

***THREE THINGS: Jets drop third straight, lose 6-3 to Bruins
Morgan Barron, Alex Iafallo and Gabe Vilardi score for Jets who fell to 14-15-1***

By Jamie Thomas

WINNIPEG – The Winnipeg Jets lost their third game in a row as they lost 6-3 to the Boston Bruins at Canada Life Centre dropping them below .500 at 14-15-1. Morgan Barron, Alex Iafallo and Gabe Vilardi scored for the Jets, Mark Scheifele saw his point streak come to an end at eight games. Eric Comrie made 18 saves. Winnipeg will host the Washington Capitals on Saturday.

PK AND DEFENDING ISSUES

The Jets gave up two power play goals on Tuesday against the Dallas Stars, and you could argue that was the deciding factor in Winnipeg's loss. Boston came to town with the NHL's sixth ranked power play and with the Jets leading 1-0 in the first period, the Bruins scored back-to-back power play goals 2:04 apart to take the lead. It marked the seventh straight game that the Jets have allowed a power play goal. On top of the PK struggles, the Jets outshot the Bruins 29-24 but gave up 13 high danger chances at 5-on-5.

"I mean, tonight, special teams a big part of it. I think especially on the PK, we got to be better. And then, you give up a few grade A's," said Morgan Barron.

"I think can look at the shot clock and whatever, all that stuff, but we're giving up good chances, and didn't really give ourselves a good chance to kind of help Comms out tonight, I didn't feel like."

STEP FORWARD, STEP BACK

The Jets looked like they had worked out some of their issues and looked a lot like the team we saw last year on Tuesday. But even after taking a 1-0 lead, they gave up three straight goals and had to claw their way back once again. So, Winnipeg looked good in spurts and then not so good in others and that is a source of frustration for head coach Scott Arniel.

"Got some real big momentum at the end of the first (period). We got back into the game to make it 3-2. Thought there was stretches of the second where there would be 2-3 shifts in a row and then we go down to our end and give up a couple of glorious opportunities against," said Arniel.

"It was just the inconsistency of building off of good parts of the game and there were stretches there where we would 2-3 minutes where we gave up grade A opportunities. So we just got to keep hammering it home here."

GETTING GUYS GOING

During this tough stretch for the Jets, they have been searching for goals from other names than Scheifele, Connor and Vilardi. Winnipeg got just that in the first period when Morgan Barron banged in his first goal since Oct 16, ending a 19-game goalless drought.

Alex Iafallo has always been a nice fit on the top line in his time as a Jet and has looked very comfortable with Scheifele and Connor since being reunited with them on Tuesday night. With Winnipeg down 3-1, Iafallo came down the right side and went upstairs on Joonas Korpišalo for his first goal since November 13, ending 12 games no goal.

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Pastrnak has 4 points, Bruins defeat Jets for 4th straight win Geekie gets 3 assists for Boston; Winnipeg has lost 5 of 6

By Darrin Bauming

WINNIPEG -- David Pastrnak had two goals and two assists, and the Boston Bruins extended their winning streak to four games with a 6-3 victory against the Winnipeg Jets at Canada Life Centre on Thursday.

"He's a pretty good hockey player but he also needs to be 100 percent, too, and he's shown it today," Boston coach Marco Sturm said. "I doubled him up when we lost (Viktor Arvidsson to an unspecified injury) and I doubled him up on our lines and he got better and better. He's a special player and only those kinds of players can do it."

Pastrnak has seven points (two goals, five assists) in two games after missing five games with an undisclosed injury.

"It's been a while since I was out but my head was a little bit different," Pastrnak said. "I just play, try to play the right way. Obviously (I've) been out a while so it's never easy to come back, but when you're winning it's much easier to just join the group. And that's what my main focus was because they've been playing great hockey when guys were out, so for me it was just a matter of, pretty much, don't ruin it and just come in and help the way I can. And the last two games was with scoring, but if that doesn't keep going I have to find different ways to help the team."

Hampus Lindholm had a goal, and Morgan Geekie had three assists for the Bruins (19-13-0). Joonas Korpišalo made 26 saves.

