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***Jets held to 13 shots in 4-1 loss to Ducks
Jets lose in regulation for the first time in seven games***

By Jamie Thomas

WINNIPEG – The Anaheim Ducks scored three goals in a 1:44 in the second period on route to a 4-1 win over the Winnipeg Jets at Canada Life Centre. Morgan Barron scored the only goal for the Jets who lost in regulation for the first time in seven games. Connor Hellebuyck made 31 saves. The Jets will continue their homestand Thursday when they host the New York Rangers.

BARRON REACHES DOUBLE DIGITS IN GOALS

After a disappointing start to the game where the Jets only managed two shots in the first period, it looked like they were heading in the right direction just over five minutes into the second period. Elias Salomonsson fired a shot from the point as Morgan Barron was working his way to the front of the net, Barron redirected the shot past Lukas Dostal for his 10th goal of the season. Barron is one goal away from equaling his career high in goals set in 2023-24.

“Salo just kind of found a puck and got it through,” said Barron.

“And, again, talk about simplifying and how we didn't probably do it enough tonight, but that's one of the few examples that our line had, and really the whole team, I think, of just keeping a simple game.”

DUCKS SCORE IN BUNCHES

The last time Winnipeg faced the Ducks was their second game out of the Olympic break and they played a solid 40 minutes and led 3-1 going into the third period. However, Anaheim would score three times in 10:08 to take a 4-3 lead before winning 5-4 in OT. Tonight, the Jets lead nothing before Tim Washe (6:24), Ryan Poehling (6:38) and Alex Killorn (8:08) scored in 1:44 to give the Ducks a two-goal lead after two. Anaheim dominated the middle frame outshooting the Jets 20-5.

“I think it was more the execution – it's not an effort thing. I'd never question our effort. It was just some details, some reads, some things we talked about before the game. They're going to be hyper-aggressive,” said Adam Lowry.

“They're going to come down the wall. If you connect on a few passes, make some plays, you're going to get some odd-man rushes. They're a team that kind of thrives on turnovers and they do a real good job creating and bringing that fourth man.”

NOT ENOUGH – TOP TO BOTTOM

In big games like tonight, the Jets best players have to be their best players. Mark Scheifele, Kyle Connor and Gabe Vilardi combined for zero shots on goal. However, head coach Scott Arniel wasn't going to just place the blame on his best players after the Jets were held to just 13 shots.

“If we're going to get in, our top players have to be our top players, we've said that from the beginning,” said Arniel.

“But everybody else has to also play their roles. It was throughout the lineup. The part about getting shots, we didn’t have the puck. Anaheim had the puck most of the night.”

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Ducks’ Second-Period Outburst Helps to Sink Jets 4-1

By Jeff Hamilton, The Canadian Press

Ryan Poehling had a goal and an assist to lead the Anaheim Ducks to a 4-1 victory over the Winnipeg Jets in front of 13,249 at Canada Life Centre on Tuesday.

Alex Killorn also registered a goal and an assist, with Tim Washe and Jackson LaCombe, into an empty net, rounding out the scoring for Anaheim. Lukas Dostal made 12 saves for the Ducks (36-25-3), who rebounded from a 4-0 loss to St. Louis on Sunday.

Morgan Barron scored the lone goal for Winnipeg. Connor Hellebuyck had 30 saves for the Jets (26-27-10), who saw their three-game win streak and six-game point streak (4-0-2) halted.

After a scoreless first period in which Anaheim outshot Winnipeg 8-2, the Jets opened the scoring at 5:04 of the second when Barron notched his eighth of the season, assisted by Elias Salomonsson and Cole Perfetti. The Ducks quickly flipped the script, scoring three times over a span of 104 seconds.

Washe tied the game at 6:24 and Poehling gave Anaheim the lead just 14 seconds later. Killorn added the insurance marker at 8:08 to give the visitors a two-goal lead.

TAKEAWAYS

Jets: Josh Morrissey appeared in his 720th career game, officially moving past Toby Enstrom for the most games played by a defenceman in Jets franchise history.

Ducks: The Ducks outscored the Jets 12-6 in three games this year. The win keeps the Ducks in first place in the Pacific Division, while continuing a hot run for goaltender Dostal, who has now won 13 of his last 15 games.

KEY MOMENT

Killorn scored at 8:08 of the second period, capping off a three-goal rally for the Ducks in just 104 seconds to take a healthy 3-1 lead that completely shifted the momentum of the game.

KEY STAT

With the victory, Anaheim completed a three-game series sweep of Winnipeg.

UP NEXT

Ducks: Visit the Toronto Maple Leafs on Thursday.

Jets: Host the New York Rangers on Thursday.

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***Ducks score 3 goals in 1:44, end Jets 6-game point streak
Poehling, Killorn, LaCombe each has 2 points for Anaheim; Barron scores for Winnipeg***

By Darrin Bauming

WINNIPEG — The Anaheim Ducks scored three goals in a 1:44 span in the second period en route to a 4-1 win against the Winnipeg Jets at Canada Life Centre on Tuesday.

“We’ve got a good mix, we’ve got good balance,” Anaheim coach Joel Quenneville said. “We know we can score goals, and tonight is a good thing to bounce back to, about knowing that we can check too.”

“We want to do one thing -- we want to make the playoffs. That’s our priority, that’s our goal. You don’t want to look past our next opponent (Thursday at the Toronto Maple Leafs).”

Alex Killorn, Ryan Poehling and Jackson LaCombe each had a goal and an assist, and Lukas Dostal made 12 saves for the Ducks (36-25-3), who have won eight of 10.

“This has been one of our most complete games when you look at three periods,” Killorn said. “A lot of games, we’ve been down and had to come back. We were down here tonight, but for a majority of the game, we played the right way. It was a great game for our team. I think it’s been our best full game. We didn’t make any stupid turnovers. They’re going to get chances, it’s going to happen, but I thought we limited them as much as we could.”

Morgan Barron scored, and Connor Hellebuyck made 31 saves for the Jets (26-27-10), who had points in their previous six games (4-0-2).

“We laid a big fat egg,” Winnipeg coach Scott Arniel said. “We didn’t execute. We didn’t compete on pucks, chased the whole game. They had the puck most of the night. When we did have it, we turned it over. ... Everybody was off. ... Everybody was missing. On a night where we knew we had to be at our very, very best against a very good team, we didn’t. We weren’t good enough.”

After a scoreless first period, Barron put the Jets on the board 1-0 at 5:04 of the second period, deflecting an Elias Salomonsson one-timer from the point past Dostal.

“They’re laying out and blocking shots,” Barron said. “It’s obviously a good team. They transition really well, and they defended well, but there’s definitely a lot we can do better. (We) just didn’t get over pucks and find ways to put pucks behind them. We made their life easy on them probably tonight, and they made us pay.”

