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***Perfetti ties game late, Scheifele wins it in OT
Scheifele has three point night as Jets beat Blackhawks 3-2***

By Jamie Thomas

WINNIPEG - Mark Scheifele had a three-point night (1G, 2A) including the game winner at 2:06 of overtime to give the Winnipeg Jets a much needed 3-2 win over the Chicago Blackhawks at Canada Life Centre. Cole Perfetti and Dylan Samberg had the other goals for the Jets who played their fourth straight overtime game (2-0-2). Connor Hellebuyck was outstanding in the first two periods and allowed the Jets to get their legs going, Hellebuyck finished the night with 18 saves. The Jets continue the homestand Thursday against the Tampa Bay Lightning.

GOAL FOR HENRY

The Jets were looking to get off to a good start on their eight-game homestand, and they were ready to go early on. Mark Scheifele spotted Dylan Samberg on the far side and the Jets defenceman wristed a quick shot that beat Spencer Knight for his first goal since March 16, 2025. Samberg and his wife welcomed the first child during the Olympic break, so it marked his first goal as a father.

"I think anytime that you can get offence from your back end is huge. Obviously we were up early in the game and yeah. Sammy, he's been squeezing it," said Scott Arniel.

"He's had some really good looks. He's had some good opportunities over the year and, like I said, when our back end can help with the offence, it goes a long way."

BETTER EFFORT IN THIRD

After giving up an early goal in the third to fall behind 2-1, the Jets slowly started to take over the game outshooting the Hawks 17-6 in the period. But it wasn't until late in the third period that they tied the game, Perfetti took a pass from Scheifele spun and fired beating a screened Knight to tie the game up with 39 seconds left in the period.

"I just tried to get it through. I knew that their centreman was going to be close to me and I was just getting support for (Mark Scheifele)," said Perfetti.

"Obviously, I had a little bit of time to get around the puck. I knew I wasn't going to be able to make a play, so I tried to just deliver it to the net. Sometimes they go in."

Then off to overtime, Scheifele came off the bench and took a pass from Samberg and Scheifele ended the night with an elite shot. The crucial two points coming because of the Jets doing all the right things after Chicago took the one goal lead.

"We got in, we got heavy, and we won some puck battles. And we got them kind of icing pucks and guys getting caught out for long shifts for them, and it helped us," said Arniel.

"I liked the way each line kept going out and rolling one right after the other, and it kind of kept the wave after them. And look like they tired him out a little bit."

HELLE IN FINE FORM

Connor Hellebuyck wasn't that busy on Tuesday night, but when the Hawks had scoring chances, they were quality opportunities. Hellebuyck stopped Frank Nazar on a partial breakaway halfway through the first period, he made a post -to-post stop on Connor Bedard in the second period, a breakaway stop on Ilya Mikheyev and another save on Bedard to keep the Jets tied. In his last two starts, Hellebuyck has stopped 49 of 53 shots.

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Jets tie it in final minute, top Blackhawks on Scheifele OT goal Center has 3 points; Bedard gets 2 assists for Chicago

By Darrin Bauming

WINNIPEG -- Mark Scheifele had a goal and two assists, including the game-winner 2:06 into overtime, and the Winnipeg Jets came back to defeat the Chicago Blackhawks 3-2 at Canada Life Centre on Tuesday.

Winnipeg had tied it on Cole Perfetti's goal with 39 seconds left in the third period.

"In that third period we played with some desperation," Scheifele said. "We made some plays, we held on to the puck, we got a bunch of chances. ... Guys were making plays, guys were supporting each other all over the ice and coming in with speed. We generated a lot."

Scheifele scored with a wrist shot from above the left hash marks after Dylan Samberg recovered from a stick check by knocking the puck away from Chicago forward Ryan Greene in the Blackhawks zone and fed Scheifele.

"At first I thought I was going to chase a (Blackhawks) breakaway," Scheifele said. "But obviously 'Samby' made an incredible play, knocking it down and making a great pass to me. Then it was just a good shot."

Perfetti made it 2-2 with Jets goalie Connor Hellebuyck pulled for the extra attacker. He took a pass from Scheifele in the left face-off circle, turned and scored with a wrist shot to the far side.

"We had a play in mind and it kind of worked," Perfetti said. "I just tried to get it through. I knew that their centerman was going to be close to me and I was just getting support for [Scheifele]. Obviously, I had a little bit of time to get around the puck. I knew I wasn't going to be able to make a play, so I tried to just deliver it to the net. Sometimes they go in."

Samberg had a goal and an assist for the Jets (24-26-10), who have points in four straight (2-0-2). Hellebuyck made 18 saves.

"We didn't do a very good job in the first two periods getting through the neutral zone, and if we did, we didn't have our numbers and we didn't have speed to get in on the forecheck," Winnipeg coach Scott Arniel said. "[I] thought we did a way better job of it in the third, and we got in, we got heavy, and we won some puck battles."

Connor Bedard had two assists, and Greene and Teuvo Teravainen scored for the Blackhawks (23-28-10), who have lost four of five. Spencer Knight made 29 saves.

"We didn't give them too much the first, probably, 50 minutes," Bedard said. "I think then they're pressing (late), but we sit back a little bit. I think when you're defending a lead and you sit back, it's not a good recipe. We want to try to get in their end and cycle it and whatnot. And I thought we sat back a little bit."

Samberg made it 1-0 at 3:59 of the first period with his first goal of the season. With the teams skating at 4-on-4, Scheifele found Samberg with a cross-ice pass, and he beat Knight with a low wrist shot from the right circle to the glove side.

"I thought both goalies, probably, played really good, to be honest with you," Chicago coach Jeff Blashill said. "We probably had the better chances. I thought Connor Hellebuyck kept them in, probably, in the first part of the game. And then I thought Spencer did a good job kind of locking the door the last period there when we were kind of on our heels."

Teravainen tied it 1-1 on the power play at 18:48, lifting a wrist shot from the slot that went bar down.

