

***THREE THINGS: Red Wings score four in third, beat Jets 5-1
Cole Koepke scored the only goal for the Jets who finished home stand 1-1-1***

By Jamie Thomas

WINNIPEG – The Detroit Red Wings scored four goals in the third period to beat the Winnipeg Jets 5-1 at Canada Life Centre. Cole Koepke scored the only goal for the Jets who are now 20-24-7. Connor Hellebuyck played in his 600th NHL game and made 26 saves. The Jets will now head out on the road for a four-game trip starting Tuesday against the Devils.

GREASY GOAL

The Jets hadn't scored at 5-on-5 through their last three games; forward Morgan Barron was asked what wasn't working in that department before tonight's game.

"I think when pucks aren't finding their way to the net, I think it's about just going to those hard areas and finding a way to guess the greasy goals or the ones around the net," said Barron.

With the game tied at 0-0 in the second period, Barron's line did exactly that with Cole Koepke scoring a greasy goal to give Winnipeg their first 5v5 goal since January 17.

"Offensive draw, and Barron did a good job of winning to clean back, and we were just getting bodies to the net," said Koepke.

"And Stanley did a good job delivering it, and it went off me, kind of landed there, perfect for me."

LET IT GET OUT OF HAND

The Jets had played a solid defensive effort through 40 minutes, and the game was tied at one going into the third period. Winnipeg had numerous great chances to score in the second but just could not get that second goal past John Gibson. The Jets just got away from doing things that had made them successful earlier in the night in the third and that opened the door for a four-goal outburst by the Red Wings. However, head coach Scott Arniel was not happy with pretty much anything that he saw.

"We were looking for a pond hockey game. Don't get hit, don't hit anybody. Just play an easy soft game," said Arniel.

"That's pretty much what we did for two periods, and it exploded in the third period."

MISSED OPPORTUNITY

The Jets are heading out on a challenging four-game road trip and will play in some tough buildings in New Jersey, Tampa Bay, Florida and Dallas. They had a stretch of nine games out of 11 on home ice and went 4-2-3 missing out on some critical points to pull themselves back into the playoff picture in the Western Conference.

"We got to get points and try to get wins. Obviously, time is of the essence," said Dylan DeMelo.

"We don't have any leeway at all, we gotta win some games, string them together. But even if we get the next one, we have to focus on the next one and go from there. We're not going to get into the playoffs just by winning one game."

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***Compher scores twice, Red Wings surge past Jets
Gibson wins 8th straight start for Detroit, which extends point streak to 5***

By Darrin Bauming

WINNIPEG -- J.T. Compher scored two of the Detroit Red Wings' five unanswered goals in a 5-1 win against the Winnipeg Jets at Canada Life Centre on Saturday.

"I think J.T. is a little bit like a Swiss Army knife," Detroit coach Todd McLellan said. "You can use him in a lot of different situations. He's a good right-handed face-off guy, fairly responsible defensively. We use him penalty-killing, and a little bit of power-play time, and we'd like to see him get rewarded. He's had so many chances lately and it finally went in for him tonight. Those were big goals to get us even, get us the lead, and we could play from there."

Lucas Raymond and Marco Kasper each had a goal and an assist, and John Gibson made 26 saves to win his eighth straight start for the Red Wings (32-16-5), who have a five-game point streak (4-0-1). Andrew Copp had two assists.

"[Gibson's] been awesome, even [goaltender Cam Talbot] has been really good too," Kasper said. "We know that if you let a shot go through they can make an unreal save, and they've been really good for us, and that's really important."

Detroit forward Patrick Kane had an assist to reach 1,373 NHL points and is two points from passing Mike Modano for the most by a United States-born player.

Cole Koepke scored for the Jets (20-24-7), who have lost four of five (1-2-2). Connor Hellebuyck made 26 saves.

"That game didn't turn," Winnipeg coach Scott Arniel said. "That was one of the most embarrassing games for me in the last month. All of us. That was an embarrassing game. We were looking for a pond hockey, don't get hit, don't hit anybody, just play an easy, soft game, and that is pretty much what we did for two periods and then, it exploded in the third."

