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***Missed chances in first hurt Jets in loss to Bruins
Jonathan Toews was the long Jet to score in a 6-1 loss to Boston***

By Jamie Thomas

The Winnipeg Jets dropped the first game of their three-game road trip in Boston as the Bruins beat them 6-1. Jonathan Toews scored for the second straight game and Connor Hellebuyck allowed six goals on 27 shots to take the loss. The Jets will head to Pittsburgh and will face the Penguins Saturday afternoon.

MISSED CHANCES

The Jets had to like how they started the game in one of the toughest buildings to play in on the road. They had a four-minute power play thanks to David Pastrnak high sticking Jacob Bryson; the Jets had three high danger scoring chances on the extended man advantage but could not beat Jeremy Swayman. Later in the period, Pastrnak opened the scoring with his 27th of the campaign.

“Obviously, looking at the score it got away, but I felt like it wasn’t a six to one game,” said Brad Lambert.

“I feel we had our fair share of chances as well and we weren’t able to capitalize on those and they got a couple of bounces and (then) it kinda snowballed from there.”

SOME SERIOUS BAD BOUNCES

Winnipeg trailed by a goal in the second period when the Bruins dumped the puck in behind the Jets net, as Connor Hellebuyck went to play it, the puck hit his stick and bounced out front to the Bruins Lukas Reichel, and he scored into the empty net to make it 2-0.

Then with under 90 seconds left in the period, Viktor Arvidsson and Pavel Zacha swept at the puck in front of the Jets net and it would take a couple weird bounces and ended up behind Hellebuyck, Arvidsson ended up being credited with the 3-0 goal.

DIFFERENT LOOK IN THE THIRD

Scott Arniel made some alterations to his lines and D-pairings for the final period. First, he put Elias Salomonsson with Josh Morrissey and Dylan DeMelo with Dylan Samberg. Up front, he moved Brad Lambert up with Adam Lowry and Cole Perfetti, Isak Rosén with Morgan Barron and Alex Lafallo and finally, Jonathan Toews in the middle with Gustav Nyquist and Cole Koepke.

“Yeah, I was just trying to get some kind of spark, try and change things up. And, you know, there’s some things that you like, there’s some things that guys did that just, at the end of the day, it’s still, as the game got away, it’s three in four nights,” said Arniel.

“We want to get everybody on the ice, everybody playing so that we’re fresh when it comes to Pittsburgh on Saturday.”

After Boston made it 4-0, the Jets would strike on the power play. Elias Salomonsson saw Jonathan Toews out front and released a shot that Toews would tip over the glove of Swayman for the 4-1 goal.

“Yeah, I think that's huge for us,” said Salomonsson.

“If we can get that going, we add another element to our game. So yeah, that's really important.”

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Pastrnak runs point streak to 8, Bruins cruise past Jets Reichel has goal, assist in debut for Boston, which is 2-0-2 in past 4

By Darrin Bauming

David Pastrnak had a goal and an assist in running his point streak to eight games, and the Boston Bruins defeated the Winnipeg Jets 6-1 at TD Garden in Boston on Thursday.

Pastrnak has 12 points (five goals, seven assists) during the streak.

The Bruins were coming off a 3-2 overtime loss at the Montreal Canadiens on Tuesday.

“Coming home from a road trip, and I always feel like every time you play in Montreal, especially in Montreal, there's a lot of emotions involved,” Boston coach Marco Sturm said. “Even if we had a day off yesterday, you know, it's hard. It's hard to come back and bounce back. But I thought the guys did a really good job today. And overall we were under control of the game, played our game, scored six goals. Besides (Jeremy Swayman), best goalie in the League, it's not easy. The guys did a good job.”

Viktor Arvidsson, Pavel Zacha and Lukas Reichel also each had a goal and an assist for the Bruins (38-23-8), who have points in four straight games (2-0-2). Casey Mittelstadt had two assists, and Swayman made 23 saves.

