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***THREE THINGS: Jets blow third period lead in loss to Kraken
Jets are now 1-4 over the first five games of their six-game road trip.***

By Jamie Thomas

Jordan Eberle scored the game winner at 7:21 of the third period as the Seattle Kraken came back to beat the Winnipeg Jets 5-3 at Climate Pledge Arena. The Jets have dropped four of the first five games on this season long six-game road trip to drop to 10-7. Alex Iafallo, Mark Scheifele and Kyle Connor scored for the Jets and Connor Hellebuyck stopped 13 of 17 shots. Winnipeg will close out their road trip Saturday in Calgary against the Flames.

JETS BLOW THIRD PERIOD LEAD

Before tonight, the Jets had taken care of business whenever they had a lead after 40 minutes this season with a perfect 7-0 record in that situation. They were dominant in the second period in Seattle Thursday night outshooting the Kraken 13-5 and took a 2-1 lead on this beautiful play from Dylan DeMelo to Mark Scheifele.

But Seattle would tie the game, Kyle Connor would restore the one goal lead before the end of the second. But in the third period, Eeli Tolvanen scored on the power play at 4:11 as the Jets penalty kill continues to struggle and Jordan Eberle gave the Kraken their first lead of the night at 7:21.

"We just made too many mistakes tonight, three goals in our D zone coverage, strictly coverage situations that we blew," said Scott Arniel.

"And then our execution throughout the game was really poor."

WELCOME BACK SAMMY

After missing the first 16 games of the season, Jets defenceman Dylan Samberg stepped on the ice to play his first contest of the 25-26 campaign. Samberg played with longtime defence partner Neal Pionk and the two looked like they hadn't spent any time apart as they were not on the ice together for any goals against. Samberg had 23:04 of ice time and had two blocks, two hits, two shots on goal and was plus one.

KC CASHES IN ON THE POWER PLAY

Hard to believe that the Jets sniper Kyle Connor hadn't scored on the power play since last December. But that drought came to an end when Winnipeg had the man advantage in the second period, Josh Morrissey sent a quick pass over to Connor and him one-timed the shot past Philipp Grubauer for his 10th goal of the season and first on the power play.

"Yeah, like I said, it's kind of a function of just the way we been moving the puck, and what's been open, and if there's a shot there, I'm for sure trying to shoot it," said Connor.

"But a lot of times those inside plays is we've been able to capitalize on that. Yeah. So let's just don't force anything, and just kind of see the play and make it."

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BLOG: View From the Booth

The voice of the Jets, Paul Edmonds, takes you around the world of hockey.

By Paul Edmonds

....There are several indications the NHL will expand in a few short years by as many as four teams. Cities like Atlanta, Houston and Phoenix are all earmarked for league growth. Of course, factors like ownership, facility and population will determine the ultimate landing zones, although ideally if there are three teams added stateside then an eighth team in Canada should be a fitting proportional augmentation. No? In that case the NHL would need to look at only two markets, a second team in the Greater Toronto Area (GTA) like Hamilton or Mississauga and Quebec City. The idea of expanding the Toronto market by another team is not a new one, but one wonders if the centricity and loyalty of "Leafs Nation" would make it difficult for another NHL team to ever gain traction in the GTA. As such, Quebec probably makes the most sense based on its distance from Montreal and having league history with the Nordiques from 1979-1995. Simply, fostering a fanbase in Quebec outside the shadow of Montreal would appear to be an easier task than doing the same within the Toronto catchment since it's already been done before. As an aside, Quebec's population is similar to Winnipeg's, so the model is there provided the city/market can meet the necessary criteria for expansion.

....Obviously the trend can shift quickly in the NHL, but both Mark Scheifele and Kyle Connor are on pace for career years. Pro-rated they're both set to eclipse 50 goals and 100 points, which would be a first for both players in either category.

....Still with Scheifele, based on his career numbers to date, he'll reach 1000 points in his career around game 1,082, which he's currently just over 190 games away from attaining. For the 32-year-old, he's certainly worked for his points, totaling the most against divisional heavyweight the Dallas Stars over his career. In 45 games against the Stars he's amassed 22 goals and 52 points. More impressive is of the 22 goals vs. Dallas, 15 of them have come at even strength.

....Among provincial hockey circles the debate is likely to be robust and constructive, so let's just throw this out there and ask which Manitoba-born skater has had the great impact in the National Hockey League? Of course, we're not looking for an argument, but rather a polite conversation amongst your friends or family. The criteria could be anything relating to points, games played, championships, international competition, penalty minutes, etc. From this chair, it would be extremely difficult to isolate one player as being the "best-ever" from the province, but here are some names to consider: James Patrick, Mark Stone, Reggie Leach, Ab McDonald, Bobby Clarke, Travis Zajac, Bill Mosienko, Jonathan Toews, Butch Goring, Mike Ridley and Pete Stemkowski. For the record, Patrick leads in games played (1280), Leach in goals (381), Clarke in points (1210) and plus-minus (+507), while Toews paces the pack with three Stanley Cups.

....Speaking of local players, what a start to the season for Winnipeg's Seth Jarvis of the Carolina Hurricanes. Thus far, the 23-year-old is a point-per-game player and notched four game-winning goals in his team's first five games to establish a new NHL record.

....Although fighting in the NHL has decreased significantly in the last two decades, the league is not completely devoid of tough guys. In fact, there is an abundance of them residing in the game, the only difference is many now play meaningful and contributing minutes along with

providing physicality. But which player is considered the “toughest.” A straw poll among those in the Jets dressing room identified guys like Matt Rempe (Rangers), Marcus Foligno (Minnesota) and Mark Kastelic (Boston) as some of the league’s best enforcers. Locally, Winnipeg’s Ryan Reaves is still considered one of the toughest guys in the league even as he approaches 39-years-old in the New Year. But the top three in no particular order as viewed by those that play against them are: Mathieu Olivier (Columbus), Nic Deslauriers (Philadelphia) and Arber Xhekaj (Montreal).

