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***THREE THINGS: Vilardi gives Jets shootout win in Calgary
Vilardi scores his fourth career shootout winner lifting the Jets past the Flames.***

By Jamie Thomas

Gabe Vilardi scored his fourth career shootout winner giving the Winnipeg Jets a 4-3 win over the Calgary Flames at the Scotiabank Saddledome. Winnipeg finished their six-game road trip with a 2-4 record and moved to 11-7 on the season. Mark Scheifele, Tanner Pearson and Cole Perfetti scored for the Jets, Kyle Connor and Josh Morrissey both had two assists. Connor Hellebuyck made 31 saves for Winnipeg who will return home to open a three-game homestand Tuesday against Columbus.

PERFETTI GETS HIS FIRST

Cole Perfetti is working his way back to game shape after missing a significant part of this season. The 23-year-old was supposed to replace Nikolaj Ehlers on the Jets top power play unit, but his injury delayed that for a bit. With the game tied at two in the third period, it was the Jets power play that gave them the lead for a third time. Kyle Connor one-timed a Josh Morrissey pass that went off Dustin Wolf's shoulder, then the post and right to Perfetti who scored his first of the season into the empty net.

"Had some chances so far this year, and missing some grade A's, and had a couple chances in this game," said Perfetti.

"And was really happy to contribute on the power play there, and the power plays are doing are trending in the right direction now, and we're starting to make an impact in games, and feels good to be part of that and contribute."

TWO MORE ASSISTS FROM MORRISSEY

Josh Morrissey's offensive tear continued in his hometown as he registered two assists on Saturday night. Morrissey has now recorded 17 points in his last 11 games, including five multi-point efforts. The Jets defenceman has assists on 16 of his team's 58 goals this campaign or 27.6% of the Jets goals.

COUPLE HOME BOUNCES

The Jets have not received a lot of bounces during their six-game road trip and Saturday night in Calgary was no different. The Flames fought back from two one goal deficits in the second period thanks to pucks bouncing off the Jets. 33 seconds after Mark Scheifele had made it 1-0, Jake Bean tied it after his shot deflected off Cole Perfetti's stick and past Connor Hellebuyck on the short side.

Tanner Pearson gave the Jets their second one-goal lead but again another bad bounce went against Winnipeg, Kevin Bahl's point shot would hit Logan Stanley and past Hellebuyck to even the score at two. But the Jets fought through that and a late game tying goal against to beat the Flames for the third time this season.

***Hellebuyck makes 31 saves, Jets recover to defeat Flames in shootout
Scheifele, Perfetti score; Coronato ties it at 18:46 of 3rd for Calgary, which has lost 4 of 5***

By Laurence Heinen

CALGARY -- Connor Hellebuyck made 31 saves, and the Winnipeg Jets recovered for a 4-3 shootout win against the Calgary Flames at Scotiabank Saddledome on Saturday.

Gabriel Vilardi scored the lone goal in the shootout after Matt Coronato's power-play goal for Calgary tied it 3-3 at 18:46 of the third period.

"Even when they came back, we just hung in there," said Winnipeg coach Scott Arniel, who praised Vilardi for ending the game in the shootout with a wrist shot to the top corner. "Gabe, we know those hands, we've seen those hands. It's nice to finish it right there."

Mark Scheifele, Cole Perfetti and Tanner Pearson scored for the Jets (11-7-0), who finished their six-game road trip with a 2-4-0 record. Kyle Connor and Josh Morrissey each had two assists.

"Tonight was a good example of us battling through a little bit of adversity, whether it was a couple unfortunate bounces going into our net and some unlucky stuff going our way," Perfetti said. "I think that was a great test for our group and shows that we're able to fight through that."

Coronato also had an assist, and Jake Bean and Kevin Bahl scored for the Flames (5-12-3), who have lost four of five. Morgan Frost had two assists, and Dustin Wolf made 20 saves.

"We have to fight for every point, every win," Bahl said. "In terms of competitiveness, every guy in this room is a competitive guy. I don't think it's going to be one of those things where guys just let it get out of control. We're going to fight every single night."

