

Offense reigns; 'Canes defeat Los Angeles

RALEIGH, N.C. - The Carolina Hurricanes (34-23-6) defeated the Los Angeles Kings (23-33-7) 6-1 in an offensive showcase in PNC Arena on Tuesday night.

"The start was the key," head coach Rod Brind'Amour remarked, "we got a couple of quick ones and got to our game."

Dougie Hamilton drew first blood for the Hurricanes, scoring 5:56 into the first period as Kings goalie Jonathan Quick was bowled over by his own man in front. Hamilton was one of four Hurricanes players who had multi-point nights.

Sebastian Aho put Carolina up a pair with a wrister that beat Quick glove-side-low. The goal broke a 10-game goal-less streak for the Finnish star.

The second period saw the Hurricanes explode. Michael Ferland scored 25 seconds into the second and defenseman Jaccob Slavin would make it 4-0 less than four minutes later.

Teuvo Teravainen would find the back of the net on a power-play one-timer at the 14:01 mark to notch his 18th goal of the season. "Turbo" finished the evening with a game-high four points adding three assists to his goal.

"It just felt good to get out and get going," Teravainen modestly mentioned.

Hamilton added his second tally 40 seconds later as Carolina finished the period leading L.A. 6-0.

"I felt like an idiot out there going for a hat trick," Hamilton said of his three shot attempts in the last two minutes of the game, "...but it's something you enjoy because it doesn't happen to often."

Dustin Brown would end Petr Mrazek's shutout bid 12:02 into the third, scoring his 14th of the season for the Kings.

After the win, the Hurricanes continue to be the best team in the league since New Year's Eve, securing their 19th win since 2019 began. The controversial "Storm Surge" celebration included a subtle jab at Don Cherry, projecting his "Bunch of Jerks" quote onto the ice.

Completing the best February in franchise history at 10-3-0, the 'Canes are now in third place in the Metropolitan Division with 74 points, trailing division-leader New York Islanders by five points.

Carolina will enjoy a three-day break before facing St. Louis (34-23-6) at home on Friday. The Kings return to Staples Center to face Dallas (31-27-5) on Thursday.