

COOLEN'S COMMENTS

Last Saturday if you look at the whole game we had some good moments, we came back from losing the opening goal to take the lead and we kept that lead going for a long time before we fell apart. There haven't been many games since my time here where we have been in that position and come out on the losing side of the scorelines. We made poor defensive decisions when Manchester had the puck and poor decisions with the puck when we had possession. I was very disappointed with our team who up to that point had shown good progress but we let that slip. Simply put we made too many mistakes and it just wasn't good enough. Those are the games that we need to win and we didn't.

On Sunday night in Dundee I was not unhappy with what I saw. It was a really good game with both teams having chances to score and for a road game I thought we played quite well. We were determined to play

better and we did and although we didn't get the two points, in shootouts anything can happen. There were a lot of positives to be taken based on how we performed less than 24 hours after our effort against Manchester. I'm still learning what our team can do, how players react in different situations, who raises their game, who can do more, it's a long season but we can build upon last weekend and move forward.

This weekend we will be making our first long road trip of the season down to Cardiff on Saturday night and into the "jaws of the lion", it's an 8 hour ride on the bus and certainly will be a big big challenge. We know the game we have to play and if we execute then we can certainly make it a contest. We found a way to get some points against them last year and we are hoping that that trend will continue. Returning on Sunday we meet a rested Glasgow Clan who do not play ahead of meeting us. We always have our hands full in those derby games.

This week in practice I've tried to balance the lines out a little and switched some players around so we will see over the weekend how that works out as we continue to be a work in progress.

I look forward to seeing all of our fans in the Auld Barn this weekend.

Thank you very much for your support.

Tom

MATCH REPORT



The Flyers welcomed the Manchester Storm for their opening Elite League match of the season. The Storm who had opened the weekend the night before by being shutout at home against the Nottingham Panthers were looking to end a run of two consecutive defeats. The Storm scratches were Tyler Hinam and Stephen Johnson with the Flyers not icing Fynn Page who was on duty with the Bristol Pitbulls, Martin Látal and Madi Dikhanbek. 80 seconds in and Storm's Alexis D'Aoust gave Shane Owen his first work of the evening firing the puck into the chest of the netminder. Evan Weninger at the other end was soon in the action with an incredible save when Maxim Musorov looked certain to finish on a 2 on 1 break but the keeper somehow got something on the puck to deflect it off the bar. The Flyers looked dangerous and Michael Cichy fired high over the bar from close range in the 4th minute but the Storm responded immediately when Jake Durflinger fanned on a cross ice pass with the Flyers net gaping. A minute later and Owen had to look sharp to deny Ryan Hughes on a rebound but it was the visitors who broke the deadlock in the 9th minute after some set up play behind the goal by Durflinger saw the puck fed out into the slot and finished by Loren Ulett with a one timer. Within two minutes the Flyers were level from a goal in similar circumstances with Artur Gatiyatov down behind the Storm blueline feeding the puck out front and Musorov buried it into the bottom corner. The game was wide open with both sides looking to break quickly and leaving gaps at the back and Owen produced a fine toe save from Grant Hebert in the 15th minute. In the 18th minute the Flyers took the lead when Lucas Chiodo danced through the centre of the Storm defence to be denied by Weninger but the puck was recycled and Johnny Curran fired it under the visiting netminder. It could and perhaps should have been 3-1 a minute later but on a 2 on 1 breakaway Austin Farley lost control of the puck at the vital time with most of the net to aim at.

PERIOD 2

The open nature of the game continued into the second period and Curran tested Weninger in the opening minute who made a pad save. In the 22nd minute Joe Morrow stickhandled his way towards the home goal but slid his shot wide of the net. The Storm went on the first and only power play of the match in the 23rd minute when Musorov was called for delay of game after lifting the puck over the glass. Midway through the penalty kill Owen went post to post on Cam Critchlow who didn't really have much of an angle to shoot at the net. With the Flyers returning to full strength Noah Delmas was up on the rush but shot high off target. The Flyers did extend their lead however in the 27th minute when fine set up play and puck possession by Curran found Nikolai Shulga who buried it past Weninger. A minute later and Phélix Martineau was unlucky to see a wrist shot strike the iron and within a minute the Storm had cut the lead in half.