The first two of Anaheim’s three straight goals came 14 seconds apart, starting with Tim Washe’s goal at 6:24 that tied it 1-1. Washe beat Winnipeg defenseman Haydn Fleury for the rebound of a Jansen Harkins shot from the right dot.

“I just think those were the couple minutes where they went in,” Winnipeg captain Adam Lowry said. “That was kind of a start to finish kind of thing. I think it was more the execution, it’s not an

effort thing. I'd never question our effort. It was just some details, some reads, some things we talked about before the game. They're going to be hyperaggressive, they're going to come down the wall. ... They're a team that kind of thrives on turnovers, and they do a real good job creating and bringing that fourth man. I just think the way we played, the way we executed, really just fed into their game."

Poehling pushed it to 2-1 when he got the tip on Killorn's point shot at 6:38.

"We always talk about stacking," Poehling said. "I thought [Ducks forward Jeffrey Viel] did a great job of just being net-front, kind of blocking the guy, and then I got in the top there, and [Killorn] just threw one on net. We always try to tip-in, and that one ended up going in. It happens a lot throughout the game, and that one just ended up going in."

Just 1:30 after Poehling's goal, Killorn made it 3-1 at 8:08. Poehling kept the puck in the Ducks' offensive zone at the blue line, then passed it ahead to Killorn to create a 2-on-1, and Killorn scored with a wrist shot from above the right dot.

"I thought we played great all night in terms of keeping the puck behind them, and then just forechecking above them and creating plays," Poehling said. "So that was one where we were on top of them and they were a little tired, and I just got back, got a good stick on it, and [Killorn] made a good play from there."

LaCombe wristed it into an empty net at 19:34 of the third period for the 4-1 final.

Anaheim has won 15 of its past 19 games (15-4-0) dating back to Jan. 13, when it was coming off a nine game skid (0-8-1) that began with a 3-1 loss to the Seattle Kraken on Dec. 22.

"A month ago, it was a different situation. Then we go on a run, and now we're in first in the Pacific," Killorn said. "You try not to think about it too much, but it's just one of those things that it's so tight, every game is so important. Points, even at the end of games when it's tied, points are so important that you need to get them when you can."

NOTES: Anaheim's 36th win of the season surpasses their win total from last season (35-37-10, 80 points), with 18 games remaining. In the process, they gained a three-point edge (75) for first place in the Pacific Division, ahead of Vegas (72). ... The Ducks earned their 20th comeback win of the season, tied with the Montreal Canadiens for the most in the League. Anaheim has only recorded more come-from-behind victories in a season four times: 2013-14 (26), 2014-15 (24), 2007-08 (22) and 2005-06 (21). ... Washe, Poehling and Killorn's three goals within a span of 1:44 seconds is the eighth-fastest in franchise history. ... LaCombe's assist on Poehling's goal was his 37th of the season, which tied Chris Pronger for the 10th most in a season by a Ducks defenseman.

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Winnipeg Jets listless in 4-1 loss to Anaheim to end win streak

By Christian Aumell & Russ Hobson Global News

After earning points in their first six games out of the Olympic break, and moving within five points of a playoff spot, the idea of the Winnipeg Jets making the playoffs started to feel like something more than a just a far-fetched proposition.

But the Jets looked nothing like a playoff team Tuesday night against Anaheim, suffering a 4-1 loss that revealed a squad that looked more like it belonged in the draft lottery conversation.

The Jets surrendered three goals in the span of just 1:44 in the second period, including goals just 14 seconds apart and they had just 13 shots on goal in ending their three-game win streak.

“We laid a big fat egg,” said Jets head coach Scott Arniel. “We didn’t execute. We didn’t compete on pucks, chased the game, chased the whole game. They had the puck most of the night and when we did have it, we turned it over. We didn’t put it down low enough in their defensive zone to make them go to work. Just fed their transition, turnovers just inside the line or just outside the line. They’re too good of a hockey team to transition the other way. We just kinda kept feeding it.”

The loss also ended the Jets six-game point streak which was their longest of the season.

The Jets had just two shots in the first, five in the second and only six shots in the third period in getting outshot 35-13.

“It’s the execution,” said Jets captain Adam Lowry. “I think it was the whole night. I think if you go back and watch this first, we had opportunities to get odd-man rushes and we just miss on the play or we have opportunities to break the puck out and instead we turn pucks over.

“Just start to finish we weren’t very good. We’re gonna have to learn from that. We’re gonna have to come to the rink tomorrow and we still got belief in this group and get ready for our game on Thursday.”

It’s the first time the Ducks have won in regulation in Winnipeg since January of 2017.

Morgan Barron scored for the Jets as they could only muster a single goal on the second worst defensive team in the NHL.

“It just wasn’t a good enough effort I think throughout the whole game from us,” said Barron. “There’s definitely a lot we can do better, I think. Just taking over pucks and finding ways to put pucks behind them. We made the life easy on them probably tonight and they made us pay.”

Josh Morrissey set a new franchise record for most games by a defenceman as he passed Toby Enstrom with his 720th career game with the Jets.

Neither team found the back of the net in a snoozy first period that saw Winnipeg get just two shots on goal despite having the only power play of the period. Anaheim managed to get eight shots on goal but, like Winnipeg, couldn't generate much in terms of dangerous chances.

But the chances started coming for both teams early and often in the second.

Alex Iafallo nearly scored in the first two minutes when he burned down the left wing into the Anaheim zone and fired a shot that Lukas Dostal muffed with his glove, sending the puck trickling just millimetres wide of the post.

Not long after the Ducks hit the post, Gustav Nyquist made a great play in the offensive zone to set up Isak Rosen with a fairly open net but his shot was knocked away by the skate of Dostal.

Just past the five-minute mark of the second, the Jets broke the ice as Barron deflected a point shot from Elias Salomonsson past Dostal for his 10th of the season.

But the joy in the building was short-lived as the Ducks would strike three times in less than two minutes.

Tim Washe beat Kyle Connor in a puck battle at the Winnipeg point, getting it over to Jansen Harkins. He skated to the far faceoff dot before stopping and firing a shot on goal that Hellebuyck stopped but Washe got his stick on the rebound and knocked it into the net to tie the game with his second career NHL goal.

Just 14 seconds later, Ryan Poehling tipped an Alex Killorn point shot off the post and in to give the Ducks their first lead of the night.

90 seconds after that, Anaheim made it 3-1 off a sloppy Jets turnover. Brad Lambert tried to chip the puck to Cole Koepke at the Winnipeg blue line but Koepke missed it, allowing Poehling to knock it back into the zone to Killorn for a 2-on-1 with Jeffrey Viel. Killorn kept it and beat Hellebuyck with a wrist shot from the faceoff dot.

