



CAROLINA HURRICANES 9, FLORIDA PANTHERS 1

Post Game Notes – January 16, 2026

Attendance: 18,319



CAROLINA HURRICANES SCORING NOTES

Per	Time	Goal Scorer	Assists	STR	Score
1	18:35	Nikolaj Ehlers (12)	Jordan Staal (10), Jordan Martinook (8)	EV	1-0 CAR
2	13:10	Mark Jankowski (4)	Alexander Nikishin (14), Mike Reilly (6)	EV	2-1 CAR
2	16:28	Alexander Nikishin (6)	Sebastian Aho (29), Nikolaj Ehlers (24)	PP	3-1 CAR
3	4:08	Andrei Svechnikov (13)	Seth Jarvis (13), Sebastian Aho (30)	PP	4-1 CAR
3	11:17	Nikolaj Ehlers (13)	Seth Jarvis (14), Andrei Svechnikov (24)	PP	5-1 CAR
3	11:38	Taylor Hall (10)	Logan Stankoven (13), Mark Jankowski (5)	PP	6-1 CAR
3	13:03	Nikolaj Ehlers (14)	Logan Stankoven (14), Jackson Blake (13)	EV	7-1 CAR
3	18:23	Taylor Hall (11)	Jackson Blake (14)	EV	8-1 CAR
3	18:35	Eric Robinson (10)	Jesper Kotkaniemi (5), Mark Jankowski (6)	EV	9-1 CAR

FLORIDA PANTHERS SCORING NOTES

Per	Time	Goal Scorer	Assists	STR	Score
2	1:19	Uvis Balinskis (2)	Mackie Samoskevich (15) Sandis Vilmanis (1)	EV	1-1

PUMMELING THE PANTHERS

Carolina scored nine goals against Florida tonight, establishing a new Hurricanes/Whalers franchise record for goals in a game versus the Panthers. The nine-goal performance marked the club's highest-scoring game and largest margin of victory since April 7, 2009 (9-0 vs. NYI). Carolina scored six goals in the third period, their most in a single period since Dec. 13, 2016 vs. Vancouver (3rd) and fourth time with six goals in a period since relocating to Raleigh.

GOALS GOALS GOALS

The Hurricanes recorded five goals in the span of 7:18 in third period tonight (**Nikolaj Ehler** 11:17, **Taylor Hall** 11:38, **Nikolaj Ehlers** 13:03, **Taylor Hall** 18:23, **Eric Robinson** 18:35) to set the Hurricanes/Whalers franchise record for the fastest five goals scored. The previous record was set by the Hartford Whalers on Oct. 25, 1983 at Los Angeles in the third period (7:32; **Sylvain Turgeon** 2:24, **Bob Crawford** 2:52, **Ron Francis** 4:59, **Blaine Stoughton** 9:06, **Blaine Stoughton** 9:56).

SPREADING THE LOVE

The Hurricanes had nine different players record multiple points in a game for the third time in franchise history and first since the club relocated to Carolina (**Nikolaj Ehlers** 4, **Mark Jankowski** 3, **Sebastian Aho** 2, **Jackson Blake** 2, **Seth Jarvis** 2, **Taylor Hall** 2, **Alexander Nikishin** 2, **Logan Stankoven** 2, **Andrei Svechnikov** 2). The other instances happened on Oct. 19, 1985 (9) and March 18, 1981 (9).

POWER PLAYERS

The Hurricanes scored four power-play goals in a single game for the second time in the past 15 years (4 vs. TBL, March 5, 2023). The most power-play goals Carolina has scored in a contest is five (twice, 3/28/08 at ATL and 11/29/02 vs. DET). The Hurricanes recorded three power-play goals in the third period tonight, marking the most power-play goals in a single period by the Hurricanes since April 7, 2009 vs. NYI (3 ppg, 3rd).

FLY HIGH NIKOLAJ

Nikolaj Ehlers (3g, 1a) recorded his sixth-career hat-trick and seventh-career four-point game tonight, tying his career high in both categories (m.r. 3g, 1a vs. CBJ on 11/1/24). Ehlers (48 GP) became the seventh-fastest player in Hurricanes team history to score his first hat trick with the club, behind **Jan Hlavac** (11 GP), **Joe Corvo** (15 GP), **Taylor Hall** (20 GP), **Jordan Martinook** (22 GP), **Radim Vrbata** (34 GP) and **Erik Cole** (37 GP). His hat trick signifies the second by a Hurricanes player this season (**Seth Jarvis** – 3g on 11/28/25 vs WPG) and fourth against Florida in Hurricanes/Whalers franchise history (**Jordan Martinook** 3g - 11/23/18 vs. FLA, **Geoff Sanderson** 3g – 3/2/96 vs. FLA, **Steven Rice** 3g - 3/29/95 at FLA). The Dane has logged 38 points (14g, 24a) in 48 games in 2025-26, ranking second on the squad in points.

ANDREI THE GIANT

Andrei Svechnikov (1g, 1a) recorded two points tonight, including his 400th and 401st career points (526 GP), becoming the fifth-fastest player in Hurricanes/Whalers history to reach 400 career points. The only others to reach the mark in fewer than 600 games are **Ron Francis** (345 GP), **Kevin Dineen** (417 GP), **Sebastian Aho** (444 GP) and **Eric Staal** (450 GP). The 25-year-old forward has logged 37 points (13g, 24a) in 48 games so far this season, ranking third on the squad in points.