Scheifele gave the Jets a 1-0 lead at 7:19 of the second period after he took a pass from Connor and scored on a snap shot from the right circle that beat Wolf to the far side.

Bean scored 33 seconds later to tie it 1-1 when his shot from the left boards deflected off the shaft of Perfetti's stick and past Hellebuyck.

"Regardless of where they're at in the standings, every time you play the Flames they're a competitive team and they work hard and they throw a lot of pucks at the net as well," Morrissey said. "That seems to be a bit of their MO lately, getting a lot of shots, so I thought we battled hard. Obviously you don't like to give up the one late, but at the end of the day, you have to be resilient and find ways to win and if it takes 65 (minutes)-plus, it is what it is, and we're happy to get the two points."

Pearson's goal after another 33 seconds put Winnipeg back ahead 2-1 at 8:25, scoring on a snap shot from the slot. Defenseman Luke Schenn's point shot deflected off both Bean and Frost and right to Pearson.

"Obviously, this road trip hasn't gone the way we wanted it to," Arniel said. "I just talked to the guys about putting everything out there. I just liked that we were resilient and that there was a little more of that urgency that we need."

Bahl tied it 2-2 at 13:29 after his point shot deflected off Winnipeg defenseman Logan Stanley's foot and past Hellebuyck.

"When I can squeak one in and get a good hard shot from the point or just jump in, I'll do that," Bahl said. "So it was nice to get that."

Perfetti scored on the power play to give Winnipeg a 3-2 lead at 1:20 of the third period. Connor's shot hit the post and bounced into the crease for Perfetti, who tapped in his first goal of the season in his fourth game.

"It felt good," Perfetti said. "I was really happy to contribute on the power play there. The power plays are trending in the right direction now and we're starting to make an impact in games, and it feels good to be a part of that and to contribute."

NOTES: Morrissey extended his point streak to five games (two goals, six assists), while Connor extended his to four games (two goals, three assists). ... For Morrissey, it's his seventh career point streak of at least five games, tying him with Toby Enstrom for the second most among Jets/Thrashers defensemen. Dustin Byfuglien (10 times) has the most. ... Frost's first assist on Bean's goal was the 100th of his career. ... Calgary forward Samuel Honzek left the game in the second period and didn't return after colliding with teammate Mikael Backlund in the defensive zone shortly before Scheifele scored. "He's got an upper-body injury," Huska said after the game. "We'll have to find out tomorrow when he gets reevaluated."

Canadian Press

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Vilardi nets shootout winner as Jets beat Flames

By Canadian Press

Gabriel Vilardi scored the only goal in the shootout on Saturday as the Winnipeg Jets defeated the Calgary Flames 4-3.

Mark Scheifele, Tanner Pearson and Cole Perfetti scored in regulation for Winnipeg (11-7-0), while Kyle Connor and Josh Morrissey each chipped in a pair of assists. Morrissey extended his point streak to five games (2-6-8).

The Jets concluded a six-game road trip with a victory after losing four of their first five. Winnipeg also sweeps the season series with the Flames 3-0.

Jake Bean, Kevin Bahl, and Matt Coronato scored for Calgary (5-12-3), which is dead last in the NHL's overall standings.

Connor Hellebuyck had 31 saves to improve to 8-6-0, while Dustin Wolf, who had 20 saves, falls to 5-10-2.

After neither team could generate much in overtime, mustering just one shot each, the game went to a shootout where Vilardi, Winnipeg's third shooter, won it.

Hellebuyck made stops off Morgan Frost, Jonathan Huberdeau and Rasmus Andersson to set the stage for Vilardi.

The win is the 330th career victory for Hellebuyck, moving him into a tie with Harry Lumley for 30th on the NHL's all-time list.

TAKEAWAYS

Jets: Perfetti's goal was his first of the season. It comes in his fourth game after he missed the first month with a lower-body injury sustained in the Jets' final pre-season game. The 23-year-old right-winger is coming off a season in which he set career highs with 18 goals and 50 points.

Flames: Calgary lost rookie LW Sam Honzek to an upper-body injury when he and linemate Mikael Backlund collided heavily at the Jets' blueline in the second period. While Honzek was slowly exiting the ice at the other end, Scheifele got free down the right wing and scored the opening goal at 7:19.