“Definitely skill, you know, (Mittelstadt) gets in there,” Sturm said. “He's just is very strong with his stick, and also like his wall play. He's one of the guys I trust on the wall any time of the game. And he just makes those plays. And again, it's the combo, I think it just works really well with (linemates Zacha and Arvidsson).”

The Bruins are tied with the Detroit Red Wings for the two wild cards into the Stanley Cup Playoffs from the Eastern Conference. Boston is also fourth in the Atlantic Division, tied in points with third-place Montreal and four points behind the second-place Tampa Bay Lightning.

“We just go game by game,” Sturm said. “We try to collect points as much as we can. Every point is a good point. We're not going to look at (the standings), I'm going to go crazy if I'm going to do that. And I think players too. So we just have to focus just on our job and try to win our games as much as we can.”

Jonathan Toews scored, and Connor Hellebuyck made 21 saves for the Jets (28-29-11), who have lost four of their past six (2-3-1). They are five points behind the Los Angeles Kings for the second wild card in the Western Conference.

"I liked our first period. Execution started to deteriorate after that," Winnipeg coach Scott Arniel said. "Our execution wasn't real good. And then as the game went on, as it got to 3-0, it was still a game. But at the end of the day, we didn't execute. Then our compete level dropped. As soon as you drop your compete level against a team like that, that's the result that you're going to get."

Pastrnak made it 1-0 for the Bruins at 14:52 of the first period. He knocked down Kyle Connor's clearing attempt in the left face-off circle and beat Hellebuyck through the five-hole.

"Looking at the score it got away, but I feel like it wasn't a 6-1 game," Jets forward Brad Lambert said. "I feel we had our fair share of chances as well and we weren't able to capitalize on those, and they got a couple of bounces and it kind of snowballed from there."

Reichel, making his debut for the Bruins, gave them a 2-0 lead at 6:23 of the second period, taking advantage of a favorable bounce off the boards behind the Jets net after Jonathan Aspirot's dump-in. The bounce caught Hellebuyck out of position as he went behind the net to play the puck, and Reichel jumped on it and chipped it over Hellebuyck's stick as the goaltender tried to recover.

"Just a bouncing puck -- happens to every goalie, I think. I was glad that I was the first guy on there," Reichel said. "I think the crowd (in Boston) is always amazing, even when I played here against the Bruins. And it feels even better if you play for them."

The forward was traded from the Vancouver Canucks on March 6.

"I think (Reichel) played a really good game," Zacha said. "He's fast, he made a lot of great plays there in the neutral zone and offensive zone, won some puck battles, so he had a great game today. We are happy to have him and hopefully he can keep getting better with our team here and help us win more games."

Arvidsson made it 3-0 at 18:16. He reached to pull the puck, which went off the stick of Jets defenseman Haydn Fleury and glanced off Fleury's shoulder before floating over Hellebuyck.

"I think those goals in the second were huge," Arvidsson said. "I think we were really good on the forecheck tonight and turned pucks over (on them) and made it hard for their D. I think that's where we won the game."

Zacha pushed it to 4-0 at 3:15 of the third period after Mittelstadt set him up for a one-timer from the left dot.

Zacha has eight goals in his past eight games.

"Missing the (2026 Winter) Olympics (for Team Czechia because of an upper-body injury) was something that was not the best mentally for me," Zacha said. "But I was thinking about the whole break, 'How can I kind of come back and be a difference maker?' Just kind of focusing on the little things, winning the puck battles, being good in the face-off dot. I know with our power

play and our lines that we're going to have a good push here. And that's something that I focused on and I'm happy that it's going in now."

Toews cut it to 4-1 at 5:38, tipping Elias Salomonsson's point shot on the power play.

"He's hungry with that," Salomonsson said. "After every practice, (Toews) stands in front of there and tips. (I'm) not surprised he's there and tipping in."

Fraser Minten extended the lead to 5-1 at 15:52. Pastrnak skated out from behind the net, spun around and fired a cross-crease pass to Minten, who jammed the puck in near the left post.

Aspirot then scored at 18:18 for the 6-1 final.

