



# TORONTO MAPLE LEAFS POSTGAME NOTES



TORONTO MAPLE LEAFS [27-23-9 – 63 POINTS] at FLORIDA PANTHERS [30-25-3 – 63 POINTS]

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2026**

	1	2	3	FINAL
<b>TORONTO</b>	0	0	1	<b>1</b>
<b>FLORIDA</b>	3	0	2	<b>5</b>

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## PLAYER NOTES

- **John Tavares** scored on a Maple Leafs power play opportunity 47 seconds into the third period, posting his 22nd goal of the season. Tavares has scored in three-consecutive games played (3G) and is currently on a four-game point streak where he has recorded four points (3G, 1A).
- **Auston Matthews** posted the primary assist on Tavares' goal, recording his 24th assist of the season. With the assist, Matthews recorded the 350th assist of his NHL career, passing Tim Horton (349) for sole possession of 10th on the Maple Leafs' all-time assist register. Matthews has recorded an assist in five-consecutive games played (5A), tying the longest assist streak of his NHL career which he has marked on three occasions.
- **Oliver Ekman-Larsson** posted the secondary assist on Tavares' goal, recording his 27th assist of the season.
- **Jake McCabe** skated in the 700th game of his NHL career tonight.
- **Joseph Woll** stopped 32 of 35 shots he faced in tonight's loss.
- **Oliver Ekman-Larsson** was on the ice for a team-high 18 Toronto shot attempts-for at 5-on-5.
- **Max Domi** finished the game with a team-high 5-on-5 shot attempt percentage of 58.33 percent (14 for, 10 against).

## TEAM NOTES

- The Maple Leafs were 1-for-3 on the power play and 2-for-3 on the penalty kill tonight.
- Toronto has posted an 11-14-3 record on the road this season.
- The Maple Leafs have posted a 4-5-1 record in the second game of a back-to-back this season.
- At 9:05 of the third period, Toronto initiated a coach's challenge to determine whether Florida's goal was off-side. Per the NHL's Situation Room, "Video review determined that Florida's Mackie Samoskevich preceded the puck into the offensive zone and was in an off-side position prior to his goal. According to Rule 38.9, "The standard for overturning the call in the event of a "GOAL" call on the ice is that the NHL Situation Room, after reviewing any and all available replays and consulting with the On-Ice Official(s), determines that one or more Players on the attacking team preceded the puck into the attacking zone prior to the goal being scored and that, as a result, the play should have been stopped for an "Off-Side" infraction; where this standard is met, the goal will be disallowed." **Result: Call on the ice is overturned – No Goal Florida**

### SHOTS ON GOAL (5-on-5 in brackets)

	<b>1st</b>	<b>2nd</b>	<b>3rd</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
<b>TORONTO</b>	6 (3)	11 (8)	12 (10)	29 (21)
<b>FLORIDA</b>	16 (14)	10 (8)	11 (7)	37 (29)

### SHOT ATTEMPTS (5-on-5 in brackets)

	<b>1st</b>	<b>2nd</b>	<b>3rd</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
<b>TORONTO</b>	9 (6)	20 (16)	21 (18)	50 (40)
<b>FLORIDA</b>	32 (29)	15 (11)	19 (13)	66 (53)

### MAPLE LEAFS LEADERS

<b>Shots</b>	4 ( <i>Knies</i> )	<b>Takeaways</b>	1 ( <i>Four Players Tied</i> )
<b>Shot Attempts</b>	5 ( <i>Three Players Tied</i> )	<b>TOI</b>	21:14 ( <i>Stecher</i> )
<b>Face-off Wins</b>	10 ( <i>Tavares</i> )	<b>Power Play TOI</b>	4:53 ( <i>Tavares</i> )
<b>Face-off Win Percentage</b>	60% ( <i>Laughton – 6 won, 4 lost</i> )	<b>Shorthanded TOI</b>	3:39 ( <i>Carlo</i> )
<b>Hits</b>	3 ( <i>Benoit, Joshua</i> )	<b>Shifts</b>	30 ( <i>McCabe, Rielly</i> )
<b>Blocked Shots</b>	3 ( <i>Roy, Ekman-Larsson</i> )	<b>5-on-5 Shot Attempt Percentage</b>	58.33% ( <i>Domi – 14 for, 10 against</i> )

### UPCOMING GAMES

Saturday, February 28 vs. Ottawa – 7:00 pm ET – Sportsnet (TV), TSN 1050 (Radio)

Monday, March 2 vs. Philadelphia – 7:30 pm ET – Prime Video (TV), Sportsnet 590 (Radio)

Wednesday, March 4 at New Jersey – 7:00 pm ET – Sportsnet (TV), Sportsnet 590 (Radio)

Thursday, March 5 at New York Rangers – 7:00 pm ET – TSN (TV), TSN 1050 (Radio)

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