Winnipeg held on for dear life from there as they were outshot 20-5 in the period, but the score stayed 3-1 going to the third.

The Jets earned their second power play look of the night just 40 seconds into the third but weren't able to cash in, getting just one shot on goal in the two minutes.

With their team reeling, the Winnipeg faithful started to get restless. When the Jets finally registered their tenth shot on goal of the game just past the midway point of the third, the Canada Life Centre gave a hearty Bronx cheer.

They then cheered loudly after two subsequent shots on goal in the following moments, culminating in an arena-wide chant of "shoot the puck."

Things continued to look dire for Winnipeg when Cole Perfetti was called for high-sticking with 5:21 to go but the Anaheim power play didn't last long as Beckett Sennecke was called for interference just 22 seconds later.

With just over three minutes left, Hellebuyck went to the bench for an extra attacker and not long after, the Ducks had a great chance to ice the game but Olen Zellweger hit the post.

Winnipeg hit the crossbar with just under a minute to go but just moments later, Jackson Lacombe hit the empty net from his own end to put things away.

The Jets will look to bounce back Thursday night against the New York Rangers. The puck drops just after 7 p.m. with pregame coverage on 680 CJOB beginning just after 5 p.m.

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ANALYSIS: Winnipeg Jets refuse to throw in towel on 2025-26 season

By Kelly Moore CJOB

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It's one thing for the Winnipeg Jets to say they still believe they can scratch and claw their way back into the NHL Western Conference playoff race.

But the team has managed to back up those words with its actions since coming out of the Olympic break.

Yes, the Jets required some late-game heroics to avoid what would have been a disastrous outcome versus the lowly Chicago Blackhawks and the Vancouver Canucks as part of a 3-0 start to this critical homestand.

But the fact of the matter is, they found a way to win those games — and not suffer yet another disheartening one-goal loss, like earlier this season, when over a nearly two-month span, Winnipeg had to endure what turned into an NHL-record 13 consecutive losses in one-goal decisions.

And the reward for the Jets' perseverance, these past seven days in particular, is halving what was a double-digit deficit for that No. 2 wild-card berth in the West when the homestand began to five points with 20 games to go entering this week.

That old saying about “what have you done for me lately” certainly comes into play because two of the next three games on the schedule are against opponents Winnipeg has yet to beat this season — Anaheim Tuesday night and Colorado Saturday afternoon.

It's a tall order — perhaps a tad unrealistic — to expect Mark Scheifele and friends to continue running the table at Canada Life Centre, facing that quality of competition.

But there's no margin for error for Winnipeg — if they intend to continue “walking the walk” in the direction of the playoff line in the West.

The odds remain stacked, but one thing that has become quite evident over the past dozen days or so.

You can search high and low, and in every nook and cranny of the Winnipeg Jets dressing room, and there will not be a white flag to be found anywhere.

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How should the Jets address their offensive struggles? (VIDEO)

Winnipeg's six-game point streak has come to an end, so how did the game get away from them in the second period? How should the Jets address their offensive struggles? TSN Hockey analyst Cameron Gaunce shares his thoughts on this and more.

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More than puck luck for Ducks Jets' lapse costly as they cough up three goals in 104 seconds

By: Ken Wiebe

This was a letdown at a time the Winnipeg Jets simply couldn't afford one.

And while the chances of the Jets simply running the table during the final 20 games were already highly unlikely, this second-period hiccup proved to be costly, whether you were looking at the short or long-term ramifications.

A 4-1 loss to the Anaheim Ducks on Tuesday night at Canada Life Centre leaves the Jets at 26-27-10 for the season and five points behind the Seattle Kraken for the final playoff spot in the Western Conference.

Allowing three goals in a span of 104 seconds is rarely a recipe for success, but the frustrating part for the Jets is that it included two goals in 14 seconds for the Ducks after Winnipeg had opened the scoring.

"We laid a big, fat egg," said Jets head coach Scott Arniel. "We didn't execute, we didn't compete for pucks and chased the game, chased the whole game. They had the puck for most of the night and when we did have it, we turned it over."

The Jets had done a good job of keeping lapses to a minimum during a three-game winning streak and six-game point streak (4-0-2), but the attention to detail wasn't nearly as crisp against an offensively-gifted Ducks team that swept them in the three-game season series and continue to hold down top spot in the Pacific Division standings.

"It's not lost on us," said Jets forward Morgan Barron. "There are obviously going to be nights where you're not going to have it, but regardless, it calls for a better effort than that, straight from the top to the bottom of our lineup."

The lack of urgency was troubling and the lack of scoring chances prompted the crowd to break into a “shoot the puck” chant at one point during the third period.

And while much of the chatter following the morning skate was about how the Ducks were still a bit loose defensively, they didn’t give up a whole lot in this one.

“We were disjointed and you know what, it’s a disappointing result,” said Jets captain Adam Lowry. “Obviously, we know where we’re at. It was an important game. The only thing we can do now is learn from it.”

The Jets continue an eight-game homestand on Thursday against the New York Rangers.

Let’s take a closer look at what transpired:

DOUBLE DIGITS

Barron became the sixth player on the Jets’ roster to hit double digits in goals when he tipped home a point shot from Elias Salomonsson.

It’s the second time in the past three NHL seasons that Barron reached 10 goals and he’s now one shy of his career high of 11, set in 2023-24.

Barron’s offensive numbers are even more impressive when you consider most of his ice time has come as the fourth-line centre.

“Yeah. There’s definitely been some good stretches,” Barron, who is up to 20 points in 54 games this season, said earlier this week. “It’s kind of an internal chase, right? You always feel like you can do more. That’s, I guess, part of the beauty of our game. You’re kind of always chasing to take that next step.”

Barron also plays a key role on the penalty kill, but you get the sense he could be in line for enhanced responsibility moving forward, based on his skill set and ability to play a power forward game.

THE MILESTONE

After becoming the franchise leader for points by a defenceman on Saturday, Josh Morrissey added another milestone to his growing list of accomplishments. By suiting up on Tuesday, Morrissey passed Toby Enstrom to become the franchise leader in games played by a defenceman with 720.

“Yeah, just an incredible player and person,” said Jets forward Kyle Connor. “He means so much to this team. He’s been a great teammate, one of my favourite teammates of all time. He’s come back and he’s looked great. He’s the best player on the ice for us a lot of nights.”

THE KEY PLAY

A wrister from Alex Killorn capped a stretch of three goals in 104 seconds for the Ducks, turning a one-goal deficit into a two-goal cushion.

THE THREE STARS

Ryan Poehling, Ducks: Scored the GWG, set up another.

