



# THE FLYER



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**SATURDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER 2024**  
ELITE LEAGUE



# COOLEN'S COMMENTS





Looking at last weekend first and our two home games to pen the season. On Saturday night I have to hand it to our guys, we battled, we showed skill, we had timely goals, our special teams were good and we showed a lot of heart. In order to stay in the game and keep it close our penalty kill had to do their job. We also had a nice spread of scorers which is going to be important for us. In the areas that I was looking to improve upon from last seasons team I think we have. Our defence moved the puck and played really well. It was a great team win and I liked what I saw as I still get to know the guys and what they are capable off. On Sunday we were pretty good at times but overall I was impressed by Belfast. They were strong and forechecked us well and I thought we kinda ran out of gas. It's early in the season and those were back to back pretty heavy games and the greater portion of our energy appeared to have been used the night before.

It's not an excuse just that we didn't seem to have the jump even though we had the resolve to play hard our legs just didn't allow us to. We had a couple of unfortunate breaks go against us in the game with the Giants opening goal looking to be a missed offside call and just before the end of the second period their second goal coming after we had won a face off and somehow gave up the puck for it to then go in the net off of one of our players. It takes something out of you a late goal like that as it completely changes your mindset for the final period. We have to overcome situations like that and I thought after going two behind we found a way to get right back in the game and it was a one goal game with only a few minutes left which all in all isn't a bad reflection on us against a strong club like Belfast. No one said it would be easy, no one said we would win every game, nor lose every game and I think it's looking like another competitive as hell season.

Looking at this weekend and obviously concentrating on Manchester first we start the weekend at home again and we will be ready to battle. I've watched Manchester and they are big and strong and they will be a big challenge for us. We know we have to have better puck possession, put the puck in the right places, we will need to forecheck them hard and use our speed and go win some battles. On any given night every team can beat every other team so it's a matter of cutting down on mistakes and keeping the game simple, no costly turnovers. If we don't play hard every night we don't even have a chance, so that's the nature of our club, we just can't step on the ice and win, if we don't give every ounce of energy we have then we don't have an opportunity to win.

**Tom**

# MATCH REPORT

<b>Saturday</b> <b>7th September 2024</b>			<b>4</b>		<b>3</b>	<b>Challenge Cup</b>	
<b>Period Scores 2-1, 1-0, 1-2</b>							
<b>L i n e u p s</b>	<b>Shane Owen</b> Starter	Noah Delmas	✓	Artur Gatiyatov	✓	Martin Látal	✗
	<b>Brython Preece</b> BackUp	Madi Dikhanbek	✓	Lucas Chiodo	✓	Phélix Martineau	✓
		Tyler Heidt	✓	Michael Cichy	✓	Maxim Musorov	✓
		Brodie Kay	✓	Johnny Curran	✓	Drake Pilon	✓
		Daniel Krenželok	✓	Austin Farley	✗	Nikolai Shulga	✓
		Patrick Kyte	✓			James Spence	✓
		Olivier LeBlanc	✓				
<b>Dalton     Refs</b>		<b>Ferguson</b>		<b>Thorpe</b> Lines men		<b>Rodger</b>	

The Flyers opened their competitive 2024/25 season in front of huge crowd in the Auld Barn as they hosted the Glasgow Clan in the Challenge Cup. The home side scratched Martin Látal and Austin Farley whilst the visitors were without Reece Kelly and Gary Haden. The opening minutes were played as expected at a frantic pace but neither team got the puck through on the goalies. In the 4th minute Drake Pilon created havoc in the Clan rearguard and Phélix Martineau was unlucky as he tried to pick up the scraps and his shot grazed the post. The visitors went on the first power play of the game moments later when Johnny Curran was called for roughing. The Clan power play was kept to the perimeter for the most but Mitchell Heard fed the puck through the box and in the slot Rylan Schwartz got a tip to beat Shane Owen to open the scoring. The Flyers responded with a shot from the high slot by Artur Gatiyatov forcing Landon Bow's first save. In the 7th minute Martineau saw an effort fought off by Bow. Chris McKay had a long range floater gloved by Owen in the 9th minute and he was soon in action again as he stopped Darien Kielb's slapshot from the blueline. Moments later the Flyers leveled the game as Drake Pilon's shots hit the backboards and was mis handled by Bow who was out of position and Martineau cleverly banked the puck off the back of the goalie and into the net. The Flyers went on the power play in the 10th minute when Clan were called for too many men. The home side were patient with the man advantage without getting anything to the net until Lucas Chiodo let rip from the top of the circles and the puck appeared to go five hole on Bow. The Flyers survived a scramble around their net in the 13th minute as Owen made a goal line stand before the nets came off. A minute later on a delayed penalty Owen made a great leg save to deny Felix Pare as Pilon got the gate for hooking. Flyers killed the penalty with the only Clan shot coming in the final second from Pare which Owen gloved. Gatiyatov was helped from the ice and went to the room in the 18th minute after a late hit along the boards by Clan's McKay which drew no punishment. Glasgow created intense pressure around the Flyers net as the period drew to a close but Fife stood firm.

## PERIOD 2

35 seconds into the middle period the Clan returned to the powerplay as Madi Dikhanbek was called for a slash on Mitchell Heard as went in on goal. Owen produced a couple of saves, the first from Liam Finlay and then a glove save on Kielb as the Flyers killed the penalty and when Dikhanbek returned to the play he rushed the puck up ice and his shot was stuck away by Bow. Flyers were next on the power play after Nick Prkusic was called for interference and 30 seconds into the man advantage Michael Cichy had the Clan netminder swimming in his crease but from a bad angle could only shoot the puck wide of the far post

# MATCH

# REPORT

As Clan returned to full strength Maxim Musorov on the edge of the crease was absolutely stoned by an incredible leg save by Bow. The parade to the penalty box continued as this time it was Fife who were penalised with Pilon sitting for a slash on Prkusic and Owen came up with a big save on Steven Seigo. As the penalty was winding down the Flyers carved out a shorthanded chance when Dikhanbek and Musorov broke up ice with the latter just running out of space with Bow stranded. A shot by Cichy in the 33rd minute short side on Bow was denied and a couple of minutes later Bow held a shot by Pilon. Flyers were back on the powerplay in the 36th minute when Simon Despres was called for hooking and they made it count for the second time in the match. After some neat interplay out in the slot Johnny Curran fired to puck cross crease and Cichy was at the back post to deflect it high into the net.

### PERIOD 3

The start of the third period was delayed as the warm conditions in the rink didn't help with the ice refreezing after the flood. When we got under way Pilon forced the first shot after 30 seconds from around the circles. The home side passed up a glorious chance in the 41st minute when Lucas Chiodo and Cichy broke 2 on 1 but Bow stood tall to make a smart leg save. Clan responded and after Owen had denied Felix Pare he was beaten in the 44th minute when Prkusic picked up a loose puck and slid it into the corner of the net to half the Clan deficit. There were offsetting penalties to Clan's scorer for charging and Patrick Kyte for slashing as the teams stayed at 5 on 5 in the 48th minute. A minute later and Heard forced an arm save from Owen. In the 50th minute a huge open ice hit by Pilon on Tyson McLellan left the Clan player on the ice and following a review of the incident by the officials the Flyers player was assessed a 5 plus game penalty for interference. Two minutes into the power play the manpower was evened up as Finlay was called for hooking and the teams skated 4 on 4. Nikolai Shulga rushed the puck into the Clan defensive zone and his lay off to Musorov was backhanded between the legs of Bow to restore the Flyers two goal lead. Clan then had just under a minute of power play time left on the initial Pilon call and Owen came up huge again when he first denied Seigo and then flashed the leather on Cole Ullly just as the Flyers returned to full strength. No sooner had parity been restored further penalties were called with two minors going to Clan's Heard for interference and Kielb for holding the stick and again after a video review Daniel Krenželok received a 5 plus game for slew footing. Two minutes of 4 on 3 saw the Flyers almost grab another goal when Chiodo was stopped by Bow who was out on top of his crease to meet the shot. With the Clan returning to full strength the power play flipped to them with three minutes remaining. Bow was pulled for an extra skater as they went 6 on 4 and Flyers called their time out. It was desperate stuff around the Flyers goal and the Clan pressure finally told with just 28 seconds remaining when Finlay roofed the puck to make it a one goal game. Clan then called their time out and on the restart quickly pulled Bow again but the Flyers held on to take the win.

Flyers Stats					Clan Stats			
Shots For	Scorer	Assist	Assist	Goal	Scorer	Assist	Assist	Shots For
For	Martineau	Pilon		1	Schwartz	Ullly	Heard	For
39	Chiodo	Heidt	Martineau	2	Prkusic	Heard	Kielb	44
Shots	Cichy	Curran	Chiodo	3	Finlay	Pelech	Neilson	Shots
Against	Musorov	Shulga	Delmas	4				Against
44				5				39
PiMS				6				PiMS
60				7				14
				8				
<b>MOM</b>				9				<b>MOM</b>
Martineau				10				Prkusic

# CLAN MATCH NIGHT ACTION



JILLIAN MCFARLANE  
DEREK YOUNG





# GETTING TO KNOW #22



## Phélix Martineau

*Date of Birth – June 3rd 1997*

*Age – 27*

*Blace of Birth - Laval, Québec, Canada*

*Position – Forward*

*Shoots – Right*

*Height – 178cm/7'10"*

*Weight – 83 kg/183 lbs*

### **Professional Hockey Career**

*2017-18 – Fort Wayne Komets (ECHL)*

*2018-19 Laval Rockets (AHL), Fort  
Wayne Komets (ECHL)*



# #22 WE ASKED...

**1. What other sports did you play growing up?**

Baseball, tennis, golf

**2. Who has been the biggest influence on your career so far?**

My parents

**3. Who is the best player you have played with?**

Jake Evans

**4. Who is the best player you have played against?**

Nikolaj Ehlers

**5. What is the most memorable game you have played in?**

Midget AAA game 7 final of playoffs with Collège Esther-Blondin Phénix in 2014

**6. What is your favourite/least favourite rink to play in?**

Have not seen enough yet

**7. If you could make one rule change in hockey, what would it be and why?**

Shot clock in overtime

**8. Which hockey team do you cheer for/which one do you root against?**

For: Montreal Canadiens Against: Toronto Maple Leafs

**9. Most admired hockey player and why?**

Martin St-Louis, even though everyone said he would not make it and that he was too small to play the game, he made his way to the Hockey Hall of Fame

**10. What would be your best piece of advice for youngsters starting in hockey?**

Enjoy the ups and the downs of your hockey journey! Enjoy all of it, it goes by really fast.

**11. What do you consider to be the strongest part of your game and where are you trying to improve?**

200 feet game, trying to improve my offensive touch

**12. Pre-game routine?**

Nothing special

**13. Pre-game meal?**

Chicken breasts with rice and veggies

**14. Any gameday superstitions?**

Not really

**15. Favourite other sport(s) to play?**

Golf, baseball

**16. Favourite other sport(s) to watch?**

Golf, football, tennis

**117. Favourite athlete (non hockey)?**

Tiger Woods

**18. Favourite sports team (non hockey)?**

New York Yankees

**19. Which do you prefer books or movies?**

Movies

**20. Favourite TV show(s)?**

The Office

**21. If you could only eat one meal for the rest of your life, what would it be?**

Steak and veggies

**22. Favourite beverage (non alcoholic/alcoholic)?**

Sparkling water/ gin

**23. If you could share a meal with any 4 individuals, living or dead, who would they be?**

My grandfather who I never met, Albert Einstein,

**24. Favourite singer/music/band?**

J. Cole

**25. What is your favourite vacation destination?**

I want to visit the most cities I possibly can

**26. What was your favourite and least favourite subject in school?**

Math and French

**27. What is your go to Karaoke song?**

Headlines by Drake

**28. If you could join any past or current music group which would it be and in what capacity?(guitar/vocals/drummer etc)**

Guitar and Luke Combs

**29. Have you ever had a nickname? What is it?**

Marty

**30. If you were a super-hero, what powers would you have?**

Flying





**32. How many languages do you speak?**

Two

**33. If not a hockey player what occupation would you have?**

Playing golf and enjoying time with my friends and family

# MATCH REPORT

Sunday 8th September 2024			<b>2</b>		<b>4</b> Challenge Cup			
<b>Period Scores 0-0, 1-2, 1-2</b>								
<b>L i n e  U p s</b>	Shane Owen	Starter	Noah Delmas	✓	Artur Gatiyatov	✓	Martin Látal	✗
	Brython Preece	BackUp	Madi Dikhanbek	✓	Lucas Chiodo	✓	Phélix Martineau	✓
			Tyler Heidt	✓	Michael Cichy	✓	Maxim Musorov	✓
			Brodie Kay	✓	Johnny Curran	✓	Drake Pilon	✓
			Daniel Krenželok	✓	Austin Farley	✗	Nikolai Shulga	✓
			Patrick Kyte	✓			James Spence	✓
			Olivier LeBlanc	✓				
Craig	Refs	Ferguson		Nelson	Lines men	Connor		

The Flyers hosted the Belfast Giants in their second of back to back home games to open the season. Both Giants and Flyers won their opening Challenge Cup games the previous evening. The Flyers went with an unchanged line up with Austin Farley and Martin Látal both scratched. The Giants who had Kyle Osterberg returning to the Auld Barn for the first time since leaving the Flyers in the summer scratched Scott Conway, Pierre-Olivier Morin and Cameron Pound and started Jackson Whistle who backed up Tom McCollum the previous night.

