

***THREE THINGS: Scheifele, Morrissey with 3 point nights in Jets win
Scheifele and Morrissey combined for six points as Jets beat the Blues 3-1***

By Jamie Thomas

WINNIPEG – Mark Scheifele (2G, 1A) recorded the 78th career three-point game as the Winnipeg Jets beat the St. Louis Blues 3-1 at Canada Life Centre. Josh Morrissey who had the other goal for the Jets also had three points (1G, 2A) for his 17th career three-point game. Eric Comrie made 22 saves for his second consecutive victory and helped push the Jets past the Blues in the standings. Winnipeg will host the two-time Stanley Cup champion Florida Panthers on Thursday.

TAKING ADVANTAGE

The Jets couldn't find a way to beat Spencer Knight on Monday night, but it didn't take them long to solve Joel Hofer of the Blues. The St. Louis goaltender shut them out in the first meeting of the season between the two Central Division rivals. After Nathan Walker took a double minor for high sticking Isaak Phillips in the first period, the Jets power play went to work.

At 9:52, Josh Morrissey one-timed Mark Scheifele's pass past Hofer for his 10th goal of the season.

On the second power play opportunity, Morrissey made a nice play to keep the puck in at the blueline, Scheifele walked in from the corner and lifted the puck under the crossbar for his team leading 24th and a 2-0 lead at 11:25.

"I just kind of saw some space up there," said Scheifele.

"He was couching a little bit. I just tried to put it in the right spot."

EXTRA EFFORTS NEEDED

With the Jets playing in a back-to-back and their third game in four nights, the team needed everyone to do the little things that help you win games. Eric Comrie made a couple of highlight reel saves and also got some assistance from Nino Niederreiter with the Jets up 2-0, Comrie made stopped the initial shot, but the puck started trickling towards the net until Niederreiter swooped in a pulled it off the goal line.

"Yeah, that was awesome. I still haven't really seen the angle, to be honest, that you probably have seen. But yeah, it's those extra efforts, block shots, Fett's with one there, a bunch of other guys, obviously Scheif in the first period," said Morrissey.

"And then great goaltending from Comms. So it's a team effort, and that's what it takes on those back-to-back games. And maybe it's a little bit extra effort defensively, like Nino there and that was obviously ended up being really big for us."

ALUMNI NEWS

Before the game, the Jets announced that there will be an alumni game played at Canada Life Centre between the Montreal Canadiens and Winnipeg Jets the night before the 2026 Tim

Horton's NHL Heritage Classic in October. Former Jets captain Blake Wheeler will team up with Andrew Ladd, Bryan Little, Mathieu Perreault, Chris Thornburn, Paul Stastny and Dustin Byfuglien. More players will be named later. Morrissey was asked if he was surprised that his old defence partner is coming out of retirement to play in the Manitoba capital in the fall.

"So, yeah, he's still playing, I think he said once a week. And he's got some special skates. Obviously, the Jets fans know I'm not going to give that away, but got some special skates done up for it," said Morrissey.

"And, he's excited and all those guys, and, I'm excited to see them all. It's crazy how I guess time flies, and it'll be great to have him back."

<https://www.nhl.com/jets/news/blog-wheeler-looking-forward-to-family-reunion>

***BLOG: Wheeler looking forward to 'family reunion'
Wheeler will lead Jets 2.0 alumni against Canadiens alumni in October***

By Jamie Thomas

WINNIPEG – When the Winnipeg Jets welcome the Montreal Canadiens to Princess Auto Stadium in October for the 2026 Tim Horton's NHL Heritage Classic, it will almost be 10 years to the day that they last hosted the event.

On October 23, 2016, Blake Wheeler was the captain of a Jets that would drop the outdoor game 3-0 to the Edmonton Oilers. Besides the result, the event was a massive success for the franchise and the city of Winnipeg.

"Time flies, so many great memories of that day. And it was a really cool day, I think, for the city, like on a national stage, it was like the second version of the Jets, and maybe the first time all eyes were on the city, and the buzz in the city was super cool," said Wheeler on the Ground Control podcast.

"And I still tell stories of the hot stove, between the Oilers and the Jets, a few days before the game that was, that was pretty awesome."

That hot stove featured Oilers and Jets alumni like Dale Hawerchuk and Wayne Gretzky. Now it's Wheeler who will be playing in the alumni game at Canada Life Centre on October 24 with fellow members of Jets 2.0 against Mike Keane and Canadiens alumni.

"I think more than anything, just to have, like, a built-in excuse to get everyone back together," said Wheeler.

"That's really the coolest part is now, the preparation people talking about getting families back together. How many kids are coming? Who's all coming? So, like, it's gonna be a really, really cool, almost like a family reunion."

One of the easiest parts of Wheeler's life during retirement has been recruiting former teammates to come to the Manitoba capital next fall.

"I mean, it was, I don't think anyone said no. I don't think anyone said, 'I'll get back to you.'," said Wheeler.

"I don't think anyone thought about it. It was a lot of 'Hell yeah, let's go.' It'll be fun."

Below are the six Jets that were announced to play alongside Wheeler and his thoughts on each one:

ANDREW LADD

"I mean, he set the tone. He came first into the city. He was helping steer guys in the right direction, where to go, where to live. And just his professionalism, how he carried himself on the ice, just a really hard working, honest player who had some incredible years for this team."

