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### ***Hellebuyck's back and the Jets are looking dangerous***

By: Ken Wiebe

To call it an arrival is an exaggeration.

How about an awakening?

That's a far more apt description of the series of events that allowed the Winnipeg Jets to pull even in this best-of-seven Central Division battle with the Dallas Stars after a 4-0 triumph on Friday night before another sold-out crowd at Canada Life Centre.

The Jets checked off a couple of needs — a quicker start and crisper execution — that were two of the major themes from the debrief from Wednesday's series-opening loss.

On this night, Connor Hellebuyck was doing Connor Hellebuyck things — which means he once again resembled the guy who is a lock for a third Vezina Trophy and is also up for his first Hart Trophy.

That Hellebuyck was able to build on his strong finish to Game 7 of the epic opening-round showdown with the St. Louis Blues was a promising sign for the Jets to begin with.

By elevating his play in Game 2 with 21 saves, and his first Stanley Cup playoff shutout since Game 2 in May 2021 against the Edmonton Oilers, Hellebuyck signalled that he's shifted from turning to turned the corner.

As Hellebuyck spoke during his post-game scrum, there was further evidence of his reference to the weight that was lifted by advancing past the first round for the first time since 2021.

There was an easiness in his voice that matched the economy of movements you saw in his crease during most of the first 120 minutes of this series.

Hellebuyck's reads look sharper, which allows him to combine his knack for anticipation with his sound fundamentals.

Although his numbers are going to require some further massaging as the playoffs move along, Hellebuyck's ability to reset after the second period of the deciding game has been on full display.

By turning aside 45 of the first 48 shots on goal he's faced in this series, Hellebuyck is rocking a 1.50 goals-against average and .938 save percentage — though it's important to remember the sample size remains small, especially when you consider how volatile the position can be.

Hellebuyck talked about building his game back up better, and when he's at his best, it can make life difficult for the opponent.

Speaking of which, Jets defenceman Josh Morrissey had his best game of these playoffs, which was even more impressive when you consider he was just four days removed from getting knocked out of Game 7 with a suspected shoulder injury in a series in which he was treated like a piñata by the Blues.

Morrissey was guarded when it came to revealing details of the ailment he's been dealing with or the lengths he went to in his recovery to ensure he would be back for Game 2.

But he went out of his way to express gratitude for the opportunity to still be playing, something that wouldn't have been possible if the Jets hadn't rallied with two goals with the goalie pulled and the double overtime redirection winner by captain Adam Lowry.

In Friday's game, Morrissey was delivering all over the ice and his impact was felt far beyond the traditional stats package.

Offensively, he recorded an assist, but his most important contributions came while joining the rush, moving the puck efficiently and defending well in just under 23 minutes of ice time.

Morrissey's most impactful play came after Hellebuyck made his best save of the contest, pushing across to stop a one-timer from Evgenii Dadonov with 5:43 to go in the second period.

As great as the glove save was, Hellebuyck's shutout bid would have gone out the window were it not for a spectacular defensive effort by Morrissey on Stars centre Wyatt Johnston, who thought he was going to be able to deposit the rebound into an open net.

Not only did Morrissey tie up Johnston well enough to win the one-on-one battle to prevent Johnston's stick from finding the loose puck, the Jets alternate captain calmly pushed the puck out of harm's way to complete the play.

As he so often does, Morrissey deferred credit on the play, citing the work of Hellebuyck instead.

"It's a pretty high-danger opportunity. He made a great save, (I) was just trying to box out Johnston on the backside. In those moments it's just desperation," said Morrissey.

“Thankfully, we had Helly to make that save, and then like I said, just try and get it out of there as fast as possible.”

Morrissey’s moment was expanded on by Nikolaj Ehlers, who joined the Jets’ blue-liner at the podium after his team’s fifth victory in the postseason.

“He’s a guy that’s so calm with the puck,” said Ehlers. “On the power play goal (by Gabe Vilaradi to open the scoring), he lays it into me there under pressure. Plays physical as well. He makes saves, apparently.

“He’s a guy that does everything really well and has had a huge impact on us and has been great for us for the last many years. It’s great to have him back.”

Ehlers was back as well, using his blazing speed to have his most explosive offensive output of these playoffs.

Playing in just his fourth game as he works his way back from a lower-body issue, Ehlers chipped in two goals and an assist to go along with his seven shots on goal and 13 shot attempts.