An early icing by the Flyers resulted in a face off in their defensive zone and 30 seconds in Shane Owen made the first save of a very busy night when he stopped Jordan Kawaguchi. Immediately the Flyers retaliated and they had a glorious chance to open the scoring when Madi Dikhanbek surged forward and went in all alone on Jackson Whistle but at the last moment let the puck roll off his stick and the netminder was able to smother the puck. Elijah Barriga had a break down the right wing in the 2nd minute and flashed a shot just wide of the post. Joe Cassetti hit the outside frame of the goal a minute later before Lucas Chiodo tested Whistle with a backhand effort. Olivier LeBlanc had a terrific shot from the bluelines that almost beat Whistle who was fortunate that he got a blocker on it and was then able to fall on the puck and freeze it. Giants were next to threaten in the 8th minute when Owen let out a rebound but recovered to make a fine leg save from Mark Cooper. We then had a lengthy delay in the game as the officials went to video review for an incident that occurred around Owen's net. Almost 5 minutes elapsed when the game was restarted with no call made. Giants went on the games first power play in the 11th minute when Dikhanbek got the gate for interference with an attempted mid ice hip check. Owen made a save on Bobo Carpenter who was stationed at the top of his crease and the Fife netminder was busy again before the penalty expired as he made stops in quick succession from Cassetti and Barriga. Artur Gatiyatov and Nikolai Shulga almost combined in the 15th minute before a long range shot by Ciaran Long sailed over Owen's crossbar. Carpenter was denied by a glove save in the 16th minute and with a minute remaining in the period the Giants went back on the man advantage when Noah Delmas was called for tripping.

## PERIOD 2

The Flyers still had 60 seconds of the Delmas penalty to kill to start the second period and Owen went post to post to deny Kyle Osterberg as the Flyers survived. Cooper from distance saw his shot saved by the pads of Owen in the 22nd minute and moments later Michael Cichy and Lucas Chiodo broke 2 on 1 but Whistle was alert and made a fine save. The deadlock was broken in the 23rd minute when a play that was offside wasn't blown and ex Flyer Kyle Osterberg went through on Owen and slid the puck five hole on the backhand.



# MATCH REPORT

Whistle took the puck off the chest a minute later from a Dikhanbek blast but the Flyers were level in the 29th minute when Johnny Curran stripped the puck at centre ice and he sped through the Giants defence to beat Whistle on the glove side. The Flyers went on their first power play of the match in 30 minutes when Cassetti was called for elbows but it was the Giants who almost regained the lead with a short handed effort from Bo Hanson just going over the bar. Mike Lee then rang the puck off the inside of the post as the Giants were back at full strength and at this point the Giants were creating havoc with their down low cycling of the puck. Owen stood tall however and made numerous saves in a flurry of Giants chances. In 35 minutes Hanson was called for roughing and the Flyers best chance came when Chiodo skated down the gut but Whistle was equal to his shot. In the final minute of the period the Flyers suffered another bad bounce when an attempted cross crease pass by Carpenter hit Leblanc's skate and went in behind Owen to give the Giants a crucial lead.

### PERIOD 3

Owen had to be sharp in the opening minute of the final period to stop a deflected shot but the Giants doubled their advantage in the 42nd minute when Carpenter picked up a loose puck around the crease and after some very nifty puck control he was able to lift the puck over Owen and into the net. Phélix Martineau had a partial break away in the 44th minute but Whistle dealt with his long range shot before Shulga danced through on the visiting netminder but lost the handle on the puck at the crucial time. In the 45th minute Chiodo just couldn't get a tip on a cross crease pass but he would be about to get the Flyers right back into the game as Mason Alderson was penalised for a high stick. The Flyers powerplay almost conceded a shorthanded goal as Long couldn't finish a 2 on 0 with Owen sticking the puck away before the Flyers went straight down the ice with Curran driving the net, Whistle made the save but a bouncing puck was backhanded on the hop by Chiodo through the pads of Whistle. Cichy was chopped down in the 49th minute when going in on goal which resulted in a penalty shot. Cichy tried to go five hole on Whistle who kept his stick along the ice to deny him. The game was made safe by the Giants with five minutes to go when a speculative shot from out on the blueline found a way into the corner past an unsighted Owen. Cassetti chirped the Fife goalie who retaliated with a slash resulting in offsetting minors. The Flyers kept pushing and pulled Owen in the final minute but to no avail as the Giants held on for their win.

Flyers Stats					Giants Stats			
Shots For	<b>Scorer</b>	<b>Assist</b>	<b>Assist</b>	<b>Goal</b>	<b>Scorer</b>	<b>Assist</b>	<b>Assist</b>	Shots For
For	Curran	Chiodo	LeBlanc	1	Osterberg	Lake	Barriga	For
<b>33</b>	Chiodo	Curran	Krenželok	2	Carpenter	Piccinich		<b>59</b>
Shots				3	Carpenter	Kawaguchi	Piccinich	Shots
Against				4	Cooper	Long	Cassetti	Against
<b>59</b>				5				<b>33</b>
PiMS				6				PiMS
<b>6</b>				7				<b>8</b>
				8				
<b>MOM</b>				9				<b>MOM</b>
Curran				10				Whistle

# GIANTS MATCH NIGHT ACTION



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# DOING THE NUMBERS

## Flyers Stats 2024/25

Players	Pos	GP	Tot G	Tot A	Tot Pts	PP A	SH A	Ev A	PiMs	S	S %	GAA	SO	PSS	TOI	GC
Shane Owen	G	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	103	0.93	3.53	0	0	119	7
Brython Preece	G	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Players	Pos	GP	Tot G	Tot A	Tot Pts	PP G	PP A	PP Pts	SH G	SH A	SH Pts	Ev G	Ev A	Ev Pts	PiMS	SOG
Noah Delmas	D	2	0	1	1			0			0		1	1	2	3
Madi Dikhanbek	D	2	0	0	0			0			0			0	4	6
Tyler Heidt	D	2	0	1	1		1	1			0			0		5
Brodie Kay	D	2	0	0	0			0			0			0		
Daniel Krenzelok	D	2	0	1	1		1	1			0			0	25	8
Patrick Kyte	D	2	0	0	0			0			0			0	2	6
Olivier LeBlanc	D	2	0	1	1			0			0		1	1		1
Fynn Page	D	0	0	0	0			0			0			0		
	D	0	0	0	0			0			0			0		
	D	0	0	0	0			0			0			0		
Lucas Chiodo	F	2	2	2	4	2	1	3			0		1	1		10
Michael Cichy	F	2	1	0	1	1		1			0			0		6
Johnny Curran	F	2	1	2	3		2	2			0	1		1	2	5
Austin Farley	F	0	0	0	0			0			0			0		
Artur Gatiyatov	F	2	0	0	0			0			0			0		3
Martin Látal	F	0	0	0	0			0			0			0		
Phélix Martineau	F	2	1	1	2		1	1			0	1		1		6
Maxim Musorov	F	2	1	0	1			0			0	1		1		3
Drake Pilon	F	2	0	1	1			0			0		1	1	29	7
Nikolai Shulga	F	2	0	1	1			0			0		1	1		3
James Spence	F	2	0	0	0			0			0			0		
	F	0	0	0	0			0			0			0		
	F	0	0	0	0			0			0			0		
<b>Players in BLUE are everresents</b> <b>Inc All Competitions</b>														Team		
<b>Figures as at 09/09/2024</b>		<b>Totals</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>72</b>
			0 SO Goals													

### Legend

GP - Games Played, Tot G - Total Goals Scored, Tot A - Total Assists, Tot Pts - Total Points, PP G - Power Play Goals Scored, PP A - Power Play Assists, SH G - Shorthanded Goals Scored, SH A - Shorthanded Assists, EV G - Even Strength Goals Scored, EV A - Even Strength Assists, PiMS - Penalty Minutes, SOG - Shots on Goal, S - Shots faced, S % - Save Percentage, GAA - Goals Against Average, SO - Shut Outs, PSS - Penalty Shots Saved, TOI - Time on Ice, GC - Goals Conceded

Penalty Shots Scored	Shorthanded Goals Scored	Game Winning Goals	Empty Net Goals For	Empty Net Goals Against
		1 - Musorov		

# WEEK 1 – FLYERS STATS RECAP

## On Saturday night.....

### Fife Flyers 4 Glasgow Clan 3 – Challenge Cup

**WINS** - The Flyers continued their strong form against the Glasgow Clan on home ice in the Challenge Cup having now won 4 of the last 5 encounters.

**GOALS** - Flyers 2nd goal scored by Lucas Chiodo was their 1200th (inc. shootouts) on home ice all Elite Ice Hockey League competitions.

**DEBUTS** - The Flyers gave 12 players their competitive debut – that’s the 3rd most on opening night in Flyers history (last season was the highest with 14 debutants)

**SCORERS** - Congratulations to three of the new boys who opened their scoring accounts – Phélix Martineau, Michael Cichy and Maxim Musorov who had the game winning goal.

**ALL-TIME** - The total number of players to have scored in their debut game for Flyers in EIHL competition now stands at 35 – or 18% of the 190 players to debut for the club in the EIHL Three debut scorers is the highest since season 2022/23 when Janne Kivilahti, Shawn Cameron and Christian Hausinger were on target in a 6-5 win against the Glasgow Clan. The most scorers on their debut in the EIHL is season 2015/16 when in a 6-0 win against Coventry Blaze five different newcomers found the twine, Jeff Lee, Ryan Dingle, Patrick Cullen, Justin Fox and Michael Dorr.

**FIRSTS** - Phélix Martineau also had the honour of scoring the Flyers opening competitive goals of the season, In the EIHL era the following players have all scored the Flyers first goal of the season (not always opening night) – Mike Hamilton, Derek Keller, Tim Hartung, Jordan Fulton, Jeff Lee, Stephen Gunn, Liam Heelis, Evan Bloodoff, Danick Gauthier, Greg Chase, Janne Kivilahti, Anthon Eriksson

**OPPONENTS** - The Flyers have now opened an EIHL campaign on 10 occasions at home – their record is Won 6 and Lost 4 with a goals scored total of F 31 A 22

In the three opening nights on the road their record is W 1 L 2 – Flyers were shutout in both losses - they have been shut out three times (all against Coventry) and have recorded two shut outs (Coventry and Edinburgh).

Flyers have now opened their season most often against Glasgow with 5 meetings and have a 3 and 2 record against their West Coast rivals who have outscored them 19-17

## On Sunday night.....

### Fife Flyers 2 Belfast Giants 4 – Challenge Cup

**STREAK** - The Flyers have now lost their five Challenge Cup games at home against the Giants and the last ten overall. Their last win in the competition against Belfast was a 5-2 win on 29th September 2019.

**MILESTONE** - Congratulations to Shane Owen for his record breaking 309th appearance – most ever for a non homegrown player for Flyers in the EIHL era

**GOALS** - Lucas Chiodo got a second milestone goal on the weekend as the Flyers second goal was their 2200th including shootouts in all EIHL competitions.

**SHOTS** - Giants 59 shots against Flyers is the most the Flyers have conceded at home since November 2011 when the Giants were visitors and registered 65 shots – that’s the highest total of shots given up by Flyers on home ice and the highest tally for the Giants against Fife

**PENALTIES** - 60 penalty minutes taken by the Flyers was the most since they were tagged with 83 minutes against the Sheffield Steelers on 7th December 2014. That was also the last time that the Flyers had two players chucked out with Kyle Horne getting a 2+10+Game for Abuse of Official and Matt Nickerson a Match penalty for fighting. Only three other three games have had a higher penalty tally 2013/14 v Cardiff (109) 2012/13 v Dundee (91) 2011/12 v Edinburgh (177)



Season 2024-25 Flyers games Officiated by the Stripey's				
2 Dave Good	19 Steve Brown	44 Sam Anderson		77 James Ions
3 Tom Pering	20 Pavel Halas	45 Vytas Lukosevicius		
9 Joe Sewell	23 Andrew Miller	46 Andrew Jarvie		
11 Matt Rose	25 Andrew Dalton	1 48 Oliver Truswell		
14 Chris Wells	42 Hollie Neenan	49 Daniel Ferguson	2	
16 Alan Craig	1 43 Graham Rodger	52 Stephen Matthews		



# WEEKEND PREVIEW

## WEEK 2



### Recent Form Guide

The Manchester Storm have made a solid looking start to the new season as they won three of their four preseason match ups before splitting their opening two competitive Challenge Cup games last weekend with the Guildford Flames. They came within 6 seconds of taking at least a point at the Spectrum last Sunday and although they have a new coach behind the bench the Storm have returned 13 players from last season, only the Sheffield Steelers returned more from their Grand Slam winning side, so it is perhaps not that much of a surprise how well they have begun proceedings. Storm have a roster that has the third most experience in terms of games played in the EIHL and along with Belfast and Cardiff also have players who have played in four of the six top leagues around the world which is best across the league. They have the second smallest roster in the league with only Cardiff and Sheffield having a higher average age. They have returned statistically the best goalie in the league last season and five of their blueliners as they proved to be a defensively sound team. Ryan Hughes and Cam Critchlow lead their offense so far with 5 points each in their opening two games which shares the overall lead with Belfast Giants Mark Cooper. They have claim on the fastest goal score so far this season when they netted in their home opener against the Flames after just 45 seconds. The game in Fife will be Storms second of the weekend having hosted the Nottingham Panthers on Friday night.