"We are fighting for our lives, and we go out and lay that egg. It is not good enough. It was the last game in the homestand and, you know what? We are heading out on the road for some real tough buildings, and that was two points we needed badly and it wasn't good enough."

Koepke gave Winnipeg a 1-0 lead at 10:08 of the first period. Following a face-off win by Morgan Barron in the left circle, Logan Stanley took a slap shot from the point that hit Koepke in the slot before the forward turned and backhanded the loose puck into the open right side of the net.

"Offensive draw, and Barron did a good job of winning it clean back, and we were just getting bodies to the net," Koepke said. "And Stanley did a good job delivering it, and it went off me and kind of landed there perfect for me."

Koepke's goal ended a span of 235:48 between 5-on-5 goals for the Jets, dating to a 4-3 overtime loss to the Toronto Maple Leafs on Jan. 17, when Nino Niederreiter scored at 2:28 of the third period.

"We're in a spot where we can't really just sit here and be like, 'Well, we played good but we didn't win,'" Koepke said. "We're in a spot now where we need to get every single point. ... Tonight, tie game going to the third, and [we] let it get out of hand. And that's just kind of unacceptable for where we're at right now."

Compher tied it 1-1 at 15:50 of the second period, five seconds after a Red Wings power play expired. Copp won a battle for the puck behind the net and pushed it in front, where Compher jammed it in off Hellebuyck's pad.

"[Kane] and [Copp] make a great entry on the power play," Compher said. "And then just kind of hard work behind the net to get it in front to me."

Compher then put Detroit up 2-1 at 1:43 of the third, finishing a 3-on-2 rush with Emmitt Finnie and James van Riemsdyk.

"Two really nice plays by my linemates for the second one," Compher said. "[Van Riemsdyk] at the line with a nice sauce pass, and then [Finnie] put it right on my tape, so two easy ones just going to the net tonight."

Raymond pushed the lead to 3-1 at 8:11 when his sweeping shot from in front deflected off Hellebuyck's stick, popped over the goalie and went in off the crossbar.

"It's easy to point out the third period and the way we played there, but I thought the first and second we learned to deal with frustration a little bit," McLellan said. "We had some shifts go our way, some shifts that didn't. A little bit of frustration. I think that was good frustration; guys are pushing each other now and they're getting a little upset when it's not going their way. But we needed to channel it the right way and we did that in the third."

Alex DeBrincat shot into an empty net to make it 4-1 at 18:11, and Kasper scored on the rush at 18:43 for the 5-1 final.

"Just battling back -- we definitely didn't play one of our more clean games the first two periods," Kasper said. "Just to be able to go out there and do your job and win like this, it's huge for us, I think, moving forward. And obviously we want to get off to better starts, but it's good we can win those games."

NOTES: Raymond has four goals in his past four games and nine points (four goals, five assists) in a five-game point streak. ... Red Wings center Dylan Larkin had a four-game point streak (two goals, three assists) and three-game assist streak end. ... Van Riemsdyk has 12 points (four goals, eight assists) in his past 10 games. ... Hellebuyck played his 600th NHL game. ... The Jets had a six-game home point streak end (4-0-2).

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Jets 'Embarrassed' with Effort in 5-1 Loss to Visiting Red Wings

By Jeff Hamilton, The Canadian Press

Todd McLellan expects his leaders to lead.

When the Detroit Red Wings coach saw veteran goaltender John Gibson take exception to a questionable hit from Morgan Barron — leaving his crease to confront his opponent near the penalty box — he wasn't the least bit bothered.

"He has fire," McLellan said. "If he was a forward he'd probably have 100 penalty minutes. He just has that emotion and he's fiery. We don't mind that.

"We obviously don't want him not being able to play but your leaders drive the team emotionally and I consider him a leader."

Gibson complemented that fire with calmness between the pipes, backstopping his club with 26 saves in a 5-1 victory over the Winnipeg Jets in front of a packed house at Canada Life Centre Saturday night.

