

***THREE THINGS: Jets miss out on two points vs. Stars  
Stanley goal with 1:43 left in third helps Jets get a point in Dallas***

By Jamie Thomas

The Winnipeg Jets lost 4-3 in overtime to the Dallas Stars at American Airlines Center to finish their four-game road trip 2-1-1. Gabe Vilardi (1G, 1A), Mark Scheifele (2A) and Cole Perfetti (1G, 1A) all had multi-point nights for the Jets who are now 22-25-8. The Jets will play their final game before the Olympic break on Wednesday at home against the Montreal Canadiens.

***SOLID SECOND PERIOD***

After giving up the game's first goal, Winnipeg stayed with it and were rewarded with a 2-on-1 with Josh Morrissey and Cole Perfetti, Perfetti's shot was stopped by Jake Oettinger, but Gabe Vilardi came in and cleaned up the rebound for his 21st.

Just over a minute later, Mikko Rantanen was penalized for tripping Gustav Nyquist and that gave the Jets their third power play of the night. It took all of 27 seconds for Winnipeg to take their first lead of the evening when Perfetti scored his second goal in as many games, this one on the man advantage.

"He's playing with confidence, and that's kind of the Cole you know. When he's feeling really good about things, he makes plays," said Scott Arniel.

"And he's playing on the inside. He's going to the hard areas to get that offense. And you know what, I just like his compete. When he does that good things happen."

***THE BIG GUY***

With the goaltender pulled in favour of an extra attacker, the Jets pressed for the tying goal and Kyle Connor came close to tying the game but his shot went off the crossbar. But Winnipeg kept pressing and then Mark Scheifele found Logan Stanley and his shot beat Oettinger for his ninth of the campaign and tied the game with 1:43 left. The Jets defenceman was happy with the opportunity to be on the ice late in the game.

"Yeah, it's great," said Stanley.

"Obviously it comes with them trusting me to be out there and make a play. I'm glad I was able to help tonight."

The game would go to the extra frame and Scheifele had a chance to end it but he was denied on a breakaway by Oettinger. The Stars would come back the other way and Thomas Harley scored the winning goal 2:05 into overtime.

"I liked how we stayed in it. We're able to get one," said Adam Lowry.

"Obviously, two is super critical for us at this point, but to see them score, and us just get one late, at least salvage a point. And it's at least a small positive for us."

### **RANTANEN HAS JETS NUMBER**

Mikko Rantanen has always been able to produce offence against the Jets during his time with the Colorado Avalanche, but he really has turned it on since becoming a member of the Stars. The Finnish forward had six points in the first two meetings of the season and registered an assist on the opening goal of the game tonight. But with the game tied at two in the third period, Rantanen attacked at the Jets blueline stepping around Luke Schenn and then past Connor Hellebuyck before tapping the puck into the open net and has eight points in three games against Winnipeg.

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### ***Harley scores in OT, Stars recover against Jets for 5th straight win Defenseman gets goal at 2:05 after Stanley ties it with 1:43 left in 3rd for Winnipeg***

By Taylor Baird

DALLAS -- Thomas Harley scored 2:05 into overtime for the Dallas Stars, who recovered for a 4-3 win against the Winnipeg Jets at American Airlines Center on Monday.

Harley finished on a forehand-to-backhand move in front off a pass from Matt Duchene.

"[Duchene] pulled up, two guys went with him," Harley said. "Kind of filled the open space. It was a nice pass. Picked it up, looked it up, held off whoever was poke-checking and kind of moved to my backhand and try to elevate. OT is a little random. We won the draw tonight, the start of it was big. [Jake Oettinger] made a save when we needed him to, which is most of the time he does that, and then you've just got to bury your chances."

Harley's goal came after Logan Stanley tied it 3-3 with 1:43 remaining in the third period when his shot from the left face-off circle deflected off Mikko Rantanen's stick with Connor Hellebuyck pulled for the extra attacker.

"They got a great team over there," Stanley said. "It's a game of inches and mistakes. We had chances all night. Their goalie played good, [Hellebuyck] played good. I think that's close to how we have to play. I think in the second period we can clean some stuff up through the neutral zone but there was a lot of good in that game. That's a top-three, top-five team in the League, so we're right there. We just got to try to find a way to win."

