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***THREE THINGS: Wild blank Jets, Pionk day-to-day
Jesper Wallstedt stopped all 32 shots he faced as the Wild blanked Jets 3-0***

By Jamie Thomas

WINNIPEG - Jesper Wallstedt made 32 saves as the Minnesota Wild shutout the Winnipeg Jets 3-0 at Canada Life Centre. It was the first time the Jets lost to the Wild in ten games dating back to the 2022-23 season. Mark Scheifele became the first player in franchise history to play in 900 games. Winnipeg will begin another long road trip starting Wednesday against the Washington Capitals.

JETS HAD THEIR CHANCES

The Wild had really locked things down in the month of November allowing just 17 goals in 10 games coming into today. The Jets had numerous chances throughout the afternoon including Gabe Vilardi on two separate occasions having the puck in the blue paint and not having it cross the goal line. Per Natural Stat Trick, the Jets had 13 high danger scoring chances at 5-on-5. The team liked how they played in the first period but as the game wore on, they were not as happy.

SHORTIE KILLER

After going through the first part of the season without giving up a shorthanded goal, the Jets have given up a shortie in their last two games. Minnesota held a 1-0 lead in the second period, and the Jets were on their second power play of the afternoon, Brock Faber scored a shorthanded goal at 18:12. That goal really sealed the win for the Wild and giving up shorties in back-to-back games is a cause for concern for Scott Arniel.

"Obviously, the other night, it was a tie game, and it was the game winner, and tonight we're down one," said Arniel.

"And instead of staying in games, it's we get beat up ice. Two games in a row, we got beat up ice."

ANOTHER INJURY

The Jets have gotten used to playing with five defencemen this season thanks to various injuries to their blueline. This afternoon, Neal Pionk played just two shifts and left with a lower body injury after throwing a hit on Wild forward Danila Yurov. Pionk is day-to-day with the injury but there will be an update after the team practices on Monday afternoon.

"Obviously, losing Neil is a big piece of that back end and to our team. So, we hope everything's okay there," said Dylan DeMelo who played 23:04 tonight.

"But it's a next guy mentality. And whoever's in, or if we go to 5 D, more ice for the rest of us and more opportunities. So try to take advantage of it and try to make the most of it."

***Wallstedt makes 32 saves, Wild blank Jets for 5th straight win
Goalie gets 3rd shutout in 4 starts for Minnesota, which pushes point streak to 8***

By Darrin Bauming

WINNIPEG -- Jesper Wallstedt made 32 saves for his NHL-leading third shutout of the season, and the Minnesota Wild won their fifth straight game, 3-0 against the Winnipeg Jets at Canada Life Centre on Sunday.

"I have a great team in front of me," Wallstedt said. "The way our team has sacrificed themselves, I feel like we're one of the teams that blocks the most shots. We try to get in front of every puck. They take away sticks and everything and boxing out, so I can focus on my job. I feel like pucks have been getting stuck in me. Hopefully I show some calmness back there, that I can show that they can trust me."

Wallstedt has three shutouts in his past four starts (all wins), and the Wild have four shutouts during an eight-game point streak (7-0-1).

"We've gotten excellent goaltending," Minnesota coach John Hynes said. "I think both those guys (Wallstedt and Filip Gustavsson) have deserved the shoutouts, but I think from a defensive standpoint, we're committed in that area. So, I think strong [play] defensively combined with excellent goaltending is a good recipe for that."

Kirill Kaprizov, Brock Faber, and Danila Yurov scored for the Wild (12-7-4), who had lost nine straight to Winnipeg (0-7-2) dating back to April 11, 2023.

"[Wallstedt is] playing like a wall right now," Faber said. "It's fun to watch and it gives us all confidence. You can tell that he's just gaining confidence as every day goes by. It's so great to see. It took time for him to get here. He worked and battled and went through adversity and ups and downs, and to see him playing the way he can play, it's incredible and we just need to keep it rolling for him and [Gustavsson]."

Eric Comrie made 27 saves for the Jets (12-9-0), who have lost six of nine.

"I think we had a good start in the first period, and we've just got to find ways to sustain that energy that we had," Winnipeg forward Jonathan Toews said. "You've got to stay with it in those situations. It's easy to get frustrated, and I think sometimes you've just got to use that energy and that emotion to channel it the right way. Like I said, I think we liked our start today. We just didn't sustain it."