### LAST LEAGUE VISIT FROM STORM

Friday 23rd February 2024				2		3		Elite League	
Flyers Stats				Storm Stats					
Scorer	Assist	Assist	Shots For	Scorer	Assist	Assist	Shots For	Shots Against	
Humitz	Pulkkinen		51	Goal 1	Brice	Johnson	Hinam	38	
Emmerdahl	Lajeunesse	Pavlovs	Shots Against	Goal 2	Brice	Ulett	Murphy	51	
			38	Goal 3	Phillips			PiMS	
			PiMS	Goal 4				8	
			26	Goal 5				Goalies	
			Goalies	Goal 6				Weninger	
			Owen	Goal 7					
				Goal 8					
				Goal 9					
				Goal 10					

### OVERALL LEAGUE HOME RECORD AGAINST STORM

P 25 W 15 L 10 F 86 A 67

### Number Crunching

The Flyers won points in four of the six league meetings with the Storm last season and registers two wins and a shootout loss on home ice against Manchester.

The Flyers have not lost to the Storm at the Auld Barn in five matched with their last defeat being a 5-1 Storm victory in September 2022 – since then they have gone 4-0-1 and have outscored Storm 15-9. Neither side were able to put together two consecutive wins in their encounters last season.

Cam Critchlow, Loren Ulett and Stephen Johnson were Storm's top scorers last season against the Flyers with three goals each and they all return whilst the Flyers have no active goal scorers against Manchester.

The Storm bookend the Flyers league campaign providing the opposition for their opening game on home ice and they will also be the last visitors in the league to the Auld Barn on the final weekend of the season.



# WEEKEND PREVIEW

## WEEK 2



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The Stars of course have already crossed paths with the Flyers this season in a pair of preseason games that the Tayside team won both by two goal margins. The touring UQTR team were Stars other preseason opponents meeting them twice at DIA which resulted in two defeats for the home side. Just as the Flyers did last weekend the Stars opened their competitive campaign with a couple of home Challenge Cup fixtures and played the Giants and Clan whom the Flyers met. Just as the Flyers did the Stars defeated the Clan but lost out to the Giants. One player for sure that the Flyers fans have not seen yet is goalie Richard Sabol who posted a strong 95.45 save percentage in the win against Clan when he faced 44 shots and conceded two. Jarrett Fiske took the defeat in net against the Belfast Giants where his preseason form somewhat deserted him, at least statistically giving up 7 on just 25 shots for a 72% save percentage. Yet to make his debut for Stars is Kameron Kielly who was with the Sheffield Steelers last term and at the time of writing it is not known if he will be available to take his place in the line up this weekend. With almost 3700 in attendance for their opening two games the Stars are expecting another bumper crowd welcoming the travelling Flyers fans and indications are that this could set a new attendance record for a Challenge Cup game at Dundee Ice Arena.

### LAST CHALLENGE CUP VISIT TO STARS

Stars Stats				Flyers Stats			
Scorer	Assist	Assist	Shots For	Scorer	Assist	Assist	Shots For
Rinaldi	Valentini	Parrottino	36	Goal 1	Humitz	Shirley	33
Rinaldi	Johnson	Valentini	Shots Against	Goal 2	A Erikkson	J Erikkson	Osterberg
			33	Goal 3	A Erikkson	J Erikkson	Lajeunesse
			PiMS	Goal 4	Lajeunesse	J Erikkson	Osterberg
			25	Goal 5			
			Goalies	Goal 6			
			Carr	Goal 7			
				Goal 8			
				Goal 9			
				Goal 10			
							Goalies
							Owen

### OVERALL CHALLENGE CUP AWAY RECORD AGAINST STARS P 14 W 4 D 1 L 9 F 32 A 40

#### Number Crunching

Last season the Flyers won both Challenge Cup matches against the Dundee Stars with a 6-3 home win being followed up the next night with a 4-2 win at DIA.

Flyers are unbeaten in their last 5 Challenge Cup matches overall against the Stars with their last defeat being almost two years to the day when Dundee shut them out 3-0 at Kirkcaldy on 10th September 2022

That was one of three shutouts for the Stars against the Flyers in the Challenge Cup whilst the Flyers have blanked the Stars twice in the competition.

Unsurprisingly given his length of service Drydn Dow is the Stars leading active scorers against the Flyers in all EIHL competitions with 9 goals, two of which have come in the Challenge Cup. Lucas Chiodo is the only active Flyers player to have scored against the Stars with his solitary goal.



# EIHL ROUND UP - WEEK 1



The preseason for EIHL teams has been spread over four weekends with some team finishing up this weekend ahead of making their competitive bows in seven days' time. Tonight we recap how the preseason has gone for the other teams in the league.

## Saturday 7th September

### Dundee Stars 3 Belfast Giants 7 Challenge Cup

(1-1, 1-3, 1-3) SOG 46-25 PIMs 2-8 Att 1648

Belfast Giants started their Challenge Cup campaign with what ended as a comfortable win in Dundee, but was far from it against the Stars through 40 minutes. Jordan Kawaguchi, Joe Cassetti and Mark Cooper all scored a brace for the Giants. Kawaguchi opened the scoring just over four minutes in, but the scores were level at the break thanks to Craig Moore's leveler 1:43 before the end of the opening period. Joe Cassetti netted 54 seconds into period two, but it was another local boy in Jonathan McBean that tied things up again for the Stars. Cassetti's second of the night at 30:14 put the Giants back ahead off a wonderful drop pass from Mark Cooper. A fortunate bounce set up Kawaguchi to make it 4-2 with 2:11 left in the second. Cooper scored shorthanded 6:45 into period three to extend the lead, and then followed up in close at 53:38 to make it 6-2. Jake Elmer put a third past Tom McCollum 15 seconds later, but Ciaran Long wrapped things up with 4:12 to play as the Giants put some further gloss on the final scoreline.

### Manchester Storm 5 Guildford Flames 1 Challenge Cup

(3-0, 1-0, 1-1) SOG 28-25 PIMs 10-60 Att 1548

Mike Flanagan's reign as Manchester Storm head coach got off to the perfect start with a 5-1 victory over Guildford Flames in Altrincham. Storm had five different scorers in the game, with Ryan Hughes netting a goal and picking up two assists against his former team. Hughes' one-timer put Storm ahead with just 45 seconds played in front of his new home fans, and it was his shot that saw the rebound fall into the path of Cam Critchlow to double that lead at 6:29. Tyler Hinam gloved the puck out of the air and shot home to make it 3-0 with only 14:11 played. Period two continued in the same vein for Storm who went four ahead thanks to a looping Dallas Ehrhardt shot at 26:20. Ethan Strang had the Flames on the board 4:41 into the third, but Storm had the final word through Alex Robert with his side's third powerplay goal of the night with 11:31 to go.





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## Department of Player Safety Outcomes

Following game CC3 between Fife Flyers and Glasgow Clan on 7 September, the Elite Ice Hockey League's Department of Player Safety issued the following after an incident at 54:29:

Fife Flyers' Daniel Krenželok is fined for a dangerous trip

Glasgow Clan's Mitch Heard is fined for interference

The players will be considered repeat offenders for the remainder of the 2024/25 season.

Following game CC2 between Manchester Storm and Guildford Flames on 7 September, the Elite Ice Hockey League's Department of Player Safety issued the following after Flames forward #18 Brett Ferguson made an illegal check to the head of Storm forward Tyler Hinam:

Illegal Hit to the Head - Effective immediately Guildford Flames #18 Brett Ferguson is fined and suspended for two games.

## Sunday 8th September

### Dundee Stars 5 Glasgow Clan 2 Challenge Cup

(1-0, 2-2, 2-0) SOG 24-44 PIMs 12-4 Att 2014

Dundee Stars got their first win of the season with a grinding 5-2 victory over Glasgow Clan. The Clan remain winless after opening weekend. Clan forced Stars goalie Richard Sabol into a couple of early glove saves on his debut for the home side, as the visitors created the better of the chances in period one. They found themselves a goal down though when Drydn Dow was on the spot at the top of the crease to knock home a rebound from a Brogan O'Brien shot at 7:30. A minor on each team didn't produce a powerplay goal for either side before the period was out as the Stars took their one-goal lead into the break. The Stars looked like they were going to run away with things in the middle period, but found themselves only one ahead by the time the second buzzer sounded. Lucas Brine pulled off an fantastic save with his paddle to prevent the Stars from doubling their lead, but only a few minutes later a rebound spilled out straight into the path of Zachary Tsekosto put the Stars two up. Tsekosto netted his second in in under two minutes with a fine finish in the slot at 25:25 as the Stars were flying. Darien Kielb deflected Liam Finlay's shot past Sabol just as a Brendan Harms penalty expired, with Finlay then netting on the 30-minute mark to make it a one-goal game. Clan were on the front foot for the majority of period three, and had some good pressure to force an equaliser with Sabol there when needed for the hosts. With 54:05 on the clock, Jake Elmer chased down a puck he had no right to get to first, beat the falling Clan defenseman, and slotted past Brine to give the Stars their two-goal cushion back. Corey Neilson pulled Brine with 3:53 to play as he looked for two goals but without success, having to watch Domenico Alberga slot into the empty net with three seconds remaining.

### Guildford Flames 4 Manchester Storm 3 Challenge Cup

(1-1, 1-2, 2-0) SOG 33-26 PIMs 4-6 Att 1594

Guildford Flames turned a 3-1 deficit into a 4-3 win in the final 30 minutes of their Challenge Cup encounter with Manchester Storm to pick up their first win of the season. Things started well for the Flames who went ahead at 6:41 off a neat wrist-shot from Kyle Lock joining the rush. Manchester, however, were level at 10:38 when Alex Robert was left all alone in the slot to finish off Joe Morrow's feed. Ryan Hughes came back to haunt his former team with a nice deke to finish from Jake Durfinger's pass and make it 2-1 to the Storm 5:18 into period two, and then turned provider for Durfinger to make it 3-1 just before the 30-minute mark. Daniel Tedesco's first goal back in Flames colours reduced the deficit to one goal with 2:05 left in the middle period. A Kyle Lock blast from the point beat Evan Weninger through a crowd of players to eventually tie the game with 7:34 to play in the third period, but the late drama was still to come. With 50 seconds remaining, Brett Welychka poked the puck over Weninger's goal line to put the Flames ahead, although the Storm goalie protested. With the on-ice decision confirmed as a goal, Storm head coach Mike Flanagan used his coach's challenge to review for goaltender interference – and was successful, resulting in the goal being washed off. That let-off looked to have earned Manchester a point, but when Lewis Hook broke down the wing and Hughes didn't cover his man in the slot, Daniel Catenacci deflected the pass home to win it for the Flames with only six seconds remaining.



# MILESTONE NIGHT FOR #50 SHANE OWEN

Shane Owen created another club record on Sunday night against the Belfast Giants as he made appearance 309 in his Fife Flyers career. This moved him ahead of James Isaacs as the non homegrown player who has made most appearances for the Flyers in the Elite Ice Hockey League.

Last season the club recognised a Fife Flyers all time milestone achievement by Shane as he played the most ever games as a goalie in Flyers history. As we entered last season Shane was chasing the previous holder of that accolade Blair Daly who had played a total of 261 games spanning ten seasons. Shane finished the 2022/23 season having played 259 games for the Flyers over his then four seasons and his record setting 262nd appearance also came against the Belfast Giants on 30th September 2023 in a game that the Flyers lost 1-0.

The then 26 year old Shane signed for the Flyers in the summer of 2016 having played most of the previous six seasons of this professional career in the ECHL where he made 153 appearances with no fewer than 11 different teams whilst posting five shutouts. His competitive debut for Flyers came against the Belfast Giants in September 2016 and he would go on to be an ever present that season. In fact Shane until his injury this season had played in 289 consecutive games for the club albeit over three different spells which technically doesn't qualify him as the longest Ironman streak in the EIHL for the club, his 159 games in his latest three consecutive seasons is 7th best with Stephen Gunn holding the top spot with 228 games played consecutively. In his first season Shane put up three shutouts in competitive matches, he also blanked EC Peting in a Challenge match in his first ever game. Season 2017/18 he spent time in Sweden before returning to North America and then resigned for the Flyers for the 2018/19 season in which he recorded one further shutout. Shane at present has a total of 13 shutouts having recorded four in each of the last two seasons and one so far this term. He has also recorded 8 points in the EIHL for the Flyers which is best for a Flyers goalie in all EIHL competitions and second all time for points for a goalie behind Blair Daly who racked up an incredible 30 points which is of course again an all-time record for a Flyers goalie.