Rantanen had a goal and an assist, and Jason Robertson and Nils Lundkvist also scored for the Stars (33-14-9), who have won five straight and six of their past seven (6-1-0). Miro Heiskanen had two assists, and Oettinger made 24 saves.

"I think we want to take care of business before the long break," Oettinger said. "They won the Presidents' Trophy last year; they know how to win and score. Obviously, we would have liked to close it out there, but it's not always perfect. We got it done in overtime."

Gabriel Vilardi and Cole Perfetti each had a goal and an assist for the Jets (22-25-8), who have lost four of six (2-2-2). Hellebuyck made 24 saves.

"That was a game that was winnable," Winnipeg coach Scott Arniel said. "Second period, we got up 2-1. You know, really, we got sloppy with and without the puck, especially through the neutral zone. But, at the end of the day, we hung in there and had a pretty good third period. I know they scored that goal, but we found a way to get ourselves back at the end, having a chance to try to get two points. And at the end of the day, you really hope to find a way to finish those off."

Robertson scored on the power play to give Dallas a 1-0 lead 48 seconds into the second period when he redirected Rantanen's centering pass in the slot.

"I think you can see that we've had meetings here about we lost a bit of our edge and our physicality over the last [stretch]," Stars coach Glen Gulutzan said. "We had it early and then when you get out to a good start and then after Christmas you think it's going to come easy, but that's not the way it works. We had to get that back and we've got it back in the last three games. It makes a difference in our play."

Vilardi tied it 1-1 at 2:26 on a rebound in the slot, and Perfetti's power-play goal gave the Jets a 2-1 lead at 3:58 on a shot from just outside the left circle.

"I think it was a fairly even game," Winnipeg forward Adam Lowry said. "Chances at both ends of the rink. Both goalies made good saves, and then it gets down to 3-on-3, and kind of tough way to end it. I liked how we stayed in it. We're able to get one [point]. Obviously, two is super critical for us at this point, but to see them score, and us just get one late, at least salvage a point -- it's at least a small positive for us."

Lundkvist tied it 2-2 at 15:13 on a rebound from the top of the crease.

Rantanen then put the Stars back ahead 3-2 at 12:17 of the third period when he dangled the puck around Jets defenseman Luke Schenn before backhanding it past the outstretched foot of Hellebuyck.

"Good play by [Justin Hryckowian] in the neutral zone to get it out of midair," Rantanen said. "Tried to fake the shot to try to get the [defenseman] to bite, and he did, and then tried to beat him inside. Then I kind of lost it a little bit, so had to make a deke. Glad to see it go in and help the team."

"They're big points. Colorado, Minnesota, they don't lose a lot of games so we can't lose either if we want to fight for that home ice in the first round. So it's important to do things right."

*NOTES:* It was Harley's sixth career overtime goal, tying John Klingberg for the most by a Stars/North Stars defenseman in franchise history. ... Oettinger, who is set to represent Team USA at the upcoming Olympic Winter Games Milano Cortina 2026, became the seventh American goalie to record 10 career winning streaks of five games, joining Jonathan Quick (16), Tom Barrasso (12), Ryan Miller (11), Mike Richter (11), Frank Brimsek (11) and Ben Bishop (10).

## **Associated Press**

<https://www.sportsnet.ca/nhl/article/jets-lose-in-overtime-to-streaking-stars/>

### ***Jets lose to streaking Stars in overtime***

By Associated Press

DALLAS — Thomas Harley scored at 2:05 of overtime, and the Dallas Stars matched their longest winning streak of the season at five games with a 4-3 victory over the Winnipeg Jets on Monday night.

The goal came moments after Jake Oettinger made a pad save on Mark Schiefele's breakaway in a matchup of the top two goalies for Team USA in the second-to-last game before the break for the Milan Cortina Olympics. Oettinger and expected U.S. starter Connor Hellebuyck each stopped 24 shots.

Mikko Rantanen put Dallas ahead 3-2 with 7:43 left in regulation on a weaving play through two defenders, but Logan Stanley got the Jets even on a 6-on-5 goal with 1:43 to go.