KEY MOMENT

Calgary earned a point by tying it at 18:46 of the third period, scoring on a power play that became a six-on-four when Wolf was pulled for an additional skater. Rasmus Andersson's point shot with Adam Klapka screening in front was stopped, but Coronato buried the rebound.

KEY STAT

Coronato's tying goal was Calgary's first power-play goal on home ice since the home opener against St. Louis on Oct. 11. They had failed to score on their last 27 man advantages at the Scotiabank Saddledome. The Flames are last overall on the man advantage at 11.9 per cent.

UP NEXT

Jets: Host the Columbus Blue Jackets on Tuesday.

Flames: Visit the Chicago Blackhawks on Tuesday.

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ANALYSIS: Western road trip went south for Winnipeg Jets

By Kelly Moore CJOB

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The intent behind that famous old saying, "Go west, young man," did not work out for the Winnipeg Jets. Not by a long shot.

No, the Jets certainly did not prosper on their six-game swing through the Pacific Division.

Coming home with just two wins, they didn't match what would have been their minimal expectation when the trip opened on Nov. 4 in Los Angeles.

Two weeks ago, Winnipeg had the NHL's top-producing offence, averaging 3.75 goals per game. On Monday they rank 14th in that category after scoring just 15 "real" goals in those six games.

Over that same time frame, the Jets slipped from third to eighth in goals against per game. The power play started 0-for-15 in California before coming back to life at 4-for-8 in the final three games.

The penalty kill — so good to start the season — allowed goals in five of the six games, operating at just under 73 per cent.

Turnovers, missed passes, defensive zone coverage errors, blown third-period leads. Correctible, perhaps, but the rate of recurrence would suggest the solution isn't quite as achievable as has been suggested by the players and head coach.

The number one line got torched through the first five games — to the tune of a combined -22 for Mark Scheifele, Kyle Connor and Gabe Vilardi — before Saturday's 4-3 shootout win in Calgary that provided a bright spot to go along with the emergence of the Lowry line as the trip went on.

Go west? It tended more to go south for the Jets over the past two weeks.

As Josh Morrissey suggested post-game in Calgary, though, they've won two of three. So, we'll see if that's the directional course to be taken over these next three games at home.

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Jets still searching for identity as Adam Lowry battles back from injury

By Eric Francis

CALGARY — Adam Lowry feels like he's been riding a bicycle in a NASCAR race.

That's how the Winnipeg Jets captain described his recent return to the lineup during a lengthy sit-down with coach Scott Arniel Saturday morning.

And really, could there be a better metaphor for the way the Jets have looked of late? A team trying to keep pace in the NHL's toughest division while still figuring out who they are, wobbling at times, and struggling to find the rhythm that carried them to a blistering start and Presidents' Trophy last season.

It's understandable that after missing five months recovering from hip surgery, Lowry would need time to assimilate. But when your leader and most punishing middleman suggests he's still trying to find his way, it speaks to the state of flux the Jets have been in of late.

Last year, Winnipeg was the talk of the league after winning their first eight games and opening with a 15-3 record. One year later, they sit 11-7-0 after winning just two of their last six on a

tough road trip that wrapped up in Calgary Saturday night with a 4-3 shootout win at the Saddledome.

Their undoing of late has revolved largely around atypical defensive lapses — something even Vezina-winning goaltending from Connor Hellebuyck hasn't been able to overcome.

"There isn't panic, there isn't a sense of urgency, but we're in the toughest division in the league, and if you look over, those other teams are not losing too many games," said Arniel of a Central Division in which Colorado and Dallas are the pacesetters, ahead of a tightly-grouped bunch that includes the Jets, Chicago, Utah and Minnesota.

"We want to stay in the pack here. We can't wait until December or January and decide it's time to turn it on. It's too hard of a league. We need to start grabbing our points when we can right now."

They're pedaling hard, trying to keep pace, but until they rediscover the defensive structure that defined them last year, they'll continue to feel like they're chasing cars in the fast lane.

Frustration is starting to creep in.

