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October 28th, 2023 – Recap vs Seattle Kraken

SUNRISE, Fla. – Matthew Tkachuk finally got the monkey off his back. The Panthers' winger scored his first goal of the season in the Florida Panthers' 3-2 win over the Seattle Kraken, snapping his longest start-of-season scoring drought of his career.

Nick Cousins earned first star honors scoring the game-winning goal with about five minutes left in the final period of play.

Florida fought back through an early 2-0 deficit, before Gustav Forsling started the scoring for the Panthers with a power play goal midway through the second.

“We got it out when we needed to and we got a couple of lucky bounces. But I think we deserved it.” Forsling said.

Tkachuk locked up second star honors with his tying-goal late in the second, while Dmitry Kulikov earned the third star with assists on the Tkachuk and Cousins goals.

The Panthers now turn their sights to the Bruins, in a rematch of last year's first round matchup. The game will take place on Monday in Boston.

October 29th, 2023 – Feature on Montour/Ekblad

SUNRISE, Fla. – One key absence for the Florida Panthers this season has been defensive pieces Aaron Ekblad and Brandon Montour.

Injuries have kept the duo off the ice, both key pieces of last season's Stanley Cup Finals run.

Ekblad has been a key part of the Panthers franchise since 2015, when he was taken first overall in the NHL draft by Florida. Montour, despite being a newer addition, has been just as impactful.

Montour was added to the roster in April 2021, after being traded from the Buffalo Sabres in exchange for a third-round pick.

Currently, the duo are on the same timeline to return, around late December to early January. But those around the organization are confident that they could return as early as early November, if recovery continues at its current pace.

The Panthers have a tough schedule in December including games against Dallas, Vegas, and arch-rival Tampa Bay, all games in which Ekblad and Montour could be huge difference makers in.

October 30th, 2023 – Recap at Boston Bruins

BOSTON – In an exact flip of the Panthers' last game, Florida held a 2-0 lead before losing it quickly in a 3-2 loss to the top team in the Eastern Conference, the Boston Bruins, in overtime.

Pavel Zacha netted the game-winning overtime goal for the Bruins, just a minute and a half before the Panthers could force the shootout.

Aleksander Barkov and Sam Reinhart both found the back of the net for Florida in the first period, taking the lead into the intermission.

But Boston struck back with a goal each in the second and third periods from Brad Marchand and Charlie McAvoy, respectively.

Bruins' goalie, Linus Ullmark, earned the first star of the game making 35 saves on 37 shots, locking down the Panthers offense after the first intermission.

The Panthers continue their three-game road trip with a stop in Detroit in three days for a bout with the Red Wings before continuing on to Chicago to wrap up the road stand.

November 2nd, 2023 – Recap at Detroit Red Wings

DETROIT – Sergei Bobrovsky put on a goalie clinic for the Florida Panthers, shutting out the Detroit Red Wings, 2-0, in front of a hostile crowd at Little Caesar's Arena.

The game was a defensive showcase, featuring only one goal with a goalie in net on the night as Steven Lorentz notched his first of the season, against former Panther James Reimer, with less than a minute on the clock in the second period.

Bobrovsky collected his 39th shutout of his career, stopping all 22 shots he faced, silencing the near-capacity crowd in Detroit.

“It's a great win. Obviously, I wasn't thinking about my career or my personal achievements out there,” Bobrovsky said. “We're focused on the standings. That team is ahead of us and we know we have to work to catch them.”

Panthers' defenseman Anton Lundell added his first of the season against an empty net late in the third to secure the win for Florida.

The Panthers wrap up their three-game road trip with a bout in Chicago on Saturday night, taking on first overall draft pick, Connor Bedard.

November 4th, 2023 – Recap at Chicago Blackhawks

CHICAGO – It was all Blackhawks on Saturday night, as Petr Mrazek made 38 saves helping Chicago hand the Florida Panthers a 5-2 loss from the United Center.

Rookie phenom Connor Bedard scored his fifth of the season, netting the puck early into the second period as Chicago built a monstrous 4-0 lead.

The Blackhawks took a 3-0 advantage heading into the first intermission with goals from Nick Foligno on the power play, Nikita Zaitsev, and Taylor Hall.

“We had a really tough first,” Panthers head coach Paul Maurice said. “We’ll play 246 periods [in the regular season] and I’m hoping that one’s our worst.”

The Panthers would fight back in the third, scoring a power play goal from Oliver Ekman-Larsson before Matthew Tkachuk found his second of the season to cut the deficit to just two.

