

***THREE THINGS: Jets lose Fleury early in OT loss to Vegas  
Jets are now 4-10-5 in one goal games this season after 4-3 loss to Golden Knights***

By Jamie Thomas

WINNIPEG - Tomas Hertl scored with 13 seconds left in overtime to give the Vegas Golden Knights a 4-3 win over the Winnipeg Jets at Canada Life Centre. Cole Perfetti, Luke Schenn and Kyle Connor scored for the Jets who have now dropped 10 straight games. Connor Hellebuyck made 27 saves, Winnipeg continues their five-game homestand when they host the Edmonton Oilers on Thursday.

***GOAL DROUGHTS ENDING***

The Jets opened the scoring on a beautiful passing play started by Josh Morrissey who found Jonathan Toews in the slot, Toews then put a perfect backhand pass on Cole Perfetti's stick, Perfetti beat Carter Hart for a 1-0 Jets lead at 5:16. It was Perfetti's third goal of the season and first since November 29.

That lead held until the second period, when Luke Schenn who was celebrating his 1,100th game in the NHL, took a quick shot from the blueline that beat Hart for his first goal as a Jet and made it 2-0. It was the 36-year-olds first goal since October 19, 2024.

***SCARY MOMENT***

A scary moment in the first period with Jets defenceman Haydn Fleury went hard into the boards after being hit by Vegas forward Keegan Kolesar.

Before the 29-year-old was stretchered off the ice, the entire Jets bench came over to surround Fleury. Kolesar was visibly upset afterwards and skated over and said something to Fleury. After the game, head coach Scott Arniel had this update on Fleury.

"Obviously he's got a lot of tests to go through. He does have a broken nose," said Arniel.

"There's a few different things that happened off it. A little bit of everything. He obviously slammed his back, his neck, hit his head, and then obviously his nose."

"I thought in the second period we had some looks and did some good things. Obviously, what happened there to Fleury, we just hope that he's okay," said Luke Schenn.

"You never like seeing that for anyone in the game, it doesn't matter which team. But when you've got a buddy like that and a friend in a spot like that, obviously, it shakes guys up. But trainers, doctors, everyone there did a great job. I'm just thinking of him and praying that he's going to be fine."

***ONE GOAL LOSS***

Vegas scored a power play goal at the end of the second to make it 2-1, before Brett Howden tied it at 8:13 of the third. However, the Jets got their lead back when Kyle Connor scored his 20th of the season at 14:56 and it looked like Winnipeg was on the verge of ending their winless streak.

However, Vegas battled back again on a lucky bounce for the visitors, Ben Hutton's shot hit Brandon Saad and went right to Reilly Smith who scored at 15:55 to tie it at three. Vegas would score on the power play in overtime ending a highly entertaining contest, but the Jets were once again on the wrong side of a one-goal game and are now 4-10-5 this season.

"We're playing hard. There's no quitting this group," said Perfetti.

"I mean, like you said, some teams would throw in the towel. I feel like we still have fight, we still have belief and hope in this group, but we know what we're capable of, and we just need one of these games to go our way. Get some confidence, get some momentum and then we're off to the races."

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### ***Golden Knights rally for OT win, hand Jets 10th loss in row Stone extends goal streak to 5 games for Vegas; Winnipeg is 0-6-4 during skid***

By Darrin Bauming

WINNIPEG -- Tomas Hertl scored a power-play goal with 13 seconds remaining in overtime for the Vegas Golden Knights, who handed the Winnipeg Jets their 10th straight loss with a 4-3 win at Canada Life Centre on Tuesday.

After Jets defenseman Dylan Samberg was assessed a minor penalty for tripping at 4:09, Hertl tipped Mitch Marner's shot off the post and in at 4:47.

"Mitch makes a great play," Hertl said. "And special teams come (through) for us again. The power play is there for us all season long."

Mark Stone extended his goal streak to five games, and Carter Hart made 17 saves for the Golden Knights (18-11-12), who ended a five-game (0-3-2) losing skid.

"We defended really well in the third," Vegas coach Bruce Cassidy said. "Overtime was probably all (Winnipeg's) best chances. It was kind of one sequence when our D-man was exhausted. All in all, that was a good buy-in in that area. I thought we kept pushing."