"You can see we play with confidence today," Korpišalo said. "The more games we play now, the system is in our instincts right now, and you can see that. We don't need to think that much. And we know what we expect from everyone else, and it's fun."

Charlie McAvoy had an assist, four shots on goal and was plus-4 in 24:16 of ice time in his return for Boston. He had missed the previous 11 games after he was hit in the face with a puck in a game against the Montreal Canadiens on Nov. 15, an incident that required facial surgery.

"With every shift I felt more comfortable, and obviously it's tough to see guys go down with the injury, but at the same time we have to have their back and today was my turn to add more ice time," Pastrnak said. "And obviously I enjoyed it. It helped me and felt great. It's a great way to start both games on the on the road and we have one more to go."

Morgan Barron, Alex Iafallo, and Gabriel Vilardi each scored for the Jets (14-15-1), who have lost three straight and five of six (1-4-1). Eric Comrie made 18 saves.

"It's kind of crunch time here, right?" Barron said. "Like, (it's) almost Christmas, and I think we're either at .500 or right below it now. So I think there's been times where we've kind of started to feel like our game is going in the right direction, but it hasn't been consistent enough. And obviously it's a results-based League, so you've got to find a way to kind of start winning these games."

Barron made it 1-0 Jets with his first goal in 20 games at 5:59 of the first period. Josh Morrissey's point shot created a scramble in front, and Barron was able track and jam in his own rebound.

"Tonight, special teams are a big part of it," Barron said. "I think especially on the PK, we've got to be better. And then you give up a few grade-As. I think you can look at the shot clock and whatever, all that stuff, but we're giving up good chances and didn't really give ourselves a good chance to kind of help [Comrie] out tonight."

Boston then scored three goals in a span of 2:44.

Pastrnak tied it 1-1 on the power play at 8:24, beating a screened Comrie with a wrist shot from the top of the right face-off circle.

Casey Mittelstadt put the Bruins up 2-1 with a power-play goal at 10:28. Mason Lohrei sent a cross-slot pass to Mittelstadt, who buried the puck into an open net from the right circle.

"Two goals on the penalty kill, not good enough," Winnipeg coach Scott Arniel said. "When you get a lead, that's not what you want, to give them an opportunity like that."

Sean Kuraly pushed it to 3-1 at 11:08. Tanner Jeannot entered the offensive zone and chopped it into the slot where Kuraly gloved the puck down and lifted a backhand over the outstretched glove of Comrie.

"It's been all year, (our power play has) been great," Sturm said. "I would say, the first half of the game, we took too many penalties. They took advantage. But when they were up 1-0 and we bounced back on the power play, and again, that was a big boost for our team."

Iafallo cut the deficit to 3-2 at 13:37 on a net drive, lifting it short side over Korpisalo's glove from in close.

"It seems like that whole game went in spurts," Arniel said. "We got off to a good start, got behind the 8-ball real quick, and then we got some real big momentum there at the end of the first. We got back into the game to make it 3-2, then I thought there were stretches of the second where all of a sudden there would be two or three shifts in a row and then we'd go down in our end and give up a couple of glorious opportunities against."

Lindholm extended the lead to 4-2 at 14:36 of the second period with a slap shot from above the left circle.

"It was just the inconsistency of building off of good parts of the game," Arniel said. "There were stretches there where we would go two or three minutes where we gave up grade-A opportunities. We've just got to keep hammering it home here."

Vilardi then cut it to 4-3 on the power play at 17:46, banging in a rebound after Cole Perfetti's shot bounced across the crease.

"I mean, we're finding ways to lose games, as opposed to last year's team," Vilardi said. "All these tight games, we were coming out with wins. But this year we are kind of battling back in games. I think that's a big factor, battling back in all these games. It's tough to come back from two goals down, three goals down every night."

Elias Lindholm scored to make it 5-3 at 14:43 of the third period, and Pastrnak had an empty-net goal at 18:04 for the 6-3 final.

"The last period was by far our best period, and I don't think they (Winnipeg) had anything there," Korpisalo said. "And just how unflappable we are there. It's a one-goal game, but we just keep going and score the fifth goal and seal the deal there. It's fun to watch."

