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***THREE THINGS: Jets shutout in Los Angeles
The Jets lose on the road for the first time this season***

By Jamie Thomas

Adrian Kempe, Kevin Fiala and Drew Doughty scored for the Los Angeles Kings and Darcy Kuemper made 23 saves to give the Los Angeles Kings a 3-0 win over the Winnipeg Jets at crypto.com Arena on Tuesday. It was the second time this season that the Jets have been shutout, the other time was also a 3-0 loss at home to Seattle. The two teams combined for 11 power plays (WPG 0-5, LAK 1-6). Neal Pionk and Vladislav Namestnikov led the way for the Jets with three shots apiece. Connor Hellebuyck made 23 saves for the Jets who will continue their road trip Friday in San Jose.

17 IS BACK

Adam Lowry returned to the Jets lineup tonight after missing the first 12 games of the 25-26 campaign as he recovered from offseason hip surgery. Lowry had usual linemate Nino Niederreiter on one side and former King Tanner Pearson on the other. The Jets captain took the opening face-off and eight seconds after that; he recorded his first hit of the season on Adrian Kempe. Later in the game, with the Kings up 1-0 in the second period, Andrei Kuzmenko looked like he was in a good place to give LA a two-goal lead, but Lowry saved the day with a huge hit on the Russian forward. The 32-year-old played 14:08, had two shots on goal and a team leading four hits.

DIFFERENT STYLE OF PLAY

The Jets scored 11 times in their last couple of games against the Blackhawks and Penguins respectively. Nino Niederreiter pointed out on Monday that those last two games were not physical but instead had a lot more speed and skill involved. The Swiss forward wasn't wrong as the Kings smothered the Jets, not giving them any time and space. Winnipeg did have five power plays, but Los Angeles held them to just six shots on those man advantages. Winnipeg thought they had scored on their first shot of the game but the referees ruled that Gabe Vilardi interfered with Kuemper, the Jets challenged but the call stood.

"I wasn't pushed, it just a little nudge. I don't know. It's tough, it's a tough call for them," said Vilardi.

"I don't want to step on their toes or anything. It's tough for both. I think it's a goal, obviously, but what are you gonna do."

LA KINGS OF THE FACEOFF DOT

Coming into the night, the Jets were seventh in the league in faceoffs at 53% and had won the faceoff battle in eight of their twelve games. The Kings were the dominant team in that department this evening winning 32 of 51 faceoffs, Anze Kopitar won 74% of his draws. Jonathan Toews led the way for Winnipeg going 11-for-19 (53%).

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***Kuemper makes 23 saves, Kings shut out Jets for 1st home win
Kempe, Fiala score for Los Angeles; Winnipeg's winning streak ends at 3***

By Dan Greenspan

LOS ANGELES -- Darcy Kuemper made 23 saves, and the Los Angeles Kings defeated the Winnipeg Jets 3-0 for their first home win this season at Crypto.com Arena on Tuesday.

It was Kuemper's first shutout of the season and his 37th in the NHL.

Adrian Kempe, Kevin Fiala and Drew Doughty scored for the Kings (6-4-4), who had lost two straight (0-1-1) and entered the game 0-3-2 on home ice.

"We really wanted this one," Doughty said. "We played well in Winnipeg when we played them there (a 3-2 loss on Oct. 11), and we thought we deserved a better fate."

Connor Hellebuyck made 23 saves for the Jets (9-4-0), who had had their three-game winning streak end.

It was also Winnipeg's first road loss (4-1-0) and the first of a season-long six-game road trip.

"I don't think we created enough offense," Jets coach Scott Arniel said. "I think we had 10 scoring chances ... but I didn't think we got to any second opportunities, continuous sort of attacks. When we were on, it's a shot, it's a rebound, and then all of a sudden it's another play. Today, we were kind of one and done."

Winnipeg captain Adam Lowry made his season debut after undergoing hip surgery on May 27. He had one shot on goal and was minus-1 in 14:08 of ice time.

Kempe put the Kings ahead 1-0 at 17:09 of the first period, charging the paint to put in Joel Armia's backhand centering pass from behind the net. It was Kempe's 200th NHL goal.

Los Angeles coach Jim Hiller credited Armia, who started on the top line with Kempe and center Anze Kopitar for the first time, for the sequence.

"The big play of the night is the assist he makes," Hiller said. "He's that type of a player. Maybe not as much off the rush, but under the goal line, on the forecheck."