Ehlers was here, he was there, and he was everywhere in this outing.

He was omnipresent.

Unlocking Ehlers makes the Jets even more dangerous to defend.

“Yeah, it’s nice to see him rewarded. Again, another guy to jump into the middle of a playoff series late in that last series,” said Jets head coach Scott Arniel.

“And to just have the opportunities that he’s had... I’m just really happy for him.

“He was dominant. He had the puck a lot. I liked the fact that he attacked the net a bunch of times with the puck. We need his line and we need him doing what he did. We’re a tougher threat when we have all of our pieces going like that.”

Keeping those pieces going is the next step in the process as the Jets try to get a leg up and win for the first time away from home in what will be the fourth opportunity to do so in these playoffs.

That opportunity comes on Sunday afternoon at American Airlines Center.

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## ***Jets need to bring 'A' game into Dallas***

### ***Lessons learned against St. Louis Blues will be important on road in Round 2***

By: Mike McIntyre

DALLAS — It's the most important business trip of the year so far. Did the Winnipeg Jets remember to pack all the essentials?

Change of clothes? Check. Toothbrush? Check. Phone and charger? Check. Razor? Not necessary this time of year. The style of play that has made them a powerhouse on home ice, winning their first-round series and getting them right back into this second-round series? We're about to find out.

"It's going to be a tough building. They grabbed home ice from us by winning Game 1 so we're going to have to win down there," Jets coach Scott Arniel said following Friday's 4-0 victory at Canada Life Centre in Game 2 which has now turned this best-of-seven into a best-of-five.

Three of those contests are slated to be played inside American Airlines Center, with Game 3 set for Sunday at 3:30 p.m. and Game 4 Tuesday at 7 p.m. We now know there will be Game 5 back in Winnipeg on Thursday night.

The Jets are 0-3 in enemy territory so far in these playoffs, have been completely outclassed during a trio of lopsided losses against the St. Louis Blues in which they were outscored 17-5. They managed to survive — just barely — by going a perfect 4-0 in their own backyard.

However, that series-opening 3-2 loss against the Stars on Wednesday night in downtown Winnipeg now means winning at least one on the road is a must if this magic carpet ride is to continue.

"We know what it looks like and we know what it feels like," Jets goaltender Connor Hellebuyck said of his team's "A" game, shortly after he pitched a 21-save shutout.

"That being said, we've got to wipe it and go play a hard road game. It's never easy on the road, especially at playoff time."

No player has appeared more Jekyll and Hyde this spring based on where the puck is being dropped than Hellebuyck. He's stopped 119 of 132 shots he's faced for a .902 save percentage at home but has turned aside only 50 of 66 shots on the road (.758 save percentage) in being chased from all three games in St. Louis.

What did he learn from that series that he can now apply to Dallas?

"We wiped that one clean. We're moving on," he said.

A short-term memory might be best in this case, but it sure feels like this might be another one of those mental hurdles Hellebuyck and the Jets need to get over.

"You know what, it's (about) lessons learned. Take some of the things from what we've talked about, what we've looked at from that series, and we know we have to do a lot of what we did (Friday)," said Arniel.

"This is a really good hockey team we're going against and they're... They'll be behind their fans in that building so we've got to play that type of game like we played (Friday)."

Hellebuyck sure looks a lot more comfortable and confident with his play and you get that sense in hearing him speak as well.

"We're still playing hockey and it's May. So, that's fun," he said following his first playoff shutout in four years. "It's the best time of year because you've dialed your game in all year long and you're just going out and playing hockey and having fun."

DeBoer said the Hellebuyck they watched on Friday night is "the guy we game planned for. He's a goalie that if he sees it, he'll stop it. We have to make it more difficult too, we play a part in that."

Dallas was one of the better home teams during the regular season and went 3-1 in the first round against the Colorado Avalanche, including a dramatic third-period rally in Game 7.

"We have to respond. We've been a really good response team in my time here. We're at home. We know how well we play at home and the advantage our fans give us here," said DeBoer.

"We've got to come out at home on a quick turnaround, the quickest turnaround of the playoffs so far with an afternoon game (Sunday), and play a good game. I think there was some good stuff in that game that we can take, it wasn't all bad. I don't think the score was necessarily reflective of the entire game. So we've got to keep that and fix some things too."