Jason Robertson had his 199th career goal and team-leading 31st this season and Nils Lundkvist scored as the Stars won their 18th one-goal game, tying the New York Islanders for the NHL lead.

Gabriel Vilardi and Cole Perfetti had a goal and an assist apiece for the Jets, and Scheifele had two assists.

Matt Duchene's four-game goal streak ended, but he had two assists along with Miro Heiskanen. His pass put Harley one-on-one with Hellebuyck, who was beaten by a backhand over his left pad.

The Jets went ahead 2-1 slightly more than three minutes after Robertson scored the game's first goal early in the second period. Villardi's 21st of the season came on a rebound, and Perfetti ended Winnipeg's five-game streak without a power-play goal by scoring at 3:58 of the second.

The Stars pulled even when Nils Lundkvist poked a rebound past Hellebuyck on a shot from Duchene with five minutes left in the second period.

### ***Up next***

Both teams play their final game before the three-week Olympic break at home Wednesday night. The Jets face Montreal, and St. Louis visits the Stars.

## **Winnipeg Free Press**

<https://www.winnipegfreepress.com/breakingnews/2026/02/02/familiar-feeling-when-jets-stars-do-battle-in-dallas>

### ***Familiar feeling when Jets, Stars do battle in Dallas***

By: Ken Wiebe

DALLAS – It felt like the Winnipeg Jets and Dallas Stars jumped into a time machine — even the final result was eerily similar.

A 4-3 overtime loss by the visitors on Monday night was reminiscent of the last time these teams took to the ice inside American Airlines Center in May, though the stakes weren't quite as high.

While the Stars are embroiled in a battle for second place in the Central Division, the Jets are essentially fighting for their playoff lives.

For the better part of three periods, this was a back-and-forth affair, as even as it gets.

A goal at 18:17 of the third period from Jets defenceman Logan Stanley with the extra attacker forced overtime, but Stars blue-liner Thomas Harley gave his team the victory in extra time — just like he did in Game 6 of the second round playoff series which ended Winnipeg's Presidents' Trophy winning season.

"Chances at both ends of the rink. Both goalies made good saves, and then it gets down to three on three," said Jets captain Adam Lowry. "Kind of a tough way to end it. But, I liked how we stayed in it. We're able to get one. Obviously, two is super critical for us at this point, but to see them score (to break the 2-2 tie), and us get one late to at least salvage a point. It's at least a small positive for us."

It was a wild finish that included a remarkable individual effort that made it 3-2 for the Stars before Stanley's sharp-angle shot changed direction and went in with 1:43 to go in regulation, setting the stage for some more frantic action during the three-on-three session.

"Anything can happen in overtime," said Stanley. "We get our best player (Mark Scheifele) on a breakaway, the goalie makes a great save. They make a really nice play and win the game. It's obviously frustrating. We're happy we got a point, but looking for two."

The Jets, who finished the road trip at 2-1-1, slipped to 22-25-8 for the season. They have now lost eight consecutive games this year that have gone beyond regulation.

"It's a game of inches and mistakes. We had chances all night," said Stanley.

"Obviously we would have liked to win tonight and be 3-1 after the road trip. Five out of eight (points) is good but we're desperate for points. We gotta win them all. So it stings. Usually you're happy with a point at the end of a road trip in a tough building like this, but it stings for sure."

The Jets had built a 2-1 advantage before Nils Lundqvist tied the game 2-2 at 15:13 of the second period.

"That was a game that was winnable," said Jets head coach Scott Arniel. "We got sloppy with and without the puck, especially through the neutral zone. But, at the end of the day, we hung in there and had a pretty good third period.

"I know they scored that goal, but we found a way to get ourselves back at the end, having a chance to try to get two points. And at the end of the day you really hope to find a way to finish those off."

Winnipeg now returns home to face the Montreal Canadiens on Wednesday at Canada Life Centre in the final game before the Olympic break.

Here's a look at what else transpired in this Central Division battle.

### *THE DUEL*

One would imagine the coaching staff and management team was watching closely as Jets goalie Connor Hellebuyck battled with Stars netminder Jake Oettinger.