Fiala made it 2-0 on the power play at 15:00 of the third period with a wrist shot from between the circles through traffic.

"We went into the third period and said we need to get some insurance goals but keep our foot on the pedal," Doughty said. "Don't sit back ... and we did a good job with that. We didn't really give them much, and we drew some penalties to have some extended PP time."

Corey Perry had the primary assist on Fiala's goal after receiving a high stick from Vladislav Namestnikov at 11:46, which resulted in the double minor. It was Perry's 1,400th NHL game, and he has eight points (five goals, three assists) through eight games this season.

"It's pretty incredible the run that he's on out of the gate here," Hiller said. "He's had some type of impact in one way each and every night."

Doughty scored an empty-net goal to make it 3-0 at 19:06. The goal was Doughty's 162nd of his career, passing Rob Blake (161) for the most by a defenseman in Kings history.

"It's crazy," Doughty said. "You come in the League just hoping to be a good NHL player for like five years, 10 years, whatever you can play. I mean, that was a fortunate bounce to be able to do that in the first place, and then to do this and have the career I've had is super special, and I'm super thankful for everybody involved in it."

NOTES: Perry is the fourth active player to reach 1,400 games, joining Brent Burns (1,511), Alex Ovechkin (1,503) and Kopitar (1,464). ... Kempe is the ninth player from the 2014 NHL Draft class to score 200 goals.

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Kings snap Jets' winning streak Goalie interference call against Vilardi sparks debate

By: Ken Wiebe

Scott Arniel thought the Winnipeg Jets did enough defensively to earn a different result.

But when it comes to the quality and quantity of the looks generated, that's where the Jets fell short in the eyes of the head coach during what became a 3-0 loss to the Los Angeles Kings on Tuesday after two insurance markers were allowed in the final five minutes of regulation time.

"I don't think we created enough offence," Arniel told reporters in California. "We didn't give up much. We gave up one in the first, obviously a big one. But I didn't think we got to second opportunities or continuous attacks.

"When we're on, it's a shot, it's a rebound and then, all of a sudden, it's another play. Today, we were kind of one and done. We only had 10 five-on-five scoring chances. Our power play, we were one play away from maybe making it happen. The execution just wasn't as sharp as it usually is. They did a pretty good job of keeping us on our heels."

With the defeat, the Jets saw their three-game winning streak snapped and their record fall to 9-4-0.

"They play hard. They're a well-structured team, especially in this building, and we knew what we had to do when we got in on the forecheck," Jets forward Gabe Vilardi told reporters. "We had our looks. We had chances, a lot of power plays, but we couldn't score."

Winnipeg continues a season-long six-game road trip on Friday in San Jose against Macklin Celebrini and the Sharks.

Here's a look at what else transpired in this one:

THE DEBATE: The Jets thought they had opened the scoring at 8:23 of the first period when a point shot from Josh Morrissey went in off the pad of Kings goalie Darcy Kuemper.

Vilardi was providing the screen in front of Kuemper and the potential marker was waved off immediately for goalie interference.

After much deliberation, Arniel opted to use a coach's challenge to argue that it wasn't goalie interference, hoping the call would be overturned.

Following the video review, the call on the ice ended up standing and the Jets were given a delay-of-game penalty.

"It's tough when it gets waved off right away by the referees," said Arniel. "We were looking at it and looking at it and we had time during the (broadcast) timeout. We just felt that if it was the other way around, we probably wouldn't have challenged it if it had been (on Connor Hellebuyck). We felt that there wasn't enough contact. Obviously, they saw it a different way."

Video replays showed that Vilardi's left arm grazed Kuemper, but the important part of the play was that the contact occurred while the Jets forward was in and around the blue paint.

Although the contact was minimal — and Kuemper may have actually initiated some of that contact, the call was consistent with the standard that has been applied during the past several seasons.

Vilardi didn't hold back when asked for his opinion of the ruling by those who were on the scene in California.

"My view was, I'm doing my best to stay out of the crease. There's a little nudge from the guy, and I think I'm barely in the crease. I think it's a goal. I think that's pretty soft," Vilardi told reporters. "I don't know what their rules on it are, I don't know how they determine what's goalie interference and what's not."

The explanation given by the situation room was that Vilardi impeded Kuemper's ability to make the save.

"I don't know. It's tough, it's a tough call for them," said Vilardi. "I don't want to step on their toes or anything. I think it's a goal, obviously, but what are you gonna do?"