BRYAN LITTLE

"He just made everyone else's job so easy. I mean, especially for me, at the stage of my career that I was in, when I was spending a lot of time playing on his line. There were tendencies to maybe be all over the place, and stopping and starting was sometimes a challenge, but he cleaned up a lot of mistakes. He made us all look really good, incredible offensive player as well."

CHRIS THORBURN

"Just how he showed up every day, like he was all in on the Winnipeg Jets from day one. I mean, he just, literally and figuratively, bled for this team. He was at the center of a lot of the jokes, a lot of the stories. He kept things light. He kept things serious. You know, he was just kind of like the ideal teammate and leader for our group."

MATHIEU PERREAULT

He's like the Tasmanian devil in a way. I mean, just so much energy every day. Talk about a long season. Guys that bring energy were so valuable. He was also incredibly valuable, just with the number of roles he could fill the Swiss Army knife. I mean, he could play on your first line, he could play in your fourth line. Wouldn't change his game, wouldn't change his mentality, wouldn't change his attitude."

PAUL STASTNY

"Yeah, it was like a dream come true (when Jets traded for Stastny in 2018). I mean, I'd known Stas for a long time, and luckily, he and I got to play a little bit together and various things, but we got to spend some time together in the lockout playing in Munich together. And, with the position we were in, that season, there was a real push that we were serious contenders. And adding a guy like that just was incredibly exciting for everyone in the room. We knew what that meant. We knew it solidified our team and gave us a real shot to go for it that year."

DUSTIN BYFUGLIEN

"I just felt like everything was so seamless with him on the ice. It was just on your tape; he would make these small little plays that nobody would notice. But when you're on the ice with him, it's just like, wow. Like he was shielding two guys off, and he puts it on your tape, and away we go. So, the complete package of Buff is obviously, legendary, but it wouldn't be if you weren't such a great player. In his prime. I've said this million times, I would not have traded him for anyone in the league."

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***Scheifele has 3 points, powers Jets past Blues
Morrissey has goal, 2 assists for Winnipeg; Kyrour scores lone goal for St. Louis***

By Darrin Bauming

WINNIPEG -- Mark Scheifele had two goals and an assist, and the Winnipeg Jets held on for a 3-1 win against the St. Louis Blues at Canada Life Centre on Tuesday.

"Just to get the win is huge for our group. We just need to keep it rolling," Scheifele said. "We just kind of stuck to our game and didn't try to do anything too crazy and just stuck with it."

Josh Morrissey had a goal and two assists, Kyle Connor had two assists, and Eric Comrie made 22 saves for the Jets (20-23-6), who were coming off a 2-0 loss at the Chicago Blackhawks on Monday but are 5-1-1 in their past seven games.

"First of all, [Comrie] made a lot of really big saves," Scheifele said. "[He] played fantastic. He made a lot of big saves when we needed him to."

Jordan Kyrour scored, and Joel Hofer made 13 saves for the Blues (19-23-8), who have lost five of seven (2-5-0).

"I thought we had a better effort today than we did last game (a 5-0 loss at the Edmonton Oilers on Sunday)," Kyrour said. "Obviously, we've still got to work on scoring. We're not really scoring many goals right now and we've just got to keep trying to improve on that."

After Blues forward Nathan Walker was assessed a double minor for high-sticking Jets defenseman Isaak Phillips, Winnipeg scored two power-play goals in the span of 1:33 in the first period.

Morrissey scored first to make it 1-0 at 9:52. His one-timer from the point made its way through traffic before getting past Hofer.

"I think those are games where the details of your team game have to be on," Morrissey said. "Special teams, obviously, getting the two power-play goals there is huge. We gave up one on the kill, but I thought it did a good job, and then just grinding, battling through it. It might not be the prettiest night, but finding a way to get those two points, which is kind of what we've been talking about a lot lately. So, we did a good job of just sticking with our game and rolling the lines in the 'D' and kind of that greasy, greasy game that got us the two points."

Scheifele pushed it 2-0 at 11:25, skating in from the corner and lifting the puck over Hofer's shoulder with a snap shot from in close.

"I just kind of saw some space up there," Scheifele said. "He was crouching a little bit. I just tried to put it in the right spot."

Kyrour cut it to 2-1 at 17:23 of the second period, scoring on the power play with a one-timer from the top edge of the left circle.

It was his first goal since Dec. 1, ending a 13-game drought.

"They got two really nice power-play goals, we only got one," St. Louis coach Jim Montgomery said. "That was the difference in the game. I thought 5-on-5 we had a lot of really good looks. And again, goal scoring's an issue. We've got to keep going to the hard areas and staying in the hard areas."

"We've got to hit the net, we don't have to be perfect. The way we're converging at the net 5-on-5 and the way we're converging on the power play tonight, if we hit the net, there's going to be rebounds there. Then we've got to win those battles in those hard areas."

Winnipeg went 2-for-3 on the penalty kill and is 16-for-17 in its past seven games.

"That was a big turning point for me," Jets coach Scott Arniel said. "Those are moments within games, especially this time of year, specialty teams can win you games, and I think they did for us. Other nights, it's just all 5-on-5. Some nights, it's goaltending. Tonight, I would say specialty teams (was) the difference."

Scheifele scored into an empty net at 17:37 of the third period for the 3-1 final.

