

**FLAMES LAST GAME RECAP****October 8, 2025 – CALGARY FLAMES [4] vs. EDMONTON OILERS [3] (SO)**[Game Summary](#) | [Event Summary](#)

The Calgary Flames opened their 2025-26 campaign with round one of the Battle of Alberta last night in Edmonton. The Oilers would open the scoring 9:53 into the game with Ryan Nugent Hopkins capitalizing on an Edmonton powerplay. The home side would double their advantage in the late stages of the first, and skate into the break up 2-0. In the second, Edmonton extended their lead to three goals on a Leon Draisaitl tally. Calgary would get on the board just past the midway point of the middle stanza with rookie Matvei Gridin scoring his first NHL goal. Shortly after, Connor Zary would give Calgary a powerplay goal of their own, and through 40 minutes of play, the Flames trailed by one. Just 40 seconds into the third, an Oilers miscommunication at the backend would allow Blake Coleman to poke home his first of the season, and deadlock things at three. Neither team could find the back of the net for the rest of the period, and for the second-straight season, the Flames season opener would require overtime. The extra frame would solve nothing, and it would take an eight-round shootout for a hero to emerge. In the bottom of the eighth, Nazem Kadri would convert and lift the Flames over the Oilers 4-3.

**CGY GOAL SCORERS:** Gridin (1), Zary (1), Coleman (1)**GOALIE:** Wolf 32/35 .914 Sv%**PP:** 1/4 (25%)**PK:** 2/4 (50%)**FLAMES LAST FIVE RESULTS, RECORD: 1-0-0**

DATE	RESULT	GWG	CGY GOALIE	OPP. GOALIE
October 8, 2025	CGY [4] at EDM [3] SOW	<b>Kadri*</b>	Wolf	Skinner
October 3, 2025	WPG [5] vs. CGY [4] SOL	<i>Pearson*</i>	Wolf	Hellebuyck
October 1, 2025	VAN [8] vs. CGY [1] L	<i>Pettersson</i>	Prosvetov/Cooley	Romanov
September 29, 2025	CGY [2] at SEA [2] SOW	<b>Gridin*</b>	Wolf	Grubauer
September 27, 2025	CGY [2] at WPG [4] L	<i>Ford</i>	Cooley	Comrie

\*shootout winning goal

**FLAMES NEXT FIVE:**

DATE	TIME (MST)	OPPONENT	VENUE
October 11, 2025	2:00pm	vs. St. Louis Blues	Scotiabank Saddledome
October 14, 2025	6:00pm	vs. Vegas Golden Knights	Scotiabank Saddledome
October 15, 2025	7:30pm	at Utah Mammoth	Delta Center
October 18, 2025	8:00pm	at Vegas Golden Knights	T-Mobile Arena
October 20, 2025	7:30pm	vs. Winnipeg Jets	Scotiabank Saddledome

## **TONIGHTS STORYLINES & STATS**

This is the first of three meetings this season between the Flames and Canucks. Calgary claimed points in three of four contests against Vancouver in 2024-25, going 2-1-1.

This is a Pacific Division matchup; the Flames have a record of 1-0-0 against Pacific Division teams and a record of 1-0-0 against Western Conference opponents.

### **2024-25 SEASON SERIES VS. VANCOUVER:**

The Flames met their Pacific Division rival in Vancouver four times during the 2024-25 season:

#### *Game One (October 9<sup>th</sup>):*

The Calgary Flames opened their 2024-25 campaign at Rogers Arena in Vancouver. The Flames trailed 3-0 midway through the first before Anthony Mantha found himself on a shorthanded breakaway and converted to score his first as a Flame and get Calgary on the board. Vancouver would add one more later in the first, and the visitors skated into the intermission down 4-1. Rasmus Andersson would draw the Flames within two late in the second. In the final stanza, the Flames continued to chip away at the Canucks lead with Martin Pospisil bringing Calgary within one, followed by a MacKenzie Weegar power play marker to draw the Flames level. Shortly after, Jonathan Huberdeau deposited a loose puck into the net to give Calgary their first lead. The Canucks found an equalizer with under two minutes of play in regulation, and this game was headed to overtime. In the extra frame, Connor Zary was the hero as Calgary rallied to knock off Vancouver 6-5.