"'Bucky' held us in there for the first two periods and it was nice for us to kind of get going," Scheifele said. "In this room in between periods we just said that we had to put our best foot forward and just see what happens. It was awesome that we got the win."

Greene gave the Blackhawks a 2-1 lead 32 seconds into the third after Bedard fed him out of the left corner for a wrist shot from below the left face-off dot.

"I think that we played really good for lots of the game," Blashill said. "I just thought we stopped kind of getting out of our zone clean. So because of that we were in our end for the last 10, 12 minutes maybe, and it's just a hard way to play. ... I didn't think we gave up a whole bunch in that (late) stretch, but eventually they found a way obviously. So, disappointing for sure. You've got to find a way to win the hockey game."

NOTES: Scheifele scored his 18th career overtime goal to add to the Jets/Atlanta Thrashers record he already owns. ... Winnipeg has gone to overtime in each of its past four games. ... Bedard has 115 career assists, matching Eddie Olczyk for the most by a Blackhawks player age 20 or younger. Bedard had his 16th multipoint game of the season, the most by a Chicago player in a season since Patrick Kane (27) and Alex DeBrincat (22) in 2021-22. ... Teravainen has three goals in his past two games and has points in all four games (three goals, two assists) since the break for the Olympic Winter Games Milano Cortina 2026, where the forward won a bronze medal with Team Finland.

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Jets Overtime Win Over Blackhawks Shows Signs They Refuse to Quit

By Jeff Hamilton, The Canadian Press

Scott Arniel couldn't help himself.

Moments after his Winnipeg Jets secured a dramatic 3-2 overtime victory over the Chicago Blackhawks at Canada Life Centre on Tuesday, the head coach was already checking the out-of-town scoreboard.

“Tonight, Nashville lost. I can’t believe that here I am sitting with 20-something games left and I’m watching every single score to see what’s going on,” Arniel said. “We have to gain points. We have to win hockey games and hope that things happen to other teams.”

The math remains daunting for Winnipeg (24-26-10). The Jets sit sixth in the Central Division, ahead of only Chicago, and are currently nine points back of the final wild-card spot in the Western Conference.

And still, the locker room refuses to fold.

Since returning from the Olympic break, the Jets have quietly collected points in four straight games, posting a 2-0-2 record to keep their slim playoff hopes alive.

Tuesday’s victory was a crucial first step as the team opened a season-high eight-game homestand. Cole Perfetti tied the game with 38.6 seconds remaining in regulation before Mark Scheifele sealed it 2:06 into overtime.

“Every game, we’re fighting for our lives at this point,” said Perfetti. “No team is going to hand it over to us. There’s going to be games where we’re up, where we’re down. Tie games going late in the games and we’ve got to make sure that there is no quit.”

The desperation has forged a renewed sense of belief inside the dressing room.

“The guys in this room want to keep pushing and pushing and pushing and just see what happens,” Scheifele added. “That’s all we can do, that’s all we can control. Just control the controllable.”

That resilience was tested against the Blackhawks.

After a sluggish middle frame where the ice was tilted against them, the Jets found their legs in the third period. Arniel noted a growing rumble on the bench as the players urged each other to keep pouring on the pressure, reminiscent of the late-game comebacks that defined their roster last season.

“Everybody in the last 10 to 12 games seems to be playing at a level that we need them to play at,” Arniel said, pointing to a more settled lineup after early-season struggles. “That’s helped with our consistency.”

The margin for error remains razor-thin. Winnipeg will need to carry that consistency into Thursday when they host the Tampa Bay Lightning, treating every night of this homestand as an elimination game.

That focus on the immediate challenge is exactly how Winnipeg’s coaching staff wants the team approaching this critical stretch.

“At the end of the day, it’s important that we got a tough Tampa team coming in here next and to get that one under our belt hopefully gives us some little bit of confidence,” Arniel said.

“We sort of saw the way we need to play. And what was successful in that third period and carry that over into Thursday’s game.”

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Jets open homestand with comeback OT win over Hawks

By: Mike McIntyre

It wasn’t quite another Manitoba Miracle, but go figure that Cole Perfetti found a way to score another big, buzzer-beating goal for the Winnipeg Jets.

With their playoff hopes already hanging by a thread, a regulation loss to the Chicago Blackhawks on Tuesday night to kick off a season-long eight-game homestand would have all but buried them for good. And it sure looked like that was about to happen as the clock ticked down and the home team was on the wrong end of 2-1 deficit.

Cue Perfetti, who clearly has a sense of occasion and a flair for the dramatic. The 24-year-old took a pass from Mark Scheifele, spun around and fired a perfect wrist shot that beat Blackhawks goaltender Spencer Knight with 38.6 seconds left in regulation.

Just like they drew it up, right?

“It was pretty close,” Perfetti said of the play coming off the offensive zone faceoff which assistant coach Davis Payne had mapped out on the whiteboard during a timeout.

“Nothing goes exactly to plan. We had a play in mind and it kind of worked. We had to improvise a little bit based on what they’re doing, but with the guys in the right places like that, then you make a hockey play from there. It was a good call by him.”

The crowd, which had essentially been lulled to sleep over the preceding two-plus hours, suddenly came alive. As did the Jets, who carried the momentum into overtime and snatched another crucial point when Scheifele beat Knight at 2:06 to end it on his team-leading 28th goal of the year.

“The guys in this room want to keep pushing and pushing and pushing and just see what happens,” Scheifele said of not giving up hope of an incredible surge over the final seven weeks of the regular season.

“We have a great group of guys in here. It’s fun to come to the rink and be with the guys in this room. We are just going to push each other until the end of the year and just see what happens. That’s all we can do, that’s all we can control. Just control the controllable.”

Winnipeg improves to 24-26-10, including 2-0-2 in the four games since the Olympic break. Chicago falls to 23-28-10.

“Every game, we’re fighting for our lives at this point,” said Perfetti, who has been one of Winnipeg’s hottest players lately and is now up to nine goals.