Hellebuyck was the starting goalie for Team USA at the 4 Nations Face-Off last February and there's a good chance he will be starting the opening game in Italy, but the numbers for all three masked men on the roster (including Jeremy Swayman of the Boston Bruins) are remarkably similar this season.

That means any chance to tip the scales in one's favour can be a valuable opportunity to help your cause.

Both goalies were excellent in this game, turning aside 24 shots each. Oettinger's best came during the three-on-three session as he stoned Mark Scheifele on a breakaway.

Oettinger relishes the opportunity to duel with Hellebuyck and is excited to be teammates once again later this week.

"I love when I get to play against the best in the league and he's been that for a long time," Oettinger told reporters. "Love getting to compete against the best guys in the world. He was great again. Always tight against (Winnipeg), you know you're not going to get any freebies because of him."

### *HEATING UP*

The slow start for Cole Perfetti has been well documented, but after getting a little further along from the high ankle sprain that sidelined him late in the exhibition season, the Jets forward is heating up offensively of late.

By scoring a goal and adding an assist on Monday, Perfetti has four goals and 11 points in the past 17 games.

Perfetti's goal came on the power play, where he was recently promoted back onto the top unit. That marker snapped a zero-for-14 drought for the Jets with the man-advantage.

Perfetti's assist was a smart shot off the pad of Oettinger during a three-on-one rush that linemate Gabe Vilardi jumped on to bury the rebound.

Perfetti's point totals (six goals, 18 points in 41 games) aren't near the level he was hoping for going into the season, but his game is getting closer to how he looked during the Stanley Cup playoffs, where he played a pivotal role in the Game 7 Manitoba Miracle victory over the St. Louis Blues.

"He's playing with confidence, and that's kind of the Cole you know," said Arniel. "When he's feeling really good about things, he makes plays. And he's playing on the inside. He's going to the hard areas to get that offense. And you know what, I just like his compete. When he does that good things happen."

#### *THE KEY PLAY*

Harley's overtime beauty was the difference.

#### *THE THREE STARS*

1. DAL RW Mikko Rantanen, Highlight-reel goal and an assist.
2. WPG LW Cole Perfetti, One goal, one assist.
3. DAL D Thomas Harley, Scored the OT winner, had four shots on goal.

#### *THE REACTION*

Arniel was more than happy to weigh in with some thoughts on the Stadium Series outdoor game played at Raymond James Stadium in Tampa Bay on Sunday. The Lightning won after they rallied from a 5-1 deficit to earn a 6-5 shootout victory over the Boston Bruins.

Strathclair product Morgan Geekie had two goals and an assist to help pace the Bruins attack, but the scrap between goalies Andrei Vasilevskiy and Swayman attracted quite a bit of attention.

"Oh yeah, that was one of the best games I've seen in a long time. Not just because it was outdoors," said Arniel.

"With all the penalties, the comeback, it was fun, it was exciting. And now, it's the latest and greatest thing, with goalies fighting. I really don't want my goalie doing that. But at the end of the day, it was pretty entertaining and I'm pretty sure the (hockey) nation was excited about watching that."

One thing Arniel won't be doing when the Jets host the Montreal Canadiens in the Heritage Classic next October is sporting a flashy white suit with a buttoned-down dress shirt and gold chains like Lightning head coach Jon Cooper was rocking on Sunday in Florida.

"No, I'm not going to dress like Coop. No chance," said Arniel. "I'm going to be in a jacket or a heavy fur coat or something."

#### *YOU LOOK FAMILIAR*

Former Jets defenceman Kyle Capobianco is enjoying a solid season with the Dallas Stars, thanks in part to his skating ability and offensive instincts.

Capobianco, who spent parts of two seasons in the Jets organization and appeared in 14 games with the Jets and 69 more with the Manitoba Moose in the American Hockey League, suited up in his 30th game of the campaign with the Stars on Monday.

Capobianco has two goals and five points while averaging just over 12 minutes per game and even got some time on the power play earlier this season.

“He’s impressed me,” said Stars head coach Glen Gulutzan. “At times, when we’ve had lots of guys out for periods of time, he came in on the back end and played and he created offence for us. He actually helped us move the puck and get us into the other team’s zone and made some big plays for us. I thought that our team, when he played, was much better offensively, with the way that he could drive play to the other end.

