



CAROLINA HURRICANES

GAME PREVIEW

CAROLINA HURRICANES vs. WINNIPEG JETS

Monday, Jan. 23, 7 p.m. ET

RBC Center * Raleigh, NC

Hurricanes: 17-24-9 (43 pts.)

Jets: 22-20-6 (50 pts.)

** All statistics through NHL games of Jan. 21*

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AUDIO CLIP OF THE DAY

Please find below a link to an .mp3 file of Hurricanes head coach Kirk Muller as he spoke to the media at Raleigh Center Ice on Sunday following the team's practice. [Click here to listen.](#)

TOMORROW'S GAME

Carolina hosts the Winnipeg Jets on Monday at the RBC Center for the fourth of six meetings between the teams in 2011-12 (7 p.m. ET, FOX Sports Carolinas HD, Hurricanes Radio Network). Winnipeg won the first three meetings this season, including a 3-1 win at the RBC Center on Nov. 25. The Jets also earned a 5-3 win on Oct. 22, and a 4-2 victory on Dec. 9 at the MTS Centre in Winnipeg.

HURRICANES STREAKS

None

HURRICANES MILESTONES WITHIN REACH

Jiri Tlustý is one game shy of 200 career NHL games played

Jussi Jokinen is two assists shy of 100 Hurricanes assists

Tim Gleason is two assists shy of 100 NHL assists

HURRICANES MILESTONES AND FIRSTS RECENTLY ACHIEVED

Tim Gleason played in his 400th Hurricanes game, Jan. 21 at NYI

Jussi Jokinen played in his 500th NHL game, Jan. 14 vs. BOS

CAROLINA NOTES

-- **Against the Southeast Division:** Carolina is 3-8-2 thus far this season against Southeast Division opponents. The Hurricanes posted a 12-8-4 record against divisional opponents in 2010-11. Since the division was created prior to the 1998-99 season, the Hurricanes have posted a record of 149-102-46-4 in 301 games against the Florida Panthers, Tampa Bay Lightning, Washington Capitals and Winnipeg franchise.

-- **Home Cooking:** The Hurricanes have won two straight at home and are 7-2-1 in their last 10 games at the RBC Center. Carolina has scored 32 goals (3.2 average) while allowing just 22 goals (2.2) over its last 10 home games. The Canes are 7-for-30 (23.3%) on the power play and 21-for-24 (87.5%) on the penalty kill in that span.

-- **Keeping their Discipline:** The Hurricanes rank tied for third in the NHL in fewest penalty minutes per game (9.5), through games of Jan. 21. The Canes have totaled fewer than 10 minutes in penalties 26 times this season (50 games).

-- **Shot Blockers:** The Hurricanes rank fifth in the NHL with 758 blocked shots, an average of 15.1 per game (through games of Jan. 21). **Bryan Allen** is tied for seventh in the NHL with 110 blocked shots, while **Brandon Sutter** ranks first among all NHL forwards with 55 blocks (through games of Jan. 21).

-- **Drawing Up Success:** The Hurricanes have won 54.3 percent of their face offs (419 of 772) in the last 13 games and rank ninth in the NHL in face off win percentage (50.7%) this season, through games of Jan. 21. The Canes ranked 29th among the NHL's 30 teams in that category (44.6%) last season. **Jussi Jokinen** is 16th in the NHL in face off win percentage (55.6%), through games of Jan. 21.

-- **Shorthanded Leaders:** Carolina ranks second in the NHL with eight shorthanded goals (through games of Jan. 21). The Hurricanes scored seven shorthanded goals in 82 games in 2010-11. **Brandon Sutter** ranks tied for third in the NHL with three shorthanded goals, while **Patrick Dwyer** is tied for seventh with two shorthanded tallies (through games of Jan. 21).

ICE TIME LEADERS

Captain **Eric Staal** ranks seventh among NHL forwards in ice time per game (21:30), through games of Jan. 21. Staal has skated 20-plus minutes 39 times this season. **Justin Faulk** leads all rookie defenseman in ice time per game (22:22), through games of Jan. 21. Faulk has logged over 20 minutes in each of the team's last 31 games.

