

Winnipeg Free Press

<https://www.winnipegfreepress.com/breakingnews/2025/02/06/jets-focus-on-taking-care-of-business>

Jets focus on taking care of business NHL front-runners will need to make sure 15-day hiatus doesn't hurt momentum

By: Mike McIntyre

We take you back to February 2014, which is the last time the National Hockey League hit pause on the regular season to allow for some best-on-best competition.

As a few dozen stars headed to Sochi to play in the Olympics and the remainder scattered to various tropical hotspots for some rest and relaxation, the St. Louis Blues were on top of the standings with a 39-12-6 record. Right behind them (by points percentage) were the Anaheim Ducks (41-14-5), Pittsburgh Penguins (40-15-3) and Chicago Blackhawks (35-11-14).

How much did the two-week NHL hiatus hurt their momentum? History would suggest a lot.

When the season resumed, the Blues went 13-11-1 the rest of the way (21st-best record) to fall from first-overall to fourth, then crashed out in the first round of the playoffs. In fact, the top four all regressed down the stretch, with Anaheim (13-6-3) and Pittsburgh (11-9-4) eliminated in the second round and Chicago (11-10-1) knocked out in the third.

The Los Angeles Kings went on to win the Stanley Cup, despite the fact they were 12th in the NHL standings at the Olympic break with a pedestrian 31-22-6 record. They beat the New York Rangers, who were right behind them in 13th at 32-24-3.

Both teams caught fire at the right time — L.A. went 15-6-3 post-Olympics while NY went 13-7-3 — and kept it going into the playoffs.

It's not how you start, but how you finish, right?

We take this little trip down memory lane because the Winnipeg Jets find themselves in a similar position as those 2014 front-runners with the NHL on the cusp of going dark for two weeks, this time for the 4 Nations Face-Off.

At 38-14-3, the Jets sit No. 1 in the Central Division and Western Conference and No. 2 in the NHL (behind only Washington) based on points percentage. They have won seven games in a row heading into Friday's date with the visiting New York Islanders.

The hope, of course, is the Jets will be able to pick up right where they left off when the season resumes on Feb. 22 in St. Louis.

Is it really going to be that easy? Should fans have reason to be concerned?

"I don't want it to disappear. We have momentum right now going into the break," Jets head coach Scott Arniel told the Free Press Thursday following practice.

“The whole league will have to focus and get ourselves ready. We’ll have 26 (regular-season games) to go, and then the race is on. It will be a sprint. The thing about it is there will be a lot of refreshed guys, guys coming off injuries, teams getting healthy that will make the competition really good.”

Connor Hellebuyck and Kyle Connor (Team USA) and Josh Morrissey (Canada) are headed to the 4 Nations competition, so there’s no question that the trio will remain fresh. The other 20 healthy players on the roster are heading out on vacation as early as Saturday morning, and they won’t need to be back in town until the next team practice on Feb. 19.

The Jets will hold an optional skate on Feb. 18 for those who get back early. There will also be on-ice workouts on Feb. 20 and 21 to try and work off some of the rust (and skate off some of the Piña Coladas).

“I’m going to turn the brain off. I’ll be watching those (4 Nations games) from afar. But take some time away. I want everybody (to relax),” said Arniel.

“It’s important that we all reset when you get a chance.”

In terms of studying whether past success is the best indicator of future success in the NHL, it’s also worth a look at the 2020 COVID pause in which teams stayed off the ice from mid-March until the beginning of August.

The Boston Bruins had the best record in the league at 44-14-12, only to be eliminated in the second round of the “bubble” playoffs that summer. St. Louis (42-19-10) was second overall, and they didn’t even get out of the first round. Colorado (42-20-8) sat third, and they also got bounced in the second round.

The Tampa Bay Lightning ended up winning the Cup. They sat fourth overall at the break with a 43-21-6 record.

If we want to go back to the 2010 Olympic break, the Washington Capitals were first-overall at 41-13-8, then were able to pick up where they left off by going 13-2-5 (second-best in the NHL) down the stretch. However, that didn’t prevent a shocking first-round playoff exit.

The Chicago Blackhawks won the Cup that year. They were third at the pause (41-15-5), struggled to the 13th-best record after the Olympics (11-7-3), but then regained their previous form in an impressive two-month playoff run.

“This year and next year are going to be two real rarities. Next year is even going to be longer,” Arniel said of the in-season break as the NHL is heading back to the Olympics for the first time in 12 years.