**Shane's headline stats at 8th September 2024 now read:**

**Played 309 Won 116 Drawn 3 Lost 190 Goals Against 1082**

**Shots Against 11709 Save % 90.75 Goals Against Average 3.50**

In addition Shane has also made 50 appearances in the EIHL for the Belfast Giants in season 2019/20 recording two shutouts and a further 11 appearances for the Coventry Blaze in the EIHL Series during the Covid lockdown period.

His full statistical breakdown by season is as follows:

	Games Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Goals Against	Shots Against	Save %	Goals Against Average
2016/17	62	27	0	35	225	2329	90.34	3.63
2018/19	68	32	1	35	222	2478	91.04	3.26
2021/22	64	18	0	46	227	2543	91.07	3.56
2022/23	65	19	2	44	232	2406	90.36	3.57
2023/24	48	19	0	29	169	1850	90.86	3.52
2024/25	2	1	0	1	7	103	93.2	3.5



**Goalies**

- 50 Shane Owen
- 44 Brython Preece

**Defencemen**

- 5 Noah Delmas
- 71 Madi Dikhanbek
- 7 Tyler Heidt
- 9 Brodie Kay
- 88 Daniel Krenželok
- 19 Patrick Kyte
- 3 Olivier LeBlanc
- 4 Fynn Page

**Forwards**

- 86 Lucas Chiodo
- 78 Michael Cichy
- 41 Johnny Curran
- 91 Austin Farley
- 15 Artur Gatiyatov
- 62 Martin Látal
- 22 Phélix Martineau
- 29 Maxim Musorov
- 77 Drake Pilon
- 66 Nikolai Shulga
- 61 James Spence

Goal	Scorer	Assist	Assist	Time	EV/PP/SH
1					
2					
3					
4					
5					
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10					

Player	Offence	PIMs	Time

Period Scores				
	1st	2nd	3rd	OT/SO
<b>Flyers</b>				
<b>Visitors</b>				

**Referee :**

**Linesman :**

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Goal	Scorer	Assist	Assist	Time	EV/PP/SH
1					
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Player	Offence	PIMs	Time

Shots on Goal				
	1st	2nd	3rd	OT/SO
<b>Flyers</b>				
<b>Visitors</b>				

- Goalies**
- 32 Alexander Oldale  
35 Evan Weninger
- Defencemen**
- 26 Noah Carroll  
10 Dallas Ehrhardt  
27 C.J. Garcia  
6 Chase Harrison  
18 Noah Kääriäinen  
70 Joe Morrow  
21 Zach Sullivan
- Forwards**
- 23 Johnny Corneil  
8 Josh Crawley  
11 Cameron Critchlow 'C'  
17 Alexis D'Aoust  
16 Jake Durlinger  
19 Gianluca Esteves  
77 Owen Griffiths  
37 Grant Herbert  
9 Tyler Hinam  
92 Ryan Hughes  
12 Stephen Johnson  
7 Connor Lee  
24 Zack Milton  
20 Alex Robert  
14 Loren Ulett

**Man of the Match Flyers:**

**Man of the Match Visitors:**

# VISITING THE BARN

As teams make their first visits to the Auld Barn this season we continue to look back at the changes made to their rosters in the close season.

The first additions to this season's Storm roster were made long before the summer months with the extensions of non-Homegrown forwards **Tyler Hinam** and **Loren Ulett** being inked in the early months of 2024. Both are returning for the second seasons in Altrincham. On 3rd April another extension was confirmed in the shape of British netminder **Alexander Oldale**. A couple of retirements were next announced with forwards **Raymond Brice** and **Michael Korol** "hangin em up". May commenced with news of defenceman **Matt Murphy** departing as well as a change on the bench as Head Coach **Matt Ginn** left. A fantastic five year affiliation between Ginn and the Storm was ended as Ginn accepted the opportunity to coach the ECHL's Atlanta Gladiators. Ginn first signed with the Storm in 2018 and had a solid rookie EIHL campaign posting a .909 SV% and 3.27 GAA. The following season, Ginn improved significantly turning away shots at .921% and reducing his GAA to 2.84. However, the pandemic curtailed things and Ginn wouldn't return to the UK until 2021. The 2021-22 season would prove to be his last between the pipes, as an unfortunate injury pre-eminently saw Ginn transition into the coaching side of things. The natural successor to Ryan Finnerty, Ginn was handed full reign in 2022. In his debut season behind the bench, the former goaltender fared well as the Storm finished a very respectable 6th place (22-28-4). However, it would be 2023-24 which caught the attention of North America suitors. A budget defying 4th place finish (27-20-7) saw Ginn rightly awarded EIHL Coach of the Year and draw interest from around the hockey world. The Storm announced Ginn's replacement on May 21st when they confirmed the vastly experienced **Mike Flanagan** as Head Coach, joining from EK Zell am See of the AlpsHL. The 55-year-old Canadian is revisiting the UK after nearly 30 years. The former defenceman represented Slough Jets in the BHL on 35 occasions, before joining Telford Tigers in the EPIHL for the 1996-97 season. A transition into coaching followed shortly after his playing days were over, as Flanagan initially learnt his trade behind the bench with Grand Rapids Owls (CSHL) before moving into the NAHL with St. Louis Bandits.

By 2010, Flanagan's consistency and hardworking approach was acknowledged by Norfolk Admirals who appointed him assistant coach to their AHL franchise. The following season, Flanagan would be a part of a Calder Cup winning Admirals group. This near instant success had European sides battling for his attention. Valpellice of Italy would provide Flanagan with his first professional opportunity on the continent, in 2012. The silverware would continue to follow Flanagan who won both the Italian Cup and Coach of the Year, in his debut campaign. He would stay in Italy until 2015 before returning to North America, to assist Gwinnett Gladiators and Atlanta Gladiators. The role of assistance would continue through to 2020, as Flanagan served on the benches of Nürnberg Ice Tigers and Schwenninger Wild Wings of Germany top-tier (DEL). After a handful of years in the assistant capacity, Flanagan took the reins at EHC Lustenau (AlpsHL) in 2020. The multi-national division allows for several silverware winning opportunities and his side would take advantage of the Austria2 championship. Flanagan would remain in the AlpsHL with EK Zell am See until now. The following day a key returnee was announced with the resigning of netminder **Evan Weninger**. The All-Star shot stopper had a phenomenal rookie campaign in the EIHL and was a hugely influential member of the squad last season. In 47 starts, Weninger had a remarkable .929 SV%, which set a new franchise record, eclipsing the previous marker of .921 (in 2019-20) set by now former Head Coach, Matt Ginn. Coupled with the save percentage, Weninger only allowed 2.54 GAA, surpassing the previous franchise best of 2.84 by Ginn in the aforementioned campaign. The Saskatoon native was deservedly hot property within the EIHL, on the continent and across the pond. However, his affinity to the city and Storm were determining factors in the club's ability to retain one of their star players. The month of May ended with news of a couple of more returnees. Defenceman **CJ Garcia** after a solid all-round campaign had underlined the heightened demand for his talents in previous seasons - which saw the Storm stave off competitors for his signature. Garcia was one of only two Storm players to appear in all EIHL league games within the 2023-24 campaign, the other being Stephen Johnson. The 28-year-old made a considerable impact on and off the ice,

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with his personality and playing style earning the hearts of many a Storm faithful. Last season, the Storm's terrific form redefined the Storm Shelter as a tough rink to come to. Garcia was an unsung hero who played a crucial role in this, as their formidable blue line earned the fourth-best defence in the league. What's more, across the regular season, last year's Storm team proved to be an effective shutdown unit, with the third-best penalty kill in the league and allowing the fourth fewest goals against. Helping those stats was **Chase Harrison** who signed on for a third consecutive campaign. Before embarking on his professional hockey career, Harrison rubbed shoulders with numerous current NHL players while enjoying a prosperous four-year spell with the Regina Pats of the WHL, in the major juniors. Across 240 games, Harrison tallied 17 goals and 94 assists, and was also bestowed with the 'A' in the 2015-16 season. The alternate captain has now made 96 total league appearances for the Storm, and his consistent puck-playing abilities made it an easy decision for the club to extend this partnership for at least one more campaign. A consistent presence on the PK unit, Harrison's solid skating and willingness to block shots have earned him considerable respect within the dressing room.

On June 7th, the Storm's other ever present last season, the aforementioned forward **Stephen Johnson** entered the final year of his two-year contract. The 29-year-old Canadian forward had a fantastic second season in the EIHL – posting 34 points (12G 22A) in 54 league appearances and helped guide the team to a fourth placed league finish. A regular member of the top-six forward pairings, Johnson has now tallied 75 points (27G 48A) in his 104 Storm appearances. A leader both on and off the ice, the New Brunswick native has worn the 'A' in consecutive EIHL campaigns.

Forward **Johnny Corneil** was also announced the same day as Johnson. The versatile Canadian had an impressive end to his season on a personal note – moving up the forward lines with his solid two-way game earning him enormous amounts of respect from his teammates. The flexibility of Corneil's skillset to the Storm lineup was a key factor in extending an offer to the Canadian skater. The forward will be heading into his third full professional season and second within the EIHL, so Corneil will be

looking to build upon the momentum built up at the backend of the previous season. A new face to the Storm but not to the league was next on June 14th with the addition of forward **Owen Griffiths**, most recently of Guildford Flames. An exciting junior prospect, Griffiths debuted for his boyhood team Cardiff Devils in 2013, aged just 17. Several impressive junior seasons paved the way for his entry into professional hockey, and by 2016, Griffiths had found a home in Peterborough. A solid 2016-17 season saw Griffiths begin to make a name for himself within the second tier of British hockey. By 2018, a return to the EIHL with Milton Keynes Lightning presented itself to Griffiths, and he leapt at the opportunity. Since 2019, Griffiths has been a member of Guildford Flames and has produced several impressive performances against the Storm with his intelligent two-way game, earning the trust of his former Head Coach, Paul Dixon. The 27-year-old will be joining the club with 256 EIHL appearances to his name, and his addition was a signal of intent to operate four lines by new Head Coach, Mike Flanagan.

Another British signing was announced along with Griffiths, that being forward **Zack Milton**, most recently of Raiders IHC (NIHL). The young British forward comes from a hockey family, with brothers Daniel, Jamie, and Joshua all representing Slough Jets at various levels throughout their careers, coupled with their father Tony managing the bench for three seasons. A product of the Jets' junior system, Milton represented GB u20's in 2019-20 and returned with a silver medal. By 2021-22, Milton was excelling in the NIHL with Basingstoke Bison and posted an impressive 24 goals and 30 assists. The following season, Milton signed a two-way deal with Guildford Flames and debuted in the EIHL in 2022. In the same season, the forward was handed an 'A' at just 22 years old, with 25 goals and 39 assists, more than justifying the promotion to a leadership position. Last year, Milton again signed a two-way deal with Guildford but represented Raiders IHC for the majority of the campaign. In 44 appearances for Raiders, Milton tallied 11 goals and 42 assists, combining for 171 points (60G 111A) in his previous 148 NIHL matches.

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British defenseman **Zach Sullivan** it was announced on June 21st would be back for his fifth season with the club. A mainstay in the Elite League since 2014, Sullivan boasts an impressive 398 competitive appearances. Known for his strong 'stay at home' defensive play, Sullivan looks to continue building upon his successful tenure in the UK's top-flight.

A trio of signings to end June commenced with another new addition to the Storm bench of forward **Grant Hebert**, most recently of the Allen Americans (ECHL). The 6ft 3 centre spent five years in the highly competitive NCAA, representing Robert Morris University and the University of Maine. During his time combining studies with hockey, Hebert made 111 appearances, producing 64 points (26G 38A). This solid hockey foundation in the NCAA saw the transition into professional hockey as a natural decision for Hebert. As a result, in January 2023, Hebert made his debut for the aforementioned Allen Americans in the ECHL. Over a season and a half, Hebert represented the Americans on 80 occasions, amassing 46 points (18G 28A).

**Cameron Critchlow** was announced as returning for his fifth full EIHL campaign with the club. The hugely experienced forward has made 198 EIHL league which have produced 140 points (52G 88) – whilst securing the reputation as one of the best defensive forwards within the league. Last campaign, Critchlow led from the front with an impressive 17 goals and 26 assists over 48 EIHL games. Critchlow made the move to the UK ahead of the 2019-20 season and was immediately given an Assistant Captain role. Ahead of the 2022-23 season it was announced that Cam Critchlow would lead the team and become the Captain to which he was awarded the role once again prior to the start of the 2023-24 campaign. The two-way forward spent the summer representing Team GB in their latest World Championship and Olympic Qualification campaign and the dual citizen now has 19 international caps to his name. Exciting British talent **Connor Lee** returned and he is the first of what the Storm hope are many youth academy products, Lee made a fantastic impression on the ice in his rookie campaign – with his eye-catching speed a standout attribute within his game. Aged just 16, Lee represented the franchise on 39 occasions last season and secured his first professional points in the process.

