

2018-19 WINNIPEG JETS



*Regular Season Record: 45-26-4, 94 points through games played March 23
Clinched 4th all-time playoff appearance with a 5-0 victory over the Predators
Information includes totals of Atlanta Thrashers, 1999-2011*

PLAYOFF QUICK HITS

Playoff History

All-Time Playoff Appearance: 4th

Consecutive Playoff Appearance: 2

Most Recent Playoff Appearance: 2018 (FR: 4-1 W vs. MIN; SR: 4-3 W vs. NSH; CF: 4-1 L vs. VGK)

All-Time Playoff Record: 9-16 in 25 GP (2-3 in 5 series)

Playoff Records

Game 7s: 1-0 (0-0 at home, 1-0 on road)

Overtime: 0-2 (0-1 at home, 0-1 on road)

Facing Elimination: 1-3 (0-2 at home, 1-1 on road)

With Chance to Clinch Series: 2-1 (1-1 at home, 1-0 on road)

Stanley Cup Final

Stanley Cup Final Appearances: 0

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LOOKING AHEAD: 2019 STANLEY CUP PLAYOFFS

Team Notes

* After [nearly 30,000 fans packed the arena and streets for each home game](#) last postseason, the Jets aim to build on a historic 2018 playoff run that saw them win a playoff game for the first time and earn the first two series victories in franchise history – giving the city of Winnipeg its first Stanley Cup Playoffs series win since the original Jets defeated the Flames in Game 6 of the 1987 Division Semifinals.

* In 2018, the Jets won each of their first four home playoff games, outscoring opponents 19-7 in those contests and trailing for a total of 21:29 (0:53 in Game 1 vs. MIN and 20:36 in Game 3 vs. NSH). Winnipeg held at least a three-goal lead in three of those four contests, including Game 3 against Nashville in which they became just the fifth team since 2010 to rally from a three-goal deficit to win a playoff game *in regulation* (no team has done so since).

* In the franchise's fourth trip to the Stanley Cup Playoffs, the Jets aim to return to the Conference Finals for the second time after falling to the Golden Knights in 2018. Among franchises to enter the NHL in the expansion era (since 1967-68), four have reached the Conference Finals/Semifinals at least twice in their first four trips to the postseason: the Blues (3x), Islanders (3x), Stars/North Stars (2x) and Ducks (2x).

* A Canadian team has reached at least the Conference Finals in each of the past two years and five times since 2010 (MTL in 2010 and 2014; VAN in 2011; OTT in 2017 and WPG in 2018). The last stretch of a Canadian team reaching the third round in three or more consecutive postseasons came from 2002 to 2007 (TOR in 2002, OTT in 2003, CGY in 2004, EDM in 2006 and OTT in 2007).

* The Jets aim to become the first Canadian team to advance to the Conference Finals in *consecutive years* since the Maple Leafs in 1993 and 1994.

* The 2018 series between Winnipeg and Vegas marked the third time since 1976 that two clubs met in the Conference Finals/Semifinals while each making their first appearance in that round. The Winnipeg-Vegas series also was the first in NHL history to feature two teams coming off their first two series wins.

* The Jets defense contributed a [League-high 13 goals during the 2018 Playoffs](#), with only the two Cup Finalists receiving more points from blueliners (WSH: 49, VGK: 35, WPG: 32).

* The Jets are the only active NHL franchise without a playoff overtime win (*original* Jets: 3-6).

Player Notes

* **Blake Wheeler** (Plymouth, Minn.), who ranks second among Jets skaters with 42 career playoff games, aims to become the first player born outside Canada to captain a Canadian team to a Stanley Cup.

* **Mark Scheifele** ranked second behind **Alex Ovechkin** (15) in goals during the 2018 postseason despite playing only three rounds. Scheifele scored seven goals *at Nashville* in the 2018 Second Round to establish a Stanley Cup Playoffs record for most road goals in a single series, eclipsing the mark of six last achieved by **Marian Gaborik** with the Kings in the 2014 Second Round at Anaheim.