The 32-year-old netminder has now won eight consecutive starts, dating back to a Jan. 5 win over Ottawa. Gibson has recorded one shutout over that stretch, while allowing just one goal three times and never more than three.

In 32 games, Gibson is 21-9-1 with a 2.62 goals-against average and a .906 save percentage. He forms a formidable tandem with Cam Talbot (11-7-4), giving Detroit two reliable options.

"We have full trust in both of them and they're making the big saves when we need it," said Wings forward J.T. Compher, who scored two goals. "Because as good as we want to play, we want to be as detailed as possible, not give up chances. But they're going to get chances, and both those guys are giving us a chance every time they're in the net."

With the victory, the Red Wings (32-16-5) have recorded points in their last five games (4-0-1). The Jets (20-24-7) have now lost four of their last five.

While the Red Wings continue to climb the standings — moving into first place in the Atlantic Division with the victory — the Jets continue to spiral. The reigning Presidents' Trophy winners sit seventh in the Central Division, and the frustration is starting to boil over.

"That was one of the most embarrassing games for me in the last month. All of us," a visibly frustrated Jets head coach Scott Arniel said. "That was an embarrassing game. We were looking for a pond hockey game, don't get hit, don't hit anybody, just play an easy soft game. That is pretty much what we did for two periods and then it exploded in the third."

After a scoreless first period, the teams traded goals in the second.

Cole Koepke broke the deadlock for Winnipeg, snapping a 5-on-5 scoreless drought of 235 minutes and 48 seconds that dated back to Jan. 17 against Toronto. Compher tied it 1-1 late in the middle frame.

Detroit took over in the third, erupting for four goals to put the game out of reach.

Compher netted his second of the night at 1:43 to make it 2-1, followed by a goal from Lucas Raymond at 8:11. Alex DeBrincat hit the empty net at 18:11, and Marco Kasper rounded out the scoring at 18:43.

DeBrincat and Kasper also added assists to join Compher with multi-point nights. Patrick Kane collected an assist, bringing him within one point of tying Mike Modano for the most career points by a U.S.-born player.

Connor Hellebuyck made 26 saves for Winnipeg in his fourth straight loss.

"We are fighting for our lives, and we go out and lay that egg. It is not good enough," Arniel said. "It was the last game in the homestand and, you know what, we are heading out on the road in some real tough buildings. That was two points we needed badly and it wasn't good enough."

The Red Wings swept the season series 2-0. It is the first time Detroit has defeated Winnipeg twice in a single season since the franchise relocated from Atlanta in 2011.

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Embarrassing: 'Fighting for our lives... and lay that egg' Red Wings crush Jets as playoff hopes all but extinguished

By: Mike McIntyre

There was a moment late in the third period of Saturday's Winnipeg Jets game when an obviously frustrated fan of the home team shouted what was likely on the minds of many inside a sold-out Canada Life Centre.

"Do something!" he pleaded from the upper deck.

Two more goals from the Detroit Red Wings quickly followed — along with plenty of "Go Wings Go" chants from their many red-clad faithful in the crowd — as they put the finishing touches on a 5-1 victory that never really seemed in doubt.

Yeah, it was that type of night. And, quite frankly, it's been that type of season for the Jets.

Expect to hear plenty more calls for the struggling hockey club — specifically ownership and/or management — to do something in the coming days and weeks, now that playoff hopes around here are all but extinguished.

Winnipeg came up painfully short in a game it couldn't afford to waste, especially after taking a 1-0 lead midway through the second period. It was all downhill from there, with the hosts largely

standing around and puck-watching as the Motor City visitors stepped on the gas and left them in their dust.

“That was one of the most embarrassing games for me in the last month. All of us,” a furious head coach Scott Arniel said in a post-game media session that lasted approximately 68 seconds.

“We were looking for pond hockey — don’t get hit, don’t hit anybody. Just play an easy, soft game. That’s pretty much what we did for two periods.”

The Jets are now 20-24-7, which leaves them eight points out of the final Western Conference wildcard spot and just 31 games remaining. Winnipeg showed some life when they strung together four straight wins, including a dominant effort on Jan. 15 in Minnesota, but they followed that up with just one win in the last five (1-2-2).