Furthermore, with a continued understanding of his development needs and requirement for consistent ice-time opportunities, the young British skater appeared in the NIHL for Telford Tigers, amassing 3 goals and 5 assists in 17 matches. Lee has also gone on to represent Team GB at both the U18 and U20 levels during the course of the 2023-24 season. The international service proved fruitful for Lee, who won a bronze medal for the U20s and silver with the U18s. The 2024-25 season will be Lee's second of a three-year deal signed in August 2023. Jump forward to the middle of July and another new addition to the roster with former NHL draftee blueliner **Noah Carroll**, recently of the Savannah Ghost Pirates (ECHL). A stellar major junior career with the Guelph Storm and Soo Greyhounds in the prestigious OHL saw Carroll share the ice with Rasmus Sandin, Tyler Bertuzzi, Jason Dickinson, and Morgan Frost, to name just a few current NHLers. In 256 OHL games, Carroll added 17 goals and 75 assists whilst being awarded the "A" in his final junior season (2017-18). In order to further both his academics and hockey skills, Carroll joined the University of New Brunswick in 2018. The now familiar route from USports to the Elite League will be taken by another young Canadian defenceman in 2024-25. In five years of USports hockey, Carroll won three USports Championships and one cup. This winning mentality saw ECHL outfit Savannah Ghost Pirates quickly acquire his signature upon the completion of his academic studies. A brief but impressive 2022-23 season saw Carroll called up to AHL affiliates Henderson Silver Knights. In 2023-24, the defender signed a two-way contract with the Henderson Silver Knights but would spend the majority of his time in the ECHL. A consistent display by Carroll throughout the year saw him named to represent his franchise at the league's All-Star game. He is described by his coach as "a really well-sized defenceman who skates well and consistently makes those small plays that disrupt the opponents' attacking attempts with a very active stick. He has great vision and possesses the ability to make accurate breakout passes, while also joining the rush when the opportunity presents itself". He has plenty of versatility to play up and down the roster and is expected to be in Storm's top four throughout the campaign. Projected to be a key on Manchester's special teams' units, in particular the PK.

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To start August **Joe Morrow** was announced as returning. The former first-round NHL draftee, 23rd overall in 2011, rejoins the roster with unrivalled pedigree and experience, having played for the Boston Bruins, Montreal Canadiens, and Winnipeg Jets. After a string of solid performances in the AHL for the Providence Bruins during the 2013/14 season, Morrow made his full NHL debut in 2014 for the Boston Bruins and maintained his status as an NHL player until 2019. The Canadian has made a total of 162 NHL appearances across five seasons for the Bruins, Canadiens, and Jets. In late 2019, Morrow left North America, signing with Dinamo Minsk (KHL). In 2020-21, he joined Ässät in Finland, scoring 11 points in 29 games. The 2021-22 season saw him sign with Barys Nur-Sultan in Kazakhstan, followed by HC Sochi in 2022, totalling 82 KHL appearances. Morrow's move to Manchester Storm last off-season delighted the fanbase, and his on-ice performances did not disappoint. In his first EIHL campaign, Morrow made 50 league appearances and amassed 27 points (9G, 18A) whilst logging significant minutes on the blueline.

**Gianluca Esteves** became the latest new face for Storm on August 9th after recently playing for DVTK Jegesmedvék in the Erste Liga. Esteves, a Winnipeg native, has shown remarkable consistency and talent throughout his career, starting from his early days with the Winnipeg Monarchs. The Canadian had an outstanding season in 2013-2014, recording 52 points in 44 games. Moving on to the Winnipeg Blues in the Manitoba Junior Hockey League (MJHL), Esteves demonstrated his scoring prowess and playmaking abilities, accumulating a total of 65 points over two seasons. His exceptional performance earned him a spot with the Aston Rebels in the North American Hockey League (NAHL), where he tallied 45 points in 60 games in the 2016-2017 season. Esteves then transitioned to collegiate hockey with Michigan State University in the NCAA, further honing his skills and contributing significantly to his team over four seasons. His dedication and hard work were evident as he became a key player for the Spartans. In the professional game, Esteves represented Cincinnati Cyclones and the Wheeling Nailers in the ECHL amassing 56 points (20G 36A) in 117 matches over two campaigns. Most recently, he played for DVTK Jegesmedvék in the Erste Liga, where he amassed 42 points in

47 games during the 2023-2024 season, helping his team in the playoffs as well. August 12th and the Storm announced that **Josh Crawley** had been invited to camp and would play in the upcoming exhibition games. Josh would be the 2nd academy player to play for the Storm.

**Ryan Hughes** who played last season in Guildford made the move North and was announced by Storm on August 13th. Hughes, an Edmonton native, has showcased his talent and scoring ability throughout his hockey career. Starting in the Western Hockey League (WHL), he played for teams such as the Portland Winterhawks, Saskatoon Blades, and Kamloops Blazers. Over his junior career, Hughes accumulated an impressive 249 points (102G, 147A) in 304 games, demonstrating his offensive prowess and becoming a key player for each of his teams. Following his successful junior career, Hughes attended the University of Alberta, where he continued to hone his skills and contribute significantly to the Golden Bears' success. Over his collegiate career, he amassed 47 points (14G, 33A) in 48 games, further developing his playmaking abilities and on-ice vision. In the professional game, Hughes joined the Guildford Flames for the 2023-2024 season. During his tenure with the Flames, he tallied 11 goals and 7 assists in 34 games, proving to be a reliable and dynamic forward. Hughes' experience and talent make him a valuable addition to the Storm's roster for the upcoming season. Two departures were then announced with **Sam Tremblay** heading to the Sheffield Steeldogs and **Austin Farley** obviously moving to the Flyers. Three additions to the Storm roster were then confirmed to round out August. **Jake Durflinger**, from the Iowa Heartlanders (ECHL). The American-born skater made 165 USHL appearances (32G, 48A) from 2013-2017, quickly establishing himself as a talent to watch. Durflinger consistently demonstrated his ability to contribute both offensively and defensively within major junior hockey. As a result, he signed with the University of Denver (NCAA) in 2017. It was in his rookie campaign that Durflinger tasted success, as his collegiate team were crowned NCAA Champions (alongside former Storm player Ryan Barrow). The American forward extended his studies at Merrimack College (NCAA) for a fifth year before transitioning to the professional game in 2022. Durflinger joins the Storm with 104 ECHL games,

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recording 19 goals, 28 assists, and 194 PIMs. His hard-nosed, two-way style and excellent hockey IQ make him a signing with high potential in the EIHL. The Storm also confirmed that academy prospect **Noah Kääriäinen** would be taking part in training camp and the third academy graduate to join up with the Storm's senior team since the Academy's inception. Noah has signed a 2 way deal with Blackburn Hawks and Telford Tigers ahead of the 24/25 season, however will be available for Storm in the upcoming pre-season game against UQTR.

The final name to be confirmed was another newcomer, Canadian forward **Alex Robert**. Alex's journey began in Ontario with the Gloucester Rangers, where he quickly made a name for himself, posting impressive numbers with 37 points (17G 20A) in 20 games during his U15 AA season. His career progressed through stints with the Cumberland Grads and Navan Grads in the CCHL, culminating in an outstanding 62-point season (22G 40A) in 2019-2020. Alex further honed his skills at Queen's University in U Sports, where he consistently delivered for his team. In the most recent 2023-2024 season, he tallied 24 points (10G 14A) in 25 games, proving himself to be a reliable offensive force. His performance in high-pressure situations, including 8 points across 14 playoff games during his USports career, underscores his ability to excel when it matters most.

On the eve of the season starting the Storm announced on September 6th the addition of Canadian forward **Alexis D'Aoust**, most recently of Fort Wayne Komets (ECHL). The 28-year-old enters the Elite League with an extremely impressive resume. A product of the QMJHL major juniors, D'Aoust made 299 appearances for Shawinigan Cataractes raking up 241 points (113G 128A). D'Aoust would make his professional debut for Utica Comets in 2017 and continue in the North American system until 2020, splitting his time between AHL and ECHL. In 2020-21, the forward signed for HC Banska Bystrica in Slovakia for his first taste of European hockey. However, by 2021, D'Aoust was back lighting it up in the ECHL representing Trois-Rivieres Lions amassing 19 goals and 19 assists in 39 games. In 2022-23, D'Aoust returned to European hockey sharing his time between Vasterviks IK of Sweden (Allsvenskan) and Eispiraten Crimmitschau of Germany (DEL2). The latter was extremely successful as the import produced 26 points (9G 17A) in 28 games.











Fort Wayne Komets came calling in the summer of 2023 and their acquisition proved to be a success when he added 44 points (20G 24) in 68 matches. A dynamic forward known for his offensive prowess and playmaking abilities.





# LEAGUE STATS

## SEASON 2024/25

										
<b>Total Games Played</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Challenge Cup Games	2			2	2	2	2	2		
League Games										
Biggest Win	7-3 v Stars			5-2 v Clan	4-3 v Clan		4-3 v Storm	5-1 v Flames		
Biggest Loss				3-7 v Giants	2-4 v Giants	2-5 v Clan	1-5 v Storm	3-4 v Storm		
Longest Win Streak	2			1	1	0	1	1		
Longest Loss Streak	0			1	1	2	1	1		
Current Streak	2 Wins			1 Win	1 Loss	2 Losses	1 Win	1 Loss		
Fastest Goal	04:04			07:30	09:04	05:28	06:41	00:45		
Shut Out For	0			0	0	0	0	0		
Shut Out Against	0			0	0	0	0	0		
<b>Total Goals Scored scored by Forwards</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Powerplay	1			0	3	2	1	4		
Even Strength	9			6	3	2	2	3		
Shorthanded	1			0	0	0	0	0		
<b>Total Goals Scored scored by Defencemen</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Powerplay	0			0	0	0	0	0		
Even Strength	0			2	0	1	2	1		
Shorthanded	0			0	0	0	0	0		
<b>Total Goals Conceded scored to Forwards</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Powerplay	1			2	1	2	4	1		
Even Strength	3			5	6	6	3	2		
Shorthanded	0			1	0	0	0	0		
<b>Total Goals Conceded scored to Defencemen</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Powerplay	0			0	0	0	0	0		
Even Strength	1			1	0	1	1	2		
Shorthanded	0			0	0	0	0	0		
Goals Scored Period 1	1			2	2	1	1	4		
Goals Scored Period 2	5			3	2	2	1	3		
Goals Scored Period 3	5			3	2	2	3	1		
Goals Scored OT/SO	0			0	0	0	0	0		
<b>TOTAL Goals Scored</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Goals Conceded Period 1	1			1	1	3	4	1		
Goals Conceded Period 2	2			5	2	3	3	1		
Goals Conceded Period 3	2			3	4	3	1	3		
Goals Conceded OT/SO	0			0	0	0	0	0		
<b>TOTAL Goals Conceded</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Shots For P1	22			26	20	31	18	15		
Shots For P2	34			24	25	21	20	14		
Shots For P3	28			20	27	36	20	25		
Shots For OT	0			0	0	0	0	0		
<b>TOTAL Shots For</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Shots Against P1	26			20	33	20	15	18		
Shots Against P2	21			23	32	28	14	20		
Shots Against P3	32			26	38	15	25	20		
Shots Against OT	0			0	0	0	0	0		
<b>TOTAL Shots Against</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

League &amp; Cup games played as at 09/09/2024

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## WE DON'T PLAY YOU ANYMORE TELFORD TIGERS

Telford Ice Rink was another of many new rinks that were constructed in the 1980's and opened in October 1984. For the first season, the only senior matches that were played were exhibition matches including the first ever match on 23/10/86 when Altrincham Aces were beaten 7-3 by Solihull Barons, a team who would quickly become fierce rivals of Telford Tigers following Tigers' formation in preparation for the 1985/86 season. The rink, which is situated in Telford Town Centre attracted large crowds in Telford's first season due to some aggressive marketing and canny recruiting including high scoring imports Chuck Taylor and Mark Budz, who in Tigers' first season averaged three goals per game, alongside a core of worthwhile British players. Telford finished third in Heineken Division 1 in their inaugural season and despite a seemingly annual push for promotion failed to gain promotion to the Premier Division, thus avoided contact with Flyers until the 1990/91 season. That year the teams met in the Promotion/Relegation Play Offs in the same group as Romford and Humberside. Tigers had visited Kirkcaldy previously in 1986/87, the first of Kestrels' two season spell in semi-pro hockey. Kestrels did well in the two games against Tigers, drawing 10-10 at Kirkcaldy and 6-6 in Telford later in the season. In 1990/91 Promotion/Relegation Play offs Flyers were heading headlong towards relegation and had lost the first three group games and were effectively relegated by the time Tigers played Flyers for the first time.

