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***Nyquist gets first goal as a Jet in 4-1 win  
Scheifele (1G, 1A), Connor (1G, 1A) and Pearson (2A) post multi-point efforts in win over Tampa***

By Jamie Thomas

WINNIPEG - The Winnipeg Jets have points in five straight games (3-0-2) out of the Olympic break thanks to a 4-1 win over the Tampa Bay Lightning at Canada Life Centre tonight. Morgan Barron, Mark Scheifele, Gustav Nyquist and Kyle Connor scored for the Jets, Connor Hellebuyck made 00 saves and has allowed two goals or less in three straight starts. Scheifele recorded his second consecutive multi-point game (1G, 1A). The Jets are back in action Saturday when they host the Vancouver Canucks in their first game after Friday's trade deadline.

***NO SCHENN OR STANLEY***

With the trade deadline coming up at 2 CT on Friday, the Jets held Logan Stanley and Luke Schenn out of the game against the Lightning. That meant some shuffling of the lineup for the coaching staff with these pairings to start: Dylan Samberg – Dylan DeMelo, Haydn Fleury – Elias Salomonsson and Ville Heinola – Isaak Phillips. However, there were multiple different combinations throughout the night, but the group did a fantastic job containing a potent Lightning offence.

While Stanley and Schenn have yet to be dealt, it was a tough night for their teammates and the coaching staff.

***TOOK OVER IN THE SECOND***

After a scoreless first period, the Jets second period was very impressive as they outshot the Lightning 14-7 and added a couple goals. Lightning goaltender Andrei Vasilevskiy had kept the Jets off the scoreboard until 15:31 mark of the second, Morgan Barron pounced on a Cole Koepke rebound and put in his ninth of the season.

The Jets would add to their lead on a nice passing play from the top line, Kyle Connor entered the Lightning zone dropping the puck for Alex Iafallo who spotted Mark Scheifele for the one-timer and a team leading 29th goal.

***WATERLOO***

Gustav Nyquist came into Thursday's game looking for his first goal as a Winnipeg Jet after signing with the team in the offseason. With the Jets lead down to 2-1 in the third period, Nyquist took a pass from Jonathan Toews in the slot and beat Vasilevskiy low glove side for his first goal since April 11, 2025.

Jets fans had a huge ovation for Nyquist and the timing of the goal couldn't have been better for him and the team.

"I mean, it feels great, obviously for the support there. I know it's been a long time coming. So, overall, I thought we played a really good game all throughout," said Nyquist.

"And then obviously they came out with a push in the third and got the early goal on the power play. And then, so it's nice to put that goal in for 3-1."

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### ***Nyquist scores 1st of season, Jets hand Lightning 4th straight loss Hellebuyck makes 26 saves for Winnipeg, which extends point streak to 5***

By Darrin Bauming

WINNIPEG -- Gustav Nyquist scored his first goal of the season for the Winnipeg Jets, who handed the Tampa Bay Lightning their fourth straight loss with a 4-1 victory at Canada Life Centre on Thursday.

"Yeah, it felt real good to get that one," Nyquist said. "And obviously, with that, get the win. So, it's good."

Mark Scheifele and Kyle Connor each had a goal and an assist, Morgan Barron also scored, and Connor Hellebuyck made 26 saves for the Jets (25-26-10), who have points in five straight (3-0-2). Tanner Pearson and Alex Lafallo each had two assists.

"That was probably one of our most complete (efforts) this year," Winnipeg coach Scott Arniel said. "Just sort of period to period, we didn't get into any really long situations where Tampa [Bay] got momentum. There were some times at the start of the third, but at the end of the day, we did a lot of really good things. Won a lot of puck battles. Played fast, played north as quick as we possibly could, and I really liked the way we attacked and got inside."

Brayden Point scored and Andrei Vasilevskiy made 26 saves for the Lightning (38-18-4), who've lost four straight after winning their previous six.

"This team's been not only physically tough, but mentally tough, and we're being tested right now," Tampa Bay coach Jon Cooper said. "And when you play 82 games, you're going to get tested. We're in kind of those ruts right now. Now we've got to dig in and see what we have. So this is a good test for us."

Barron made it 1-0 Jets at 15:31 of the second period, scoring on the rebound from Cole Koepke's shot on a 2-on-1 rush.

"We know what we've got to do, so we put ourselves in this position," Nyquist said. "We're fighting for our lives here. We got a long homestand here. So 2-for-2 at home is a good start (3-2 overtime win against the Chicago Blackhawks on Tuesday), and we got to keep rolling."