"I don't think we've really gotten to our identity yet," said veteran defenceman Luke Schenn.

"Obviously we've got great goaltending, there's no question about that. But I think defending is the way this team has had success in the past. When I got here last year I just noticed how hard the guys defend and play the right way, with structure and don't cheat the game."

No one embodies that defence-first approach better than Lowry. And while he's been open about his battle adjusting to the speed and ferocity of the game, there's a belief the return of the team's poster boy will soon kick-start the engine that drives the team.

"That's five months that he's been out — it isn't easy just to jump right back in," said Arniel, who sat on the bench with Lowry for a lengthy chat before Saturday's morning skate.

"He's the one that said he feels like he's on a bicycle in a NASCAR race. Until he's starting to feel better each and every game his linemates (Nino Niederreiter and Alex Iafallo) can help him do that. And when he's kind of going, as he's starting to go now, it's a big, big moment for us."

Mark Scheifele, Kyle Connor and Gabe Vilardi continue to be one of the best lines in hockey, but the team's power play has dropped from first overall last season to 10th.

The loss of Nikolaj Ehlers, Brandon Tanev and Mason Appleton in the summer took some of the speed out of a Jets lineup that replaced them with older players like Jonathan Toews, Tanner Pearson and Gustav Nyquist.

There is a confidence amongst the group that with the recent return of Lowry, Dylan Samberg, Gustav Nyquist and Cole Perfetti from injuries the team can get back to using its depth and dominance to steady the ship.

"We're getting close to what I think we envisioned our lineup looking like coming into the year," said Lowry.

"I think with the amount of turnover, with the amount of changes and stuff, it certainly takes a little bit of time to integrate everyone into the group, and develop that team identity.

"Obviously, we're not going to look the same, or accomplish things the same as we did last year, but it's still about the attention to detail being a real strong defensive team. That's our team's bread and butter. Once you kind of get the reinforcements, then you look to take the next step."

And while injuries and new faces have complicated the team's quest to try establishing the identity that made them so dominant last year, the fact that the team is riddled with veterans who know how to ride out stretches of turbulence is comforting.

"I think a lot of us in the room are tired of hearing about last year and talking about it," said Josh Morrissey, a Canadian Olympic team fixture who had two assists Saturday to bring his point total to 19.

"It's a new year, and every year is different. At the same time, we've got to figure out what our identity is this season. I think we've shown it in spurts, but obviously the last stretch here on this road trip we've gotten away from it a little bit. But we have full confidence in our team. We can be an elite team in this league. Last year, as it did in years past, it starts with our defensive game.

"When we get to where we want it to be, the rest will take care of itself."

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'Inconsistent' Jets drop Flames in OT

By: Ken Wiebe

CALGARY – You could say the Winnipeg Jets made the best of a bad situation, albeit one they created for themselves.

The Jets reached the end of the longest road trip of the season on Saturday night, wrapping up a stretch of six consecutive games against teams from the Pacific Division with a 4-3 shootout victory over the Calgary Flames on Saturday night at Scotiabank Saddledome.

"Now we've won two of our last three and we're looking forward," said Jets defenceman Josh Morrissey, who is up to 19 points in 18 games after chipping in two more assists. "We made it through the longest roadie of the year. In the NHL you've got to have a short memory. We have done a lot better things in our last three games and now we build."

After the Jets gave up a power-play marker to Matt Coronato with just 1:14 to go, Gabe Vilardi secured the extra point by scoring the lone goal in the third round of the shootout.

When it comes to the overall body of work of how things went during the past 12 days, let's just say things didn't turn out quite as the Jets had hoped.

Instead of having a stretch that crystallized the Jets' identity and solidified their spot in the highly-competitive Central Division standings, by going 2-4, they suddenly find themselves in the middle of the pack with the quarter point of the season arriving shortly.

"Obviously, this road trip hasn't gone the way we wanted it to. We just found a way to keep ourselves in that hockey game," Jets head coach Scott Arniel said after the game. "I just liked that we were resilient and that there was a little more of that urgency that we need."

The Jets are hoping that winning two of the past three games could prove to be a bit of a jumping-off point.