Boston defenseman Jonathan Aspirot left the game late in the first period with an upper-body injury, and forward Viktor Arvidsson left early in the third. Sturm had no update postgame for either player.

NOTES: Pastrnak passed Rick Middleton (402) for sole possession of fifth place on the Bruins' all-time goals list. ... Elias Lindholm has seven points (one goal, six assists) in a four-game point streak. ... The Bruins are now 15-0-0 this season when leading after two periods. ... Winnipeg forward Kyle Connor has a seven-game point streak (10 points; four goals, six assists). ... Vilardi skated in his 300th NHL game. He also extended his point streak to five games (three goals, three assists).

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Pastrnak's Four-Point Night Leads Bruins to 6-3 Win, Hand Jets Third Straight Loss

By Jim Bender, The Canadian Press

WINNIPEG – The Boston Bruins overpowered the Jets in their own barn.

The Bruins scored two power-play goals in the first period to eventually take a 3-2 lead, then held their opponents to one goal for the rest of the match to secure a 6-3 victory before 13,158 fans at Canada Life Centre — Winnipeg's smallest of the season — on Thursday night.

"It's been all year, they've been great," said Bruins coach Marco Sturm. "I would say, the first half of the game, we took too many penalties. They took advantage. But when they were up 1-0 and we bounced back on the power play and (scored) again, that was a big boost for our team."

After Winnipeg's Morgan Barron opened the scoring, David Pastrnak scored his first of two goals with Gustav Nyquist off for tripping to tie the score 1-1. Then, with Barron off for holding, Casey Mittelstadt scored another to give Boston a 2-1 lead. Sean Kuraly then potted an even-

strength goal as the Bruins beat Winnipeg netminder Eric Comrie three times in a span of 2:44 in the first, taking a 3-1 lead, one they never relinquished.

“The penalty kill,” said Jets coach Scott Arniel. “Two goals on the penalty kill. Not good enough.”

It has not been good enough for seven straight games as the Jets allowed at least one power-play marker in each of those outings.

Pastrnak also scored into an empty net and added two assists as the Bruins won their fourth straight game. He now has seven points in two games since returning from injury.

“He’s a pretty good hockey player, but he also needs to be 100% per cent, too, and he’s shown it today,” Sturm said. “I doubled him up when we lost Arvy (Viktor Arvidsson due to a lower-body injury) and I doubled him up on our lines and he got better and better. He’s a special player and only those kinds of players can do it.”

The more work he got the better Pastrnak felt.

“Every shift I felt more comfortable and you know, obviously, it’s tough to see guys go down with the injury,” he said. “But, at the same time, we have to have their back and today was my turn to add more ice time. And obviously, I enjoyed it. It helped me and I felt great.

“It’s a great way to start both games on the road and we have one more to go.”

Elias Lindholm and Hampus Lindholm scored the other Boston goals — the last two in the third period. Joonas Korpisalo made 26 saves as Boston improved to 19-13-0.

“Our third period has been our best period as of late because we do all the work,” Sturm said. “We grind teams out in the first 40 minutes, then we kind of, well, I feel like we have another gear in the third period because our skill does take over. It’s a nice combo to have. To start two wins this road trip in buildings like that is pretty cool.”

Alex Iafallo scored Winnipeg’s other goal in the first period, while Gabe Vilardi, in his 300th NHL game, scored a power-play goal to pull Winnipeg to within 4-3 late in the second. But the Jets failed to score in the third as Winnipeg fell to 14-15-1.

“We’re finding ways to lose games, as opposed to last year’s team,” Vilardi said. “All these tight games, we were coming out with wins, but this year, we are kind of battling back in games. I think that’s a big factor — battling back in all these games. It’s tough to come back from two goals down, three goals down every night.”

Arniel said the Jets need to learn how to handle adversity better.

“There is stress within a game and you’ve got to be able to handle the stress — and I’m not talking about the mental stress — it’s the pressure that builds,” he said. “As a pro hockey player, you’ve got to be ready for those moments and be able to handle them better than we are right now.”

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Jets in need of massive overhaul Bruins exploit myriad weaknesses as free-fall continues

By: Mike McIntyre

The Winnipeg Jets are in a full-blown freefall.