....It’s been nine years since NHL players participated in the Olympics. And with the upcoming Winter Olympics in Italy slated for February to provide hockey fans with another best-on-best international tournament, similar to last year’s highly successful 4 Nations Face-Off - only larger in scale - the Winnipeg Jets will be well represented again with Josh Morrissey (Canada), Kyle Connor (USA) and Connor Hellebuyck (USA) as locks to represent their countries for a second straight year. It’s also a safe assumption that after last year’s snub Mark Scheifele will find himself on the Canadian roster, too. But what about Jonathan Toews? Based on his start with the Jets, previous experience and ability to provide a variety of roles, it wouldn’t be far off to suggest he’s being considered by Team Canada GM Doug Armstrong and head coach Jon Cooper as a depth player.

....By the time you read this Luke Schenn’s goalless streak in the NHL will have closed in on 85 games. That’s 85 consecutive games without a goal. It’s not that he’s scored a lot during his career but 44 goals for a rugged, defensive-defenceman is impressive. But you get the feeling that when he does snap the skid, it will be an important one and his first with the Jets.

....Although this space is exclusive dedicated to hockey thoughts, it would be difficult to not have a final summation on the Toronto Blue Jays run to the World Series and the crushing loss their legion of fans across the country endured. After all, there were scores of NHLers cheering for the Blue Jays all throughout the playoffs, including many Winnipeg Jets. So, while the nation was denied its third World Series title, the impact the Jays made on baseball fans – both ardent and casual – will be immeasurable. In fact, similar to when Toronto won back-to-back World Series championships in 1992 and 1993 watch for minor baseball registration numbers right across Canada to spike next spring. This was the case when the Jays beat Atlanta and Philadelphia, respectively, in consecutive finals and participation in the game reached record numbers across the country.

....Since he officially committed to the Jets in July, there’s been a lot written and discussed about Jonathan Toews and his return home. How his time with the Jets is remembered will be determined in time, but the impact he’s already made to the franchise, city and province is intangible. As the one of the most revered Manitobans to play the game, he’s opened the door for others to see Winnipeg as an NHL destination whether they’re from the province or not. That kind of effect can only be advantageous to the Jets now and into the future when it comes to attracting, negotiating and signing players. His commitment to his hometown is not only noble, but rich in hockey currency. And that in-and-of-itself means it’s already been successful.

....Final Thoughts: If you’re looking for history to provide a possible path to success for the Jets this season, consider that since 2017 three teams (Washington, Tampa Bay and Colorado) all won the President’s Trophy the year prior to winning the Stanley Cup. More specifically, two of those were for the first time....Quotable: “I really want to stay here,” said Parker Ford, when asked about having a solid training camp, exhibition schedule and possibly making the team. In the moment, it was like he was making a wish. Well, here we are almost 20 percent of the way

through the season and the Jets' rookie centre is still in the NHL. And given his play overall, he's earned it.

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Eberle scores twice, Kraken rally past Jets Forward breaks tie in 3rd, Dunn has 3 points for Seattle; Winnipeg has lost 4 of 5

By Darren Brown

SEATTLE -- Jordan Eberle scored twice, including the go-ahead goal at 7:21 of the third period, helping the Seattle Kraken rally for a 5-3 win against the Winnipeg Jets at Climate Pledge Arena on Thursday.

Eberle put the Kraken ahead 4-3 by sliding out from behind the net and redirecting Matty Beniers' backdoor pass from the top of the right circle into an open net behind Jets goalie Connor Hellebuyck.

Eberle then scored into an empty net at 18:25 for the 5-3 final.

"Yeah, that's just an elite player," Eberle said of Beniers. "It's just a second overall pick player [type of] play."

Vince Dunn had a goal and two assists, and Kaapo Kakko and Eeli Tolvanen also scored for the Kraken (8-4-5), who had lost their previous two (0-1-1). Philipp Grubauer made 23 saves, and Beniers had two assists.

"I think, for us, defense is going to be the backbone of this club. That's how we're going to win hockey games," Eberle said of the Kraken, who had scored one goal in three of their previous four games. "But you've got to try and create offense out of that. I don't think it's been for a lack of chances [that we haven't been scoring much lately]."

Mark Scheifele had a goal and an assist, and Alex Iafallo and Kyle Connor scored for the Jets (10-7-0), who are 1-4-0 on a six-game road trip. Hellebuyck allowed four goals on 17 shots.

"This group here, usually you're up 3-2 going into the third period on the road, it's lockdown for us," Winnipeg coach Scott Arniel said. "We just made too many mistakes tonight. Three goals in our D-zone coverage, scripted coverage situations, and then our execution throughout the game was just really poor."

Iafallo gave the Jets a 1-0 lead at 10:17 of the first period, crashing to the net on a 4-on-3 rush and redirecting Adam Lowry's feed from the right circle into an open net behind Grubauer.

"We were playing fast, we were in the game, and we just couldn't get it done," Connor said.

Kakko tied it 1-1 at 15:15, tipping in Jaden Schwartz's shot from the right hash marks over Hellebuyck's shoulder.

It was Kakko's first goal of the season (seventh game). After his goal, Kakko played one more 18-second shift before exiting the game with a lower-body injury.

"I feel bad for him," Seattle coach Lane Lambert said. "It was a beautiful goal he scored, and we need him, so it certainly is not a great thing."

Scheifele put Winnipeg back in front 2-1 with a breakaway goal at 3:18 of the second period. He received Neal Pionk's outlet pass at the blue line before burying a snap shot from the slot inside the right post.