The Jets couldn't do anything other than to try and kill off the minor penalty that came with the decision — which they did.

THE RETURN: The Jets were happy to see captain Adam Lowry back in the lineup for the first time this season as he makes his way back from off-season hip surgery.

Lowry centred the third line with Nino Niederreiter and Tanner Pearson and while he had some rust to shake off, he moved well and managed one shot on goal while shorthanded, delivered four hits and blocked two shots in just over 14 minutes of ice time.

“That was the idea. To try to get him out there as much as possible, try to not get him thinking, just get him playing,” said Arniel. “He’s missed a lot of time. He got stronger as the game went on, he got more comfortable. You knew it was going to be this way, just kind of build off it.”

Lowry was even called upon to be the lone forward during the lengthy two-man disadvantage during the third period.

“Because he’s done it before,” Arniel explained. “He’s a guy who knows what he’s doing and he did a good job with it.”

With Morgan Barron officially out week-to-week with a mid-body injury, Lowry wasn’t exactly eased into action, as he played 3:46 while shorthanded and just over 10 minutes at five-on-five.

The only place where Lowry didn’t look quite like himself was in the faceoff circle, where he went one-for-13 (eight per cent) in his season debut.

Having an extra day off between games should be a benefit for Lowry, who will then get into the rhythm of playing every other day on this extended road trip.

THE BREAKDOWN: The goal from Kings forward Adrian Kempe that opened the scoring was an uncharacteristic breakdown in the defensive zone, with the Kings winger getting free in front before former Jets forward Joel Armia found him with a pass.

Arniel wasn’t about to point fingers on the play, but his disappointment was evident as he referenced that being something that showed up on the pre-scout of the Kings.

“That first goal is a coverage goal,” said Arniel. “It’s all five (guys on the ice). Sort of the tendency that happens, it came from behind the net. They’re a team that likes to find that middle. We had talked about it.”

Kempe extended his point streak against Winnipeg to six games.

Kempe has delivered five goals and 10 points during that span against the Jets and he’s up to six goals and 16 points in 14 games this season to lead the Kings in scoring.

The Swedish forward needs a new contract as a pending UFA and that next AAV seems to be getting higher by the day.

THE KEY PLAY: A power-play marker from Kevin Fiala with five minutes to go in the third period provided some valuable breathing room for the Kings.

THE THREE STARS

Darcy Kuemper, Kings, Posted a 23-save shutout.

Adrian Kempe, Kings, Scored the game-winning goal.

Connor Hellebuyck, Made 23 saves in this goaltenders’ duel.

EXTRA, EXTRA: Jets defenceman Luke Schenn was a late scratch as he continues to deal with an injury related to a shot he blocked against the Chicago Blackhawks. That allowed Haydn Fleury to remain on the third pairing with Colin Miller.

The Jets only healthy scratch was forward Nikita Chibrikov.

In order to make room on the roster for the return of Lowry, forward Gustav Nyquist was placed on injured reserve.

After losing the first five games of the season on home ice, the Kings finally broke the goose-egg by posting a shutout against a Jets team that was previously undefeated on the road.

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***Jets look to capitalize on six-game road trip
Perfetti, Samberg could return before club returns to home ice***

By: Ken Wiebe

Scott Arniel hasn't spent a lot of time wondering when the Winnipeg Jets might actually get to dress a full lineup.

Sure, the head coach of the Jets has drawn up a number of permutations and combinations, whether that's on a napkin on the plane or the dry erase board in his coach's office.

But Arniel also knows that the only way he'll be able to determine what that optimal lineup might look like is to get the puzzle pieces together if and when this group gets back to full health.

As the Jets opened a season-long six-game road trip against the Los Angeles Kings on Tuesday, they welcomed back Adam Lowry to the lineup, a move that certainly moves the needle — given the importance of both the role he plays and the voice he carries as an emotional leader.

"He brings a lot of energy," Jets forward Tanner Pearson told reporters in Los Angeles after the morning skate. "Playing against him over the years, he's not too much fun to be able to go up against, so I'm happy he's on my side now. He's the captain, he can be the heartbeat of this team. So, it's a big add."

But as Lowry returned, Morgan Barron was sidelined with a mid-body injury he likely sustained when he was on the receiving end of a hard check from Connor Dewar in Saturday's 5-2 win over the Pittsburgh Penguins.