An ugly, uninspired 6-3 loss to the Boston Bruins on Thursday night is the latest in a growing list of games to raise a series of alarming questions about the hockey club, which now has just five wins over the past 18 games.

1. Is this really all the players have to offer? 2. Has the coaching staff run out of answers and/or solutions? 3. What, if anything, is management going to do to fix this mess? 4. Is this rock bottom?

What we are seeing and hearing on, and off, the ice these days certainly doesn't inspire much confidence. One thing is clear: The Jets, as currently configured, are not a good hockey team. In fact, they are the absolute worst team in the NHL since early November, when a 9-3-0 start started swirling down the drain.

It's been mostly pain and misery ever since. Just when it looks like one problem might be under control, along comes another big issue or two to cause significant damage.

Thursday's game was a prime example. The Jets finally got some much-needed secondary scoring, with a pair of skaters snapping lengthy slumps and finding the back of the net. Morgan Barron scored his first in 20 games and Alex Lafallo potted his first in 13 outings

However, everything else that could go wrong did, in fact, go wrong. Total it all up and it's starting to look like this is an organization in need of a massive overhaul, with some major structural concerns that can't easily be repaired.

"We're finding ways to lose games, as opposed to last year's team," said forward Gabe Vilardi. "It's tough to come back from two goals down, three goals down every night."

Adding to the list of issues: One of the most engaged, passionate markets in the league might be feeling a sense of apathy. Thursday's crowd at Canada Life Centre was the smallest of the year, just 13,168. That includes a few thousand Bruins fans in the building who had plenty to cheer.

The Jets are now 14-15-1 overall while the Bruins improve to 19-13-0.

"It's kind of crunch time here, right?" said Barron. "Obviously it's a results based league, so you've got to find a way to kind of start winning these games."

1) *Shaky goaltending*: Do the Jets win this game if Connor Hellebuyck was healthy? Perhaps. Eric Comrie had a night to forget, giving up five goals on just 23 shots.

There's usually a reason backup goaltenders are in that role. Sure, they can show flashes of occasional brilliance, especially during what are typically spot starts. But they're just not built — physically or mentally — to handle the heavy workload that comes with being the No. 1 guy.

Comrie, who has started 10 of the 11 games Hellebuyck has been out, is clearly in over his head at this point. Hellebuyck is inching closer to a return from his arthroscopic knee surgery, but the team has to be careful not to panic and rush him back too soon.

"If we're going to give up those opportunities that we gave up tonight... He'd maybe make those saves, but at the end of the day, those are too big of moments at key times where we gave them opportunities, so we have to clean up our game, no matter which goaltender is in there," said Jets head coach Scott Arniel.

"Obviously having him back is a big difference, but we've got to clean up our game. We were trending towards that and again, here's this big step back."

At this point, they may as well give Domenic DiVincentiis his first NHL start Saturday when the Washington Capitals come to town, assuming Hellebuyck isn't quite ready. What do they have to lose?

2) *Stinky Special Teams*: A potent power play and penalty kill can mask a lot of mistakes, including ones happening in the crease.

The Jets trending in the wrong direction in both categories after strong starts to the year.

Boston turned an early 1-0 deficit into a 2-1 lead when David Pastrnak and Casey Mittelstadt scored 2:02 apart midway through the first period with the Bruins enjoying man advantages. Gustav Nyquist took a silly tripping penalty to lead to the tying goal, then Barron was flagged for holding on the go-ahead tally. Both were in the offensive zone.

"Two hundred feet from your net, two infractions. When you get a lead, that's not what you want, to give them an opportunity like that," said Arniel.

It's the seventh game in a row the Jets have surrendered at least one power-play tally, and the second consecutive outing they've allowed two.

How fragile are they right now? Sean Kuraly made it 3-1 just 40 seconds later, catching the home team sleeping with even-strength marker.

Meanwhile, Winnipeg had ample opportunities themselves but went just 1-for-4 on the power play, with Vilardi poking home a loose puck late in the second period. Too little, too late.

3) *Dubious defending*: What happened to the group that won two consecutive William Jennings trophies? They are nowhere to be found, even if most of the personnel remains the same.