“No team is going to hand it over to us. There’s going to be games where we’re up, where we’re down. Tie games going late in the games and we’ve got to make sure that there is no quit. We weren’t able to crack it (until late). But whether we score in the first minute of the period or in the last minute, that fight has to be there throughout the whole time.”

OT WOES

The Jets have left plenty of points on the table this season, particularly when games stretch beyond regulation. In fact, 10 of the last 11 to be settled after 60 minutes ended with a loss.

Aniel switched things up to start this one, putting Morgan Barron out to start the fourth period, along with captain Adam Lowry and shutdown defenceman Dylan DeMelo. The trio held their own against Chicago’s more offensively inclined skaters, led by Connor Bedard, and that set the stage for Scheifele and company to notch the winner a short time later.

Give credit to defenceman Dylan Samberg, who opened the scoring in the first period — his first goal of the year — then fed Scheifele for the winner.

“Well, at first I thought I was going to chase a breakaway. But obviously Samby made an incredible play, knocking it down and making a great pass to me. Then it was just a good shot,” said Scheifele.

Samberg doesn’t typically get a lot of reps in OT, but the Jets are without two key injured blue-liners in Josh Morrissey and Neal Pionk so some audibles are required.

“Obviously, things haven’t gone our way in overtime. We’ve fallen short quite a few times, but it’s three-on-three, so anything can happen,” said Perfetti.

“But it goes the other way tonight for us. Just having that belief in the group. We have that in one another and hopefully tonight was a step in the right direction for our overtime.”

BUCKING ANOTHER TREND

Winnipeg managed to hush at least one other recent narrative on this night. The team has been terrible in third periods lately, and it actually looked like that could continue when Ryan Greene gave the visitors a 2-1 lead just 32 seconds into the final frame.

However, the Jets found another gear from that point on and were all over the Blackhawks, eventually getting rewarded for tilting the ice.

Consider this: Winnipeg mustered one high-danger chance through the first 40 minutes of play — then had eight in the third period alone. The Jets also fired 17 shots on goal in the third period after 13 combined through the first two.

“Just playing fast, playing direct, playing as a five-man unit,” Perfetti said of what changed.

“In the first two periods, we were kind of all on our own page. It wasn’t going our way and we wanted for it to just come easily, I feel like. And then we kind of started to play connected, play

fast, play direct through the neutral zone and our own zone. Be less stubborn in their zone, get pucks behind their D and get on the forecheck.”

Chicago, which had four high-danger chances in the first two periods but one (on six shots) in the third, had no answer.

“There was a span there where all they could do was high flip it out and ice it,” said Perfetti.

“That’s the style we’ve got to play. Obviously, it’s not easy to play that way every single game, but when we do, you get the results like that.”

KEY PLAY

Perfetti’s game-tying goal was sorely needed by the struggling squad.

THREE STARS

1. WPG C Mark Scheifele: 1 goal, 2 assists
2. CHI C Connor Bedard: 2 assists
3. WPG D Dylan Samberg: 1 goal, 1 assist

EXTRA, EXTRA

The Jets rolled with the same lineup for a second straight game, with defenceman Ville Heinola as the only healthy scratch. Morrissey and Pionk, along with forwards Nino Niederreiter and Vlad Namestnikov, remain out with injuries.

A crowd of 13,929 took in the game, which is down from the season average of 14,269. Capacity at the downtown rink is 15, 225.

Connor Hellebuyck stopped 18 of 20 shots he faced, while Knight turned aside 29 of 32 pucks.

The Jets went 0-for-2 on the power play, while the Blackhawks went 1-for-3.

The Jets honoured their four Olympians during the first TV timeout, and all were greeted with warm applause. Morrissey (Canada) and Niederreiter (Switzerland) had to take it in from the sidelines, while Hellebuyck and Kyle Connor were on the ice.

Winnipeg will now get ready to host the Tampa Bay Lightning on Thursday night.

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Schenn believes he has bit of fuel left in the tank Jets defenceman doesn’t want to hang up skates on career yet

By: Mike McIntyre

Luke Schenn isn’t going to be taken by surprise this time around.

The veteran Winnipeg Jets defenceman — traded twice in a matter of days ahead of last year’s NHL deadline — knows a similar phone call could arrive at any moment this week.

“Last year definitely caught me off guard. I had a year left on my contract and wasn’t really expecting anything. This year, different situation,” Schenn told the Free Press during a one-on-one chat Tuesday morning.

“Obviously our team’s not in the position we’d like to be in. But I haven’t heard a single thing. It’s been so quiet. Every time I think I got things figured out and know which way my future’s going, that’s typically when things go the other way on me.”

To be clear, the 36-year-old from Saskatoon hasn’t knocked on the door of Jets general manager Kevin Cheveldayoff and asked to be moved.

“I read (online) earlier this year that I’d be open to moving. That’s never once come from me, at all,” he said.

“Obviously when I moved my family out here (last summer) and put my kids in school, it wasn’t with the intention of moving again in six months. It was to be here and help this team. But there’s been a lot of adversity throughout the year as a team, ups and downs as a team and personally, for sure.”

Indeed, the Jets have fallen from Presidents’ Trophy winners a year ago to near the bottom of the NHL standings and well outside the playoff picture. With Schenn set to become an unrestricted free agent this summer — and unlikely to be re-signed — it’s reasonable to wonder whether Cheveldayoff will try to recoup some draft capital for an expiring asset.

Might a contender look to add a two-time Stanley Cup champion for playoff depth?

“Just being totally transparent, I have no idea which way things are going to go,” said Schenn.

“It’s weird, everything is so quiet around the league so far. It’s hard to put a pulse on it. Obviously when this time of year comes, you understand there’s lots of chatter, I really don’t have a sense on which way things are going to go. In a perfect world it would be nice to be climbing our way back in the standings here in Winnipeg and be a part of that.”

For now, Schenn is trying to maintain a business-as-usual approach, even as he keeps a close eye on both the calendar and his phone.