Captain Adam Lowry and winger Morgan Barron are both currently on the injured list for Winnipeg. The hope is they’ll be close to returning once action resumes. There are several other players working through various aches and pains.

Arniel said it will be important for the team to remember what has contributed to the success they’ve enjoyed through the first two-thirds of the season — and lean on that structure and discipline to ensure it doesn’t vanish.

“We’ve done a good job of being focused and doing the right things,” said Arniel.

“Now when we get back, we’ll talk about it and really recognize that it’s heavy hockey. It’s going to be as close to playoff hockey as you’re going to see.”

Arniel said a “one game at a time” mentality has helped the cause, with nobody getting too far ahead of themselves. He expects that to continue.

“The biggest thing, for me, is turning off the last game, whatever happened. Winning obviously makes it different but you have to move on to the next opponent,” he said.

“Honestly, and I’m not blowing smoke (but) all I’m thinking about is the Islanders and that’s what we’ve done as a group. We’ve moved on, turned the page, wins or losses. Everything is just the next game. Take care of business and let’s win the next one.”

Even if, as will be the case after Friday, the next one will be 15 days away.

<https://www.winnipegfreepress.com/breakingnews/2025/02/06/anticipation-builds-for-4-nations-face-off>

Anticipation builds for 4 Nations Face-Off Jets figure to play prominent roles in best-on-best tourney

By: Ken Wiebe

All you had to do was look at the eagle and the USA logo on the goalie mask of Connor Hellebuyck to realize the 4 Nations Face-Off is just around the corner.

While Hellebuyck and the Winnipeg Jets are not looking past their final opponent before the NHL breaks for the best-on-best tournament next week, it’s clear the anticipation is building.

“It’s phenomenal. It’s a little more flash than I usually go for, and that’s great for this tournament,” said Hellebuyck, when asked about his mask after he unveiled it during Thursday’s workout. “It’s going to be fun hockey. There is a lot of skill on our team. And I haven’t put a whole lot of time into it because we’re still worrying about ourselves right now, but I got a couple days, a couple days of practice to really feel things out.”

Hellebuyck has one more start for the Jets — Friday night against the New York Islanders — before his focus shifts to the international game.

Given how well he’s played this season for the Jets, it seems fairly obvious Hellebuyck should give the United States a decisive edge in goal when the tournament, which also features Canada, Sweden and Finland, opens in Montreal on Feb. 12.

Chasing a third Vezina Trophy, Hellebuyck’s numbers are extraordinary (a 33-7-2 record, 2.02 goals-against average and .925 save percentage and six shutouts through a league-leading 42 starts). His high level of play should also provide a level of confidence for the Americans.

Jets left-winger Kyle Connor also figures to play a prominent role with the American squad.

He's one of the NHL's top scorers with 30 goals, and his 67 points leave him tied for sixth going into Thursday's action.

Trying to figure out possible linemates for Connor is an interesting exercise, with options including NHL stars Auston Matthews, Jack Hughes, Jack Eichel or fellow Michigan product Dylan Larkin.

Connor, however, is prepared to just go with the flow and take things as they come.

"Any way you slice it, it's going to be fun getting a chance to play with them," said Connor. "I'm sure they're (the coaches) going to mix it up, too, and kind of see what matches. Whatever the lines are, I'm just excited to get together with everybody and have a chance to represent your country."

Regardless of who he ends up playing with, Connor said the most important step is trying to build chemistry and find a role in a short order of time.

"The biggest thing is just having the players that are on the team play to their specific skill set, to put them in positions to succeed," said Connor. "Like I said, not over-coaching, almost, being able to read off each other but at the same time just having that free will and just being able to play hockey."

Connor said communication surrounding event logistics has been ramping up over the past week or so, but the real fun is just around the corner.

As this is the first time NHL players will be participating in a best-on-best tournament since the World Cup of Hockey in 2016, it's an opportunity for many of the game's brightest stars to be on the same stage for the first time.

"It's getting a chance to, one, play with guys I wouldn't get a chance to play with and obviously just respect around the league," said Connor. "Also going against some of the best players in the world, it elevates your game. You want to play against the best and I think everybody is kind of ramped up for this tournament.