Alex Killorn, Ducks: Scored a goal, set up the game-winner.

Jackson LaCombe, Ducks: One assist, while logging more than 27 minutes of ice time.

THE WORKLOAD

Given the nature of the Jets' playoff chances, it's not a surprise to see head coach Scott Arniel leaning heavily on goalie Connor Hellebuyck during the stretch run.

Tuesday marked a sixth consecutive start for Hellebuyck after Eric Comrie was between the pipes for the first game coming out of the Olympic break.

Hellebuyck, who missed a month of action with a knee injury, is up to 42 starts this season and figures to get at least three more before the homestand is complete.

Despite missing an extended period, Hellebuyck should comfortably eclipse 50 games for the eighth time in his career — and he would have done it a ninth time were it not for the shortened 2020-21 season where he started 45 games.

With games on consecutive days on Saturday and Sunday against the Colorado Avalanche and St. Louis Blues, Comrie is expected to start one of those.

THE UPDATES

Arniel made it clear Tuesday that none of the injured Jets were on the verge of returning to the lineup.

Defencemen Neal Pionk (lower body) and Colin Miller (lower body) aren't quite back into a regular routine after suffering separate setbacks last week and remain "a ways away" while forwards Vladislav Namestnikov (lower body) and Nino Niederreiter (lower body) got back onto the ice on Tuesday morning but they "were just pushing pucks around and getting a feel for the puck and are still a ways away too."

EXTRA, EXTRA

The Jets finished zero-for-4 on the power play, but were two-for-two on the penalty kill in the contest.

The Jets lone healthy scratch was defenceman Ville Heinola.

Former Jets D-man Jacob Trouba chipped in an assist and is up to 10 goals and 31 points in 63 games this season, while former Jets winger Jansen Harkins chipped in an assist on the goal from Tim Washe and is up to three goals and seven points in 37 games this season.

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Jets mailbag: Recouping assets a trade deadline accomplishment

By: Mike McIntyre and Ken Wiebe

The trade deadline has come and gone. A rather unlikely late-season playoff push is on. Fans are torn and conflicted. And the monthly Free Press mailbag is once again overflowing.

Hockey writers Mike McIntyre and Ken Wiebe are back to answer all your burning questions regarding the Winnipeg Jets.

1. What letter grade do you give the Jets for their trade deadline efforts? What could have been done better? ED

WIEBE: It's been a few years since the Jets found themselves selling instead of buying, but overall the letter grade given to Jets general manager Kevin Cheveldayoff is a B-plus that has the ability to grow into an A or A-minus, depending on what impact Isak Rosen has during the coming seasons.

There's temptation to shift the grade to an A-minus already, given the potential for Rosen, but I've occasionally been called an easy grader, so let's leave it as a B-plus for the time being.

To recap, in two separate trades with the Buffalo Sabres, the Jets moved a trio of pending unrestricted free agents: D-men Logan Stanley and Luke Schenn (while retaining 50 per cent of Schenn's US\$2.75 million annual average value) and forward Tanner Pearson. What the Jets got back in return included Rosen (a top forward prospect), pending UFA D-man Jacob Bryson and a trio of draft picks including a 2nd in 2027, a fourth in 2026 and a seventh in 2026.

So instead of having only four picks in the 2026 NHL Draft, the Jets are up to seven (with no pick in the second and two in the seventh). Recouping assets was a priority for Cheveldayoff and he accomplished that feat.

As for what could have been done better, there are a few layers to that answer. Had defenceman Colin Miller (knee) not been injured, he would have made sense as an insurance policy to one of the contenders. There was an outside chance the Jets were going to move D-man Ville Heinola, but since he's going to be a Group 6 UFA this summer, that might have limited the return there.

Shipping out another UFA or two could have been on the table, but the value coming back was probably limited. Cheveldayoff probably didn't want this to be a full-blown fire sale since the Jets have managed to stay in the playoff race with their strong start coming out of the Olympic break.

I had been curious about the Jets potentially taking a big ticket contract (as long as it was expiring on July 1) to try and add a first or second round pick as a sweetener, but none of those deals were made on deadline day, with the new rules on double retention likely playing a role there.

2. What are the odds that Kevin Cheveldayoff re-engages and signs Logan Stanley as a UFA? Consider: Normally the new team is motivated to extend but the Buffalo Sabres are unlikely to have the cap space to re-sign Stanley. Jets have plenty of cap space. Both Chevy and Stanley said they kept the door open. @bfj-mb.bsky.social

MCINTYRE: I would file this under possible, but rather unlikely. At this point, I suspect it would take a significant drop in ask from Stanley to make the numbers fit in Winnipeg.

As Ken reported last week, there were some 11th-hour discussions between Cheveldayoff and Stanley's camp on what a potential extension would look like. It's safe to say the two sides had rather different views, which is why the trade trigger got pulled late Thursday night.

The Jets couldn't afford to let their most valuable asset walk for nothing and I truly believe Cheveldayoff did well to package Stanley and Luke Schenn together and ultimately get four assets in return. That's some tidy business.

Given the season Stanley is having, along with his unique toolbox combined with the rapidly rising salary cap, I'd be shocked if there isn't a team or two this summer that makes Stanley an offer he simply can't refuse. Obviously how the final quarter of the season plays out for him in Buffalo along with his playoff performance will play a role as well.

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Now, should that not come to fruition, there's always a chance some circling back could happen — especially since it appears no bridges were burned. I just wouldn't hold my breath waiting for it to happen.

3. Mark Scheifele's omission, Kyle Connor's lack of opportunity and Josh Morrissey's injury (again) must be salt in their wounds (from the 4 Nations Face-Off). How do they play down the stretch? CRAIG

WIEBE: It's tough to argue with the results so far, though I realize it's only been one game back so far for Morrissey. All he did was come out of the infirmary to play nearly 24 minutes, help set up the tying goal on the power play and then deliver the OT winner for a team that was struggling mightily in extra time during his absence.

Morrissey was devastated by the injury that limited him to one period and change at the Olympics, but he's been focusing on gratitude and will continue to do so. There's no doubt he will be leaned on heavily during the final quarter of the season and I'd expect him to make a late offensive push for 60 points (he's got 44 with 20 games to go), which would make it four consecutive seasons of hitting the mark.

There's no doubt Scheifele was disappointed by his omission, but he's come out of the break playing an inspired game and was named NHL first star of the week on Monday after he delivered three goals and eight points during the past three games. He's not driven by the quest to hit numerical milestones, but he's up to 30 goals and 78 points in 62 games and remains on pace to eclipse his career-best of 87 points — and hitting the century mark for the first time in his career also remains a possibility.

