



TORONTO MAPLE LEAFS POSTGAME NOTES



TORONTO MAPLE LEAFS [27-22-9 – 63 POINTS] at TAMPA BAY LIGHTNING [38-14-4 – 80 POINTS]

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2026

	1	2	3	FINAL
TORONTO	0	0	2	2
TAMPA BAY	0	2	2	4

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PLAYER NOTES

- **John Tavares** scored on a Maple Leafs power play opportunity at 16:19 of the third period, posting his 21st goal of the season. Tavares has recorded three points (2G, 1A) in his last three games played.
- **Matthew Knies** scored for the Maple Leafs at 17:13 of the third period, posting his 15th goal of the season. Knies also registered the secondary assist on Tavares' goal, recording his 33rd assist of the season. Knies marked his 15th multi-point game of the season. Knies has recorded four points (2G, 2A) in his last two games played.
- **William Nylander** posted the primary assist on Tavares' goal and the primary assist on Knies' goal, improving to 36 assists recorded this season. Nylander marked his 11th multi-assist game of the season and his 18th multi-point game of the season.
- **Auston Matthews** posted the secondary assist on Knies' goal, recording his 23rd assist of the season. With the assist, Matthews recorded the 349th assist of his NHL career, tying Tim Horton for 10th on the franchise all-time list for most assists.
- **Anthony Stolarz** stopped 32 of 36 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.
- **Morgan Rielly** finished the game with a team-high 5-on-5 shot attempt percentage of 51.52 percent (17 for, 16 against).

TEAM NOTES

- The Maple Leafs were 1-for-2 on the power play and 4-for-4 on the penalty kill tonight.
- Toronto has posted an 11-13-3 record on the road this season.
- The Maple Leafs have posted a 4-6-0 record in the first game of a back-to-back this season.
- At 4:01 of the first period, Toronto initiated a coach's challenge to determine whether Tampa Bay's goal was off-side. Per the NHL's Situation Room, "Video review determined that Tampa Bay's Brandon Hagel preceded the puck into the offensive zone and was in an off-side position prior to Nikita Kucherov's 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 Tampa Bay
- At 15:20 of the first period, Toronto initiated a coach's challenge to determine whether Tampa Bay's goal was off-side. Per the NHL's Situation Room, "Video review determined that Tampa Bay's Nikita Kucherov preceded the puck into the offensive zone and was in an off-side position prior to Brayden Point's goal. According to

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

	1st	2nd	3rd	TOTAL
TORONTO	8 (7)	14 (10)	12 (5)	34 (22)
TAMPA BAY	4 (2)	20 (17)	12 (7)	36 (26)

SHOT ATTEMPTS (5-on-5 in brackets)

	1st	2nd	3rd	TOTAL
TORONTO	14 (12)	21 (16)	24 (11)	59 (39)
TAMPA BAY	24 (22)	32 (27)	20 (10)	76 (59)

MAPLE LEAFS LEADERS

Shots	4 (<i>Maccelli, Nylander</i>)	Takeaways	2 (<i>Domi</i>)
Shot Attempts	10 (<i>Ekman-Larsson</i>)	TOI	22:54 (<i>Matthews</i>)
Face-off Wins	10 (<i>Matthews</i>)	Power Play TOI	2:23 (<i>Knies</i>)
Face-off Win Percentage	100% (<i>Nylander – 2 won, 0 lost</i>)	Shorthanded TOI	5:42 (<i>Laughton</i>)
Hits	5 (<i>Robertson</i>)	Shifts	29 (<i>Ekman-Larsson</i>)
Blocked Shots	3 (<i>Four Players Tied</i>)	5-on-5 Shot Attempt Percentage	51.52% (<i>Rielly – 17 for, 16 against</i>)

UPCOMING GAMES

Thursday, February 26 at Florida – 7:00 pm ET – TSN (TV), Sportsnet 590 (Radio)

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)

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