#### *Game Two (November 3<sup>rd</sup>):*

The Flames and Canucks second meeting also came at Rogers Arena. It would take until the 19-minute mark of the first period to find this game's first goal and it was Justin Kirkland who scored to give Calgary a 1-0 edge heading into the break. In the second, Vancouver would score a pair to flip the script and take the lead heading into the final stanza. The Canucks would extend their advantage and knock off the Flames 3-1.

#### *Game Three (December 31<sup>st</sup>):*

The Calgary Flames finished off 2024 by welcoming the Vancouver Canucks to the Scotiabank Saddledome on New Years Eve. Calgary would open the scoring with Connor Zary burying his then ninth on the season to give the home side a 1-0 advantage through 20. In the second, neither team could find the back of the net, but they did find the inside of the penalty box with the clubs racking up a combined 44 penalty minutes in the middle frame alone. Vancouver would find an equalizer 6:15 into the third, but Calgary responded shortly after with Nazem Kadri restoring the Flames lead. Calgary would lock things down from there, and Jonathan Huberdeau added an empty netter as the Flames finished off the calendar year with a 3-1 win.

#### *Game Four (March 12<sup>th</sup>):*

Calgary would again welcome the Vancouver Canucks to the Scotiabank Saddledome on March 12<sup>th</sup> to close out their season series. It would take until the 13:33 mark for the game's opening goal, and it would be Pius Suter who gave the Canucks a 1-0 edge. Later in the frame, Rasmus Andersson would spring Nazem Kadri on a breakaway, and he made a slick move around Vancouver netminder Kevin Lankinen to even the contest at one, and that is where things stood through 20. Vancouver would reclaim their lead midway through the second, before Jonathan Huberdeau scored a pair in the back half of the period to flip the script and put the home side up 3-2 through 40. In the third, Vancouver would find an equalizer to force overtime. The extra frame would solve nothing, and the Canucks would go on to claim the extra point in a shootout.

### **HITTIN' THE GRIDDY:**

19-year-old forward Matvei Gridin made his NHL debut last night in Edmonton, scoring his first NHL goal to become the 29<sup>th</sup> player in Calgary Flames history to score in their NHL debut. Gridin became the fourth teenager in Flames history to score in his NHL debut, joining Zayne Parekh (April 17, 2025), Jarome Iginla (Oct. 5, 1996) and Brian Glynn (Oct. 8, 1987).

The 2024 first round pick registered three goals in six pre-season tilts, with only nine other skaters in the NHL recording more goals than him in pre-season action. Gridin spent the 2024-25 season with the QMJHL's Shawinigan Cataractes, scoring 36 goals and 43 assists for a team-leading 79 points in 56 games. The Kurgan, RUS native posted the most

goals, assists and points by a rookie, being named the QMJHL’s Rookie of the Year. Gridin would also be named to both the QMJHL and CHL All-Rookie Team’s in 2024-25.

**COMEBACK KIDS:**

After erasing a 3-0 deficit last night, Calgary became the first team in NHL history to earn a three-goal comeback win in a season-opening game on three separate occasions (also 2024-25 & 1985-86). Their most recent opening night comeback win prior to last night came in Vancouver against the Canucks. The Flames are also the second team to do so in consecutive campaigns, alongside the Hartford Whalers from 1985-86 to 1986-87.

**BACK-TO-BACKS:**

The Calgary Flames are set to conclude their first back-to-back set of the 2025-26 season following last night’s come-from-behind victory in Edmonton. The Flames will compete in nine back-to-back scenarios this season, with their next set coming on October 14<sup>th</sup> when they host the Vegas Golden Knights at the Scotiabank Saddledome before travelling to the Delta Center to face the Utah Mammoth on October 15<sup>th</sup>.