MATCH REPORT

Weninger made a heads up play to lift the puck up the ice to Durflinger who was hanging at the Flyers blueline as they changed and he simply walked in on Owen and went top shelf over the goalies blocker. Within a minute however the two goal lead was restored as Chiodo picked out Martineau with a cross ice pass and from the bottom of the circles he found the net. Incredibly just 33 seconds later and Ulett won a puck battle against Delmas in the slot to bag his second of the night and make it a one goal game again. Owen then had to scramble on his goal line to preserve the lead as Storm gained the momentum in the match. In the 35th minute Gianluca Estevez almost connected at the back door with a wide open net following another Flyers turnover in their own defensive zone.

PERIOD 3

Going into the third period the next goal of the game felt crucial and just over a minute in the Flyers once again restored their two goal lead when the puck came loose along the boards and Cichy fed Chiodo who found the net from the high slot. There was another quick response however from the Storm as two minute slater Ulett completed his hat trick after a pretty tic tac toe play involving Hebert and Duflinger. A minute later and Own made a fine toe save on Hebert and a few minutes later Chiodo snuck in to steal a loose puck but he couldn't beat Wenninger's glove. In the 48th minute another breakdown in the Flyers zone saw Dallas Ehrhardt wide open in the slot but he fired the puck over the crossbar. Manchester appeared to have the better legs for most of the third period and their persistence was rewarded when a speculative shot from D'Aoust from just inside the blueline somehow squeaked through Owen's glove. With time ticking down the Flyers were hanging on for what they hoped would be at least a point but with just 16 ticks remaining on the clock the visitors snatched both points when Durflinger and Hebert won puck battles to find an open Ulett to crash the puck into the net for his fourth goal of the night.

	Flyer	s Stats			Storm Stats					
Shots For	Scorer	Assist	Assist	Goal	Scorer	Assist	Assist	Shots For		
For	Musorov	Gatiyatov	LeBlanc	1	Ulett	Durflinger		For		
25	Curran	Cichy	Chiodo	2	Durflinger	Weninger		33		
Shots	Shulga	Curran		3	Ulett			Shots		
Against	Martineau	Chiodo	Curran	4	Ulett	Hebert	Durflinger	Against		
33	Chiodo	Cichy		5	D'Aoust			25		
PiMS				6	Ulett	Durflinger	Hebert	PiMS		
2				7				0		
				8						
MOM				9				MOM		
Chiodo				10				Ulett		











GETTING TO KNOW #78

Michael Cichy

Date of Birth - July 8th 1990

Age – 34
Place of Birth – New Britain,
Connecticut, USA
Position – Forward
Shoots – Left
Height – 180cm/5'11"
Weight – 84 kg/185 lbs
Drafted - 2009 round 7 #199 overall by
Montreal Canadiens

Honours:

NCAA (WCHA) Champion 2010, 2011 NCAA (CCHA) Champion 2012, Polish League Champion 2018, 2019, 2020 Polish Cup Champion 2018

Professional Hockey Career

2014-15 – KH Sanok (Poland) 2015 to 2017 – Orlik Opole (Poland) 2017 to 2022 – GKS Tychy (Poland) 2022-2023 – Unia Oswiecim (Poland) 2023-24 – Podhale Nowy Targ (Poland)



#78 WE ASKED...

1. What other sports did you play growing up? Roller Hockey, Golf, and Fishing

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

My Parents, they dedicated a big part of their lives to get me where I am today.

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

Torey Krug

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

Steven Stamkos

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

Clark Cup finals clinching game (USHL)

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

Favourite- Ralph Engelstad Arena, North Dakota Least Favourite- Polonia Bytom, Bytom Poland

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

No Offside, More goals and less whistles would keep the fans happy

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

Don't really have a favourite or least favourite hockey team

9. Most admired hockey player and why?
Connor McDavid, amazing how his brain wor

Connor McDavid, amazing how his brain works at such high speed.

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

Be a good teammate, Negativity and individualism hurts a team drastically. Always be humble, but do your best

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

Strongest part is my hockey sense, would like to improve on speed.

12. Pre-game routine?

Routine is simple, activate the legs in the morning, nap at least 45 mins, and have a coffee prior to the game.

13. Pre-game meal?

Chicken and pasta with tomato sauce is cliche but I eat it before almost every game.

14. Any gameday superstitions?

Not that I can think of.