Whether it's a lack of forechecking leading to sustained offensive zone time or sloppy play in their own end, Winnipeg's "defence first" mindset has gone missing for much of this year.

Just ask Pastrnak, who must have felt like a kid in a candy store. One of the league's most creative offensive players had a banner night, drawing primary assists on goals by Hampus

Lindholm (which made it 4-2 and stood as the game-winner) and Elias Lindholm (which made it 5-3) before capping off a four-point night with his second goal, this one into an empty net.

“There were more Grade A’s (chances) given up tonight than we’ve given up in a while,” said Arniel. “It’s really disappointing, coming off what we had talked about after the Dallas game.”

4) *Key play*: Elias Lindholm’s goal with just over five minutes left in the third period snuffed out any hope of a Jets comeback.

5) *Three stars*:

1. Bruins David Pastrnak: 2G, 2A
2. Bruins Morgan Geekie: 3A
3. Bruins Hampus Lindholm: 1G, 1A

6) *Extra, Extra*: With Nyquist returning to the lineup after being a healthy scratch for four consecutive games, forward Tanner Pearson was parked in the press box. Defencemen Colin Miller and Haydn Fleury were the other scratches.

Boston defenceman Charlie McAvoy played his first game in nearly a month after suffering multiple facial fractures from a slap shot. He had one assist and was plus-four.

The Jets will practice Friday, then welcome the Washington Capitals to town on Saturday night. Forward Nino Niederreiter will play his 1,000th game.

“I think there’s going to be a sense of urgency from all the guys,” said Barron. “This is the time of year. Obviously we have a lot of season left, and we have some opportunities here, but it feels like it’s crunch time here, so we’ve got to find a way to start winning games.”

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Jets drop third-straight game, lose 6-3 to the Boston Bruins

By Gordon Anderson

Perhaps it is not a question of if, but when Connor Hellebuyck takes back the net for the locals.

Eric Comrie got the start and dropped his third-straight game and fourth in his last five as the Jets lost 6-3 to the Boston Bruins at Canada Life Centre on Thursday night.

In his last three contests alone, Comrie has fallen on difficult times. The netminder allowed four goals on 16 shots in a 6-2 loss against the Edmonton Oilers on Saturday; he surrendered four goals on 19 shots in a 4-3 loss to the Dallas Stars on Tuesday and five goals on 23 shots against the Bruins.

Dating back to Dec. 1 against the Buffalo Sabres, Comrie’s save percentage in four of those six games was below .800.

Meanwhile, Hellebuyck inches closer to a return following knee surgery late last month. Hellebuyck practised for the second straight day on Thursday morning.

The Jets are 2-8-1 since Hellebuyck went on the injured reserve list last month. Comrie started all but one of those games. Thomas Milic allowed four goals in a 5-1 loss to the Carolina Hurricanes on Nov. 28.

Winnipeg dropped game No. 2 of their four-game homestand. The team is 7-7-0 at home this season. They play host to the Washington Capitals on Saturday.

Morgan Barron, Alex Iafallo and Gabe Vilardi scored. The Jets are 1-9-0 when trailing after one period of play. Barron's goal was his first in 20 games. The centreman opened the season with three goals in his opening four games, his previous goal occurring Oct. 16 in Philadelphia.

David Pastrnak scored twice for the Bruins. Casey Mittelstadt, Sean Kuraly, Hampus Lindholm and Elias Lindholm also scored for the visitors. Pastrnak also added two assists. In 18 career games played against Winnipeg, Pastrnak has 13 goals and 10 assists.

Joonas Korpisalo stopped 26 of 29 shots for his sixth win of the season.

Ice Chips

Colin Miller and Tanner Pearson were scratched.

Of some importance

Connor Hellebuyck joined the team for the first time at Wednesday's afternoon skate, participating lightly during the optional practice. After the workout, Arniel said the all-star netminder was "getting closer," perhaps raising optimism Hellebuyck was ahead of schedule by a week or two.

At Thursday's morning skate, Hellebuyck was back on the ice with his teammates.

"Like I said on Wednesday, (it is now about) workload and conditioning," Arniel said about Hellebuyck. "So, we're still in that mode."