Scheifele made it 2-0 at 19:42. As the Jets entered the Lightning zone, Connor circled back and found a trailing Lafallo, who set up Scheifele for a one-timer from below the left face-off dot.

"I think our 'D' made some really good plays under pressure," Scheifele said. "They got up the ice, they were activating. We kind of pushed (Tampa Bay) back. Guys made a lot of really good, simple plays that a lot of people wouldn't notice — simple chips. It was a great team effort."

Point cut it to 2-1 on the power play at 1:52 of the third period. After Darren Raddysh's point shot caromed off the end boards and back in front, Point quickly buried it from the slot with a wrist shot after a quick touch on the puck from Jake Guentzel.

"[Raddysh] does a good job of putting that to the net and I get a good bounce. I got it right on my stick," Point said. "It was just not a good defensive game by us and it was a good offensive game by them. I mean, you look at the odd-man chances that they got, and they were skating and we were slow to pucks, and they were getting odd-mans and capitalizing on them. So, not what we want to do and not how we were winning games, so hopefully we can get back to that - how we were winning games."

Nyquist then scored his first goal as a Jet to push it to 3-1 at 5:34. Pearson created a turnover in the Lightning zone that allowed Jonathan Toews to find Nyquist in the slot, and he beat Vasilevskiy high glove side with a wrist shot.

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Connor appeared to make it 4-1 at 8:43, but the goal was disallowed after Tampa Bay challenged the play and video review determined Scheifele was offside on the 2-on-1 rush with Connor.

"That's part of what we talked about coming out of the break," Arniel said. "Playing forward instead of sitting back and letting teams like that, that are so offensively dangerous, come at you. I just thought our pressure, we were really good with our five-man units, whether it was defending in our end or whether that was attacking in the neutral zone or our forecheck."

Scheifele then set up Connor to score into an empty net at 17:59 for the 4-1 final.

"There was no chance I was shooting another puck the rest of the game. I was going to do everything in my power to get him that goal back because I was so mad at myself. I was very angry with myself there. That is a loss of focus," Scheifele said. "You should never go offside in that situation -- you should never go offside in general, really. I'm going to hear about that one ... from a lot of my buddies, trust me. It won't be a fun conversation or text I'll be getting from some of the guys. But yeah, I wasn't going to shoot another puck until 'KC' got one."

*NOTES:* Nyquist's first goal as a member of the Jets comes in his 40th game of his 13th NHL season (one goal, nine assists), after the 36-year-old signed a one-year, \$3.25 million contract with Winnipeg on July 2, 2025. His last NHL goal came Apr. 11, 2025 as a member of the Minnesota Wild. ... The Jets recalled defenseman Isaak Phillips from Manitoba of the American Hockey League on Thursday prior to puck drop. Phillips had two hits in 12:10 of ice time, skating in his third NHL game this season. ... Winnipeg defenseman Ville Heinola led the first unit power play and had a hit and blocked a shot in 13:51 of ice time, skating in his third NHL game this season. ... Koepke assisted on Barron's goal to set a new single-season career high for assists (eight). ... Prior to puck drop, Winnipeg defensemen Luke Schenn and Logan Stanley were healthy scratched.

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[https://www.chrisd.ca/2026/03/06/winnipeg-jets-luke-schenn-logan-stanley-traded/#google\\_vignette](https://www.chrisd.ca/2026/03/06/winnipeg-jets-luke-schenn-logan-stanley-traded/#google_vignette)

### ***Winnipeg Jets Send Defencemen Schenn and Stanley to Buffalo Sabres***

By Jeff Hamilton, The Canadian Press

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A couple hours after the game, they were dealt to the Buffalo Sabres for defenceman Jacob Bryson, forward Isak Rosen, a conditional fourth-round pick in the 2026 NHL Draft and a second-round selection next year.

It was a stark reminder of how quickly situations can evolve during deadline week.

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### ***Jets send Stanley, Schenn to Sabres***

By: Ken Wiebe

The first dominoes have fallen for the Winnipeg Jets.

What's left to come remains to be seen.

With the clock ticking before Friday's arrival of the 2 p.m. CT NHL trade deadline, the Jets are sending defencemen Logan Stanley and Luke Schenn to the Buffalo Sabres in a trade for forward Isak Rosen, pending unrestricted defenceman Jacob Bryson and a second round draft pick in 2027 and a fourth round pick in 2026.

The Jets will also retain 50 per cent of Schenn's salary-cap hit of US \$2.75 million.

Rosen looks like the centrepiece of the deal, as a player who was chosen 14th overall by the Sabres in the 2021 NHL Draft.

