

Predators clinch playoff berth

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The Nashville Predators hosted the Winnipeg Jets in a big Central Division showdown Tuesday night at Bridgestone Arena as the Predators looked to clinch a playoff berth and gain ground in the division standings.

Nashville would get its first chance at the man advantage early in the first when Winnipeg's Adam Lowry went off for interference. But moments later, the Predators would put it home from a close in shot by Tommy Novak with the assist to Kiefer Sherwood. Nashville came out aggressive from the faceoff and it paid off.

The Predators' defense kept the puck in the attacking zone and with that, Nashville was able to thread it through defenders to take the lead at the 4:05 mark. Unfortunately for Nashville, with Michael McCarron in the penalty box for holding, Winnipeg's Gabriel Vilar-di would capitalize on the Jets' power play at the 6:51 mark to make it 1-1. Just moments later, Nashville's defense broke down which Winnipeg's Mark Scheifele took advantage of as he dipped through the defense and put it backhand past Saros at the 8:19 mark.

The Jets would then make it 3-1 at the 12:46 mark on a goal by Dylan DeMelo. Nashville was still gunning for chances, but their defense was clearly struggling to hold back a fiery Jets team. The first period would end with the Jets up 3-1 and the Predators in the lead in the shots on goal category 14-10.

In the second period, the Predators came up empty on their third chance at the man advantage in the remaining 1:16 of a power play. The struggles on the power play seemed to be a theme for Nashville as they contin-

ued with a fourth empty power play later on in the period, but it wasn't just struggles on their end.

The Predators were facing a strong Connor Hellebuyck in net for the Jets, who swallowed up every shot the Predators peppered him with on the power play. The period would end with the Jets holding their 3-1 lead and Nashville the 35-16 lead in the shots on goal category.

The third period saw the Nashville kill off a penalty moments before Spencer Stastney put it right above the shoulder of Hellebuyck and in to pull Nashville within one at 3-2 at the 7:34 mark. Roman Josi and Sherwood picked up the assists. With the team feeding off of the energy of the crowd, Nashville would tie it moments later on a rocket of a shot from Ryan O'Reilly at the 9:41 mark with the assists to Josi and Gustav Nyquist.

"It's the first one on the checklist, obviously making the playoffs is a huge accomplishment," O'Reilly said. "I think we're proud as a group, guys worked hard for this. We stuck with it, I thought we were on it most of the game, but to make the playoffs, that's the first step, it's a big step and something to be proud of for sure."

Head coach Andrew Brunette indicated that O'Reilly is almost better

when it's chaotic and how he carries the team at times as he's done at earlier points in his career such as his time with the St. Louis Blues, where he carried them to a Stanley Cup Finals victory in 2019.

With his assist on O'Reilly's goal, Nyquist picked up his 500th career point. That would do it for the third period as the teams headed to overtime deadlocked at three. With the one point gained in the standings, Nashville officially clinched a spot in this year's Stanley Cup Playoffs. Unfortunately, for Nashville in the overtime period, Winnipeg would score at the 1:32 mark on a two on one breakaway where Kyle Connor put it home on a wrist shot. With the Jets winning the game, it made it so that Nashville can only sit in a wild card spot, rather than clinch one of the top spots in the division since they can no longer catch Winnipeg.

Despite Nashville no longer being able to catch Winnipeg and having to sit in a wild card spot rather than one of the top spots in the division, it should still be considered a great accomplishment considering many didn't even put Nashville in a playoff spot at the beginning of the season. Brunette said when you're an underdog you kind of wear it because you're

proud of it.

"You wake up every morning, there's no better motivation than proving people wrong and if we wear that a little bit, I've worn that my whole playing career and I continue to wear it in my coaching career," Brunette said.

Brunette was proud of the process that they've believed in and the confidence in trusting what they had to do.

"We don't always get rewarded for it, but we did tonight, obviously it was a big point to get, love for the home crowd, especially with the McCarron fight, I thought really got them going and kind of carried us through the third period, would've been nice to get them a win, but again just the resiliency our group showed."