“We’re fighting for our lives and we go out and lay that egg,” said Arniel.

“It is not good enough. It was the last game in the homestand and, you know what, we are heading out on the road for some real tough buildings, and that was two points we needed badly and it wasn’t good enough.”

Detroit, one of the surprising stories of the NHL season, improves to 32-16-5. That has them on top of the Atlantic Division, tied for top spot in the Eastern Conference with the Carolina Hurricanes, and trailing only the Colorado Avalanche for the No. 1 spot in the league.

Was the offence just a mirage?

Scoring has been an issue for much of this campaign, but it looked like Winnipeg might have turned the corner earlier this month when they lit the lamp 20 times during that four-game winning streak.

Players were going to the hard areas of the ice and getting rewards with tips, deflections and rebounds. Slumping skaters were starting to heat up. Puck luck suddenly seemed to be on their side.

It must have just been a mirage.

The Jets are quickly back to their old ways. They were blanked 2-0 on Monday night in Chicago, scored two power play goals and an empty-netter in Tuesday’s 3-1 win over St. Louis, mustered one tally (at four-on-four) in Thursday’s 2-1 shootout loss to Florida and only beat Red Wings goaltender John Gibson once on Saturday.

Four games. Five goals. And the only one that came at five-on-five was off the stick off fourth-line energy forward Cole Koepke, who swept in a rebound off a Logan Stanley slapshot at 10:08 of the second period.

“We just kind of stopped playing with speed and were a little too cute with the puck,” Koepke said of why a promising first 30 minutes in this one ultimately went down the drain.

“At first, when we had success, we were advancing zones, making sure we got it in, putting pressure on their D and getting it back. And we definitely got away from that in the third.”

The line of Koepke, Morgan Barron (won the offensive zone faceoff and drew the secondary assist on the goal) and Tanner Pearson can't be faulted, but too many of Winnipeg's so-called offensive players were far too quiet on this night. And for much of the past week, in fact.

Not the way he imagined it

No question Connor Hellebuyck initially had a big smile on his face when he realized his 600th career game would come against his hometown Red Wings.

Safe to say it didn't exactly go according to plan: The reigning Vezina and Hart Trophy winner was beaten four times on 30 shots.

J.T. Compher tied it up at 15:50 of the middle frame when he knocked in a loose puck during a scramble around Hellebuyck. Compher, the former college linemate of Jets sniper Kyle Connor, then gave his team the lead at 1:43 of the third period off a beautiful tic-tac-toe rush goal.

The floodgates really opened as the period progressed, with Lucas Raymond making it 3-1 at 8:11, Alex DeBrincat scoring into an empty-net at 18:11 and Marco Kasper putting an exclamation point on the win with Hellebuyck back in his crease at 18:43.

"Three goals kind of in our paint," defenceman Dylan DeMelo said of what went wrong.

"We weren't hard enough in that area or didn't execute correctly in that area. And that's what was the difference in the end."

At the other end of the rink, John Gibson continued his terrific campaign and stopped 26 of the 27 shots that came his way. He's now won eight straight starts.

Key play

Raymond's third period goal wasn't without some controversy. Kasper tried to bat it out of the air, and his stick was clearly above the crossbar at the time. But replays showed he actually missed — it wouldn't have otherwise counted — and so it stood.

Three stars

1. DET LW J.T. Compher: 2 goals
2. DET G John Gibson: 26 saves
3. DET C Andrew Copp: 2 assists

Extra! Extra!

Winnipeg went 0-for-1 on the power play and 3-for-3 on the penalty kill.

Patrick Kane recorded an assist on DeBrincat's empty-netter, giving him 1,373 career points in the regular season. That leaves him one point behind Mike Modano for most all-time by an American-born player. His next chance to tie or claim the record as his own comes Tuesday night when Detroit hosts Los Angeles.

Jets defenceman Josh Morrissey went without a point for the second straight game, leaving him one behind Dustin Byfuglien for most all-time by a defenceman in 2.0 franchise history.