CAPTAIN CONSISTENT

Jordan Staal provided the assist on **Nikolaj Ehler's** game-opening goal, moving his season tally to 20 points (10g, 10a) in 45 games played. The captain's first period feed marked his 295th assist with the Hurricanes, passing **Kevin Dineen** (294) for sole possession of fifth on the franchise's all-time list. Staal is skating in his 20th career NHL season and has now marked 20 or more points in each of his 20 campaigns. He is one of five active skaters to have achieved this feat, joining Alex Ovechkin (21), Sidney Crosby (21), Evgeni Malkin (20) and Anze Kopitar (20).

RED HOT RUSSIAN

Alexander Nikishin (1g, 1a) provided two points in the second period tonight marking his first career multi-point period and second career multi-point game. The 24-year-old has registered 20 points (6g, 14a) in 47 games so far this season. Nikishin (47 GP) has required the second-fewest games by a defenseman in Hurricanes/Whalers franchise history to record 20 career points, behind only **Mark Howe** (23 GP). His 20 points match **Jacob Slavin** (20 in 2015-16) for the fourth-highest point total in a season by a rookie defenseman in Hurricanes team history. The list is topped by **Jamie McBain** (30 in 2010-11), **Justin Faulk** (22 in 2011-12) and **Noah Hanifin** (22 in 2015-16). The Orel, Russia native recorded his sixth goal of the season tonight, passing **Chris Pronger** (5 in 1993-94) for the third-most goals in a season by a rookie defenseman in Hurricanes/Whalers franchise history. The list is topped by **Justin Faulk** (8 in 2011-12) and **Jamie McBain** (7 in 2010-11). His second period power-play goal marked the second PPG of his career. Nikishin entered tonight's contest leading all NHL rookie defensemen in plus/minus this season with +10. His 20 points ranks third amongst all NHL rookie blueliners.

JANK THE TANK

Mark Jankowski recorded his fifth career three-point (1g, 2a) effort tonight (m.r. 4/1/19 vs. LAK: 1g, 2a) also marking his first multi-point game of the season. In addition, Jankowski's two assists tonight tie his career high for most assists in a game (1g, 2a, 4/1/19 vs. LAK). The Hamilton, Ontario native has recorded ten points (4g, 6a) in 36 games this season.

ASSISTIN' AHO

Sebastian Aho recorded two assists tonight, signaling his 13th multi-point game of the season and four assists in his last three games (1/12-1/16: 4a). The Finn recorded his 70th career multi-assist game and became just the third player in Hurricanes/Whalers franchise history to reach the mark, alongside **Ron Francis** (163) and **Eric Staal** (79). Aho has recorded 47 points (17g, 30a) in 48 games so far this season, leading the Hurricanes in points and assists.

THIRD PERIOD DIMERS

Seth Jarvis, **Jackson Blake** and **Logan Stankoven** each recorded two assists in the third period tonight. **Seth Jarvis** has registered 35 points (21g, 14a) in 40 games this season, leading the team in goals and logging six points (2g, 4a) in his last six skates. **Jackson Blake** has totaled 28 points (14g, 14a) in 48 games in 2025-26, including three points in his last three games (1/12-1/16: 1g, 2a). **Logan Stankoven** has tallied 24 points (10g, 14a) in 48 games this season, including a career-high five-game point streak earlier this month (1/3-1/10: 4g, 2a).

IN BUSSI WE TRUSSI

Brandon Bussi registered 15 saves on 16 shots faced tonight, improving his debut season record to 17-3-1. The 27-year-old goaltender earned his 15th career win (15-2-1 in 18 GP) vs. Dallas on Jan. 6 and has required the fewest games in NHL history by a goaltender to hit the mark. He hit the mark in one fewer game than Ilya Samsonov, Andrew Hammond, **Frederik Andersen**, Brent Johnson and Ken Dryden (all 19 GP).

HALL IS LIFE

Taylor Hall notched two goals in the third period tonight, marking his first multi-goal and fifth multi-point game of the season. The Calgary native has tallied 25 points (11g, 14a) in 2025-26, including five points in his last five games (1/8-1/16: 3g, 2a).

LOADING UP LENOVO

The Carolina Hurricanes stretched their sellout streak to 143 consecutive regular-season and playoff games tonight. With the Lenovo Center undergoing renovations, the arena's capacity has changed to start this season and the seated capacity is now 18,299. That number will change again when the new View Bar seating opens on the 300 level during this season.

SPECIAL TEAMS

- Carolina was 4-for-5 on the power play tonight and were 32-for-148 (21.6%) on the man advantage this season. The Hurricanes were 5-for-5 on the penalty kill and was 109-137 (79.6%) on the kill this season.
- Florida was 0-for-5 on the power play tonight and were 31-169 (18.3%) on the power play this season. The Panthers were 1-for-5 on the penalty kill and are 133-159 (81.8%) on the penalty kill this season.

SHOTS BY PERIOD

TEAMS	1st	2nd	3rd	OT	Total
Florida	3	5	8	-	16
Carolina	12	11	12	-	35