This was reflected in the poor attendance of 850, one of the lowest Flyers crowds in years, on Sunday 14th April 1991. The few who attended this first ever encounter between Flyers and Tigers saw a first period that kept the goal judges busy and referee Alex McWilliam even busier. It took all of 32 seconds for activities to kick off. A high stick from Wayne Crawford, who would in later years give Flyers problems when playing with Whitley and Peterborough, caused Flyers defenceman Paul Hand and Tigers import Todd Demchuck go toe to toe and earn both of them an early trip to the dressing room. A couple of minor penalties then contributed to Flyers taking a 3-1 lead, after Tigers had scored early on, with two powerplay goals from Bobby Haig, either side of Paul Cain's first of the evening. Hostilities resumed at 13.07 when Flyers' Justin Butorac tangled with Tigers' Jason Hannigan. Hannigan was described by the FFP reporter as "a fight waiting to happen". Hannigan soon realised that that second prize was his in this fight, as Butorac punched his way to a Game Misconduct and Hannigan spent the rest of the game somewhat subdued. Cain got Flyers' fourth on the powerplay after Tigers had pulled it back to 3-2. The second period was chippy with Flyers taking two minors and Tigers taking six. Neil Abel made it 5-2 with the man advantage. The third period was another stop/start affair due to another nine penalties, allowing both sides to score on the powerplay, Cain finishing the scoring at 53.22 for a 6-3 home win. This was Flyers' last win of the season, losing two of the remaining three games including a 4-11 reversal at Telford in the return fixture, the last game of the season, which was Cain's last ever appearance for Flyers.



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Telford had no players with Flyers connections in either of these Play Off games, but former Flyers Fred Perlini, Todd Bidner, Jimmy Pennycook and Ronnie Wood had iced for Tigers earlier in that season. In Flyers' only season in Division 1 they won Telford's pre-season tournament TAWS Trophy, beating Tigers in the final and won three of six games against Telford in the league and Play Of games.

Flyers and Tigers were in different leagues from 1992/93 until 1997/98, when the BNL took shape. Flyers only took one point from the two league games in 1997/98, beat Tigers in overtime away and lost at home in the Christmas Cup as Telford progressed to win this competition. In the Play Offs Flyers won 5-2 at home to Tigers in the group stages, before losing 0-1 at Telford, their only group defeat.

1998/99 was the last season that Flyers and Tigers competed against each other with the teams winning the home games against each other in the Autumn Cup. The clubs played each other in the B&H Plate, each winning 4-3 at the opposition rink with Tigers progressing on penalty shots. Flyers won three of the four league clashes between the teams that season, losing only the last ever meeting between the clubs on 25/02/99.

This game had been scheduled for earlier in the season, but Tigers' precarious financial position caused the game to be moved to later in the season. A benefit to Flyers from Telford's money woes was the ability to pick up Todd Dutiaume and John Coyle from Tigers after the New Year. The last ever game was played on a Thursday night at Telford and the home side won 5-1. Tigers were 5-0 ahead, before Dutiaume spared Flyers' blushes slightly, netting Flyers' only goal with under three minutes to play.

The financial difficulties proved too much for Tigers and the club folded at the end of the season. Since then Telford's senior teams have been called Timberwolves, Wild Foxes and since 2005 Tigers once more after the club reformed. Things have been far from plain sailing for the new clubs with money problems surfacing on more than one occasion and the current version of the team is playing in NIHL set up.



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# RULES CORNER



In the opening weekend of the season the Flyers fans got their initial introduction to one of the new rule changes implemented by the Elite Ice Hockey League. As we go through the season we will feature rules based situations where we explain the EIHL Casebook and IIHF Rulebook definitions. EIHL games are governed by the rules as set out by the IIHF and where there are any exceptions these are covered by the EIHL Casebook

In today's article we will cover **Rule 37 Video Review**.

Before doing so a reminder of the additional ruling communicated before the start of the season as follows; Game officials will have the option to use video review to confirm major penalties or double-minor high-sticking calls in season 2024/25. Available at both the 2024 Challenge Cup Final and Playoff Finals Weekend as a trial, the Elite League is adopting this part of the IIHF rulebook for the upcoming season. "What's important to note is that officials can only review a play if the call on the ice is a major penalty. So this about confirming a call on the ice, rather than using video to re-referee a game," explained the EIHL's Head of Hockey Operations Liam Sewell. "Our officials will need to be calling a major penalty on the ice to be able to use the review. If there isn't a good angle of the play, or the video isn't working, the on-ice call stands. "The decision to consult the video is at the discretion of the on-ice officials, they don't have to use it every time. And, of course, everything will be dependent on the angles available to the game officials in each building." All major penalties except fighting are eligible for confirmation by video review (Rule 20.6) which is the new addition to the IIHF rulebook. Officials can review a play in order to:

- Confirm the original major penalty
- Downgrade a major to a minor
- Remove the penalty altogether

The only other penalty that can be reviewed is a double-minor for high-sticking (Rule 18.4). Here the option of video review is to confirm if a high stick was used, by which player, and/or was it a natural follow-through (Rule 60.1). Officials can review a play in order to:

- Confirm the double-minor
- Remove the penalty altogether

In both cases, as with video reviews for goal/no goal situations, the review will be conducted by the on-ice officials within the arena. Video reviews on major penalties and double-minors for high-sticking can only be initiated by game officials - they are not plays on which coaches can challenge.

So let's now look in detail at the IIH wording of IIHF Rule 37 and what if any annotations are made in the EIHL Casebook.

## **37.1. VIDEO REVIEW**

The IIHF will designate an Off-ice Official to serve in the role of Video Review Consultant in every arena for every game. The Video Review Consultant will be located in a secluded area in the upper level of the building with an unobstructed view of both goals. The location must be large enough to seat four (4) people (Video Review Consultant, Video Review Technician, Officiating Coach and IIHF Officiating Representative) and must have space for necessary monitors, replay and recording equipment. The Video Review Consultant and Officiating Coach shall both have access to all replays that may be available from all available broadcasts of the game. The Video Review Consultant and Officiating Coach shall also be equipped with state-of-the-art communications systems that will allow direct and immediate access to the Off-ice Official(s) at the Penalty Box and the On-ice Official(s).

### ***EIHL Casebook Annotation - 37.1 Video Review Operations***

***EIHL video review operations can either be conducted in the arena or remotely from the EIHL Situation Room***



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## 37.2. GOAL REVIEW PROCEDURES

Every goal shall be reviewed by the Video Review Consultant. If there is a need to delay the resumption of the play following an apparent goal, the Off-Ice Official at ice level will be alerted to signal one of the Referees to delay the Center-ice “face-off” for a moment. Once the Video Review Consultant has reviewed the video and confirmed that the goal is valid, the Off-Ice Official at ice level should signal to the Referee to resume play. If an expanded review is required on any potential goal, the Video Review Consultant shall instruct that the in-arena horn be sounded and the Public Address Announcer will make an announcement that the “play is under review.” Once the play has been reviewed and deemed a goal, the goal will be announced in the normal manner.

If the review reveals that the goal should be disallowed, the Referee shall announce the reason for the disallowed goal. When the Video Review Consultant observes an incident involving a potential goal that was undetected by the On-ice Officials, the Off-ice Official will contact the Referee at the first stoppage of play and inform them that a review of the play is in progress. When a video review is initiated, the Public Address Announcer will make an announcement that “the play is under review.” Should the Video Review Consultant be able to determine that a goal has been scored through the use of video replay, and play on the ice has nonetheless continued, the Video Review Consultant shall instruct that the in-arena horn be sounded to stop play immediately, and the goal will be awarded. Should the first stoppage of play following an apparent goal coincide with the end of a period, the On-ice Official(s) will instruct both Teams to remain at their respective Players’ Bench until the Video Review of the play can be completed. If the review reveals that the goal should be counted, the clock (including penalty time clocks, if applicable) shall be reset to the time the goal was scored.

If the review reveals that no goal was scored, no adjustment to the time clock(s) will be made.

Only one goal can be awarded at any stoppage of play. If an apparent goal was scored by Team A and is subsequently confirmed as a goal by Video Review, any goal scored by Team B during the period of time between the apparent goal by Team A and the stoppage of play (Team B’s goal), the Team B goal will not be awarded. If the apparent goal by Team A is deemed to have entered the goal illegally (e.g., a “distinct kicking motion”), the goal will be disallowed. No goal will be awarded to Team B either in this circumstance since the play should have been stopped at the time of the apparent goal. The clock (including penalty time clocks, if applicable) shall be reset to the time of Team A’s apparent goal – whether awarded or disallowed.

Any penalties signaled during the period of time between the apparent goal and the next stoppage of play shall be assessed in the normal manner, except when a Minor Penalty is to be assessed to the Team scored upon and is therefore nullified by the scoring of the goal.

If an infraction happens after the first stoppage of play following an apparent goal (infraction after the whistle) by either Team, it is assessed and served in the normal manner regardless as to the decision rendered by Video Review.

When the Referee indicates there is a Video Review in progress, all Players (with the exception of the Goalkeepers) should proceed to their respective Players’ Bench immediately, and failure to do so may result in a Game Misconduct Penalty for offending Player(s) and shall be reported to the Proper Authorities.

Any potential goal requiring Video Review must be reviewed prior to and/or during the next stoppage of play. No goal may be awarded (or disallowed) as a result of a Video Review once the play has resumed. The Video Review Consultant will connect directly with the Referee(s) at ice level to assist with the review of any close play or disputed goal. The On-ice Officials (Referees or Linespersons) decision shall be final.

### ***EIHL Casebook Annotation - 37.2 Goal Review Procedures***

***Goals will be reviewed where possible at the discretion of the on-ice officials or within the limited scope available through the coaches’ challenge.***



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## 37.3. GOAL SITUATIONS SUBJECT TO VIDEO REVIEW

The following situations are subject to Video Review:

- (I) Puck crossing the Goal Line
- (II) Puck in the net prior to the goal frame being dislodged
- (III) Puck in the net prior to (or after) the expiration of time at the end of a period subject to the technology available in the arena
- (IV) With the use of a foot/skate, a “distinct kicking motion” was evident
- (V) Puck deliberately directed, batted, or thrown into the net by an attacking Player by any means (and with any part of their body) other than with their stick - excl. foot/skate – see (IV) above.
- (VI) Puck deflected directly into the net of an On-ice Official
- (VII) Puck struck or deflected into the net with a high-stick, above the height of the crossbar
- (VIII) Puck entering the net in a proper manner through goal mouth (ensuring puck did not enter net improperly through net meshing or underneath the net frame, etc.)
- (IX) Puck entering the net as the culmination of a continuous play where the result of the play was unaffected by any whistle blown by the Referee upon their losing sight of the puck; and
- (X) The legitimacy of all potential goals on “Penalty Shot” or “Penalty Shot” Shootout attempts to ensure compliance with applicable rules (e.g., Goalkeeper leaving crease prior to puck touch at Center ice, Goalkeeper throwing stick, Goalkeeper dislodging goal, shooter cradling puck above the normal height of the shoulders, shooter performing illegal “spin-o-rama” move, Skater’s continued forward advancement of puck, “double-tap”/ “rebound”, etc.)

The Coach's Challenge according to Rule 38 – Coach’s Challenge will only be used at selected IIHF Championships. Additional Video Review when Coach’s Challenge is not used:

- (XI) The Referees may review at their own discretion scoring plays involving potential “Interference on the Goalkeeper”.

### ***EIHL Casebook Annotation - 37.3 Goal situations subject to video review***

***All goal review situations are limited to the scope of the technology available to the on-ice officials at the time of review***



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## 37.4. DISTINCT KICKING MOTION

Plays that involve a puck entering the net as a direct result of a “distinct kicking motion” shall be ruled “no goal”. A “distinct kicking motion,” for purposes of Video Review, is one where the video makes clear that an attacking Player has deliberately propelled the puck with a kick of their foot or skate and the puck subsequently enters the net. A goal cannot be scored on a play where an attacking Player propels the puck with their skate into the net (even by means of a subsequent deflection off another Player, unless from a stick of a skater) using a “distinct kicking motion”. A goal also cannot be scored on a play where an attacking Player kicks any equipment (stick, glove, helmet, etc.) at the puck, including kicking the blade of their own stick, causing the puck to cross the Goal Line.

A puck that deflects into the net off an attacking Player’s skate who does not use a “distinct kicking motion” shall be ruled a “good goal”.

A puck that is directed into the net by an attacking Players’ skate shall also be ruled a “good goal”, as long as no “distinct kicking motion” is evident.

## 37.5. PUCK STRUCK WITH A HIGH STICK

The determining factor for high stick Video Review is where the puck makes contact with the stick in relation to the crossbar. If the puck makes contact with a portion of the stick that is at or below the level of the crossbar (despite some other portion of the stick being above the crossbar) and enters the goal, the goal shall be allowed

## 37.6. VIDEO REVIEW TO VERIFY TIME ON CLOCK

Video Review may be used to establish the correct time on the clock.