"They got two on the power play. It would have been nice for us to kind of even the score in that department," Blues defenseman Justin Faulk said.

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<https://www.sportsnet.ca/nhl/article/scheifele-comrie-lead-way-as-jets-top-blues/>

Scheifele, Comrie lead way as Jets top Blues

By Canadian Press

WINNIPEG — Mark Scheifele had two goals and an assist to lead the Winnipeg Jets to a 3-1 victory over the St. Louis Blues on Tuesday night.

Josh Morrissey, who also had two helpers, scored the other Winnipeg marker as the hosts produced three goals on just 16 shots.

Jordan Kyrrou replied for St. Louis.

Eric Comrie made 22 saves for Winnipeg (20-23-6) before 13,661 fans at Canada Life Centre.

Joel Hofer stopped 13 of 15 shots for St. Louis (19-23-8).

It was the first of a three-game homestand for the Jets.

Scheifele put the game away with an empty-net goal at 17:37 of the third period.

The Blues had pulled to within 2-1 late in the second. With Vladislav Namestnikov serving a four-minute minor for high-sticking Jonathan Berggren, Kyrrou snapped a shot past Comrie.

The Jets took advantage of a four-minute high-sticking penalty to the Blues' Nathan Walker, who clipped Winnipeg defenceman Isaak Phillips, to score two quick goals 1:33 apart midway through the first period.

First Morrissey beat Hofer on a slapshot from the blue line with Scheifele and Kyle Connor assisting at 9:52. Then, Scheifele lifted the puck over Hofer from in close, with Morrissey getting the helper, at 11:25.

Nino Niederreiter saved a goal with about six minutes left in the first. After a Cam Fowler shot trickled through Comrie, Niederreiter swept the puck off the goal line.

TAKEAWAYS

Jets: Scored two goals during a four-minute power play in the first period, but failed to add to that lead until the empty-net goal.

Blues: Held the edge in play in the second, outshooting Winnipeg 11-8 and outscoring the Jets 1-0. Only some outstanding saves by Comrie kept them from tying the game.

KEY MOMENT

Scheifele scores into an empty net with 2:23 left.

KEY STAT

Comrie made 22 saves, many of them outstanding.

NOTES

Retired defenceman Dustin Byfuglien will participate in the 2026 Alumni Game that will be part of the NHL Heritage Weekend on Oct. 24, 2026, the Jets announced. Others playing against the Montreal Canadiens alumni include Blake Wheeler, Andrew Ladd and Bryan Little. Patrice Brisebois and David Savard will be among those who will play for Montreal.

UP NEXT

Blues: Visit the Dallas Stars on Friday.

Jets: Host the Florida Panthers on Thursday.

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<https://www.tsn.ca/nhl/video/2026/01/21/can-the-jets-go-on-a-run-and-make-the-playoffs/>

Can the Jets go on a run and make the playoffs?

Mark Scheifele scored twice and had an assist to lead the Jets past the Blues and climb further up the NHL's scoring list. Did Team Canada make a mistake by leaving Scheifele off the initial Olympic roster? TSN Hockey analyst Cameron Gaunce weighs in on that and if Winnipeg can still make the playoffs this season.

<https://www.tsn.ca/nhl/video/2026/01/21/scheifele-morrissey-star-to-help-jets-bounce-back-with-a-win-over-the-blues/>

Scheifele, Morrissey star to help Jets bounce back with a win over the Blues

Mark Scheifele and Josh Morrissey led the way with three points apiece to help the Jets bounce back with a win over the Blues. Kevin Sawyer joins Dan Robertson to discuss how Scheifele and Morrissey stepped up to help Winnipeg snap a two-game skid.

Global Winnipeg

<https://globalnews.ca/news/11621887/winnipeg-jets-score-early-on-power-play-hold-on-for-3-1-win-over-blues/>

Winnipeg Jets score twice early on power play, hold on for 3-1 win over Blues

By Christian Aumell & Russ Hobson Global News

With the Winnipeg Jets toiling near the bottom of the Western Conference standings, they need to pile up wins to have any hope of making a playoff push.

One can argue whether or not it's already too late, but there are still many games to be played, including Tuesday night when the Jets edged the St. Louis Blues 3-1 in Winnipeg to leapfrog the Blues into 14th place in the West.

The Jets scored twice on a four-minute power play in the first period and that would turn out to be enough against the NHL's lowest scoring team. Winnipeg added an empty netter to get back in the win column despite registering only 16 shots, including just two in the third period.

"Grinding, battling through it," said Jets defenceman Josh Morrissey. "It might not be the prettiest night, but finding a way to get those two points, which is kinda what we've been talking about lately. So, we did a good job of just sticking with our game and rolling the lines and the 'D', and kinda a greasy, greasy game that got us the two points."

Mark Scheifele scored twice and added an assist, and Morrissey had their other tally and also had a three-point night in the victory.

While the Jets have really struggled in the first game of a back-to-back with just one win in six tries, somehow the Jets now have a 4-2 record in the second half of back-to-backs this season.

"If I find an answer I could sell it," said Scheifele. "It's sometimes the way it goes. I'm just happy we got the win."

More than a dozen college basketball players charged over rigged games: prosecutors
The Jets managed to hold the lead in the final frame which has been a challenge for the team this season.

