would have played a week ago if it was up to him," Morrissey said. "He's been working hard to try to get back as fast as he can and in the best condition that he can."

Cole Perfetti says the Hart Trophy winner was also missed for his spirit and talkative nature.

"We talk about his play a lot, and that speaks for itself, but his energy in the room, he is a talkative guy, always upbeat, no matter how high or low we are as a group or individuals," Perfetti said. "It is great to have him back and great to be around him and great to see him back on the ice. When we get him back on the ice on a full-time basis, that is going to be a huge bump from our group."

The Jets play host to the Boston Bruins on Thursday night.

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Jets, NHL in talks to restore team's original records

By Sportsnet Staff

Dale Hawerchuk has a statue outside Canada Life Centre but the team that plays inside the arena has no records belonging to him. Now, according to NHL commissioner Gary Bettman, that could one day change.

Bettman revealed on Wednesday that Winnipeg Jets owner Mark Chipman has asked the NHL to consolidate their current record books with the original version of the franchise. But, Bettman added, there will need to be some work done before the request can be fulfilled.

"It's not as simple as just doing it ... it is something we're looking into," Bettman said in response to a question about the logistics. "It's not so much a process as it's what the end result would look like and can we make it make sense?"

The original Jets played in the WHA from 1972-79 before joining the NHL. They stayed in Manitoba's capital until financial troubles led to a relocation to Phoenix to become the Coyotes in 1996. All of the Jets 1.0's records, including the many exploits of stars like Hawerchuk and Thomas Steen, went to Arizona in the move.

The current Jets arrived in Winnipeg in 2011 after the Atlanta Thrashers relocated, and Winnipeg's current archives show that former team's accolades.

But in 2024, the Coyotes were folded and the club's hockey operations were sold to Ryan and Ashley Smith, who relaunched the team in Utah. However, the Coyotes/Jets 1.0 records remained in Arizona as part of that transaction in the hopes that former owner Alex Meruelo

would re-establish a team after building an arena. Meruelo has since relinquished those rights and the NHL has no immediate plans to return to Arizona, leaving the records dormant.

Oddly, former Coyotes captain Shane Doan is Jets 1.0's official all-time leader in goals (402), points (972) and games (1,540) while only playing 74 games in a Jets uniform after he was drafted seventh overall in 1995.

Current forward Mark Scheifele is pacing the new edition in both points (842) and games (908) — though Jets fans will state Hawerchuk, who registered all of his points during the Jets' first stay in Winnipeg, is their true leading scorer.

Hawerchuk posted 919 points (379 goals, 550 assists) in 713 games over nine seasons from 1981-1990 to claim the Jets' unofficial crown. In Atlanta, Ilya Kovalchuk holds the unofficial title with 615 points (328 goals, 287 assists) in 594 games with the club.

There are cases of records changing hands in other North American pro-sports leagues. In 2002, the original Charlotte Hornets relocated to New Orleans and became the Pelicans. The NBA returned to Charlotte in 2004 with the expansion Bobcats, and the NBA granted the new team the first club's original records in 2013.