"Everybody's proud of where they came from, and I think that's only going to ramp up and intensify as it comes, especially having it both in Montreal and the finals and a couple other games in Boston. The crowd's going to be behind them for Canada obviously in Montreal and vice-versa in Boston."

Team Canada figures to be a formidable foe, with Jets defenceman Josh Morrissey set to play a starring role on the back end.

Morrissey is enjoying another outstanding season and finds himself in the thick of the conversation surrounding the Norris Trophy.

With seven goals and 46 points through 55 games while averaging nearly 25 minutes of ice time per game and often going up against the other team's most skilled offensive players, Morrissey and Colorado Avalanche's Cale Makar figure to be leaned on heavily by head coach Jon Cooper.

In recent days, there have been several injury concerns popping up among Canada's forward group, which leaves the door open for centre Mark Scheifele to be added as an emergency replacement.

While it will be a memorable event for the Jets players who participate — "I know it's special for those guys to all get the opportunity to represent their country," said Jets head coach Scott Arniel — how they apply what they learn from the experience when they return to their club for the stretch run and Stanley Cup playoffs will be equally — if not more — important.

Winnipeg Sun

<https://winnipeg.sun.com/sports/jets-connor-hellebuyck-kyle-connor-look-forward-to-superstar-gathering>

Jets' Connor Hellebuyck, Kyle Connor look forward to superstar gathering

By Paul Friesen

Kyle Connor is trying not to get too caught up in who he might be skating next to in the 4 Nations Face-Off.

The prospect of Maple Leafs star Auston Matthews as his centre and New Jersey's Jack Hughes on the opposite wing, though, is hard not to smile at.

"Yeah, pretty good," the Winnipeg Jets forward said on Thursday about some of the speculation. "Any way you slice it, it's going to be fun getting a chance to play with them. I'm sure the (coaches) are going to mix it up, too, and see what matches. We do have a couple of practices before, so be able to develop some chemistry. Whatever the lines are, I'm just excited to get together with everybody. A chance to represent your country ... play with guys I wouldn't get a chance to play with.

"Also going against some of the best players in the world. It elevates your game."

Matthews scores better than a goal every other game, while Hughes was 10th in scoring with 63 points going into Thursday night's games. Connor is fifth in the NHL in goals, with 30.

Connor and Jets goalie Connor Hellebuyck will join Team USA for the four-team event, Feb. 12-20, with defenceman Josh Morrissey suiting up for Canada.

The chances of Jets centre Mark Scheifele getting the call after being passed over in the initial roster selection increased with an apparent arm injury to Sidney Crosby on Tuesday.

All eyes will be on the Team Canada captain the next few days. He's missed practice the past two, although he skated on his own on Thursday.

Regardless of who's on the final roster, finding chemistry with teammates in such a short tournament isn't always easy. Connor says less may be more when it comes to implementing structured systems.

“The biggest thing is just having the players that are on the team play to their specific skill set, put them in positions to succeed,” he said. “Not over-coaching, almost. Being able to read off each other, but at the same time just having that free will and just being able to play hockey.”

With games in Montreal and Boston, Connor says the cross-border rivalry should be in full bloom, too.

“Everybody’s proud of where they came from,” he said. “And that’s only going to ramp up and intensify as it comes, especially having it both in Montreal and the final and a couple other games in Boston.”

Connor says he has some family making the trip, while Hellebuyck’s wife is from the Boston area, so he’ll have her and their two kids around, at least.

“It’s going to be fun hockey,” the goalie said. “There is a lot of skill on our team.”

<https://winnipeg.sun.com/sports/jets-notebook-hoping-to-say-bye-bye-on-a-happy-note-if-theyre-not-looking-past-the-islanders>

JETS NOTEBOOK: Hoping to say bye-bye on a positive note after final pre-break tilt vs. Islanders

By Paul Friesen

Football players always talk about the importance of going into a bye week with a win. It just makes for a more enjoyable two weeks.

The Winnipeg Jets are looking for the same kind of going-away vibe when they host the New York Islanders on Friday, their last game before the two-week break for the 4 Nations Face-off.

A win would vault the Jets into the break on an eight-game run, matching their longest winning streak of the season, set in the first eight games.

“I don’t want it to disappear. We have momentum right now going into the break,” head coach Scott Arniel said on Thursday.

Of course, that momentum will find itself baking under the hot sun in Mexico, Florida and wherever else players not involved in the tournament plan to go for some R and R.

Even the coaches plan to turn off their computers and lock their office doors.