Sitting out the gold medal game at the 4 Nations Face-Off was a challenge in itself, but being limited to two games at the Olympics would have been frustrating to Connor, who still came home with a gold medal from his experience. Connor has three goals and seven points in the six games coming out of the break and is playing inspired hockey. He's improved his two-way play and that's probably not a coincidence.

All three of these players are proud individuals and I expect them to continue to play at an extremely high level during the stretch run and if the Jets are going to somehow chase down the final playoff spot in the Western Conference standings, each of them will play a pivotal role — along with Connor Hellebuyck standing tall between the pipes.

4. I am curious as to your thoughts and the feeling around the team moving forward regarding Connor Hellebuyck. I believe he's had his moment in the sun (Olympic gold) and is the best goalie in the world, but going forward I'm not sure he's the one to lead the Jets to the promised land. His trade value would never be higher, yes, I said trade. I don't believe he will maintain this level of play with more Olympic fallout yet to come. I say Logan Thompson and Tom Wilson would both look great in a Jets sweater. DOUG

MCINTYRE: A year ago, the prospect of trading Hellebuyck — the reigning Hart and Vezina Trophy winner — would have gotten you laughed out of the room. The Jets, after all, were the best regular-season team in the NHL and poised to go on a championship run.

However, a tough playoff performance by Hellebuyck last spring combined with the Jets now looking like they won't even qualify for Lord Stanley's annual tournament has changed the tune, at least to a degree.

I see no world in which the Jets would even consider such a move UNLESS it was Hellebuyck himself who broached the subject — which I also don't envision occurring.

For one, the Jets have no desire to enter a long and potentially painful rebuild in this market, which is what would happen if you ship out Hellebuyck. Frankly, if you're doing that, I'd expect Mark Scheifele to follow him out the door. Maybe Kyle Connor, too. Not to mention Josh Morrissey, whose contract is soon up for renewal.

These core players committed long-term to Winnipeg, and vice versa, so moving any one of them would likely create a domino effect and a massive shift in organizational philosophy.

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Is it fun to think of what a Hellebuyck return could get you? Sure. But anyone thinking that would somehow set the Jets on a clear path to long-term success might want to take a look at the lowly Vancouver Canucks, who just traded their franchise player (Quinn Hughes) for a haul to Minnesota, yet now seem even further away from relevancy than ever before.

Hellebuyck is a player all 31 other NHL teams would love to have right now. You try and build around that — not get rid of it.

5. Is there any concern that if next season follows a path similar to this one that getting Josh Morrissey to re-sign in Winnipeg becomes an issue? CHUCK

WIEBE: The Jets have Morrissey under contract for the team-friendly AAV of US\$6.25 million for two more seasons after this one (with a 15-team no-trade clause), but I recognize your point would be to get him signed to an extension at the earliest point possible — which would be the summer of 2027.

While it's true that the Jets still face an uphill climb to qualify for the Stanley Cup playoffs, the expectation is that Winnipeg will attempt to reload this summer and take another run next season. As long as that happens, there shouldn't be an impediment to Morrissey getting an extension locked up, just like Kyle Connor did last October and Hellebuyck and Mark Scheifele did before that.

Morrissey, chosen 13th overall by the Jets in 2013, is a foundational pillar and the organization would like this to be the only NHL team he plays for. Morrissey shares those sentiments and has expressed them frequently. Things would need to go off the rails for Morrissey to end up somewhere else.

With a rapidly rising salary cap, you can be sure that Morrissey is in for a hefty raise on that next deal, but the expectation is that he will remain in Winnipeg for the duration of his career. Just

last Saturday, Morrissey chipped in a goal and an assist to move past his old defence partner Dustin Byfuglien as the franchise leader in points by a D-man (417 in 719 NHL games).

6. As someone who has been caught wrestling with wishes the Jets would just tank and earn a valuable, high draft pick, and then who catches myself cheering like they're battling for first place when a game is being played, what are your thoughts on how this team would best be served? BRIAN

MCINTYRE: Damned if you do. Damned if you don't.

I get the sense plenty of Jets fans are in the same mixed-emotion boat as you are, Brian — not sure whether to cheer or boo at this recent surge (4-0-2 since the Olympic break, 11-4-5 over the past 20 games) and the potential implications.

Here's my take: The Jets smartly moved a few expiring contracts at the deadline, which not only was good asset management and helped stock the prospect pipeline, but also paved the way for some younger and faster players to get opportunities that might otherwise have been blocked.

The Jets smartly moved a few expiring contracts at the deadline. Holding on to those guys in the name of a playoff push would have been a terrible decision. So the Jets were "sellers," at least to a degree.

Now, the players who are still here will determine how this season ends. They are not in the business of "tanking," so there's not much anyone can do but let the games play out.

Yes, a top five (or, even better, top three) draft pick this year would obviously be better for the Jets than something in the teens. But there's also something said for building a "winning culture" — or, to look at it from the opposite view, not building a "losing culture."

I know most folks believe the potential juice isn't worth the squeeze, with a likely first-round date (and prompt elimination) at the hands of the powerhouse Colorado Avalanche being the reward for grabbing that final wild-card spot.

Just don't tell that to the players, coaches, management or ownership, who would obviously love to have even a couple playoff games to help boost the bottom line.

7. My question is hypothetical, depending on how the team decides to play out the last 20 games and on whether the playoffs become further out of reach. Do you see the Jets coaching staff start the experimental phase of line construction? For example, should they experiment with 36 at 2C, or give 13 a crack at 2C? Move 57 to the top D pair and move 2 down to third D for a period of time? If the playoff push comes up short, I would be curious to see some new combos and see if the evergreen search for a 2C could be filled by someone already here. Not sure if you see the same upside for Morgan Barron, but he has put in the work to at least see what could be. CORY

MCINTYRE: Yes, absolutely.

For now, the Jets are essentially going with the status quo as they try and see if they might be able to sneak into that final Western Conference wild-card spot.

But if and when that no longer becomes a reality, I would definitely expect some tinkering. Moving Elias Salomonsson up with Josh Morrissey would be an easy one for me, just to give that duo a bit of a run together.

Elevating Barron, such as you suggest, would also make plenty of sense. I think the ship has mostly sailed on Gabe Vilardi as a centre, and much of that has to do with the wear and tear on the body that position takes and trying to keep the talented young winger as healthy and productive as possible.

I also think you'll see guys like trade deadline addition Isak Rosen, Manitoba Moose call-up Brad Lambert and a few other guys from the farm — Brayden Yager, perhaps — get some bigger opportunities down the stretch, once the games no longer carry the same high-stakes.

8. Why do the Jets keep Morgan Barron on the fourth line? Other than his ability to play centre, it seems like a waste of a big, fast and intelligent player. LEE

WIEBE: There seems to be plenty of internal and external debate about where Barron fits best in the lineup, whether that's down the middle or on the wing. For me, it's less about his position and more about his role, which goes back to your question and point.