Kyle Connor, Cole Perfetti, and Luke Schenn scored, Gabriel Vilardi had two assists, and Connor Hellebuyck made 27 saves for the Jets (15-21-5), who are 0-6-4 during their losing streak.

"I think we did a lot of things to try and eliminate their top players from being into it," Winnipeg coach Scott Arniel said. "There was a lot of things we did correct. The hard part was when we had to go down to five 'D,' those guys were getting winded. Vegas did a real good job of getting pucks into our corners and making our 'D' have to go back and get them. At the end of the day, (we've) got to continue."

Perfetti gave the Jets a 1-0 lead at 5:16 of the first period. As Perfetti darted across the edge of the crease, Jonathan Toews found him with a drop pass from the slot, and Perfetti scored on the backhand.

"I thought we didn't give them much," Perfetti said. "That was a tight checking game both ways. There wasn't really much ice out there. So, I thought we did a good job kind of eliminating their offense, their rush game. And in turn, we were able to get some O-zone time, some chances."

Schenn's point shot hit the crossbar and got past Hart to put the Jets up 2-0 at 12:04 of the second period. It was Schenn's first goal since Oct. 19, 2024, with the Nashville Predators.

"I thought in the second period we had some looks and did some good things," Schenn said. "Nice to see it go in. Obviously, they don't happen too often. I was pretty pumped at the time. The last one I got was last year right around the 1,000th game mark. It doesn't come too often. It would have been a lot sweeter to get it in a win."

Stone cut it to 2-1 on the power play at 19:09. He found a redirected puck from the rebound of Pavel Dorofeyev's shot at the left side of the net and put it past Hellebuyck.

"2-0 and 2-1 is a big difference, they don't have room for error now," Cassidy said. "It was a big goal for us. It was our top guys, they probably need it. Offensively, we haven't been, you know, lighting the scoreboard up. So, you know, those guys need to feel good about their game."

Brett Howden tied it 2-2 at 8:13 of the third period. After collecting the rebound from his own shot, Noah Hanifin set Howden up for a one-timer with a cross-slot pass.

"It's been a tough stretch for the team," Hanifin said. "We were fighting it a little bit there tonight. And finally getting that win, the mood on the team is a bit more uplifted now and we've got to carry that into the next game here."

Connor put the Jets back in front 3-2 at 14:56, scoring with a wrist shot in the high slot that beat Hart blocker side.

"When we get the lead like we did after 'KC's' goal, we've got to find a way. That has to go into lockdown mode," Arniel said. "That's a mistake by us. Obviously, the skill set by the opposition was good and strong, but at the end of the day, we have to shut that one down."

Just 59 seconds later, Reilly Smith scored with his backhand on the rebound of Ben Hutton's shot at the left post to tie it 3-3 at 15:55.

"We always think that we can claw our way back in games, and we've done it quite a bit of times this year," Smith said. "I think the tricky part for this team is not falling behind so many times in the game. We make it difficult for ourselves. But it's nice to be able to come out of this one with two points."

Winnipeg defenseman Haydn Fleury was removed from the ice on a stretcher at 13:16 of the first period and did not return. Following a check from Golden Knights forward Keegan Kolesar, who was not issued a penalty on the play, Fleury slid backward and crashed into the end boards behind the Jets' net.

"He obviously slammed his back, his neck, hit his head, and then (broke) his nose," Arniel said. "He's at the hospital. He'll be staying overnight. Obviously, he's got a lot of tests to go through.

"It's unfortunate. ... He totally lost his balance and then went in hard. ... You hate to see that stuff. Scary situation."

*NOTES:* Schenn skated in his 1,100th game. ... Stone became the fourth Golden Knights player to register a five-game goal streak, joining Max Pacioretty (seven games in 2021-22), William Karlsson (five games in 2017-18), and Erik Haula (five games in 2017-18).

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### ***Jets Remain Confident They'll Pull Out of Nosedive as Losing Streak Hits 10 Games***

By Judy Owen, The Canadian Press

Even though their losing streak has reached double digits, Winnipeg Jets head coach Scott Arniel and his players weren't throwing their arms up in despair.