**KADRI 1KOUNTDOWN:**

Nazem Kadri enters tonight with 986 games of NHL experience, sitting 14 away from his 1,000<sup>th</sup> NHL game. In his career, Kadri has scored 307 goals and 404 assists for 711 points, along with 760 penalty minutes. The 35-year-old was selected seventh overall in the 2009 NHL Draft by the Toronto Maple Leafs, a club he played his first 561 NHL contests with. A trade in the summer of 2019 would send him to Colorado, where he would help the Avalanche win the 2022 Stanley Cup. The London, ON native joined the Flames as a free agent in August of 2022 and is looking to become the 13<sup>th</sup> player to play their 1,000<sup>th</sup> career regular-season game as a member of the Flames franchise:

PLAYER NAME	POS	GAME DATE	ALL TEAMS
Mikael Backlund	C	10/30/2024	CGY
Milan Lucic	L	4/13/2021	BOS, LAK, EDM, CGY
Matt Stajan	C	3/21/2018	TOR, CGY
Olli Jokinen	C	1/1/2012	LAK, NYI, FLA, PHX, CGY, NYR
Craig Conroy	C	10/28/2010	MTL, STL, CGY, LAK
Daymond Langkow	C	2/6/2010	TBL, PHI, PHX, CGY
Jarome Iginla	R	2/5/2010	CGY
Owen Nolan	R	10/22/2007	QUE, COL, SJS, TOR, PHX, CGY
Martin Gelinas	L	12/9/2003	EDM, QUE, VAN, CAR, CGY
Craig Berube	L	10/12/2002	PHI, TOR, CGY, WSH, NYI
Dave Lowry	L	12/8/2001	VAN, STL, FLA, SJS, CGY
Lanny McDonald	R	4/5/1987	TOR, CLR, CGY

**HEY DID YOU KNOW?**

The Flames erased a 3-0 deficit last night in Edmonton to come back and win, marking just the second time they have recorded a three-goal comeback victory in the Battle of Alberta. The other came on March 26, 2011 in a 5-4 shootout victory.

Last night’s eight-round shootout against Edmonton is the longest in NHL history for a season-opener.

The Calgary Flames have played more games against the Vancouver Canucks (307) than they have against any other NHL franchise.

Flames forwards Connor Zary and Martin Pospisil both skated in their 100<sup>th</sup> NHL game against Vancouver last season, both recording points; (Zary: 1-0 – 1), Pospisil (0-1 – 1).

## FLAMES SUMMER 25' RECAP:

**May 3:** Re-signed RW Matt Coronato to a seven-year extension.

In his third professional season, and his first complete NHL campaign, Coronato set career highs in 77 games played with Calgary in 2024-25. The 22-year-old right winger recorded 47 points from 24 goals and 23 assists, including five powerplay goals and four game winners. He finished third on the Flames in both points and goals, trailing only Nazem Kadri and Jonathan Huberdeau.

**May 30:** Named Trent Cull assistant coach.

Trent Cull was in his second year as head coach with the Calgary Wranglers at the time of his interim appointment to the Flames on December 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2024. During his time on the NHL bench, the Flames penalty kill improved from 29<sup>th</sup> in the league to 15<sup>th</sup> (December 23<sup>rd</sup> – April 17<sup>th</sup>). Before his recall, Cull led the Wranglers to a 20-8-1 record, 41 points and a .707 points percentage (1<sup>st</sup> in the AHL). As a result, the Wranglers coaching staff were selected to represent the Pacific Division at the 2025 AHL All-Star Game.

**June 10:** Re-signed RW Adam Klapka to a two-year extension.

Klapka skated in 31 games for the Flames in 2024-25, scoring six goals and four assists for 10 points along with 29 penalty minutes. From April 1<sup>st</sup> until April 17<sup>th</sup>, Klapka would record three goals and three assists for six points which ranked sixth on the team during the Flames final nine games. He also averaged a career-high 12:43 of ice time while registering a team-leading 32 hits during the month of April.

**Jun. 16:** Named Peter Hanlon assistant general manager.

Peter Hanlon began his managerial career with the Toronto Maple Leafs' American League franchise in St. John's, Newfoundland. He was then recruited to work at the AHL head office in Springfield, Mass. before joining the Flames to begin the 1997-98 season. He has international experience having represented Team Canada at the 2002 Olympics, World Championships, and the 2016 World Cup of Hockey.