The Blues also had a four-minute man advantage in the second stanza and scored their only goal of the game.

"I know they scored but that second part of that penalty kill that we killed off is large," said Jets head coach Scott Arniel. "But for me it was a lot of we did the blocking the shots, getting pucks out when they had to be cleared in front of the net, allowing Coms (Eric Comrie) to see those pucks.

"So, there was a lot of stuff I think that every line, we tried to play as simple as possible, gain zones, and continue to do that for 60 minutes."

The Blues haven't won a road game since Dec. 20 and have lost seven straight away games.

Gustav Nyquist was in the Jets' lineup for the first in two weeks as he replaced Cole Koepke.

"He hadn't been in for a while," Arniel said. "Back-to-back game – just trying to get kinda him back in the roster."

The Jets got the first power play of the night when Nathan Walker caught Isaak Phillips in the face with a high stick off a faceoff. Phillips left the ice with a bloody nose, earning Walker a double-minor and giving Winnipeg four minutes with the man advantage.

Turns out, they did not need all four minutes to do damage.

Morrissey opened the scoring when he blasted a pass from Scheifele past a screened Joel Hofer with 49 seconds to go on the first part of the double-minor.

After Winnipeg's second unit came out for a bit, the big guns returned to the ice and doubled down. Morrissey got the puck down low to Scheifele, who had a lot of open ice around him. He skated the puck towards the crease before roofing it from a tough angle over the shoulder of Hofer to make it 2-0 with his 24th of the season.

The Blues came within an inch or two of getting on the board later in the period. Comrie got a piece of a Cam Fowler shot but the puck landed behind him and trickled toward the goal line, but Nino Niederreiter knocked the puck away just in a nick of time, keeping Winnipeg's 2-0 lead intact heading to the second.

The Blues began the period on a power play, but Winnipeg had the best chance when Dylan Samberg found himself on a shorthanded breakaway. He did not deke, instead trying to beat Hofer with a wrist shot but Hofer turned it aside with the left pad.

Niederreiter had a close call himself just past the midway point of the second when he found himself on an odd-man break with Scheifele. Scheifele sent a pass over to Niederreiter but the Swiss Olympian's shot hit the post.

Roughly a minute later, it was the Blues' turn to ring iron. Thanks to a breakdown in the Winnipeg end, Nick Bjugstad was allowed to walk in down the right wing before he fired a shot that nailed the crossbar and bounced back into the slot, but the Jets were able to clear it to safety.

With 3:25 to go in the period, Vladislav Namestnikov collided with Jonatan Berggren, inadvertently catching Berggren in the face with his stick and cutting him near the eye. This gave St. Louis a four-minute power play of their own to try and get back into the game.

Like Winnipeg, they took advantage of the opportunity.

48 seconds into the first part of the double-minor, Jordan Kyrou one-timed a pass from Justin Faulk high over the glove hand of Comrie to make it 2-1.

But the Jets killed off the second part of the penalty and moments after Namestnikov stepped out of the box, Winnipeg had a great chance to restore the two-goal lead as Namestnikov carried the puck into the Blues end and dished it to Tanner Pearson, streaking down the middle. He got in close before taking a shot that Hofer stopped with his glove, keeping it 2-1 after 40 minutes.

St. Louis outshot the Jets 11-8 in the second and held a 17-14 advantage in shots on goal through two periods.

The Jets got another chance to do damage on the power play when Dalibor Dvorsky was called for holding 2:27 into the third but Winnipeg couldn't capitalize.

St. Louis got their own power play chance with 13:19 to go when Phillips was called for high-sticking, but the Jets' penalty kill got the job done, thanks in part to a great blocker save by Comrie.

Not much happened in the third before Hofer went off for an extra attacker with just over 2:30 to go but just seconds later, Kyle Connor banked the puck off the boards and up the ice where Scheifele skated to it and deposited it into the empty net for his second of the night to seal the win.

Comrie was solid for the Jets, turning aside 22 shots for the win, while Hofer only had to make 13 in the loss.

The Jets will look to make it two wins in a row when they host the two-time defending Stanley Cup Champion Florida Panthers Thursday night. Pregame coverage on 680 CJOB begins just after 5 p.m. with the puck dropping just after 7 p.m.

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ANALYSIS: Winnipeg Jets need to extend Logan Stanley's stay with the team

By Paul Edmonds CJOB

Based on a breakout season, are the Winnipeg Jets willing to afford the major pay increase Logan Stanley is expected to command as an impending free agent?.

In one short year, he's become a uniquely polarizing sports figure in this city.

Last year, many fans felt the press box was a better spot for him than on the team's blue line.

This year, the polarity is exactly the opposite, with chants of MVP echoing through Canada Life Centre every time he scores a goal and fans even producing their own T-shirts using his nickname to proclaim they're "Stanimal's Biggest Fanimal."

It's a wrestling-type following that has frankly flipped the script from villain to hero seemingly overnight. And the only reason for it is Stanley's play this season.

After being selected in the first round of the 2016 draft, it's certainly been a moment for Stanley to finally arrive as an everyday NHL defenceman, with assets such as skating, size, physicality, toughness and, yes, scoring all now working in conjunction this season.

For the Jets, it's been a patient and lengthy investment in Stanley — a project by many accounts that is finally complete, which leads one to wonder what the team is thinking regarding retaining the 27-year-old's services past this season.