Instead, a 10th consecutive loss (0-6-4) after falling 4-3 to the Vegas Golden Knights in overtime on Tuesday will make the Jets dig in deeper and keep hoping there's light at the end of the tunnel.

"You have to coach the games, you have to be in these games," Arniel said. "You just can't say, 'OK, it's been a hard year, it's been tough, we're not going to show up for the remaining 41 (games).' That's our job and that's what we have to do and I don't expect anything less.

"Those guys are driving each other and I'm driving them as a coach. You're just finding a way to maybe, just maybe, there's a streak that's coming that we can jump on."

The winless skid is the longest since the team moved to Winnipeg from Atlanta in 2011. The franchise record is 16 games (0-13-3) by the Thrashers in the first two months of 2000.

Tomas Hertl, who was named to Czechia's Olympic team earlier in the day, scored at 4:47 of overtime on the power play to lift the Golden Knights to victory.

Mitch Marner fired the puck and it bounced off Hertl as he was battling in front of goalie Connor Hellebuyck.

Winnipeg (15-21-5) held a 2-0 lead 12 minutes into the second period, and were ahead 3-2 with just under five minutes remaining in the third.

Then Reilly Smith scored with 4:05 left to send the game to overtime.

"We found quite a few of these now where it's back and forth or we're winning late and something happens," said Jets forward Cole Perfetti, whose first-period goal snapped a 16-game goal drought.

“Just trying to stay even keel, just trying to play to the final buzzer and it’s gonna turn for us. It has to, it’s not gonna go like this all year. I mean, we’re putting forth good efforts. There’s lots in our game to be happy with, be proud of, and we’re sucking with the results right now. It sucks.”

Jets defenceman Dylan Samberg was called for tripping with 51 seconds left in overtime.

“The chances we had and the looks that we had, this is just Groundhog Day,” Arniel said of the penalty. “Something happens, these things seem to happen a lot recently. Just gotta stay with it. I know it’s hard to say and hard to hear, but we gotta find a way.”

Mark Stone also scored on the power play for the Golden Knights (18-11-12), extending his goal-scoring streak to a career-high five games. Reilly Smith had a goal and Brett Howden also scored, giving him three goals in three straight games.

Carter Hart stopped 17 shots for Vegas, which picked up its first win in six games (1-3-2).

Jets defenceman Luke Schenn scored in his 1,100th career game and Kyle Connor gave Winnipeg its 3-2 lead. Gabriel Vilardi contributed a pair of assists and Hellebuyck made 27 saves in the Jets’ first game of a five-game homestand.

The Jets haven’t won in regulation since a 5-1 victory over Washington on Dec. 13.

Schenn said he’s been through similar losing skids during his 18-year career, but not with such a talented group. It’s why no one is throwing in the towel.

“Throwing in the towel, that would be an insane thing to do with this much time left,” said Schenn, who recorded his 45th career goal.

“On top of that, guys are in this position for a reason and we’re all pros. It’s the NHL, you’re never going to just roll over.”

#### *HOSPITAL STAY*

The 13,951 fans at Canada Life Centre were silenced after Jets defenceman Haydn Fleury was taken off the ice on a stretcher with just under seven minutes remaining in the first period.

Fleury was shoved by Vegas forward Keegan Kolesar near the bottom of the circle while clearing the puck and slid hard back first into the end boards.

“He’ll be staying overnight (in hospital),” Arniel said of Fleury. “Obviously, he’s got a lot of tests to go through. He does have a broken nose.

“There’s a few different things that happened off it. A little bit of everything. He obviously slammed his back, his neck, hit his head, and then obviously his nose.”

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### ***Same old story***

### ***Jets fail to finish as losing streak reaches 10 with OT loss to Vegas***

By: Ken Wiebe

The Winnipeg Jets have seen this movie before and they've grown increasingly tired of it.

Despite building leads of 2-0 and 3-2, the Jets were unable to close this game out, falling 4-3 in overtime to the Vegas Golden Knights on Tuesday night at Canada Life Centre.

With Dylan Samberg in the box for tripping, the Golden Knights got a power-play marker from Tomas Hertl with 12.8 seconds to go to send the Jets to a 10th consecutive loss (0-6-4).