NOTES: The Bruins improved to 26-9-1 at home this season and have the most home wins in the NHL. ... Pastrnak scored his 87th game-opening goal, which is the most among all players since he entered the NHL in 2014-15. He also surpassed Patrick Kane (86) for the fifth most among active players, behind Alex Ovechkin (154), Sidney Crosby (127), Steven Stamkos (97) and Brad Marchand (88). ... Bruins defenseman Charlie McAvoy had an eight-game point streak end (four goals, six assists). ... Toews has scored in back-to-back games. Four of his nine goals this season have come on the power play.

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Beatdown in Beantown

Arniel looks for answers after Jets lifeless performance to start road trip

By: Mike McIntyre

BOSTON — The city that famously gave us a fictional bar where everybody knew your name and everyone's troubles were all the same may have just served last call on the Winnipeg Jets' season.

An ugly 6-1 loss to the Boston Bruins on Thursday night at TD Garden sure felt like closing time on their playoff hopes.

"At the end of the day, we didn't execute but then our compete level dropped," said Jets head coach Scott Arniel, adding yet another biting, post-game soundbite to a year filled with far too many of them.

"As soon as you drop your compete level against a team like that, that's the result that you're going to get."

Indeed, the lifeless performance may have some fans looking to drown their sorrows. Where's Sam, Norm, Cliff and Woody when you really need them?

There were plenty of cheers for the home team, which beat the Jets in nearly every facet: Shots (27-24), hits (24-10), high-danger chances (16-11) and, most importantly, in the goals department. The Bruins really took over after a fairly even first period.

“Execution started to deteriorate after that,” Arniel noted.

Most concerning would be his reference to a fading compete level, which could otherwise be known as effort. How does a veteran team with seemingly everything to play for — Winnipeg began the night four points out of the final Western Conference wildcard spot and just 15 games left — come up lacking in that department?

“I don’t know the answer, exactly,” said Arniel. “I just know that we haven’t done that. I haven’t seen that since the break and coming out of the break. To me, that’s something that us coaches, with our leadership group, we’ve just got to focus and make sure that doesn’t happen again.”

The Jets fall to 28-29-11 — including just 2-3-1 in their last six games. That’s not exactly the late-season surge they desperately need.

The Bruins improve to 38-23-8 and currently occupy a wildcard playoff spot in the ultra-competitive and jam-packed Eastern Conference.

Pull up a stool, folks, as we dissect this one a bit further.

Sore spots

Goaltender Connor Hellebuyck had a second straight tough outing, giving up six goals on 27 shots while fellow U.S. Olympian Jeremy Swayman stood on his head at the other end of the rink. It was a similar story to Tuesday’s 4-3 shootout loss to the Nashville Predators where Juuse Saros was the best goalie on the ice.

“I think that that was just one of those ones where, when the team in front of him starts to struggle, it puts an awful lot of pressure on him,” said Arniel, who clearly didn’t want to hang the reigning Hart and Vezina Trophy winner out to dry.

“It’s just unfortunate we weren’t better in front of him.”

Defenceman Haydn Fleury had a truly miserable night and, after being on the ice for three of Boston’s first four goals, was stapled to the bench for much of the third period. Fleury has struggled for a bit now and is likely to be a healthy scratch next game — especially with Neal Pionk on the cusp of returning from a two-month injury absence.

Ville Heinola, who was the lone healthy scratch Thursday, is another option.

Winnipeg’s dynamic duo of Mark Scheifele and Kyle Connor were held in check by the Bruins, generating just one shot each and going minus-three. It’s hard to pin much blame on them, since they have carried the team offensively for most of the season. But a game like this illustrates how easy it can be to shut the Jets down if you can contain the pair.

A lack of consistent scoring beyond the top line has been a season-long storyline.

Bright spots

The power play struck for a second straight game, with Jonathan Toews executing a perfect net-front tip off an Elias Salomonsson shot in the third period which briefly cut the deficit to 4-1.

Toews, who scored in four straight January games followed by a 20-game drought, has now lit the lamp in consecutive outings to give him nine on the year.