Any loss of time on the game or penalty clocks due to a false “face-off”, a “face-off” violation or a puck going out of play must be replaced. The Video Review Consultant may be consulted or may intervene with On- and Off-Ice Officials directly, as appropriate, to ensure that any loss of time on the game or penalty clocks due to these situations is properly replaced.

In the event of any dispute regarding time, the matter shall be referred to the Video Review Consultant for adjustment, and its decision shall be final. The Game Timekeeper shall assist to verify game time via an additional timing device (IIHF-approved stopwatch). In the event a Video Review shows that a goal was scored prior to the play being stopped, the Video Review

Consultant will inform the Game Timekeeper and Official Scorekeeper of the time of the goal and the amount of playing time left to be re-set on the Game Clock and penalty time clocks (if applicable)

## 37.7. GOAL JUDGE BEHIND THE NETS – NO VIDEO REVIEW AVAILABLE

In IIHF Championships where Video Review is not used, Goal Judges behind both nets shall be used. There shall be one Goal Judge situated behind each goal (or in an area designated and approved by the IIHF), in properly protected areas, if possible, so that there can be no interference with their activities. They shall not change goals during the game. The Goal Judge shall signal, normally by means of red light, a decision as to whether the puck passed between the Goal Posts and entirely over the Goal Line.

The only decision the Goal Judge must make is whether the puck actually entered the net, not how or when it went in. The light must be illuminated for a period of five (5) seconds each time the puck enters the net regardless of circumstances. It is up to the Referee to make the final decision.

### ***EIHL Casebook Annotation - 37.7 Goal Judge behind the nets***

***In EIHL events Goal Judges are not required. Note: Teams may still use the goal lights and/or goal judged for the purposes of entertainment. However, it should be noted and stressed to those in attendance that the goal judge, or switching on of the goal light, has no legal influence on the game, nor will they be consulted by on-ice Officials***

Rule 38 - Coaches Challenge is often closely linked with Video Review so will take a look at the detail of that rule in a future programme.



# EIHL NEWS



## Roster Regulations for 2024/25

### 1.1 Overall Roster

Maximum number of players a team may register in one season: 25

Maximum number of non-homegrown players a team may register in one season: 20

Maximum number of non-homegrown players a team may have registered on their overall roster at any one time: 18

Two-way players not included- see Section 3

### 1.2 Gameday Roster

Maximum size: 20 (18 skaters + 2 goalies)

Minimum size: 12 (12 skaters + 2 goalies)

Maximum number of non-homegrown players: 15

### 1.3 Registration & Roster Administration

A team must register their opening roster 48 hours before their opening competitive fixture. Pre-season/CHL games are not included

## 2 IN-SEASON ROSTER CHANGES

### 2.1 Long-Term Injured Reserve

A team may place a player on Long-Term Injured Reserve and replace him outside of the overall total roster of 25 players (See Section 1.1.), subject to the following conditions:

The injured player is ineligible for a period of 90 days

Long-Term Injured Reserve cannot be used past IIHF Transfer deadline (15/02/25)

### 2.2 Short-Term Replacements, Players Leaving, Players Released, etc:

Any additional players are a change. There is no discrepancy for players walking out on teams, replacing short-term injuries, etc. In extraordinary circumstances, an appeal may be made to the EIHL Competitions Subcommittee to replace players that have walked out.

### 2.3 Emergency Back-up Goaltenders (EBUGs)

A team may apply to register an EBUG if they are unable to dress two registered goaltenders for any EIHL fixture. A medical report for each of the injured goaltenders must be submitted to EIHL Operations before an EBUG is approved. EIHL Hockey Operations may refuse to grant the use of an EBUG if they believe the system is being abused.

## 3 TWO-WAY PLAYERS

### 3.1 Definition of a Two-Way Player

For season 2024/25, a Two-Way Player is defined as: Under the age of 25 on 1 September 2024. Is contracted primarily to an EIHL/SIHL-based team competing in a league lower than the EIHL (i.e.: NIHL National, NIHL 1, NIHL 2, SNL, etc.). Has obtained written permission from their parent club to ice for an EIHL team, and proof of permission has been forwarded to EIHL Operations. Is classified as a 'homegrown' player. It is not possible to register a non-homegrown player as a two-way player

### 3.2 Use of Two-Way Players

Two-Way players do not count towards a team's Overall Roster of 25 players in a single season. A team may use an unlimited number of two-way players in a single season. A two-way player does not change the overall Gameday Roster size of 20 players.

### 3.3 Two-Way Players dressing in more than 20 games

Upon playing 20 EIHL Regular Season games (excluding Challenge Cup Group Stage), a player shall no longer be classified as two-way and must count as part of a team's Overall Roster of 25 players

### 3.4. Two-Way Goaltenders

Teams must have one homegrown goaltender registered as part of their Overall Roster in order to facilitate icing 14 non-homegrown skaters on their in-game roster. i.e. It is not possible to use a two-way goalie to avoid registering a back-up goalie on the Overall Roster of 25

A two-way goalie can still be included on a game-day roster. In this case, a homegrown back-up goalie must be accounted for on the Overall Roster of 25 players.



# HOCKEY VIEWS FROM SECTION 'C' AND BEYOND

Darrian Wilson

If we'd had a choice of which game we'd prefer to win it would naturally have been the M8 derby, both would have been nice however that wasn't to be and partly outwith our own hands. There's no getting away from last weekend being a hotbed of talking points.

Getting your season off to a winning start is what we all hoped for and it is so much sweeter for it being against the 'whatever they are calling themselves this season' Clan. It did help that in particular Martineau and Musorov's goals were particularly filthy. Flyers did have to weather a storm thanks to a couple of those hot talking points with Flyers fans aggrieved at Drake and Daniel being handed the first soap on a rope awards heading for early showers whilst Clan's Mitchell Heard avoided being horsed out.

It all felt a bit one sided and that feeling was really compounded the next day when Drake Pilon escaped the wrath of DOPS and remained in full command of his evening's pay cheque. Big Dan was not so lucky as DOPS tea and biscuit fund tin was the recipient of a few sheckles from him whilst surprise, surprise Mitchell Heard was also asked to contribute towards the supply of mini rolls and French Fancies.

Far be it from me to point out that the Penalty to Pilon was reviewed on the night before the major penalty was assessed and the flashpoint where Daniel and Heard were involved was also subject to video review on the night. Daniel's on the night Slew Footing major was subsequently referred to by DOPS as a dangerous trip, something akin to taking a rikshaw ride through Dundee last thing at night I'd guess?

Heard was assessed his fine for interference as his hit left Musorov asking what bus had hit him.

That didn't really tie up with what had been called on the night and opens the interpretation can of worms regarding video reviews.

Cue Sunday and fuelled by chips, cheese and curry sauce from the bar we had a whole period to chat through the previous evening's happenings before the latest instalment of 'how could you possibly miss that' was presented to us. I don't think there was any doubt that Flyers fans had an expectation that Kyle Osterberg would get one past Shane and indeed he did at 23:32. Sadly for him it was on a play that was that far offside there was no doubt about it and whilst the boo's rang out loud for the

missed call, Kyle may have thought they were for him, which they weren't and mistakes like that are like dooking for apples in a portalo, it doesn't half leave a bad taste in your mouth.

As much as the talking points need to be talked about they shouldn't overshadow what was two back to back humungous efforts from the whole team. You can understand and forgive the tired legs in period six of the weekend as it's early in the season and stamina levels will increase with game time. Giants ability to roll four lines will always see them stay a little fresher and bar one or two pieces of misfortune that game could have went either way. That really is the bit we had in our own hands as there were opportunities, granted for both teams, to make the score different. I suspect our challenge cup group will not be easy to navigate for any team.

One thing I am going to put my foot down about is the use of the term 'Khazak line' I'm not so sure it is a truly welcoming name for those guys so I'm going to throw it out there and suggest they get called the Shulga Babes. If they could come up with a reasonable song with a half decent dance routine to go with it then so much the better. Messers Gatiyatov, Musorv and Shulga have certainly been entertaining so far and will cause defences around the league some grief. Whilst the eyes are all on them the line of Curran, Chichy and Chiodo have been also causing havoc as they seem to have found some early chemistry.

It might be early yet but it's feeling good to be a Flyers fan and bar missing a few games due to other people's lack of consideration to the hockey season I am looking forward to what lies ahead. As alluded to I will miss the game against Storm due to a celebration which will be taking place painfully close to the rink at the Elbow Room. My brain is suggesting I see if anyone realises I've popped to the loo for two and a half hours or just keep randomly appearing and disappearing. Either way it just isn't fair!

Enjoy the weekend hockey fans and get behind your team.

Darrian

# Matchnight PRESENTATIONS

GLASGOW CLAN SEPTEMBER 7TH 2024



CLAN MOM  
NICK PRKUSIK



FLYERS MOM  
PHÉLIX MARTINEAU

BELFAST GIANTS SEPTEMBER 8TH 2024



GIANTS MOM  
JACKSON WHISTLE



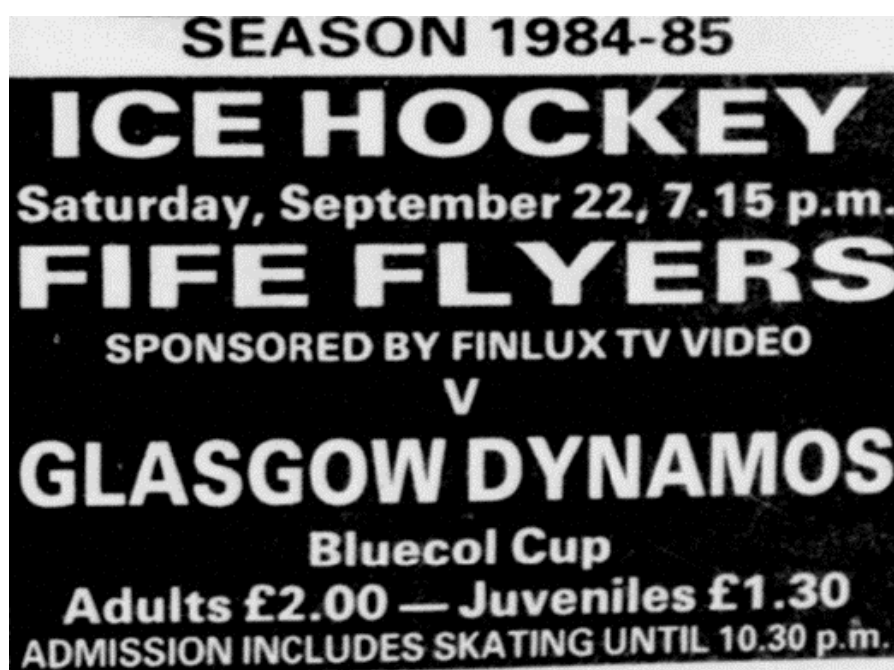
FLYERS MOM  
JOHNNY CURRAN



## WEMBLEY WIZARDS SEASON 1984/85

**This season is the 40th Anniversary of the Fife Flyers British Championship Wembley win. In a weekly feature we will recap, with thanks to the Fife Free Press for use of their reporting, the events of that historic occasion.**

Ronnie Plumb, Fife Flyers' new Canadian player-coach, kept his feet firmly on the ground this week despite the Kirkcaldy side's impressive start to the season. And the hard-skating 34-year-old warned: "Let's not get carried away after one result!" Plumb and fellow Canadians Dave Stoyanovich and Danny Brown were brought to Kirkcaldy with the objective of qualifying for the Heineken Premier League play-offs in April, but nothing is further from the coach's mind at the moment. "It is too early to set targets," he said yesterday, "and I prefer to take one game at a time. Ayr Bruins and Murrayfield Racers are the only teams I have seen so far, but I will have a better idea once we have played everybody else. We have made a good start, but you cannot predict anything at this stage. Plumb went on "Although we played well at Ayr, there is still a long way to go." He sees his post with Flyers as something of a challenge — with the long term aim of leaving a lasting benefit to ice hockey in Fife. There is a great deal of potential in the area, and the ultimate aim is to put some direction into the sport," he explained. "We have a wide range of talent in the squad, and I want to generate team unity whereby everybody contributes in some way. The players are starting to believe in themselves, and perhaps they are beginning to realise that they are not as bad a hockey club as they thought they were. However, they are not professionals," Plumb continued, "and for most of them ice hockey is basically a hobby. The guys have been working really hard, and with the right attitude, it is amazing what can be accomplished. "But I cannot demand anything from them I can only ask for it." The major failing Plumb has spotted since arriving in Scotland is the lack of positional sense, and this is something he hopes to be able to install in his players. "If we can improve their positioning, that could make up for anything they are lacking in talent," he explained. The coach has also been working hard with his netminders and defencemen with a view to improving Flyer's goals against figure as a basis for success. Flyers are now set for their first competitive home match of the season against Glasgow Dynamos in the Bluecol Cup tomorrow night, looking for two points to maintain their initiative in the group.