"We're just not getting across the finish line. At the end of the day, that's what it is," said Jets defenceman Luke Schenn. "The only thing you can do is continue to show up for work, compete. The last thing I feel like guys are doing is hanging their heads and feeling sorry for themselves. You've got to keep moving on. There's lots of hockey left."

Since cruising out of the gate with a record of 9-3, the Jets have won just six of the past 29 games, going 6-18-5 during that span as they've dropped to 32nd in the NHL standings.

"This is just Groundhog Day," said Jets head coach Scott Arniel. "Something happens. These things seem to happen a lot recently. Just got to stay with it. I know it's hard to say and hard to hear, but we've got to find a way. We were 12 seconds away from getting out of that one."

The inability to close out games has been a frequent issue during this losing skid and it's a puzzle the Jets will need to solve in order to work themselves back into the race.

"We could sit there and pick plays out, but again, we're battling and we score a goal late and they get one right after," said Jets forward Cole Perfetti. "It's tough when you play that good of a game again and that's the result. It's tough to swallow that one."

"We've had quite a few of these now, where it's back and forth or we are winning late and something happens. It's going to turn for us. It has to. It's not going to go like this all year. We're just not getting the results right now and it sucks."

The Jets are back in action on Thursday as they continue a five-game homestand against the Edmonton Oilers.

**THE SCARY MOMENT** – Jets defenceman Haydn Fleury had to be taken off the ice on a stretcher with 6:44 to go in the first period after he crashed awkwardly into the end boards.

It was an unfortunate result but not a dirty play by any means.

Fleury was hit by Golden Knights forward Keegan Kolesar and lost his balance. Because he was so far away from the boards, there was no way for him to avoid the hard contact.

"It's unfortunate," said Arniel. "You hate to see that stuff. Scary situation."

Arniel said Fleury will remain in hospital overnight for observation.

"He's got a lot of tests to go through," said Arniel. "He does have a broken nose. There's a few different things that happened off it. A little bit of everything. He slammed his back, his neck, hit his head, and then obviously, his nose."

The Jets entire bench emptied and they surrounded Fleury on the stretcher in a show of support before he was taken by ambulance to a local hospital for further evaluation.

"We just hope that he's okay," said Schenn. "You never like seeing that for anyone in the game, it doesn't matter which team. When you have a buddy like that and a teammate and a friend in a spot like that, it shakes guys up. The trainers and doctors and everyone did a great job. We're thinking of him and we're praying that he's going to be fine."

During the stoppage in play, Kolesar and Jets captain Adam Lowry had a discussion between the benches and the two of them dropped the gloves in a spirited tilt on the ensuing faceoff.

"That's why he's the captain, he steps up in those types of moments," said Schenn. "Good on him. That's what leadership is, sticking up for one another. He handled it correctly and that's the way things should be handled in situations like that."

*THE MILESTONE* – Schenn suited up in his 1,100th NHL game on Tuesday and he recognized the significance of the moment following the morning skate.

"It has been an unbelievable journey, and I am very grateful for all the twists and turns along the way," said Schenn. "There aren't going to be a million more milestones along the way when you get up there, so you want to appreciate it. I am grateful for the opportunity."

Schenn ensured this milestone game would be a memorable one when he scored his first goal since joining the Jets last March.

He had gone 98 regular season games between goals, dating back to Oct. 19 of 2024, when he was a member of the Nashville Predators.

"The last time I got one was right around the 1,000 (NHL) game mark," said Schenn. "It would have been a lot sweeter to get it in a win."

Schenn also caught Kolesar with an open-ice hit and blocked four shots in the game.

"He's a guy that I can learn a lot from, being around for so long," said Perfetti. "He plays hard and heavy and brings a lot of jam to our team. It's good to see him get a goal there and chip in offensively."

*KEY PLAY* – Mitch Marner's one-timer caroms in off Tomas Hertl for a power-play marker with 12.8 seconds to go in overtime.

#### *THE THREE STARS*

Tomas Hertl, Golden Knights, Scored the OT winner, added an assist.

Mitch Marner, Golden Knights, Chipped in a pair of helpers.

Luke Schenn, Jets, Scored a goal in his 1,100th NHL game.

