



CAROLINA HURRICANES 6, PITTSBURGH PENGUINS 5 (OT)

Post Game Notes – March 18, 2026

Attendance: 18,581



CAROLINA HURRICANES SCORING NOTES

Per	Time	Goal Scorer	Assists	STR	Score
1	9:34	Jordan Martinook (10)	Jordan Staal (13), Jaccob Slavin (4)	SH	1-0 CAR
2	16:51	Jackson Blake (20)	Taylor Hall (23), Nikolaj Ehlers (34)	EV	2-1 CAR
3	3:27	Taylor Hall (15)	Jackson Blake (22), Logan Stankoven (18)	EV	3-2 CAR
3	12:59	Logan Stankoven (14)	Nikolaj Ehlers (35), Jackson Blake (23)	PP	4-3 CAR
3	17:09	K'Andre Miller (5)	Sean Walker (16), Nikolaj Ehlers (36)	EV	5-5
OT	4:31	Sean Walker (7)	Sebastian Aho (45), Seth Jarvis (26)	EV	6-5 CAR

-- Nikolaj Ehlers has assists in three-straight games (3/14-3/18: 5a)

-- Sebastian Aho recorded his 700th career NHL point

-- Frederik Andersen extends his win streak to four-straight games (3/6-3/18: 4-0-0)

PITTSBURGH PENGUINS SCORING NOTES

Per	Time	Goal Scorer	Assists	STR	Score
2	9:57	Sydney Crosby (28)	Rickard Rakell (20), Erik Karlsson (43)	EV	1-1
3	0:59	Erik Karlsson (8)	Rickard Rakell (21), Evgeni Malkin (36)	PP	2-2
3	7:16	Bryan Rust (26)	<i>unassisted</i>	EV	3-3
3	14:46	Erik Karlsson (9)	Parker Wotherspoon (21), Sydney Crosby (33)	EV	4-4
3	15:09	Ben Kindel (17)	Anthony Mantha (27), Ilya Solovoyov (7)	EV	5-4 PIT

RECORD BREAKING BATTLE

The Hurricanes and Penguins combined for four game-tying goals in the third period, which matched the most in single game in NHL history. The only other games to feature as many tying tallies by both teams in the final frame: Flyers-Rangers on March 26, 2024, Blackhawks-Blues on March 15, 1988 and Capitals-Penguins on Nov. 12, 1975.

PELTING THE PENGUINS

The Hurricanes have now won ten straight home games against the Penguins dating to the 2018-19 season, which is their second-longest active streak against a single opponent behind the Sabres (13 GP since 2016-17).

20 GOAL CLUB

With his second-period goal tonight, **Jackson Blake** became the fifth Hurricane to reach the 20-goal mark this season, joining **Seth Jarvis** (28), **Andrei Svechnikov** (25), **Sebastian Aho** (24) and **Nikolaj Ehlers** (20). They are the only team in the NHL this season to have five players with 20 goals. It marks the first time Carolina has had five 20-goal scorers since the 2021–22 season (**Sebastian Aho** (37), **Andrei Svechnikov** (30) Nino Niederreiter (24), Teuvo Teravainen (22) and Vincent Trocheck (21)), and the sixth time the franchise has accomplished the feat since relocation.

WALK-MAN

Sean Walker scored his first career overtime goal and third career game-winning goal tonight, his first since Dec. 28, 2023 at Vancouver while with Philadelphia. The defenseman posted two points (1g, 1a), marking his fourth multi-point effort of the season. Walker now has 23 points (7g, 16a) in 68 games. Walker has recorded eight points in his last nine contests (3/2–3/18: 3g, 5a), matching the most productive nine-game stretch of his career (twice; m.r.: 4/30/21–5/13/21: 3g, 5a with LAK).

FISHIN' FOR 700

Sebastian Aho picked up his 700th career NHL point tonight with an assist on **Sean Walker's** overtime goal. Aho became the third player in Hurricanes/Whalers history to record 700 points (also **Ron Francis**: 1,175 & **Eric Staal**: 775). He required the second-fewest games to hit the mark (745 GP) behind **Ron Francis** (610 GP). The Finn has tallied 69 points (24g, 45a) in 68 games this season, leading the squad in points and assists. He has notched ten points in his last eight skates (3/4-3/18: 2g, 8a).