Barron brings a lot of qualities the Jets don't have an abundance of in their Top-9, which is why I believe he's best suited to play alongside captain Adam Lowry on the checking-plus line. As the Jets are constructed right now, Lowry is being asked to centre more of a scoring line with Perfetti and Rosen.

But I've talked about reuniting Barron and Lowry before and believe that they've got good chemistry together and could flourish together. Barron is on the verge of hitting double digits in goals — despite two lengthy droughts this season — and he's someone that could hit 15-plus with a slight increase in ice time.

I can certainly understand why a head coach would want to have someone as stable as Barron on the fourth line and he's played well with Cole Koepke, but someone like Danny Zhilkin could likely slide into that job, with Barron taking on more responsibility.

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The Jets are coming to a crossroads with Barron, as he has one more season left on his contract before he has the ability to become an unrestricted free agent for the first time in his career. Moving him up the lineup might enhance the ability to get him signed to an extension before the current deal expires.

9a. What are the chances management are looking at a coaching change? @theredwun.bsky.social

9b. Is Scott Arniel the right coach going forward or is it time Kevin Cheveldayoff moves to front office and a new coach and GM are brought in and go in a new direction? My vibe is the Jets took a long time to decide on Rick Bowness as Barry Trotz was the front runner to coach this Jets team, but Trotz wanted to be a GM. With Trotz gone from Nashville, is it related to be closer to home and his father maybe the Jets are thinking him as GM. It's been 15 years and you wonder if Chevy's burning out. @golferwpg.bsky.social

MCINTYRE: I don't expect a coaching change to happen this off-season. Nor do I believe a new GM will be brought in. I think the organization has deep loyalty to both Kevin Cheveldayoff and Scott Arniel and ultimately believes this season is an outlier.

Now, we can debate about whether that's smart thinking. I'm just telling you what I believe they believe.

The Jets have shown zero sign of quit this year. In fact, quite the opposite. So there's no scenario here when Arniel has lost the room. Key players such as Mark Scheifele, Kyle Connor, Gabe Vilardi and Josh Morrissey are all having strong individual seasons, too.

Cheveldayoff has pointed the finger at himself when it comes to roster construction, and it's obvious some mistakes were made in that regard. The key now is learning from those errors and ensuring they don't happen again.

Increased pressure on Cheveldayoff and Arniel? Absolutely. As there should be. But I think they will be given every opportunity here to essentially right the ship.

10. I've never understood how a player like David Gustafsson was good enough for the big club when it was much better the past two or three years, but doesn't have a place in a much worse team this year. Maybe I'm exaggerating how much he played in previous years but it seems obvious he would be an upgrade on several current Jets. Same thought about Rasmus Kupari, I guess. (I'm not sure if he left because there was no place for him, or if he was leaving anyway.) Even with all the injuries, Gus doesn't get a look. Why does a player like him run out of runway? He's still young. He's mostly been fit this year. I don't get it. LES

WIEBE: This has been a bit of a mystery to me as well.

The short answer was that the Jets were looking for an upgrade or someone with a bit different skill set. Gustafsson, the Jets' second-round pick in the 2018 NHL Draft, was a reliable player who did a lot of things pretty well but wasn't truly elite in any particular area. He's incredibly intelligent and defensively sound, but never produced much offence at the NHL level (six goals, 20 points in 149 NHL games, plus two goals in 11 playoff games).

Although he worked at his skating, he isn't considered fast and while he competes hard, he wasn't really a physical force. He wasn't truly a force in the circle, so he never became a faceoff specialist and while he was adept at killing penalties at the AHL level, his opportunities on that front were limited in the NHL. He's had a strong season with the Manitoba Moose (nine goals, 30 points in 44 games) but it's looking more and more like a change of scenery might be required for him next season.

It often comes down to what type of player the head coach favours

Although he's a restricted free agent, Gustafsson is someone who might not receive a qualifying offer, which would make him a UFA. As for how things got to this point for Gustafsson, for players on the edge of the roster, it often comes down to what type of player the head coach favours. Cole Koepke hasn't matched his career-best 10 goals or 17 points from last season with the Boston Bruins (he's got five goals and 13 points in 46 games this season), but he's a regular on the penalty kill and also leads the Jets in hits, which is probably why he grabbed the fourth-line job.

As for Rasmus Kupari, his departure was a bit of a mystery, as it looked like he was going to get more opportunity with the Jets this season before signing a two-year deal in the Swiss League. Injuries have limited Kupari to one game this season with Lugano though, so his future is up in the air a bit.

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***Moose ready for extended runway on Jets' roster
Plenty of holes for top prospects to fill as season winds down***

By: Mike McIntyre

The time is now for Brad Lambert — and Isak Rosen, Elias Salomonsson and Ville Heinola, too.

The quartet of young skaters have all recently been summoned from the Manitoba Moose to finish the hockey season with the Winnipeg Jets in part of a concerted effort by the club to get a prolonged look at the team's future.

"It's awesome. That's all you ever dreamed of, just getting that opportunity. Now it's time to make the most of it," Lambert said Tuesday, a few hours prior to suiting for just the 12th NHL game of his career as the Jets faced the Anaheim Ducks.

Lambert, the 30th-overall pick in the 2022 draft, has spent the bulk of his first three pro seasons honing his craft in the American Hockey League. The 22-year-old Finnish forward has 173 games with the Moose on his resumé, including 34 this year, and believes his all-around game is now better for it.

"The main thing for me was just continuing to work on my game, making sure that when I do get that next opportunity, I'm as ready as I can be. And I feel like I am," he said.

Goals and assists and points are nice, and Lambert hopes they will eventually start coming in spades. He is an offence-first player, after all. But it's the play without the puck, and in his own end of the ice, that will ultimately determine if he can stick at this level.

"Just taking every opportunity I can to earn the coach's trust. And play a team game, play with the systems," he said.

As a result of Neal Pionk, Colin Miller, Vlad Namestnikov and Nino Niederreiter sidelined with injuries, Lambert will get an extended runway over the final six weeks of the season to prove he belongs. He is trying to soak it all in, including extended on-ice chats and hot stove sessions with 37-year-old Jonathan Toews.

"I've been watching him since I was a little kid," said Lambert, who spent much of his life growing up in Saskatchewan.

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Meanwhile, Rosen, 22 (1st round, 2021), gets the opportunity to prove himself as the new kid on the block; while Salomonsson, 21 (2nd round, 2022), has already ingrained himself well in Winnipeg’s blue-line core; and Heinola, 25 (1st round, 2019), will get one last look before he’s expected to enter free agency this summer.