*THE SLUMP BUSTER* – Perfetti had been mired in an offensive slump, with no goals in 16 games and just one assist in the past eight games, but gave his team an early lead on Tuesday.

Jonathan Toews found Perfetti alone in front with a nifty backhand pass that snuck through the legs of the Golden Knights defender and Perfetti made a smart deke to score his third goal of the season.

Toews has come out of the break energized and is up to four assists during his past six games.

*THE GOLDEN BOYS* – A pair of Jets defence prospects were part of Sweden's gold medal winning team at the 2026 World Junior Hockey Championship in Minnesota.

2025 first-rounder Sascha Boumedienne delivered the game-winning goal in Monday's 4-2 victory over Czechia to finish the tournament with two goals and four points.

Alfons Freij, the Jets' 2024 second-rounder, had seven assists in the event and did a nice job running Sweden's power play.

Jets winger Gustav Nyquist was proud to see Sweden come through after a number of recent disappointments in the medal round.

"Obviously, it's been a long time. They've been in many finals," said Nyquist. "Haven't gotten it done in I don't know how many years, but it feels like a lot of years. So great to see. I thought they played a great game."

*EXTRA, EXTRA* – Jets goalie Connor Hellebuyck made his 29th start of the season and turned aside 27 of 31 shots he faced.

Kyle Connor scored his 20th goal of the season with 5:04 to go in the third period to give the Jets a 3-2 lead. It gave him nine consecutive 20-goal seasons.

Jets defenceman Logan Stanley served his one-game suspension, leaving fellow blue-liner Colin Miller and forward Cole Koepke as the healthy scratches.

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### ***Losing streak hits 10, as Jets lose 4-3 in OT to Vegas***

By Gordon Anderson

Only one team banished a lengthy losing streak on Tuesday night downtown, and it wasn't the Jets.

The Las Vegas Golden Knights snapped a six-game winless streak with a 4-3 overtime win over the locals.



Tomas Hertl scored the winner on the powerplay at 4:47 with Dylan Samberg in the box for tripping.

Mitch Marner's shot from the slot hit Hertl before banging off the post, then deflecting off Connor Hellebuyck prior to crossing the line. Hellebuyck stopped 27 of 31 shots.

The winless streak hit double digits (0-6-4) for the locals. Their last win was Dec. 13 against the Washington Capitals. In this lengthy skid, the team has lost eight one-goal games.

"I've gone through stretches like this in my career, just not with a group that's this talented," defenceman Luke Schenn said. "With a world-class MVP goalie, top-line talent and great defencemen, veterans and guys who have been around for a long time and have won. It's not bringing in a bunch of young guys and seeing what sticks. It's a great group of guys, we're just not getting across the finish line at the end of the day. That's what it is."

Schenn's second period goal at 12:04 gave the Jets a 2-0 lead at the time.

Kyle Connor gave the Jets a 3-2 lead at 14:46 of the third period, but the Knights tied the game 69 seconds later when Riley Smith found the empty net to the right of Hellebuyck, sending the game to the extra session.

The Jets have won two of five extra session games. Las Vegas has won five of 17 extra session games.

Cole Perfetti also scored for the Jets. Gabe Vilardi had two assists.

Winnipeg native Mark Stone and Oakbank native Brett Howden also scored for the Golden Knights in regulation. Stone has scored a goal in five consecutive games. Howden has eight goals this season.

Carter Hart turned away 17 of 20 shots.

The Jets host the Edmonton Oilers on Thursday night.

### *Ice Chips*

Colin Miller and Cole Koepke were scratched. Logan Stanley was serving his one-game suspension due to the incident that happened against the Senators on Saturday night in Ottawa. The league handed down the suspension on Sunday afternoon.

### *Can you maybe hear a 'click'?*

A 'new' line combination, such as the combinations have been altered many times this season, clicked early in the first period as the Perfetti, Johnathan Toews and Vilardi line opened the scoring at 5:16 of the first period.

Vilardi passed the puck to Morrissey at the blue line with Morrissey quickly passing the puck to Toews in the slot. Toews cradled the puck before sending a backhand pass to Perfetti, who was skating left to right in front of the Hart. Perfetti went around Hart to score his first goal in 16 games.

