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Returning to the reservoir of resolve Arniel confident Jets up for the challenge to force a Game 6

By: Ken Wiebe

It's not a simple case of recency bias to suggest the Winnipeg Jets should be ready to return to the reservoir of resolve that will be required to maintain belief.

This edition of the Jets is just 10 days removed from a dramatic rally in Game 7 against the St. Louis Blues when they faced elimination for the first time in the 2025 Stanley Cup playoffs.

They've also shown over the course of the season that they've been able to answer the bell in big games.

Given the 3-1 hole the Jets currently find themselves in, it would be wise for the Jets to not be down by a pair of goals with fewer than two minutes to go in regulation before snatching victory from the jaws of defeat.

That's not asking for too much, especially against a Dallas Stars team that is 1-0 when both facing extinction and having an opportunity to eliminate an opponent, thanks to a wild Game 7 rally of their own against the Colorado Avalanche in the opening round.

After returning home to Winnipeg in the wee hours of the morning, Jets head coach Scott Arniel stood at the podium inside Matt Frost media centre on Wednesday afternoon and expressed confidence that his group would be up for the challenge of trying to force a Game 6 against these battle-tested Stars.

"We've got to take care of business here if we want this extended series," Arniel said matter-of-factly. "Now, our backs are against the wall and we've got to win our next game

"That's all part of this time of the year. Now we have to step up and be at our best and learn from the lessons that we've had recently."

The learning really stops at this time of year and the Jets have plenty of things to lean into going into Game 5 that give them reasons to believe they can do enough to keep the season alive.

Despite being limited to three goals during the previous two games, the scoring chances have been there for the Jets.

In all situations on Tuesday, the folks at Natural Stat Trick had the Jets at 3.35 expected goals, compared to 2.32 for the Stars.

That is a positive sign on the process side of things, but doesn't change the fact that the Jets need to find a way to solve Stars goalie Jake Oettinger, who has allowed just eight goals on 130 shots on net through four games of this series.

After getting blanked in Game 2, Stars head coach Pete DeBoer made it clear he would need offensive contributions from folks not named Mikko Rantanen.

Since that time, the Stars had several key cogs check into the series — led by Mikael Granlund, whose hat trick in Game 4 came after he notched a pair of assists in Game 3.

Roope Hintz is back to being more heavily involved at both ends, drawing the important double minor for high-sticking that led to Granlund's third goal, to go along with his goal and assist in Game 3.

In total, 10 members of the Stars notched their first point of the series during the past two games.

To be clear, nobody is questioning the Jets' effort here.

They're created enough opportunities and their structure has mostly been sound, with the exception of allowing three goals in the third period of Game 3 — some of which had to do with how they responded to the Alex Petrovic goal being allowed to count after a lengthy delay.

By averaging only two goals per game in this series so far, the Jets are putting an awful lot of pressure on that structure, even if that is a foundational pillar to the success the team has enjoyed this season.

The Jets have numerous players looking for their first points in this series and they include Game 7 hero Cole Perfetti and Vladislav Namestnikov, who has been limited to one shot on goal since scoring the first of two six-on-five markers required to send his team to OT in the deciding game against the Blues.

Mason Appleton has chipped in seven helpers in 11 games and sits third in team scoring, so he's doing his part to produce offensively. But he hasn't found the back of the net since March 30 — which is a span of 18 games.

Alex Lafallo, promoted to the top line in Game 4, has one goal (and point) and that came in Game 1 against the Blues — which means he's gone 10 games without getting another one.

Brandon Tanev is providing energy, physical play and tenacity, but he's another double-digit goal scorer this season and he's looking for his first point of the playoffs and hasn't scored in 22 games.

This isn't to suggest that the aforementioned players are going to be asked to provide all of the offence.

But for all of the praise the Jets' depth has received — and rightfully so, with 13 players reaching double digits in goals and 14 players finishing the regular season with 20 or more points — more is required when the stakes are as high as they are right now.

Top-line winger Gabe Vilardi is getting closer every day to looking like himself as he continues to work his way back from an upper-body injury he suffered on March 23.

But he had one goal in his final 14 games of the regular season (though he did add seven assists) and has one power-play marker (and two assists) through six games since his return.