“Our system in the D-zone is helpful to him too. He’s been a surprise for me. He helps our group.”

Capobianco signed a two-year, one-way deal with the Stars in the summer of 2024 for US \$775,000 to be a depth defenceman and he’s providing some nice value.

### *EXTRA, EXTRA*

The Jets survived a two-man disadvantage during the second period that lasted 74 seconds. Considering how lethal the Stars power play has been (first on home ice and second in the NHL overall) this season, surviving that session played a big role in the final outcome.

The special teams battle was even at 1-1 as Stars winger Jason Robertson scored with the man-advantage to tie the game during the second period.

The Jets healthy scratches were defenceman Isaak Phillips and forward Tanner Pearson.

<https://www.winnipegfreepress.com/breakingnews/2026/02/02/nyquist-still-sees-enough-runway-to-salvage-season>

### ***Nyquist still sees enough runway to salvage season Jets’ forward motivated to deliver after earning first-line start***

By: Ken Wiebe

DALLAS — A quick chat with Gustav Nyquist gives you the sense that he’s heard some of the rumblings.

As it turns out, the Winnipeg Jets forward had a stern message for those who might believe his NHL days might be numbered.

“I’ve been in this league for a long time and been pretty consistent at it,” Nyquist said after the morning skate and before the Jets faced the Dallas Stars to close out a four-game road trip Monday.

“I know what I can do and I still believe that I have plenty of game left in me, so hopefully I’ll show that here.”

Belief is an essential ingredient for all professional athletes, especially one that is approaching 900 games of NHL service time (and nearly 1,000 if you count the 83 Stanley Cup playoff games on his resum?).

This is a player that has hit or eclipsed the 20-goal plateau four times, including 2023-24 when he recorded 23 goals and a career-high 75 points in 81 games with the Nashville Predators while playing mostly on the top line with Ryan O’Reilly and Filip Forsberg.



Make no mistake, Nyquist's belief was probably tested during a span of 12 healthy scratches in a 14-game period before he returned to the lineup against the Florida Panthers on Saturday.

Nyquist started that game on the fourth line, but was promoted to the top line for parts of the second and third period and that turn of the blender helped lead to the game-winning goal.

On the play in question, Nyquist picked up speed through the neutral zone, had a clean zone entry and feathered a pass through the skates of Uvis Balinskis and onto the tape of Kyle Connor, who got the puck over to Mark Scheifele for his 27th goal of the season.

"It happens fast. You just try to make a move where the legs naturally open up," said Nyquist. "Sometimes it hits the skate and sometimes it doesn't."

Nyquist was quick to credit his linemates for capping off the play, but the reality is that the play doesn't happen without his contribution.

"I know what I can do and I still believe that I have plenty of game left in me, so hopefully I'll show that here."

He took the puck confidently to the middle of the ice just inside the blue line and the degree of difficulty of the pass he completes is off the charts.

"Those are the things that you look (for)," said Jets head coach Scott Arniel. "When he has the puck, he's creative. He's got great vision, great patience. The other night, I liked how fast he played. The whole group played fast, but I really liked the way he moved his feet and made a difference, whether that was being first on the forecheck or getting back to our end for breakouts and those types of things."

Connor recognizes what Nyquist brings to the table.

"He's got a lot of skill and creativity no matter where he's playing in the lineup," said Connor. "I don't think that changes the way he plays. He gets his feet moving when he's playing with speed and when you have that kind of skill, and that brain to go along with it to make high-end plays, it's awesome to see."

Nyquist will start Monday's game on the top line and he's hoping to be someone that helps provide the Jets' lineup with a bit more balance if he can put a string of strong outings together.

"You've got to take advantage of the opportunities that you get," said Nyquist. "Those are two great players and guys that you want to play with."

How was Nyquist able to stay ready for when his number was called again?

"When he has the puck, he's creative. He's got great vision, great patience."

"Yeah, it is (tough). You've just got to take it day by day, to get as many reps as you can in the few reps that you get," said Nyquist, who was originally chosen by the Detroit Red Wings in the fourth round (121st overall) of the 2008 NHL draft.