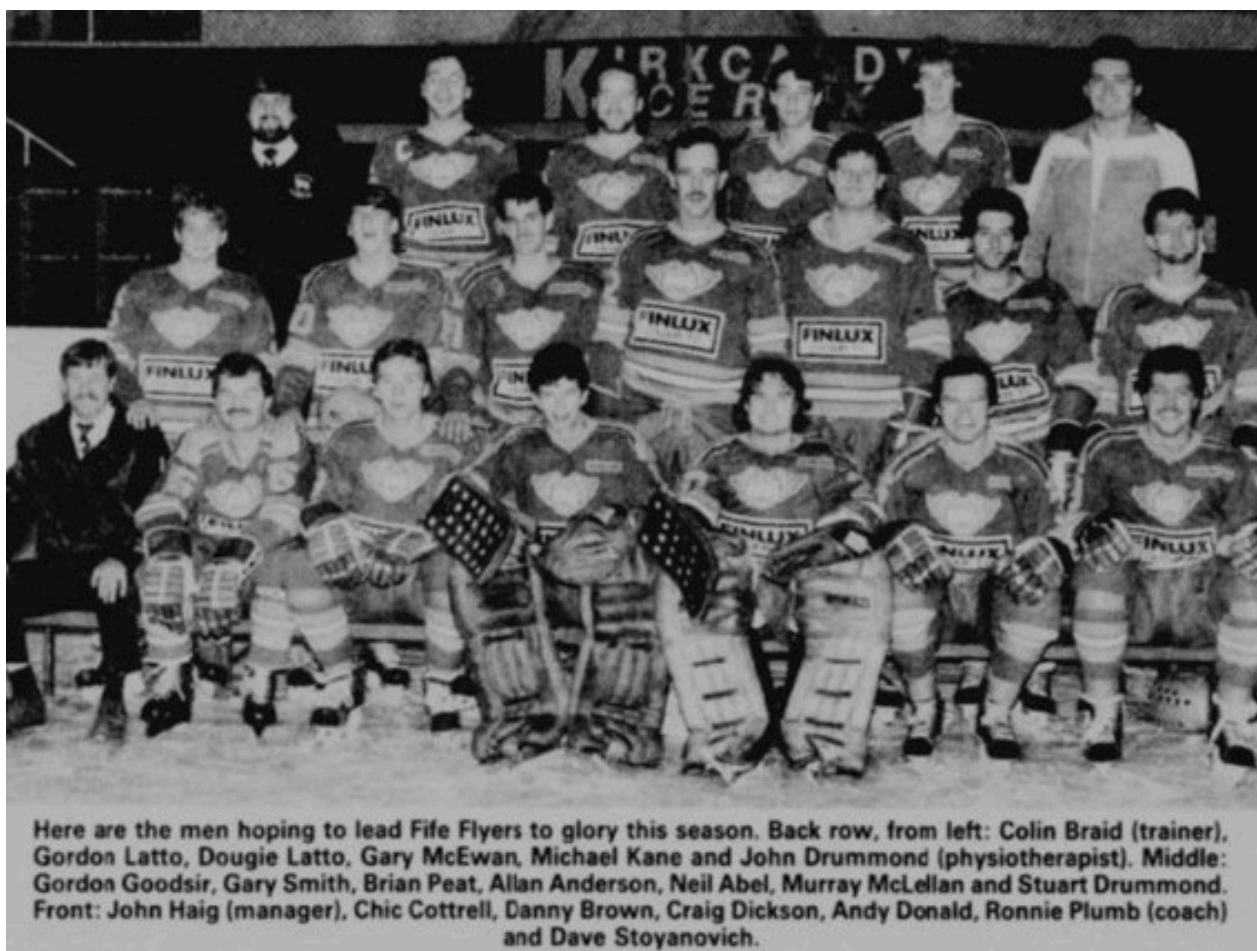


## WEMBLEY WIZARDS

### SEASON 1984/85

#### 22/09/1984 Fife Flyers v Glasgow Dynamos - Autumn Cup

After trailing for much of the first period Fife Flyers found their scoring touch to record a convincing victory over a disappointing Glasgow Dynamos outfit at Kirkcaldy Ice Rink on Saturday night. Canadians Dave Stoyanovich and Danny Brown netted nine goals between them with Stoyanovich completing his second successive nap hand. There was an early shock for Flyers when Hester put Dynamos ahead against the run of play in the third minute and thanks to some inspired netminding it took the home team until the 18th minute to get back on level terms when Stoyanovich squeezed the puck home from close range. Seconds later Brown fired a shot between the netminders legs and Flyers were on their way. The Kirkcaldy team were camped in the Glasgow end for most of the second half of the game and Stoyanovich quickly brought up his hat trick with two powerful shots. Flyers found themselves in penalty trouble but despite playing three against five this did not stop the flow of goals. Brown found the corner with a low shot before Allan Anderson got into the act when he took a pass from Brian Peat and fired the puck high into the net. Stoyanovich added two more and when Chic Cottrell put the finishing touch to the best move of the match the home fans began to chant "Bring on the Rockets". Demoralised Dynamos did manage to pull one back through Cameron but they were unable to cope with the onslaught. Flyers blitz continued in the final period with player-coach Ronnie Plumb getting on the scoresheet from a Gordon Latto pass. Shooting from all angles Flyers netted their 11th goal of the evening when Stuart Drummond netted the rebound from a powerful Brown shot which the netminder was unable to hold. Anderson scored his second before Brown added two fine goals in the last five minutes to round off a very workmanlike performance by the Flyers. All 16 players iced played their part but Dave Stoyanovich and Danny Brown have formed a formidable striking partnership which should get even better in the months ahead. Although it was largely one-way traffic, Craig Dickson in the Flyers' net made a valuable contribution with some superb saves.



Here are the men hoping to lead Fife Flyers to glory this season. Back row, from left: Colin Braid (trainer), Gordon Latto, Dougie Latto, Gary McEwan, Michael Kane and John Drummond (physiotherapist). Middle: Gordon Goodsir, Gary Smith, Brian Peat, Allan Anderson, Neil Abel, Murray McLellan and Stuart Drummond. Front: John Haig (manager), Chic Cottrell, Danny Brown, Craig Dickson, Andy Donald, Ronnie Plumb (coach) and Dave Stoyanovich.

# TABLES & FIXTURES

## SEASON 2024/25

### CHALLENGE CUP GROUP A

	GP	PTS	W	OTW	L	OTL/SOL	GF	GA	PTS %
Manchester Storm	2	2	1	0	1	0	8	5	0.5
Guildford Flames	2	2	1	0	1	0	5	8	0.5
Cardiff Devils	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Coventry Blaze	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nottingham Panthers	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sheffield Steelers	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

As at 8th April 2024

### CHALLENGE CUP GROUP B

	GP	PTS	W	OTW	L	OTL/SOL	GF	GA	PTS %
Belfast Giants	2	4	2	0	0	0	11	5	1
Dundee Stars	2	2	1	0	1	0	8	9	0.5
Fife Flyers	2	2	1	0	1	0	6	7	0.5
Glasgow Clan	2	0	0	0	2	0	5	9	0

As at 8th April 2024

### WHAT'S ON TAP THIS WEEKEND

Game ID		Home	Away	Face Off
CC7	Fri 13-Sep-24	Manchester Storm	Nottingham Panthers	19:30
CC8	Sat 14-Sep-24	Belfast Giants	Dundee Stars	19:00
1	Sat 14-Sep-24	Cardiff Devils	Glasgow Clan	19:00
CC9	Sat 14-Sep-24	Nottingham Panthers	Guildford Flames	19:00
2	Sat 14-Sep-24	Fife Flyers	Manchester Storm	19:15
CC10	Sun 15-Sep-24	Dundee Stars	Fife Flyers	17:00
3	Sun 15-Sep-24	Coventry Blaze	Glasgow Clan	17:30
CC11	Sun 15-Sep-24	Guildford Flames	Cardiff Devils	18:00

# FLYERS SCHEDULE 2024/25

Date	Opposition	Competition	Venue	FO Time	Result	Score
Saturday Aug 24th	Dundee Stars	Pre Season	H	19:00	Lost	2-4
Sunday Aug 25th	Dundee Stars	Pre Season	H	17:15	Lost	4-6
Saturday Aug 31st	UQTR	Pre Season	H	19:15	Won	2-0
Saturday Sep 7th	Glasgow Clan	Challenge Cup	H	19:15	Won	4-3
Sunday Sep 8th	Belfast Giants	Challenge Cup	H	17:15	Lost	2-4
Saturday Sep 14th	Manchester Storm	League	H	19:15		
Sunday Sep 15th	Dundee Stars	Challenge Cup	A	17:00		
Saturday Sep 21st	Cardiff Devils	League	A	19:00		
Sunday Sep 22nd	Glasgow Clan	Challenge Cup	H	17:15		
Saturday Sep 28th	Dundee Stars	Challenge Cup	H	19:15		
Sunday Sep 29th	Guildford Flames	League	A	18:00		
Saturday Oct 5th	Manchester Storm	League	H	19:15		
Sunday Oct 6th	Nottingham Panthers	League	A	16:00		
Wednesday Oct 9th	Belfast Giants	Challenge Cup	H	19:30		
Friday Oct 11th	Cardiff Devils	League	A	19:30		
Friday Oct 18th	Dundee Stars	Challenge Cup	A	19:30		
Saturday Oct 19th	Guildford Flames	League	H	19:15		
Saturday Oct 26th	Glasgow Clan	Challenge Cup	A	19:00		
Sunday Oct 27th	Dundee Stars	Challenge Cup	H	17:15		
Wednesday Oct 30th	Sheffield Steelers	League	A	19:30		
Saturday Nov 2nd	Belfast Giants	Challenge Cup	A	19:00		
Sunday Nov 3rd	Nottingham Panthers	League	H	17:15		
Saturday Nov 9th	Glasgow Clan	League	H	19:15		
Sunday Nov 10th	Dundee Stars	League	A	17:00		
Saturday Nov 16th	Belfast Giants	Challenge Cup	A	19:00		
Sunday Nov 17th	Sheffield Steelers	League	H	17:15		
Saturday Nov 23rd	Cardiff Devils	League	H	19:15		
Sunday Nov 24th	Coventry Blaze	League	A	17:30		
Saturday Nov 30th	Glasgow Clan	Challenge Cup	A	19:00		
Sunday Dec 1st	Sheffield Steelers	League	H	17:15		
Saturday Dec 7th	Manchester Storm	League	A	19:00		
Sunday Dec 8th	Guildford Flames	League	H	17:15		
Saturday Dec 14th	Nottingham Panthers	League	A	19:00		
Sunday Dec 15th	Coventry Blaze	League	H	17:15		
Saturday Dec 21st	Belfast Giants	League	H	19:15		
Sunday Dec 22nd	Belfast Giants	League	A	16:00		
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Saturday Dec 28th	Dundee Stars	League	A	19:00		
Monday Dec 30th	Glasgow Clan	League	H	19:15		
Tuesday Dec 31st	Glasgow Clan	League	A	14:00		
Saturday Jan 4th	Coventry Blaze	League	H	19:15		
Sunday Jan 5th	Guildford Flames	League	A	18:00		
Saturday Jan 11th	Dundee Stars	League	H	19:15		
Sunday Jan 12th	Sheffield Steelers	League	A	16:00		
Saturday Jan 18th	Manchester Storm	League	A	19:00		
Sunday Jan 19th	Nottingham Panthers	League	H	17:15		
Friday Jan 24th	Glasgow Clan	League	A	19:30		
Saturday Jan 25th	Cardiff Devils	League	H	19:15		
Saturday Feb 1st	Belfast Giants	League	H	19:15		
Sunday Feb 2nd	Coventry Blaze	League	A	17:30		
Saturday Feb 8th	Glasgow Clan	League	A	19:00		
Sunday Feb 9th	Dundee Stars	League	H	17:15		
Friday Feb 14th	Belfast Giants	League	A	19:00		
Sunday Feb 16th	Cardiff Devils	League	H	17:15		
Wednesday Feb 19th	Sheffield Steelers	League	A	19:30		
Saturday Feb 22nd	Manchester Storm	League	A	19:00		
Sunday Feb 23rd	Glasgow Clan	League	H	17:15		
Saturday Mar 1st	Cardiff Devils	League	A	19:00		
Sunday Mar 2nd	Nottingham Panthers	League	H	17:15		
Saturday Mar 8th	Guildford Flames	League	A	18:00		
Sunday Mar 9th	Coventry Blaze	League	H	17:15		
Saturday Mar 15th	Belfast Giants	League	H	19:15		
Sunday Mar 16th	Nottingham Panthers	League	A	16:00		
Saturday Mar 22nd	Guildford Flames	League	H	19:15		
Sunday Mar 23rd	Coventry Blaze	League	A	17:30		
Saturday Mar 29th	Belfast Giants	League	A	19:00		
Sunday Mar 30th	Sheffield Steelers	League	H	17:15		
Saturday Apr 5th	Manchester Storm	League	H	19:15		
Sunday Apr 6th	Dundee Stars	League	A	17:00		



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