CAROLINA HURRICANES 3, OTTAWA SENATORS 2
Postgame Notes – November 28, 2026
Attendance: 18,859

CAROLINA HURRICANES SCORING NOTES

Per	*Time*	*Goal Scorer*	*Assists*	*STR*	*Score*
1	:20	Sebastian Aho (14)	Andrei Svechnikov (11), William Carrier (14)	EV	1-0 CAR
1	9:14	Nicolas Deslauriers (3)	Alexander Nikishin (3), Shayne Gostisbehere (17)	EV	2-0 CAR
2	8:27	Jaccob Slavin (2)	Taylor Hal (7), Jackson Blake (17)	EV	3-1 CAR

OTTAWA SENATORS SCORING NOTES

Per	*Time*	*Goal Scorer*	*Assists*	*STR*	*Score*
2	4:07	Shane Pinto (11)	Jordan Spence (5), Hayden Hodgson (1)	EV	2-1 CAR
3	9:19	Stephen Halliday (5)	Thomas Chabot (12), Jordan Spence (6)	EV	3-2 CAR

TEAM CHEMISTRY
The Hurricanes' top line of **William Carrier**, **Sebastian Aho**, and **Andrei Svechnikov** have now contributed to the same goal eight times this season. Aho scored just 20 seconds into the game, marking Carolina's second-fastest opening goal of the season, behind his 10-second goal against the Flyers on Oct. 3, which was also set up by Carrier and Svechnikov. With his latest goal, Aho took sole possession of the team lead with his 14th goal of the season. With his assist, Svechnikov now has six points (3g, 3a) over his last five consecutive games against the Senators.

ALL ABOUT THAT SEABASS
Sebastian Aho scored his 116th career game-opening goal, tying Eric Staal for the second-most in Hurricanes franchise history behind Ron Francis (190). His goal marked Carolina's third opening-minute goal of the season (also Nov. 5 and Oct. 3), matching the Capitals, Sabres and Blackhawks for the second-most in the NHL behind the Wild (5). It was also Aho's fourth career goal in the opening minute, tying Andrei Svechnikov, Eric Staal, Jiri Tlusty and Justin Williams for the second-most in franchise history behind Jordan Staal (6). Aho scored just 20 seconds into the contest, becoming the second player this season to record multiple goals in the first 30 seconds of a game (also 0:10 on Oct. 3), joining Joel Eriksson Ek (0:25 on Nov. 19 and 0:27 on Oct. 29).

POINT PARTY
Nicolas Deslauriers scored his third goal of the season, assisted by **Alexander Nikishin** and **Shayne Gostisbehere**, giving him four points (3g, 1a) in 13 games and surpassing his point total from last season, when he recorded two assists in 31 games between Carolina and Philadelphia. Nikishin now has six points (3g, 3a), surpassing his four-point (1g, 3a) total through seven games during his rookie season. Gostisbehere also picked up his 20th point of the season, giving the Hurricanes six players with 20 or more points, the most in the NHL.

STAY HOT
Jaccob Slavin scored his second goal in as many games, giving him three points (2g, 1a) over his last two contests and marking the first time he has scored in back-to-back games since the 2019-20 season (Oct. 5, 2019, in a 3-2 OT win vs. WSH and Oct. 6, 2019, in a 4-3 OT win vs. TBL, when he scored the game-winner). Carolina now has 20 goals scored by defensemen this season, the second-most in the NHL behind the Utah Mammoth (24). Slavin (12) passed Joe Corvo for sole possession of second place in franchise history for career game-winning goals by a defenseman, trailing only Justin Faulk (19). With an assist on the goal, **Jackson Blake** picked up his 17th of the season, moving into second among Carolina skaters in assists, while extending his point streak to four games (2g, 2a).

KLUTCH-ETKOV
Pyotr Kochetkov improved to 14-1-1 on the season, moving into second place in the NHL in wins (14), trailing only Jesper Wallstedt of Minnesota (16). The victory continues the best start of Kochetkov's career and the fastest he has reached 14 wins, accomplishing the feat in just 16 games played. He also extended his home point streak, including Carolina's neutral-site game in Finland, to nine games, posting an 8-1-0 record as the Hurricanes' home team this season.

STORM SURGE
The Hurricanes extended their home point streak to 10 games (including their neutral site game in Finland), becoming the first reigning Stanley Cup champion to record a home point streak of at least 10 games since the 2019-20 Blues (11 GP).Carolina (20-3-3) also became the first NHL team this season to reach 20 wins, accomplishing the feat in just 26

games and establishing a new franchise record, surpassing the previous mark of 27 games set in 2020-21. That season was previously the only time the franchise had been the first team in the NHL to reach 20 wins, either outright or tied. Additionally, Carolina became just the third reigning Stanley Cup champion in NHL history to record 20 wins through its first 26 games of a season, joining the 1929-30 Bruins (22) and 1984-85 Oilers (20).

CLOSING TIME

- The Hurricanes are now 15-1-1 when scoring first this season and the Senators are now 6-4-1 when their opponent scores first this season.
- Carolina is 0-for-5 on the power play tonight and are 21-for-87 on the man advantage this season. The Hurricanes are 2-for-2 on the penalty kill tonight and are 66-for-80 on the kill this season.
- Ottawa is 0-for-2 on the power play tonight and are 12-for-101 on the man advantage this season. The Senators are 5-for-5 on the penalty kill tonight and are 73-for-95 on the kill this season.

CANIAC CROWD

With tonight's game, the Carolina Hurricanes extended their streak to 179 consecutive regular-season and playoff sellouts at Lenovo Center, dating back to Feb. 24, 2023. Carolina's standing-room only crowd of 19,250 on opening night this season represented the largest attendance for a regular-season home game at Lenovo Center. Only two regular-season home games in franchise history have drawn more fans: the team's Stadium Series outdoor game against the Washington Capitals at Carter-Finley Stadium on Feb. 18, 2023 (56,961) and a game at the Greensboro Coliseum against the New York Rangers on Nov. 21, 1997 (19,358). The team sold out all 41 home games during the 2025-26 season. The Hurricanes first sold out every home game in franchise history during the 2023-24 season, averaging 18,819 fans per game, including standing-room attendance. Following renovations to Lenovo Center during the summer of 2026, the arena's seated capacity will be 18,800 for the 2026-27 hockey season.

SHOTS BY PERIOD

TEAMS	1st	2nd	3rd	OT	Total
Ottawa	7	5	13	-	25
Carolina	14	16	7	-	37