**Jun. 23:** Re-signed C Justin Kirkland to a one-year contract extension.

Justin Kirkland skated in 21 games for the Flames in 2024-25, scoring two goals and six assists for eight points before an injury at the end of November sidelined him for the remainder of the season. The 28-year-old scored his first NHL goal this past season on October 13<sup>th</sup> in Edmonton. He would go 3/4 in shootout attempts in 2024-25 with his 75% success rate in shootouts leading all Flames with at least two attempts.

**Jun. 28:** Re-signed D Kevin Bahl to a six-year contract extension.

Kevin Bahl skated in 73 games for the Flames in 2024-25, scoring three goals and adding 17 assists for 20 points and 35 penalty minutes. The 25-year-old defender averaged 21:23 of ice time this season which was the third highest total on the Flames. Bahl was originally acquired by Calgary on June 19, 2024 from New Jersey along with a 2025 first-round (Cole Reschny) in exchange for goalie Jacob Markstrom.

**Jul. 1:** Re-signed D Joel Hanley to a two-year contract extension.

Hanley skated in 53 games with the Flames in 2024-25, scoring two goals and seven assists for nine points. Hanley's 53 games were a career-high and the 34-year-old finished the season with a career-best +12 while averaging 18:35 of ice time.

**Jul. 3:** Re-signed C Morgan Frost to a two-year contract extension.

Frost was acquired by Calgary from Philadelphia on January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2025 and would skate in 32 games in a Flames sweater, scoring three goals and nine assists for 12 points. The 26-year-old averaged 16:37 of ice time with the Flames to set a new career high. He was a first round pick (27<sup>th</sup> overall) by Philadelphia in the 2017 NHL Draft.

**Jul. 30:** Re-signed C Martin Pospisil to a three-year contract extension.

Martin Pospisil, a native of Zvolen, SVK played 81 games for the Flames in 2024-25, registering a career-best 25 points from four goals and 21 assists along with 84 penalty minutes. Since making his NHL debut during the 2023-24 season, Pospisil has recorded 539 hits to lead all Flames over the past two seasons as well as rank third in the NHL in hits since

he entered the league on November 4th, 2023. The 25-year-old was named to Slovakia's preliminary roster for the 2026 Olympic Winter Games in Milano and Cortina, Italy

**Sep. 2:** Named Dave Lowry assistant coach

Dave Lowry, a native of Sudbury, ON, spent the past three seasons as an assistant coach with the Seattle Kraken from 2022 through 2025. He previously spent time as an assistant coach with the Winnipeg Jets, Los Angeles Kings, and Calgary Flames throughout his NHL coaching tenure. During his playing career, Lowry spent nineteen years in the NHL and amassed over 1,000 NHL games split between the Vancouver Canucks, St. Louis Blues, Florida Panthers, San Jose Sharks, and Calgary Flames. He would captain the Flames from 2000 to 2002.

**Sep. 6:** Re-signed C Connor Zary to a three-year contract extension.

Connor Zary, a native of Saskatoon, SK, played 54 games for the Flames in 2024-25, scoring 13 goals and 14 assists for 27 points. The 23-year-old has 118 games of NHL experience to his credit, scoring 28 goals and 34 assists for 62 points along with 36 penalty minutes. He was the Flames first round pick (24th overall) in the 2020 NHL Draft.

**Sep. 9:** Re-signed G Dustin Wolf to a seven-year contract extension.

Dustin Wolf appeared in 53 games for the Flames in 2024-25, posting a 29-16-8 record, with a .910 save-percentage and a 2.64 goals-against average. Wolf's 29 wins led all rookie goaltenders in the NHL last season, while also leading all freshman netminders in saves (1,409), and shutouts (3). Wolf finished the 2024-25 season second in Calder Memorial Trophy voting. His 2024-25 totals also placed him among all NHL goaltenders in save percentage (11<sup>th</sup>), wins (11<sup>th</sup>), and goals against average (16<sup>th</sup>).



**Sep. 17:** Re-signed C Mikael Backlund to a two-year contract extension.

Mikael Backlund has played his entire 1,067-game NHL career in Calgary and is the longest tenured active skater on the Flames. In 76 games last season, Backlund scored 15 goals and recorded 17 assists for 32 points. He has been one of the top conditioned players on the team throughout his career and ranked in the top three fittest Flames the past four years and finished first in testing last year.