Chicago would later ice the game with an empty netter from Philipp Kurashev to clinch the victory.

Florida finally returns home after a 1-1-1 performance on the road. The Panthers welcome the Columbus Blue Jackets to Amerant Bank Arena on Monday night.

November 6th, 2023 – Recap vs Columbus Blue Jackets

SUNRISE, Fla. – The phrase ‘scoring comes in bunches’ could not have been more true than on Monday night, as the Florida Panthers fought out a 5-4 overtime win over the Columbus Blue Jackets.

Nick Cousins found the back of the net with the goalie on the bench, with 1:26 remaining to tie the game before Carter Verhaeghe ended it a minute and a half into the overtime period.

The game was played in runs with the Panthers scoring three goals within the first 6:09 of play on the night with goals from Ryan Lomberg, Gustav Forsling, and Aleksander Barkov.

However, Columbus would battle back, scoring four unanswered goals across all three periods. Helping the Jackets was a change in net as Spencer Martin came in for Elvis Merzlinkins after the third Panther goal in the first.

“It didn’t surprise me at all that we responded,” Martin said. “I love the guys in this room so much. We battle and it seems like we’ve done this type of thing in a few games already and, man, I really wish I could have gotten the win for them.”

Despite the loss, Alexandre Texier earned the second star of the night with a go-ahead goal in the third period, and an assist on the tying goal.

Verhaeghe earned the first star with his game-winning goal, while Nick Cousins earned the third star with his game-tying goal late in the final regulation period.

Florida hops on the road after playing just one game at home, where it will take on the Washington Capitals from Capital One Arena on Wednesday night.

November 8th, 2023 – Recap at Washington Capitals

WASHINGTON – The Florida Panthers continued their winning ways, earning their fifth win in seven games with a 4-3 overtime decision over the Washington Capitals on the road.

Sam Reinhart scored just 15 seconds into the overtime period to secure the win for Florida, the fastest overtime goal in franchise history.

Washington opened the scoring with a goal mid-way through the opening period from Anthony Mantha en route to earning the second star of the night, with a two-goal performance, adding another late in the second period.

Florida would take a 2-1 lead into the locker room at the first intermission, adding goals from Oliver Ekman-Larsson and Aleksander Barkov.

However, it was all Capitals in the second scoring a shorthanded goal from Connor McMichael to tie it, before Mantha's second gave the Caps the advantage through 40 minutes. First-year Panther, Evan Rodrigues, scored the tying goal early in the third.

“There's definitely no quit in this team, and no matter what the score is we're not going to roll over,” Rodrigues said. “When we're down in games, the room doesn't get quiet. It's uplifting, it's motivating and I think that's why you see late in games so many comebacks.”

The Panthers only hit the road for a single game, returning home to Sunrise on Friday night to take on the Carolina Hurricanes, in a rematch of last season's Eastern Conference Final.

November 10th, 2023 – Preview vs Carolina Hurricanes

SUNRISE, Fla. – Tempers were high the last time the Hurricanes and Panthers shared the ice.

That was game four of the 2023 Eastern Conference Finals when the Panthers scored with just seconds remaining to sweep the 'Canes in that series and advance to just their second Stanley Cup Finals appearance in franchise history.

That loss hurt even more for Carolina who lost its 12th-consecutive Eastern Conference Finals game, getting swept in each of its last three appearances.

New pieces have been added to both teams, and some of those who were dressed in the respective red and whites last season, are now on different teams entirely.

But, for a majority of players on both teams, they remember the hostility and battle on the ice just a few short months ago, and those tempers are expected to flare again tonight in Sunrise.

November 10th, 2023 – Recap vs Carolina Hurricanes

SUNRISE, Fla. – The Florida Panthers are red-hot, earning their third straight victory with a 5-2 win over the Carolina Hurricanes from Amerant Bank Arena in a rematch of last season's Eastern Conference Final.

Aleksander Barkov, Matthew Tkachuk and Carter Verhaeghe each notched two points on the night, all collecting a goal and an assist for their stat lines. Earning first, second, and third stars, respectively.

Jesper Kotkaniemi scored early for the visiting Hurricanes, just 1:20 into the first period, but it didn't take long for the hosts to respond with an equalizer 1:41 later from Tkachuk.

Panthers goalie Sergei Bobrovsky stopped 28 shots in the win for Florida, while NHL rookie Uvis Balinskis tallied his first NHL goal with a go-ahead goal to put the Panthers up 2-1 late in the first period.

