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HELLEBUYCK, STAAL AND KANE NAMED NHL 'THREE STARS' OF THE WEEK PRESENTED BY GEICO

NEW YORK (Jan. 13, 2025) – Winnipeg Jets goaltender **Connor Hellebuyck**, Carolina Hurricanes center **Jordan Staal** and Detroit Red Wings right wing **Patrick Kane** have been named the NHL's "Three Stars" presented by GEICO for the week ending Jan. 12.

FIRST STAR – CONNOR HELLEBUYCK, G, WINNIPEG JETS

Hellebuyck became the third-fastest goaltender in NHL history to reach the 300-win milestone, going 2-0-0 with a 1.00 goals-against average, .960 save percentage and one shutout to help the Jets (29-12-3, 61 points) pad their lead atop the Central Division. He made 26 saves, including 11 in the third period, to record his 300th career victory in a 5-2 triumph versus the Nashville Predators Jan. 7. At 538 games, Hellebuyck became the third-fastest goaltender to achieve the milestone, behind only **Andrei Vasilevskiy** (490 GP) and **Jacques Plante** (521 GP). The reigning Vezina Trophy winner then stopped all 22 shots he faced in a 3-0 win against the Colorado Avalanche to earn his League-leading sixth shutout of 2024-25, tying a franchise record he established in 2017-18 (67 GP) and matched in 2019-20 (58 GP). The 31-year-old Hellebuyck has appeared in 34 total games this season, topping the NHL (minimum: 14 GP) in wins (26), goals-against average (2.02), save percentage (.928) and shutouts (6). He is seeking to become the fifth goaltender in League history to finish a campaign as the leader in all four categories, a distinction previously achieved by Plante (1958-59 w/ MTL), **Ken Dryden** (1972-73 w/ MTL), **Bernie Parent** (1973-74 w/ PHI) and **Bob Froese** (1985-86 w/ PHI).

SECOND STAR – JORDAN STAAL, C, CAROLINA HURRICANES

Staal paced the NHL with 5-2—7 in four games to power the Hurricanes (26-15-3, 55 points) to a 2-1-1 week. He factored on both Carolina goals, totaling 1-1—2, in a 3-2 loss to the Tampa Bay Lightning Jan. 7. Staal then scored his fourth career hat trick – and first since April 10, 2022 vs. ANA – in a 6-3 victory against the Toronto Maple Leafs Jan. 9. At 36 years, 121 days, he became the third-oldest player in franchise history to record a hat trick, behind just **Rod Brind'Amour** (37 years, 79 days on Oct. 27, 2007 at NYI) and **Ray Whitney** (36 years, 302 days on March 6, 2009 vs. CGY). Staal added 1-1—2, including his 44th career game-winning goal, in a 2-0 triumph versus the Vancouver Canucks Jan. 10 before behind held off the score sheet in a 3-2 overtime loss to the Anaheim Ducks Jan. 12 – a night that saw his oldest brother, **Eric**, have his No. 12 jersey raised to the rafters of Lenovo Center. The 36-year-old Staal has played in 44 total contests this season, his 19th in the NHL, compiling 9-14—23 while ranking eighth in the League in both face-offs won (435) and face-offs taken (800).

THIRD STAR – PATRICK KANE, RW, DETROIT RED WINGS

Kane produced 2-4—6 in three appearances to lift the Red Wings (20-18-4, 44 points) to a perfect week – and their seventh straight win dating to Dec. 29 – as they moved within two points of the final playoff spot in the Eastern Conference. He notched his 13th career overtime goal (and 79th career game-winning goal) in a 3-2 triumph against the Ottawa Senators Jan. 7. Kane then collected a trio of helpers – his 22nd career three-assist performance and first since March 12, 2022 at OTT (w/ CHI) – in a 5-3 win versus his former team, the Chicago Blackhawks, Jan. 10. He closed the week with 1-1—2, his ninth multi-point outing of 2024-25, in a 6-2 victory over the Seattle Kraken Jan. 12. The 36-year-old Kane – voted one of the "100 Greatest NHL Players" during the League's Centennial celebration – has registered 10-17—27 through 37 total contests this season, with nearly half of those points coming during a seven-game streak that aligns with Detroit's current unblemished run (Dec. 29 – Jan. 12: 5-8—13).

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