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

16. Favourite other sport(s) to watch?

Baseball

17. Favourite athlete (non hockey)?

Aaron Judge, New York Yankees

18. Favourite sports team (non hockey)?

New York Yankees

19. Which do you prefer books or movies? Movies

20. Favourite TV show(s)?

Game of Thrones

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

Chipotle Burrito

22. Favourite beverage (non alcoholic/alcoholic)?

Milk/Beer

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

Aaron Judge, Tiger Woods, and Lebron James

24. Favourite singer/music/band? Rise Against

25. What is your favourite vacation destination?

Australia

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

Math – Least, Favourite - History

27. What is your go to Karaoke song?

Anything by Zach Bryan

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

Don't think I have the skills for any but maybe a guitarist for Rise Against

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

In Poland it was "Silent Killer" because my last name means Silence in Polish

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

Would be awesome to fly

31. What three items would you take with you on a desert island?

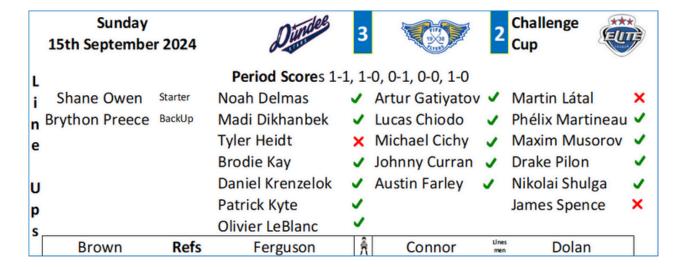
Fishing Pole, Lighter, and a survival knife

32. How many languages do you speak?One and a half, I can understand a lot of Polish

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

Probably a coach for hockey, been doing it in the summers for summer work.

MATCH REPORT



Fife Flyers made their first competitive appearance of the season at the Dundee Ice Arena as the Scottish rivals faced off in a Challenge Cup match. The visitors scratched Martin Látal, Tyler Heidt, Fynn Page and James Spence. The home side were icing Kameron Kielly in his home debut. 30 seconds gone and Austin Farley had a shot at Jarrett Fiske who let out a rebound that was almost pounced on by Noah Delmas and moments later the Dundee netminder made a save from Phélix Martineau. The home side hit back in the 2nd minute when Jonathan McBean fashioned a chance but his shot hit Shane Owen on the shoulder and deflected over the crossbar. Flyers went the other way on a 2 on 1 with Lucas Chiodo passing to Mike Cichy but Fiske made a fine save. In the 5th minute Craig Moore was given time to skate around in the Flyers zone and forced Owen into a save. Olivier LeBlanc was called for roughing in the 6th minute and the Stars took advantage on their power play. Owen first made a good stop on Zachary Tsekos but then Drydn Dow had a shot hit the post and Domenico Alberga was the first to react and scoop the puck past Owen. Martineau came close in the 8th minute with a drive from the high slot and a minute later the Stars were opened up but Fiske sprawled to make a huge save on Chiodo. The Stars immediately broke the other way and were unable to scramble the puck home as it bounced around Owen's crease. Cole MacDonald was all alone in the 11th minute but was robbed by Owen before Nikolai Shulga was called for a trip. Owen made a big pad save but the Flyers successfully killed the penalty before Jake Elmer took a bad angled shot that strikes the post. In the 15th minute the Stars were back on the power play as Farley was called for slashing with Dow holding his stick with one hand. Johnny Curran led a short handed bid as he set up Delmas but he drove wide of the Stars net before the penalty expired. The visitors drew level in the 17th minute following good work by Patrick Kyte who laid the puck across to Farley who had a slam dunk into an open net. The Flyers ended the period on the power play after Brogan O'Brien tripped Chiodo. Fiske has to make a couple of early saves and there was also a good shot block before the penalty expired following another Fiske save on Pilon.

PERIOD 2

Alexander Tonge got the first shot of the second period as Owen snagged it with his glove. A giveaway in the Flyers zone saw Owen have to make a save on Elmer as he went short side post. The Stars were enjoying the greater zone time to start this session and in the 24th minute O'Brien was denied by Owen. In the 26th minute Curran released Daniel Krenželok who was up with the play and his shot was blockered away by Fiske. Two minutes later and the Flyers almost had the lead as Artur Gatiyatov behind the net sent the puck out front to Maxim Musorov who clanked his shot square off the post and fortunately for Stars it did not hit Fiske in the back and roll into the net.