“Obviously, it’s hard to do because of the schedule and what it’s like, with how few practice days that we actually have. So, take advantage of the time after the morning skate, try to stay in shape and try to stay ready.”

Nyquist has been around the game long enough to know this season has been a disappointment so far.

His production level is nowhere near what was expected of him when he signed a one-year deal on July 2 that carries an average annual value of US\$3.25 million.

The Jets envisioned him playing a role on the second line with Jonathan Toews and Cole Perfetti and that combination has only been used together for one shift this season.

Nyquist’s inability to find the back of the net in the first 33 games he’s appeared in wasn’t what he — or the Jets — had envisioned.

But Nyquist still sees enough runway to salvage what was starting to look like a lost season.

“This has been a new experience for me, it’s never happened before, so I’m trying to find my own way through it,” said Nyquist, who had nine assists heading into Monday’s action. “Guys go about it in different ways and I’ve had my ways. It just is what it is.”

“You’ve got to take advantage of the opportunities that you get... Those are two great players and guys that you want to play with.”

Since Nyquist is one of eight pending unrestricted free agents on the active roster — and since he’s been moved at the NHL trade deadline three times in his career already — he’s someone to keep an eye on during the coming weeks.

On two separate occasions, Nyquist was acquired by the Minnesota Wild for a playoff run — once in 2023 when he was acquired from the Columbus Blue Jackets and then again last spring when he was traded there by the Predators.

The other time, Nyquist was acquired by the San Jose Sharks from the Red Wings in 2019, when he helped the Sharks reach the Western Conference final before getting eliminated by the St. Louis Blues, chipping in one goal and 11 points in 20 playoff games.

So, whether he’s still with the Jets or joining a contender for the stretch run prior to the Mar. 6 deadline, Nyquist knows what is required of him and he’s motivated to deliver.

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<https://www.tsn.ca/nhl/video/2026/02/03/sawyer-on-jets-vs-stars-this-game-was-a-burner/>

***Sawyer on Jets vs. Stars: 'This game was a burner' (VIDEO)***

TSN's Dan Robertson and Kevin Sawyer recap all the action from the highly competitive game between the Winnipeg Jets and Dallas Stars on Monday night.

## **Global Winnipeg**

<https://globalnews.ca/news/11649710/harleys-ot-winner-lifts-dallas-past-winnipeg-jets-4-3/>

### ***Harley's OT winner lifts Dallas past Winnipeg Jets 4-3***

By Christian Aumell & Russ Hobson Global News

The last time the Winnipeg Jets played a game in Dallas, Thomas Harley scored the overtime winner to end their season in the Stanley Cup Playoffs.

Perhaps fittingly, on Groundhog Day, it was Harley who again played the OT hero as the Jets fell to the Stars 4-3 Monday night in Texas.

The Jets tied the game with the goalie pulled late in regulation, and only moments after Mark Scheifele was stopped on a breakaway in overtime, Harley scored the game-winner to force the Jets to settle for a single point.

"Anything can happen in overtime," said Jets defenceman Logan Stanley who tied the game with only 1:43 left. "We got our best player on a breakaway and goalie makes a great save. They make a really nice play and win the game. So, it's obviously frustrating. We're happy we got a point, but obviously looking for two."

Immediately after the game-winning goal was scored, Jets goalie Connor Hellebuyck argued with the referee, believing the play should have been blown dead earlier.

"He got hit with a shot there, his mask was undone," said Jets head coach Scott Arniel. "And he was hollering and screaming while the play was going up and then that was it."

Cole Perfetti and Gabriel Vilardi each had a goal and an assist for Winnipeg in the loss.

It was the Jets first trip back to Dallas since being eliminated in last spring's Stanley Cup Playoffs and the Stars have now won all three meetings this season.

"Tough way to end it," said Jets captain Adam Lowry. "But I liked how we stayed in it. We were able to get one (point). Obviously two (points) is super critical for us at this point. But to see them score, and us get one late to at least salvage a point, it's at least a small positive for us."