No bags have been packed. No goodbyes have been said.

“Obviously we’re all human and we all think about what could happen. But at the end of the day a lot of it is out of our control,” he said.

“I don’t even want to reflect. I’m not there right now. I’m currently not done here. If and when anything happens we can touch on that again.”

Schenn skated in his 1,118th career regular-season game Tuesday night — though part of him couldn’t help but wonder whether it might also be his 61st and final appearance with the Jets, who sent a 2026 second-round pick and a 2027 fourth-rounder to Pittsburgh to acquire him last year, after the Penguins had obtained him in a deal with Nashville days earlier.

“I’m very aware of how this business works and operates. I’ve been at this for a long time. And I think I’ve pretty much seen it all over my 18 years,” he said.

“I’ve been moved before, but when you’ve got kids in school, that’s another extra layer and dynamic. My wife’s been with me through it all thick and thin, and I don’t think anything will really catch us off guard.”

His children have grown to love Winnipeg, especially the strong minor hockey programs that didn’t exist in Nashville, and Schenn remains grateful for how the organization handled his arrival last season. That included allowing him to fly back to Tennessee multiple times down the stretch to be with his family.

“They were incredible. First class all the way, from Chipper (co-owner Mark Chipman) on down, Chevy and Arnie (head coach Scott Arniel) treated me great,” he said.

“Obviously they knew my family was staying in Nashville and gave me the opportunity to fly down there between games and off days which meant a lot to my family and myself. They definitely went above and beyond and out of their way, and I can’t say every organization would have done that. I was treated really well.”

Schenn’s game is in decline — Father Time remains undefeated — and there have been plenty of moments this year where he’s been burned on the ice and roasted off it by frustrated fans.

Still, he feels there’s at least a bit of fuel left in the tank, at least for one more playoff run. There’s even been rumblings that his younger brother, Brayden, who is currently the captain of the St. Louis Blues, could also be on the move — perhaps with both of them ending up on the same club, as was previously the case in Philadelphia.

“I still feel good on the ice. And I do feel like I can still add value to a team for sure,” said Schenn.

As for what could be on the other side of this season, Schenn isn’t willing to go there just yet. That’s a discussion for another day.

“I’ve thought about life after hockey for the last 15 years probably. I don’t think I’ve ever had it easy or taken anything for granted. There’s been lots of ups and downs. I don’t know. I don’t have the answer for that. You take moving again and the family into the equation, there’s a big part of it, too. Whatever happens, we’ll see,” said Schenn.

“Put it this way — it’s been a hell of a ride so far, and it’s a been a great journey. Ups, downs, in-betweens. It’s been an incredible ride and I would have never thought it would go the way it has. But really, really happy and incredibly grateful for every organization and teammate along the way.”

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Scheifele scores OT winner as Winnipeg Jets down Blackhawks 3-2

By Christian Aumell & Russ Hobson Global News

The Winnipeg Jets sure like playing extra hockey lately.

For the fourth game in a row the Jets couldn't decide things in regulation, but this time they came out on the right side of 3-on-3 play, coming from behind late to take down the Chicago Blackhawks 3-2 in overtime on Tuesday at the Canada Life Centre.

After struggling to generate chances for much of the first two periods, Cole Perfetti tied the score with the goalie pulled with 39 seconds left, and Mark Scheifele won the game in the extra frame to give the Jets a much needed two points.

It was Scheifele's third point of the night after recording the primary assist on both their first two goals.

Following back-to-back overtime losses, the Jets now have at least a point in all four games since the Olympic break.

"Every game we're fighting for our lives at this point," said Perfetti. "And no team is going to hand it over to us. So, there's gonna be games where we're up, where we're down. Tie games going late in the game, we got to make sure there is no quit.

"That fight has to be there throughout the whole time."

Dylan Samberg scored the only other goal for the Jets.

The Hawks took their first lead only 32 seconds into the final frame, but Winnipeg outshot the Blackhawks 15-1 over the final 14 minutes of the third.

"We didn't do a very good job in the first two periods of getting through the neutral zone and if we did, we didn't have numbers and we didn't have speed to get in on the forecheck," said Jets head coach Scott Arniel. "They got out of their zone real quick. And I just thought we did a way better job of it in the third. We got in, we got heavy, and we won some puck battles.

"I liked the way each line kept going out and rolling one right after the other and it kinda kept the wave after them and it looked like they tired them out a little bit."

The game marked the start of their longest homestand of the season with eight straight on home ice, including six of them against Western Conference opponents.

It was only the Jets third overtime win of the season as they're now 4-10 in games that go beyond 60 minutes.

The win leaves the Jets nine points back of a playoff spot with 22 games remaining and while it's only an outside chance, they still believe a playoff spot is attainable.

"We do have a veteran group," Arniel said. "So there's a lot of guys that have maybe been in that situation before or been around that. I think we've seen it throughout the league in other years. Like I said this morning, you have to take care of your own business, and you just try to let everything fall into place.

"I can't believe here I am sitting with whatever twenty something games left and I'm watching every single score and see what's going on."

Chicago earned the game's first power play just 2:57 into the game but it didn't last long. The Jets won the ensuing faceoff and sprung Cole Koepke on a partial breakaway where he drew a holding penalty, setting up 1:47 of 4-on-4 hockey.

It was during this run of play that Winnipeg opened the scoring with an unlikely source getting the job done.

Kyle Connor carried the puck into the Chicago zone before getting double-teamed and dropping it off to Scheifele. He spotted Samberg getting free by the opposite faceoff dot and sent him a pass.

Samberg took a moment to collect it before whipping a shot that eluded Spencer Knight for his first of the season and first since Mar. 16 of last year.

Winnipeg held that lead for most of the period, but things changed when Gabriel Vilardi was handed a double-minor for high-sticking with 2:06 to go in the first.