“I’m going to turn the brain off,” Arniel said. “It’s important that we all reset when you get a chance. We’ll have 26 to go, and then the race is on. There are a lot of teams where coaches and staff will be talking about gearing up for a run. There’s a lot of teams still vying for playoff spots, still jockeying for spots within the division and the wild cards.

“It will be a sprint.”

It’s an unusual wrench thrown into the gears of a normal NHL season, interrupting it for a full two weeks. The Jets won’t play again until Feb. 22 in St. Louis.

Two weeks between games, though, doesn't mean two weeks off the ice, even for those heading to points south. The Jets will have full practices in the three days leading up to their next game, including a mini training camp to shake off the rust, though that will fall on the day of the 4 Nations final, so there's a chance not everybody will be back in town.

As Arniel put it: "We'll see who ends up where."

Three Jets are playing in the tournament: defenceman Josh Morrissey for Canada, goalie Connor Hellebuyck and winger Kyle Connor for the U.S. The other countries taking part are Sweden and Finland.

Beckoning beaches

While the three Jets playing in the tournament should have no trouble keeping their thoughts on hockey, the rest have to resist letting their minds wander to the beckoning beaches.

Connor doesn't think staying focused on Friday will be much of a challenge with a veteran group like this.

"Everybody has come across this before, whether it's a Christmas break, an all-star break in the past," he said. "Obviously this is a different animal with 4 Nations, with the excitement and anticipation building towards it. Even though you've got that outside noise and you're dealing with schedules, flights ... we're all pretty good at dialing in and focusing on the task at hand."

No matter what happens against the Islanders, Arniel can't complain about how his team has handled the first two of what he calls "three seasons within the season."

"That's getting off to a great start, and the post-Christmas until (Friday) for us," the coach said. "We've done a good job of being focused and doing the right things. Now when we get back ... it's heavy hockey. It's going to be as close to playoff hockey as you're going to see."

Goalie's crystal ball

Watching No. 2 goalie Eric Comrie get his first shutout of the season against Carolina on Tuesday put a smile on Hellebuyck's face — and confirmed a prediction, of sorts.

"He's earned it," Hellebuyck said. "He works so hard every single day. And you know, we were just talking before that, how it's going to happen. It's coming. Sure enough, two days later, it happened. So yeah, I was really excited for him."

Hellebuyck was also happy to see an early Carolina goal overturned after Arniel challenged that there was goalie interference.

Winnipeg's two-time Vezina Trophy winner has been vocal and quite involved in the league clarifying exactly what is goalie interference.

"They've made it very clear ... kind of black and white," he said. "And I enjoy that."

Well, there was that one time in November when it seemed he had half the Tampa Bay lineup in his crease for a goal that stood, even after a review.

“Yeah, that one was frustrating,” Hellebuyck recalled. “But they reached out and apologized, said they got it wrong. So that makes things a little bit easier. It’s still on my stats and on our team. Thank God, we won that game.

“They took a little bit of accountability ... said that’s a one-off. And they’ve been pretty good for the remainder of the year.”

Sportsnet.ca

<https://www.sportsnet.ca/nhl/article/time-for-jets-to-wave-white-flag-on-ville-heinola/>

Time for Jets to wave white flag on Ville Heinola

By Jacob Stoller

WINNIPEG — For a split second back in November, it felt like Ville Heinola might actually get some leash.

The 23-year-old had recovered from a training camp ankle injury — his second in as many years — and Scott Arniel made it seem like Heinola was very much part of the team’s plans.

“It’s been a tough two years for him. I’m probably his biggest fan here. I wanna see him,” Arniel said after the Winnipeg Jets’ Nov. 19 morning skate.

Arniel’s endorsement came four days before Dylan Samberg broke his foot.

Naturally, when a coach praises a player like that, you’d think he’d get a Grade-A opportunity to prove his worth. But of course, as it’s been the case throughout the 2019 first-round pick’s time in Winnipeg, he received sub-optimal deployment throughout his audition.

Initially, Heinola was paired with Colin Miller on the third pair. Despite showing signs of rust, Heinola fared relatively well in his first two games of the season — against two heavy opponents in Minnesota and Los Angeles — and it wasn’t just his puck skills that shined, with the young Finn making several key defensive stops.

“There were a lot of things I liked,” Arniel told reporters after Heinola’s season debut against the Wild. “He has patience and poise, we know that, especially on the breakouts.”

