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FLAMES LAST GAME RECAP January 23, 2025 – CALGARY FLAMES [5] vs. BUFFALO SABRES [2]

Game Summary I Event Summary

The Calgary Flames welcomed the Buffalo Sabres to the Scotiabank Saddledome on Thursday night. It would be the home-side who took a 1-0 lead into the first intermission following Jonathan Huberdeau converting on a shorthanded breakaway for his 19th of the campaign. In the second, Buffalo would score a pair before the midway point of the frame to flip the script, but Nazem Kadri would draw the Flames level, and nothing could separate these clubs through 40 minutes of play. In the final stanza, Jakob Pelletier deflected home a Brayden Pachal shot past Ukko-Pekka Luukkonen to reclaim the Flames lead. Calgary would clamp things down, Dustin Wolf made nine third period saves, and Calgary added a pair of empty netters to knock off the Sabres 5-2.

CGY GOAL SCORERS: Huberdeau (19), Kadri (16), Pelletier (4), Sharangovich (9), Backlund (10)

GOALIE: Wolf 32/34 .941 Sv%

PP: 0/2 (100%) **PK:** 6/6 (100%)

FLAMES LAST FIVE RESULTS, RECORD: 3-2-0

DATE	RESULT	GWG	CGY GOALIE	OPP. GOALIE
January 23, 2025	BUF [2] vs. CGY [5] W	Pelletier	Wolf	Luukkonen
January 18, 2025	CGY [3] at WPG [1] W	Kuzmenko	Wolf	Comrie
January 14, 2025	CGY [1] at STL [4] L	Parayko	Wolf	Hofer
January 14, 2025	CGY [1] at STL [2] L	Faksa	Vladar	Binnington
January 13, 2025	CGY [5] at CHI [2]	Backlund	Wolf	Mrazek

^{*}shootout winning goal

FLAMES UPCOMING SCHEDULE:

ΙΙΔΙΕ	TIME (MST)	OPPONENT	VENUE
January 25, 2025	5:00pm	at Minnesota Wild	Xcel Energy Center
January 26, 2025	4:00pm	at Winnipeg Jets	Canada Life Centre
January 28, 2025	7:00pm	vs. Washington Capitals	Scotiabank Saddledome
January 30, 2025	7:00pm	vs. Anaheim Ducks	Scotiabank Saddledome
February 1, 2025	8:00pm	vs. Detroit Red Wings	Scotiabank Saddledome

TONIGHTS STORYLINES & STATS

This is the second of three meetings this season between the Flames and Wild. Calgary won 4-3 in a shootout in these clubs' first matchup on November 23rd.

This is a Pacific Division versus Central Division matchup; the Flames have a record of 8-6-1 against Central Division teams and a record of 14-11-2 against Western Conference opponents.

FIRST MEETING WITH MIN:

The Calgary Flames welcomed the Minnesota Wild to the Scotiabank Saddledome for game one of their season series back on November 23rd. Calgary would open the scoring with five minutes remaining in the first after Kevin Rooney deflected a Daniil Miromanov shot past Filip Gustavsson to give the home side the lead. Minnesota would draw even shortly after, and the teams headed into the first intermission tied at ones. In the second, a Martin Pospisil powerplay tally gave Calgary their lead back heading into the final frame. In the third, Calgary would strike again on the powerplay with Yegor Sharangovich giving the Flames a two-goal advantage. Minnesota would push late and tie the game to force overtime. The extra frame would solve nothing, and in a five round shootout the Flames would knock off the Wild 4-3.

HOWLIN' FOR YOU:

With his 32-save effort on Thursday against Buffalo, Dustin Wolf has now won 25 of his first 44 career starts, tying him with Brian Elliott for the second-fewest games to 25 wins in Flames franchise history. Milkka Kiprusoff tops the list, requiring just 40 games to record 25 wins in the Flames crease. Wolf has also set a franchise record for the most wins by a Flames goalie in their first 15 home games of a season with 12, passing Mike Vernon's 11 in the 1988-89 and 1989-90 campaigns.

LOOK BACKS AT IT:

With his goal on Thursday against Buffalo, Mikael Backlund recorded his 210th NHL goal to tie Johnny Gaudreau for the ninth-most in Flames franchise history. Earlier this season, Backlund passed Eric Vail (206) to take sole-possession of the 10th most in Flames history and has joined Kent Nilsson as one of two Swedish-born skaters inside the top 10 in goals for the Flames.

Backlund has also registered the fifth-most game-winning goals on the road in Flames franchise history (21), and with one more can tie Theoren Fleury for the fourth-most. Only Jarome Iginla (34), Sean Monahan (23), and Johhny Gaudreau (23) have more.

SHARK ATTACK:

With Yegor Sharangovich's marker on Thursday against Buffalo, he scored his 93rd career goal. With seven more tallies, Sharangovich can become just the third skater of Belarussian descent in NHL history to reach the 100-goal plateau and join: Mikhail Grabovski (125) and Andrei Kostitsyn (103).

BISHOP'S DEBUT:

Clark Bishop made his Calgary Flames debut on Thursday's 5-2 win over Buffalo. Bishop is in his third season with the Flames organization and at the time of his recall was enjoying a career-year in the American Hockey League with 33 points from 16 goals and 17 assists through 39 games. The 28-year-old led the Wranglers with six game-winning goals on the campaign, including a stretch from October 25th to October 31st where he recorded four-consecutive game-winning goals in the AHL. Thursday was the St. John's, NL native's first NHL game since February 15th, 2022 as a member of the Ottawa Senators.