DISHIN' DANE

Nikolaj Ehlers recorded three assists tonight to equal his career high for most assists in a game, doing so for the second time this season (3a – four times, m.r. 1/6/26 vs. DAL). The Dane has tallied 56 points (20g, 36a) in 68 games played so far this season, ranking second on the squad in assists and tallying assists in three-straight games (3/14-3/18: 5a). The forward has notched 12 points in his last nine outings (3/2-3/18: 5g, 7a).

THAT BOY BLAKE

Jackson Blake logged three points (1g, 2a) tonight, tying his career high for most points in a single game (three times, m.r. 12/6/25 vs. NSH: 2g, 1a). The 22-year-old forward has tallied 43 points (20g, 23a) in 68 games played this season, setting a new career high for points, goals and assists. He is skating in his second NHL campaign, posting 34 points (17p, 17a) in 80 games as a rookie in 2024/25.

HALL KNOWLEDGE

Taylor Hall (1g, 1a) recorded his eight multi-point game of the season tonight. The Calgary native has logged 11 points in his last 11 skates since returning from the Olympic Break (2/26-3/18: 3g, 8a). Hall has logged 38 points (15g, 23a) in 68 games played so far this season.

STANKY LEGS

Logan Stankoven tallied two points (1g, 1a) tonight, signaling his eight multi-point game of the season. The 23-year-old forward has 32 points (14g, 18a) in 68 games played in 2025/26, spending his first full campaign with the club, joining the organization via trade from Dallas on March 7, 2025.

MARTY PARTY

Jordan Martinook opened the scoring with a shorthanded goal in the first period, finishing feeds from **Jordan Staal** and **Jacob Slavin**. The 33-year-old forward has now tallied two goals in his last three games (3/14-3/17: 2g). Martinook has recorded 23 points (10g, 13a) in 65 games this season, reaching the 10-goal mark for the sixth time in his career and for the fourth consecutive season. His goal marks his second shorthanded effort of the season (12/9/25 vs. CBJ).

SHORTY STAAL

Jordan Staal recorded his 44th career shorthanded point tonight, which is the third most among active players behind Brad Marchand (59) and Jean-Gabriel Pageau (47). During his rookie season with the Penguins in 2006-07, Staal recorded seven goals and nine total points while shorthanded, which both still stand as NHL records. The captain has logged 29 points (16g, 13a) in 65 games played so far this season. His shorthanded assist tonight marks his first shorthanded point since Jan. 9, 2025 vs. Toronto. Jordan Staal has recorded 20 shorthanded points as a member of the Hurricanes, tying **Andrew Cassels** for fifth-most in franchise history. The list is led by **Sebastian Aho** (34), followed by **Rod Brind'Amour**, **Dave Tippett**, and **Eric Staal** (21).

SUPER SLAVIN

Jacob Slavin recorded a shorthanded assist on **Jordan Martinook's** first-period goal. He now has 19 career shorthanded points with the Hurricanes, more than double any other defenseman in franchise history. **Mark Howe** and **Joel Quenneville** rank second among blueliners with nine. The 2026 Team USA Olympic Gold Medalist has logged four assists in 28 games played so far this season.

FOUR FOR FREDDIE

Frederik Andersen recorded 30 saves on 35 shots faced tonight, extending his win-streak to four-straight games (3/6-3/18: 4-0-0). The Team Denmark Olympian has posted a 5-1-0 record since returning from the Olympic Break, including a 3-0-0 record at Lenovo Center.

FILLING THE SEATS

The Carolina Hurricanes stretched their sellout streak to 153 consecutive regular-season and playoff games tonight. With the opening of the new View Bar on the 300 level, seating capacity is now 18,547

SPECIAL TEAMS

- Carolina was 1-for-2 on the power play tonight and are 45-for-203 (22.2%) on the man advantage this season. The Hurricanes were 3-for-4 on the penalty kill and are 153-193 (79.3%) on the kill this season.
- Pittsburgh was 0-for-3 on the power play tonight and are 49-195 (24.7%) on the power play this season. The Penguins were 1-for-1 on the penalty kill and are 170-202 (84.2%) on the penalty kill this season.

SHOTS BY PERIOD

TEAMS	1st	2nd	3rd	OT	Total
Pittsburgh	12	7	13	3	35
Carolina	15	14	14	1	44