Fast fisticuffs

Three seconds into the game and the mitts were off as Luke Schenn and Bruins centreman Mark Kastelic traded haymakers near the centre ice circle. The two combatants didn't appear to say anything prior to the puck drop. Perhaps, the dust up was arranged during the pre-game warmup. They were shown on the scoreboard, sharing a funny moment during their time in the penalty box.

Unlucky number seven

For the seventh consecutive game, the Jets surrendered a power-play goal. And for the second consecutive game, the Jets allowed two power-play goals. In Tuesday's one-goal loss to the Dallas Stars, Roope Hintz and Jason Robertson scored power-play markers. On Thursday, Pastrnak and Mittelstadt scored back-to-back in the first period after Barron had given the Jets a 1-0 lead with his fourth goal of the season at 5:59.

Some power in play

The Jets' power play broke an 0-18 skid when Vilardi scored on a jam play at 17:46 of the second period. Coming into the game, the Jets had 17 goals in 84 chances, a 20.2% conversion rate, good enough for 12th in the NHL. The team went 1-for-4 against the Bruins.

Back in there

Winger Gustav Nyquist was back in the lineup after a four-game hiatus.

"It was just time to get him back in there," Arniel said prior to game time. "He's been out for a few games. He has a lot of experience at this level in different scenarios."

The free agent signing back in early July has zero goals and six assists in 20 games played.

"I know he's upset that he wasn't playing, but at the end of the day, go in and use his skillset, every chance that he gets," the coach said. "That's what we need. Hopefully, that will help us get some more depth throughout the lines."

Nyquist was credited with three shots and one takeaway through two periods of play. Overall, he logged 15:54 at even strength and 2:56 of power-play time. Nyquist skated with Johnathan Toews and Barron.

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Struggles continue for Winnipeg Jets in 6-3 loss to Bruins

By Christian Aumell & Russ Hobson Global News

The Winnipeg Jets are not a very good hockey team at the moment.

Coming off a solid performance in a loss to Dallas Tuesday night, the Jets could not carry the momentum forward, making too many mistakes once again Thursday in a 6-3 loss to the visiting Boston Bruins to fall to 2-8-1 since Connor Hellebuyck went on injured reserve.

The Jets snapped several droughts, but special teams continue to be a major letdown. They allowed a pair of power play goals, and they had way too many defensive lapses in losing for the ninth time in their last eleven games.

"Two goals on penalty-kill, not good enough," said a clearly disappointed Jets head coach Scott Arniel. "Until we go out, and on the ice, pay attention to the detail part of the game that way, those things are gonna happen. There was more grade-A's given up tonight than we've given up in awhile. So, a little disappointing coming off what we had talked about after the Dallas game."

David Pastrnak had a four-point effort with two goals and two assists. Strathclair Manitoba's Morgan Geekie chipped in with three assists for the Bruins who won their fourth in a row.

The Jets ended a seven-game goalless stretch on the power play. Morgan Barron ended a 19-game goalless drought and Alex Lafallo snapped out of 12-game goalless funk. Gabriel Vilardi scored the only other goal for Winnipeg, but the team is just giving up way too many solid scoring chances.

"Tonight, special teams was a big part of it I think," Barron said. "Especially on the PK (penalty kill) we got to be better. And then you give up a few grade-A's. I think you look at the shot clock and whatever, all that stuff, but we're giving up good chances and didn't really give ourselves a good chance to kinda help Coms (Eric Comrie) out tonight.

"It's kinda crunch time here right. It's almost Christmas."

The Jets outshot them 29-24.

With the loss, the Jets fall below the .500 mark with just a 14-15-1 record.

"We're finding ways to lose games opposed to last year seemed like all these tight games we were coming out with the wins," Vilardi said. "This year we're kinda battling back in games. I think that's a big factor, just battling back in all these games. It's tough to come back from three goals down, two goals down every night.

"Certain moments in the game, it seems like we're making mistakes and we're getting punished on every one of those mistakes."

Hellebuyck continues to practice with the team, and his return can't come soon enough.