"(It) was a good example of us battling through a little bit of adversity, whether it was a couple unfortunate bounces kind of going into our net and some unlucky stuff going our way. We battled through it," said Jets forward Cole Perfetti, who scored a power play goal 80 seconds into the third period to give his team a 3-2 lead. "And it took us to the end of the end of the road trip, all the way to a shootout to win it. But I think that was a great test for our group, and shows that we're able to fight through that."

"We obviously didn't play to our standard for some of (the road trip), and our record kind of reflects that."

Despite the frustrating portions of the trip, Jets captain Adam Lowry said he believes the team is in position to turn the corner and find its stride.

"We're getting close to what I think we envisioned our lineup looking like coming into the year," said Lowry. "Obviously, we're not going to look the same or accomplish things the same as we did last year, but it's still about the attention to detail, being a really strong defensive team. That's our team's bread and butter."

The Jets, who improved to 11-7-0, open a three-game homestand on Tuesday against Sean Monahan and the Columbus Blue Jackets.

Let's take a closer look at this one.

SLUMP BUSTER: When Tanner Pearson scored at 8:25 of the second period to put his team up 2-1, it snapped a stretch of 13 consecutive games without a point for the Jets fourth-line winger.

Jets defenceman Luke Schenn took the initial shot from the right point and it caromed off Flames blue-liner Jake Bean and Morgan Frost before landing on the tape of Pearson, who fired the puck home before goalie Dustin Wolf could find where it ended up.

Pearson is up to three goals and four points in 18 games this season.

The fourth-line goal provided a boost, but they were also on for the tying goal from Kevin Bahl that changed direction off the skate of Jets blue-liner Logan Stanley.

That was an unlucky bounce and Arniel showed faith by having the fourth line out to protect the lead late in the third period.

This has been a long travel trip for us. Some late nights. We needed four lines," said Arniel. "They chipped in with a goal, did some real good things."

THE KEY PLAY: Jets winger Gabe Vilardi scores in the third round of the shootout to secure the extra point.

THE THREE STARS

Josh Morrissey, Jets, Chipped in two assists.

Kyle Connor, Jets, Set up a pair of goals.

Morgan Frost, Flames, Had two assists.

THE SEARCH: Jets winger Gustav Nyquist has been around long enough to know he can't sit around and wonder what might have been.

What might have been if Nyquist hadn't suffered a lower-body injury in the first period of the game against the Chicago Blackhawks on Oct. 30?

After a slow start with his new team, Nyquist was beginning to get the hang of the Jets' system and was starting to get some traction on the offensive side of the game as well, chipping in an assist in consecutive games.

"It's hard. For sure it's frustrating," said Nyquist. "Injuries are never good timing. It's part of the business and you have to get back on track. I don't know what else to say. It's just unfortunate that it happened when it happened."

Nyquist has been back for a pair of games and he's shaking off the rust.

In the first period on Saturday, Nyquist had a shorthanded breakaway, but he had trouble getting control of the puck and once he did, his shot sailed over the net.

Nyquist is up to five assists in 13 games with the Jets and he will continue to push to get back to the level he was at before the injury.

THE TARGET? Flames centre Nazem Kadri has been someone who has popped up in trade rumours over the past several seasons when it comes to the Jets' needs down the middle, but there will be a long list of suitors if Calgary leans into the idea of a rebuild and he hits the market.

But someone else to keep an eye on is Flames winger Blake Coleman.

The 33-year-old winger is a two-time Stanley Cup champion with the Tampa Bay Lightning and is off to a strong start, with seven goals and eight points in 20 games.

Coleman is a strong skater that plays with an edge and conscientious two-way player who also kills penalties.

In short, he's someone that would be a perfect piece to augment the Jets' forward group, if the Flames get to the point where a potential rebuild becomes necessary.

Coleman is under contract through next season with an AAV of \$4.9 million, so his contract would also fit well with what the Jets are trying to accomplish. He'd be a perfect fit in the middle-six, depending on how things shake out.

The issue is Coleman will be a fit for virtually every contender, so teams will need to win the bid for his services, should he become available.