Salomonsson continues to impress and, in addition to setting up the lone goal, was promoted to the top blue-line pairing with Josh Morrissey for the third period. He did not look out of place whatsoever.

“He’s fun to play with, easy to play with. So I think we complemented each other pretty good,” said Salomonsson, who is now up to four points (1G, 3A) in his first 25 NHL games.

Arniel got the line blender out for the final frame, including moving Brad Lambert up to play with Adam Lowry and Cole Perfetti and Morgan Barron up to play with Isak Rosen and Alex Iafallo.

“I was just trying to get some kind of spark, try and change things up,” said Arniel.

Lambert had the other assist on Toews’ power play goal, giving him points in two of his last three games.

“Obviously, looking at the score it got away, but I feel like it wasn’t a 6-1 game,” said Lambert.

“I feel we had our fair share of chances as well and we weren’t able to capitalize on those and they got a couple of bounces and (then) it kinda snowballed from there.”

Key play

Lukas Reichel, making his Bruins debut after being called up from the American Hockey League, scores into an empty-net to make it 2-0 Boston early in the second period. Hellebuyck had skated out of his crease to try and play a rimmed puck, only to have it deflect off the boards right on to the stick of a waiting Reichel.

“That’s a crazy bounce,” said Arniel. “That kind of gets the whole group off-kilter a little bit on that bounce.”

THREE STARS:

1. BOS RW David Pastrnak: 1 goal, 1 assist
2. BOS G Jeremy Swayman: 23 saves
3. BOS C Pavel Zacha: 1 goal, 1 assist

Extra, extra

Boston is the NHL’s best home team, now with a record of 26-9-1.

Winnipeg, meanwhile, continues to struggle in enemy territory. The Jets won their first four road games this season, but now have just seven victories in the 28 that have followed (7-16-5). That’s a big problem since nine of their remaining 14 games are away from home.

The Bruins swept the season series after beating the Jets 6-3 on Dec. 11 at Canada Life Centre.

Winnipeg went 1-for-4 on the power play but blew a golden chance in the first period, with the score still tied 0-0, when Pastrnak clipped Jacob Bryson with a high-stick, drawing blood and leading to a double-minor that came up empty. Pastrnak would then open the scoring a couple minutes after exiting the sin bin.

Boston went 0-for-1 with the man advantage.

The Jets flew to Pittsburgh following the game and will face the surging Penguins on Saturday afternoon, then close out this quick road trip on Sunday afternoon against the New York Rangers.

“Really important games coming up,” said Salomonsson. “We just have to regroup and be ready in a couple days here.”

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***‘Just want to continue to play your best as long as you can’
Scheifele’s relentless dedication behind Jets’ star centre’s banner season***

By: Mike McIntyre

BOSTON — Mark Scheifele doesn’t feel like he’s racing against Father Time. But the Winnipeg Jets centre, who just celebrated his 33rd birthday earlier this week, admits the past year has given him a sharper sense of life’s fragility.

The death of his father, Brad, last May has fundamentally reshaped the way Scheifele approaches both his professional and personal pursuits.

“You realize how precious life is,” Scheifele told the Free Press on Thursday following his team’s morning skate at TD Garden.

“I think about him a lot. You try to live every day with positivity and the fervor that he lived his life with every single day. Just try to enjoy every day, because you never know when it’s going to be your last. Especially in the world of hockey, you never know when it’s going to be your last game. You just want to live every single day to your fullest.”

And Scheifele certainly isn’t cutting corners this season.

Heading into Thursday’s game against the Boston Bruins, he ranked sixth in NHL scoring with 83 points, trailing only Connor McDavid, Nathan MacKinnon, Nikita Kucherov, Leon Draisaitl and Macklin Celebrini.

The notable Canadian Olympic team snub has already pushed Scheifele to a new career-high for assists (52 and counting), and he only needs five more points to eclipse his personal best. With 15 games remaining (including Thursday’s clash against Boston), reaching 100 points isn’t out of reach.