After those two games, though, the left-shot blue-liner spent seven of the remaining 12 games of Samberg’s absence playing on the right side alongside Logan Stanley. That pairing jived as poorly as you’d expect, as they struggled to clear pucks out of the zone, were continuously hemmed in for prolonged periods and displayed zero chemistry.

Was that all solely Stanley’s fault? Of course not. But you can’t discount the argument that Heinola wasn’t put in a position to succeed.

That said, right or wrong, the whole “give Ville an opportunity” narrative could be a thing of the past soon.

Since Samberg returned on Jan. 10, Heinola, who has recorded just one point in 16 games this year, has been a healthy scratch in all but two of the team’s last 13 games. Winnipeg’s coaching

staff has not-so-subtly appointed Stanley as their fifth defenceman and given that this team could very well add another blue liner before the deadline — there's really no path for Heinola to play meaningful games this year. Even if there's an injury. Or two.

And really, it's not practical to keep him around.

As uncomfortable as it may be, it's time for Winnipeg to wave the white flag on this once-prized prospect.

Heinola's development strikes a chord with a lot of fans.

To be clear, the pro-Heinola folk don't bang the drum for the player he is now, but rather, for the player he can be. Or what he could have been if things were handled differently. And it's easy to understand the frustration. We're talking about a player who cracked the Jets' opening night roster as an 18-year-old — registering one goal and five points in eight games — and became an elite AHL talent. All along, the Jets preached patience with Heinola. Which is why his lack of opportunity at the NHL level has left a sour taste in many people's mouths.

But let's remember where this team is at. The Jets are in win-now mode. At this stage, potential has to be thrown out the door. It's all about the present.

Now, that may seem hypocritical. You could argue Stanley has received the opportunity he has because of what the Jets hope he can do, rather than what he actually does. Love it or hate it, we all know why Stanley is a lineup regular — he adds size to one of the NHL's smallest blue lines.

Even the most loyal Heinola truthers couldn't argue that the player he is today would add value to a playoff lineup.

Haydn Fleury is almost certainly ahead of him in the pecking order if there's an injury and if Winnipeg adds a body (or several) ahead of the deadline, they're going to have to subtract someone from their roster anyway. Heinola is no longer waiver-exempt and while moving him would, in theory, impact the team's depth — Dylan Coghlan and Isaak Phillips, who are down with the Moose, are more than serviceable as eighth or ninth (or 10th) defencemen options.

One could argue that he's still on the young-ish side and with a year remaining on his \$850,000 deal, perhaps he could provide surplus value next year. But who are we kidding? What's going to change from this year to next year, in terms of the archetype Winnipeg wants on their bottom pair?

Nothing.

There's certainly a sunk-cost fallacy element here, too. Trading Heinola now, when his value is at an all-time low, is a hard pill to swallow for an organization that prides itself on drafting and developing its talent.

And considering Scott Perunovich — who has played double the amount of NHL career games as Heinola (52) and has been an NHL regular over the last two years — just went for a conditional fifth-round pick, it's hard to foresee the Jets netting better draft capital than that.

But in a year where the Jets are expected to wheel and deal by offloading lots of future picks, recouping any bit of draft capital is a positive.

After all, it may not be long before Heinola has zero trade value altogether.

Canadian Press

<https://www.sportsnet.ca/nhl/article/jets-having-fun-soaring-to-new-heights-on-special-teams/>

Jets having fun soaring to new heights on special teams

By Canadian Press

There were a lot of reasons for the Winnipeg Jets to be happy after they blanked the Nashville Predators 3-0 for their fourth consecutive win on Monday.

Connor Hellebuyck made 22 saves to record his fifth shutout of the season and 42nd of his career.

Gabriel Vilardi scored twice on the power play in a 62-second span.

And veteran defenceman Dylan DeMelo registered his first goal of the season in front of a sixth sellout crowd of the season at Canada Life Centre.

"Everyone played fantastic and bought into our details and played great," Hellebuyck said.

He agreed he was part of it, which led to his NHL-leading 24th win of the season (24-5-1) and the 299th of his career.

"It's fun to be in this locker room and play behind this group of guys. I'm having a lot of fun," said the 31-year-old Hellebuyck, who's in his 10th NHL season.

When Hellebuyck registers his 300th career win, he'll become only the 41st goalie in league history to reach that mark.