He's a three-time 20-plus goal scorer with the Rochester Americans of the American Hockey League and has three goals and eight points in 31 NHL games.

Both Stanley and Schenn were among the 10 pending unrestricted free agents on the active roster and speculation was high that they would be on the move.

Stanley and Schenn were both scratched on Thursday for roster related reasons before the Jets earned a 4-1 victory over the Tampa Bay Lightning.

The Jets and Stanley were engaged this week in contract negotiations, but the two sides were never close on a number that would have extended his time here.

Stanley, 27, was chosen 18th overall by the Jets in the 2016 NHL Draft and he's already produced career-highs in goals (nine) and points (19) in 59 games this season.

"That's where the emotional side, the relationship side starts to come out. Now you have to say goodbye to a good friend, someone you've gone to work with and battled with over the years," Jets captain Adam Lowry said after the morning skate. "It is a challenging time, obviously. From a fan aspect it's super exciting, you're hoping your team adds. You're seeing all the player movement around the league. From a personal side it's tough. You have guys uprooting their families. There's a lot of things that go on behind the scenes."

Schenn, who was acquired last March for second and fourth round picks, had one goal and seven points in 46 games with the Jets this season.

The right-handed shooting blue-liner has two Stanley Cups on his resume and would bring ample experience and hard-nosed play to a team in Buffalo that hasn't made the playoffs since 2011.

The Jets, who have collected points in five consecutive games coming out of the Olympic break (3-0-2), are now seven points behind the Seattle Kraken in the chase for the final playoff spot in the Western Conference.

Bracing for what was on the horizon hasn't been easy for the Jets, who haven't been in selling mode for quite some time.

"It's not fun. That's the business," said Jets centre Mark Scheifele. "Obviously, I don't think I've been through that in a long time. Something I had to do was refocus before the game."

There will be a sense of relief once the deadline passes and the Jets know who will be sticking around.

"I mean, listen, it's hard," said Jets forward Gustav Nyquist, who scored his first goal of the season on Thursday. "I've been through it now three times that I've been traded. This week is tough. You want to be on the team, or where you're looking to add people, and it's part of the business."

The Jets, who are 25-26-10, are back in action on Saturday as they continue an eight-game homestand against the Vancouver Canucks.

<https://www.winnipegfreepress.com/breakingnews/2026/03/05/great-team-effort-lifts-jets-over-lightning-4-1>

### ***'Great team effort' lifts Jets over Lightning 4-1***

By: Mike McIntyre

Unlikely? For sure. Impossible? Perhaps. Just don't tell that to the Winnipeg Jets, who aren't going to go quietly into the night when it comes to their pursuit of a playoff spot.

An impressive — dare we say dominant?— 4-1 victory over the Tampa Bay Lightning on Thursday proves there's plenty of fight left in this group.

On a night when seven regular skaters were out of the lineup for various reasons, the Jets came up with the type of complete, 60-minute effort that has been in short supply this season. And they did it against a powerhouse opponent, one that is a legitimate Stanley Cup favourite.

"It was a great team effort," said centre Mark Scheifele, whose team-leading 29th goal ended up being the game-winner. "We knew we had a tough challenge ahead of us. The boys just rallied around and had a great game. It was fun to be a part of."

The Jets have now collected points in all five games coming out of the Olympic break (3-0-2) and have pulled to within seven points of the final Western Conference wildcard playoff spot, currently held by the Seattle Kraken. Both teams have 21 games remaining.

“At the end of the day, we’re still chasing a playoff spot. That’s what I’ve tried to keep their focus on,” Jets head coach Scott Arniel said about blocking out all the noise surrounding his team right now.

Connor Hellebuyck was outstanding in net, stopping 26 of 27 shots he faced. Gustav Nyquist scored his first goal with the Jets — in his 40th game of the year — while Morgan Barron (ninth), Scheifele and Kyle Connor (into an empty net, a few minutes after Scheifele negated his 28th due to being offside) had the other tallies.

“There was no chance I was shooting another puck the rest of the game. I was going to do everything in my power to get him that goal back, because I was so mad at myself,” Scheifele said of making it up to Connor by feeding him for the freebie.

He joked that his phone was going to be blowing up with texts from his friends, including personal skills coach Adam Oates.

“I’m going to be hearing about that for a while,” said Scheifele.

The relief was written all over the face of Nyquist, who was signed in the summer to add secondary scoring for the Jets following the loss of Nikolaj Ehlers in free agency, yet hadn’t lit the lamp in an NHL game since April 2025 when he was a member of the Minnesota Wild.