"I feel like I still haven't found my game yet," Vilardi said earlier in the series. "I haven't been as effective as I want to be and as I've proven I can be in the past. Hopefully I find it sooner than later."

Points aren't the only measure of contributions, but with goals at a premium, additional offence from any source would be beneficial for the Jets — just like it's been for the Stars during these past two games.

Nino Niederreiter has four goals in his past seven games and is leading the secondary scoring charge along with captain Adam Lowry.

That leaves them behind only Kyle Connor (five) for the team lead in playoff goals.

Mark Scheifele has three goals and eight points in nine games and is operating at just under a point-per-game pace, but he hasn't notched a road playoff goal since Game 4 of the 2019 opening-round series against the Blues.

That's a long time for an elite player and Scheifele will need to be at his best in Game 5 on home ice.

Speaking of statistical oddities, Connor had nine power-play goals this season but hasn't had one since Dec. 23 against the Toronto Maple Leafs.

That's a span of 56 games, which seems crazy when you think of how dangerous a threat he is on the man advantage, given the precision of his shot and quick release.

It's clear that opponents are trying to take away Connor as the primary threat, which means the four other players on the ice need to either pick up the slack — or find ways to get the prolific scorer the puck in more dangerous areas.

Snapping that lengthy dry spell would go a long way to turning the tables for a power play that has gone one-for-16 through four games.

“Everybody knows that (the opponent) is going to look at KC and try to not allow him to have that shot, much like we're trying to do with certain players on Dallas,” said Arniel. “He hasn't gotten one in a while and he knows it. But at the end of the day, it hasn't changed how he goes out.

“For me, with our power play, when we're attacking and in attack mode, and when we're pounding pucks and getting them there, that's when we're more dangerous and that's what it has to be.”

The power play is an area that needs to be better and the same goes for a penalty kill that has already given up four goals in 10 opportunities.

Jets goalie Connor Hellebuyck also has another level he can reach, though Arniel was quick to jump to the defence of his puck stopper on Wednesday afternoon.

“This is a team game. I'm not putting this all on Helly's shoulders,” said Arniel. “No chance. No chance. You know what, can he be better? He'd be the first to admit he can.

“Can we be better as a group in front of him? For sure. Can we score more goals for him, get leads earlier? All those things. Do those things, and then everything will work itself out.”

The template for making that happen is one the Jets are familiar with.

Now, it's about finding a way to execute at a high level to try and keep the season alive.

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FRIESEN: There are reasons to believe in these Winnipeg Jets

By Paul Friesen

“Still at the end of every hard earned day people find some reason to believe.”

Scott Arniel says he didn't get a lot of sleep after Tuesday night's loss in Dallas, and we suspect much of his team would have said the same thing.

Being down 3-1 in a playoff series is unsettling, after all.

That the Winnipeg Jets are one more misstep away from seeing their record-setting season tossed onto the scrap heap of underachievement would keep anyone in the middle of it awake.

“There are some guys that have never done it before,” the head coach said, Wednesday. “There are some guys that haven’t done it since 2018. There’s a lot of different scenarios. Now we have to step up and be at our best and learn from the lessons that we’ve had recently.”

Those recent lessons include a come-from-behind, last-second, double-overtime win over St. Louis in Game 7 of the first round – the Manitoba Miracle, we dubbed it.

Arniel’s Jets faced a 3-1 deficit in that game, with time running out.

They face the same series deficit, with time threatening to run out in downtown Winnipeg on Thursday.

Which brings us to the Bruce Springsteen lyric at the top of this page.

I don’t usually spend a lot of time poking dead dogs with a stick to see if they’ll get up and run, but today I’m making an exception.

Call it Reasons To Believe.

Connor Hellebuyck

OK, so the Jets goalie is also one of the reasons to doubt.

One look at his recent playoff record, particularly on the road, makes you want to take him straight to the river and wash away his sin.

But Game 5 is at home, where the soon-to-be, three-time Vezina winner is 5-1 this spring.

Maybe it’s the M-V-P chants. Maybe he sees the puck better against the backdrop of a Winnipeg whiteout.

Either way, Hellebuyck is capable of being The Boss, of putting his team on his back and carrying it. In his last home game, he pitched a shutout.