Toews has four assists in his last five games.

"I just like the fact, Jonathan's game the last six, seven have been – admittedly, he even feels better and a little more comfortable," Arniel said on Tuesday after the morning skate. "I'm hoping (Toews and Vilardi) guys can click and we can get two offensive lines going."

#### *Two milestones in one*

Not only did Schenn play in his 1,100 game on Tuesday, but he also scored his first as a Jet.

"It has been an unbelievable journey, and I am very grateful for all the twists and turns along the way, just being able to play at this stage of the game," Schenn said prior to game time about reaching the milestone. "There aren't going to be a million more milestones along the way when you get up there, so you want to appreciate it. I am grateful for the opportunity."

The Saskatoon native celebrated with his teammates after his point shot from near the point somehow found the net behind Hart at 12:04 of the second period for this first regular-season goal in 98 games. His previous goal was in October of 2024.

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#### ***Update: Fleury suffers broken nose in first period incident***

By Gordon Anderson

Jets defender Haydn Fleury left the Tuesday night game against the Las Vegas Golden Knights with 6:44 remaining in the first period.

Golden Knights forward Keegan Kolesar nudged Fleury down to the ice at a high rate of speed after Fleury intercepted a pass in the defensive zone.

The defender crashed into the boards back first while in a sitting position. After a few minutes of waiting time, the entire team skated off the bench to check in on their injured teammate.

"It is unfortunate," Jets head coach Scott Arniel said after a 4-3 overtime loss to the Golden Knights. "He totally lost his balance and went right in hard ... You hate to see that. It was a scary situation."

The Jets sent out a message on 'X,' saying that Fleury was transported to the hospital via ambulance.

"He was fully alert and moving his extremities upon departure," the post said.

Arniel also provided a status report on the 29-year-old from Carlyle, Sask.

"He will be staying over night as he has a lot of tests to go through," he said. "He does have a broken nose and there are a few things that happened off it. Obviously, he slammed his back, hit his neck, hit his head and obviously his nose."

Earlier this season, Fleury was placed in concussion protocol after a game against the Vancouver Canucks on Nov 12. He was cleared to play on Dec. 19.

Fleury has talked openly about his concussion issues prior to this season.

Both the crowd and the Golden Knights saluted Fleury as he was taken off the ice on a stretcher. There was a small amount of blood on the ice near the incident site. There was no penalty on the play.

Before play resumed, captain Adam Lowry and Kolesar dropped the gloves inside the Jets defensive zone as Lowry sent Kolesar to the ice with a punch. Both players received five for fighting.

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### ***Losing streak reaches ten games as Winnipeg Jets fall in OT to Vegas 4-3***

By Christian Aumell & Russ Hobson Global News

Just when you think you've seen it all, the Winnipeg Jets find a new way to lose another hockey game.

The Jets let a two-goal lead slip away before falling in overtime to the Vegas Golden Knights Tuesday night, a 4-3 loss that extended Winnipeg's losing streak to ten games – their longest since relocating to Winnipeg.

The Jets actually wasted two different third period leads. After scoring the first two goals of the game, the Golden Knights roared back to tie it up. The Jets took the lead again with only five minutes left, only for Vegas to score less than a minute later before winning it with just 13 seconds left in overtime.

Winnipeg has now lost their last five overtime contests, and they've also dropped their last 12 one-goal games.

"All the chances that we had and the looks that we had and I mean, this is just ground hog day," said Jets head coach Scott Arniel. "These things seem to be happening a lot recently, so, just got to stay with it. I know it's hard to say, and hard to hear, but we got to find a way. We're 12 seconds away from getting out of that one."

Cole Perfetti, Luke Schenn and Kyle Connor scored the Jets goals in the loss, while Gabriel Vilardi registered a pair of assists. It was Perfetti's first goal in 17 games while Schenn hadn't scored since October of 2024.

Reilly Smith tied the game for Vegas late and Tomas Hertl scored the game winner in overtime, while Manitobans Mark Stone and Brett Howden had their other markers.

"We're battling," said Perfetti. "It's just like unlucky bounces. We're playing hard. We're doing whatever it takes.