Winnipeg now hits the road for four straight games — in New Jersey, Tampa Bay, Florida and Dallas — then return home to face Montreal on Feb. 4 before entering the lengthy Winter Olympic break.

"You've got to control what you can control. We can't control other outcomes or anything like that. We've just got to try to get points and get wins," said DeMelo.

"Obviously, time is of the essence. And we don't have any leeway at all. We've got to win some games and string them together. We've got to focus on one game at a time and try to get the ball rolling."

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***Move to Detroit eye-opening for Appleton
Joining original six franchise, being part of its history 'pretty special'***

By: Ken Wiebe

Mason Appleton didn't know how things were going to play out.

When July 1 arrived and free agency officially opened, he was left with an emotion that caught him by surprise as he was mulling over his future.

"It's a stressful process. It's not easy for anyone," said Appleton, who spent the bulk of seven seasons with the Jets before inking a deal with the Detroit Red Wings this past summer. "When talks kind of heated up with Detroit, I felt like that was a fit that made a lot of sense."

The transition to his new team has mostly been smooth, as Appleton has been showing the traits that made him an effective player with the Jets, often skating alongside captain Adam Lowry on a checking line that chipped in important secondary scoring.

"I knew a couple of guys on the team going into it," said Appleton. "It's different. You spend eight years in one spot basically and then you've got to find yourself a new home and integrate yourself there. It's been good. I've enjoyed my time in Detroit so far. We've got a solid team, we've been winning games."

Under head coach Todd McLellan, who took over from Derek Lalonde on Dec. 26, 2024, the Red Wings are battling for top spot in the Eastern Conference and are embroiled in a fight with the Tampa Bay Lightning for first place in the Atlantic Division.

"That's how you envision it in the summer, but you never know how things are going to play out," said Appleton. "When you sign with a new team, you know the names and faces, but you don't really know the ins-and-outs of the team. I've been super impressed with how we've competed this year, with how we've played and where we find ourselves in the standings right now."

Appleton had five goals and 11 points in 43 games after Saturday's game with the Jets and one of his goals proved to be the game-winner against his former team in the first meeting of the season back on Dec. 31.

Did that prompt a little bit of chirping?

"That would have been a little too soon, so I did not," said Appleton, noting he was happy to catch up with several former teammates after the game on Dec. 31 and again on Friday night before the second and final meeting of the regular season between the two teams.

Chosen by the Jets in the sixth round of the 2015 NHL Draft after a strong season with the Tri-City Storm of the USHL, Appleton is one of the organization's draft and development stories, a late pick that has blossomed into an everyday NHLer and closing in on a decade of service time in The Show.

That's part of why he was feeling only fond memories when he stepped back onto the ice at Canada Life Centre.

"There were a lot of good hockey teams that we had here," said Appleton. "It's almost easier to remember the people and the friends and those types of things. That's what stands out the most.

"I'm super thankful for my time here. Love the fans and love this organization."

"To walk the halls of Little Caesars Arena and see the history and the pictures and the Stanley Cup winning teams, everything that comes with wearing the Red Wing logo. It's pretty special"

Joining an Original Six franchise has been eye-opening.

"Very unique," said Appleton. "Playing in Winnipeg, obviously with one franchise going and one franchise coming, it was a bit different in that sense. To walk the halls of Little Caesars Arena and see the history and the pictures and the Stanley Cup winning teams, everything that comes with wearing the Red Wing logo. It's pretty special."

McLellan has been impressed by how Appleton has fit in with his new club.

"Right from the get-go, he was able to adjust after as many years as he's spent here (in Winnipeg)," said McLellan. "Perhaps his short stint in Seattle may have helped him with the transformation. He understands the game and he's got a pretty good checking element to the game.

"He's been around winning teams and he has some pretty good habits and they rub off on other guys."

Jets head coach Scott Arniel isn't surprised to see Appleton succeed with his new team.

"He did some fantastic things for us with the Winnipeg Jets. Played a big role for us over the years," said Arniel. "He's doing well. You can see Todd (McLellan) is leaning on him, just like we leaned on him to play that kind of checking role and help the offence."