The Jets have now lost their last eight straight games that have gone to overtime. They are just 1-6 in OT and have just a 2-8 record in games that have gone past regulation this season.

"That was a game that was winnable," Arniel said. "Second period – we got up 2-1 and really we got sloppy with and without the puck, especially through the neutral zone. But at the end of the day, we hung in there and had a pretty good third period."

"You really hope to find a way to finish those off. We had Schife on a breakaway. Maybe that was the look we were hoping for."

It was the fifth straight victory for the Stars who are now 23 points ahead of the Jets in the standings.

Neither team found the back of the net during a fairly entertaining first period in which both teams got eight shots on goal. Winnipeg had two power play chances that didn't bear fruit while Dallas' first look with a man advantage came with 21 seconds to go in the period.

That power play carried over into the second period and Dallas took advantage as Jason Robertson redirected a hard pass from Mikko Rantanen over the blocker of Hellebuyck to open the scoring 48 seconds into the period.

The Jets responded less than two minutes later. Perfetti collected the puck in the neutral zone to jumpstart an odd-man rush. He carried the puck before firing a low shot that caught a piece of the stick of Miro Heiskanen before bouncing off the pad of Jake Oettinger right into the slot. Trailing the play, Vilardi fired the rebound home to tie the game with his 21st of the season.

Winnipeg got a power play just over a minute later and made good on it. Off a faceoff win, Perfetti got the puck back to Josh Morrissey at the point. He passed it to Scheifele on the wall, who dropped it low to Vilardi before the Jets first goal scorer found Perfetti in the slot for a quick release goal, his sixth of the season, making it 2-1 at the 3:58 mark.

The Jets held the lead for a while, even surviving a Justin Hryckowian breakaway and a lengthy 5-on-3 but they couldn't hold the Stars down forever as Dallas tied the game with 4:47 to go in the period.

Sam Steel crossed the blue line with the puck before sending it across to Jamie Benn on the right wing. The Stars' captain dropped it over to Matt Duchene, whose shot was stopped by Hellebuyck but Nils Lundkvist got inside Dylan DeMelo in front of the net to knock home the rebound.

Both teams got nine shots on goal in the second period.

It stayed tied past the midway point of the third before Rantanen scored a doozy of a goal to give Dallas the lead.

Hryckowian corralled a puck in the neutral zone and left it for Rantanen to take into the Winnipeg end. He put a slick move on Luke Schenn, undressing the Jets blueliner before freezing Hellebuyck and tucking the puck around the goalie's outstretched pad at the 12:17 mark of the third.

Winnipeg pulled Hellebuyck for an extra attacker with just under 2:30 left in the third. Kyle Connor nearly tied it when he hit the crossbar, but seconds later the Jets would find the equalizer.

Connor passed the puck behind the net to Scheifele in the opposite corner. He then fed Stanley for a one-timer that deflected off the stick of Rantanen and fluttered past a fooled Oettinger with 1:43 to go.

Dallas had control of the puck for much of the overtime session before Scheifele got sprung on a breakaway. He tried to beat Oettinger low on the blocker side but was denied by Oettinger's left pad.

The Stars got the puck back and were able to make a line change while Scheifele's group had to stay out at the end of a long shift. Duchene took the puck into the Winnipeg end and circled

back, creating space for Harley to skate into. Duchene then passed the puck to an unguarded Harley, who used his skate to corral the puck before beating Hellebuyck on the backhand to end the game.

The Jets will play their final game before the Olympic break Wednesday at home against Montreal. It's an earlier-than-usual start time with the puck dropping a little after 6 p.m. Pregame coverage on 680 CJOB begins at 4 p.m.

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### ***The Winnipeg Jets toppled in overtime by the Dallas Stars***

By Gordon Anderson

Unfortunately for the Jets, it was the wrong number 55 who scored the winner.

Thomas Harley netted the game-winning goal in overtime to lift the Stars to a 4-3 win over the Jets on Monday night in Dallas.

"Anything can happen in overtime," Logan Stanley told reporters in Dallas. "We get our best player on a breakaway, and the goalie makes a great save. They make a really nice play and win the game. It's obviously frustrating. We're happy we got a point, but we were looking for two."