Something the Jets might not want to forget is that they won 26 road games during the regular season which led all NHL teams. One of those was a 4-0 victory in Dallas on April 10 which essentially wrapped up the Central Division, Western Conference and Presidents' Trophy in one impressive 60-minute effort.

Now, they're coming off another clean sheet against the Stars with even higher stakes.

"It's a game we can build off. There were a lot of good things out there," said Jets defenceman Josh Morrissey.

"Momentum in the playoffs is often in-game, I don't think it often carries over from game to game. We'll try to look at things we did well (Friday). It will be a whole different animal going on the road here. But definitely a lot we can build on. Obviously power play was great, penalty kill as well, goaltending. Lots we can build on and take to Dallas."

One major development is that with Morrissey's return to the lineup on Friday, the Jets are now fully healthy for the first time since early March. Dallas, meanwhile, is still without top defenceman Miro Heiskanen who is recovering from a serious knee injury he suffered in late January. Stars coach Pete DeBoer told reporters on Saturday that Heiskanen will not return on Sunday. He wouldn't rule out Game 4 on Tuesday.

"Like we've talked about all year, we're focused on what we need to do to be successful. Obviously you get into the playoffs and you're facing the same team maybe seven times in a row, there's the chess match element. The changes from game to game," said Morrissey.

"But our number one focus is our own game and preparing to play the way that's made us successful this year. Regardless of the opponent there's a way we have to play and I thought we got to that a lot faster (Friday) to start the game and played that way for the majority of the night. So that's what we're focused on. What we can do to be at our best."

The teams will not hold a morning skate with the mid-afternoon puck drop, but don't expect any lineup changes for Winnipeg. The bigger question is which version of the Jets we're going to see?

"We're a good team. They're a good team. It's going to be a tight series every game," said Jets forward Gabe Vilardi.

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### ***Jets' Morrissey thrilled to tackle 'different animal' of road game***

By Paul Friesen

For someone who wasn't even sure he was going to play until hours before game time, Josh Morrissey didn't hold back in his Round 2 debut.

The Winnipeg Jets defenceman jumped right into Game 2 against the Dallas Stars on Friday, drawing the penalty that got his team on the board early, picking up an assist on

the power-play goal, giving and taking hits, blocking shots and logging a team-high 22:39 of ice time.

Not bad, considering just three nights earlier Morrissey had been on pins and needles, not to mention some pain, watching his team's miracle win in Game 7 against St. Louis, a game he left in the first period, unsure if he'd played his last of the season.

"It was incredible to watch," Morrissey said of the Jets' last-second comeback and subsequent win in double-overtime. "I wish I was out there to feel that excitement. I was so proud of the team and the guys for what they were able to do and the resilience they showed ... it was amazing. Every guy stepping up to get us to the next round.

"I feel very grateful that I get to be back on the ice with the guys here and able to chase this playoff dream."

Morrissey's return gave the Jets a full slate of healthy bodies for the first time in weeks, and they played like it, shutting out the Stars, 4-0, to even their series going into Game 3 in Dallas on Sunday afternoon.

"Huge impact," forward Nik Ehlers said of Morrissey's effect on his team. "He's a guy that's so calm with the puck. On the power-play goal, he lays it into me there under pressure. Plays physical as well. He makes saves, apparently. It's great to have him back."

Ehlers was referring to a second-period play in which a sprawling Morrissey helped keep the puck out of the net with the Stars crashing it.

"In those moments, it's just desperation," the defenceman said.

The Jets played so much better than they did in a 3-2, Game 1 loss, it's tempting to say they've discovered a winning template against Dallas.

Not so fast, says Morrissey.

"It's a game we can build off," he said. "There were a lot of good things out there. Momentum in the playoffs is often in-game. I don't think it often carries over from game to game. It will be a whole different animal going on the road."

His team, at least, seems better equipped to handle that animal than it was in the first round, when road games were a disaster against the Blues.

"You get into the playoffs and you're facing the same team maybe seven times in a row, there's the chess match element," Morrissey said. "The changes from game to game. But even within that, our No. 1 focus is our own game and preparing to play the way that's made us successful this year. What we can do to be at our best."

Forward Gabe Vilardi says games between teams that play defence first are often a waiting game.

“Seeing who breaks first,” Vilardi said. “Or who capitalizes on their special teams.”

Winnipeg’s power play has struggled in the playoffs, after leading the NHL during the regular season.

Morrissey’s return, following that of Mark Scheifele, Vilardi and Ehlers, one by one, puts the unit back intact at a good time.