CAM WARD SAYS NO

Hurricanes goaltender **Cam Ward** earned his second shutout of 2011-12 and his 18th career shutout with 23 saves on Jan. 20 against Washington. Ward ranks third in the NHL in saves (1,194) through games of Jan. 21. The 27-year-old led the NHL and set a franchise record with 2,191 saves in 2010-11 (previous team record held by Sean Burke with 1,844 in 1995-96). Ward is 9-4-6 this season when making 30-plus saves. He was 24-7-5 last season when making 30-plus saves.

BROADCAST NOTES

-- FOX Sports Carolinas continues its coverage of the Hurricanes' 2011-12 season on Monday when the team hosts the Winnipeg Jets. As always, John Forslund will have the play-by-play call and former professional goaltender Tripp Tracy will provide color analysis. Bob Harwood hosts the Hurricanes Live pregame show, and reports from rinkside during the game.
-- Fans can tune into the Hurricanes Radio Network's flagship station, 99.9 FM The Fan as Hall of Fame broadcaster Chuck Kaiton calls every Canes game. Capitol Broadcasting's Mike Maniscalco hosts *Stormfront* and *Aftermath* surrounding all broadcasts.

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CAROLINA AT HOME: 12-11-3

CAROLINA ON THE ROAD: 5-13-6

CAROLINA ON THE POWER PLAY: 30-of-192 (15.6%)

CAROLINA SHORTHANDED: 122-of-155 (78.7%)

INJURIES

Goaltender, **Brian Boucher**, injured reserve, lower body, missed 22 games
Defenseman, **Joni Pitkanen**, injured reserve, concussion/knee, missed 21 games
Defenseman, **Jaroslav Spacek**, day-to-day, upper body, missed 5 games
Forward, **Jerome Samson**, day-to-day, upper body, missed 4 games
2011-12 MAN GAMES LOST: 110

UPCOMING PRACTICE SCHEDULE

DATE	DAY	LOCATION	TIME
Jan. 22	Sunday	Raleigh Center Ice	11:00 a.m.
Jan. 23	Monday	RBC Center	10:30 a.m.
Jan. 24	Tuesday	None	-
Jan. 25	Wednesday	None	-
Jan. 22	Sunday	Raleigh Center Ice	11:00 a.m.

* All times are local... Times and locations subject to change

HURRICANES vs. JETS SERIES NOTES

-- Carolina leads all-time 43-20-7-1 (71), including 19-12-4 (35) at home and 24-8-3-1 (36) on the road.
-- The clubs meet six times during 2011-12: In Raleigh, Nov. 25 (3-1 loss), Jan. 23 and March 30 and in Winnipeg, Oct. 22 (5-3 loss), Dec. 9 (4-2 loss) and March 18.
-- The Hurricanes posted a 5-0-1 mark against the Winnipeg franchise in 2010-11, including three overtime wins and a shootout victory.
-- The Canes are 7-4-1 in the clubs' last 12 meetings, and have scored three or more goals in regulation/overtime in 11 of the last 16 games between the teams.
-- Prior to 2010-11, the teams had not played an overtime game since Jan. 2, 2008. Four of the six games in 2010-11 were settled after regulation.
-- The 2010-11 season was the first season series in which CAR took points in every game since the 2001-02 series, when the Canes went 3-0-2-0.
-- The road team has won 10 of the last 15 meetings between the clubs.
-- CAR career point-per-game players vs. WPG: Jeff Skinner – nine points (3g, 6a) in eight games; Eric Staal – 51 points (20g, 31a) in 51 games.
-- Cam Ward is 19-10-3, with a 2.98 GAA and one shutout in 33 career appearances against the Winnipeg franchise. Brian Boucher is 4-6-3 with a 2.39 GAA in 12 games.
-- Ondrej Pavelec is 3-5-2, with a 4.03 GAA in 11 career appearances against Carolina. Chris Mason is 5-2-1, 1.39 GAA and one shutout in eight games against the Hurricanes.
-- Canes forward Anthony Stewart played for the Winnipeg franchise in 2010-11, notching 14 goals and earning 25 assists (39 points) in 80 games. Jets captain Andrew Ladd played three seasons for the Hurricanes, before being traded to Chicago for Tuomo Ruutu on Feb. 26, 2008. Canes forward Patrick Dwyer was a fourth-round draft pick of the Winnipeg franchise, though he never played for the team.