The Blackhawks cycled the puck around the Jets zone before Frank Nazar got it in the corner. He skated towards the centre of the ice before noticing Teuvo Teravainen wide open in the slot. Nazar sent him the puck and Teravainen made no mistake, wiring a shot past Connor Hellebuyck to level the score with 1:12 to go in the first.

Winnipeg outshot Chicago 6-4 in the opening period and managed to kill the rest of the Vilardi penalty to start the second.

Chicago had a great opportunity to take the lead nine minutes into the second when Ilya Mikheyev got loose on a partial breakaway, but he was turned aside by Hellebuyck.

Other than that, there wasn't much happening in the middle frame. Chicago outshot the Jets 10-7 but almost every shot was not of the dangerous variety, though Scheifele did hit a goal post.

It stayed 1-1 on the scoreboard going to the third but it only took 32 seconds for the Blackhawks to take the lead for the first time.

Sam Rinzler dumped the puck into the Jets zone from centre ice, sending it around the boards. Hellebuyck tried to cut it off behind the net but missed, allowing Connor Bedard to get to it in the corner. He dropped it to Ryan Greene at the faceoff dot, who wired it top-shelf past Hellebuyck to make it 2-1.

The Jets earned their first real power play chance of the game at the 3:07 mark of the third when Bedard was called for hooking, but Winnipeg couldn't do much with it as Chicago got the kill.

After generating virtually no offence over the first 45 minutes of the game, the Jets started to ramp up the pressure in the final half of the third as they pushed for an equalizer, intensifying further when they pulled Hellebuyck for an extra attacker with 90 seconds to go.

Chicago survived a massive scramble in the crease in the final minute but, after the ensuing faceoff, Perfetti took a pass from Scheifele at the faceoff dot and beat Knight with a low wrister with 39.6 on the clock to tie the game and send it to overtime.

Teams traded chances in the first two minutes before the decisive moment happened.

Winnipeg had the puck in the attacking zone before a turnover nearly turned into disaster. But as Greene was about to send a stretch pass up the ice to Artyom Levshunov, Samberg knocked the puck away, retrieved it, and sent it across the ice where Scheifele had charged into the zone after coming off the bench.

He skated into the slot before burying a wrister past Knight to end the night with his 28th goal of the season and 18th career overtime winner.

Thanks to a dominant close to the game, the Jets wound up outshooting the Hawks 32-20.

Winnipeg will play its final game before the trade deadline Thursday against the Tampa Bay Lightning. The puck will drop just after 7 p.m. with pregame coverage on 680 CJOB starting just after 5 p.m.

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Jets trade deadline preview: Starting to plan for next season

By Rory Boylen

The Winnipeg Jets aren't used to this.

A consistent regular-season team for nearly a decade, the Jets have made the playoffs in the past seven of eight years and won the Presidents' Trophy for the first time just last season. They're usually looking to upgrade their roster in March, but in 2026, GM Kevin Cheveldayoff should be seeking more forward-thinking moves.

Yes, the Jets are sellers for the first time in years, 10 points out of the wild card with a 5.6 per cent chance of making the playoffs, according to MoneyPuck.com.

But unlike the St. Louis Blues, Vancouver Canucks or Calgary Flames — teams in the market for wide-ranging changes to the roster — the Jets figure to be a seller on a smaller scale. Missing the playoffs won't bring an end to this core or close a window of competitiveness. Cheveldayoff will spend the coming off-season putting Winnipeg in position to be a challenger again next season.

This week, the Jets will be managing contracts and building draft equity. There are 10 pending UFAs on the roster, and while not every one of them will be traded by Friday, the team could look much different by week's end if a few of them are.

One of those UFAs, Jonathan Toews, told The Athletic he wouldn't consider waiving his no-movement clause, so we expect the hometown player will still be around after Friday. Goalie Eric Comrie is another who will likely still be here and may still be in the plans for a new contract. Gustav Nyquist has not scored a goal all season and may not have a market.

But anyone on an expiring contract that Winnipeg can trade, they should.

With fewer costly injuries, a bounce-back season from Connor Hellebuyck, and better late-game luck, it's easy to envision how the Jets could return to the fray next season. But any draft capital — early or late-round picks — or young players they can pick up now can be used later to either beef up a depleted prospect pool, or to be flipped again for NHL players in the months ahead.

Just as an eight-game homestand begins, the Jets have to face facts and think about next season. The time to sell has come, but how deep will the cuts go?

Projected deadline-day cap space: \$13.918 million

Contracts: 45/50

Retention slots open: 3/3

Needs

In the big picture, the Jets have to improve their second line and give the Mark Scheifele-Gabe Vilardi-Kyle Connor trio more support. Vilardi, at 52 points, is 30 points clear of Winnipeg's fourth-highest scoring forward. Some improvement might be found in Cole Perfetti, who missed the start of the season with an injury and will see a decline in season-over-season production for the first time in his career. And Adam Lowry may also come back stronger in 2026-27 after undergoing hip surgery last summer.

But the next few months will have to focus on finding more productive players for this line. That may come via the draft, where Winnipeg is lining up to have an early selection. There are no prospects already in the system making a strong case for a promotion to Line 2, though, so the team will have to look elsewhere.

Where this trade deadline comes in is that if Winnipeg can compile draft assets, some of those picks can later be used to acquire a player or two. The Jets have their own first-rounder, but don't have any second-rounders for the next two years, and don't hold multiple picks in any round. This week presents a chance to stockpile there and perhaps use the capital to invest in next year's team.

Assets to trade

Logan Stanley: There has been a legitimate step forward in Stanley's game this season, scoring nine times after entering it with just five career goals. When the team's been down a man or two with injury, Stanley has stepped into bigger minutes, but he has great value on the third pair. Stanley's growth may be appealing for the Jets to keep around, and an extension could be how this gets resolved. But his AAV will take a healthy jump from the current \$1.25 million and could climb high enough to become expensive for a depth player. The best option would seem to be trading this player while his value is on an upswing and hoping to get an early draft pick in return.

