

**FLAMES LAST GAME RECAP****December 29, 2024 – CALGARY FLAMES [0] vs. VEGAS GOLDEN KNIGHTS [3]**[Game Summary](#) | [Event Summary](#)

The Calgary Flames finished off a quick back-to-back set on Sunday night at T-Mobile Arena against the Vegas Golden Knights. Both Dan Vladar and Ilya Samsonov were sharp in the opening frame, with the two stopping all 27 shots these clubs combined for in a busy opening 20. In the second it would take until the 15:59 mark for the game's opening goal, and it would be Brett Howden who gave the home side the lead through 40. Calgary pushed for an equalizer in the third, but Vegas would double their advantage and add an empty netter to knock off the Flames 3-0.

CGY GOAL SCORERS: -**GOALIE:** Vladar 34/36 .944 Sv%**PP:** 0/4 (0%)**PK:** 3/4 (75%)**FLAMES LAST FIVE RESULTS, RECORD: 2-1-2**

DATE	RESULT	GWG	CGY GOALIE	OPP. GOALIE
December 29, 2024	CGY [0] at VGK [3] L	Howden	Vladar	Samsonov
December 28, 2024	CGY [3] at SJS [1] W	Backlund	Wolf	Askarov
December 21, 2024	CHI [4] vs. CGY [6] W	Coleman	Wolf	Mrazek
December 19, 2024	OTT [3] vs. CGY [2] OTL	Tkachuk	Vladar	Ullmark
December 17, 2024	BOS [4] vs. CGY [3] OTL	Pastrnak	Wolf	Swayman

*shootout winning goal

FLAMES UPCOMING SCHEDULE:

DATE	TIME (MST)	OPPONENT	VENUE
December 31, 2024	7:00pm	vs. Vancouver Canucks	Scotiabank Saddledome
January 2, 2025	7:00pm	vs. Utah Hockey Club	Scotiabank Saddledome
January 4, 2025	8:00pm	vs. Nashville Predators	Scotiabank Saddledome
January 7, 2025	8:00pm	at Anaheim Ducks	Honda Center
January 8, 2025	8:30pm	at Los Angeles Kings	Crypto.com Arena

TONIGHTS STORYLINES & STATS

This is the third of four meetings this season between the Flames and Canucks. These Pacific Division rivals have split the season series this far with both games coming in Vancouver.

This is a Pacific Division matchup; the Flames have a record of 4-4-1 against Pacific Division teams and a record of 9-7-2 against Western Conference opponents.

KIDS ARE GROWING UP:

Flames sophomore forwards Connor Zary and Martin Pospisil are both slated to skate in their 100th NHL game tonight against the Vancouver Canucks. The pair both skated in their first NHL games last season (Zary: Nov. 1 vs. DAL), Pospisil (Nov. 4 at SEA) and would both score in their respective NHL debuts. Zary has gone on to score 22 goals and 32 assists for 54 points in 99 NHL outings, while Pospisil has 10 goals and 25 helpers for 35 points through his first 99 contests in the NHL. Zary is looking to become the 44th Kamloops Blazers alumni to reach at least 100 NHL games, and Pospisil has a chance to become the fifth-active Slovakian-born skater in the NHL to reach 100 games.

After Pospisil and Zary both scored in their NHL debuts, they made the Flames the first team to have players score in their NHL debuts in back-to-back games since Pierre Dagenais and Jiri Bicek did for the New Jersey Devils on February 17th and 19th, 2001.

Fellow Flames defenceman Brayden Pachal has skated in 98 career NHL games and is two away from reaching the 100-game milestone. Pachal has skated in all 36 contests for the Flames so far this season and just recently signed a two-year contract extension with Calgary.

HUNGRY LIKE THE WOLF:

Dustin Wolf turned aside 21 of the 22 shots he faced on Saturday night in San Jose to earn his 19th career win. Wolf has tied Collin Delia for the second-most victories by a California-born goaltender in NHL history, only Thatcher Demko (118) has more. The 23-year-old also earned his 11th victory of the season to extend his league lead for most among rookie goaltenders through 2024-25.

RAZZLE DAZZLE:

Entering play tonight, Rasmus Andersson has recorded 42 goals in his career and with one more can surpass Dougie Hamilton and Noah Hanifin for the ninth most goals by a defenseman in franchise history. Andersson already ranks as the highest-scoring Swedish-born rearguard in Flames franchise history. Andersson's 491 games played also put him 26 games away from tying Paul Reinhart (517) for the seventh-most in Flames history.

CALGARY VANCOUVER TIES:

Flames interim assistant coach Trent Cull spent five seasons as the Head Coach for the Canucks AHL affiliates in Utica from 2017-2021 and Abbotsford in 2021-22. Cull would spend the start of the 2022-23 season as an assistant for the Vancouver Canucks. Flames forward Andrei Kuzmenko made his NHL debut with the Vancouver Canucks and spent the 2022-23 and first half of the 2023-24 campaigns in Vancouver before a trade brought him to Calgary on January 31st, 2024. Canucks defenceman Derek Forbort was a Flames trade deadline acquisition during the 2019-20 season and would skate in seven games with Calgary before the season was cut short by the COVID-19 pandemic. In the NHL Playoff Bubble, Forbort played in all 10 playoff games the Flames competed in, scoring a goal and an assist.