With a rumoured expectation of \$4 to \$5 million per season the ask, watching Stanley walk away in July or be traded on or before the March 6 deadline doesn't seem like a sage move for the Jets.

After all, six-foot-seven defencemen that can play aren't in abundance across the NHL and his departure would leave Winnipeg much leaner on the left side of its blue line, no doubt.

For Stanley, who is just reaching his prime, he's looking to cash in and understandably strike while the iron appears to be hot.

And while it might not have been the case a year ago, it's likely many Winnipeg fans now believe not re-signing Stanley would be a move the Jets can't afford to make.

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Jets get better of the Blues

Special teams the difference on back half of back-to-back: Arniel

By: Ken Wiebe

It turns out the Winnipeg Jets aren't ready to fade quietly into the night.

Just under 24 hours after getting blanked 2-0 by the Chicago Blackhawks, the Jets turned the page with a 3-1 victory over the St. Louis Blues on Tuesday night at Canada Life Centre to open a three-game homestand.

Rather than lament the missed opportunity, the Jets took the next step in trying to pick off one of the teams still ahead of them in the Central Division standings.

By evening the season series with the Blues, the Jets pulled into a tie in points with St. Louis, technically moving out of the basement in the division with a higher points percentage due to having a game in hand.

With 33 games to go in the regular season, the Jets realize they've got their work cut out for them if they want to take a run at the second wild card berth in the Western Conference, as they still trail the San Jose Sharks by seven points.

But by posting a record of 5-1-1 during the past seven games, the Jets are doing what they can to keep hope alive.

“Those are games where the details of your game have to be on,” said Jets defenceman Josh Morrissey. “It might not be the prettiest night, but (it’s about) finding a way to get those two points, which is what we’ve been talking a lot about lately.”

The Jets, who improved to 20-23-6 for the season, continue a three-game homestand on Thursday against Paul Maurice and the Florida Panthers.

“If I find an answer, I could sell it. Sometimes it’s just the way it goes,” said Jets centre Mark Scheifele, asked about his team improving to 3-1 in the back end of games on consecutive days. “Just to get the win is huge for our group. We just need to keep it rolling.”

Let’s take a closer look at what transpired in this game:

STICKS WERE HIGH

The bulk of the offence in this one came after two separate stick infractions.

The first came when Blues forward Nathan Walker caught Jets defenceman Isaak Phillips in the face after a faceoff, drawing blood and leading to a double minor.

The Jets cashed in on both ends of the power play, getting goals from Morrissey (on a slapshot) and Scheifele (on a beautiful shot after driving the net) to build a 2-0 cushion.

“He was laughing about it – that he would happily take that (cut) for a couple of goals on that power play,” said Morrissey. “He’s a good team guy. We executed well and it was big to get off to a good start.”

But late in the second period, Vladislav Namestnikov clipped Jonatan Berggren with his stick near the eye and also drew blood, resulting in a double minor for high-sticking.

Although Jordan Kyrou was able to cut into the deficit during the initial minor to get the Blues on the board, the Jets killed off the remaining two minutes to take a one-goal lead into the third period.

“That was a big turning point for me,” said Jets head coach Scott Arniel. “Those are moments within games, especially this time of year, specialty teams can win you games and I think they did for us. Other nights it’s just all five-on-five, some nights it’s goaltending. Tonight, I would say specialty teams were the difference.”

Morrissey’s goal gave him 10 for the season, marking the fifth consecutive season he’s hit double digits.

For those keeping track, Morrissey’s career-high is 16, which was set during the 2022-23 campaign.

THE EXTRA EFFORT

Jets winger Nino Niederreiter isn’t scoring at a pace he’s accustomed to, but he did an excellent job to prevent a goal with just over six minutes to go in the first period.

Jets goalie Eric Comrie made a save on a shot from Blues defenceman Cam Fowler during an odd-man rush, but just before the puck crossed over the goal line, Niederreiter made a great play to keep a goal off the board.

“That was awesome,” said Morrissey. “I still haven’t really seen the angle, but it’s those extra efforts, blocked shots. It’s a team effort and that’s what it takes on those back-to-back games.”

During the second period, Niederreiter had a glorious chance to extend the lead but his off-side one-timer clanged off the iron after a nifty cross-ice pass by Scheifele.

“He’s staying with it,” said Arniel, who made Niederreiter a healthy scratch on Jan. 1 against the Toronto Maple Leafs. “Since that point, he’s recognizing that he has a way that he has to play every night, and we’re seeing that. His hustle, to come all the way back on that, obviously he could have let up, but that was a great play by him.”

“And at the other side, tough because he got that great chance and he hit the post. Those chances are there and he’s getting more of those opportunities because he’s putting the work in and he’s playing to his identity.”

THE KEY PLAY

Scheifele’s power-play marker proves to be the game-winner.

THE THREE STARS

Josh Morrissey, Jets, Scores a power-play marker, chips in two assists.

Mark Scheifele, Jets, Scores a pair of goals, adds an assist.

Eric Comrie, Jets, Finishes with 22 saves to win a second straight start.

THE ASSESSMENT

Former Jets captain Blake Wheeler, on hand for the announcement for the alumni game as part of the 2026 Heritage Classic on Tuesday, took some time to weigh in on the current state of the team.