EXTRA, EXTRA: Jets centre Mark Scheifele scored his team-leading 11th goal of the season to open the scoring. He also took a holding minor at 3:31 of overtime and on his way out of the box and to the bench after his team killed off the penalty, Scheifele had a few choice words for one of the officials and was dinged with a 10-minute misconduct, thus taking him out of commission for the shootout.

The Jets healthy scratches were defenceman Colin Miller and forwards Brad Lambert and Nikita Chibrikov.

The time that Lambert (one goal in four games, averaging 9:02 of ice time) and Chibrikov (no points in eight games while averaging 9:12 of ice time) spent with the Jets has been valuable on a number of fronts, but they've reached the point of the season where it will be more important for them to get back to the Manitoba Moose of the American Hockey League. Playing a top-six role there while getting more puck touches will put them in prime position to be a recall option later in the season, should injuries arise.

Speaking of the Moose, they're riding a four-game winning streak after a 5-2 victory over the Rockford IceHogs on Saturday. Danny Zhilkin scored a pair of goals, while Walker Duehr and Ville Heinola each chipped in two assists. The Moose improved to 7-6-2, which moved them into third place in the Central Division. Duehr is tied with Phil Di Giuseppe for the team lead in points with 10, while Zhilkin is up to nine.

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Weak link or menace? Lowry finding his game after lengthy absence to start season

By: Ken Wiebe

CALGARY — When Adam Lowry was searching for solutions, he was quick to point the finger directly at himself — even if the critical self-assessment was probably harsher than it needed to be.

While the Winnipeg Jets captain would have been well within his right to grant himself a bit of grace as he makes his way back from a lengthy absence and long road to recovery after enduring off-season hip surgery in late May, there was Lowry standing in the middle of the room on Saturday referring to himself as the weak link on his line during his first few games of the season.

During the past three games, the Lowry trio with Nino Niederreiter and Alex Lafallo has been a driving force at both ends of the ice.

"A big part of that is the reads that I'm making are so much better. In the first three games, I was slow," Lowry said before the Jets earned a 4-3 shootout victory over the Calgary Flames to close out a six-game road trip. "I was maybe a little tentative, maybe getting used to contact, the chaos. You can only do so much of that in practice or when you're skating by yourself. Nino and Al, they're such consistent performers. They're so steady, you know what you're going to get from them every night."

"If you have a weak link on the line, sometimes you don't look how you envision it. The last (few) games we've certainly done a better job of getting the puck below the goal line. A lot of our offence comes off the forecheck, creating turnovers, cycle plays, hemming them in and that's something we're going to try and keep building, trying to get better at. We still have a lot of room for improvement from our line and that's what the exciting part is."

The Jets have returned a number of players over the course of the season-long six-game road trip that ended with a 2-4 record leading into a three-game homestand that opens on Tuesday against the Columbus Blue Jackets.

Having Lowry back anchoring the checking line and looking more like himself is an important development as the Jets look to forge their identity and clamp down defensively.

On Saturday, Lowry was a major factor, recording two shots on goal, six shot attempts, five hits and going seven-for-12 (58 per cent) in the faceoff circle.

His 26 shifts for 17:21 represented a season-high in ice time, including 1:11 in overtime.

"He is a force out there," said Jets defenceman Josh Morrissey, who extended his point streak to five games by chipping in two assists on Saturday and is up to 19 points in 18 games this season. "I have never played an NHL game against him and I hope I never do. He is a menace. He is all over the ice, 200-feet and he makes the job of the defenceman a lot easier and the guys around him.

"He is smart and plays under the puck. I think he has been playing really well and he is only going to continue to get better."

When Lowry is at his best, he's the kind of guy that gets a lot accomplished, both in terms of being responsible defensively, delivering important minutes on the penalty kill and doing his part to provide secondary scoring.

"I just wanted him to get up to speed," said Jets head coach Scott Arniel, who smirked when Lowry's self-criticism was relayed to him. "It's five months that he's been out, it isn't easy to jump right back in. He's the one that said he feels like he's the bicycle in a NASCAR race. That's what it's going to be. He's starting to feel better each and every game."