“It felt real good to get that one, and with that, the win,” Nyquist said of snapping the longest slump of his career. “Overall I felt we played a really good game all throughout.”

The Jets now have just four regulation losses in the last 19 games (10-4-5), while Tampa is trending in the other direction. The Lightning, who once had a huge Atlantic Division lead, have lost four straight games and are now tied in points with the surging Buffalo Sabres.

“We did a lot of really good things. We won a lot of puck battles. We played fast. Played north as quick as we possibly could. And then I really like the way we attacked, got inside and attacked their net,” said Arniel.

### *TRADE WINDS BLOWING?*

You may have felt a stiff, sudden breeze outside the downtown rink shortly before puck drop.

That’s because the Jets made a pair of surprising late scratches in defencemen Logan Stanley and Luke Schenn. Both are pending unrestricted free agents, and sitting them for “roster management” purposes certainly adds fuel to the speculation that they will be moved prior to Friday’s 2 p.m. trade deadline.

That wasn’t the original plan earlier in the day, with Arniel saying he expected Stanley and Schenn to play. He added that things “could change” — and they obviously did.

“It’s not fun,” Scheifele said of the increased speculation. “But that’s the business. I don’t think I’ve been through that in a long time. It’s something where you had to re-focus before the game.”

Stanley, 27, is certainly Winnipeg’s most valuable expiring contract chip as he enjoys a career season, which has included a heavy workload and offensive highs in goals (nine) and points

(21). There had been ongoing talks with the Jets about a potential extension, but those seemingly proved to be futile.

Schenn, 36, is a depth defender at this stage of his career but does have two Stanley Cups on his resume.

Could they be packaged together? There were multiple reports late Thursday evening out of Buffalo that the Sabres — who thought they had a deal to obtain Colton Parayko only to have him exercise his no-trade clause and decline Thursday morning — were on the cusp of obtaining both.

The Jets have 10 pending UFAs on their active roster. The only other one held out Thursday was defenceman Colin Miller, who hasn't played since January due to injury and suffered a setback earlier this week. He's considered week-to-week.

The other seven — forwards Nyquist (one goal), Tanner Pearson (two assists), Jonathan Toews (one assist), Cole Koepke (one assist) and Walker Duehr, defenceman Ville Heinola and backup goaltender Eric Comrie — all suited up.

"It's a really tough situation. I talked to the team beforehand. You know, you're sitting out two guys that have been teammates for the last few years. It's hard. There's relationship there," said Arniel.

"Those guys, they have family. It's easy for people to just say 'Trade that guy, trade this guy.' Well, there's some human aspect of it with family and kids and all those things. Friendships. It's very hard on everybody. For us, right before the game, we hadn't really had that. I thought our veteran guys handled it really well and helped push everybody along."

#### *KEY PLAY*

Nyquist's goal at 5:34 of the third period not only shed a massive monkey off his back, it restored Winnipeg's two-goal cushion just a few moments after Brayden Point had scored on the power play for the visitors.

"Amazing. I don't think I've cheered that loud on the bench in a long time," Scheifele said of Nyquist. "Just an amazing guy. One of my best friends on the team. I couldn't be happier for him. He's a guy that comes in, works hard and gives it his all."

#### *THREE STARS:*

1. WPG G Connor Hellebuyck: 26 saves
2. WPG C Mark Scheifele: 1 goal, 1 assist
3. WPG RW Gustav Nyquist: 1 goal

#### *EXTRA, EXTRA*

With Stanley and Schenn sidelined, that opened the door for Heinola to come into the lineup and also required Isaak Phillips to be called up from the Manitoba Moose.

Winnipeg went 0-for-2 on the power play, while Tampa Bay went 1-for-2.

A crowd of 13,473 — one of the smallest of the season — was on hand for this one.

The Jets are slated to hold an optional practice on Friday while they await word on what, if any, changes might be coming to the club.

The Jets return to action on Saturday when they host the league-worst Vancouver Canucks in the third game of this eight-game homestand. There is hope Josh Morrissey could be ready to return. The other injured players — Miller, Neal Pionk, Vlad Namestnikov and Nino Niederreiter — will require further time.

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### ***Sabres acquire defensemen Logan Stanley, Luke Schenn in trade with Jets***

By Matthew Fairburn and Murat Ates

The Winnipeg Jets have traded defensemen Logan Stanley and Luke Schenn to the Buffalo Sabres for Isak Rosen, Jacob Bryson, a second-round pick in 2027 and the better of Buffalo's two fourth-round picks in 2026. The Jets retained 50 percent of Schenn's \$2.75 million contract.