“He's done everything he possibly can to stay in the lineup and he earned it,” Panthers head coach Paul Maurice said about Balinskis. “He comes over here, completely different league, doesn't know anybody, training camp is really difficult and then he earned his spot in the lineup.”

Kevin Stenlund added his third of the season with three minutes and change remaining with an empty-netter to secure the Panthers' victory.

Florida wraps up the quick two-game homestand welcoming in Connor Bedard and the Blackhawks on Sunday afternoon in a 1:00 p.m. matinee start. The Blackhawks defeated the Panthers, 5-2, in Chicago less than a week ago.

November 12th, 2023 – Recap vs Chicago Blackhawks

SUNRISE, Fla. – Sam Reinhart had a career-day, outshining the Blackhawks' rookie sensation Connor Bedard, with a four-point performance, tying a career-high, helping the Panthers to a 4-3 win over Chicago on Sunday afternoon.

Reinhart was involved in every Panthers' goal on the afternoon scoring two go-ahead goals, both of which were quickly equalized with two goals from Bedard, who now has nine goals in his rookie campaign.

Reinhart had the first assist on the game-winning goal from Carter Verhaeghe early in the third period, as the Panthers' defense and Sergei Bobrovsky held strong in the third to earn the Florida win, its fourth in a row.

While Reinhart and Bedard shined, Oliver-Ekman Larsson earned a third star with a goal and an assist, including opening the scoring just 39 seconds after the opening faceoff.

Florida swept the homestand with wins over Carolina and Chicago and are 9-2-1 in its last 12 games.

“Any time you can get home and pile some points together, it's key,” Reinhart said.

The Panthers will say farewell to their home arena, departing on a three-game California road trip against San Jose, Los Angeles, and Anaheim. The Panthers kick-off the trip on Tuesday night against the Sharks at 10:30 p.m. EST.

November 14th, 2023 – Recap at San Jose Sharks

SAN JOSE, Calif. – Despite the San Jose Sharks being at the bottom of the NHL standings, its never a guarantee, as the Florida Panthers won a gritty 5-3 game in the ‘Shark Tank’ on Tuesday night to earn their fifth straight win.

Sam Reinhart is making a case to be considered among the NHL’s best with his fifth-consecutive multi-point game with a power play goal and an assist, as he’s now tied for the most goals in the NHL this season with Winnipeg’s Kyle Connor and Toronto’s Auston Matthews.

San Jose battled, scoring an opening period goal from former Panther Mike Hoffman. Netting an additional two just 1:10 apart early in the third period from Tomas Hertl on the power play, and Luke Kunin to take a crucial 3-2 lead in the final frame.

The Panthers would respond with two quick goals themselves as Carter Verhaeghe scored on the power play, for his 100th-career NHL goal, followed by Kevin Stenlund lighting the lamp himself just 1:03 later to reclaim the lead.

“I think everyone’s stepping up,” Verhaeghe said. “We have a lot of guys in and out of the lineup. Everyone’s playing well. Every win is kind of a total team win. Everyone is contributing in a different way.”

Aleksander Barkov scored an empty netter with 2:13 remaining to secure the victory, as Panthers’ goalie Anthony Stolarz collected just his second win of the season making 19 stops on the night.

The Panthers will have a day off on Wednesday before playing back-to-back games in Los Angeles County on Thursday and Friday night against the Kings and Ducks, respectively.

November 16th, 2023 – Preview at Los Angeles Kings

LOS ANGELES – The Florida Panthers (10-4-1) begin the first of a back-to-back on Thursday night taking on the Los Angeles Kings (8-3-3) from Crypto.com Arena.

Despite the Kings' impressive record, they have not been defending home ice this season, boasting just a 1-3-3 record on home ice this season going an impressive 7-0-0 on the road, the only remaining undefeated team on the road.

The key for Los Angeles will be the power play, as the Kings have only dropped one game in the seven games, they have scored a power play goal in.

Florida is 4-3-1 on the road this season, winning its last three of four road games.

The key for the Panthers will be getting the offense established against Kings' goalie Cam Talbot, boasting a 9-2-0 record in games in which they score three goals or more.

Adrian Kempe is the leading scorer for Los Angeles, with seven goals in nine assists, but Anze Kopitar has been red hot with five goals and four assist in his last 10 games.

Florida is led by Sam Reinhart who is on a five-game multi-point streak, scoring 12 goals and 11 assists this season. Matthew Tkachuk has been in a role-player position collecting a point in seven straight games.

This is the first meeting between the two cross-coast foes, meeting in Sunrise on January 11th.