BACK-TO-BACKS:

The Flames are set to begin their sixth back-to-back set tonight in Minnesota, before travelling to Winnipeg tomorrow night. Calgary has a record of 4-1-0 in game one of back-to-back scenarios, and a record of 1-4-0 in game two of back-to-back scenarios. The Flames next back-to-back set will come on February 1st when they welcome the Detroit Red Wings before travelling to Seattle the following night on February 2nd to face the Kraken.

HEY DID YOU KNOW?

Jonathan Huberdeau and Mikael Backlund buried shorthanded goals Thursday, which marked just the second time within the last six years where Calgary had two in a game (also Dec. 18, 2023).

Clark Bishop was a member of the 2019 Calder Cup Champion Charlotte Checkers, skating in 16 playoff games alongside fellow Flame Jake Bean.

CALGARY FLAMES vs. MINNESOTA WILD

CGY vs. MIN	ALL-TIME	HOME	AWAY	L10	STRK
	57-31-4-13	31-13-3-5	26-18-1-8	6-2-2	W2

GAME INFO:

Calgary Flames at Minnesota Wild

6:00pm CT

Xcel Energy Center TV: Sportsnet West

Radio: Sportsnet Fan 960

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

Nov. 23, 2024 – MIN [3] vs. CGY [4] (SO)

Jan. 25, 2025 – CGY at MIN Apr. 11, 2025 – MIN vs. CGY

2023-24 Season Record vs. MIN: 1-1-1 (Home: 0-1-0, Road: 1-0-1)

Last Home Win vs. MIN: November 23, 2024 – Minnesota [3] vs. Calgary [4] (SO)

Last Road Win @ MIN: January 2, 2024 – Calgary [3] at Minnesota [1] Last Home Loss vs. MIN: December 5, 2023 – Minnesota [5] vs. Calgary [2] Last Road Loss @ MIN: December 14, 2023 – Calgary [2] at Minnesota [3] (SO)

2024-25 CALGARY FLAMES

FLAMES RECENT TRANSACTIONS:

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)

Jan. 10 – recalled Rory Kerins (F) from Calgary (AHL)

Jan. 21 - placed Walker Duehr (F) on waivers; claimed by SJS

Jan. 23 – recalled Clark Bishop (F) from Calgary (AHL)

Jan. 24 – assigned Tyson Barrie (D) to Calgary (AHL) on a conditioning loan

FLAMES RECENT INJURIES (Total man games lost – 81)

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 (32 games: 11/7/24 – pres.)

Justin Kirkland – lower-body injury (21 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)

Connor Zary – lower-body injury (6 games: 1/11/25 – pres.)

FLAMES CAREER MILESTONES WITHIN REACH:

Kevin Rooney – 297 games played (3 away from 300 games played)

Dan Vladar – 95 games played (5 away from 100 games played)

Kevin Bahl – 194 games played – (6 away from 200 games played)

Yegor Sharangovich – 93 goals (7 away from 100 goals)

HOW THE FLAMES WERE BUILT: (* = injured)

Draft (7)	Free Agent (8)	Trade (7)	Waivers (2)
Andersson (53rd overall, 2015)	Bean (July 2024)	Bahl (From NJD – 2024)	Hanley (From DAL – 2024)
Backlund (24 th overall, 2007)	Bishop (July 2022)	Huberdeau (From FLA – 2022)	Pachal (From VGK – 2024)
Coronato (13th overall, 2021)	Coleman (July 2021)	Kuzmenko (From VAN – 2024)	
Kerins (174th overall, 2020)	Kadri (August 2022)	Miromanov (From VGK – 2024)	
Pelletier (26 th overall, 2019)	Lomberg (July 2024)	Sharangovich (From NJD – 2023)	
Pospisil (105 th overall, 2018)	Mantha* (July 2024)	Vladar (From BOS – 2021)	
Zary* (24 th overall, 2020)	Rooney (July 2022)	Weegar (From FLA – 2022)	
	Kirkland* (July 2024)		-

RECORD BY MONTH

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

POINTS LEADER BY MONTH

	October	November	December	January	February	March	April
Player	Andersson	Kadri	Huberdeau	Coleman			
Points	4-6 – 10	4-5 – 9	8-7 – 15	2-7 – 9			

RECORD BY DAY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1-3-0	2-2-0	8-2-2	1-1-1	2-4-2	2-1-0	7-3-2

RECORD BY DAYS BETWEEN GAMES/ON...

0 Days: 1-4-0 1 Day: 12-11-6 2 Days: 5-1-0 3 Days: 1-0-1 4+ Days: 4-0-0 First of B2B: 4-1-0 Second of B2B: 1-4-0

RECORD WHEN...

	0G	1G	2G	3G	4G	5G	6G	7G	8G
Scoring	0-2-0	0-4-2	3-5-2	10-4-2	4-0-0	2-0-0	3-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0
Allowing	4-0-0	8-0-0	4-0-2	4-2-2	1-5-2	1-5-0	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 (Huberdeau)	1/23/25 vs. BUF
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	1/23/25 vs. BUF	1/11/25 vs. LAK
Regulation win, away	1/18/25 at WPG	1/13/25 at CHI
Regulation loss, home	1/4/25 vs. NSH	1/2/25 vs. UTA
Regulation loss, away	1/16/25 at STL	1/14/25 at STL
OT win, home		
OT win, away	1/7/25 at ANA	11/5/24 at MTL
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

1,036



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	15	10	2	3	1/23/25: 5-2 W vs. BUF
Away	22	8	10	4	1/18/25 3-1 W at WPG
Alternate	10	6	4	0	1/11/25: 2-1 W vs. LAK