"There are some glimpses that we really liked our game, but we just kind of fell asleep," Connor said. "We're not executing, we're playing slow at times, so it's tough to get something going."

Dunn tied it 2-2 at 7:27 after Ryan Winterton jammed the puck into Hellebuyck from the side of the net. A clearing attempt from Jets defenseman Josh Morrissey then deflected off the stick of Dunn, hit the right post and bounced in off the back of Hellebuyck.

"I don't think 'Wints' was necessarily trying to make that play to me, but I respect what he did," Dunn said. "It was a great play by him taking it to the net, and that's where we're going to have to create goals."

Connor scored a power-play goal at 18:50 to give Winnipeg a 3-2 lead. He finished a one-timer from the top of the right circle that deflected off Kraken defenseman Ryan Lindgren and squeezed under Grubauer's right arm.

"It's a huge weight off his shoulders," Arniel said. "He hasn't scored in a long time on the power play, but at the end of the day, our power play has still been awesome because of -- there's an awful lot of emphasis put on him to take him away, but it's opened up a lot of holes the other way."

Tolvanen tied it 3-3 with a power-play goal at 4:11 of the third period. Dunn passed from the point to Tolvanen, who one-timed it past Hellebuyck's blocker from the right circle.

Tolvanen has scored twice in his past four games after he didn't get a goal in his first 13 games this season.

"I think there's a little bit of frustration on it," Tolvanen said. "Then you just start trusting yourself again, and I think it's the same thing with the power play, too. I feel like our guys did a good job."

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<https://www.sportsnet.ca/nhl/article/eberle-scores-twice-in-the-third-period-as-kraken-take-victory-over-jets/>

Eberle scores twice in the third period as Kraken take victory over Jets

By Canadian Press

SEATTLE — Jordan Eberle broke a tie at 7:21 of the third period and added an empty-netter in the Seattle Kraken's 5-3 victory over the Winnipeg Jets on Thursday night.

Kaapo Kakko, Eeli Tolvanen, Vince Dunn also scored for Seattle, and Dunn and Matty Beniers each had two assists. Phillip Grubauer stopped 23 shots in place of the injured Joey Daccord.

Mark Scheifele had a goal and assist for Winnipeg. Alex Iafallo and Kyle Connor also scored for the Jets, who dropped to 1-4 on a six-game trip. Connor Hellebuyck made 13 saves. Scheifele and Connor are tied for the team lead with 10 goals.

Tolvanen tied it at 3 with a one-timer from the right circle on a power play at 4:11 of the third. Beniers then found the open Eberle near the crease for an easy deflection. With 1:55 left, Eberle scored his team-leading seventh goal into the empty net.

Eberle also scored twice Oct. 25 in Seattle's 3-2 home victory over Edmonton.

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Jets: At Calgary on Saturday night.

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Winnipeg Jets can't hold third period lead in 5-3 loss in Seattle

By Christian Aumell & Russ Hobson Global News

This has not been a good road trip for the Winnipeg Jets.

Despite getting several key players back in the lineup over the past two weeks, the Jets continued to struggle away from home on Thursday night, thrice letting a lead get away in a 5-3 loss in Seattle.

The two sides traded markers for the first six goals of the game, but the Kraken scored the only three goals in the third period to beat the Jets for the second time this season.

The Jets only allowed 18 shots on goal the entire game, but the Kraken made the most of their quality chances.

"We haven't played a full 60 (minutes)," said Jets forward Kyle Connor. "There was some glimpses that we really liked our game, but we just kinda fall asleep and we're not executing, we're playing slow at times and yeah, it's tough to get something going."

The Kraken were the lowest scoring team in the NHL and it was the first time all season they've scored five times in a game.

"We just made too many mistakes tonight," said Jets head coach Scott Arniel. "Three goals in our D-zone coverage, strictly coverage situations that we blew. And then our execution throughout the game was really poor."

"We gave up five goals however they came about. Those three were D-zone coverage, power play and then obviously the empty-netter. I don't care what game you're in, you can't give up goals like that."

It was the first time the Jets lost a game this season when leading after two periods.

The loss drops the Jets to just 1-4 on their longest road trip of the season.

"Obviously this isn't the road trip that we planned," said Jets forward Cole Perfetti. "Didn't start it great. We had a great game in Vancouver there and couldn't follow it up."

Dylan Samberg and Gustav Nyquist both returned to the lineup from the injured list. It was Samberg's season debut after missing the first 16 games with a broken wrist he suffered in the pre-season. He had two shots on goal, two blocks, and two hits in a little over 23 minutes of ice time in his first game back.

"He's gonna log big minutes as he did," said Arniel. "Saw some things on the PK (penalty kill) with his movement and quickness, getting into lanes. But just for him, I'm sure, I haven't talked to him yet, but there's some rust there. But I liked a lot of what he did and just he helps calm things down."

Winnipeg didn't have much going for them in the opening half of the first period but just past the midway point, they broke the ice thanks to their third line.

Along with Dylan DeMelo, they broke up the ice on a 4-on-3 rush with Alex Iafallo passing to his left to Nino Niederreiter as they entered the Seattle zone. Niederreiter quickly touched it over to DeMelo, who then sent it down low to Adam Lowry. As Iafallo cut to the net, Lowry tried to pass him the puck and it went off either his skate or his stick and into the goal.

Winnipeg's lead lasted just under five minutes before the Kraken drew level.

It started when Jaden Schwartz forced a turnover behind the Winnipeg net as he put some pressure on DeMelo. The puck was retrieved by Chandler Stephenson along the wall and he skated it back to the point before dropping it off to Vince Dunn. Dunn passed it down to the faceoff dot to Schwartz, who put a shot on net that was tipped by Kaapo Kakko and past Connor Hellebuyck.