It’s possible the Jets could look to the Moose for an additional youth movement down the stretch, especially if they ultimately fall out of the playoff race and decide to get a bit of a head start on next season — with multiple players including Toews, Miller, Gustav Nyquist, Cole Koepke and Jacob Bryson all pending unrestricted free agents on July 1.

There will be plenty of holes to fill, either internally or through free agency or trades.

Our latest monthly prospect report looks at 21 other players in the pipeline — 10 currently with the Moose, five in junior, three in college and three in Europe.

AHL:

F DAVID GUSTAFSSON (2nd round, 2018): You wonder if the ship has sailed on Gustafsson, who is second on the Moose in scoring with 30 points (nine goals, 21 assists) but hasn’t got a sniff from the big club. He’s a pending restricted free agent this summer, and you wonder if a change of scenery might be in the cards.

D TYREL BAUER (6th round, 2020): A heart-and-soul guy who Jets general manager Kevin Cheveldayoff recently praised, saying the Jets would love to give him an NHL debut later this season. And the big club is suddenly lacking in toughness with Schenn and Stanley’s departures, so file this under the “likely” category.

F NIKITA CHIBRIKOV (2nd round, 2021): Chibrikov’s stock has fallen sharply since training camp with the Jets. He only has seven points (3G, 4A) in 36 games this year after posting 65 (24G, 41A) in 100 previous AHL games over the past two seasons.

F DANNY ZHILKIN (3rd round, 2022): Another guy who could be in line for a late-season call-up. Made his NHL debut earlier this year and opened plenty of eyes. Has 19 points (10G, 9A) in 45 AHL games.

F FABIAN WAGNER (6th round, 2022): Not much happening here with the forward, who has just one goal in 21 games and has been a healthy scratch at times on a deep Moose roster.

G DOM DIVINCENTIIS (7th round, 2022): He’s part of a strong one-two goaltending punch on the farm. DiVincentiis now has a 2.74 goals-against average and .907 save percentage along with two shutouts in 26 games.

F COLBY BARLOW (1st round, 2023): The offence hasn’t come easy with just eight points (3G, 5A) through 44 games. Clearly a longer-term project here that is going to require much more seasoning.

F BRAYDEN YAGER (1st round, 2023): The only player on this list not actually drafted by the Jets, but we include him because of the high-profile trade with Pittsburgh for 2022 first-rounder

Rutger McGroarty. Yager is having a decent rookie season with 20 points (8G, 12A) in 51 games.

G THOMAS MILIC (5th round, 2023): The other half of the dynamic duo in net, with a 2.49 GAA and .907 SV% through 25 games.

F JACOB JULIEN (5th round, 2023): A training camp injury delayed his pro debut which eventually came at the ECHL level, but he's now played 13 games with the Moose and has three assists so far.

OHL:

F KEVIN HE (4th round, 2024): The captain of the Niagara IceDogs was traded mid-season to the Flint Firebirds, who are loading up for a potential Memorial Cup run. He has 39 points (21G, 18A) in 27 games with the new club and 70 points (35 G, 35G) in 55 overall games this season, which has him 14th in OHL scoring.

F KIERON WALTON (6th round, 2024): An incredible year for the power forward, who is fifth in OHL scoring with 83 points (37G, 46A) in games with the Peterborough Petes (his current team) and Sudbury Wolves (who traded him).

D EDISON ENGLE (6th round, 2025): The Illinois teen is an offensive defenceman who got off to a sizzling start but has really cooled off. He has 27 points (3G, 25A) in 55 games for the Brantford Bulldogs. He's expected to head to college next year.

F JACOB CLOUTIER (7th round, 2025): Cloutier continues to have a strong second half and is up to 41 points (18G, 23A) in 59 games with the Saginaw Spirit, which is six back of the career high he set last season.

WHL:

F OWEN MARTIN (3rd round, 2025): The Oakbank product is scorching hot, now with 48 points (22G, 26A) in 59 games with the Spokane Chiefs. That's double what he had as a rookie.

NCAA:

D GARRETT BROWN (4th round, 2022): He's a key part of a powerful University of Denver club and has set a new career high with nine points (2G, 7A) through 29 games.

F ZACH NEHRING (3rd round, 2023): The offence has slowed down a bit for Nehring, who was part of the Frozen Four Western Michigan University championship team a year ago. The North Dakotan has 17 points (5G, 12A) in 32 games so far this year after putting up 30 points (13G, 17A) in 42 games a year ago.

D SASCHA BOUMEDIENNE (1st round, 2025): The 19-year-old, who helped lead Sweden to World Junior gold, is having a great sophomore season in college despite still being one of the youngest players. He has 10 points (2G, 8A) in 33 games with Boston University this year.

EUROPE:

D ALFONS FREIJ (2nd round, 2024): The gold-medal teammate of Boumedienne's is having success with Timra IK of the top Swedish men's league this season. He has 10 points (6G, 4A) through 40 games.

F MARKUS LOPONEN (5th round, 2024): The 19-year-old Finn left home last year to play in the WHL, putting up a solid 44 points (19G, 25A) in 65 games with the Victoria Royals. He's now back home, suiting up with two different teams in SM-Liiga where he has five points (2G, 3A) in 41 games.

F VIKTOR KLINGSELL (5th round, 2025): He ripped up the Swedish junior league with 43 points (17G, 26A) in 25 games, had one goal in 12 games following a call-up to the the top men's league, and is now in Sweden's 1st Division league where he has seven points (1G, 6A) in eight games with Ostersunds IK.

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'Laid an egg': Jets fowl in a 4-1 loss to the Ducks

By Gordon Anderson

Not only did the Jets fail to win, they failed to entertain too.

"We laid a big, fat egg," head coach Scott Arniel said following a 4-1 loss to the Anaheim Ducks on Tuesday night. "We didn't execute, we didn't compete for pucks and chased the game, chased the whole game. They had the puck for most of the night and when we did have it, we turned it over."

Morgan Barron gave the Jets a 1-0 lead at 5:05 of the second period, but the Ducks scored three goals in 1:44 in the second period to lead by two goals after 40 minutes. Jackson LaCombe then scored into the empty net late in the third.

"There are going to be nights where you don't have it, but regardless, it calls for a better effort than that," Barron said.

Not only did the Jets fail to gain ground in the Western Conference playoff chase, they didn't gain much traction with the 13,249 in attendance, either.

The Jets (26-27-10) were roasted by the crowd in the third period, receiving Bronx cheers for shots on goal by Cole Koepke and Jonathan Toews. The Koepke shot, the fourth of the period for Winnipeg, was registered with 9:06 remaining in the game. Later in the period, the crowd started mocking the Jets, chanting "shoot the puck" in unison during a Winnipeg offensive zone sequence. The Jets registered seven shots in the final period for a game total of 13.