Barron joins forwards Gustav Nyquist (day-to-day, undisclosed) and Cole Perfetti (ankle) and defenceman Dylan Samberg (wrist) in the infirmary.

Yes, injuries are part of the game and the Jets' depth has already been tested in the early part of this NHL season.

Barron is off to a fantastic start and did an admirable job in Lowry's absence, anchoring the fourth line and handling the responsibility of often being the first forward over the boards during the penalty kill during the first dozen games.

He also delivered three goals and six points, playing a power forward game that earned a promotion to the third line before he got banged up.

Nyquist was just starting to find his offensive group when he left Thursday's game with the Chicago Blackhawks, though it appears he could be back in action before long.

Perfetti, who injured his ankle in an exhibition game against the Calgary Flames, could be back before this lengthy trip concludes, which would give the Jets another weapon to unleash in the middle-six forward group.

While Vladislav Namestnikov has increased his offensive production since moving to the wing several games ago, seeing what he could do with Perfetti and Jonathan Toews could be intriguing for Arniel — who is perfectly content with how well Alex Lafallo has played on that line since putting them together.

As for Samberg, the wrist issue he's been dealing with since an awkward hit into the boards from Flames forward Ryan Lomberg during the final exhibition game is healing well and he's itching to get back into game action.

Arniel also left the door open for Samberg to return before the end of this road trip as well, which wraps up on Nov. 15 against the Flames.

Reuniting Samberg with Neal Pionk will be beneficial for both players, as they've got outstanding chemistry together.

Until that time comes, the jockeying for position on the depth chart will continue, both on the back end and at forward.

One area the Jets aren't searching for answers is on the top line, where Mark Scheifele and Kyle Connor are off to scalding starts offensively and Gabe Vilardi is on a roll after a slow start.

Although he chipped in four assists in the first seven games, an offensive outburst during the previous five games (with five goals and nine points) quickly moved Vilardi into third place in team scoring.

"He has great hands and good vision," Arniel told reporters in Los Angeles after the morning skate on Tuesday. "You can feel it. When he scored his first goal, it was like he was skating 10 miles per hour faster. It seems like the so-called pressure came off his back."

Once again, the Jets' top trio is producing at a rate that has them in the discussion as one of the best lines in hockey.

They've outscored opponents 12-6 at five-on-five, while making a massive impact on a highly productive power play.

One of the strangest stats in the entire NHL is that going into Tuesday's action, Connor has not scored a power-play goal since Dec. 23 of 2024 against the Toronto Maple Leafs.

Connor still had nine power-play markers last season and has 67 in his career, but teams seem to be doing whatever they can to try and limit his one-timer opportunities on his off-side.

During a recent interview, Arniel emphasized he wasn't concerned by that development, noting that it means other options are open and that Connor is doing his part to suss out those chances for others while working with the man-advantage.

"It has a lot to do with the attention side of things. We saw that in the second half last year. He had a bunch of goals early and teams started to shade (towards him)," said Arniel. "That was a big reason why we were No. 1 in the league, that (teams) were overplaying (Connor). I've seen this before with (Alex Ovechkin). If you overplay one spot, there's still four guys that have real skill out there and we're taking advantage of it.

"He's got a ton of assists on our power play and if you ask him, he's okay with that."

The remainder of the games on this road trip include visits to San Jose to face the Sharks on Friday, Anaheim to face the Ducks on Sunday, Vancouver to face the Canucks on Nov. 11, Seattle to face the Kraken on Nov. 13 and Calgary to wrap up the three-game series with the Flames on Nov. 15.

Each of those teams present their own set of challenges, though the Jets appear to be rounding into form of late.

"We're not just winning games because of our special teams or because of our goaltending, we're doing it in all fashions now," said Arniel. "That's how we've done it in the past, last year specifically."

If the Jets can continue that trend, not only will they survive this six-game swing, they could arrive on the precipice of the quarter mark of the NHL season in excellent shape as they return home to face the Columbus Blue Jackets on Nov. 18 and Nikolaj Ehlers and the Carolina Hurricanes on the 21st.

But there's a lot of ground for the Jets to cover before that point arrives.

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The Kings reign for one night, Jets lose 3-0 to Los Angeles in NHL action

By Gordon Anderson

Kevin Fiala provided the insurance marker late in the third period as the Los Angeles Kings beat the Jets 3-0 in a tight-checking affair on Tuesday night.