With the ability to often force offensive players on the opposition to play in the defensive zone, the Lowry line is the one that sets the table.

"They're a luxury to have as a coach because you can throw them out to help change the tide in a game," said Arniel. "If you need a good forecheck, you need some heavy hitting, also to start in our end of the rink, start with faceoffs and get out of there — don't spend the time in there.

"It's the hard work they put in that helps. The other guys recognize that. (Lowry) always likes to lead by example. That's playing his game, a big, heavy, hard game. When he does it as the captain, not only can other players follow, but when he speaks in the room the other players recognize he's doing his job."

Having Lowry's leadership and rugged style of play will be welcome as the Jets close out a busy month of November with six more games.

“Well, every line is going to look different. As long as they’re trying to accomplish a similar end goal, but within the structure,” said Lowry. “Ours is a little more straight lines off the forecheck, trying to be as responsible defensively as we can. But if you can bring the consistency from your line every night, you can expect that out of the other three lines.

“We want to be a strong defensive team. A team that plays fast, competes hard and that’s probably what our identity looks like. But the way we accomplish it is going to be different. As long as the results are the same, that’s the most important thing.”

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Jets finish a 6-game road trip on the right side, dousing the Flames 4-3 in a shootout

By Gordon Anderson

Gabe Vilardi scored the deciding goal in the third round of the shootout as the Jets beat the Calgary Flames 4-3 on Saturday night.

Vilardi skated in on Dustin Wolf and beat the goalie low to the glove side, the puck pinging off the left post and into the back of the net.

“Two good goaltenders and Kyle Connor bounced one off the crossbar, and Helle gave us a chance, he, gave us the opportunity,” head coach Scott Arniel said. “Gabe, we know those hands, we’ve seen those hands, it’s nice to finish it right there.”

Connor Hellebuyck stopped all three shots he faced. Wolf stopped two.

Prior to the shootout, Mark Scheifele was given a two-minute minor for holding at 1:29 when he grabbed MacKenzie Weegar in the offensive zone. The Jets killed the ensuing four-on-three, sending the game to the shootout.

Scheifele was then given a ten-minute misconduct at the end of the overtime, thus removing him from participating in the shootout.

After Cole Perfetti gave Winnipeg a 3-2 lead with a power-play goal at 1:20 of the third period, the Flames tied it up with a man-advantage goal of their own when Matt Coronato gathered a rebound and beat Hellebuyck along the ice to the glove side at 18:46.

“(That) was a good example of us battling through a little bit of adversity, whether it was a couple unfortunate bounces, kind of going into our net and some unlucky stuff going our way,” Perfetti said. “We battled through it. And it took us to the end of the road trip, all the way to a shootout to win it. But I think that was a great test for a group and shows that we’re able to fight through that.”

The Jets finished their six-game road trip, going 2-4-0 in the 13-day journey.

Tanner Pearson and Scheifele also scored for the Jets. Josh Morrissey picked up two assists. He has points in five consecutive games and is second in scoring by a defenceman with 17 points.

Hellebuyck turned aside 31 shots for the win.

Jake Bean and Kevin Bahl also scored for the Flames. The Flames lost all three games to the Jets this season.

Wolf stopped 20 of 23 shots.

Ice Chips

Colin Miller, Nikita Chibrikov and Brad Lambert were scratches. Morgan Barron and Cole Koepke both practiced in a regular jersey on Saturday morning in Calgary. Haydn Fleury is on injured reserve. He was placed in concussion protocol after the game against the Vancouver Canucks. His final shift of the game ended at 5:09 of the second period.

Three in 66

In a first period in which Elliotte Friedman of Hockey Night in Canada loosely termed 'very tough to watch', Scheifele blew off the roof of a low energy, low temperature affair, scoring his 11th at 7:19 of the second as his shot beat Wolf low to the blocker side.

Seconds before Scheifele found the back of the net, Calgary turned the puck over as Mikael Backlund and Samuel Honzek collided at the Jets blue line, Honzek getting the worst of the collision as he headed to the bench under great difficulty. He did not return. Morrissey quickly transitioned the puck to Connor, his cross-ice pass finding Scheifele streaking for the net.