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Moore was inches wide in the 30th minute with an effort from the top of the crease and at the other end Cichy deflected a cross ice pass from Chiodo but it sailed over a wide open net. The Stars retook the lead in the 33rd minute when Kameron Kielly standing on the edge of the crease managed to deceived Owen with the puck bobbling into the net. A minute later and a blast from the blueline by Brodie Kay was deflected and Fiske had to be alert. Alberga went close in the 35th minute but Owen did enough to stop him. The Flyers then had back to back power plays to end the period as Elmer was firstly called for interference. It took some time for the Flyers to get a play set up in the Stars zone and Chiodo had a shot blocked by Fiske before the Stars goalie then made a save on Farley. Dow was then called for delay of game giving the Flyers a 5 on 3 for 11 seconds but they couldn't win the face off and Stars returned to 4 on 5. Krenželok had the visitors best effort before the penalty expired when he forced Fiske into a blocker save.

PERIOD 3

OThe third period started with a piece of daylight robbery by Owen as he stymied MacDonald who was all alone in the slot. In the 42nd minute Pilon broke down the right wing and with Farley up in support his shot was deflected high out of play. Kyle Pouncy was denied in the 45th minute as Owen was square to his shot and at the other end Fiske made a huge pad save on Musorov. The Flyers were pressing and Fiske was scrambling to stop Curran as he also got help from his defenceman who made a block. A minute later and Gatiyatov was stopped by a leg save by Fiske. In the 50th minute a fortunate break of the puck allowed Elmer to skate in but Owen was his equal. Cichy was called for interference in the 52nd minute and from the resultant powerplay the Stars did everything but put the puck past Owen who stood on his head. In rapid time he made three saves on O'Connor and eventually was able to halt the play with a glove save. The Flyers survived and almost took the lead in the 54th minute but Cichy was just wide with his effort from a good position. The Flyers did have the puck in the net in the 57th minute when Curran floated the puck in from the blueline and Chiodo got a deflection to tip the puck in off the post but it was clearly played with a high stick and correctly washed out. In the final two minutes the Flyers had some real pressure around the Stars net who desperately held on to clear the puck with Fiske making a huge blocker save. In the closing 10 seconds Cichy had a drive swallowed by Fiske as we headed to overtime.

OVERTIME/SHOOTOUT

Fife had possession of the puck to start overtime with Shulga getting the first chance but he fired wide of target. Owen made another huge save this time to deny Kielly and Tsekos had a shot blocked late on as both teams played the 3 on 3 period cautiously and so we went to a shootout. The goalies dominated the shootout with the Stars first three efforts from Alberga, Tsekos and Dow all being saved by Owen and Fiske responded with saves on Cichy, Shulga and Pilon. Elmer then scored and was cancelled out by Curran as we moved effectively into sudden death. Yamamoto with a fine top shelf finish put the pressure on and Musorov who then wiffed with his effort as the Stars claimed the bonus point.

	<u>Stars</u>	Stats			Flyers Stats				
Shots For	Scorer	Assist	Assist	Goal	Scorer	Assist	Assist	Shots For	
For	Alberga	Dow	Tsekos	1	Farley	Kyte	Pilon	For	
41	Kielly	O'Connor	Yamamoto	2	Farley	Martineau	Delmas	32	
Shots	Yamamoto			3				Shots	
Against				4				Against	
32				5				41	
PiMS				6				PiMS	
6				7				8	
				8					
MOM				9				MOM	
Fiske				10				Farley	