“You never know when it’s going to be your last game. You just want to live every single day to your fullest.”

“I probably feel the fastest I’ve ever felt in my career,” said Scheifele.

That he’s performing at this level at an age when many players begin to slow down speaks to his relentless dedication.

“Scheif is fanatical. He loves the game, he’s a nerd when it comes to the ice and the training,” said Jets head coach Scott Arniel.

“To me, that’s the big part — he works at his skill set all the time. That might be conditioning, stickhandling, visual stuff, the rehab, the recovery, the nutrition. He prepares himself so he can go 12 months of the year.”

One of Scheifele’s biggest hockey idols is Steve Yzerman, who was still a highly effective player well into his late thirties. For a more recent example, look no further than a guy Scheifele will face on Saturday afternoon in Pittsburgh, Sidney Crosby, who is still dominating at the age of 38.

“That’s the goal. You just want to continue to play your best as long as you can. Not even thinking about age as anything,” said Scheifele, who is in the second year of a seven-year contract extension.

“It’s just about how you feel every day. Try to seize every day to the utmost of your ability.”

Motivation comes in many forms, and Scheifele said losing his dad to cancer — the same disease that took his former junior hockey coach and mentor Dale Hawerchuk a few years earlier — brought some additional perspective along with fuel for his internal fire.

“You just want to continue to play your best as long as you can. Not even thinking about age as anything,”

“I’ve tried to really be a happy, positive presence in the room. That’s kind of the way I’ve dealt with this year,” he said.

Chasing hockey history doesn’t hurt, either.

Earlier this season, Scheifele became the franchise’s all-time leading scorer, surpassing former teammate Blake Wheeler. But he still has his sights on another record: surpassing Hawerchuk’s mark of 929 points for the most in Jets (1.0 and 2.0) history. Scheifele is just 42 points away.

Barring injury, he’s expected to eclipse that milestone next year. He’s also on track to play his 1,000th NHL game by next season’s halfway mark, with 1,000 career points likely to follow shortly after.

“For sure, all of that is in the back of your mind. But you just try to do your best every day, do everything you can to be the best player you can be, and whatever happens, happens,” he said.

Scheifele credits much of his continued growth to personal skills coach Adam Oates. The Hall of Famer pushes him constantly, analyzing everything from skating to strategy, including during their week-long session in Florida over the NHL’s Olympic break.

“I’ve tried to really be a happy, positive presence in the room. That’s kind of the way I’ve dealt with this year.”

“There’s always stuff to work on, things to improve. There’s that constant communication in terms of what he sees, what I feel and just continuing to think of new ways to work on things, new ways to get better at things,” said Scheifele.

“He’s such a brilliant man. I’m very, very lucky to have him as a coach and guy that I can always bounce ideas off and give me thoughts going into a practice or a game or whatever. He’s been amazing for me.”

So, too, is having a frequent linemate such as Kyle Connor, who entered play Thursday tied with Scheifele for the team goal-scoring lead with 31.

“We push each other a lot,” said Scheifele. “And we expect a lot out of each other, too. I’m very lucky to have a guy like him not only as my linemate but as a friend to continue to push with.”

Arniel said any time a young player joins the Jets — such as the recently acquired Isak Rosen — he tells them to keep an eye on Scheifele and Connor. In practices. In the dressing room. During games.

“Their habits are as elite as elite can be,” said Arniel. “You go back in history and look at every great goal scorer or playmaker and there’s always a tandem. Two guys that have always been together. It’s (Mike) Bossy and (Bryan) Trottier, (Jari) Kurri and (Wayne) Gretzky. It goes on and on.”

Although this has been a banner season on a personal level, things obviously haven’t gone as well for the reigning Presidents’ Trophy winners who may need another Manitoba Miracle to just make the playoffs this spring.

Scheifele hasn’t given up hope.

“We just have to keep playing like we have, keep trying to get points when we can. Try to get wins, focus on what we can control. When you get looking too far into the future, the waters get murky. You just have to focus on the here and now,” he said.