**Oct 2.** Extended Head Coach Ryan Huska for two more seasons.

Ryan Huska has coached in the Flames organization since the 2014-15 season in which he was appointed head coach of the Flames' American Hockey League affiliate in Adirondack. He would go on to coach the Flames top prospects in Stockton, posting a 135-118-27 record in four years as an AHL bench boss. In 2018, Huska became an assistant coach with the Flames where he spent five seasons before becoming the 24th head coach in Flames franchise history on June 12, 2023. In his two prior seasons as the Flames Head Coach, Huska has led the club to a 79-66-19 record and coming within one point of a playoff appearance in 2024-25.

**CALGARY FLAMES vs. VANCOUVER CANUCKS**

CGY vs. VAN	ALL-TIME	HOME	AWAY	L10	STRK
 	153-101-33-20	86-43-15-8	67-58-18-12	4-4-2	L1

**GAME INFO:**

Calgary Flames at Vancouver Canucks  
7:00pm PT  
Rogers Arena  
TV: Sportsnet West, Sportsnet Pacific  
Radio: Sportsnet Fan 960

**2025-26 Season Series:** 0-0-0 (Home: 0-0-0, Road 0-0-0)

Oct. 9, 2025 – CGY at VAN  
Nov. 23, 2025 – CGY at VAN  
Mar. 28, 2026 – VAN vs. CGY

2024-25 Season Record vs. VAN: 2-1-1 (Home: 1-0-1, Road: 1-1-0)

Last Home Win vs. VAN: December 31, 2024 – Calgary [3] vs. Vancouver [1]

Last Road Win @ VAN: October 9, 2024 – Calgary [6] at Vancouver [5] (OT)

Last Home Loss vs. VAN: March 12, 2025 – Calgary [3] vs. Vancouver [4]

Last Road Loss @ VAN: Nov. 12, 2024 – Calgary [1] at Vancouver [3]

2025-26 CALGARY FLAMES

FLAMES RECENT TRANSACTIONS:

Sep. 30 – assigned seven players to Calgary (AHL): Hunter Brzustewicz (D), Nick Cicek (D), Artem Grushnikov (D), Sam Honzek (F), Owen Say (G), William Stromgren (F) Aydar Suniev (F)

Sep. 30 – placed four players on waivers: Clark Bishop (F); cleared Dryden Hunt (F); cleared Yan Kuznetsov (D); cleared Sam Morton (F); cleared

Oct. 1 – Assigned four players to Calgary (AHL): Clark Bishop (F), Dryden Hunt (F), Yan Kuznetsov (D), Sam Morton (F)

Oct. 2 – signed Head Coach Ryan Huska to a two-year contract extension

Oct. 2 – placed three players on waivers: Ilya Solovyov (D); claimed by COL, Rory Kerins (F); cleared and Ivan Prosvetov (G); cleared

Oct. 3 – assigned Rory Kerins (F) and Ivan Prosvetov (G) to Calgary (AHL)

Oct. 6 – placed Johnathan Huberdeau (F) and Martin Pospisil (F) on IR, recalled Sam Honzek (F) from Calgary (AHL)

FLAMES RECENT INJURIES (Total man games lost – 2)

Johnathan Huberdeau – Injury: 1 game (Oct. 8 – pres.)

Martin Pospisil – Injury: 1 game (Oct. 8 – pres.)

FLAMES CAREER MILESTONES WITHIN REACH:

Yegor Sharangovich – 197 points (3 away from 200 points)

Yegor Sharangovich – 96 assists (4 away from 100 assists)

Morgan Frost – 94 assists (6 away from 100 assists)

Joel Farabee – 93 goals (7 away from 100 goals)

Daniil Miromanov – 93 games played (7 away from 100 games play)

MacKenzie Weegar – 192 assists (8 away from 200 assists)

Blake Coleman – 291 points (9 away from 300 points)

HOW THE FLAMES WERE BUILT: (\* = injured)