Luke Schenn: Making \$2.75 million against the cap, the Jets should retain up to 50 per cent of that to maximize whatever they can get back for Schenn. Winnipeg acquired Schenn at last year's deadline for second- and fourth-round picks as they looked to fill out their defensive depth, but it's hard to see them pulling the same value back for him now. Schenn is a third-pair option for a playoff team at best, or a veteran No. 7-8 at worst and the Jets just need assets.

Gustav Nyquist: If there is any team that sees Nyquist as a potential scoring depth piece, the Jets need to move him out. The original hope was that Nyquist could help form a second scoring line, but through 38 games, he has zero goals and nine assists. Nyquist was traded at

the 2019, 2023 and 2025 trade deadlines, but has only ever scored one playoff goal for a team he joined during a season.

Brad Lambert: Asked for a trade earlier this season, but Lambert has just 13 points in 34 AHL games and is now in his second straight season of offensive decline. Just 22 years old, Winnipeg's first-round pick in 2022 still has upside but has only seen 10 games of NHL action in the past three years. The Jets might be selling low if they move him now, and they are under no pressure to do so, but he does represent a different asset than what Winnipeg will generally have available.

Jonathan Toews: As mentioned earlier, Toews has given no indication he'd waive to go to another team, but if Winnipeg gets a good offer for him, they should be asking him about it. The pedigree and leadership with this player are well-told, and those intangibles can often inflate a player's value. Is there a contender that sees him as their final piece? If there's any shot the Jets could get an early pick for Toews — and if he thinks he has another chance at the Stanley Cup — perhaps this situation changes later in the week.

Potential Targets

Winnipeg's targets are more broad than specific. Draft capital is where they'll start and what might give them what they need to find further improvement in the roster over the summer.

But since this is more of a retool on the fly than rebuilding any core aspect of the roster, the Jets will also be in the market for young players. For example, if there was a path to acquire Shane Wright from Seattle — one of the youngest players on Nick Kypreos' trade board — Winnipeg would have interest. That would be a sudden injection of NHL-ready youth the organization lacks, with Lambert, Brayden Yager, Colby Barlow and Nikita Chibrikov all struggling to produce in the AHL.

The Jets probably don't have the pieces to offer up for Wright specifically, but finding even a near-ready NHL player is another way Winnipeg could go. Last June the Washington Capitals acquired Justin Sourdif from Florida for second- and fourth-round picks after a 34-point AHL season, and now he's having a breakout NHL campaign. A find like that would go a long way for Winnipeg.

Other considerations

- Having just turned 25 years old earlier this week, defenceman Ville Heinola is nonetheless on track to be a Group 6 UFA this summer. Over six seasons with the Jets, the 20th overall pick from 2019 has played a total of just 55 games. He's only played in two NHL games this season, and even if he were to play every game remaining on Winnipeg's schedule, he'll fall short of the 80-game threshold to be an RFA. There used to be high expectations for this player, now it seems like his time here will end quietly.

<https://www.sportsnet.ca/nhl/video/can-jets-turn-roster-around-enough-to-entice-toews-to-come-back/>

Can Jets turn roster around enough to entice Toews to come back? (VIDEO)

Sean Reynolds joins the FAN Hockey Show to discuss whether the Jets' management group will look to sell ahead of the deadline, and if the Jets can turn this team around enough for Jonathan Toews to return next season.

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<https://www.tsn.ca/nhl/video/2026/03/04/how-would-you-fix-the-jets-for-next-season/>

How would you fix the Jets for next season? (VIDEO)

The Jets went to overtime for the fourth straight game, but this time they escaped with two points. What adjustments should Winnipeg make to help them get back on track next season? Cameron Gaunce joins SportsCentre to discuss.

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What I'm hearing about the Jets at the deadline: Stanley negotiations, Toews and more

By Murat Ates

Kevin Cheveldayoff is spending a substantial part of his week talking to the player agents who represent Winnipeg's pending UFAs.

For Logan Stanley, this means that contract discussions have begun. Those discussions continued on Tuesday afternoon, with the Jets working toward clarity on Stanley's potential new contract in case the numbers don't work, necessitating a trade by Friday. My understanding is that the Jets would prefer to sign Stanley than to move him but he's not likely to fit into their budget on defence. The Jets already have Josh Morrissey and Dylan Samberg playing higher up depth chart on their left side, too.

Winnipeg has far more work to do than that, though. The Jets have 10 pending UFAs on their roster heading into Friday's trade deadline, plus Cole Perfetti scheduled to become a restricted free agent. I expect their goal is to be active sellers.

The team has holes — a second-line centre chief among them — but is way too far from playoff contention to justify acquiring rentals. More bluntly, the Jets are too far out of the playoff picture to justify holding onto any free agents it doesn't plan on signing. Anybody who cannot help next year's team should be moved for draft capital. Even a late-round draft pick has better odds of helping Winnipeg's future than a pending UFA, whether in the form of a drafted player or as an asset that is moved for roster help down the road.

This creates a problem. The trade deadline is presenting itself as a buyer's market, according to The Athletic's insiders.

"There isn't a lot of supply, and there is little demand for what is being made available," one NHL executive told Pierre LeBrun earlier this week.

It's the kind of sentiment that makes one wonder just how much less Winnipeg will get back for Luke Schenn than the second- and fourth-round pick it paid for him one year ago. But what will the Jets actually do at the trade deadline (and in the offseason) to push back towards playoff contention?

Logan Stanley

Stanley continues to have his advocates inside the Jets organization, but I think it's more likely than not he's moved this week. Stanley has earned the possibility of a payday well beyond the scale of his past earnings.

There may be a compromise available, wherein Stanley earns between \$3 million and \$4 million on a long-term contract as opposed to a higher AAV for four or five seasons. He's the No. 5 defenceman on a healthy Jets roster, based on usage and role; even a \$4 million contract would pay him as such, behind Morrissey, Neal Pionk, Samberg and Dylan DeMelo.