INTERIM COACH:

Due to family reasons, on December 8th, Brad Larsen was granted an indefinite leave of absence from his duties as assistant coach with the Flames. Wranglers Head Coach Trent Cull will join the Flames as an assistant coach for the unforeseeable future. Cull is in his second season as bench boss with the Wranglers. Having coached in the AHL for 15 years, Cull was also an assistant coach with the Vancouver Canucks during the 2022-23 campaign.

WORLD JUNIOR WATCH:



Flames prospect Axel Hurtig was selected to represent Sweden at the 2025 World Junior Championships. Hurtig has registered one assist in three games so far, helping his nation go 3-0 through the tournament. Entering the World Juniors, Hurtig posted two goals and seven assists for nine points along with a team-best +22 rating in his first WHL season with the Calgary Hitmen.

HEY DID YOU KNOW?

Defencemen Kevin Bahl and Jake Bean recorded their first points as Flames in these clubs' first meeting on October 9th.

The Calgary Flames have played more games against the Vancouver Canucks (305) than they have against any other NHL franchise.

CALGARY FLAMES vs. VANCOUVER CANUCKS

CGY vs. VAN	ALL-TIME	HOME	AWAY	L10	STRK
 	152-101-33-19	85-43-15-7	67-58-18-12	4-4-2	L1

GAME INFO:

Calgary Flames vs. Vancouver Canucks

7:00pm MT

Scotiabank Saddledome

TV: Sportsnet West, Sportsnet Pacific

Radio: Sportsnet Fan 960

2024-25 Season Series: 1-1-0 (Home: 0-0-0, Road 1-1-0)

Oct. 9, 2024 – CGY [6] at VAN [5] (OT)

Nov. 12, 2024 – CGY [1] at VAN [3]

Dec. 31, 2024 – VAN vs. CGY

Mar. 12, 2025 – VAN vs. CGY

2023-24 Season Record vs. VAN: 1-3-0 (Home: 1-1-0, Road: 0-2-0)

Last Home Win vs. VAN: November 16, 2023 – Vancouver [2] vs. Calgary [5]

Last Road Win @ VAN: October 9, 2024 – Calgary [6] at Vancouver [5] (OT)

Last Home Loss vs. VAN: December 2, 2023 – Vancouver [4] vs. Calgary [3]

Last Road Loss @ VAN: Nov. 12, 2024 – Calgary [1] at Vancouver [3]

2024-25 CALGARY FLAMES

FLAMES RECENT TRANSACTIONS:

Nov. 11 – recalled Adam Klapka (F) from Calgary (AHL)

Nov. 16 – reassigned Adam Klapka (F) to Calgary (AHL)

Nov. 19 – recalled Adam Klapka (F) from Calgary (AHL)

Dec. 12 – recalled Jakob Pelletier (F) and Walker Duehr (F) from Calgary (AHL); reassigned Adam Klapka (F) to Calgary (AHL), placed Justin Kirkland (F) on IR

Dec. 11 – assigned Jakob Pelletier (F) and Walker Duehr (F) to Calgary (AHL)

Dec. 12 – recalled Jakob Pelletier (F) and Walker Duehr (F) from Calgary (AHL)

Dec. 13 – recalled Devin Cooley (G) on an emergency basis from Calgary (AHL)

Dec. 14 – assigned Jakob Pelletier (F), Walker Duehr (F), and Devin Cooley to Calgary (AHL)

Dec. 16 – recalled Jakob Pelletier (F) and Walker Duehr (F) from Calgary (AHL)

FLAMES RECENT INJURIES (Total man games lost – 57)

Yegor Sharangovich – lower-body injury (7 games: 10/9/24 – 10/24/24)

Kevin Rooney – upper-body injury (5 games: 10/12/24 – 10/22/24)

Sam Honzek – upper-body injury (5 games: 10/19/24 – 10/28/24)

Anthony Mantha – lower body injury (23 games: 11/7/24 – pres.)

Justin Kirkland – lower-body injury (12 games: 11/30/24 – pres.)