Fiala gave the Kings a two-goal cushion with a power-play goal at 15:00 when his shot from middle ice sailed over the left shoulder of Connor Hellebuyck. Hellebuyck stopped 23 shots in the loss.

"They play hard," Gabe Vilardi told reporters in Los Angeles. "They're well-structured teams, especially in this building, and we knew we had to do when we got in on the forecheck. We had our looks. We had chances, a lot of power plays, couldn't score a goal on (five) power-play chances."

The goal snapped an 0-for-20 futility streak for the Los Angeles powerplay.

The Jets pulled Hellebuyck for the six-on-five advantage with 1:48 remaining, unable to solve Kings netminder Darcy Kuemper. Kuemper stopped 23 shots for his first shutout of the season.

Drew Doughty found the empty net with 54 seconds remaining in the game to close out the scoring,

Vilardi had a potential goal called back for goaltender interference in the first period.

"I was doing my best to stay out of the crease," Vilardi said. "There's a little nudge from the guy, and I think I'm barely in the crease, that's what it is. I think it's a goal. I think that's pretty soft."

The Jets disputed the original call and lost the challenge.

"We felt that there wasn't enough contact," Arniel said. "Obviously, they saw it a different way."

Any attempt at a third-period comeback was derailed when the Jets picked up two penalties 12 seconds apart.

Parker Ford shot the puck over the glass at 10:34 for a delay of game minor. Vlad Namestnikov was then assessed a double minor for high sticking Corey Perry at 11:46. Fiala scored with 46 seconds remaining in the double minor.

Adam Lowry made his season debut on Tuesday. He missed 12 games due to off-season hip surgery. Lowry logged 14:08 of ice time. The Jets were shutout for the second time this season. They lost 3-0 to the Seattle Kraken on Oct. 23. The club's three-game win streak was snapped. Mark Scheifele was held off the scoreboard for only the second time this season. The Jets are now 4-1-0 on the road.

The powerplay went 0-for-5 on Tuesday and is now 1-for-12 in the last four games.

Adrian Kempe scored a first-period goal for Los Angeles. Kempe's goal was the 200th of his career. Perry played in his 1,400 NHL game on Tuesday. Among active players, Perry is listed fourth behind Anze Kopitar, Brent Burns and Alex Ovechkin. Los Angeles has a 4-1-4 record in one-goal games. The Kings improved to 1-3-2 at home this season.

The Jets are in San Jose on Friday night to play the Sharks.

Scratches

Luke Schenn, Morgan Barron and Nikita Chibrikov were scratches. Barron is listed week-to-week with an unspecified injury he sustained in the 5-2 win over the Penguins on Saturday afternoon.

Dollars and cents

During the Tuesday night TSN Insider Trading segment, Darren Dreger says the Jets and Lowry are “super motivated” to get a deal done. Dreger says the deal is not quite there yet but getting closer. Lowry has 121 goals and 152 assists in 776 games with the club. He was selected by the Jets in the third round of the 2011 NHL entry draft. Lowry is in the final year of his contract. He signed a five-year deal back in April of 2021. Lowry is set to make US\$ 3.25 million this season.

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Jets captain Adam Lowry loving the early returns on Jonathan Toews

By Gordon Anderson

Even though Adam Lowry was an early supporter of the off-season pursuit of Jonathan Toews, his opinion is now beyond any shadow of a doubt.

“Toews has done a really good job of coming in and fitting in seamlessly,” Lowry said before the team hopped on a jet for California. “We are starting to see the reasons why we brought him in as he is such a smart player, so good in the faceoff dot, he does so many little things well and I think, as the season progresses, he is only going to get better.”

After missing 12 games due to off-season hip surgery, Lowry made his regular-season debut against the Los Angeles Kings on Tuesday night.

Of players in the league who have taken more than 100 faceoffs this season, Toews leads the way in winning percentage at 63.6 per cent, heading into league action on Tuesday evening. Toews is also second in the league in defensive zone faceoff wins percentage at 67.2 per cent. Toews leads the Jets in faceoffs taken with 173.

“He has added a critical piece, great depth for the team and really solidified the line he has been playing on,” Lowry said. “Just having his experience, that competitive nature, that drive, and watching him in practice how competitive he is and watching him in games on the bench, things like that, he is one of those guys that can help push the group. He has been awesome to have around.”

Against the Pittsburgh Penguins on Saturday, Toews centred a line between Vlad Namestnikov and Alex Iafallo.