Seattle outshot the Jets 8-4 in the first and out-attempted Winnipeg 18-10.

The Jets regained the lead at the 3:18 mark of the second period after Samberg forced a turnover at the Jets blueline as several Seattle players went off for a change.

The puck landed on the stick of Neal Pionk, who spotted Mark Scheifele all alone up the ice and hit him with a perfect stretch pass. Scheifele then darted into the Kraken zone on a breakaway and ripped a shot off the post and in to beat Philipp Grubauer for this 10th goal of the season.

But once again, the Jets couldn't hold onto the lead for very long.

Just over four minutes after Scheifele scored, Dunn brought the Kraken back level. He started the play by skating the puck down the wall before sending it below the goal line to Ryan Winterton.

Winterton tried to slide it through the crease, but the puck was deflected into the slot where Dunn and Josh Morrissey whacked at the puck at the same time, sending it fluttering high over Hellebuyck, off the post and into the net.

Late in the period with the game still tied, Seattle found themselves on their second power play of the night but Connor made a great play to draw a penalty as he earned a good scoring chance in the Kraken zone.

Fittingly, it was Connor who cashed in with the man advantage.

Winnipeg kept possession of the puck for a long stretch, cycling it around the Seattle zone but unable to get much of a look on net before Morrissey sent Connor a pass that he one-timed through Grubauer for his 10th goal of the season and, astonishingly, his first power play goal since Dec. 23, 2024.

Seattle took a too-many-men penalty in the dying seconds of the middle period, giving Winnipeg 1:46 of power play time to start the third after outshooting Seattle 13-5 in the second.

The Jets couldn't take advantage but just a few minutes after the Kraken killed it off, they got another power play of their own and made good to even the score again when Eeli Tolvanen took a pass from Dunn and one-timed it past Hellebuyck at the 4:11 mark.

Just over three minutes later, Seattle scored again to grab their first lead of the night. The Kraken were outnumbered as they carried the puck into the Winnipeg end, with Mason Marchment taking his time with the puck near the corner.

He passed it back near the point to Matty Beniers as Jordan Eberle slipped away from DeMelo near the net, skated behind the goal and parked himself, undetected, on the opposite side of the crease. Beniers then sent Eberle a perfect pass that the Seattle captain steered into the net.

Winnipeg was unable to answer back as Seattle iced the game with an Eberle empty netter with 1:35 remaining.

Hellebuyck made just 13 saves in defeat as the Jets fell to 7-1 this season when leading after two periods. Grubauer stopped 23 shots for the win.

Winnipeg finishes off what to this point has been a rough road trip Saturday night in Calgary.

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ANALYSIS: Winnipeg Jets can learn from losses

By John Shannon CJOB

For most teams in the NHL, this has already been a challenging season. The compacted schedule, injuries, mandatory days off, not enough practice time. Video sessions and walk-throughs have replaced time on the ice.

It's difficult for coaches to feel their messages are getting through to the players.

So when the Winnipeg Jets ventured into California and were less than effective (I'm being kind), you wondered how head coach Scott Arniel would right the ship to salvage this road trip. How would he get his message across? When would he have time?

Now, four losses in five games have caused a bit of angst in Winnipeg. The team hasn't played with the precision and intensity we have been used to in the past few years. They aren't first on the puck. The passes haven't always been crisp. There are just too many giveaways and simple mental errors.

In these four recent losses, they have been the second-best team on the ice.

But amid this swoon, the win in Vancouver on Tuesday had people breathing normally again. And the coach had to be much happier that we saw Winnipeg Jets hockey. But that victory appears now to be fleeting.

There hasn't been much good news of late, even though Adam Lowry, Cole Perfetti and Dylan Samberg are back now. All three are huge factors in how the Jets normally play their game every night, but game shape will take time.

By the way, if we are expecting the coach to say something, Arniel probably hasn't had to say too much. After all, the players know full well they aren't at their best right now. Not their best against the Los Angeles Kings, San Jose Sharks and Anaheim Ducks. And certainly not their best against the Seattle Kraken.

So, in fact, losing three games in a row in the Golden State and Thursday night in Washington state might just be what the coach needed to remind the players what exactly works for this team to be successful.

Sometimes the best lessons learned are from failure, not success.

Arniel can only hope.

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<https://www.tsn.ca/nhl/video/2025/11/14/whats-plaguing-the-jets-on-their-west-coast-road-trip/>

What's plaguing the Jets on their West Coast road trip? (VIDEO)

The Jets have lost four of their last five games on their six-game road trip, what's causing their struggles as of late? Director of Scouting Craig Button tries to find an answer.

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<https://www.winnipegfreepress.com/breakingnews/2025/11/13/jets-road-woes-continue-with-5-3-loss-to-kraken>

Jets' road woes continue with 5-3 loss to Kraken

By: Ken Wiebe

SEATTLE – One step forward, one step back.

The Winnipeg Jets built a one-goal cushion over two periods, but couldn't close it out, allowing three goals in the third period – including one into the empty net – to lose 5-3 to the Seattle Kraken on Thursday night at Climate Pledge Arena.

Rather than build on Tuesday's 5-3 win over the Vancouver Canucks, the Jets clearly recognize there is still plenty of work to be done when it comes to the structural breakdowns that have been more prevalent than expected during the first quarter of this NHL season.

The Jets, who slipped to 10-7 on the season, have won just once on this six-game road trip (1-4), which wraps up on Saturday night in Calgary against the Flames.

Let's take a look at what else took place in this one:

PP SLUMP BUSTER

The power-play drought is over for Jets left-winger Kyle Connor.

