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By The Numbers: Jets established as NHL's top team

By TSN.ca Staff

Through 13 games, the Winnipeg Jets have established themselves at the NHL's best team this season.

The Jets improved to 12-1-0 with a 3-0 win over the Utah Hockey Club Tuesday night, claiming afterwards the victory came despite not playing their best hockey.

"The game wasn't very pretty," forward Nino Niederreiter said. per NHL.com. "There wasn't a whole lot of flow out there. I think that is something that we knew and just had to stick with and do the little things right. Eventually we would create our own luck, and that's what happened there."

"It was a grind," head coach Scott Arniel added. "We had talked this morning about Utah, they were making it difficult on us in letting us get into the interior and letting us get second chances. But I like the way we kind of hung with it. ... Our PK was really good against a dangerous looking group that they have."

While Connor Hellebuyck has long been established among the NHL's best goaltenders, the Jets offence has established itself as the league's most prolific this season.

Hellebuyck made 21 saves for his 39th career shutout on Tuesday, while the three goals improved Winnipeg's league-leading total to 62. The team is averaging an NHL-best 4.77 goals per game while conceding 2.31 goals per game, the second-best mark in the NHL behind only the New York Rangers (2.18). Put the two together and the Jets own the league's best goal differential at plus-32.

Power play propels Jets

The Jets shut down Utah's power play on Tuesday, keeping them goalless over four opportunities. The penalty kill has been one of the few weaknesses for Winnipeg this season, with the unit improving to a middle-of-the-league 79.3 per cent success rate after the win.

The power play, on the other hand, has been dominant and a key reason for the Jets red-hot start. Currently operating at 44.4 per cent rate, Winnipeg has punished opponents this season when given a man advantage, with Gabriel Vilardi opening the scoring Tuesday on the power play as the unit went 1-for-2.

The Colorado Avalanche own the league's second-best power play this season, converting on 37 per cent of opportunities and just five teams have a success rate above 30 per cent.

It's been a balanced attack for the Jets power play, with no player recording more than seven power-play points over the 16 goals the team has scored. A total of 10 players have picked up power-play points this season, with all of them owning at least three. Mark Scheifele and Josh

Morrissey are tied for the team lead with seven power-play points each, while Kyle Connor has scored four of his nine goals with the man advantage.

Not counted among power play success is the Jets ability to score with their own goalie pulled late in games or on delayed calls. Winnipeg has scored five goals in six-on-five situations, tied with the often-trailing San Jose Sharks for the league lead.

Winnipeg finds scoring throughout lineup

Connor leads the Jets with 19 points this season, followed by Scheifele and Nikolaj Ehlers, who have 17 points each. Ten players have at least 10 points this season through 13 games as balance has propelled the team to the top of the league standings.

It was Niederreiter who drove the offence on Tuesday with two third-period goals, bringing his season totals to seven goals and 12 points after posting 18 goals and 34 points in 77 games last season.

"The best part about it right now is that we keep finding ways to win hockey games, and in all situations" Niederreiter said. "The power play steps up when it needs to. The PK has been great. We are finding the back of the net right now, which is great.

"It is something that we work very hard for it. We know we can't take anything for granted."

The Jets hold a five-point cushion over the Florida Panthers in the Presidents' Trophy race atop the league standings with the two teams equal in games played. Winnipeg has two more games in their current four-game homestand before putting their 6-0-0 road record on the line next week with games against the Rangers, Tampa Bay Lightning and Panthers.

<https://www.nhl.com/news/utah-hockey-club-winnipeg-jets-game-recap-november-5>

Domino's That's Hockey: What changed for Jets since playoff loss to Avalanche? (VIDEO)

Things came crashing down quickly for the Jets in the first round of the playoffs last season, as the Avalanche rattled off four straight wins to end Winnipeg's postseason after just five games. With the Jets now 12-1 to open the year, what's changed for the team since that time? Domino's That's Hockey examines.

<https://www.tsn.ca/video/the-talking-point-how-have-jets-become-the-nhl-s-highest-scoring-team~3024599>

The Talking Point: How have Jets become the NHL's highest scoring team? (VIDEO)

The NHL-best Jets lead the league in goals scored with 62 in 13 games, eight more than the Golden Knights who sit second. How has Winnipeg become the NHL's highest scoring team? TSN Director of Scouting Craig Button shares his thoughts in The Talking Point.

<https://www.tsn.ca/video/fanduel-power-plays-are-the-jets-being-disrespected-by-oddsmakers~3025182>

FanDuel Power Plays: Are the Jets being disrespected by oddsmakers? (VIDEO)

The scorching hot Jets are a league-best have wins in 12 of 13 games to start the season, but despite this, oddsmakers on FanDuel have them sitting with the 12th longest odds to win the Stanley Cup. Is Winnipeg being disrespected? TSN Hockey analyst Carlo Colaiacovo joins Aaron Korolnek to discuss.

<https://www.tsn.ca/video/is-the-central-winnipeg-s-division-to-lose~3025422>

Is the Central Winnipeg's division to lose? (VIDEO)

Bryan Hayes, Jeff O'Neill and Jamie McLennan are joined by Winnipeg Jets Senior host and producer and former TSN reporter Sara Orlesky to discuss which teams should scare Winnipeg Jets fans in the Central division and the vibe in Winnipeg when the Maple Leafs are in town.