Yurov gave the Wild a 1-0 lead at 8:23 of the second period. Yakov Trenin stole the puck from Nino Niederreiter in the corner, skated behind the net and fed Yurov for a quick shot from the slot.

"What I've seen more with Yurov, I think he's getting more and more comfortable with the puck and with his offensive attack game," Hynes said. "All year long he's been real solid, I think, on

the defensive end, and just with his hockey smarts. But now I think he's getting more confidence with the puck [and] knowing when to make plays."

Faber made it 2-0 at 18:12, scoring short-handed with a wrist shot as the trailer on a 3-on-2 rush.

"I was screaming [for the puck] just as loud as I could," Faber said. "[Marcus Johansson is] obviously such a gifted passer, there was no doubt in my mind that he wasn't going to pass that thing back."

Kaprizov pushed it to 3-0 at 6:29 of the third period, lifting the puck over Comrie's shoulder from the side of the net.

"Consistency, whether that's period to period or game to game, has been something that I'd say in this first 21 [games] has been lacking," Winnipeg coach Scott Arniel said. "We always took a lot of pride in staying in and winning one-goal games. Right now, that's not happening. We've got to look first at that. The longer you can hang around in games, if it takes you 50 minutes to get ourselves a win, or longer, you can't give up goals in the middle period like we have the last couple of games."

Jets defenseman Neal Pionk left the game in the second period due to a lower-body injury. Arniel said Pionk is day to day and will be evaluated on Monday.

"I thought we did a pretty good job [after Pionk's injury]," Winnipeg defenseman Dylan DeMelo said. "I thought the guys stepped up and played pretty hard. It is not ideal, losing Pionk early, who is a big piece on the back end and to our team. We hope everything is OK there, but it is a next-guy-up mentality, and whoever is in, if we go to five D, it is more ice for the rest of us and more opportunity. Try to take advantage of it and make the most of it."

NOTES: Wallstedt is the second rookie goalie in the NHL's expansion era (since 1967-68) to record three shutouts through his first eight games of a season, joining Martin Jones (three in six games in 2013-14). ... Faber (23 years, 93 days) became the youngest defenseman in Wild history to score a short-handed goal. ... Forward Nico Sturm played 13:36 in his first game since signing a two-year contract with the Wild on July 1. Sturm was recovering from surgery for a back injury he sustained in training camp. ... Since Nov. 1, Minnesota has gone 26-for-29 on the penalty kill. ... Mark Scheifele played in his 900th NHL game, all with Winnipeg. He had two shots on goal in 22:01.

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Unfamiliar territory

Jets searching for consistency as they fall from playoff position

By: Ken Wiebe

Dylan DeMelo made it clear that this was not a sound-the-alarm situation, though it does require some significant attention from the Winnipeg Jets.

As the Jets were blanked 3-0 on Sunday at Canada Life Centre to close out a three-game homestand with a 1-2 record that dropped them to 12-9-0 for the season, DeMelo reinforced the need for his team to find its trademark consistency and fast.

"I don't think we are playing the way we want to play. We aren't even close to where we need to be to be a successful team when it really matters down the road," said DeMelo. "We've shown it in flashes but it hasn't been consistent. We need to find that consistency, but we are only a quarter of the way into the season here. It's that point where we need to start stringing games together and we'll worry about the result. Usually when we're playing well, we feel confident when we play our game and do the right thing, the result will take care of itself. We are exactly what our record says we are."

The Jets open a five-game road trip on Wednesday against Alex Ovechkin and the Washington Capitals.

"Consistency, whether that's period to period or game to game, has been something that I'd say in this first 21 has been lacking," said Jets head coach Scott Arniel. "We always took a lot of pride in staying in and winning one goal games. Right now, that's not happening. We've got to look first at that."

The Jets have dipped to 10th in the Western Conference, just below the playoff line for the first time in a long time.

"Given how things went on that previous road trip and even this little homestand here, I don't think we're too happy with how things have gone in the last six-plus games," said Jets centre Jonathan Toews. "So, obviously we need to be back in the bunch as far as the standings go. Try and focus on the road trip coming up and set a goal for us to climb into a better spot than we're in right now."