The Winnipeg Jets' sniper went 62 games during the regular season, plus another 13 during the Stanley Cup playoffs, before finding the back of the net on the man-advantage.

But when he finally cracked the code, the goal was a meaningful one as it proved to be the go-ahead goal late in the second period.

Connor's last power-play marker was scored on Dec. 23 of 2024 against the Toronto Maple Leafs and was his ninth on the man-advantage last season.

Going that long between power-play goals was one of the strangest stats in the NHL, but Jets head coach Scott Arniel said recently that it wasn't any cause for concern, as Connor had transitioned to more of a playmaker since most teams were shading to his side and trying to limit the number of one-timers for him.

After the Jets had an extended amount of zone time late in the second period, Josh Morrissey fed Connor for one of those patented one-timers and it beat Philip Grubauer.

It had been a relatively quiet game for Connor up to that point, but he showed great hustle to win a race for a loose puck with Kraken defenceman Vince Dunn, who took a hooking minor that prevented a shorthanded scoring chance for the Jets left-winger.

Once the brief four-on-four situation wrapped up, the Jets got to work on the power play and Connor cashed in for his 10th goal of the season.

THE RETURN III

After watching captain Adam Lowry and fellow forward Cole Perfetti make their respective returns earlier on this lengthy road trip, defenceman Dylan Samberg made his season debut tonight.

Skating on the second pairing with regular partner Neal Pionk, Samberg showed the traits that made him an elite shutdown defender last season.

Samberg made a smart defensive read to break up a play, allowing Pionk to spring Mark Scheifele for a breakaway goal that made it 2-1 for the Jets.

Samberg was strong in his return, taking 27 shifts for 23:04 of ice time, recording two shots on goal, two hits and two blocked shots.

THE RETURN IV

Another player jumping back into the lineup for the Jets was winger Gustav Nyquist, who missed five games with a lower-body issue he sustained in the first period of a game against the Chicago Blackhawks.

The unfortunate thing for Nyquist was that he was playing some of his best hockey prior to the injury.

“Again, another new guy trying not to make a mistake, trying to just get a feel for just being here on a new team and all of that,” said Arniel. “That was early on and as the games got a little bit longer, with a few more games under his belt, he started to play that high skilled, high tempo kind of pace game. That poise on the power play, the little details and the subtle little plays that he makes in traffic. Those are the things that we’re hoping to see.

“Now that he’s got the structure and our systems down, he can go out and play a little more freely.”

Nyquist was used mostly on the fourth line, skating alongside Parker Ford and Tanner Pearson.

The expectation was that Nyquist would be used in the middle-six forward group, but the hot start from Vladislav Namestnikov may have altered that plan somewhat, at least for the time being.

THE KEY PLAY

Kraken captain Jordan Eberle found an opening on the backdoor and converted a pass from Matty Beniers for the game-winner.

THE THREE STARS

1. Vince Dunn, Kraken, Scored a goal, added two assists.
2. Jordan Eberle, Kraken, Scored a pair of goals, including the game-winner.
3. Mark Scheifele, Jets, Scored once, added an assist.

EXTRA, EXTRA

Jets defenceman Josh Morrissey extended his point streak to four games by chipping in an assist. He’s up to 15 points in his past 10 games and has 17 in 17 games this season.

Jets goalie Connor Hellebuyck made his 13th start of the season and allowed four goals on 17 shots on goal.

The Jets healthy scratches were defenceman Luke Schenn and forwards Brad Lambert and Nikita Chibrikov.

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Jets' Samberg back in action

Defenceman set to make regular-season debut against Kraken

By: Ken Wiebe

SEATTLE — Dylan Samberg went back to retrieve a puck, as he's done so many times before.

Only this time, the Winnipeg Jets defenceman was checked into the glass by Calgary Flames winger Ryan Lomberg in the fourth of six exhibition games.

Moments later, Samberg was heading off the ice and running down the tunnel in serious discomfort.

"It wasn't a hard hit or anything. It was awkward and jammed it. Obviously the rest is history," Samberg said on Thursday morning. "I didn't think it was this serious. I knew something was wrong. I obviously didn't expect to miss six weeks out of it, but that's the way it goes. It's part of the game. Just a bit of adversity there."

Unfortunately for Samberg, he's dealt with plenty of adversity, whether it was the fractured ankle he suffered after blocking a Steven Stamkos one-timer last season or the freak injury he sustained in a training camp drill when he got tangled up with Johnathan Kovacevic a few seasons ago.

"It's never easy to miss time and watch the guys. It's nice to get back on the road, get back into a routine and everything," said Samberg, who expanded on which parts of his game he'd like to continue to grow. "Obviously, the offensive side of things. That's a main focal point. Just confidence in my game and my ability to jump into the rush. I feel like I'm pretty sound defensively and that's one of my strong suits. I always want to work on the offensive side of things."

After missing the first 16 games of the campaign, Samberg is eager to get back into the action and he's never been happier to shed that canary yellow, non-contact jersey.

"I'm sick of being called Big Bird out there," said Samberg, who had six goals and 20 points in 60 games for the Jets last season. "It's good to get a regular jersey on there and get back to regular reps."

There's nothing cartoonish about trying to measure the impact of having Samberg back in the Jets' lineup alongside his regular partner Neal Pionk.

"It feels easy," said Samberg. "He's very good at communicating. I always know where he's going to be. He'll back me up if I go in on the rush, and I'll back him up. I feel like he's got more of an offensive side to his game than me, but I feel like our playing styles work well together."

For as good a job as the Jets have done in trying to play through it, Samberg's fingerprints are found on many facets of the game, both at five-on-five and on the penalty kill.

The second-round pick in 2017 is coming off a season that saw him flourish in a second-pairing role, playing heavy minutes against top-level competition.