"That's definitely one of the milestones you're going for — 300 wins, 40 shutouts and 500 games played. Two of them down, one to go," Hellebuyck said.

The two-time Vezina Trophy winner is also proud of the team's accomplishments.

For example, DeMelo scored at 17:18 of the second period to give the Jets (27-10-1) a 1-0 lead.

"I mean, it was a beauty, too. A snipe," Hellebuyck said. "What can you say about the guy? He does it all now."

Vilardi smiled when asked about DeMelo's goal.

"It was awesome. He's so fired up, it was fun to see him," Vilardi said. "It's always fun to see him score and (celebrate), that's for sure."

Juuse Saros stopped 25 shots for Nashville (11-19-7), which dropped its second straight game.

Predators defenceman Jeremy Lauzon took his third penalty of the game with 7:43 remaining in the third. Nashville was then called for too many men to send the Jets on a two-man power play for 48 seconds.

Vilardi scored 15 seconds later to make it 2-0 and added another one with the man advantage.

"When we play to our structure and our identity, I think we're really tough to beat, really tough to score on," Vilardi said. "And part was (Hellebuyck), obviously. It's fun to win. Got to keep going, though."

Nikolaj Ehlers and Kyle Connor each had a pair of assists.

The Jets went 2-for-5 with the man advantage and have scored a power-play marker in a season-high seven consecutive games.

The Predators went into the game with the NHL's best penalty kill at 86.9 per cent. They were 0-for-2 on the power play.

"We've talked a lot about (Connor) and (Mark Scheifele), and I keep reminding everybody there's a third guy on that line," Jets head coach Scott Arniel said of Vilardi.

"And whether that's five on five or on the power play, he's a big body guy that has some great hands on him, and he doesn't stray too far away from that net. And doesn't need much time, and it doesn't take much. They just get it close to his blade and he's going to get it, usually get a shot off."

Predators head coach Andrew Brunette said Winnipeg's league-best power play starts with the players' skills.

"I feel like they're really good down low making those little plays around the net," Brunette said. "And, obviously, Connor and Scheifele, they're great at finding each other, and Morrissey moves very well on the blue line.

"So just a really complete power play and making some really good plays."

He was disappointed a tight game through two periods didn't tilt their way in the third.

"Going to (the) third, 1-0, we got to find a way to get some points and we kind of give it away, giving them the final three there and two power-play goals," Brunette said.

"It's the best power play in the league, so yeah, it's frustrating because you're right there, but you're finding a way to lose, not finding a way to win, so that's what's frustrating."

Daily Faceoff

<https://www.dailyfaceoff.com/news/beyond-connor-hellebuyck-what-secret-winnipeg-jets-success>

Beyond Connor Hellebuyck, what's the secret to the Jets' success?

by Tyler Kuehl

Somehow, the Winnipeg Jets continue to roll on through the season.

With just over a month remaining until the NHL Trade Deadline, the team from the heart of Manitoba continues to pace the rest of the league. They sit first in the NHL, a fact that has been true for the majority of the season, two points ahead of the Eastern Conference leaders, the Washington Capitals.

What has been the formula for the Jets' success?

The easy answer is the man between the pipes. Connor Hellebuyck's play for Winnipeg is not only keeping the team in first place, but it's also making him the runaway favorite to win another Vezina Trophy. However, he's not the only person on the roster making considerable contributions.

Along with a deep scoring output, which has five players having over 45 points thus far, Winnipeg's defense has done an excellent job at helping their star goaltender when possible, especially since Hellebuyck is one of the bigger workhorses in the NHL.

On Thursday's edition of Daily Faceoff LIVE, Jon Goyens joins Frank Seravalli and Tyler Yaremchuk to explain who else is part of the Jets' victorious ways this season.

Jon Goyens: It'd be an easy job to just do a whole thing on Connor Hellebuyck, but the reality is they're reducing the amount of opportunities in the slot. Slot defending comes in various ways versus rush, forecheck, attempts, and passes from the slot, and they're near the top tier in all these categories. So, that's not take anything away from Hellebuyck's job. It just means how dialed in and how consistent they are. When you do that, it fuels their offense. Because offensively, even though they're No. 1 in most categories, they are not the most firewagon type of team. They've become a really consistent team that scores in a variety of ways...they do it with fundamental defense...and that fundamental defense leads to several highlight-reel goals.