Let's take a closer look at this one:

THE POWER OUTAGE – The Jets had been cruising along on the power play of late, delivering at least a goal in each of the previous five games (going six-for-12 in the process).

But after not allowing a shorthanded goal in the first 19 games of the campaign, the Jets surrendered one in each of the past two games, including a critical marker that extended the deficit to 2-0 at 18:12 of the second period on Sunday.

"That's a huge concern," said Arniel. "Obviously, the other night (against the Carolina Hurricanes, it was a tie game, and it was the game winner, and (on Sunday) we're down one. And instead of staying in games, we get beat up ice. Two games in a row, we got beat up ice.

"And some other things happened prior to that, whether it's a turnover or where it's a puck battle on the wall, but we can't get beat up the ice like we did two games in a row. They're costly. Those goals are costly."

Both shorthand markers came against the Jets' top unit, so Arniel was clearly sending a message when he sent the second unit out early for the man-advantage early in the third period.

THE INJURY – Jets defenceman Neal Pionk became the latest member of the walking wounded when he left the game in the first period.

Pionk tweaked something with his right leg after delivering a hit on Wild centre Danila Yurov on his first shift of the contest.

You could tell something was bothering Pionk as he made his way to the bench, as he was constantly trying to loosen things up.

Although he stayed in the game for a few shifts, and even caught Wild centre Joel Eriksson Ek on the back check to prevent a shorthanded breakaway, Pionk never really got fully comfortable and eventually had to depart.

Pionk finished with four shifts for 2:05 of ice time and the initial hope is that this ailment will fall into the day-to-day category, though Arniel said further evaluation would be required before determining the severity.

Asked if some insurance would be required for the upcoming road trip, Arniel said it was too early to make that call.

‘We’ll wait and see what the docs have to say,’ said Arniel.

If Pionk is going to miss time, the Jets could consider recalling top defence prospect Elias Salomonsson — especially since Haydn Fleury remains in concussion protocol.

Salomonsson had a strong training camp and is having a steady start to the campaign with the Manitoba Moose of the American Hockey League, with six assists in 17 games.

If the Jets are content to roll with a right side of Dylan DeMelo, Colin Miller and Luke Schenn, it’s possible Kale Clague or Ville Heinola could be called up to serve in more of a seventh D-man role.

THE SCRAP – With the Jets off to a sluggish start to the second period after an evenly-played first, captain Adam Lowry went over to Marcus Foligno prior to a faceoff in the offensive zone and the Wild forward accepted the invitation to tussle.

It was a spirited scrap between two tough customers and it was clear Lowry was hoping to provide a spark by dropping the gloves.

“I don’t think you want to fight too many times on an o-zone face-off, but I think probably, that’s what it was,” said DeMelo. “I think you’re right on that. He’s our heart and soul, for sure. And he goes against one of the toughest guys in the league too, and was trying to give us a boost. It sucks that we couldn’t maybe get the ball rolling there for a guy to sacrifice like that in a fight. We’d love to have gotten one or at least gotten some momentum and turn some shifts over and things like that.”

Arniel appreciated the latest show of leadership from Lowry.

“Yeah, exactly what it was,” said Arniel. “We were down one. We were doing things that we hadn’t done in the first (period). He felt it was something he needed to do. That’s stuff that Adam does. I really would like our response after that to be a lot better than it was.”

THE KEY PLAY

Marcus Johansson found defenceman Brock Faber on an odd-man rush for a shorthanded goal that made it 2-0 late in the second period.

THE THREE STARS

Jesper Wallstedt, Wild, made 32 saves to record the shutout.
Brock Faber, Wild, scored a goal, played nearly 25 minutes.
Danila Yurov, Wild, provided the game-winning goal.

EXTRA, EXTRA – The win by the Wild snapped a string of nine consecutive victories for the Jets in head-to-head meetings, dating back to March of 2023.

Jets centre Mark Scheifele skated in his 900th NHL game on Sunday afternoon, recording two shots on goal and four shot attempts in just under 22 minutes of ice time.

The Jets healthy scratches were defenceman Luke Schenn and forward Tanner Pearson. With Schenn scratched, Colin Miller returned to the lineup and had a season-high 20 minutes and 11 seconds of ice time, recording two shots on goal, one hit and two blocked shots.