"It's not a good feeling," Barron said. "You can hear the frustration. I think they have the right to be frustrated in a game like that, right like we need all these points right now, and especially against a team like that, that's going to be in the playoffs, but we're hunting all these teams in front of us to."

Mark Scheifele, Kyle Connor and Gabe Vilardi didn't register a shot on goal. In addition, all three players registered a minus-3 on the night.

"We were thoroughly dominated through 60 minutes," Adam Lowry said.

One game after setting the franchise record for points as a defenceman with 417 points (91 goals, 326 assists), Josh Morrissey set the record for most games played by a defenceman with 720. The Jets unbeaten streak is snapped at six games.

Tim Washe, Ryan Poehling and Alex Killorn also scored for the Ducks (36-25-3). Anaheim swept the season series, outscoring Winnipeg 13-6. The Ducks won 4-1 in November and 5-4 in overtime in late February. Lukas Dostal (26-14-2) stopped 12 shots for the win.

The Jets host the New York Rangers on Thursday.

Ice Chips

Ville Heinola and Vlad Namestnikov were scratched.

Updates

Neal Pionk and Colin Miller don't appear to be anywhere near a return to practice with 19 games remaining in the season. Meanwhile, Nino Niederreiter and Vlad Namestnikov have returned to active duty, though very limited at this point.

Pionk injured himself before the three-game road trip out of the Olympic break. Niederreiter had knee surgery in early March, and Namestnikov was hurt during the Anaheim game on Feb. 27 when he collided with Adam Lowry. Niederreiter is expected to miss four to six weeks.

"Pionk and Miller are, kind of, two days on and then taking a couple of days off," Arniel said. "Nino and Vlad got on the ice on Tuesday for the first time, but it was pushing pucks, getting a feel for the puck."

One man, two shots

The Jets registered two shots on net in the first period with Gustav Nyquist taking the honours. His first shot from near the left post hit Dostal at 3:27, and his second shot came at 19:55 when he was left all alone in front of the net, His shot hit Dostal in the crest as time ran out. Anaheim registered eight shots on goal. The Jets also had one powerplay opportunity.

Add one more

Barron became the sixth player on the team to reach the 10-goal mark when he deflected an Elias Salomonsson slap shot behind Dostal at 5:04 of the second period. Scheifele, Connor, Vilardi, Morrissey and Alex Iafallo are the others who have registered at least 10 goals.

Quack, quack, quack

The Ducks buried the Jets with three goals in a 1:44 span during the second period.

After Barron spotted the Jets a 1-0 advantage, Washe, Poehling and Killorn scored.

Washe jammed both the puck and Haydn Fleury into the net for his second of the season at 6:24, Poehling deflected a point shot behind Hellebuyck 14 seconds later for his eighth, and Killorn beat Hellebuyck to the blocker side with a shot from the left face-off circle for his ninth at 8:08. Brad Lambert's clearing attempt was intercepted by Poehling at the blue line. Poehling then dished the puck to Killorn near the top of the face-off circle prior to the shot. The Jets were outshot 20-5 in the second period.

“It looks like we have nothing to play for out there,” Barron told Kevin Sawyer of TSN during a second period intermission interview.

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Brad Lambert getting his “runway” with the Winnipeg Jets

By Gordon Anderson

It is somewhat apropos the Jets are giving a young player a wide runway for the remainder of the regular season.

“There is another good runway for (Brad Lambert) as he is going to be here for the rest of the year, and this is going to be an opportunity for him to show us what he can do,” head coach Scott Arniel said on Tuesday morning. “He has been building as a pro in the last couple of years. Again, every day is a chance to learn and grow and continue to show what he can do.”

The Jets selected Lambert in the first round (30th overall) of the 2022 draft.

“That’s all you ever dreamed of getting that opportunity, and now it’s just time to make the most of it,” Lambert said.

Heading into Tuesday night’s game against the Anaheim Ducks, Lambert has played in 11 NHL games.

This year, he has played back-to-back games on two separate occasions, loaned back to the Manitoba Moose after two games played. Tuesday will be his sixth game of the season, a career high in games played for the 22-year-old from Lahti, Finland.

On Saturday night against the Vancouver Canucks Lambert played wing on a line with Morgan Barron and Cole Koepke. He logged 7:26 at five-on-five and 49 seconds on the powerplay. Depending on the flow of the game against the Ducks, there is a chance Lambert will receive a better look-see on the second unit.

“There is a lot of speed on that line, and they had some real good looks offensively, and he compliments being a right shot on that line,” Aniel said. “We will see if he gets a powerplay opportunity with the second unit. On Saturday, there wasn’t a whole lot of ice in the sense that the first group was on a little bit longer.”

At practice on Tuesday, Lambert was again skating with Barron and Koepke. Originally a centre, Lambert has now been moved to the wing.

The stats say the trio performed admirably, as they didn’t allow a single shot attempt against in 6:01 of five-on-five minutes against the Canucks.

“I felt like we had a good game,” Lambert said. “Those two guys are great players, fast, have some size, some speed, some skill, and so, they’re a great line for me to play on. I just gotta keep going.”

In 34 games with the Moose, Lambert produced six goals and seven assists in 34 games. He has one goal and two helpers in 11 NHL games.

Even though Arniel says Lambert has 'speed, puck handling and play-making ability,' the right-handed shot man is working like the dickens to become a reliable two-way player, figuring, and rightly so, that playing responsible defensive hockey will surely earn him more than 10 minutes a night. And responsible defensive hockey will surely lead to more offensive chances, thereby unleashing some of his offensive skills.

"I (want) to earn the coach's trust," Lambert said. "And play a team game, play with the systems. And playing with those two guys helps a lot. Obviously, they're both very responsible, but I think we can also create some offense."

Leak proofing

The Jets have allowed two goals or less in five of their last six games. The outlier was the 5-4 overtime loss to Anaheim on Feb. 27. Consequently, they are 4-0-2 in their last six games. Earning at least one point in six consecutive games is a season high.

"Ultimately, that's what you want to do from Game 1 (onward)" Arniel said. "This is where you're playing your playoff style of hockey. We're going to have to do it all the way in. We can't allow teams to have easy offence. We've got to make sure that we are good with how we cover, how we defend, and how quickly we do it. We have gotten great goaltending, so that helps us an awful lot as well."

And for the 20 games remaining in the regular season, expect low event hockey, with the occasional blip or two along the way. After all, this team has been inconsistent this season.

"At this time of the year, from the Olympic break and on, they're all low-scoring games," the coach said. "Everybody is in the battle, and they're not going to give up a whole lot of ice. We have to be the same way. You can't get into these shootout games, and you can't get into run and gun games."