His ability to move seamlessly from a stay-at-home D-man on the third pairing to taking on Top-4 minutes was a massive development.

“He’s one of our best penalty killers. He blocks shots well, has a good stick, takes up a lot of space,” said Pionk, who expanded when asked what makes the pairing so effective together. “It’s the natural chemistry. It’s reading off each other. He knows where I’m going, I know where he’s going for the most part. We have that natural chemistry between passes, between reads on D-zone coverage and stuff like that. We’ll help each other out both ways.”

Pionk is off to an uneven start by his own standards, limited to two assists through 16 games.

The underlying numbers regarding his defensive metrics don’t paint a pretty picture, as his Corsi For percentage at five-on-five is down to 44.23 from 50.94 last season, while being on the ice for 164 scoring chances against (and 115 scoring chances for), including 70 high-danger chances against (and 55 high-danger chances for), according to Natural Stat Trick.

It’s important to remember that it’s still a relatively small sample size, with plenty of time to get things turned around.

While Logan Stanley did a nice job of moving up the depth chart while Samberg missed time, there’s little doubt that Pionk should benefit from having his regular partner back.

That’s not a knock on any of the other players to skate alongside him during the past two seasons, but the Hermantown, Minn., connection bring out the best in one another.

“It’s like a linemate. Any time you get your linemate back and there’s familiarity on breakouts, there’s familiarity on coverage, and just with those two being such good friends off the ice,” said Jets head coach Scott Arniel. “It’s something that has been built over the last couple of years. It’s good for (Pionk), just as much as it is for (Samberg). It’s nice to have that pair back.”

Samberg recognizes he’ll need some time to get himself back up to game speed, though one of the benefits to the nature of his injury was that he’s been on the ice for an extended period of time — even if he wasn’t able to carry a stick or shoot pucks for part of the recovery process.

“Obviously a long road to recovery and I watched a lot of games and had the itch for quite some time. Being able to skate and not being able to play is tough, but it’s good to be back in the lineup,” said Samberg, who shared his checklist for his return. “Honestly just keep it simple, especially in the first period. Communicate. Obviously, lean on my partner a little bit, just get back into the rhythm of things and get the timing down.”

The trickle down effect means that the Jets will see Stanley slide back down to the third pairing, where he’s now been the most consistent performer to date among the group that will be vying for playing time.

Although Arniel revealed that Haydn Fleury was in concussion protocol after getting hit in the head against the Vancouver Canucks on Tuesday, Colin Miller and Luke Schenn will be in a bit of a rotation or platoon situation as the Jets look for an optimal third pairing.

“We’re not there yet, we’ll wait for (Fleury) to be back, but we’re getting closer (to a full lineup),” said Arniel. “I don’t know how it’s going to work itself out, how it’s going to play itself out from

now until Game 82. But at the end of the day, guys are going to go in and guys are going to get opportunities. Whether you get in for one (game) or you come in for three or four or you play for an extended period of time, just be the best version of yourself. That's all I ask. It's not the best scenario to be in, obviously. But we're a good team and we've got depth. So when you come in, make the most of it."

Fleury was placed on injured reserve on Thursday, as was forward Cole Koepke, to help make room for the return of both Samberg and forward Gustav Nyquist, who is slated to skate alongside Parker Ford and Tanner Pearson on the fourth line against the Kraken.

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Jets surrender three third-period goals in a 5-3 loss to the Seattle Kraken

By Gordon Anderson

Sometimes the rewards don't reflect in the final result.

The Jets surrendered three-third period goals in a 5-3 loss to the Seattle Kraken on Thursday night.

"I thought we outplayed them in the third period," Cole Perfetti said. "They had a couple of good chances and one breakdown in the defensive zone (on the first Eberle goal). We had a two-on-one right before it. (If we) make the play there that goal doesn't happen. They had a couple of chances and capitalized. And that was that."

Seattle defenceman Eeli Tolvanen tied the game with a power-play goal at 4:11. From there, Jordan Eberle took over on the score sheet.

He gave the Kraken their first lead of the night, a 4-3 advantage, when he circled behind the net and came out to the goal line to the right of Connor Hellebuyck. Matty Beniers dished the puck across to a wide-open Eberle for the tap in at 7:21.

Eberle scored into the empty net at 18:25 to finish the scoring.

The shots were 9-5 for Winnipeg in the third and 26-18 overall. According to Natural Stat Trick, the Jets out chanced the Kraken 6-3 in the final period.

For the first time this season, the Jets lost a game in which they held the lead going into the final period. They are now 7-1-0. Seattle was 0-4-3 while trailing after 40 minutes.

"With this group here, you're up 3-2 on the road going into the third period, it's lockdown for us," head coach Scott Arniel said. "We just made too many mistakes. Three goals in our D-zone coverage, strictly coverage, with situations that we blew. And then, our execution throughout the game was poor."

Alex Iafallo, Mark Scheifele and Kyle Connor scored for the Jets. Connor's man advantage goal late in the second was his first power-play goal since Dec. 23 of last season.

Hellebuyck stopped 13 of 17 shots in the loss.

Kappo Kakko and Vince Dunn also scored for the Kraken. Jaden Schwartz picked up an assist on Kakko's goal in the first period. Schwartz scored two goals and added one assist in Seattle's 3-0 win against the Jets on Oct. 23. Seattle has played 10 one-goal games this season. The Kraken scored five goals in a game for the first time this season.

Philipp Grubauer turned aside 23 of 26 shots for his second victory of the season.

The Jets finish their six-game road trip on Saturday evening in Calgary. They are 1-4-0 through five games.