“Special teams are so crucial in the playoffs,” Vilardi said. “We had a lot of opportunities and there’s still room for improvement.”

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### ***Hard questions lead to long-awaited answers for Jets' Ehlers***

By Paul Friesen

As regular readers of this space likely know, this job demands asking the tough questions every now and again.

The hours before Friday’s second game of the Winnipeg Jets playoff series against Dallas produced one of those occasions.

Jets forward Nik Ehlers had settled back into form after missing a significant amount of time to injury. Friday was his fourth game of the playoffs.

The problem was Ehlers’ playoff form over the years hasn’t come close to matching his regular-season form.

Eight 20-goal seasons in nine years shows how consistent an offensive threat Ehlers has been in Games 1 through 82.

His postseason totals told another story: four goals in 40 games, none in his last 14.

Now, asking any player about what’s perceived as a flaw in their game isn’t the most fun exercise. Work isn’t always fun, though. Every reader can relate to that.

Every reader also deserves the cold, hard truth, without a coating of sugar.

Some have asked me about Ehlers’ lack of playoff success. It jumps off the page.

Hence, the need to go to the horse’s mouth for some answers.



Sitting next to the 29-year-old at his locker after Friday's morning skate, I asked how he felt he'd been playing so far and how close he was to his full self.

Then I asked how hard he is on himself for his playoff numbers, given they're probably not what he'd like.

"Obviously not," he said. "But what's in the past I can't change. I keep trying to find ways, keep trying to talk to the coaches about what they see. And that's about all I can do."

Could he put his finger on why?

"No."

Some players get a reputation as clutch performers by raising their game to another level in the playoffs.

I mentioned that to Ehlers, then asked if he was fighting off the opposite reputation.

"No. Not at all," he said.

There was an uncomfortable silence.

"Anywhere else you want to go with this?" I asked him.

"No, I don't think so," he said. "I can play hockey. It's pretty simple as that."

We spoke a little more, about whether he's been unlucky and how he might be better able to make his own luck, and that was it.

As he got up to leave the dressing room, I thought I'd lighten the mood a little and told him that maybe talking about this would change it.

"I hope so," was his response.

Fast-forward some 11 hours and Ehlers was walking into the media conference room with career playoff goals No's 5 and 6 in his pocket, a smile on his face.

"Thank you," he said. "Come around more often."

The Jets' first-round draft pick 11 years ago had been a force against the Stars, finding the legs he hadn't found in his first three playoff games, not to mention a better touch with his hands.

“He was dominant,” is how coach Scott Arniel put it. “He had the puck a lot. I liked the fact that he attacked the net a bunch of times with the puck.”

One of those led to the Jets’ first goal by Gabe Vilardi, on an early power play.

Another, actually a pass to the front of the net, bounced off a defender’s skate to end Ehlers’ playoff scoring drought and give the Jets a pile of first-period momentum.

They’d ride it to a 4-0 win.

Late in the game with the Stars pressing and their net empty, Ehlers fired a shot the length of the ice and into it.

Two goals, an assist – and maybe the beginning of a reputation rebuild.

While I’d love to take some credit – I’d definitely enjoy wielding that kind of power – I’ll hold off on that.

After all, it’s not the first time I’ve asked a player about a slump, and it hasn’t always, if ever, led to this.

I don’t mind having some fun with it, though, and neither did Ehlers.

As he finished taking questions and was leaving the conference room on Friday night, bound for Dallas and Game 3 on Sunday, he had one question for me.

“Need a plane ticket?”

<https://winnipegssun.com/sports/hockey/nhl/winnipeg-jets/smile-behind-the-mask-hellebuycks-return-to-form-jets-top-takeaway>

### ***Smile behind the mask: Hellebuyck’s return to form Jets’ top takeaway***

By Paul Friesen

He wasn’t bombarded with shots, but in Game 2 against the Dallas Stars on Friday Winnipeg Jets goalie Connor Hellebuyck did something he hasn’t done in four years.

He stopped every shot he faced in a playoff game.

Of all the positive signs oozing from the Jets’ best playoff performance of the spring, Hellebuyck’s play has to be at the top.

“He makes very difficult saves look very easy, routinely and often,” is how defenceman Josh Morrissey put it following a 4-0 win over the Stars. “You could tell he was feeling it.

When he's feeling it like that, it gives the players in front of him, defencemen, forwards, a lot of confidence.