"He's a world-class player," said Arniel. "Having him back is huge but at the end of the day, if we're gonna give up those opportunities that we gave up tonight, he maybe makes those saves, but at the end of the day, those are too big of moments in key times where we gave them opportunities. So, we have to clean up our game no matter which goaltender is in there."

Mark Scheifele saw his point-streak snapped at eight games.

Winnipeg got off to a solid start, opening the scoring just under six minutes in.

After a very ineffective power play, the fourth line came on and got the job done. Joonas Korpisalo coughed up a big rebound off a point shot from Josh Morrissey, and after a scramble in front, Barron poked it home for his first goal since Oct. 16, when he began the season with three goals in four games.

But instead of the Jets getting a jolt of life from the goal, what followed instead was a disastrous stretch of hockey that led to three Bruins goals.

After missing the past four games as a healthy scratch, Gustav Nyquist took a tripping penalty 1:26 after the Barron goal. Boston took advantage as Pastrnak beat Comrie with a wrist shot through a screen.

23 seconds after the goal, Barron was called for holding, and once again the Bruins took advantage on the power play. After Comrie turned aside a point shot from Hampus Lindholm, the rebound went to his right where Mason Lohrei was first to it. The Jets' penalty killers all drifted to that side of the ice as Lohrei sent a cross-ice pass to a wide-open Casey Mittelstadt, who made no mistake to give Boston the lead.

It went from bad to worse for the Jets as Boston extended their lead 40 seconds later. Lafallo turned the puck over as he got crunched by a big hit in the neutral zone by Sean Kuraly. The

Bruins turned the play up the ice and into the Winnipeg zone before Kuraly got the puck behind the Jets defence, deked out Comrie and roofed a backhand to make it 3-1.

Winnipeg cut the lead back to one 2:29 later. Dylan DeMelo, from his own end, sent a stretch pass to Lafallo at the Boston blue line. He took the puck and raced to the boards where he got the angle on Lohrei, driving wide before cutting back inside as he neared the goal line. He then drove the net before roofing it from a short angle for his fifth of the season.

The Jets got two more power play looks late in the period but were not able to generate much of anything as their special teams remain a big issue.

Winnipeg managed to outshoot the Bruins 13-7 in a first period where only 11:53 was played at 5-on-5.

Kuraly had a great chance to restore Boston's two-goal lead when he was left all alone in front of Comrie about six and a half minutes into the period. Comrie came up large, making a point-blank save to keep it a 3-2 game.

But with 5:24 to go in the middle frame, the Bruins were able to break through.

The play began with a weak shot on goal from Pastrnak along the half-wall. Comrie stopped it but the ensuing rebound was not well handled by the Jets in front of him. Pastrnak got another slow shot on goal that was also stopped before the puck leaked back to the point where Hampus Lindholm stepped into a slapshot that beat Comrie clean on his blocker side.

With just over two minutes left in the period, the Jets got their fourth power play look of the game and made quick work of it. The Jets got possession off the faceoff, leading to Kyle Connor sending the puck down low to Cole Perfetti. He drove the net and had his shot turned aside but Gabriel Vilardi banged home the rebound for his 14th of the season, Winnipeg's first power play goal since Nov. 26.

Shots on goal in the second were 11-9 Winnipeg.

Boston held onto their one-goal lead as the clock ticked through a tight-checking third period before extending the lead with 5:17 left as Elias Lindholm added an insurance marker.

Desperate to make a late push, the Jets pulled Comrie for an extra attacker with more than three minutes remaining, but it didn't work as Pastrnak scored into the empty net with 1:56 left to seal it.

Comrie turned aside 18 shots in defeat while Korpisalo stopped 26 shots for the win.

Winnipeg will try to get back in the win column Saturday night when they host the Washington Capitals. Pregame coverage on 680 CJOB begins at 4 p.m. with the puck dropping just after 6 p.m.

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ANALYSIS: Toews' comeback a great story, but not helping Jets win games

By John Shannon CJOB

There was so much positive to think about when Winnipeg's favourite son, Jonathan Toews, signed with the Jets this past summer. It was a great story.

Toews would return to the NHL after two seasons. The Jets would score the second-line centre they have coveted for years. It was to be a storybook finish to a great player's career.