That same thinking applies to his own Jets career which, incredibly, started 15 years ago when he was announced as the first pick of the 2.0 Jets.

Time is fleeting. And, as the saying goes, it flies when you’re having fun.

“There’s days you’re like, ‘Holy crap, that was a long time ago.’ There’s days where it’s like, ‘Wow, that feels like yesterday,’” Scheifele said with a laugh.

“I’m just very, very blessed. Just very blessed and humbled by it all.”

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Winnipeg Jets faceplant in Boston, falling 6-1 to Bruins

By Christian Aumell & Russ Hobson

After picking up 11 of a possible 16 points on their recently concluded homestand, the Winnipeg Jets knew they would have to keep up that pace during a tricky three-game road swing.

Facing the team with the best home record in the NHL, the Jets were simply no match Thursday night, losing 6-1 to the Bruins in Boston to shave away a good chunk of what was already pretty small odds to make the playoffs.

The Jets kept it close for 20 minutes, but the Bruins took over the game with two goals in the second and a three-goal third period to end the Jets' three-game point streak.

"Execution started to deteriorate and after that, I thought that we had plays to make, whether that was breakouts, whether that was entries," said Jets head coach Scott Arniel. "We had some odd man looks on the power play. Our execution wasn't real good. Then kinda as the game went on, as it got to three-nothing, it was still a game. But at the end of the day, we didn't execute and our compete level dropped."

Jonathan Toews scored their only goal, giving him markers in back-to-back games.

Connor Hellebuyck allowed six goals in a game for the first time in more than three years.

Arniel shook up his lines in the final frame, but they still couldn't get back in the game.

"I thought we had quite a few chances in the first period," said Jets forward Brad Lambert who had one assist. "Obviously their goalie made some good saves. We got a couple unlucky bounces and just weren't able to bury it."

It's the fifth time this season and the second time in just a week the Jets have surrendered six goals in a single contest.

"I think we couldn't move the puck really quickly from the back end," said Jets defenceman Elias Salomonsson. "I think we let them set up in their trap and (it's) hard to get through there with speed. So, I think that's thing we should have done better."

The Bruins swept the two-game season series, and the Jets have just a 3-9-4 mark against the Atlantic Division this season, their worst record since moving to Winnipeg.

The Jets had the game's first good scoring chance on a 2-on-1 just a couple minutes in. Adam Lowry chose to shoot instead of pass and his shot was denied by Jeremy Swayman.

Gustav Nyquist went to the box 4:19 into the game and Boston nearly scored on the man advantage. Hellebuyck lost his stick during the flow of play and Casey Mittelstadt wired a shot off the post.

Winnipeg picked up their first power play chance a couple minutes later when Jacob Bryson was high-sticked by David Pastrnak, and since it cut Bryson's face, it gave Winnipeg a four-minute man advantage.

The Jets were unable to capitalize, generating four shots but never really threatening to score.

Boston opened the scoring with just over five minutes left in the first in part because the Jets made a mess of trying to clear the puck out of their own end.

All three of Mark Scheifele, Alex Iafallo and Kyle Connor had the puck on their stick at one point but each time lost it to a Bruin. The fatal blow was when Connor found a loose puck near the

crease and tried to chip it to the boards, but Pastrnak knocked it out of mid-air, settled it and fired a shot that beat Hellebuyck five-hole.

The Bruins took the 1-0 lead to the second period after outshooting Winnipeg 13-9 over the opening 20 minutes.

Boston doubled their lead at the 6:23 mark of the second thanks to another disaster in the Jets' end.

Jonathan Aspirot dumped the puck in from the neutral zone, prompting Hellebuyck to go behind his net to knock the puck down. Unfortunately for him, the puck bounced off his stick and skittered in front of the net where Lukas Reichel was ready to bang it into the empty net in his first game as a Bruin.

With just under six minutes to go in the period, Winnipeg had their best chance of the game to that point. Some great puck movement in the Bruins' end led to a Connor cross-ice pass to a wide-open Gabriel Vilardi but his one-timer was denied by a sprawling Swayman.