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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	PS S	TOI	GC
Shane Owen	G	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	177	0.92	3.69	0	0	244	15
Brython Preece	G	4	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	ΡΡΔ	PP Pts	SH G	SH A	SH Pts	Ev G	FvΔ	Ev Pts	PiMS	sog
Noah Delmas	D	4	0	2	2			0			0		2	2	2	7
Madi Dikhanbek	D	3	0	0	0			0			0		_	0	4	8
Tyler Heidt	D	3	0	1	1		1	1			0			0		6
Brodie Kay	D	4	0	0	0			0			0			0		1
Daniel Krenželok	D	4	0	1	1		1	1			0			0	25	11
Patrick Kyte	D	4	0	1	1			0			0		1	1	2	7
Olivier LeBlanc	D	4	0	2	2			0			0		2	2	2	5
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	4	3	4	7	2	1	3			0	1	3	4		19
Michael Cichy	F	4	1	2	3	1		1			0		2	2	2	10
Johnny Curran	F	4	2	4	6		2	2			0	2	2	4	2	10
Austin Farley	F	2	2	0	2			0			0	2		2	2	5
Artur Gatiyatov	F	4	0	1	1			0			0		1	1		4
Martin Látal	F	0	0	0	0			0			0			0		
Phélix Martineau	F	4	2	2	4		1	1			0	2	1	3		13
Maxim Musorov	F	4	2	0	2			0			0	2		2	2	8
Drake Pilon	F	4	0	2	2			0			0		2	2	29	10
Nikolai Shulga	F	4	1	1	2			0			0	1	1	2	2	5
James Spence	F	3	0	0	0			0			0			0		
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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 Golas 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, PS S - 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 2 - FLYERS STATS RECAP

On Saturday night......

Fife Flyers 5 Manchester Storm 6 - Elite League

The last time an opponent had a penalty free game against the Flyers was last April in the playoff quarter final against the Steelers when both teams in back to back games were penalty free. Nottingham Panthers on 18th December 2022 were the last team in a league game against the Flyers not to take a penalty.

Loren Ulett is the third Storm player to score a hat trick against the Flyers and he is the first to score four in a game against Fife since Ryan Penny did so for Coventry Blaze in a 6-2 win at the Skydome 23rd January 2022.

The only other players to score more than three in a game against the Flyers in the EIHL era are: Robert Dowd (4) at Kirkcaldy on 17th November 2018 in a 6-2 Steelers win and the following road games, Steve Saviano (4) in a 7-2 Giants win on 25th February 2017, Ryan Ginand (4) for Coventry in a 6-1 win on 15th September 2013, Drew Miller (4) in a 5-3 Clan win on 5th December 2012 and Mike Bayrack (4) for Clan in their 10-1 demolition on 12th November 2011.

Congratulations to Nikolai Shulga on his first goal for Flyers

There was also a first Flyers goal for Lucas Chiodo against the Storm with Nottingham the only team now he yet to find the net against.

Manchester Storm have now won on their last two visits to Kirkcaldy – their best sequence on Flyers ice is 3 games.

Flyers have only won once in the last five meetings with Storm

On Sunday night.....

Dundee Stars 3 Fife Flyers 2 Shootout - Challenge Cup

Congratulations to Austin Farley on his first goals for Flyers

Every Flyers player had a shot on goal in the game

It is now only one win for the Flyers in their last seven meetings with the Stars on all EIHL competitions

In the shootout against the Stars the Flyers have now won five and lost six in all EIHL competitions In Challenge Cup games the Flyers have won four of the seven games that have gone to a shootout

Austin Farley leads to team on shooting percentage at 40%

Lucas Chiodo leads the team on Shots on Goal with 19

Patrick Kyte and Johnny Curran are the only two players yet to have a minus game

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





Recent Form Guide

TThe Devils were the first team to return to action this season as they entered a prolonged four week period of preseason games. They opened up on the weekend of 16/17 August hosting the visiting Danish side Herlev Eagles. The visitors shocked the Welsh side in the first game winning 4-1 before the Devils bounced back with a comfortable 6-2 win. The following weekend the Devils blanked GB in the first of their pre-Olympic Qualification warm up matches when they prevailed 5-0. The next night Devils made the trip over the Irish Sea and were beaten 5-1 by the Belfast Giants. Next up was a home and home meeting with the Sheffield Steelers. It would be fair to say that both rosters were far from full strength as each had players absent on GB duties. The Steelers won both games, winning 5-2 in Cardiff and then a 7-2 score lines at ICE Sheffield. Last weekend the Devils met the Nottingham Panthers in back to back games. The Panthers who had commenced their competitive season the night before in Manchester with a win followed that up by beating the Devils 2-1 in a shootout in Cardiff Bay before the Devils wound up their preseason with a 5-1 win in Nottingham. Last weekend the Devils entered competitive action when they hosted the Glasgow Clan on Saturday night. They handed the West Coast side their third consecutive defeat to start the season when they won 3-1 in a league encounter with a pair of goals in the final period finally getting them over the line. The following night in their opening Challenge Cup game they travelled to the Spectrum, Guildford and a four goal middle period allowed them to hose the Flames 6-2. With under three minutes of the game to play there was an altercation involving Josh Batch who was ejected for instigating and later handed a one game ban for being the aggressor which he will serve against the Manchester Storm whom the Devils meet on Friday night.