NHL Network

<https://illegalcurve.com/nhl-network-what-is-the-number-1-reasons-for-the-winnipeg-jets-great-start/>

What is the number 1 reason for the Winnipeg Jets great start? (VIDEO)

EJ. Hradek and Kevin Weekes give their takes on why the Jets are off to a great start this season

<https://wscclipsscus.prod-cdn.clipro.tv/videos/05626888-5cfc-4680-9cd3-e231b9638cff.mp4>

Players Only with Kyle Connor on Winnipeg Jets hot start, spending time with his teammates (VIDEO)

Winnipeg Jets star Kyle Connor joined Mike Rupp and Brian Boyle on the latest edition of Players Only to discuss his teammates, their hot start to the season, playing internationally and more.

CTV Winnipeg

<https://winnipeg.ctvnews.ca/normalize-the-conversation-around-mental-health-how-project-11-is-helping-manitoba-students-have-the-tough-conversations-1.7100731>

'Normalize the conversation around mental health': How Project 11 is helping Manitoba students have the tough conversations

By Devon McKendrick

True North Youth Foundation's Project 11 is marking its 11th anniversary—helping kids throughout the province have conversations focused on mental health.

The program was started in honour of Rick Rypien, who played with the Manitoba Moose and Winnipeg Jets and passed away in 2011.

The curriculum is available in schools throughout the province and helps students from kindergarten all the way to grade 12.

"Our hope in developing the program was truly to normalize the conversation around mental health and teach students different coping strategies," said Suzi Friesen, the director of educational programs for the youth foundation. "We know that obstacles are inevitable in everyone's life, and we really wanted to help empower both teachers and students with some great skills that will help them along their life journey."

Marking the 11th anniversary, this is the first year the curriculum is available in high schools. Friesen said they have always targeted younger kids, but they really wanted the continuation for older students.

As part of the curriculum, a summit was held at Canada Life Centre Wednesday where students got to listen to some Winnipeg Jets players, like Gabe Vilardi, Connor Hellebuyck, Nikolaj Ehlers, and Eric Comrie, talk about their mental health journeys and the actions they take to help deal with any problems they may face.

"So we wanted to bring some of the topics that they may not want to talk about or that they're invincible to—like sleep, nutrition, being able to talk about issues—because we're all going through something, as some of the Jets talked about today," said Kevin Landreville, a physical education teacher at St. John's-Ravenscourt School.

He said hearing from Jets players can be beneficial for students because it shows they are people just like them.

"I think, more important than ever before, is humanizing the players. Like, talking about how they have the same struggles we do on an everyday basis. They just happen to have millions of fans watching them on every given night, and that brings a lot of pressure."

After speaking with the players, students were able to break into smaller sessions and talk with a variety of specialists.

"So we have sessions focused on sleep, nutrition, anxiety, self-compassion, and gratitude. We have different experts that are focusing on preparing us for university and that next chapter in our lives," said Friesen.

She said if schools are wanting to join Project 11, they can sign up online(opens in a new tab), and teachers can be trained on how to help students.

Project 11 is available for all English, French, and Ukrainian schools.

Global Winnipeg

<https://www.winnipegfreepress.com/breakingnews/2024/11/05/nino-notches-pair-on-big-night>

ANALYSIS: Jets need to make a decision on future of Nikolaj Ehlers

By Paul Edmonds CJOB

When it comes to star power on the Winnipeg Jets, Nikolaj Ehlers is among the bright constellation that includes names like Connor, Scheifele, Hellebuyck and Morrissey — although when it comes to pick-up-the-puck-and-go excitement, he shines the brightest on his team.

Through the first 13 games of the season, the 28-year-old Ehlers is off to a torrid start, and on pace for a career year in goals and points.

But now, on an expiring contract — one that would make him an unrestricted free agent on July 1 — the question needs to be asked: is this Ehlers' final season in Winnipeg?

At this point, there's been no news when it comes to what either side is thinking in terms of negotiations, or if there's even an appetite for the relationship to continue beyond this season.

But here are the options that exist for the two sides, one more favourable to Jets fans, of course, and the other more relevant to the business of hockey.

First off, the Jets and Ehlers could come to an extension agreement at any point between now and next summer and the Great Dane stays put. Another option would see Ehlers walk to free agency as the Jets use him as an in-house rental player for the balance of the season and playoffs. He then signs elsewhere on July 1.

Now, Winnipeg could also trade him before the deadline or re-sign him after he becomes a free agent, but neither of those scenarios is likely.

So, after 10 years, more than 600 games and nearly 500 points, the popular Ehlers' future in this community is uncertain, and will probably remain that way for months to come.

And while he's still a member of the Jets' constellation of stars for probably the rest of this season, now that he's in his final year of a contract and nothing cooking in terms of an extension, one wonders if his exciting abilities extend to him skating right out of town next summer.

City TV Winnipeg

<https://winnipeg.citynews.ca/video/2024/11/06/winnipeg-jets-host-youth-mental-health-summit/>

Winnipeg Jets host youth mental health summit (VIDEO)

Students from across the province listen in as the Winnipeg Jets talk about mental health and well-being. Kurt Black reports.