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Analysis: Winnipeg Jets going in wrong direction heading into Olympic Break

By Kelly Moore CJOB

NOT GOOD ENOUGH.

How many times have you heard that statement from Winnipeg players during the majority of the 51 post-game avails this season?

Probably about the same number of times that has been the brutally honest assessment from Scott Arniel.

But Saturday night, following as ugly a third period as we've ever seen at Canada Life Centre, the thoroughly dissatisfied head coach of the Jets mentioned "not good enough" three times in a 23-second response to a question posed by Winnipeg Free Press reporter Ken Wiebe on how to eradicate a performance at this point in the season that led to such an embarrassing result.

And embarrassing was Arniel's summation — twice — on how his team played during his first answer about the 5-1 loss to the Red Wings.

The coach's news conference lasted barely a minute. But that was more than enough to illustrate where this team stands with 31 games to play.

This past week was "supposed" to be the opportunity for Winnipeg to set the foundation and establish momentum for what is going to be an extremely difficult road trip.

And the Jets stumbled their way to one win in four games. They are actually 1-2-2 since reeling off four victories in a row.

Based on what we saw Saturday Night in particular, and pretty much the last three months in general, how many of the five games before the Olympic Break do you think Winnipeg are going to win?

One? None? I mean, we're talking about going into New Jersey, Tampa Bay, Florida and Dallas before returning home to host Montreal a week from Wednesday.

The question GM Kevin Cheveldayoff has to be asking himself right now must be: Is this team, as it is currently assembled, capable of staying relevant heading into the March 6 trading deadline?

The answer has to be no. Not good enough.

Make that no, not "nearly" good enough.

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Jets Have Discussed Move For Kraken's Shane Wright, Cole Perfetti Involved in Trade Talks

By Jake Tye

The Winnipeg Jets are enduring one of their toughest seasons in years. Just as the team appeared to be gaining traction and inching closer to the playoff race, they suffered a crushing setback on Saturday night, falling 5-1 to the Detroit Red Wings on home ice.

It has been a season to forget for Winnipeg, and attention may already be turning toward the future. That shift in focus appears evident in recent trade rumors surrounding the club. The Jets have occupied both sides of the trade market this season, at times being listed as potential buyers while also seeing several of their own players frequently mentioned in trade discussions.

Winnipeg would ideally like to move pending free agents or players who may not factor into the team's long-term plans, such as Luke Schenn or Logan Stanley, in an effort to get younger.

According to The Fourth Period's David Pagnotta, who spoke with Daily Faceoff's Jeff Marek late Saturday, the Jets have shown interest in Seattle Kraken forward Shane Wright amid ongoing trade speculation. The report also noted that Jets forward Cole Perfetti might have been involved in those discussions.

Moving Perfetti in a deal for Wright would likely feel like a lateral move, or possibly a step backward, for Winnipeg. The Jets largely know what they have in Perfetti, who recorded 50 points last season and has shown the ability to reach that level again. Wright, while slightly younger at 22 compared to Perfetti's 24, produced similar numbers last season with 19 goals and 25 assists for 44 points in 79 games.

The ideal scenario for Winnipeg would be to add Wright while keeping Perfetti, using draft picks or other assets to acquire the former fourth overall pick. Wright could develop alongside Perfetti and potentially form a dynamic second-line duo similar to what Mark Scheifele and Kyle Connor have provided for the Jets over the years. Gabe Vilardi has already found success playing with Jonathan Toews and Perfetti, and with Wright at center, he could help the young duo could take step forward.

Acquiring Wright would be an intriguing move for Jets general manager Kevin Cheveldayoff, but the key question remains how he would structure a deal. Jets fans will be hoping the team avoids a trade that reshuffles similar talent or sacrifices a core young piece like Perfetti.

So far this season, Wright has seven goals and 11 assists for 18 points in 51 games while playing primarily in a middle-six role with the Kraken. Perfetti, meanwhile, has four goals and 11 assists for 15 points in 37 games as a top-six forward for Winnipeg.