Stanley, 27, is a pending unrestricted free agent with a \$1.25 million cap hit. The 6-foot-7 left-shot defenseman is known for his size and physicality, although he's amid a surprising scoring surge. He has a career-best nine goals and 21 points in 59 games this season.

Schenn, 36, who will also be an unrestricted free agent this offseason, is a two-time Stanley Cup champion. He has one goal and 7 points in 46 games this season. The 6-2, 225-pound right-shot defenseman played on Winnipeg's third pair and was an obvious asset for the Jets to move on from, given their low playoff odds.

Both defensemen were held out from Winnipeg's 4-1 win against the Tampa Bay Lightning on Thursday night.

#### ***What it means for the Sabres***

The Sabres made a run at Colton Parayko, but he wouldn't waive his no-trade clause to come to Buffalo. That would have been a massive addition. Without a similar caliber of player on the market, general manager Jarmo Kekäläinen pivoted to cheaper options to address the Sabres' need for more defensive depth. Buffalo has been leaning heavily on Rasmus Dahlin, Mattias Samuelsson, Owen Power and Bowen Byram to play the bulk of the minutes in most games. All four rank in the top 42 in minutes played for defensemen this season.

That's why depth was important for the Sabres, who have a strong chance to get to the playoffs for the first time since 2011. There aren't a lot of players in Buffalo's dressing room with postseason experience. Stanley and Schenn will provide that. Schenn will be the Sabres' oldest player, and they might not need him to play every game. His veteran presence will be valuable, though.

Stanley is an interesting addition because of his toughness. As talented as Buffalo's blue line is, the group doesn't have a player with Stanley's physical edge. Deploying him in the right role and with the right partner will be important, but he should be able to provide decent depth. He might be a fit with Michael Kesselring, who is starting to get healthier after playing through a high-

ankle sprain before the Olympic break. The Sabres' defensive depth chart will be crowded with these additions, especially when Conor Timmins returns from injury. He has been out with a broken leg since December. — Matthew Fairburn, Sabres staff writer

#### *Why Winnipeg moved Stanley and Schenn*

Stanley played a bigger role for Winnipeg after the Olympic break because of injuries to Josh Morrissey and Neal Pionk, but he has primarily been a third-pairing defenceman during his Jets career. Winnipeg moved him because he has earned a raise that doesn't fit into its budget on the left side, where Morrissey and Dylan Samberg are entrenched in first- and second-pairing roles.

Stanley was a valued Jets teammate and developed confidence to join Winnipeg's attack, but concerns persist about his play in his own end. Puck management can be an issue, and his lack of agility can expose him in transition. There is also a reasonable expectation that his shooting percentage (12.2 percent) is unsustainably high, meaning he's not likely to keep scoring at his current rate.

Schenn's appeal comes from his playoff experience, winning back-to-back Stanley Cup titles with Tampa Bay in 2020 and 2021, and his willingness to be physical in an effort to clear the crease in front of his goaltender. The veteran should be a plug-and-play option as a No. 7 or No. 8 defenseman on a team that intends to go deep. He's better at breakout passes than his stay-at-home, physical reputation would suggest, but he struggles to keep pace in transition and is a nonfactor in the offensive zone. His absence opens a spot for prospect Elias Salomonsson to grow into a bigger role, helping future editions of the Jets in ways Schenn could not.

Winnipeg selected Stanley at No. 18 in 2016 after trading up from No. 22 and No. 36. He went on to play two more seasons in the OHL, two for Winnipeg's AHL affiliate Manitoba Moose, and then six seasons for the Jets. Winnipeg protected Stanley in the Seattle expansion draft, indicating a belief in his potential to grow into a top-four defenseman. Though that hasn't come to pass, Stanley's offensive contributions and willingness to fight for his teammates turned the occasional boos he received at Canada Life Centre into cheers during 2025-26.

Winnipeg acquired Schenn from the Pittsburgh Penguins at the 2025 trade deadline for a second- and fourth-round pick, one day after the Penguins acquired him from the Nashville Predators as part of a larger trade. He played 11 playoff games for Winnipeg, in which the Jets were outscored 11-3 with him on the ice at five-on-five, a trend that continued during the regular season. — Murat Ates, Jets staff writer

#### *What are the Jets getting in Bryson and Rosen?*

Bryson is a smooth skater and decent puck-mover, but at times, he hasn't been able to hold up to the physical demands of playing the position in the NHL. Clearing out the front of the net has been an issue, and he was passed on the depth chart recently by Zach Metsa. With Buffalo adding two defensemen in this trade, Bryson likely would have been waived to make room on the roster.