"We rely on him, sometimes too much. But he was incredible."

This wasn't just Hellebuyck's best game of this postseason. It was his best of the last three.

We've spilled plenty of ink in this space recounting the man's inauspicious playoff numbers two years ago, last year and again for several games this spring.

It had become a trend: 18 goals in five games against Vegas in 2023, 24 in five games against Colorado last year and 26 in the most recent seven-game series with St. Louis

You don't have to be good at math to know those aren't Vezina-caliber numbers.

Going into Friday's game, Hellebuyck had given up at least three goals in seven of eight games in these playoffs and in 21 of his last 24, going back to 2021.

If that kept up this spring, it would take some of the shine off whatever postseason hardware the man takes home this year, whether it's a third career Vezina Trophy as the NHL's top goalie or his first Hart Trophy as league MVP.

On Friday, the M-V-P chants from the crowd reflected Hellebuyck's play.

The stats say he only stopped 21 shots. They're not all created equal, though.

The nine pucks he turned aside in the second period held the key to his team holding a two-goal lead that became three and stayed that way going into the third, allowing his team to even this series at a game apiece.

"There was a nine-minute span where puck management wasn't great," Jets coach Scott Arniel said. "That's something that's self-inflicted. But Helly made sure we shut the door on them."

"We had a brief period there in the second where we relied on Helly a bit too much," is how Gabe Vilardi put it.

Hellebuyck himself called it a "cleaner" game, one where he was better able to predict what was coming.

"The guys in front of me did a phenomenal job, just letting me see pucks and keeping the tips away, playing the rebounds," he said. "It's never just the goalie doing it, it's everyone out there."

Even on the second-period glove stop on Evgeni Dadonov where he seemed to stretch himself to a 10-foot length across the crease?

"Maybe on that one save," he said, laughing. "But I've got to be part of the action sometimes."

He was part of it, alright.

And being part of the second round produced a performance we hadn't seen in years.

Hellebuyck's psyche is always a hard read. When he takes his headgear off, he still leaves a bit of a mask on.

That's changed a little this spring, with an acknowledgement he needed to be better in the St. Louis series and that he even questioned himself at times.

Asked after Friday's win what he learned from Round 1, he pulled the mask back on tight.

"Nothing. We wiped that one clean. We're moving on."

If you looked closely, though, you could see a smile. One borne of relief, perhaps. He'd turned the page, not only from the last series, but from last year, too. And the year before that.

"We're still playing hockey and it's May," he said. "So that's fun. It's the best time of year because you've dialed your game in all year long, and you're just going out and playing hockey and having fun."

It's one thing to have fun at home, with the crowd in your corner.

Which brings us to Game 3 in Dallas on Sunday afternoon.

You couldn't blame Hellebuyck if he doesn't want to even glance back at Round 1. He was pulled in all three road games, after all.

Maybe that's why he didn't sound like he'd be packing any momentum for the trip, despite his most recent performance.

"We're playing our game and we know what it looks like and know what it feels like," he said. "That being said, we've got to wipe it and go play a hard road game. It's never easy on the road, especially at playoff time."

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## ***Stars need offence to step up to stop surging Hellebuyck from finding A-game***

By Iain MacIntyre

DALLAS — One way or another, Connor Hellebuyck is going to be the story for the Winnipeg Jets when their playoff series ends against the Dallas Stars.

Hellebuyck will play and look something close to the best goalie in the National Hockey League, which he certainly is during the regular season, or the lost soul who incomprehensibly ranks 21st in save percentage (.869) among 21 goalkeepers who have appeared in at least two playoff rounds over this season and the previous two.

The Jets managed to survive the St. Louis Blues in their thrilling first-round series despite Hellebuyck's ghastly .830 save rate.

But they won Game 7 last Sunday when Hellebuyck stopped 24 of the final 25 shots he faced after the Blues scored twice in their first four attempts.

As the Jets split the first two games of Round 2 in Winnipeg, their Vezina Trophy-winning, Hart Trophy-finalist goalie stopped 42 of 45 shots, and in a 4-0 win in Game 2 on Friday had his best performance so far.

"There were stretches in the first round where I really liked my game, just wasn't in the results," Hellebuyck told reporters after Friday's win. "But (we have) built it back better. I like where we're at. The team in front of me is playing phenomenal, so we're going to have fun.