“I think it’s one of those things where, (it’s) still the same core from the team that won a Presidents’ Trophy last year and was contending for a Stanley Cup,” said Wheeler. “Obviously I played with a majority of those guys that make up the core of the team and I have a ton of belief in them and faith in them. This league’s tough. The games that go your way a year ago, maybe they’re one-goal games and you get on a good stretch and get momentum, all those good things that go into having a successful season.”

“If it goes the other way it can snowball just as easily. It’s probably not what anybody has expected, but there’s a lot of reasons to still be optimistic about the group.”

THE OUTSIDE VIEW

A lot of words have been spoken and written about Monday’s tribute and reception for Jets centre Jonathan Toews in his return to the United Center in Chicago, but Blues head coach Jim Montgomery also provided his two cents after the morning skate.

“That’s what makes our game great. There’s legacy players like Jonathan Toews that did so much for the tradition of the Blackhawks,” said Montgomery. “Being a native Winnipeg boy, playing for his hometown team, going to the Original 6 team that he won three Cups (with), he

won a Conn Smythe and did so many great things, hoisting the Cup three times as captain. That's what makes the game great, that you have those memories.

EXTRA, EXTRA

Winnipegger Joel Hofer made his 24th start of the season for the Blues and made 13 saves.

The Jets made one lineup change, inserting winger Gustav Nyquist onto the fourth line for Cole Koepke. Nyquist, who had been a healthy scratch in the last seven games, took 18 shifts for 13:02 of ice time and didn't register a shot on goal or a shot attempt.

Defenceman Elias Salomonsson missed a second straight game due to illness, while centre Danny Zhilkin was the lone healthy scratch for the Jets.

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Big Buff 'was all in right away'

Fan favourite highlights Jets-Habs alumni game ahead of Heritage Classic

By: Mike McIntyre

Dustin Byfuglien is returning to the Winnipeg Jets.

No, it's not to suit up with the current edition of the club, as fun as that notion might be. The 40-year-old remains comfortably and very privately retired, more than six years after he abruptly hung up his skates and walked away from more than US\$14 million in outstanding salary

Rather, one of the most beloved and unique athletes we've ever seen around here has agreed to suit up for an alumni game that will be held prior to the Heritage Classic next fall between Winnipeg and Montreal. Byfuglien was one of several names included on preliminary rosters released Tuesday, marking a long-awaited return to his former hockey home.

"You'd be surprised — he was all in right away," honorary Jets alumni captain Blake Wheeler said during a news conference inside Canada Life Centre

"I think he's fired up to go back."

Nobody knew it at the time, but Byfuglien's final game in Winnipeg came in the spring of 2019 as the Jets hosted Game 5 of their first-round playoff meeting against the St. Louis Blues. Winnipeg lost that night, then went on the road and dropped Game 6 — and the series — to the eventual Stanley Cup champions.

The only Byfuglien sightings since were a pair of video tributes he sent in to mark milestones games for Wheeler and Connor Hellebuyck which had crowds inside Canada Life Centre erupting in cheers.

"There will be a ton of excitement for him," said Wheeler. "It's a great opportunity for him to feel the love in this city. It's something everyone will look forward to. It will be a great moment for him."

Other former 2.0 Jets joining Wheeler and Byfuglien will include Bryan Little, Andrew Ladd, Mathieu Perreault, Paul Stastny and Chris Thorburn. Further names will be announced in the coming months.

The game will be held Oct. 24 at the downtown rink. The modern-day Jets and Canadiens will then face off on Oct. 25 at Princess Auto Stadium.

"It was a built-in excuse for a family reunion," said Wheeler, who was one of the original Atlanta Thrashers who re-located to Winnipeg in 2011. He spent 12 seasons with the Jets before being bought out of the final year of his deal following the 2022-23 campaign.

"Just the response to it and how excited all the guys were — I didn't have to bribe anyone, so that was great."

Wheeler went on to play one final campaign with the New York Rangers, suffering a gruesome leg injury that limited him to 54 regular season games and one final playoff appearance in the spring of 2024. The idea of taking another twirl with long-time linemates Ladd and Little brought an instant smile to his face.

"I don't know who's coaching the team but i think that's going to be a good line to put together," said Wheeler. "Those are guys I still keep in touch with. Obviously we had some on-ice moments, and it will be great to get back out there with those two."

The first players announced for the Canadiens squad include Mike Keane, who now works in player development with the Jets, along with Dale Weise (a native Winnipegger), Patrice Brisebois, David Desharnais, Paul Byron and David Savard.

"I will have to get back on the ice so I don't embarrass myself more than I will already," said Keane, who hasn't skated "in about two years."

The 58-year-old began his NHL career with the Habs in 1988-89, playing parts of eight seasons with the bleu blanc et rouge and winning the Stanley Cup in 1992-93 — the last Canadian team to do so.

"It's going to be a lot of fun, especially with teammates you haven't seen in a long time. You always connect right away," said Keane.

"Once you are a Montreal Canadien, you're a Montreal Canadien for life."

Is he looking forward to doing battle with Big Buff?

"We're not going to brawl him, I know that," Keane said with a laugh. "Not unless we're calling Chris Nilan back and a couple other guys. No, Buff's always been a lot of fun."

The Jets hosted an alumni game against the Edmonton Oilers prior to the 2016 Heritage Classic at the football stadium. Among the participants that year were Dale Hawerchuk, Teemu Selanne, Wayne Gretzky and Mark Messier.