Rosen is the bigger piece here for the Jets. The 2021 first-round pick hasn't gotten a ton of time in the NHL yet. He still needs to add some weight to his frame, but he's a quick skater with a strong defensive stick and high-end shooting talent. Playing strength will be a question, but Rosen has the skill set to become a middle-six winger in the NHL. He has been lighting up the AHL this season with 25 goals in 37 games. He also had three goals and four assists in the 16 NHL games he got in Buffalo this season. — Fairburn

## **TSN.ca**

<https://www.tsn.ca/nhl/video/2026/03/06/button-dives-into-the-deadline-plans-for-jets-flames-and-sens/>

### ***Button dives into a few Thursday night deals from the Jets and Canucks (VIDEO)***

The Jets and Canucks made some late deals on Thursday, Craig Button joins SportsCentre to break them down and also looks at what the Flames might have planned for the deadline.

## **Global Winnipeg**

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### ***Winnipeg Jets take down Lightning 4-1 on eve of trade deadline***

By Christian Aumell & Russ Hobson Global News

Who knows what Friday's trade deadline will bring, or how many players played their final game as a Winnipeg Jet this week.

And although their playoff hopes are borderline infinitesimal, the Jets looked pretty solid Thursday night, knocking off the slumping Tampa Bay Lightning 4-1.

Logan Stanley and Luke Schenn were both late scratches to keep them healthy for possible trades, but the replacements were more than capable as the Jets extended their post-Olympic point streak to five games without four of their top six defencemen.

Ville Heinola and Isaak Phillips were both late additions to the lineup and outside the first few minutes of the third, the Jets carried the play for the entire night in handing the Bolts their fourth straight loss.

"Probably one of our most complete (games) this year," said Jets head coach Scott Arniel. "Just period-to-period we didn't get any real long situations where Tampa got momentum. There was some times at the start of the third but at the end of the day we did a lot of really good things. We won a lot of puck battles, played fast, played north as quick as we possibly could and then I really liked the way we attacked."

Morgan Barron and Mark Scheifele each scored second period markers to give Winnipeg the lead and Gustav Nyquist finally notched his first goal as a Jet and his first of the season.

"It gets frustrating," said Nyquist. "That's for sure. You just got to stay with it, I guess.

"It felt real good to get that one and obviously with that get the win."

Kyle Connor had a third period goal called back after the Lightning won a coach's challenge when it was determined Scheifele was clearly offside. Connor still got his goal anyway as Scheifele set him up for an empty netter.

“There was no chance I was shooting another puck the rest of the game,” said Scheifele. “I was going to do everything in my power to get him that goal back cause I was so mad at myself. I was very angry with myself there. That is a loss of focus. You should never go offside in that situation.”

Now they wait to see what the trade deadline will bring.

The Jets held their own in the first 20 minutes, outshooting the Lightning 8-5 but neither team could find the back of the net.

Winnipeg nearly opened the scoring just over six minutes into the second when, off a turnover in the attacking zone, Walker Duehr slid the puck over to a hard-charging Cole Koepke but he was denied in-close by a sprawling Andrei Vasilevskiy.

The Jets earned their second power play of the game with 7:03 to go in the second when Brandon Hagel was called for tripping. Scheifele the best look, getting free in front and taking a pass from Gabriel Vilardi but his shot went off the shaft of Vasilevskiy's stick and wide.

Moments after the Lightning finished the kill, Hagel had a great chance in close but Connor Hellebuyck turned him aside.

For the ensuing faceoff, the Jets put their fourth line on the ice and they flipped the ice to open the scoring.

Tampa Bay won the draw, but Tanner Pearson did a good job to knock the puck into the neutral zone, allowing Koepke to skate onto it to create a 2-on-1 with Barron.

Koepke's shot was stopped by Vasilevskiy but it created a massive rebound that went right to Barron, and he buried it for his ninth of the season at the 15:31 mark.

Just before the end of the period, Winnipeg's top line came through to double the lead.

A turnover at the Tampa Bay blueline led to Connor skating the puck up the ice 1-on-3. As Lightning defenders converged around him, he dropped it back to Alex Lafallo, who skated into the slot before sliding it over to Scheifele for a one-timer that beat Vasilevskiy for his 29th of the season with just 18 seconds to go in the period.

The Jets outshot the Lightning 14-7 in the middle frame.

Tampa Bay got on the board just 1:52 into the third period. With Elias Salomonsson in the penalty box, the Lightning won the faceoff in the attacking zone back to Darren Raddysh. He walked the blueline before firing a shot that went wide of the net but bounced off the end boards and slid back in front of the net where Brayden Point was waiting to deposit it past Hellebuyck.