Dan Vladar – lower-body injury (1 game: 12/14/24)

Andrie Kuzmenko – lower-body injury (4 games: 12/14/24 – 12/21/24)

FLAMES CAREER MILESTONES WITHIN REACH:

Martin Pospisil – 99 games played (1 away from 100 games played)

Connor Zary – 99 games played (1 away from 100 games played)

Brayden Pachal – 98 games played (2 away from 100 games played)

Tyson Barrie – 397 assists (3 away from 400 assists)

Dan Vladar – 93 games played (7 away from 100 games played)

Yegor Sharangovich – 90 goals (10 away from 100 goals)

HOW THE FLAMES WERE BUILT: (* = injured)

Draft (6)	Free Agent (9)	Trade (7)	Waivers (2)
Andersson (53 rd overall, 2015)	Barrie (October 2024)	Bahl (From NJD – 2024)	Hanley (From DAL – 2024)
Backlund (24 th overall, 2007)	Bean (July 2024)	Huberdeau (From FLA – 2022)	Pachal (From VGK – 2024)
Coronato (13 th overall, 2021)	Coleman (July 2021)	Kuzmenko (From VAN – 2024)	
Pelletier (26 th overall, 2019)	Duehr (April, 2021)	Miromanov (From VGK – 2024)	
Pospisil (105 th overall, 2018)	Kadri (August 2022)	Sharangovich (From NJD – 2023)	
Zary (24 th overall, 2020)	Lomberg (July 2024)	Vladar (From BOS – 2021)	
	Mantha* (July 2024)	Weegar (From FLA – 2022)	
	Rooney (July 2022)		
	Kirkland* (July 2024)		

RECORD BY MONTH

	October	November	December	January	February	March	April
HOME	3-2-0	6-1-0	3-1-3	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0
AWAY	2-2-1	1-4-3	2-2-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0
TOTAL	5-4-1	7-5-3	4-3-3	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0

POINTS LEADER BY MONTH

	October	November	December	January	February	March	April
Player	Andersson	Kadri	Huberdeau				
Points	4-6 – 10	4-5 – 9	7-6 – 13				

RECORD BY DAY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1-3-0	1-2-0	6-1-2	1-1-1	1-2-2	2-1-0	5-2-2

RECORD BY DAYS BETWEEN GAMES/ON...

0 Days: 1-3-0
1 Day: 9-8-6
2 Days: 4-1-0
3 Days: 1-0-1
4+ Days: 2-0-0
First of B2B: 3-1-0
Second of B2B: 1-3-0

RECORD WHEN...

	0G	1G	2G	3G	4G	5G	6G	7G	8G
Scoring	0-2-0	0-2-2	2-5-2	7-3-2	4-0-0	0-0-0	3-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0
Allowing	4-0-0	5-0-0	1-0-2	4-2-2	1-3-2	1-4-0	0-2-0	0-0-0	0-1-0

PLAYER HIGHS

*active

	High (Most Recent Occurrence)	Date: Game
Goals, Game:	2 (Huberdeau)	12/28/24 at SJS
Assists, Game:	3 (Weegar)	11/21/24 vs. NYR
Points, Game:	4 (Huberdeau)	10/12/24 vs. PHI
Shots, Game:	7 (Kadri)	12/28/24 at SJS
TOI, Game:	28:05 (Andersson)	11/25/24 at OTT
Best +/-, Game:	+4 (Andersson)	10/13/24 at EDM
Saves, Game:	39 (Vladar)	10/24/24 vs. CAR
Goal Streak	5 Games (Kadri)	12/10/24 – 12/18/24
Assists Streak	3 Games (Huberdeau)	11/30/24 – 12/5/24
Point Streak	6 Games (Huberdeau 4-5 – 9)	11/30/24 – 12/12/24

	LAST TIME (2024-25)	PREVIOUS
Regulation win, home	12/21/24 vs. CHI	12/14/24 vs. FLA
Regulation win, away	12/28/24 at SJS	12/10/24 at NSH
Regulation loss, home	12/12/24 vs. TBL	11/3/24 vs. EDM
Regulation loss, away	12/29/24 at VGK	12/8/24 at DAL
OT win, home		
OT win, away	11/5/24 at MTL	10/9/24 at VAN
OT loss, home	12/19/24 vs. OTT	12/17/24 vs. BOS
OT loss, away	11/27/24 at DET	11/7/24 at BOS
Shootout win, home	11/21/24 vs. MIN	11/19/24 vs. NYI
Shootout win, away		
Shootout loss, home		
Shootout loss, away	11/9/24 at BUF	
Shutout, home	12/3/24 vs. CBJ	11/15/24 vs. NSH
Shutout, away		

**CALGARY FLAMES ALL-TIME LEADERS (*Bolded* = Active Players)
CAREER GAMES PLAYED:**



1) Jarome Iginla
1996-96 – 2012-13
1,219




2) **Mikael Backlund**
2008-09 - Present
1,026

3) Mark Giordano
2005-06 – 2020-21
949

4) Robyn Regehr
1999-00 – 2010-11
826

5) Al MacInnis
1981-82 – 1993-94
803

CALGARY FLAMES JERSEY RECORD:

JERSEY	GP	W	L	OTL/SOL	Last Result
Home 	14	9	2	3	12/21/24: 6-4 W vs. CHI
Away 	17	5	8	4	12/29/24: 0-3 L at VGK
Alternate 	6	4	2	0	11/23/24: 4-3 W vs. MIN