"It helps because we're playing our game and we know what it looks like and we know what it feels like. That being said, we've got to wipe it (clean) and go play a hard road game. It's never easy on the road, especially at playoff time."

The Jets and Hellebuyck are still looking for their first road win of the Stanley Cup tournament.

Hellebuyck appears to be trending positively.

We'll know more in Game 3 Sunday afternoon in Dallas because the 31-year-old American was close to unplayable on the road against the Blues.

The Stars appear to be trending, too — and not in a good way.

A team whose deep talent was reflected by deep, even scoring during the regular season, Dallas has relied largely on Mikko Rantanen, Roope Hintz and Wyatt Johnson for most of their playoff offence and almost entirely on Rantanen the last three games.

Rantanen's eight goals in nine playoff games are one more than Dallas' bottom nine forwards have combined to contribute.

After leading the Stars with 30 goals and 82 points in the regular season, Matt Duchene hasn't scored in the playoffs and none of his four assists has been at even strength. Jamie Benn also has no even-strength points, while key secondary scorers Mikael Granlund, Mason Marchment and Evgenii Dadonov are all stuck at one goal.

Among Dallas forwards, only Rantanen (8-7-15 pts), Hintz (4-4-8) and Johnston (3-4-7), who is minus-11, are scoring.

"I would argue, you know, one guy has scored for us lately," Stars coach Peter DeBoer said during an airport media availability here Saturday afternoon. "You're being kind (naming three). No, we need guys to get on the board. But you also have to understand where Winnipeg is the best defensive team in the league. We went into (road games against) a team that also has, I think, the first or second-best home record in the league. Tough environment. It's not going to be easy. And you know what? We might not get guys lighting it up this series.

"We might have to win 1-0, 2-1. Listen, sure it'd be great if everyone was scoring (but) it's more important that we're winning games. And if that's 1-0 and Rantanen is scoring every night, that goal, then we'll take it. But you know, I do think there's some other guys, whether we win 2-1 or 1-0, some other guys have to find a way to take a little bit of that load off him."

If Hellebuyck truly is finding his A-game — home and away — it seems impossible for the Stars to win the series unless their frozen attack thaws and others besides Rantanen get hot.

They have outshot their opponents only once in the playoffs.

It helps Dallas that its leading regular-season goal scorer, Jason Robertson, looked better in Game 2 than he did in Game 1 after missing the opening round due to injury. It could help immensely if No. 1 defenceman Miro Heiskanen, out since January due to a knee injury, returns this series.

He is close, but DeBoer said Heiskanen won't play in Game 3.

The Jets got their ace blue-liner, Josh Morrissey, back from injury on Friday.

Winnipeg did not hold a media availability during its travel day to Dallas on Saturday.

"I mean, he's their Miro Heiskanen, you know," DeBoer said. "That changes things. It slots people for them. It's a big boost of confidence for their whole group. But, you know, this is part of it.

"We've played without Miro now for over three months, 3 1/2 months. We're still scratching and clawing and finding ways to hang in there. When he comes back, it's going to be, you know, obviously a good day. But even then. . . he's been out for 3 1/2 months. He's going to help immediately, but we're going to have to temper our expectations, too, on exactly what he's going to bring after that long an absence."

The last time the Stars lost 4-0, in Game 4 of their seven-game win against the Colorado Avalanche in Round 1, they rebounded and thrashed Nathan MacKinnon's team 6-2 in Game 5.

"We've got to respond," DeBoer said. "You know, we've been a really good response team in my time here. We're at home. We know how well we play at home and the advantage our fans give us here. We've got to come out tomorrow on a quick turnaround — the quickest turnaround of the playoffs so far with an afternoon game.

"There was some good stuff in that game last night that we can take. It wasn't all bad. I don't think the score was necessarily reflective of the entire game. So we've got to keep that. And we've got to fix some things, obviously, too."

They've got to stop Hellebuyck from finding himself.

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<https://www.nhl.com/stars/news/heika-s-take-dallas-stars-put-together-lopsided-effort-in-game-2-loss-to-winnipeg-jets-051025>

### ***Button doesn't expect Hellebuyck's road woes to continue: 'I think he's back' (VIDEO)***

Despite struggling heavily on the road in the first round against the Blues, Connor Hellebuyck was solid at home and has looked great through two games in the second round. TSN's Director of Scouting Craig Button explains why he believes Hellebuyck won't have problems in Dallas for Games 3 and 4.