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ANALYSIS: Opposing teams looking for Winnipeg Jets’ vulnerabilities

By Paul Edmonds CJOB

It’s not like the road to the Stanley Cup runs through Los Angeles. In fact, that pathway is currently on the opposite American coast and can call Florida home, not California.

But there was a time, at least for two years not that long ago, when the L.A. Kings were winning Cups — and were at the pinnacle of competition across the National Hockey League.

And while most of the personnel from those championship teams of 2012 and 2014 have moved on, the consistent presence of Anze Kopitar and Drew Doughty was enough to remind the Winnipeg Jets on Tuesday night that the glory days aren't totally behind them.

In shutting out the Jets for their first home win of the season, the Kings were methodical in their execution, governing Winnipeg's speed through the neutral zone, winning more battles, keeping their net front clean and giving absolutely no quarter on five Jets power plays.

Head coach Scott Arniel said post-game, "Offensively, we didn't do enough to win the hockey game." And he's right, they didn't. And the Kings, for their part, were a near-exclusive reason for that.

Now, Tuesday's loss for the Jets is just that – one loss. But beyond the one-night setback, the stark lesson to be learned here is that after winning the Presidents' Trophy last season and jumping out to another solid start this season, Winnipeg is the measuring stick.

Not only do teams have them in their sights, but the type of game Los Angeles executed to shut them out is the style they're likely going to see more of, as teams look for Winnipeg's vulnerabilities.

After all, there are no secrets on video.

The challenge for the Jets is to now understand how teams want to play them. Then adjust, overcome and ultimately conquer.

If they can, then perhaps the road to the Stanley Cup might not run through any state this season, but rather on the Canadian Prairies instead.

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Winnipeg Jets blanked 3-0 in Los Angeles as Lowry returns to lineup

By Christian Aumell Global News

It wasn't exactly how the Winnipeg Jets wanted to start their longest road trip of the season.

Despite having captain Adam Lowry in the lineup for the first time this season, the Jets failed to generate many scoring opportunities in a 3-0 loss to the Kings in Los Angeles Tuesday night, Winnipeg's first road loss and L.A.'s first home win of the season.

The Jets thought they may have opened the scoring just over eight minutes into the game. A Josh Morrissey point shot was stopped by Darcy Kuemper before the Kings goalie accidentally knocked it into his own net.

Officials immediately waved off the goal, believing that Gabriel Vilardi had bumped Kuemper before the initial shot came through. After a media timeout, the Jets decided to challenge the call. Despite the fact that the contact was marginal at best, the call on the ice was confirmed,

giving the Jets a penalty that was quickly negated when Anze Kopitar was called for high-sticking.

After what was otherwise a fairly uneventful first 18 minutes of play, the Kings got on the board first thanks to their top line.

The play started when Mikey Anderson rimmed the puck down low to Joel Armia behind the Winnipeg net. He waited as Adrian Kempe circled the zone and got free of Mark Scheifele, cutting down the centre of the ice before taking a pass from Armia and knocking it home at the 17:08 mark. Kempe was wide open in front as Scheifele and Morrissey failed to get in his way.

Los Angeles took the 1-0 lead into the second while also enjoying a 7-5 edge in shots on goal.

Neither team was able to find the back of the net in the middle frame with L.A. outshooting the Jets 11-8 in the second. Each team had a failed power play in the period.

Winnipeg's struggles with the man advantage continued in the third as they whiffed on two more looks before getting into some penalty trouble themselves just past the midway point.

Parker Ford took a penalty for shooting the puck over the glass and before his minor expired, Vladislav Namestnikov took a double-minor for high sticking.

Winnipeg nearly killed everything off but couldn't quite get across the finish line before a perfect shot off the stick of Kevin Fiala beat Hellebuyck high with 46 seconds left in the double minor and exactly five minutes to go in the third.

The Jets pulled Hellebuyck with just under three minutes left to try and spark a comeback but Drew Doughty scored into the empty net with 54 seconds left to seal the deal.

Hellebuyck made 23 saves in defeat while Kuemper also turned aside 23 shots to earn the shutout.

Lowry played just over 14 minutes in his season debut, registering four hits, two blocked shots and one shot on goal, while getting destroyed in the faceoff dot, winning just one of 13 draws. The Jets as a team finished the night by winning just 37 per cent of the faceoffs.

Winnipeg continues their west-coast swing when they visit San Jose on Friday night.