“This is a team game,” Arniel said. “I’m not putting this all on Helly’s shoulders. No chance. Can he be better? He’d be the first to admit he can. Can we be better as a group in front of him? For sure. Can we score more goals for him? Get leads earlier?”

“Do those things, and then everything will work itself out.”

The Big-3

Winnipeg's top three of Mark Scheifele, Kyle Connor and Gabe Vilardi was hockey's most prolific trio the season, scoring a combined 107 goals.

They have one each in this series.

With their talent, it's only a matter of time.

Arniel broke them up in Game 4 in Dallas, to the consternation of their former teammate-turned TV analyst Blake Wheeler.

“Had a lot to do with matchups,” Arniel said.

Those matchups are in Winnipeg's favour at home.

KC and the Power Play

The Jets' bread-and-butter during the season has gone dry for much of the playoffs, even drier against the Stars: One goal in 16 opportunities.

A second one came right after a Dallas penalty expired on Tuesday, so let's call it two.

This is a unit that clicked at nearly 30% all year.

It wouldn't be a disaster if Winnipeg's penalty kill was killing it.

But Dallas is 4-for-11 with a Jets player in the box, including 2-for-4 in Game 4.

Most baffling of all: Connor hasn't scored a power-play goal since just before Christmas.

“He hasn't gotten one in a while and he knows it,” Arniel said.

That's not due, or even overdue. It's nearly impossible to continue.

Character

This is a team that came into the season with a chip on its shoulder.

Kicked to the curb in back-to-back first rounds, folding like a cheap tent, its spine questioned and its leadership reviewed, all it did was storm out of the gate with a 15-1 mark, barely pausing to look back.

Nobody had them finishing No. 1 overall, but they did.

Nobody had them allowing the fewest goals for a second straight season, but they did.

Nobody had them setting a franchise record with 56 wins and 116 points.

They did that, too.

Winnipeg's reputation as a place nobody wants to play? They'd take that and force-feed it as reality to every visiting team, rolling to a 30-7-4 home record.

Facing the ultimate first-round playoff test, with multiple chances to fold under the pressure, they aced it.

Now they face three straight must-wins.

But they've learned they only need one: On Thursday.

"Anything after tomorrow, we'll worry about then," is how Arniel put it. "Be the best version of ourselves and go out and win a hockey game."

Since when can't this team do that.?

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Stars' Oettinger on cusp of dethroning Jets' Hellebuyck as USA's best

By Paul Friesen

The crown as the best American-born goalie in the NHL has rested firmly on Connor Hellebuyck's head for a few years.

Jake Oettinger of the Dallas Stars may be on the verge of taking it from his Winnipeg Jets counterpart.

Oettinger has his team on the cusp of eliminating Hellebuyck's Jets, their first of three chances coming in Game 5 in Winnipeg on Thursday.

"I saw some numbers on U.S.-born goalies, playoff games, and he's been far and away No. 1 on that list already," Stars head coach Pete DeBoer was telling reporters in Dallas on Wednesday. "And I still consider him a really young goaltender. He's special. He's been to two conference finals now, and he's looking to find a way to make sure we go further this year."

Oettinger, just 26, has already started 56 playoff games, the same number as Hellebuyck, taking the Stars to the last two conference finals.

His career playoff record: 30-26, with a 2.48 goals-against-average and .916 save percentage.

Hellebuyck, 31, led the Jets to a conference final in his first season but hasn't been back, winning just two more playoff series, since.

His career playoff numbers don't match Oettinger's: A 23-33 record, 2.97 GAA and .902 save percentage.

The gap is greater in their current, second-round series.

While Hellebuyck is allowing an average of 3.79 goals per game and stopping just 88% of his shots, Oettinger is allowing just 2.01 and stopping 93%.

The two were teammates on the U.S. Team for the 4 Nations tournament, Hellebuyck with the No. 1 role, but Oettinger says this meeting isn't personal.

"Just trying to beat a good team," the Minnesota product said. "There's a lot of other things going on other than me versus Connor. He's been good and gave them a chance to win, and I'm expecting his best game of the season next game. It's not going to be easy to knock these guys out. They're the Presidents' Trophy champs for a reason."

Oettinger has yet to win a Vezina Trophy as the NHL's top goalie, but he out-duelled the two-time winner, and this year's favourite for a third, in the critical fourth game of the series, stopping 30 of 31 shots in a 3-1 Stars win.