If that ends up being unpalatable to the Jets, they'll move Stanley. Cheveldayoff has described the concept of players he likes "but not at that price" and Stanley fits that concept perfectly.

But what if the "buyer's market" has its way? Edmonton paid just a second-round pick for a superior defenceman in Connor Murphy, with 50 percent of Murphy's \$4.4 million cap hit retained by Chicago. I'm not sure how well it would go over in Winnipeg if the Jets couldn't get a second-round pick for Stanley the season after spending more than that to acquire Schenn. Losing Stanley for nothing this summer would look worse, though. A "self-rental" made some sense — and was also debatable — with respect to Nikolaj Ehlers on a contending team last season.

This team should have no such aspirations. My read is that this will ultimately end with a trade.

Jonathan Toews

Jonathan Toews told The Athletic last week that he wouldn't consider a move. I'm not sure if there's anything the Jets could do to change Toews' mind if they wanted to and I don't think they want to. It wouldn't make sense for Winnipeg to try to strong-arm a respected veteran like Toews into a move to a contender. Toews will stay.

But what about next season?

The truth is that I don't know. My guess is that conversations about Toews' long-term future won't get serious until the story of this season is written and everyone involved has had a chance to reflect.

Luke Schenn, Colin Miller

I fully expect Winnipeg to move Luke Schenn. It would make sense if the 36 year-old would prefer one more chance to make a deep run somewhere else to missing the playoffs in Winnipeg, but Schenn doesn't have trade protection. The Jets don't have to consider his preferences — they just need to move on.

I think that Colin Miller is a sensible player to keep and re-sign as depth insurance next season, especially with the assumption that Schenn is moved. That said, I expect Miller's \$1.5 million contract to be more palatable to contenders now. He might be getting healthy just in time for Winnipeg to surprise me and move him instead.

Cole Perfetti

It's not Winnipeg's style to begin contract talks with a pending RFA this soon, but Cole Perfetti comes with intrigue all the same. Notably, Winnipeg needs to upgrade its second line for next season and Perfetti is one of only a few quality assets the Jets have to work with. That said, I

don't think there's anything to the Shane Wright trade rumours and I don't expect Winnipeg to move Perfetti.

Perfetti does have arbitration rights this summer and UFA eligibility in 2028. This means he could theoretically file for arbitration, sign a one year contract, and then have only one more opportunity to sign long-term in the summer of 2027. It's a move that would put a lot of pressure on Perfetti next season, requiring him to maintain good health and establish himself as a bigger point producer if he wants to get paid handsomely moving forward.

My guess is that Perfetti files for arbitration and then he and the Jets go to work on a long-term deal.

Cole Koepke, Tanner Pearson, Walker Duehr

I prefer Cole Koepke's blend of speed and work ethic to other options on Winnipeg's fourth line and I think the Jets view things the same way. I expect that he'd be open to a return to Winnipeg next season.

I'm not sure what the future holds for fellow UFAs Tanner Pearson or Walker Duehr, each of whom strikes me as viable fourth-line NHL players. They were sensible signings for Winnipeg but probably fit into the "There isn't a lot of supply, and there is little demand for what is being made available" quote from earlier.

Eric Comrie

I've had it put to me that the Jets should trade Eric Comrie because he's a pending UFA and has signed contracts with Winnipeg before. That's not going to happen.

Gustav Nyquist, Ville Heinola

Winnipeg swung and missed at a fit by signing Gustav Nyquist this summer. It would be wholly reasonable of them to move on now and I expect that they will. Thinking from Nyquist's perspective, it might even be preferable; a change of scenery could spark some offence and a better shot at a desirable contract somewhere else next summer.

It seems that Ville Heinola is out of the lineup again. The Jets have gone from not considering moving him (earlier in his career) to trying to move him without getting value in return (and then watching him pass through waivers earlier this season). I expect the Jets to try to move Heinola at the deadline; I don't know if they will succeed.

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Jets fit to be tied, beat Chicago 3-2 on Scheifele's OT goal

By Gordon Anderson

In the blink of an eye, going from the wrong way to the right way.

"At first, I thought I was going to chase a breakaway, but Dylan Samberg made an incredible play, knocking it down and making a great pass to me," Mark Scheifele said. "Then it was just a good shot."

Scheifele scored the game-winning goal in overtime as the Jets defeated the Chicago Blackhawks 2-1 on Tuesday night.

Scheifele's shot from the slot beat Spencer Knight to the glove side for his 28th of the season at 2:06.

The Jets have now played four consecutive overtime games. They beat the Vancouver Canucks last Wednesday night, before losing to the Anaheim Ducks on Friday night and San Jose Sharks on Sunday afternoon. The club has reached OT in five of their last six games, winning two and losing three of them.

The Jets have now scored three goals and allowed seven at 3-on-3 this season. The three goals has them ranked 21st in the league, and the seven allowed is fourth worst.

"Things haven't gone our way in overtime," Cole Perfetti said. "We've fallen short quite a few times, but it's three-on-three, so anything can happen. With one breakdown or one unlucky bounce, it's a two-on-one the other way, and that's three-on-three hockey. But it goes the other way tonight for us."

Connor Hellebuyck won his first overtime game since a 4-3 triumph over the Minnesota Wild on Oct 28. He had lost seven consecutive extra session games prior to Tuesday night.

The Jets tied the game at 19:21 of the third when Perfetti's shot from the right face-off circle beat Knight to the glove side for this 8th goal of the season.

Perfetti says the goal came off a set-play called by assistant coach Davis Payne during the timeout prior to the face-off in the Chicago zone.

"We had a play in mind, and it kind of worked," Perfetti said. "We had to improvise a little bit based on what they were doing, but with the guys in the right places like that, then you make a hockey play from there. It was a good call by him."

The game-tying goal was the ninth time Chicago allowed a game-tying or game-deciding goal in the last four minutes of the third period.

The Jets gained one point on the Seattle Kraken for the final wildcard spot in the Western Conference. The Jets improved to 58 points. The Kraken have 67 points.