Ice Chips

Luke Schenn, Nikita Chibrikov, and Brad Lambert were scratched. Defenceman Hadyn Fleury was transferred to IR on Thursday. Fleury left the game on Tuesday against Vancouver with an upper body injury. On Thursday, head coach Scott Arniel confirmed Fleury was in concussion protocol. Cole Koepke was also transferred to IR. Morgan Barron was at practice on Thursday in a yellow caution jersey.

Getting the message

If Arniel was looking for some consistency, then he should have zero complaints about the first period goal in Seattle. Lafallo went hard for the back post as Adam Lowry's pass into the goal crease banged off the hard-charging winger and into the net behind Grubauer. In Vancouver on Tuesday, two of the team's four goals came courtesy of friendly fire as passes bounced off teammates before going into the net. Even Josh Morrissey's first-period powerplay goal from distance bounced off bodies battling for position at the top of the crease.

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Winnipeg Jets prospect update: How 15 young players are doing so far this season

By Murat Ates

The fascinating thing about NHL prospects is that their trajectory can change at a moment's notice.

This season, we've seen changes in prospect trajectories. Brad Lambert and Nikita Chibrikov made the Jets roster against the grain of expectations, with Lambert scoring his first NHL goal. Colby Barlow reestablished himself as a top prospect before struggling to score in the AHL, while Alfons Freij and Sascha Boumediene are two of many prospects who are clearly taking the next steps in their career. Meanwhile, Elias Salomonsson inches closer to NHL readiness.

It's time to talk about some of Winnipeg's biggest wins and works in progress — with clips, quotes, and updated analysis on 15 Jets prospects.

Elias Salomonsson, 21, RHD, Manitoba Moose (AHL)

Stats: 0 goals, 4 assists, 4 points in 13 games played

Elias Salomonsson is in control of the game. Need a play killed on the boards? He'll win the battle. Need a smart read to get out of pressure and kickstart a breakout? Salomonsson has that, too. The big, right-shot defenceman even played a bit of netfront offence during an extended 6-on-5 against Texas last Saturday and looked good doing it, then fired a shot off the post as part of Manitoba's power play when the delayed penalty turned real.

Salomonsson isn't going to dance around the offensive blue line the way Josh Morrissey or Cale Makar do but he's a strong skater. He makes good decisions, good passes, and shoots the puck well. Add it all up and Salomonsson's skillset should be enough to get him into a top four role with the Jets, even if first-unit power play remains out of reach at the NHL level.

He keeps a clean defensive zone and wins more than his share of 50/50 battles. Watch his shoulder checks during a defensive zone shift and it's clear he's aware of the important threats and has the ability to shut them down when the time comes. Salomonsson is -4 on the season but that includes two Laval shorthanded goals and two empty netters, among other breakdowns that he's had little to do with. He's a strong defender and penalty killer in the AHL.

Sascha Boumedienne, 18, LHD, Boston University (NCAA)

Stats: 2 goals, 2 assists, 4 points in 11 games played

Sascha Boumedienne is a young sophomore — still 18 years old until January — who's playing second pairing minutes for Boston University. He's playing on BU's second power play unit, where he scored on a wrist shot through traffic against Michigan State on Oct. 17. His second goal was this knuckling one-timer at five-on-five, bringing him one shy of the three goals he scored in 40 NCAA games last season:

He's still a work in progress as opposed to an out-and-out star, using superior footspeed to help him in transition and in D-zone coverage, where he's aggressive trying to close players off (sometimes to the point of being pulled out of position). He's not the top power play option — the job belongs to Cole Hutson and he's crushing it — and has been outscored at even strength. He'll need to get stronger before finding pro success.

Boumedienne's speed is an advantage in transition defence, helping him deny entry attempts (or force dump-ins) and win races to puck recoveries along the boards. He set the record for most points by a defenceman at the U18 world championship this year and is a strong candidate to make Sweden's World Junior roster.

Brayden Yager, 20, C, Manitoba Moose (AHL)

Stats: 2 goals, 5 assists, 7 points in 13 games played

Brayden Yager isn't so offensively gifted as to project onto a top line or first power play unit in the NHL. He's still working to be an everyday impact player at the AHL level. Give him space, though, and he can still bury.

Yager's two-way play is strong for his age. Most scouts think of him as a player who will be able to help in a bottom six role even if he doesn't turn into a top six scorer.

I think his vision in the offensive zone is underrated. He sees plays developing and tries clever lanes, even if some scoring chances go unfinished because his pass ends up outside his target's wheelhouse. It seems like the sort of thing that will get better once he gets used to the speed and shape of the pro game — which is a sentence I wrote before Yager did this on Tuesday:

Brad Lambert, 21, C/RW, Winnipeg Jets (NHL)

Stats: 1 goal, 0 assists, 1 point in 4 games played

Brad Lambert's strengths are obvious and exciting. It is a joy to watch him skate. He's skilled with the puck and creative when he's playing at his best.

Lambert has found it difficult to use his speed to get into the most dangerous areas of the ice. When defencemen play their angles well enough to stop Lambert from burning them on the outside, he often stays on the perimeter.

That's why I view Lambert's first NHL goal as something of a roadmap for his professional career. Speed will always be his biggest strength but goals like these — going to the net, establishing inside body position, and battling for his space — will help Lambert generate extra offence that raises his NHL ceiling.

Colby Barlow, 20, LW, Manitoba Moose (AHL)

Stats: 1 goal, 1 assist, 2 points in 13 games played

Colby Barlow has the best shot of any of the players on this list. His one-timer is sublime — already an NHL-caliber weapon — while his wrist and snap shots also launch from his stick in accordance with his pure goal scoring talent. The reason he's scored just once (or that it took him 12 games to do it) is because he's not getting into spots to use that weapon. He's taken just 12 shots in his 13 games.