Draft (9)	Free Agent (7)	Trade (7)	Waivers (2)
Andersson (53 <sup>rd</sup> overall, 2015)	Bean (July 2024)	Bahl (From NJD – 2024)	Hanley (From DAL – 2024)
Backlund (24 <sup>th</sup> overall, 2007)	Coleman (July 2021)	Farabee (From PHI – 2025)	Pachal (From VGK – 2024)
Coronato (13 <sup>th</sup> overall, 2021)	Cooley (July 2024)	Frost (From PHI – 2025)	
Gridin (28 <sup>th</sup> overall, 2024)	Kadri (August 2022)	Huberdeau* (From FLA – 2022)	
Honzek (16 <sup>th</sup> overall, 2023)	Kirkland (July 2024)	Miromanov (From VGK – 2024)	
Parekh (9 <sup>th</sup> overall, 2024)	Klapka (May 2022)	Sharangovich (From NJD – 2023)	
Pospisil* (105 <sup>th</sup> overall, 2018)	Lomberg (July 2024)	Weegar (From FLA – 2022)	
Wolf (214 <sup>th</sup> overall, 2019)			
Zary (24 <sup>th</sup> overall, 2020)			

RECORD BY MONTH

	October	November	December	January	February	March	April
HOME	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0
AWAY	1-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0
TOTAL	1-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0

**POINTS LEADER BY MONTH**

	October	November	December	January	February	March	April
<b>Player</b>	6 skaters						
<b>Points</b>	1 point						

**RECORD BY DAY**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	1-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0

**RECORD BY DAYS BETWEEN GAMES/ON...****0 Days:** 0-0-0**1 Day:** 0-0-0**2 Days:** 0-0-0**3 Days:** 0-0-0**4+ Days:** 1-0-0**First of B2B:** 1-0-0**Second of B2B:** 0-0-0**RECORD WHEN...**

	0G	1G	2G	3G	4G	5G	6G	7G	8G
<b>Scoring</b>	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	1-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0
<b>Allowing</b>	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	1-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0

**PLAYER HIGHS** \*active

	High (Most Recent Occurrence)	Date: Game
<b>Goals, Game:</b>	1 (Gridin, Zary, Coleman)	Oct. 8 at EDM (4-3 SOW)
<b>Assists, Game:</b>	1 (Coronato, Klapka, Kadri)	Oct. 8 at EDM (4-3 SOW)
<b>Points, Game:</b>	1 (six skaters)	Oct. 8 at EDM (4-3 SOW)
<b>Shots, Game:</b>	5 (Gridin)	Oct. 8 at EDM (4-3 SOW)
<b>TOI, Game:</b>	26:20 (Andersson)	Oct. 8 at EDM (4-3 SOW)
<b>Best +/-, Game:</b>	+2 (Bahl, Gridin)	Oct. 8 at EDM (4-3 SOW)
<b>Saves, Game:</b>	32 (Wolf)	Oct. 8 at EDM (4-3 SOW)
<b>Goal Streak</b>		
<b>Assists Streak</b>		
<b>Point Streak</b>		

	LAST TIME (2025-26)	PREVIOUS
Regulation win, home		
Regulation win, away		
Regulation loss, home		
Regulation loss, away		
OT win, home		
OT win, away		
OT loss, home		
OT loss, away		
Shootout win, home		
Shootout win, away	Oct. 8 at EDM (4-3 SOW)	
Shootout loss, home		
Shootout loss, away		
Shutout, home		
Shutout, away		

CALGARY FLAMES ALL-TIME LEADERS (***Bolded*** = Active Players)  
CAREER GAMES PLAYED:



1) Jarome Iginla

1996-96 – 2012-13

1,219



2) ***Mikael Backlund***

***2008-09 - Present***

***1,067***



3) Mark Giordano

2005-06 – 2020-21

949



4) Robyn Regehr

1999-00 – 2010-11

826






5) Al MacInnis

1981-82 – 1993-94

803

CALGARY FLAMES JERSEY RECORD:

JERSEY	GP	W	L	OTL/SOL	Last Result
Home 	0	0	0	0	
Away 	1	1	0	0	Oct. 8 at EDM (4-3 SOW)
Alternate 	0	0	0	0	