* Scheifele's seven-goal total against Nashville marked the first time a player had [seven goals in a series](#) since 2010 when Montreal's **Michael Cammalleri** and Vancouver's **Mikael Samuelsson** each did so. Scheifele also tallied *multiple points in five straight games* in 2018 (Game 4 vs. MIN to Game 3 vs. NSH). Only two players in NHL history have recorded such a streak in consecutive playoff years: **Wayne Gretzky** (8 GP in 1982-83, 5 GP in 1983-84) and **Mario Lemieux** (5 GP in 1990-91, 5 GP in 1991-92).

* A pair of Trade Deadline acquisitions are among the most experienced playoff players on the Jets roster: **Matt Hendricks** (39 GP; 3rd) and **Kevin Hayes** (34 GP; t-4th). Winnipeg's most seasoned postseason player is **Dustin Byfuglien** (60 GP), who ranks [third among active NHL defensemen with 19 career playoff goals](#) – though many of those tallies came as a forward with Chicago in 2009 and 2010.

* **Paul Maurice**, who reached the Stanley Cup Final with Carolina in 2002, has served the most regular-season games as a head coach without winning a championship (Maurice: 1,522; **Lindy Ruff**: 1,493; **Ron Wilson**: 1,401; **Pat Quinn**: 1,400; **Jacques Martin**: 1,294).



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IN REVIEW: 2018-19 REGULAR SEASON

Team Notes

- * Winnipeg is in pursuit of its first division title since relocation and just the second in franchise history – the Thrashers won the Southeast Division in 2006-07, the club's only playoff berth while in Atlanta.
- * The Jets have held first in the Central Division for more than half the season thus far, including 88% of the time since earning their 22nd win of the season on Dec. 16 (NSH owns the other 12%). Winnipeg has not sat lower than second place in the division since Dec. 10 when they ranked third.
- * The Jets rank in the top half of the League since relocating to Winnipeg for the 2011-12 season, posting a 313-237-65 regular-season record over nearly eight seasons – accounting for nearly half of the franchises' 655 all-time wins (342-437-123 over 11 seasons in Atlanta).
- * The Jets are on pace to set a franchise season-high for road wins, owning a 20-17-0 record as visitors this season. They first had 20 road wins in 2006-07 while based in Atlanta, followed by two such campaigns in Winnipeg (2014-15 and 2017-18). Their 25 *home wins* are the second-most in franchise history behind 2017-18 when they went 32-7-2 at Bell MTS Place.
- * **Paul Maurice** (693-615-214 through games of March 23) climbed from 12th to seventh place on the NHL's all-time list for wins among head coaches, passing **Ron Wilson** (648), **Alain Vigneault** (648), **Mike Keenan** (672), **Pat Quinn** (684) and **Dick Irvin** (691) this season. He also became the [youngest coach in NHL history](#) to serve 1,500 regular-season games.
- * The Jets won 9-3 on Feb. 2 against the Ducks to match a franchise [record for goals in a game](#). The most goals the club has scored in a playoff game is seven ([Game 3 of 2018 Second Round vs. NSH](#)).

Player Notes

- * **Blake Wheeler** (20-68—88 in 75 GP) recently became the first player in Jets/Thrashers franchise history to record consecutive seasons with at least 60 assists. **Marc Savard** holds the single-season franchise record of 69 assists, reaching the total in 2005-06 with Atlanta.
- * Wheeler also sits two points shy of his second 90-point campaign (also 2017-18) – he would be the first player with multiple 90-point seasons since relocation and the third to do so for the franchise (**Ilya Kovalchuk**: 2005-06 & 2008-09; and **Marian Hossa**: 2005-06 & 2006-07).
- * In the two games following the *2018 NHL Global Series* in Helsinki, Wheeler posted the [first five-point performance of his career](#) and then became the [first player to accumulate 500 points for the Jets](#) since relocation. **Bryan Little** (215-301—516 in 829 GP w/ WPG/ATL) later became the third player to record at least 500 career regular-season points for the franchise, joining Kovalchuk (328-287—615 in 594 GP w/ ATL) and Wheeler (192-391—583 in 632 GP w/ WPG/ATL).
- * The Jets are on pace to have three 30-goal scorers in a season for the first time in franchise history, with **Mark Scheifele** (35) and **Kyle Connor** (32) already reaching the plateau and **Patrik Laine** (29) within one goal of the milestone.
- * Scheifele (148) recently passed **Vyacheslav Kozlov** (145) into sole possession of fourth place on the Jets/Thrashers career goals list, now trailing Wheeler (192), Little (215) and Kovalchuk (328).
- * Laine's season highlights include posting [the first five-goal game in nearly eight years](#) and becoming the [fourth-youngest player in NHL history](#) to score 100 career goals. He now aims to become the 35th player in NHL history to [begin his career](#) with at least three consecutive 30-goal seasons and the second to achieve the feat this season, joining fellow 2016 draftee **Auston Matthews**. Only four active players have done so: **Alex Ovechkin** (14), **Bobby Ryan** (4), **Evgeni Malkin** (3) and Matthews (3).
- * **Connor Hellebuyck** (115-61-16 in 206 GP) recently surpassed **Ondrej Pavelec** (111-107-31 in 260 GP) for the most wins by a Jets goaltender since the club relocated to Winnipeg in 2011-12. Hellebuyck is the only goaltender in franchise history to record *multiple 30-win campaigns*.