The possibility that he's "just" a shooter is the biggest knock on his game but, to Barlow's credit, he's made great strides in his fitness since last year's OHL slump. He's a quicker, more dynamic player as a result, but still has a long way to go before he's controlling the flow of play through great forechecking, defending, and all of the other things players do that eventually help them get into positions to shoot.

Scott Arniel likes to say that slumps end when you get closer to the net as opposed to further away. Credit to Barlow for crease-crashing on this goal:

Nikita Chibrikov, 22, RW, Winnipeg Jets (NHL)

Stats: 0 goal, 0 assists, 0 points in 8 games played

Nikita Chibrikov was out of his element playing on Winnipeg's second line to start the season. He's still the energetic, battle-winning two-way player that prospect fans have become enamored with, but his decision-making was not in line with that of Jonathan Toews and Alex Lafallo. Offensive plays died on his stick. Sometimes it was because Chibrikov didn't see the same lanes opening up that his teammates did, thus missing the opportunity to try to make a play. Sometimes it was because he tried to carry the puck but ran himself out of options.

He has offensive tools, including a powerful wrist shot, that aren't being used right now. There's still a chance he can carve out more success on Winnipeg's fourth line than inside its top six.

Kieron Walton, 19, C, Sudbury Wolves (OHL)

Stats: 11 goals, 10 assists, 21 points in 14 games played

Kieron Walton is a 6-foot-6, 19-year-old centre who's scored in bunches since the Jets drafted him in the sixth round in 2024. He was named the OHL's player of the week on Oct. 27 after scoring eight points in two games. He's a volume shooter, leading the OHL in shots and taking at least five of them in 10 of the 14 games he's played this season.

Walton is a big man who can play a big man's game but has primarily sniped his way to 11 goals so far this season. He studies Tage Thompson videos in his spare time, looking for ways to recreate the big NHL centre's skills, and shoots the puck like this:

Corey Pronman projects Walton as a bottom six winger and it will be fascinating to watch how he adapts his game to the pro level.

Kevin He, 19, LW, Niagara IceDogs (OHL)

Stats: 10 goals, 11 assists, 21 points in 16 games played

There is a certain type of hockey player who takes it personally when you try to take the puck from them. They're offended when you go near their goaltender. They get their kicks from playing in people's faces, putting themselves in opponents' pockets, and making sure their physical presence is felt whether they score or not. Kevin He is that player, getting in veteran players' faces at Jets camp and making sure there's no cheat in his game at any level. Now 19 years old, his post-draft offensive spike has continued this season, creating hope that the 2024 fourth-rounder makes an impactful professional debut next season.

Thomas Milic, 22, G, Manitoba Moose (AHL)

Stats: 3-2-2 record, .910 save percentage, 2.32 goals against average

Thomas Milic has superior numbers to Dom DiVincentiis so far this season and thus reclaims top billing in our list. Winnipeg believes in his competitive nature and obsessive work ethic. He was highlight reel worthy in Manitoba's comeback win against Texas on Tuesday.

Dom DiVincentiis, 21, G, Manitoba Moose (AHL)

Stats: 2-4-0 record, .894 save percentage, 3.21 goals against average

DiVincentiis' early numbers don't match his AHL standards from last season. Still, it's notable that the organization chose to run with a youthful tandem in goal instead of signing a veteran mentor. It's a vote of confidence in both of Winnipeg's former goaltenders of the year in their respective junior leagues.

Zachary Nehring, 20, RW, Western Michigan University (NCHC)

Stats: 1 goal, 5 assists, 6 points in 10 games played

Winnipeg has been pleased with 6-foot-5 forward Zach Nehring's progress at Western Michigan University. This is from Jimmy Roy at development camp.

"The coaches there worked with him on a real individual basis with pucks on the wall and getting his feet moving and getting in and making contact and using his size in front of the net," Roy said. "All kinds of really good things that will help make him a really good pro one day."

Nehring's head coach feels the same way.

Alfons Freij, 19, LHD, Timrå IK (SHL)

Stats: 0 goal, 0 assists, 0 points in 18 games played

Alfons Freij has a chance to play for Sweden at the World Juniors and picked up two goals against Czechia in a recent tune-up game. He has more pace and puck skill than is conveyed by his zero point stat line in Sweden's top men's league.

Garrett Brown, 21, RHD, University of Denver (NCHC)

Stats: 0 goals, 5 assists, 5 points in 10 games played

Garrett Brown was overlooked by WHL teams as a 5-foot-9 teenager. Now he's established himself as a big, strong defender and in his third season at the University of Denver, where he

won the 2024 NCAA Championship. He's been named to the NCHC Academic All-Conference Team in back-to-back years. All five of his assists have come at even strength. There's a chance that Brown's development path sees him turn into an effective pro player down the line.

Edison Engle, 18, LHD, Brantford Bulldogs (OHL)

Stats: 2 goals, 12 assists, 14 points in 16 games played

Winnipeg drafted Edison Engle in the sixth round this June, identifying him as a defenceman whose skating was so strong as to contain untapped offensive potential. The fleet-footed left-shot defenceman tries some ambitious things in the offensive zone — waist-high backhand saucer passes at the blue line come to mind — but his offensive ability is real. He's a consistent threat for Brantford in transition and 13 of his 14 points have come at even strength.

Danny Zhilkin, 21, C, Manitoba Moose (AHL)

Stats: 2 goals, 3 assists, 5 points in 12 games played

Danny Zhilkin is a consummate professional with great habits and a strong work rate. His next full AHL season will be his first, as injuries have limited Winnipeg's 2022 third-round pick to 44 and 53 games to start his pro career. If he emerges as a legitimate NHL prospect, it will be after multiple seasons of progression and strong two way play with Manitoba.