LAST LEAGUE VISIT TO DEVILS

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	Devils Stats					Flyers Stats		
Scorer	Assist	Assist	Shots For		Scorer	Assist	Assist	Shots For
Mosey	Crandall		50	Goal 1	Lajeunesse	Pavlovs	Giles	25
Crawford	Alderson	Sanford	Shots Against	Goal 2	Shirley	Chiodo		Shots Against
Alderson	Crawford	Mosey	25	Goal 3	Chiodo	Humitz	Pulkkinen	50
			PiMS	Goal 4	Chiodo			PiMS
			8	Goal 5				10
]	Goal 6				1
			Goalies	Goal 7				Goalies
			Wall	Goal 8				Owen
			1	Goal 9				1
				Goal 10				

OVERALL LEAGUE AWAY RECORD AGAINST DEVILS

P 30 W 5 L 25 F 61 A 135

Number Crunching

The Flyers win in Wales on their last visit stopped a run of 12 defeats at the Vindico Arena. The Flyers will be aiming to win back to back on Devils ice for the first time in the EIHL era. The last four meetings between the Flyers and Devils have all ended as one goal games with two decided in shootouts

Joey Martin is the all time Devils scorer against the Flyers in all EIHL competitions with 22 goals – Danick Gauthier and Paul Crowder each with 9 goals are Flyers top marksmen against the Devils. Lucas Chiodo has goals on his last two visits to the Vindico Arena.



WEEKEND PREVIEW

WEEK 3



Recent Form Guide

TThe Clan were visitors two weekends ago when both teams opened their competitive accounts. The Flyers coming out on top of course and the following night there was more misery for the West Coast side as they travelled to Dundee and in a game where they were never ahead and although they outshot their opponents again they went down 5-2 with Liam Finlay scoring in consecutive games. Last weekend the Clan were on the road again for a pair of league games and first up was a visit to Cardiff on the Saturday night. Devils took the lead early in the opening period before the Clan levelled almost midway through a tightly contested affair. The game winning goal for the Devils came with 12 minutes remaining before they netted an insurance marker into an empty net. On Sunday night the Clan went down to their fourth consecutive reverse to start their season when they met the Coventry Blaze, who were playing their first competitive game of the season, in the Midlands. After a goalless opening period the Blaze took control of the game and established a two goal lead which they extended in the third period. The Clan mounted a late comeback in the final ten minutes to make it a one goal game but Blaze sealed it as the Clan gave up their second empty net goal of the weekend. This weekend the Clan only have the visit to Fife on the cards following the postponement of their scheduled fixture against the Belfast Giants in Glasgow due to ice plant difficulties. Since their last visit the Clan have made the addition of American blueliner Matt Stief to bring their total of new faces to this season's roster to 18 which is most amongst all teams.

LAST CHALLENGE CUP VISIT FROM CLAN

Satur 7th Septen		elife 19/38 tyres	4		3		Challenge Cup	FLITE
	Flyers Stats					Clan Stats		
Scorer	Assist	Assist	Shots For		Scorer	Assist	Assist	Shots For
Martineau	Pilon		39	Goal 1	Schwartz	Ully	Heard	44
Chiodo	Heidt	Martineau	Shots Against	Goal 2	Prkusic	Heard	Kielb	Shots Against
Cichy	Curran	Chiodo	44	Goal 3	Finlay	Pelech	Neilson	39
Musorov	Shulga	Delmas	PiMS	Goal 4				PiMS
			60	Goal 5				14
				Goal 6				
			Goalies	Goal 7				Goalies
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OVERALL CHALLENGE CUP HOME RECORD AGAINST CLAN

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Number Crunching

The Clan have failed to win in regulation in all EIHL competitions on their last five visits to Fife Ice Arena and have lost their last three visits to the Auld Barn in the Challenge Cup.

Despite that the Flyers will be looking to make it back to back wins on home ice against the Clan for the first time since they were rebranded as Glasgow Clan to start the 2018/19 season.