Twenty-four seconds before the winner, Mark Scheifele had a chance to send the Jets home with a victory, but Jake Oettinger made a right pad save on a breakaway from the neutral zone as Kyle Connor sent Scheifele in alone with a pass from the Winnipeg defensive zone.

"It feels great when you stop it," Oettinger said. "That's what it comes down to. Teams trade chances and whoever can make the last play [wins]."

Oettinger (22-10-4) stopped 24 of 27 shots for the win.

The puck quickly went the other way, and Matt Duchene found Harley streaking alone to the net, a quick pass and a deke to the left, and Harley found the net over the left pad of Connor Hellebuyck for his fifth of the season at 2:05.

After the goal was scored, Hellebuyck had a lengthy discussion with a referee. Turns out, a strap on his mask had come loose, and he was trying to get the referee's attention prior to Harley's goal.

"When he got hit with a shot there - his mask was undone," Jets head coach Scott Arniel said. "And he was hollering and screaming while the play was going up the, you know, and then that was it."

The Jets have lost six of the seven overtime games they have played this season. Their only OT win was back in October against the Minnesota Wild. They have lost two of three shootout games as well.

The Jets are 0-2-1 against the Stars. All three games have been decided by one goal. The Stars won 5-4 in the season opener and 4-3 on Dec. 9. The teams will play again on April 2.

Mikko Rantanen gave the Stars a 3-2 lead at 12:17 of the third period, but Stanley sent the game to overtime with a shot that deflected off a stick in front before finding the top of the net at 18:17. The goal was Stanley's ninth of the campaign.

The Jets finished their four-game road trip with a 2-1-1 record. They beat the Florida Panthers and the New Jersey Devils and lost in regulation to the Tampa Bay Lightning, prior to the loss in Dallas.

"We'd like to have them all, but at the end of the day, you know, we went into some real tough buildings, really tough buildings," Arniel said. "And I liked the way we played for most of it."

Gabe Vilardi and Cole Perfetti scored in regulation for the Jets (22-25-8). Hellebuyck (13-15-7) made 24 saves.

The Jets and Stars both scored once on the powerplay.

Jason Robertson and Nils Lundkvist also scored for the Stars (33-14-9) in regulation. Rantanen continues to haunt the Jets on the scoreboard. In three games against the Jets this season, he has two goals and five assists. He set up Robertson's powerplay goal in the second period.

The Jets host the Montreal Canadiens on Wednesday night.

#### *Ice Chips*

Isaak Philips and Tanner Pearson were scratched.

#### *Rules of the game*

With the Olympic hockey tournament less than nine days away from commencing, here are the rules of the game for the NHL during the break. The league's trade freeze begins on Feb. 4 at 3 p.m. ET until 11:59 ET on Feb. 22. Teams cannot practice between Feb. 6 and 16. Teams can resume practice at 2 p.m. local time on Feb. 17. The NHL schedule begins on Feb. 25. The Olympic tournament will run from Feb. 11 to 22. The Jets host the Montreal Canadiens on Wednesday at 6 p.m.

The question is: will the Jets make any deals in the hours leading up to the game against the Canadiens?

#### *Special teams showdown*

Coming into the game, the Winnipeg powerplay was in stall mode with zero goals in its last dozen opportunities, dating back to Jan. 22 against the Panthers.

After whiffing on two first period power-play chances, the powerplay futility streak was snapped at 14 when Perfetti ripped a shot high over the glove of Oettinger for his sixth of the season at 3:58 of the second period. Vilardi picked up the primary assist. Scheifele picked up the secondary assist.

Perfetti has goals in back-to-back games for the first time this season. His goal in the third period against the Panthers tied the game at one each.

The Dallas powerplay had scored eight power-play goals on 18 chances in their last six games leading into the game. The Stars scored two power-play goals in four of those six games.

Sure enough, the Stars opened the scoring with a powerplay goal 48 seconds in the second period when Robertson redirected a Rantanen pass behind Hellebuyck for his 31'st goal.

The Jets turned away a 1:14 five-on-three for Dallas when holding a 2-1 lead. Luke Schenn was whistled for interference at 11:34, and Morgan Barron followed him to the box 46 seconds later for tripping.