Brunette knew that they weren't going to have it easy.

"We don't mind it hard and tonight was hard," Brunette said.

Nashville has three regular season games left as they travel to Chicago for a clash with the Blackhawks on Friday before they host the Columbus Blue Jackets in their home finale on Saturday. They finish the regular season on the road against the Pittsburgh Penguins on Monday.



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fighting through it and persevering through it. He's done a fantastic job and I'm real proud of him."

Diuguid said his best memories from his time at Christian County was just going to school in general.

"We had a great principal, Mr. Bentzel, he was a great influence on me in my life. Another guy named Josh Hunt who influenced me a lot. Kevin Crider actually coached me when I was younger a lot," he said.

Diuguid said he learned a lot both on and off the field during his time at Christian County from those around him. While Wheeler was Diuguid's head coach, current Christian County head coach Cole Isom was the assistant.

"They just motivated me to get things done and pushed me through baseball and school," he said.

When it came to the biggest things that Diuguid learned from Wheeler, he said it would have to be work ethic.

"When I was younger, I found it easy to get frustrated on the baseball field," Diuguid said. "He taught me to keep my head level, work hard and things would work out."

As far as his game is

concerned, Diuguid said that he learned consistency, especially through pitching with being competitive and learning that things are not always going to go your way. When it comes to the transition from high school, he touched on the talent pool.

"You're used to being pretty decent in high school and you come somewhere like this, and you find out that you're one of many, so I always found that funny," Diuguid said. "My first couple years here I expected to come in and make a big impact and actually didn't make an impact at all. That kind of slowed things down and put it in perspective."

It's evident that Diuguid has enjoyed his time playing at WKU so far. He said he enjoys being on the team in general.

"I love playing baseball. My sophomore year we went to the conference tournament, that was fun," Diuguid said. "Last year, we actually hired a new coach, Marc Rardin and he's been great so far. He's helped our team a lot. He actually took us to another conference tournament last year and we ended up making it to the semi-finals. We ended up losing, but those are memories I'll never forget. I'm still making memories this year with this team."

With his game on the field, Diuguid said

he just wants to put his team in a position to win on the mound.

"Whether that's starting a game or coming in, which has been my role this year, more coming in, in a tight situation and try to limit the damage," he said. "But just putting my team in a position to win and be consistent and hope the ball rolls your way."

He's been liking the way he's playing this season so far.

"I think I've been able to have some success here, just again with competing and controlling what I can do, getting ahead in counts early, trying to keep runners off the base paths and I think that's put our team in a decent position to win when I'm on the mound," Diuguid said. "It doesn't always work like that, but we have a good offensive team, so as long as you can limit other teams' runs, I think we'll get the job done at the plate."

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We would like to know how to get information to members of the community, so that the public has an active voice in the environmental actions associated with the installation. We would like to interview people like you to identify your concerns, preferred communication methods, and desired involvement levels in the Army Cleanup Process at Fort Campbell. Your answers to the interview questions will be incorporated anonymously into the CIP.

Your opinion matters. Please reach out to this contact to express interest and gain more information: Carla Avery at (848)-327-4448 or cavery@confederal.com. We can complete interviews via phone, email, or through online communication such as MS Teams through April 19, 2024.

Fort Campbell, Kentucky, is named in honor of Brig. Gen. William Bowen Campbell, the last Whig governor of Tennessee. Fort Campbell is located between Hopkinsville, Christian County, Kentucky, and Clarksville, Montgomery County, Tennessee. Construction began February 4, 1942. Within a year, the reservation designated as Camp Campbell was developed to accommodate one armored division and various support troops, or a total of 23,000 men. Fort Campbell consists of 105,347 acres of land in southwestern Kentucky and northcentral Tennessee. The installation's mission is to integrate and deliver installation services and base support to enable readiness and global response capabilities of Soldiers and Units assigned to Fort Campbell and build resilient Soldiers and Families. Environmental concerns are identified as contaminants of concern and have impacted the soil, groundwater, sediment, and surface water at the installation.

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