Lucas Chiodo has an active four game scoring streak against the Clan stretching back into last season. Gary Haden, who did not play on Clan's last visit will be looking for one goal to take outright ownership of Clan's leading scorer against the Flyers with 17 goals

Evan Bloodoff with 17 has most goals for Flyers against Clan.



EIHL ROUND UP - WEEK 2



A summary of all the action from last weekend action across the EIHL.

Friday 13th September

Manchester Storm 0 Nottingham Panthers 4 Challenge Cup

(0-1, 0-2, 0-1) SOG 21-27 PIMs 16-10 Att 1432

Danny Stewart's first competitive game in charge of Nottingham Panthers ended in a shutout win over Manchester Storm in Altrincham on Friday night. Ryan Bednard stopped all 21 shots he faced, while Didrik Henbrant, Kristoff Kontos, Matt Alfaro and Otto Nieminen netted the goals that secured the points. The only goal of the opening period came 2:04 before its conclusion - Henbrant picked up the puck on the nearside boards in the attacking zone, circled Evan Weninger's net and then released a shot from the point, through a screen, to beat the Storm goalie and put the visitors ahead. 4:43 into the second, Hugo Roy broke down the wing and found an unmarked Kontos in the slot to double the lead. Alfaro one-timed Cooper Zech's pass home on the powerplay at 31:29 to make it 3-0. Manchester offered little in the way of a comeback in the final period, although Gianluca Estevez did ring a shot off Weninger's post inside the final minutes. Nieminen fired home with five seconds left to round off an excellent road win for the Panthers.

Saturday 14th September

Cardiff Devils 6 Glasgow Clan 2 Elite League

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

Cardiff Devils started their season with a home win over Glasgow Clan in front of a sold-out Vindico Arena crowd. In an opening period where the Devils could have ended it more than one ahead, the opening goal came from Reid Duke 5:18 in – the Devils forward reacting quickest to a rebound from Evan Mosey's shot to beat Landon Bow and put the hosts one ahead. That lead lasted until almost halfway through the game until Mitchell Heard finished nicely after Ben Bowns couldn't hold a Gary Haden shot at 27:30. 7:04 into the final period, Steven Seigo took a cross-checking minor for a hit on Duke that was checked on video for a potential major penalty. On the resulting two-minute powerplay, Duke fired a Zach O'Brien pass through into Bow's net to put the Devils back ahead with 11:23 to play. The Clan hit the post twice in the closing stages, and played the final 110 seconds with an extra skater looking for an equaliser. The game was finally settled through Josh MacDonald's empty-netter with 18 seconds left on the clock.

Belfast Giants 6 Dundee Stars 5 Challenge Cup

(1-3, 3-1, 1-1, 1-0) SOG 28-25 PIMs 6-62 Att 6089

Over 6,000 fans saw a crazy game in Belfast where the Giants eventually ran out overtime winners by the odd goal in 11! Belfast went a goal ahead through Joe Cassetti with under 90 seconds played at the SSE Arena, but found themselves 3-1 down by the end of the first period. Jake Elmer finished nicely on the breakaway at 5:25 to level the game, followed by Brendan Harms taking advantage of a big rebound off a Ben O'Connor shot. Cameron Kielly finished neatly from the slot to put the Stars two ahead with 10:25 played. Scott Conway's first goal back for the Giants saw him sweep the puck into Richard Sabol's net 17 seconds into period two, but the Giants were back two behind when Cole MacDonald beat Tom McCollum from a tight angle. Jordan Kawaguchi started the Giants' comeback at 32:04 with a back-post tap-in after excellent skating from Kyle Osterberg, while Bobo Carpenter found the top corner of Sabol's net to tie the game with 4:07 left in the second. Belfast re-took the lead for the first time since the opening period thanks to Conway feeding JJ Piccinich 5:25 into period three. The scoring wasn't done there, though, with Dundee level again thanks to Harms' second of the game coming at 48:16. In the end, it was only fair that both sides took a point as the game headed into overtime. The Stars had a handful of chances to get themselves the extra point, but eventually It was Jordan Kawaguchi who broke the tie to earn the Giants the OT win.