Wheeler said his favourite part of that weekend was the hot stove session in which ex-players talked about the good old days of Jets vs Oilers battles in the former Smythe Division.

"I was nerding out so hard just hearing all their old stories," he said. "What that rivalry meant to them, the playoff series and just the buzz in town. It felt like maybe since the first time we had come back all eyes were on Winnipeg and the buzz in the city was really high. It was a really cool weekend to be a part of."

Now, 15 years into the NHL's return, comes the chance to spotlight mostly 2.0-era players who are gone but not forgotten.

"Time flies, for sure. In the blink of an eye, you go from kind of coming back into town to now coming back for different reasons," said Wheeler.

"It's just a great opportunity, because now we kind of have a real established alumni. We're all kind of getting a little grey in our beards. This is a just a great chance to really establish a culture of guys coming back. What it's meant to be a Jet and what it means to be a Jet.

"And some guys weren't able to maybe have those (goodbye) moments and maybe experience what they meant to the community. So it will be really special for them to come back and share that moment with everyone."

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Jets grind out a 'greasy' 3-1 win over the St. Louis Blues

By Gordon Anderson

The Jets are at a point in the season where it doesn't matter how it looks on the ice, just win a hockey game.

"It might not be the prettiest night, but finding a way to get those two points, which is kind of what we've been talking about a lot lately," Josh Morrissey said after a 3-1 win over the St. Louis Blues on Tuesday night. "We did a good job of sticking with our game. And, rolling the lines in the D and kind of that greasy, greasy game that got us the two points."

Morrissey scored a goal and added an assist. Mark Scheifele scored twice and added an assist. Kyle Connor picked up two assists.

"We just kind of stuck to our game and didn't try to do anything too crazy," Scheifele said. The team's top centreman has scored two goals in a game on six different occasions this season.

Eric Comrie (8-9-1) stopped 22 shots in the win. In his last start, a 5-1 win over the Los Angeles Kings, Comrie allowed one goal on 24 shots. In those last two starts, Comrie has turned aside 45 of 47 shots. Comrie has a .960 save percentage in his last two starts.

"Comrie made a lot of really big saves," Scheifele said. "When we needed him to make a big save, he made it. That was big."

With the win, the Jets move into eighth place in the Western Conference, one point behind the Chicago Blackhawks and Calgary Flames for sixth. Winnipeg is tied with St. Louis for 30th in the

league but have more wins than the Blues at 20 to 19. The Jets are 12-15-3 against the Western Conference.

The Jets have lost three of four in the first half of back-to-back games this season. Consequently, the club has won three of four in the second game in the back-to-back scenario. They lost 2-0 to the Blackhawks on Monday night.

Jordan Kyrrou scored for the Blues (19-23-8). The Blues are 1-20-1 when trailing after two periods. Joel Hofer (11-10-2) turned aside 13 shots in defeat. Kyrrou's goal snapped a scoreless streak of 144:50 for St. Louis, dating back to a 3-2 shootout win over the Tampa Bay Lightning last Friday.

The Jets (2023-6) host the Florida Panthers on Thursday night.

Ice Chips

Cole Koepke, Elias Salomonsson, and Danny Zhilkin were scratched. Salomonsson was scratched Monday night in Chicago due to an illness. Gustav Nyquist, who missed seven games as a healthy scratch, returned to the lineup against the Blues. His last game was Jan. 6 against the Vegas Golden Knights.

Save of the game

Nino Niederreiter saved a potential goal at 6:49 of the first period, with the Jets leading 2-0 at the time. Cam Fowler's shot from the right face-off circle leaked through Comrie and slowly rolled towards the open net, but Niederreiter skated behind Comrie and knocked the puck away just as it was about the cross the goal line. Niederreiter was credited with a blocked shot.

The return game

Blues forward Nathan Walker was given a four-minute major for high-sticking at 8:39 of the first period when he hit Issak Phillips in the mouth inside the Jets zone. The Jets promptly scored two power-play goals. Jets forward Vlad Namestnikov was also given a four-minute minor when his errant stick hit Jonatan Berggren in the face at 16:35 of the second period. Kyrrou scored for the Blues, trimming the deficit to 2-1 for Winnipeg at the end of 40 minutes.

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Dustin Byfuglien to headline the Jets-Canadiens alumni game

By Gordon Anderson

Dustin Byfuglien will headline a Jets roster for the upcoming alumni game, as a larger part of the Tim Hortons NHL Heritage Classic.

"There will be a ton of excitement for him," Jets alumni captain Blake Wheeler said on Tuesday afternoon at Canada Life Centre. "It is a great opportunity for him to feel the love for him in this city. Being able to come back and receive the love (he)deserves, that will be a good moment for him."

The alumni game will be played on Oct. 24 at Canada Life Centre.

"It is going to be a lot of fun," said Canadiens alumni captain Mike Keane. "Especially with teammates you haven't seen in a long time, you can connect right away."

Preliminary players for the Montreal roster include Patrice Brisebois, Manitoban Dale Weiss, Paul Byron, David Desharnais, and David Savard.

Preliminary players for the Winnipeg crew include Andrew Ladd, Bryan Little, Mathieu Perreault, Paul Stastny, and Chris Thorburn.