That he rebounded from the soft one he allowed Nik Ehlers to score didn't surprise his coach.

"Unflappable," DeBoer called him. "Our history with him, there was no panic on the bench. They knew that with Jake, one goal like that wasn't going to bleed into four or five, that he had the mental toughness to recover quickly, and he did. He was our best player the rest of the way."

Jets coach Scott Arniel lauded his team's 70-plus shot attempts after Game 4.

But on Wednesday he lamented the lack of traffic in front of the Stars goalie.

"A lot of unscreened shots," Arniel said. "These goaltenders keep seeing pucks, it's going to be a harder situation to score goals."

If he eliminates the Jets, Oettinger's playoff performance may well vault him past Hellebuyck as the favourite to be Team USA's No. 1 choice when the NHL returns to the Olympics next year.

"Other than winning the Cup," he said recently. "That's my No. 1 goal."

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Jets' 'backs are against the wall' facing elimination in Game 5 of West 2nd Round Trail Stars 3-1 in series, coach believes team can lean on lessons learned in 1st round

By Darrin Bauming

WINNIPEG -- The Winnipeg Jets are in do-or-die territory, as they face elimination in Game 5 of their best-of-7 Western Conference Second Round series against the Dallas Stars at Canada Life Centre on Thursday (9:30 p.m. ET; CBC, TVAS, SN, TNT, truTV, MAX).

Trailing 3-1 in the series after losing Games 3 and 4 in Dallas, Winnipeg coach Scott Arniel feels the experience his team has gathered through the early stretch of the Stanley Cup Playoffs will help the Jets stay alive and force a Game 6 back in Dallas on Saturday.

"Now our backs are against the wall and we've got to win our next game," Arniel said Wednesday. "That's all part of this time of the year. ... There's a lot of different scenarios. Now we have to step up and be at our best and learn from the lessons that we've had recently."

The Jets, who won the Presidents' Trophy as the team with the most points during the regular season (116, 56-22-4), have faced elimination once before in these playoffs.

In Game 7 of the first round against the St. Louis Blues, the Jets scored twice in the final 1:56 of the third period to tie the game and then won it 4-3 on Adam Lowry's goal in double-overtime.

"We went through it in St. Louis, losing the games down there, Game 4 down there, and coming home big at [Game 5]," Arniel said. "Losing Game 6, coming home here for Game 7. These are all just lessons."

The Jets have yet to win on the road during the postseason (0-5), but they're 5-1 at home, including a 4-0 win in Game 2 against the Stars.

"Maybe this is a little different, because it is elimination games from this point forward," Arniel said. "Those are things for our group, and I often talk about, is [we] can't do anything about what happened last night. There's some things we'll look at, there's some areas we need to improve on, there's some matchups that hopefully we'll get more in our favor being at home, and take advantage of those."

"We got to take care of business here if we want this extended series. We got to win at home. Obviously can't lose our last game, we got to make sure that we take care of business. We got [home ice] for a reason. So anything after tomorrow we'll worry about then, but all our focus is based on what we need to do tomorrow, and that's be the best version of ourselves and go out and win a hockey game."

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Presidents' Trophy-winning Jets maintain belief in face of elimination

By Iain MacIntyre

WINNIPEG — Given the chance to leave the Winnipeg Jets in free agency in 2021, future captain Adam Lowry instead signed a five-year extension for a modest pay increase because he believed in his team and liked his town.

Of course, he still does.

And of all the things Lowry believes about the Jets, who trail the Dallas Stars 3-1 and whose season is yet again on the brink, he is fervent about career-teammate Connor Hellebuyck's ability to bring Winnipeg back into the second-round playoff series.

"I don't think it's even a question about retaining confidence in Helly," Lowry said before Tuesday's 3-1 Game 4 loss in Dallas. "We have an unwavering belief that he's the best goalie in the world and that he will get the job done. I think we take the responsibility for the struggles on the road. It doesn't just fall to one guy.

"I think he's the focal point (when a goal is scored). But there's a lot of plays that happen before that in order for them to get those Grade-A chances. He's so calm, so confident in his own abilities, that we have no doubts that he will be able to get it done and he's going to shut the door for us."

Thursday would be a good time for that door slammer.