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Short-handed goal sinks Jets again in shutout loss to Minnesota Wild

By Gordon Anderson

The Winnipeg Jets can no longer view the Minnesota Wild as a potential free space on the National Hockey League schedule.

Despite the fact the Wild has been a playoff team in five of the previous six seasons, the Jets have had their way with their Central Division rival. Until Sunday afternoon that is.

Defenceman Brock Faber scored a short-handed goal late in the second period, and the Wild beat the Jets 3-0 at the Canada Life Centre, snapping a nine-game Winnipeg winning streak over Minnesota that dated back to March of 2023.

With the Jets trailing by one, Wild forward Kirill Kaprizov was sent to the penalty box for holding at 16:29 of the second period. Late in the power play, the Jets lost possession of the puck near their bench inside the offensive zone. Marcus Johansson and Yakov Trenin skated the other way on a two-on-one with Jets forward Cole Perfetti hustling back to even the numbers.

Johansson stopped in the faceoff circle to the left of Eric Comrie and fed a pass back to the on-rushing Faber, who'd out-raced Gabe Vilardi, Kyle Connor and Mark Scheifele up the ice. Faber's shot then beat the Jets netminder high to the glove side at 18:12 for a 2-0 Wild lead.

It was the second consecutive game that the Jets allowed a short-handed goal. Seth Jarvis also did it on Friday in the Hurricanes' 4-3 win over the Jets.

"That's a huge concern," head coach Scott Arniel said about the shorties allowed. "Obviously, the other night (against the Hurricanes), it was a tie game, and it was the go-ahead goal. On Sunday, we're down one.

On Friday, K'Andre Miller started the play by blocking a Connor entry at the Carolina blue line. Sebastian Aho picked up the puck in the neutral zone and beat Josh Morrissey to the net. Comrie made the save on the original chance, but Jarvis, who raced in to the Jets zone ahead of Perfetti, Scheifele, Vilardi and Connor zipped the rebound into the net for his 11th goal of the season.

“(That’s) two games in a row where we got beat up ice,” Arniel said. “And some other things happened prior to that, whether it’s a turnover or where it’s a puck battle on the wall, but we can’t get beat up the ice like we did two games in a row.”

Kaprizov all but cemented Sunday’s win at 6:29 of the third when he went high over Comrie’s right shoulder. Danila Yurov opened the scoring in the second period.

Comrie made 27 saves in the game.

Minnesota has won five consecutive games. In this current win streak, three of those five wins have come via shutout. Minnesota leads the league with five shutouts.

Wild goaltender Jesper Wallstedt stopped 32 shots to earn his sixth win of the season and NHL-leading three shutouts.

The Jets have been shut out three times this season. They lost 3-0 to the Seattle Kraken on Oct. 23 and 3-0 to the Los Angeles Kings on Nov. 4. The Jets are 6-5-0 at home so far. Last year, they were 30-7-4.

The Jets are on the road for three games this coming week. The trip starts Wednesday in Washington against the Capitals. The club then heads for Carolina for a Friday afternoon game against the Hurricanes and to Nashville for a Saturday night matchup against the Predators.

Scheifele at 900 games

Mark Scheifele crossed off another milestone on Sunday, playing his 900th game with the Jets. He was honoured during a first-period break at 8:23. Previously, he surpassed Blake Wheeler to become the Jets’ leading scorer with a three-assist night in a 5-2 win over the Columbus Blue Jackets on Nov. 16. Three days later, the 32-year-old centre moved ahead of Wheeler as the franchise’s career games played leader with 898.

Fighting for a reason

Perhaps, in an effort to wake up his slumbering team, captain Adam Lowry invited Marcus Foligno to drop the mitts before the play began at the Wild end at 10:09 of the second period. Both players traded punches in the faceoff circle to the left of the net with both combatants earning fighting majors. Lowry’s previous fight was last March against the New York Islanders.

Pionk leaves early

The Jets played most of the game without the services of defenceman Neal Pionk. He slammed Yurov into the side boards in the Jets end just eight minutes into the first period, but clearly got the worst of it. Dylan Samberg, Pionk’s regular defence partner, played with a collection of partners, including Colin Miller and Dylan DeMelo. The Jets released an update on ‘X,’ stating that Pionk suffered a lower-body injury. In his post-game comments, Arniel said Pionk is day-to-day.