And no one thought it was a bad idea. Not one person. To see the great Toews wear his customary No. 19 in Winnipeg blue was going to be tremendous.

So after 30 games this season, for both the Jets and Toews, this has been anything but a storybook finish. The hockey club recorded its 15th regulation loss Thursday night (which, by the way, last season, happened in late January), and Toews, after playing a season low of 8:36 on Tuesday versus the Dallas Stars, was shut out on the scoresheet against the Boston Bruins, for the 22nd time this season.

In many ways, on many nights, the former Chicago Blackhawks captain hasn't been noticeable. And when he has been noticed, it's because he's behind the play or made a mistake.

To a man, Jets co-owner and chairman Mark Chipman, general manager Kevin Cheveldayoff and head coach Scott Arniel all talk about Toews' great attitude, his leadership, his willingness to share. And that surely can't be debated. Toews' illustrious resume should be an asset for the Jets. But is his play good enough to help this team? Is the gap of two and a half years just too darn long? Is the speed of the NHL in 2025 just too fast?

Perhaps many of us overvalued what he was going to bring to this team. But he hasn't scored in 14 games and leads the team in a stat that no player wants to lead, at minus-13. At some point, his on-ice contributions have to come close to those off-ice intangibles. And please, I know he had chronic inflammatory response syndrome, and his comeback is a great story. But great stories don't win games.

This may not be a popular thing to say, but the Toews experiment just isn't working. At what point do we say that there's a younger player (like Parker Ford) who could use the roster spot, and the ice time?

And to those who say, his real value is for "Game 83," you have to get to the playoffs to take advantage of that talent. And right now, Toews isn't helping enough to get to the playoffs.

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How will the Jets approach the trade deadline amidst struggles?

By Tyler Kuehl

A team that cannot seem to get out of its own way needs to start looking at what it might do with some of its personnel soon.

The Winnipeg Jets are far from the team that won the President's Trophy last season. Even before Hart Trophy-winning goaltender Connor Hellebuyck was injured, the team struggled to find the consistency that made them one of the best teams in the NHL.

With Hellebuyck out, the Jets have started to stumble down the standings. Thanks to losing seven of the team's past 10 games, seven of which in regulation, Winnipeg has fallen out of a playoff spot. Granted, they currently sit just three points out of the last Wild Card position in the Western Conference.

On Thursday's edition of Daily Faceoff LIVE, David Pagnotta joined Tyler Yaremchuk and Carter Hutton to discuss what the Jets should do come February and March.

David Pagnotta: One of the big issues is secondary scoring. They don't operate [Mark] Scheifele, [Kyle] Connor that combo, [Alex] Lafallo isn't a first-line winger and Cole Perfetti, they're hoping that he can get things going a little bit, and then eventually move him up in the lineup. Losing [Nikolaj] Ehlers...it's created a hole. It's created a need of additional offense within this group, especially in the top six. They've had some guys that have been contributing, not at a consistent level that they'd like.

It sounds like [general manager Kevin Cheveldayoff's] out there looking for offense ... They have decent amount of cap space to play with, so there's flexibility. This is still a team that projects itself as a legitimate contender. They feel their window is still open. They want to add to that. They weren't able to replace Ehlers, the offense that he brings. They are looking now to see if they can do that. Maybe it's on the second line, give a little bit of assistance and kind of go from there. But this is a team that I expect to add to be a playoff team.

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<https://www.tsn.ca/nhl/video/2025/12/12/will-hellebuyck-return-cure-what-ails-the-jets/>

Will Hellebuyck return cure what ails the Jets? (VIDEO)

With Connor Hellebuyck inching towards a return, will that be enough to cure what ails Winnipeg right now? Cameron Gaunce joins SportsCentre to weigh in.

<https://www.tsn.ca/nhl/video/2025/12/12/jets-drop-another-only-have-5-wins-in-their-last-18-games/>

Jets drop another, only have 5 wins in their last 18 games (VIDEO)

The Jets now own the worst record in the league since November 4th, with just five wins in their last 18 games. Dan Robertson and Kevin Sawyer breakdown the loss to Boston on Thursday night.