About to win his third Vezina Trophy after a typically stellar regular season, Hellebuyck is having another confounding playoffs. We would call his under-performance shocking, except it's a continuation of the playoff cratering that people saw the last two springs.

In fairness to Hellebuyck, the team in front of him also confounds.

Since declaring the franchise's arrival as a contender with a run to the 2018 Western Conference Final, the Jets had won only one playoff round since then before their spectacular comeback in Game 7 against the St. Louis Blues.

They outplayed and outchanced the Stars on Tuesday, but managed to get only one puck past Dallas goalie Jake Oettinger and lost for the ninth straight playoff road game over three seasons. The Jets haven't scored more than twice in any of those losses.

Through four games in the second round, the Jets have both the worst power play (1-for-15) and worst penalty kill (the Stars' power play is 4-for-11) among the eight teams still in the Stanley Cup tournament.

Losing in the playoffs is devastating.

Losing while not delivering your best makes it even worse.

"I think all year we've done a really good job of bouncing back from games we don't love," Lowry, 32, told Sportsnet. "We're an unbelievable defensive team. We make it really hard to generate chances against when we're playing at the top of our game, and we have the best goalie in the world, I think.

"We might not have Connor McDavid or Nathan MacKinnon that's going to go out and score three, four points kind of on a nightly basis, but the makeup of our team, we have so much depth up front and on the back end, and world-class goaltending. I think our team game can be as good, if not better, than any team in the league and that's why we were able to finish where we did in the regular season. You don't just lose that team game when the games become more important."

If the Jets haven't "lost" the game that earned them the Presidents' Trophy as the NHL's regular-season champions, then they've misplaced it at an inopportune time.

Except for special teams, their play was better in Game 4. And they have been excellent at home, going 5-1 in the playoffs. But the Stars proved they could win in Winnipeg by taking the series opener 5-2.

Several times during the two games in Dallas, fans bellowed in unison: "Otter's better! Otter's better!"

The chant, an update on "Eddie's Better!" from 25 years ago when Stars goalie Ed Belfour outdueled Patrick Roy in a seven-game series, has been inarguably accurate so far.

Oettinger, Hellebuyck's backup on Team USA at the 4 Nations Face-Off in February, has three wins and a .929 save percentage. Hellebuyck has one win and a save rate of .884.

This actually represents an uptick for the Jets goalie, whose 21 playoff starts over the last 25 months come with an .866 save percentage and a minus-22 goals saved above

average. Put another way, Hellebuyck has been allowing an extra goal per game over four rounds and three playoffs.

Including his seven games against the Blues, Hellebuyck's save percentage this post-season is .851, which ranks last among 20 NHL goalies who have started at least once.

"It's just goaltending, I think," Oettinger said when asked about Hellebuyck's struggles. "You're going to go through ebbs and flows and, you know, I've gone through the same stuff. He's a world-class goalie that gives them a chance to win every night. We're not getting any easy ones on him, so he's done his job so far. I think the playoffs, it's all about how you respond."

Oettinger said Hellebuyck has been "the best goalie in the league for the last... it feels like a long time."

"We're competitive people," Lowry said. "These are the meaningful games that you want to be playing in. I think having a real hard-fought first round and surviving and moving on makes you want to feel that elation (again) and you want to see the run continue. All eyes are on you and you want to perform at this time of year, and I think we've done a pretty good job of handling the pressure and rebounding after games we don't love."

"I've got a lot of belief in the players as individuals, but also... the collectiveness that we have as a group, that we can respond."

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Stakes are high for Winnipeg Jets ahead of must-win Game 5 against Stars

By Murat Ates

WINNIPEG — If this is the end, then it's time to rethink the myriad season-long moments that made Winnipeg seem like a team of destiny.

The Jets started their season by winning 14 out of their first 15 games. They finished with the best record in the NHL. Their goaltender was the best in the league, playing behind a team defence that somehow got better under Scott Arniel after improving with Rick Bowness. The Jets' power play was the best in the league, too; for a little while, it even looked like it might set an NHL record as the best of all time. Kyle Connor, Mark Scheifele, Gabriel Vilardi and Cole Perfetti set new career highs in points.

All of that is at stake now: the Presidents' Trophy, the division title and the individual hardware expected in June. It still belongs to Winnipeg, but the Jets would likely trade it all for an escape route, a way back from 3-1 in Round 2.