Less than four minutes later, the Jets restored their two-goal lead as one of their veteran forwards took a giant monkey off his back.

Pearson forced a turnover in the Tampa Bay end, knocking the puck near the corner where Jonathan Toews collected it. He spotted Nyquist in the slot and fed him the puck before Nyquist flipped a wrist shot past Vasilevskiy for his first goal as a Jet in his 40th game of the season.

The Jets thought they had another goal when Connor and Scheifele got free on a 2-on-1, leading to a Connor snipe at the 11:17 mark but the Lightning successfully challenged the goal as Scheifele had gone offside on the zone entry.

It stayed 3-1 for a while, forcing the Lightning to pull Vasilevskiy for an extra attacker with just over three minutes remaining. but Winnipeg iced the game when Connor scored into the empty net with 2:01 to go.

Hellebuyck made 26 saves to earn the win.

Jets fans will now eagerly await Friday's 2 p.m. trade deadline before Winnipeg sees the ice again Saturday against Vancouver.

### **Winnipeg Sun**

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### ***Nyquist and 'Waterloo' starring for one night in Winnipeg***

By Gordon Anderson

Starring for one night only: Waterloo in Winnipeg.

Gustav Nyquist netted his first goal of the season as the Jets beat the Tampa Bay Lightning 4-1 on Thursday night.

"I would say this is the longest one, for sure," Nyquist said about absolving himself of the proverbial monkey off his back. "So, it felt good to get that one. And obviously, with that, get the win."

After Tampa Bay cut Winnipeg's two-goal lead in half on a Brayden Point power-play goal at 1:52 of the third period, Nyquist restored the two-goal lead with a snipe over the glove hand of Andrei Vasilevskiy 3:42 later.

"I don't think I've cheered that loud on the bench in a long time," Jets forward Mark Scheifele said. "He is an amazing guy. He's a guy who is turning into one of my best friends on the team. I couldn't be happier for him. He's a guy who comes in every day and works hard and gives it his all. I was very, very happy for him."

As the ABBA disco tune from 50-plus years ago blasted through the house system seconds after the marker, the decibel level in the joint reached 110.1, the 13, 473 in attendance celebrating with the Swedish winger, perhaps helping to absolve Nyquist of a season's worth of frustration and angst in one fell swoop.

"It feels great, obviously for the support there," Nyquist said. "I know it's been a long time coming. So, overall, I thought we played a good, really good game. And then obviously they came out with a push in the third and got the early goal on the power play. So, it's nice to put that goal in for 3-1."

His first goal as a Jet came in his 40th game of the season. His previous marker was April 11 of last season, as a member of the Minnesota Wild.

Kyle Connor appeared to score with 11:17 remaining in regulation, but the goal was ruled offside at the blue line as Scheifele crossed just ahead of the puck. Connor eventually scored, Scheifele setting him up for the empty-net special at 17:59. Scheifele scored his 29th goal of the season at 19:42 spotting the Jets a 2-0 lead after 40 minutes.

Winnipeg has earned at least one point in five-straight games. They have a 3-0-2 record since the season resumed on Feb. 25. The Jets are seven points behind the Seattle Kraken for the second wildcard spot in the Western Conference. Seattle and Winnipeg have both played 61 games.

Morgan Barron also scored for the Jets (25-26-10). Elias Salmonsson left the game before the end of the first period after he was on the wrong end of a Scott Sabourin hit in the Winnipeg end of the ice to the right of the net. He returned soon after. Connor Hellebuyck (15-16-9) turned aside 26 of 27 shots.

Tampa Bay (38-18-4) has now lost four games in a row for the second time since an early December dry spell which saw them lose twice to the New York Islanders, with losses also to the Toronto Maple Leafs and the Pittsburgh Penguins. Vasilevskiy (28-10-3) stopped 26 of 29 shots.

The Lightning and the sizzling Buffalo Sabres are now tied for first in the Atlantic Division, both teams with 80 points.

The Jets host the Vancouver Canucks on Saturday night.

### *Ice Chips*

On the eve of the trade deadline, Luke Schenn and Logan Stanley were both healthy scratches. After the team's skate on Thursday morning, Arniel indicated both players would likely be in the lineup against the Lightning. Vlad Namestnikov was also scratched. Namestnikov was injured during the Anaheim Ducks game last Friday night when Adam Lowry crashed into him early in the second period.

Colin Miller was absent from practice on Thursday morning.

"Miller had a setback here," Arniel said. "He's going back on a week-to-week thing here. We'll let him reset here and see where he is. We'll check in on him a week from now."