Less than two minutes later, Mittelstadt found himself in alone on Hellebuyck and put a deke on the Jets' goalie but was unable to complete the play as the puck rolled off his stick and off the side of the net.

The Bruins increased their lead with 1:44 to go in the period. The puck was on the stick of Viktor Arvidsson in the corner when he tried to pass it in front but it was deflected by Dylan DeMelo, leading to a hot-potato sequence where several players on both teams touched the puck at some point in the net-front area before it wound up floating past Hellebuyck. Arvidsson was given credit for the goal.

Boston outshot the Jets 8-7 in the middle frame.

Boston extended their lead to 4-0 early in the third when Pavel Zacha wired a shot past Hellebuyck not long after winning an offensive zone faceoff.

The Jets finally got on the board with 14:22 left when Toews deflected a Salomonsson shot past Swayman on the power play, the second straight game in which Toews has scored after going two months without a marker.

Winnipeg controlled play for a few minutes after the Toews goal but were unable to claw any closer.

Boston made it 5-1 with 4:08 left when Pastrnak spun in the corner and sent a pass to the crease that was steered past Hellebuyck by Fraser Minten, who was not covered well by DeMelo.

Aspirot got in on the fun with 1:42 left when he beat Hellebuyck with a wrister from the slot.

Hellebuyck allowed all six goals on 28 shots, while Swayman turned aside 22 of 23 shots in the win.

Winnipeg will now head to Pittsburgh for a matinee date with the Penguins on Saturday to start a back-to-back.

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Toews scores lone goal for Jets in loss to Bruins

By Associated Press

BOSTON — Lukas Reichel had a goal and an assist in his Boston debut, Jeremy Swayman made 22 saves and the Bruins beat the Winnipeg Jets 6-1 on Thursday night to end a two-game losing streak.

David Pastrnak scored his 27th goal of the season and had an assist. Viktor Arvidsson and Pavel Vacha also each had a goal and assist, and Fraser Minten and Jonathan Aspirot added late goals.

Fighting for one of the final Eastern Conference playoff spots, the Bruins finished in regulation for only the second time in seven games. They were coming off overtime losses at New Jersey on Monday night and Montreal on Tuesday night.

Jonathan Toews ended Swayman's shutout bid on a tip-in at 5:38 of the third. Connor Hellebuyck stopped 22 shots for Winnipeg.

Reichel came over from Vancouver at the trade deadline and was recalled from Providence of the American Hockey League on Wednesday.

The 23-year-old German winger Reichel made it 2-0 at 6:23 of the second period. Hellebuyck misplayed the puck behind the net on a wraparound, inadvertently knocking it out front for Reichel to swat in.

Pastrnak opened the scoring with 5:08 left in the first. He got the puck back off his own rebound, moved to the front and fired in a wrister.

Arvidsson knocked in a backhander off a scramble with 1:44 remaining in the second, and Zacha scored at 3:15 of the third.

After Toews put Winnipeg on the board, Minten had a tip-in with 4:08 left and Aspirot capped the scoring with 1:42 to go.

The Jets opened a three-game trip after an eight-game homestand.

Up next

Jets: At Pittsburgh on Saturday.

Bruins: At Detroit on Saturday night.

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Jets booted out of Boston by the Bruins in a 5-goal loss

By Gordon Anderson

Numbers can either be good or bad, depending on who interprets them.

"I feel it wasn't a six-to-one game," Jets forward Brad Lambert told reporters in Boston following a five-goal loss to the Bruins on Thursday night. "We had our fair share of chances, (but) we weren't able to capitalize, and they got a couple of bounces and (then) it kinda snowballed from there."

From an unbiased eye of events, Natural Stat Trick charted the Jets with more chances in all situations, 35-26, and a 16-11 advantage in the high danger chances category. Expected goals also favoured the Jets at 4.05 to 3.06.

But where the Jets really mishandled the biscuit was the giveaway category with 20 in the game to Boston's 11.