There was Scheifele scoring against Minnesota with Connor Hellebuyck pulled and 0.7 seconds left in the first period. Vilardi stickhandling in mid-air, then playing catch with Ehlers to score a beautiful goal against New York. Connor's natural hat trick — all scored in just 6:38 — against Vancouver. Innumerable Josh Morrissey attacks from the offensive blue line. Dylan Samberg breaking his foot blocking Steven Stamkos' shot and then finishing his shift all the same. Midseason extensions for Vladislav Namestnikov, Alex Lafallo and Neal Pionk — finally, a group of veterans who, like Hellebuyck, Scheifele, Morrissey and Adam Lowry before them, chose Winnipeg as their long-term home.

The culmination of three years' worth of transformation to the Jets' leadership group. Eric Comrie calling Matt Prefontaine the "Connor McDavid" of video coaches. That time two different groups from Chur Switzerland, came to see Nino Niederreiter play — only realizing the other was there when they noticed each other's jerseys at Canada Life Centre.

There was also the case of the first-round series Winnipeg was supposed to lose, but that moment was met by Ehlers' fanned puck, Lowry's push to get it back to him, Ehlers' rocket pass to Connor, Connor's desperate pass into the slot and Perfetti scoring what was, in that moment, the biggest goal in franchise history. There were the shots of fans' jubilation in the building, on the streets, throughout the city — and of Jordan Binnington despondent, Hellebuyck victorious, despite the 2019 playoffs and despite the 4 Nations Face-Off championship.

That was only 10 days ago.

The "Manitoba miracle" got the Jets through Game 7, but the Dallas Stars have earned the opportunity to turn it all into a memory.

The Jets face the prospect of three straight elimination games, starting at home on Thursday. Win that and the Jets earn the opportunity to overcome their nine-game playoff road losing streak on Saturday in Dallas. Win that and there's the matter of Pete DeBoer's 9-0 record in Game 7s.

Arniel told reporters in Winnipeg on Wednesday that all of the moments that came before this one were lessons the Jets can lean on now.

"I know the regular season is a different animal than what it is in the playoffs, but we've gone through it," Arniel said. "We went through it in St. Louis, losing the games down there, Game 4 down there, and coming home big at (Game) 5. Losing Game 6, coming home here for Game 7. These are all just lessons. You've been through it. Maybe this is a little different, because it is elimination games from this point forward. But it's still lessons learned."

Arniel then pointed to Winnipeg's advantage on home ice. The Jets control the matchups in Game 5 against Dallas. They can give Roope Hintz and Mikko Rantanen the heavy helping of Lowry that they did in Games 1 and 2. The coaching staff can continue their cat-and-mouse game with DeBoer and company that led to such a decisive Game 2 win.

The Jets can feed off of their home crowd — and, more importantly, they can give that crowd the gift of extending their season.

“They're at three, we're at one. It can't be more simple than that. We need to win,” Ehlers said on Tuesday. “With the crowd that we have at home, the amount of energy that they give to us every single game, we want to repay that by playing another few games in Winnipeg.”

Repay. It is a powerful word. The Jets and their fans are connected, as Hellebuyck reminded us before Round 2 began, and there is classiness in Ehlers' homage to Jets fans now. But good feelings alone do not win an elimination game, nor are the Jets' opponents devoid of their own good feelings up 3-1 as they are right now.

Game 5 could be Winnipeg's last home game of the season or the beginning of something truly magical. The list of things that need to go right is exhaustive, starting with Hellebuyck, continuing through the power play, the penalty kill and a return to the elite finishing the team was known for all season long.

The odds are low, but every day Winnipeg wakes up with a playoff game on its schedule is a day the Jets can win.

“Now, our backs are against the wall and we've got to win our next game,” Arniel said. “We have to step up and be at our best and learn from the lessons that we've had.”

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Jets down to their last life as playoff demons continue to torment Winnipeg (VIDEO)

The Jets are down to their last life after dropping both games in Dallas, scoring just three goals total in those losses. With the Stars now up 3-1 in the series, is the hill too steep to climb for Winnipeg? The TSN Hockey panel breaks down Game 4 and how the Mikael Granlund acquisition is paying dividends for Dallas.