



CAROLINA HURRICANES 3, NASHVILLE PREDATORS 1

Postgame Notes – April 17, 2021



CAROLINA HURRICANES SCORING NOTES

Per	Time	Goal Scorer	Assists	STR	Score
1	18:18	Jacob Slavin (2)	Morgan Geekie (1), Steven Lorentz (3)	EV	1-0 CAR
3	8:55	Jani Hakanpaa (1)	Vincent Trocheck (20)	EV	2-1 CAR
3	18:09	Andrei Svechnikov (12)	Sebastian Aho (22), Dougie Hamilton (29)	EV-EN	3-1 CAR

- Jacob Slavin scored a goal tonight, and he has now posted points in back-to-back games (4/15-4/17: 1g, 1a).
- Vincent Trocheck tallied an assist tonight, and he has now earned three points in his last two games (4/15: 1g, 1a).
- Andrei Svechnikov scored a goal tonight, and he has now registered three points in his last two games (4/15: 1g, 1a).
- Sebastian Aho earned an assist tonight, and he has now posted points in back-to-back games (4/15: 1g).
- Dougie Hamilton recorded an assist tonight, and he has now tallied assists in back-to-back games (4/15: 1a).

NASHVILLE PREDATORS SCORING NOTES

Per	Time	Goal Scorer	Assists	STR	Score
2	11:36	Roman Josi (6)	Unassisted	EV	1-1

JANI ON THE SPOT

Tonight, **Jani Hakanpaa** scored his first Hurricanes goal, and his first career game-winning goal, in just his second game since being acquired from ANA along with a sixth-round pick in the 2022 NHL Draft in exchange for Haydn Fleury on 4/12. He is now the second Hurricanes player this season to score their first goal with the team against the Predators, as **Steven Lorentz** scored his first career NHL/Hurricanes goal at NSH on 3/2. He also became the third Hurricanes player this season to have their first goal with the team stand as the game-winner, joining Lorentz and **Brady Skjei** (3/22 at CBJ).

INVINCIBLE

Vincent Trocheck posted an assist tonight, and he has now recorded a point in 15 of his last 16 games played (2/27-4/17: 8g, 13a), including a seven-game assist streak (3/30-4/10: 7a) that tied **Dougie Hamilton** (2/27-3/11: 8a) for the longest by a Hurricanes player in 2020-21. Trocheck (17-20—37) now ranks fourth on the team in assists and trails **Sebastian Aho** (18-21—39) by just two points for the team lead in that category despite playing only 34 games this season.

MAKING WAVES

Sebastian Aho has earned an assist tonight for his 40th point of the season (18g, 22a). He is now the third player in franchise history and the first player since relocation to register at least 40 points in each of his first five NHL seasons (2016-21), joining Ron Francis (1981-86) and Kevin Dineen (1984-89). He has now posted 16 points (10g, 6a) in 14 career games against Nashville, and his eight points (5g, 3a) against the Predators this season rank tied with **Vincent Trocheck** (3g, 5a) for the team high in those games.

GEEKIN' OUT

Morgan Geekie tallied his first assist of the season tonight, marking his first assist since he tallied three points (2g, 1a) in his NHL/Hurricanes debut at PIT on 3/8/20. All three of his points in 2020-21 have come against the Predators, as he scored two power-play goals vs. Nashville on 3/11.

HAAAVE YOU MET NED?

Alex Nedeljkovic earned a win tonight in his first start since posting a 24-save shutout vs. FLA on 4/8. He has now allowed two or fewer goals in 10 of his 16 starts this season. He is now 10-4-2 record with a 1.92 goals-against average, .930 save percentage and three shutouts in 2020-21. Among NHL goaltenders with at least five starts this season, Nedeljkovic now ranks third in goals-against average, fourth in save percentage and tied for fifth in shutouts. He has now registered the leading single-season goals-against average and save percentage among rookie goaltenders in franchise history (min. 3 GP).

SHOOT YOUR SHOT

The Hurricanes posted 48 shots on goal tonight, marking their highest single-game total of the season. The Hurricanes last posted 48 or more shots on goal vs. DET on 11/10/18, when the team recorded 52. Their 24 shots in the first period were also their most in a single period this season. The last time the team registered as many shots in a single period was 11/21/18, when the Hurricanes posted 29 shots in the first period vs. TOR (outscored them 2-1). **Jacob Slavin** tallied five shots in the first period, tying **Nino Niederreiter** (1/31 vs. DAL, 2nd) for the most shots by any Hurricanes player in a single period in 2020-21.

SETTING THE PACE

The Hurricanes are now 29-10-4 (62 points) in 2020-21, tying the franchise record for standings points through the team's first 43 games of any season, achieved in 2005-06. Carolina has posted a .721 points percentage this season, which is tied with VGK (30-11-2) for the second highest in the NHL behind only COL (30-9-4: .744).

LET US PREY

With a win tonight, the Hurricanes have improved to 6-0-0 against the Predators in 2020-21. This season series marks just the ninth time in franchise history and the fourth since relocation that the Whalers/Hurricanes have beaten one team six or more times in a single regular season. The last time Carolina accomplished the feat was in 2008-09, when the team finished 6-0-0 against TBL. The Whalers/Hurricanes have posted seven wins against an opponent just once in franchise history, finishing the 2006-07 season with a 7-1-0 record against FLA.

NO PLACE LIKE HOME

The Hurricanes finished their eight-game homestand with a 5-2-1 record, matching the record in the franchise's only previous eight-game homestand (1/30/18-2/13/18). This stretch was tied for the second-longest homestand in franchise history. In Carolina's only nine-game homestand, the team went 4-0-32 from 10/30/02-11/19/02.

SPECIAL TEAMS

- Carolina went 0-for-2 on the power play today and is now 36-for-129 (27.9%) on the man-advantage this season. The Hurricanes were 2-for-2 on the penalty kill and are now 116-for-138 (84.1%) on the kill this season.
- Nashville went 0-for-2 on the power play today and is now 25-for-132 (18.9%) on the man-advantage this season. The Predators were 2-for-2 on the penalty kill and are now 107-for-143 (74.8%) on the kill this season.

SHOTS BY PERIOD

TEAMS	1st	2nd	3rd	OT	Total
Nashville	7	11	10	-	28
Carolina	24	7	17	-	48