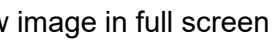
Luke Schenn, Tanner Pearson, and Connor Hellebuyck were scratched for this game.

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ANALYSIS: Jets' goal should be to stay in playoff hunt

By Kelly Moore CJOB

ANALYSIS: Jets' goal should be to stay in playoff hunt -  image in full screen

The Winnipeg Jets, along with the rest of the NHL, have completed the first quarter of the schedule. And there probably weren't many who expected Winnipeg to be on the wrong side of the playoff line heading into U.S. Thanksgiving.

For years, it has generally been felt by many that this final week of November is the measuring stick for NHL teams that will make the sweet 16 for the Stanley Cup playoffs — and those who won't.

But judging by the parity in the National Hockey League this season, that ideology might not hold water. And for Winnipeg Jets fans, that would be just fine.

If we've learned anything from the first 21 games, the Jets might not be a lock to make the postseason that we thought they'd be going into the schedule. Or especially after that impressive 9-3 start.

Now, this is not to suggest the sky is falling and the unthinkable might happen for Arnie's Army ... but the combination of a potential sub-.500 November, coupled with the likelihood of no Connor Hellebuyck until at least late December, has cast some doubt.

Add in Neal Pionk having to leave yesterday's 3-0 loss to Minnesota midway through the first period with an undisclosed injury — there's another impactful absence to deal with as the team prepares for a five-game road trip that opens Wednesday night in Washington.

Where the Jets can look for improvement to perhaps help balance the scales would be a better next set of 20 games from Jonathan Toews. The veteran centre would not be happy with his team's worst -11 rating at one end of the ice or his modest offensive contribution of eight points at the other.

What has to be frustrating for the 37-year-old Winnipegger is that he's showing all the signs of finding his rhythm without any tangible results.

Next on that list would be a more consistent level of performance from the third defensive pair. But that might not be as attainable with Pionk sidelined, for however long that might be.

So the goal for Winnipeg in this second quarter won't necessarily involve reeling in first-place Colorado, or even re-gaining a top-three position in the Central, as much as just trying to stay in the hunt.

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Winnipeg Jets blanked 3-0 by Minnesota Wild as November losses pile up

By The Canadian Press

Jesper Wallstedt stopped 32 shots to lead the Minnesota Wild to a 3-0 triumph over the Jets in Winnipeg on Sunday afternoon.

The loss was the second in a row for the Jets, who have struggled through November with six losses and just four wins.

Minnesota, meanwhile, is 9-1-1 in the month and its shutout over Winnipeg followed a 5-0 blanking of the Pittsburgh Penguins.

Wallstedt improved to 8-0-2 this season for Minnesota, which is now 12-7-4. Eric Comrie made 26 saves for Winnipeg (12-9-0) before 14,368 fans at Canada Life Centre.

Kirill Kaprizov, Brock Faber and Denis Yurov scored for the Wild.

Kaprizov cemented the win when he beat Comrie over the shoulder from close in, converting a pass from Mats Zucarello to give Minnesota a 3-0 lead at 6:29 of the third period.

That extended Kaprizov's points streak to five games.

Minnesota made it 2-0 with a shorthanded goal.

The Jets turned over the puck during a power play late in the middle period and Marcus Johansson sped down the ice on a three-on-two. He fed the puck to a trailing Faber, who blasted the shot past Comrie.

Minnesota opened the scoring at 8:23 of the second when Yurov converted a pass from Yakov Trenin from behind the net, beating Comrie cleanly.

The goal came just moments after Wallstedt robbed Kyle Connor from point-blank range.

In addition to the game, the Jets lost defenceman Neal Pionk to an injury midway through the first period.

The loss spoiled the 900th career NHL game for Winnipeg assistant captain Mark Scheifele, the most in franchise history.

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Pionk exits with a lower-body injury as 'frustrations setting in for Jets' in loss vs. Wild (VIDEO)

Jets' defenceman Neal Pionk exited Sunday's game against the Wild with a lower-body injury and didn't return as Winnipeg's injuries continue to pile up. TSN's Danielle Bain has more on Pionk's exit in the Jets' loss and what to expect in Winnipeg's upcoming schedule.