Ryan Greene gave the Blackhawks a one-goal lead 32 seconds into the third when Connor Bedard spotted him skating through the face-off circle to the right of the net.

Bedard then executed a pass to space, with Greene skating to the puck and beating Hellebuyck above the right shoulder for his 8th of the season.

Heading into league action on Tuesday, Winnipeg's third-period goal differential was -20.

Samberg also scored in regulation for the Jets (24-26-10).

Teuvo Teravainen also scored for the Blackhawks (23-28-10). Spencer Knight's stopped 29 shots in defeat.

The Jets host Tampa Bay on Thursday at 7 p.m.

Ice Chips

Vlad Namestnikov was a scratch. He was hurt during the Anaheim Ducks game on Friday night when Adam Lowry crashed into him early in the second period. Ville Heinola was also scratched.

News and notes

Arniel provided an update on Colin Miller, who has been out since Jan. 11 with a lower-body injury. He was placed on IR the following day. He went hard into the boards during the first period and needed assistance in getting off the ice. He had surgery back in mid-January.

“He’s been up and down,” head coach Scott Arniel said prior to game time. “He’s had some days where he’s feeling better and then it’s kind of knocked him back a couple days. He’s still fighting it here. Hopefully he can continue to do his workouts, do his therapy and improve each day.”

Speaking of surgery, Nino Niederreiter had arthroscopic knee surgery after he was placed on IR following his stint with Team Switzerland at the Winter Olympics. Arniel said Niederreiter’s anticipated recovery period is four to six weeks.

Josh Morrissey skated with the team at Tuesday’s morning skate prior to the game against Chicago. He was wearing a yellow jersey. Arniel hopes to see Morrissey in the lineup against the Vancouver Canucks on Saturday night.

Past due

In his 44th game of the season, Samberg notched his first goal at 3:59 of the first period.

“He’s been squeezing it,” Arniel said. “He’s had some good looks. He’s had some good opportunities over the year and, like I said, when our back end can help with the offence, it goes a long way.”

Scheifele found the defenceman alone to the left of Knight while on four-on-four action. The shot from the left face-off circle beat Knight between the left arm and the body. Samberg notched 11 assists prior to his goal.

Last season, Samberg scored his first goal in the opener against the Edmonton Oilers. At this point last season, Samberg had four goals of his six total goals.

“It was a terrible pass by me, and he handled it,” Scheifele said. “It was good to see him get his first. He made a great pass to me (on the game winner). He was solid all night.”

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Winnipeg Jets get a failing grade with the NHL numbers game

By Gordon Anderson

There is creative accounting, but no accounting for these numbers.

Heading into Tuesday night's contest against the Chicago Blackhawks, the Winnipeg Jets were -20 in the third-period goals for versus goals against category.

"There are different areas how it has come about," head coach Scott Arniel said. "I (have) noticed we're not as aggressive. In the past, it's gone to shutdown mode, and it's been automatic, and we've done all the right things."

The Jets have allowed 67 third-period goals while scoring only 47.

One calling card of the Jets overall play this season has been their inconsistency. Arniel has talked about it since the infancy of the season; how they haven't been able to find the middle ground or a straight-line game from moment to moment and game to game.

"This year, we've been a little bit looser at times, maybe taken a penalty at times, a bad turnover at times, getting caught in different situations," he said. "And that's kind of been sort of something that's gone on with us for a while."

A perfect circumstance to highlight Arniel's thoughts occurred early in the third period against the San Jose Sharks on Sunday afternoon.

The Jets held a 1-0 lead but gave up three-odd man rushes before the period was two minutes old. The third odd-man rush was converted when Will Smith tied the game at 1:47, bunting home a rebound from a Collin Graf shot on Connor Hellebuyck. The Jets lost 2-1 in overtime.

"We've talked about that and tried to stay on top of that, and the importance of not just being good in the first two periods, you have to be consistent throughout the game," Arniel said. "That means in those third periods, those are vital points. The other night, I talked about the first three shifts in our third period. Terrible. That's the part where that's us. That's our mindset. That's our group, our coaching staff making sure every shift, especially when we have a one goal lead like we did. Because those are crucial points."

The Jets did earn four points on the trip, but two valuable points were squandered away in overtime. Overtime is another issue for another day, where the numbers don't look very good there, either.

The Jets are -14 in the third period since the start of the new year. The most glaring example of how its gotten worse was the Jan. 24 game against the Detroit Red Wings. The game was tied 1-1 after 40 minutes, but the visitors scored four third-period goals in a 5-1 win. And against the Montreal Canadiens on Jan. 24, the score was 3-1 for Montreal after 40 minutes, the Habs scoring twice in the third to win handily.

Jets defenceman Logan Stanley passed off some of the results to the vagaries of a long season, but he was also of the same mindset as the head coach.

"Sometimes it is a bounce here or there, but it has been a little bit sometimes that mental sharpness where that one mistake leads to a goal and that ends up costing you a point or two points and the game is so skilled and talented that people take advantage of those mistakes," Stanley said.

Perhaps the lack of aggressiveness in search of a release valve revolves around the lack of consistent secondary scoring. Instead of trying to assert themselves in search of a goal or two, they tend to defend a lead, when that's the last thing any team should be doing.

Stanley acknowledged it.

"We can do a better job of staying on that attack mindset and striving to get that next goal instead of sitting and trying to protect the lead," he said. "I don't know if that is what we are doing necessarily, but we need to go out and expand the lead and play with confidence."

Even then, it seems Arniel is not liking the decision-making processes at times when searching for that elusive second or third goal.

"We're talking about being on our toes and still attacking, but it's decisions, it's staying over top of people at the right times," Arniel said. "Those are moments we have to make sure we stay focused."

The Jets have outscored their opponents by nine after the first period, 52-43, and two in the second period, 66-64.

"We have got to find a better way to come out in the third period just like we started the game and roll it over," Stanley said. "We got the lead for a reason so let's go build on it."