"We've had a quite a few of these now where it's back-and-forth or we're winning late and something happens. Just trying to stay even keel, just trying to play to the final buzzer. It's gonna turn for us. It has to. It's not going to go like this all year. I mean, we're putting forth good

efforts. Lots of our game to happy with, to be proud of, and we're just not getting the results right now. It sucks."

Overshadowing the loss was a very scary situation early in the hockey game. Jets defenceman Haydn Fleury had to be taken off the ice on a stretcher in the first period after crashing backwards into the boards. He was taken to hospital where he was fully alert with the use of his extremities.

"He's at the hospital," said Arniel. "He'll be staying overnight. Obviously, he's got a lot of tests to go through. He does have a broken nose so there's a few different things that kinda happened off it. A little bit of everything – obviously slammed his back, hit his neck, hit his head, and then obviously his nose."

The Jets' special teams continue to sputter as they allowed a pair of power play goals while going 0-for-2 on the man advantage themselves.

Things looked a little dicey right off the bat as Jonathan Toews took a tripping penalty just 16 seconds into the game but Winnipeg got the kill, and a few minutes later, Toews factored in on the game's first goal.

Vilardi got the puck back to the point where Josh Morrissey was waiting for it. He fed Toews in the slot, who noticed that Perfetti was uncovered and cutting to the front of the net. Toews passed it to Perfetti, who outwaited Carter Hart before sliding the puck into the back of the net at the 5:16 mark.

It was only Perfetti's third goal of the season and first since Nov. 29.

There was a concerning moment with just under seven minutes left in the period when Fleury went hard into the boards. He was on his back foot near the faceoff dot in his own end and passed the puck up the ice as Keegan Kolesar shoved him at full speed. The impact knocked Fleury off his feet, and he landed on his back before sliding hard into the boards, his head and upper back taking all the impact with the boards.

The whistle blew right away as medical personnel swarmed Fleury, being careful as they strapped him to a backboard and put him on a stretcher. After several minutes, he was wheeled across the ice as fans gave him an ovation, and players tapped their sticks.

This was Fleury's first action since Dec. 19 and only his second game since Remembrance Day as he had been dealing with a concussion.

During the pause in action, Adam Lowry talked to Kolesar about dropping the gloves and off the ensuing faceoff, the two squared off with the Jets' captain earning the takedown, much to the home crowd's delight.

The Jets carried the 1-0 lead into the second period, though they were outshot 6-5 in the opening 20 minutes.

The second got off to a sluggish start, with neither side registering a shot on goal before Stone took a slashing penalty 5:31 into the period.

Winnipeg wasn't able to generate much with the man advantage, though a scramble in front of Hart with seconds remaining led to the puck trickling just wide of the net.

The Jets doubled their lead at the 12:04 mark of the frame thanks to perhaps the most unlikely scoring option in the lineup (outside of Connor Hellebuyck).

After a battle for the puck in the Vegas end, it trickled back to the point where Schenn, playing in his 1,100th game, collected it. He paused for a moment before snapping a wrist shot on net that somehow eluded traffic and Hart, beating the keeper top corner for his first goal in 43 games as a Jet.

It was just his 45th career goal in 1,100 games and his first since Oct. 19, 2024 as a member of the Predators.

Vegas got their second power play look of the evening with 1:03 to go in the period when Dylan Samberg was called for high-sticking and it didn't take long for the Golden Knights to cash in.

A shot on goal careened off of the skates of Schenn and slid right to Stone at the side of the net. The Winnipegger slid it home for his 13th of the season just 12 seconds after the power play began, making this the fifth straight game in which Stone has scored.

Vegas outshot the Jets 8-4 in the second for a two-period advantage of 14-9, but Winnipeg still held a 2-1 lead where it mattered after 40 minutes.

But just over eight minutes into the third, the Golden Knights drew level.

Dylan DeMelo had a chance to play the puck just inside his own blueline but got spun around before Kolesar got to the puck and took it into the corner. Hertl picked it up there and found Noah Hanifin by the faceoff dot for a one-timer that hit Hellebuyck in the mask.

The rebound came back to Hanifin and he sent a pass across to Howden in front that the Oakbank native deposited into the net to tie the game at the 8:13 mark.