### *Unfamiliar faces in familiar places*

With Schenn and Stanley both scratched, Isaak Philips and Ville Heinola were both patrolling the blue line.

Phillips was playing his third game this season. He dressed for back-to-back games against St. Louis and Chicago in mid-January. Heinola made his return after missing two games as a healthy scratch. Heinola was one of three Moose players recalled on Feb. 17, along with Walker Duehr and Salmonsson. The recalls were not injury related as the Jets wanted the proper numbers of players for the resumption of NHL practices on Feb. 17.

Phillips logged 12:10 of ice time. Heinola was credited with 13:51 of ice time. The Finnish defender led the d-core with 2:15 of powerplay time.

*For one night only*

Heinola was quarterbacking the Winnipeg powerplay. On the Jets' first PP of the game, the Lightning forced a turnover and raced away on a two-on-one chance. Heinola forced Hellebuyck into a tough right leg save after deflecting a cross-ice pass into the netminder.

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***Gone: Jets ship out Stanley, Schenn, on eve of deadline***

By Paul Friesen

Winnipeg Jets GM Kevin Cheveldayoff put up the for-sale sign and quickly found a buyer for two of his defencemen.

Logan Stanley and Luke Schenn are headed to Buffalo in a trade that brings a defenceman, a winger and a draft pick back to Winnipeg.

Jacob Bryson is the defenceman joining the Jets from the Sabres.

The 28-year-old from London, Ont., is in his sixth NHL season, all with Buffalo. Like Schenn and Stanley, he's a pending unrestricted free agent.

Bryson has scored six goals in his six seasons, adding a combined 42 assists, 58 penalty minutes and recording a -39 rating on some moribund Sabres teams. He's minus-1 this season.

At 5-foot-9, 177 pounds, he's no Stanley or even Schenn, joining Buffalo as their fourth-round draft pick in 2017.

The Jets also get forward Isak Rosen, a 6-foot-0, 185-pound Swede who'll turn 23 next later this month and who's currently in the American League.

Rosen has played just 31 career NHL games, 16 this season.

His stat line this year: three goals, four assists, no penalties and a minus-3 rating, with 16 total shots on goal in an average of 12:34 of ice time.

In 37 AHL games with Rochester, he's scored 25 goals and added 18 assists. He was Buffalo's first-round pick, 14th overall, in 2021.

In addition, Winnipeg gets Buffalo's second-round pick in the 2027 NHL draft and a fourth-round pick this year.

Reports indicate the Jets will retain half of Schenn's salary-cap hit of \$2.75 million.

Schenn and Stanley were surprise scratches from Thursday's home game against Tampa Bay, the first signal Cheveldayoff had something cooking.

Teammates only found out about the lineup decisions as they arrived at the arena.

“It’s not fun,” Mark Scheifele said. “I don’t think I’ve been through that in a long time. We had to refocus before the game. It’s not a good feeling when I’m as close with those two guys.”

Head coach Scott Arniel said it was the first time he’s been through something like this, too.

In Stanley, the Jets ship out a player having a breakout season, already with a career-best nine goals – his previous best was one – while recently logging 25-plus minutes of ice time with top-four defencemen Josh Morrissey and Neal Pionk sidelined with injuries.

At 6-foot-7, 231 pounds, he was also the Jets’ policeman.

At 27 years old, he’s also just approaching his prime and appears ready to cash in on his first lucrative NHL contract.

Schenn, 36, also provided a physical presence at 6-foot-2, 225 pounds. He had a goal and six assists in 46 games this season and was a healthy scratch, at times.

This marks the sixth time he’s been traded over his 18-year career.

For Stanley, Winnipeg’s first-round pick, 18th overall, in 2016, it’s the first time.

The Jets defeated Tampa, 4-1, without Stanley and Schenn on Thursday, after which head coach Scott Arniel acknowledged the distractions and nervousness going into Friday’s trade deadline – the deal hadn’t been finalized, yet – and how his team had to handle it.

“Block out the outside noise,” Arniel said. “And control what we can control and that’s trying to get two points.”

Captain Adam Lowry shared his pre-trade thoughts at Thursday’s morning skate.

“The uncertainty is obviously the biggest thing,” Lowry said. “Once trades, if they do happen, that’s where the emotional side, the relationship side starts to come out. Now you have to say goodbye to a good friend, someone you’ve gone to work with and battled with over the years. It is a challenging time.”

Seven points out of a playoff spot, the Jets will try to collect another two when they host Vancouver on Saturday, the third game of a season-long, eight-game run on home ice.