Perhaps, the costliest giveaway occurred in the first period when Kyle Connor passed the puck to David Pastrnak in the face-off circle to the right of Connor Hellebuyck. Seconds later it was 1-0 for the Bruins.

And the Bruins never looked back, building a 4-0 lead before Jonathan Toews scored a power-play goal in the third period. Two more goals by the home side completed the victory.

"We played all right in the first 20, but we could have moved the puck a bit quicker from the back end," defender Elias Salomonsson said. "We let them set up in their trap, and it's hard to get through there with (any) speed. That's the thing we should have done better."

But there is one stat that didn't favour the Jets. And it surely set the tone for what was to come.

Coming into the game, the Jets were 5-18-5 when the opposition scored first, a winning percentage of .179. The only teams with a lower percentage when allowing the first goal are the Los Angeles Kings (.171) and the Chicago Blackhawks (.167).

"I liked our first period," head coach Scott Arniel said. "The execution started to deteriorate after that. And then, as the game went on, as it got to 3-0, it was still a game. But, at the end of the day, we didn't execute but then our compete level dropped. As soon as you drop your compete level against a team like that, that's the result that you're going to get."

The Jets (28-29-11) are 1-5-0 in their last six games in Boston. This game marked the third chance for the Jets to climb above the .500 mark when a 3-2 win over the Vancouver Canucks on March 7 evened their record at 26-26-10. The last time the club was above the breakeven mark was a 14-13-1 record on Dec. 6.

Hellebuyck (17-19-10) stopped 22 of 28 shots and was tagged with the loss. The previous time Hellebuyck surrendered six goals in a game was a 7-5 loss to the Detroit Red Wings on Jan. 10, 2023.

"It's just unfortunate we weren't better in front of him," Arniel said.

As of 10 p.m. on Thursday night, the Jets were four points behind three teams for the second wildcard spot in the Western Conference with the Kings, Nashville Predators and Seattle Kraken all on 71 points.

Lukas Reichel, Viktor Arvidsson, Pavel Zacha, Fraser Minten and Jonathan Aspirot also scored for the Bruins (38-23-8). Boston improved to 26-9-1 at home. Jeremy Swayman (27-14-4) turned aside 23 shots in victory.

The Jets are in Pittsburgh on Saturday afternoon to face the Penguins.

Ice Chips

Vlad Namestnikov and Ville Heinola were scratched.

Neal Pionk was in a regular practice jersey at the team's morning skate in Boston.

Arniel says the Omaha, Neb., native may be in the lineup in time for the back-to-back games this weekend against the Pittsburgh Penguins and the New York Rangers.

"He was going hard today, and he will go hard tomorrow and then he could be a possibility (for the weekend)," Arniel said.

The wrong guy

Connor's turnover led directly to Pastrnak's goal at 14:52. Connor had possession of the puck near the goal line to the right of the net, and instead of using the side boards to bounce a pass to Alex Lafallo, Connor elected to dish the puck through the face-off circle. Pastrnak intercepted the ill-timed pass and skated towards the slot before shooting the puck through the legs of Hellebuyck for his 27th of the season. Pastrnak was also credited with an assist on Thursday night. Pastrnak registered a four-point night (two goals and two assists) in the Bruins 6-3 victory over the Jets on Dec. 11.

Three-for-three

Three of Boston's goals were unassisted. Pastrnak's opener was last touched by a Connor and Reichel's goal at 6:23 of the second came about when Hellebuyck went behind the net to play the puck, but the puck bounced off the goaltender and settled in a spot above the goal line to the right of the post. Reichel was first on the puck and swatted it into the net. The goal was like Auston Matthews's marker on Eric Comrie in the New Years Day game against the Toronto Maple Leafs. Comrie mishandled the puck behind the net before the puck spilled out in front of the net for Matthews and the game-winning goal. Arvidsson's marker at 18:16 of the second period was changed several times on the NHL website, before finally settling on Arvidsson. On the replay, it appeared that Zacha's shot bounced off the helmet of Haydn Fleury and into the air before Arvidsson swatted the puck into the net.