Winnipeg finally registered their first shot on goal in the period with 9:59 to go, and with just over five minutes remaining, they regained the lead thanks to their top sniper.

After Golden Knights made a bit of a mess of a line change, Connor carried the puck into the Vegas end before missing the net badly from the slot. But Vilardi tracked down the loose puck along the boards and as Connor circled back to the slot, Vilardi gave him the puck and Connor made no mistake, whipping a shot past Hart for his 20th of the season.

But the lead didn't last long. Only 59 seconds after Connor's goal, Vegas struck back as Smith knocked home a rebound off a Brandon Saad shot.

Neither team found the back of the net again before the end of the third, which figured to favour the Jets as Vegas entered the night with a 4-12 record in games decided in overtime or a shootout this season.

After a slow start to OT, the Jets came close a couple times to ending the game with Samberg having the best chance, whiffing a shot wide from in close after Toews was denied from the slot.

With 50.4 seconds left, Samberg was sent to the box for tripping and Winnipeg almost got through it but with 12.8 seconds on the clock, Mitch Marner rocketed a one-timer from the point that Hertl tipped past Hellebuyck to end the game, prompting the reigning Hart Trophy winner to smash his stick in half on the goal post.

The loss matches the longest losing skid in franchise history, if you include the Atlanta days, as the Thrashers had a ten-game skid during their inaugural season. The original 1.0 Jets also had a pair of ten game losing streaks in 1980 and 1994.

Winnipeg will get another chance to snap the skid when they host the Edmonton Oilers on Thursday night.

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<https://www.tsn.ca/nhl/video/2026/01/07/jets-let-another-lead-slip-away-for-10th-straight-loss/>

#### ***Jets let another lead slip away for 10th straight loss (VIDEO)***

The Jets never trailed to the Golden Knights in regulation but couldn't get it done in overtime, as Winnipeg dropped their 10th straight game. Dan Robertson and Kevin Sawyer breakdown the game story.

<https://www.tsn.ca/nhl/video/2026/01/07/jets-lose-by-one-goal-for-the-eighth-time-in-10-straight-losses/>

#### ***Jets lose by one goal for the eighth time in 10 straight losses (VIDEO)***

The Jets dropped their 10th straight game to the Golden Knights on Tuesday, eight of those 10 games have been one-goal losses. Danielle Bain joins SportsCentre to discuss the mood in Winnipeg's dressing room.

<https://www.tsn.ca/nhl/video/2026/01/06/early-trading-latest-on-leafs-decimated-blue-line-jets-options-to-acquire-help/>

#### ***Early Trading: Latest on Leafs' decimated blue line, Jets' options to acquire help (VIDEO)***

TSN Hockey Insider Darren Dreger joins Gino Reda to discuss the next steps in Hockey Canada's Olympic preparations, the latest on the Maple Leafs' blue line injuries, whether there is any room for the Jets to acquire help and the timetable for Linus Ullmark's return to the Senators.

### **The Athletic**

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#### ***Winnipeg Jets' Haydn Fleury stretchered off ice after getting shoved into end boards***

By Jesse Granger

Winnipeg Jets defenseman Haydn Fleury was stretchered off the ice after a collision with the boards during the first period of Tuesday night's game against the Vegas Golden Knights.

Fleury was shoved to the ice by Golden Knights winger Keegan Kolesar after sending a breakout pass and slid backward into the end boards. He slammed into the dasher in an awkward position, hitting the back of his helmet on the boards at Canada Life Centre.

The entire Winnipeg Jets team left the bench to surround Fleury as he was loaded onto the stretcher. Kolesar, who was visibly upset, skated over and said something to Fleury as trainers wheeled the stretcher off the ice.

Fleury, 29, is in his second season with the Jets. He has 26 blocks and 23 hits in 17 games this season. He has 10 goals and 34 assists over nine seasons in the NHL.

Jets captain Adam Lowry dropped the gloves to fight Kolesar after Fleury's exit from the game. The two traded blows briefly before Kolesar slipped and the two made their way to the penalty boxes.

The Jets announced Fleury had been taken to a hospital via ambulance and was "fully alert and moving his extremities upon departure."

The team said it would provide more information when available.