Byfuglien came to Winnipeg as one of the Atlanta Thrashers and played eight seasons with the Jets. He abruptly retired after the 2018-19 campaign, walking away from the two years and \$14 million left on his contract.

Despite the way things ended between the player and the team, Wheeler says 'Big Buff' was excited.

"He was all in right away," Wheeler said. "We shall see but based on our last communication he is fired up. So, I am looking forward to it."

More players will be added to both teams in the months leading up to the game.

"It was a bult in excuse for a family reunion, it felt like," Wheeler said. "As you are formulating guys and you are texting the response, how excited the guys were, I didn't have to bribe anyone, so that was great. (It is great to) spend the weekend with your former teammates."

The Heritage Classic game between the Jets and the Canadiens will take place on Oct. 25 at Princess Auto Stadium.

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Observations From Blues' 3-1 Loss To Jets

By Lou Korac

When it comes to the road these days for the St. Louis Blues, the picture hasn't been perfect.

Even though there were parts of their game that dictated that they would prevail in their game on Tuesday against the Winnipeg Jets, there's plenty of deficiencies that seem to prevail in a broader light. It resulted in a seventh straight road loss, 3-1 to the Jets on Tuesday at Canada Life Centre.

All the Blues (19-23-8) could muster off backup goalie Eric Comrie was a Jordan Kyrou power play goal, and Joel Hofer only faced 15 shots but it wasn't good enough on this night.

Let's take a look at the game observations:

* Another night, another special teams game decided in the wrong direction – It's no secret that the Blues' special teams this season are simply put: bad.

The power play isn't good (26th coming into Tuesday's action) and the penalty kill was even worse at 28th at 75.3 percent.

If you're special teams are bad, you can't afford to be bad in other areas, and unfortunately, the Blues' special teams gets magnified plenty because they just don't compensate for how ineffective it is.

And on Tuesday, the penalty kill did not get the job done. Again.

When Nathan Walker was called for a double minor for high sticking at 8:39 of the first period, and it was a tough one because he got clipped by his own stick initially by Jets defenseman Isaak Phillips' stick lift before catching Phillips with his own twig, by the rules it was properly administered.

How about a statement PK for a change to set the tone for the rest of the game, because the Blues started that game 5-on-5 on the front foot and were the better team throughout. And they started the better team.

Instead, they're chasing the game (again) because their PK unit can't get the job done.

The Jets would score on both ends of Walker's double-minor, and Josh Morrissey started it with a shot from the high slot past a screened Hofer, who couldn't see by the perfect screen by Tyler Tucker on his own goalie that made it 1-0 at 9:52:

And then Mark Scheifele's first of two goals made it 2-0 at 11:25 after the Blues failed to get a clear, the puck would get rimmed around to the lefthand side, and Scheifele curled to the net and lifted a shot over Hofer on the short side, a goal that has plagued Hofer in his young career by going down too early and making his 6-foot-5 frame look smaller than needed:

And for a Blues team that has trouble scoring goals as it is, it's not the ideal situation of chasing a game.

The Jets had two goals on three PP shots, and meanwhile, the Blues would have four power plays in this game, the first time they were operating without associate coach Steve Ott, who was sent to be the head coach of Springfield of the American Hockey League on Monday after Steve Konowalchuk was fired. Ott ran the power play, and Blues coach Jim Montgomery took over those duties, but the Blues had four opportunities in this game and had just five shots on goal. That has to be something that changes.

Kyrou, who hadn't scored since Dec. 1 (13 games) did cash in on a similar situation when the Blues had four minutes of power play time when Jonatan Berggren was high-sticked by Vladislav Namestnikov at 16:35 of the second period, and Kyrou did something we haven't seen much from him, one-time a Justin Faulk pass from the left circle high glove side at 17:23 to make it 2-1, ending a drought of 144:50 since the last goal scored:

But that's all the Blues could muster. The power play could have made a difference in another game and wasn't effective enough.

It's sad that these two goalies (Hofer and Jordan Binnington) feel they have to be perfect to overcompensate for an inept offense that can't convert to save their lives, and I think it complicates their respective games as well. It's affected Binnington more so than Hofer.

* Blues wasted a strong 5-on-5 game – The shots for and against at 5-on-5 was 18-12 in favor of the Blues. The Blues doubled up the Jets in scoring chances (20-10) according to natstattrick, along with have four high danger scoring chances to Winnipeg's one.

The Blues held a 57-38 Corsi rating in the game.

Those are just a few of the numbers, facing a team playing the second of a back to back having traveled from Chicago from a game Monday night.

The Jets had just two shots on goal in the third period and really holding on for dear life, and one of those two shots was a Scheifele empty-netter with 2:23 to play right after the Blues pulled Hofer but once again, that compete level to win a puck was non-existent and the puck was in their net seconds later.

It was the 10th empty-netter the Blues have given up this season, which is 10th most.

The Blues really deserved to win this game with the metrics of how they played the game (aside from special teams again) but when you're last in the league in goal scoring (2.43 per game coming in), it tends to waste efforts like this because of the inability of put pucks in the net.

Once again, 22 missed shots on target is way too many.

The Blues simply don't get to the hard areas enough either for loose pucks to hit them after initial shots, collect rebounds, a puck go in off a skate, a shin pad, something, anything. It's an ongoing process but unfortunately, a recurring theme.