Jake Bean tied the game at 7:52 when Perfetti redirected the defenceman's shot from the right point, the puck changing direction and elevating over the left shoulder of Hellebuyck.

Pearson restored the advantage 33 seconds later when Luke Schenn's shot from the left point bounced off Bean and then Morgan Frost, the puck setting up Pearson in the slot for his third goal of the season. The goal marked the first time this season Schenn was on the ice for a five-on-five goal.

More friendly fire

In addition to the Bean goal that deflected off Perfetti's lumber, Calgary's second goal of the period occurred when Bahl's shot from the blue line to the right of Hellebuyck deflected off the left skate of Logan Stanley, the puck zipping over the left shoulder of Hellebuyck at 13:29.

The luck returned

Seconds after Bean's equalizer, a TV camera caught Perfetti on the bench with that 'I can't believe that happened' look on his face. The Jets forward was rewarded with a splash of good fortune on his first of the season at 1:20 of the third. Morrissey spotted Connor alone to the left of Wolf. Connor's one timer from the faceoff circle hit Wolf on the left arm, the puck banging off the post and back into the crease for Perfetti, who tapped the puck into the wide-open net.

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Perfetti finally breaks through as Jets edge Flames in a shootout

By Gordon Anderson

After missing a number of gilt-edge scoring opportunities, Cole Perfetti finally opened the books in his fourth game of the season.

"I have had some chances so far this year, and missing some grade A's, and had a couple chances in this game," Perfetti said after a 4-3 shootout win against the Calgary Flames on Saturday evening. "And I was happy to contribute on the power play."

The second-line winger was rewarded with a splash of good fortune to bag his opening marker. Josh Morrissey spotted Kyle Connor alone to the left of Dustin Wolf and zipped the puck across to the sharpshooter. Connor did what he normally does best, but his shot from the faceoff circle hit Wolf on the left arm, the puck banging off the post and back into the crease for Perfetti, who tapped the puck into the wide-open net at 1:20 of the third period.

"Perfetti is starting to do a lot more of the things that he's good at," head coach Scott Arniel said.

The Whitby, Ont., native returned to action against the Anaheim Ducks on Nov. 9 after a high ankle sprain, suffered in the final pre-season game against the Flames, set the diminutive winger back five-plus weeks.

The goal held up until Matt Coronato evened the game with a power-play goal of his own at 18:46. Gabe Vilardi settled matters in the third round, sending the Jets eastward with a 2-4-0 record on their now completed six-game road trip.

Perfetti was one of three Jets who made his season debut on the road trip as Adam Lowry and Dylan Samberg left their long-term ailments behind them, at least that is what the Jets dearly wish for.

And like all of his returning teammates, Perfetti had some challenges he needed to work through.

"Perfetti is like the rest of our injured players coming back as they're not used to playing into contact, and you get caught in one of those heavy shifts in the defensive zone, or you're battling on the offensive side," Arniel said. "They wear you down and when you haven't done it for a few months, it can be hard on the body. Perfetti is not a big guy, and he's gradually getting himself up to speed."

And his goal comes at the right time as Mark Scheifele and Kyle Connor continue to pace the offence—Scheifele with a goal and Connor with two helpers in the win over the Flames. Perfetti is looking to provide some much-needed punch to the secondary scoring.

In fact, the Jets sorely need a boost as No. 55 and No. 81 have scored 21 of the team's 59 goals. Throw in Vilardi's six markers, and the top line, either together or separately, has contributed 27 goals. That accounts for 50.8 per cent of the team's goals in all situations.

“Perfetti is a huge second-line player for us,” Arniel said. “He’s got a good shot, he’s got a nose for the net, and as he gets more comfortable, that’s that secondary scoring we need.”

Morrissey has also held up his end of the secondary scoring as the d-man is second in league scoring among defenders with three goals and 16 assists. Cale Makar leads with 24 points. The Calgary native chipped in with two helpers in the victory over the Flames.

“It is nice to get that first one and kind of start to roll from there,” Morrissey said. “Perfetti is a key player for us and so smart out there. He has had some good looks in the last few games, and it is nice to see him get that one.”