



CAROLINA HURRICANES 3, FLORIDA PANTHERS 2 (SO)

Post Game Notes – September 22, 2026

Attendance: 13,200



CAROLINA HURRICANES SCORING NOTES

Per	Time	Goal Scorer	Assists	STR	Score
1	7:00	Bradly Nadeau (2)	Mike Reilly (1), Aleksi Heimosalmi (1)	EV	1-1
2	11:25	Justin Robidas (2)	--	EV	2-2
SO		Bradly Nadeau (GDG)			

FLORIDA PANTHERS SCORING NOTES

Per	Time	Goal Scorer	Assists	STR	Score
1	4:31	Brady Tkachuk (3)	Sam Reinhart (1), Aleksander Barkov (2)	EV	1-0 FLA
1	7:18	Aleksander Barkov (2)	Brady Tkachuk (2), Seth Jones (1)	EV	2-1 FLA

HOW THE TURNED TABLES

- Carolina was 17-12-4 when their opponent scored first last season, while Florida was 29-9-3 when scoring first.
- The Hurricanes went 5-4-0 in shootout and finished with a 5-7-2 record when outshot by their opponent during the 2025-26 season.
- **Bradly Nadeau** and **Felix Unger Sörum** scored the shootout goals for Carolina.

SPECIAL TEAMS

- Carolina went 0-for-4 on the power play tonight and was 60-for-241 (24.9%) on the man advantage in 2025-26. The Hurricanes were 5-for-5 on the penalty kill and were 186-for-231 (80.5%) on the kill last season.
- Florida went 0-for-5 on the power play tonight and was 52-for-266 (19.5%) on the man advantage in 2025-26. The Panthers were 4-for-4 on the penalty kill and were 221-for-273 (81.0%) on the kill last season.

PACKED HOUSE

- The Carolina Hurricanes sold out all 41 home games in 2025-26, marking a 158 consecutive regular season/playoff sellout at Lenovo Center dating back to Feb. 24, 2023. During the 2023-24 season, Carolina sold out every single home game for the first time in franchise history, averaging 18,819 fans per game (including standing-room attendance). Following the Lenovo Center renovations during the summer of 2026, the arena's seated capacity will be 18,800 for the 2026-26 hockey season.

HERE WE NADEAU

- With his goal, **Bradly Nadeau** now has two goals in the 2026 preseason after scoring in Sunday's road contest against Florida. He has recorded at least one point in five consecutive preseason appearances spanning the 2025 and 2026 preseasons, and he now has five goals and two assists in seven total preseason contests with the Hurricanes.

NEW FACES

- **Filip Ekberg** and **Pierre-Olivier Joseph** made their Hurricanes preseason debuts tonight. Ekberg comes to the Hurricanes by way of the draft, going 221st overall in the seventh round of the 2025 NHL Draft. Joseph joined the franchise as a free agent on Sept. 26, 2026.

STAND ON BUSSINESS

- **Brandon Bussi** made his first start of the 2026 preseason and finished the night with 12 saves for a .923 SV% in 30:07 minutes played. In his debut season in 2025-26, Bussi posted a 31-6-2 record with a 2.47 goals-against average and two shutouts in 39 games. Acquired by Carolina off waivers on Oct. 5, Bussi tied Cam Ward's franchise record with nine consecutive victories from Oct. 30 through Dec. 14, then matched the mark again with another nine-game winning streak from Jan. 16 through March 4. Bussi also became the fastest goaltender in NHL history to reach 25 career wins, doing so in just 29 games.

ROLLIN’ ROBI

- **Justin Robidas** added another point with his goal, bringing his 2026 preseason totals to three points (2g, 1a). The forward has now registered at least one point in four straight preseason appearances dating back to the 2025 preseason, including a multi-point performance in Sunday’s road game against Florida. In five career preseason games with the Hurricanes, Robidas has totaled seven points on three goals and four assists.

A PRIMEAU EXAMPLE

- **Cayden Primeau**, in his first action of the preseason, finished with a perfect 20-for-20 saves in 34:53 minutes. He entered training camp coming off a strong 2025–26 season with the Chicago Wolves, going 21-11-7 with a 2.41 GAA, .916 SV% and four shutouts in 39 regular-season games. He continued his strong play in the Calder Cup Playoffs, posting a 9-9-0 record, 2.72 GAA and .913 SV% in 18 games while helping Chicago reach the Calder Cup Final.

SHOTS BY PERIOD

TEAMS	1st	2nd	3rd	OT	Total
Florida	9	9	10	5	33
Carolina	6	11	8	1	26