GAME-BY-GAME RECORD, BEST-OF-SEVEN SERIES

	Overall Record	Home Record	Road Record
Game 1	3-2 (.600)	2-1 (.667)	1-1 (.500)
Game 2	1-4 (.200)	1-2 (.333)	0-2 (.000)
Game 3	1-4 (.200)	1-1 (.500)	0-3 (.000)
Game 4	1-4 (.200)	0-2 (.000)	1-2 (.333)
Game 5	2-1 (.667)	1-1 (.500)	1-0 (1.000)
Game 6	0-1 (.000)	0-1 (.000)	—
Game 7	1-0 (1.000)	—	1-0 (1.000)

PLAYOFF SITUATIONS, BEST-OF-SEVEN SERIES

	Overall Series Record	Starting at Home	Starting on Road
Lead 1-0	2-1 (.667)	1-1 (.500)	1-0 (1.000)
Lead 2-0	1-0 (1.000)	1-0 (1.000)	—
Lead 3-0	—	—	—
Trail 1-0	0-2 (.000)	0-1 (.000)	0-1 (.000)
Trail 2-0	0-2 (.000)	0-1 (.000)	0-1 (.000)
Trail 3-0	0-2 (.000)	0-1 (.000)	0-1 (.000)
Tied 1-1	1-1 (.500)	0-1 (.000)	1-0 (1.000)
Tied 2-2	1-0 (1.000)	—	1-0 (1.000)
Tied 3-3	1-0 (1.000)	—	1-0 (1.000)
Lead 2-1	2-0 (1.000)	1-0 (1.000)	1-0 (1.000)
Lead 3-1	1-0 (1.000)	1-0 (1.000)	—
Trail 2-1	0-1 (.000)	0-1 (.000)	—
Trail 3-1	0-1 (.000)	0-1 (.000)	—
Lead 3-2	1-0 (1.000)	—	1-0 (1.000)
Trail 3-2	—	—	—

GAME 7 HISTORY

Date	Game	Series	vs.	Result	Goaltender	GWG
5/10/2018	7	R2	NSH	5-1 W	Connor Hellebuyck	Paul Stastny

[^]Home games in **bold**

[†]Atlanta Thrashers did not play any Game 7s

WITH CHANCE TO CLINCH SERIES (ALL FORMATS)

Date	Game	Series	vs.	Result	Goaltender	GWG
5/10/2018	7	R2	NSH	5-1 W	Connor Hellebuyck	Paul Stastny
5/7/2018	6	R2	NSH	0-4 L	Connor Hellebuyck	—
4/20/2018	5	R1	MIN	5-0 W	Connor Hellebuyck	Jacob Trouba

^Home games in **bold**

†Atlanta Thrashers did not play any games in with a chance to clinch a series

FACING ELIMINATION (ALL FORMATS)

Date	Game	Series	vs.	Result	Goaltender	GWG
5/20/2018	5	CF	VGK	1-2 L	Connor Hellebuyck	—
5/10/2018	7	R2	NSH	5-1 W	Connor Hellebuyck	Paul Stastny
4/22/2015	4	R1	ANA	2-5 L	Ondrej Pavelec	—
<i>4/18/2007</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>CQF</i>	<i>NYR</i>	<i>2-4 L</i>	<i>Johan Hedberg</i>	—

^Home games in **bold**

†Atlanta Thrashers games in *italics*



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