EIHL ROUND UP - WEEK 2



Nottingham Panthers 4 Guildford Flames 3 Challenge Cup

(2-0, 1-2, 1-1) SOG 40-28 PIMs 4-8 Att 4238

Nottingham Panthers made it a perfect weekend to start the new season, following up a win in Manchester with a 4-3 victory over Guildford Flames at the Motorpoint Arena. The Panthers raced into a two-goal lead in the opening period, deservedly ending the first 20 minutes ahead. Captain Sam Herr put them ahead at 13:53, while Tim Doherty doubled the lead in close at 18:12. The Flames challenged the play for goaltender interference, but with camera angles inconclusive the call on the ice stood. Period two saw the Flames back in the game after they killed off the remaining 1:45 of Daniel Tedesco's slashing minor picked up at the end of the first period. Ryan Tait got the Flames on the board with only a few seconds before the end of a Quinn Wichers interference minor, while Daniel Catenacci took advantage of a turnover in the Panthers' end to tie things up shorthanded at 30:32. Having worked hard to tie the scores, the Flames were back behind inside the final minute of the period. Sam Herr put a loose puck home with 47 seconds left in the period to keep the Panthers ahead through 40 minutes. Hugo Roy's powerplay marker re-established the Panthers' two-goal cushion, and later proved to be the crucial game-winning goal. With Kupsky pulled, Matt Alvaro tipped a Travis Brown shot past Ryan Bednard to bring the Flames back to within one with 1:40 to play. The Flames again went to work on with six skaters and almost tied things on the final play of the game, over for a misplaced pass to trickle out of the zone and allow the Panthers to celebrate a hard-earned win.

Sunday 15th September

Coventry Blaze 4 Glasgow Clan 2 Elite League

(0-0, 2-0, 2-2) SOG 36-32 PIMs 17-16 Att 1758

Coventry Blaze opened their new era under Kevin Moore with a 4-2 win over Glasgow Clan in front of a healthy Skydome crowd. It looked like being a comfortable ride for the Blaze who were three up with 12 minutes to go, but had a nervy end before the empty-netter settled things. Period one ended goalless despite some powerplay chances for both sides, the Blaze probably just edging things on quality chances. Coventry were ahead at 27:11 on an off-man rush where Grayson Constable fed Michael Regush to beat Landon Bow high. An almost carbon copy of the same play saw the hosts double their lead, but this time shorthanded – Jackson Creesey the provider for Nick Seitz 1:47 later. Constable was denied by a sprawling Bow save before the period was out as the Blaze looked good value for their two-goal lead. A double-minor on Deven Sideroff for a high stick eventually led to the Blaze's third as Alessio Luciani patiently out-waited Bow before firing into his top corner to put Coventry three ahead with only 11:11 left to play. However, a Cole Ully breakaway got Clan on the board with 8:13 remaining before Luciani was ejected for spearing after a video review. Sideroff crashed a one-timer past Mat Robson to cut the deficit down to one goal with 126 seconds to go. Still on the man advantage, Clan again pulled Bow for the extra skater and fired shots on Robson, but they were undone by David Clements launching the puck into the empty net from his own goal line with 31 seconds left.

Guildford Flames 2 Cardiff Devils 6 Challenge Cup

(1-1, 1-4, 0-1) SOG 26-28 PIMs 40-46 Att 1636

Cardiff Devils couldn't have asked for a better weekend to open their season, picking up a full four points after Sunday's victory in Guildford followed up a win on Saturday night. The Welsh side did it the hard way after falling behind to a Matt Alvaro finish after just 21 seconds when he was left all alone in front of Bowns' net. That good start for the Flames was cancelled out through Brett Perlini's goal powerplay five minutes later to level things. Period two was where the Devils took over with three goals in under four minutes completely changing the complexion of the game. Zach O'Brien was given time in the slot to pick his spot past Eamon McAdam 1:57 into the second, followed by Evan Mosey finishing a 2-on-0 breakaway at 23:53. Joey Martin, who is on track to take the league's all-time scoring record for a non-homegrown player this season, moved another point closer to Jeff Legue's total with the Devils' fourth at 25:37. Lewis Hook neatly finished after picking up a Ryan Tait pass at 27:03, but Ryan Barrow struck back just over seven minutes later to keep the Devils three ahead heading into the final period. Ben Davies scored the only goal of a badtempered third that saw four majors called inside the final three minutes.

Department of Player Safety Outcomes

On Sunday night in Guildford, Devils defenseman #41 Josh Batch was deemed to have been the Aggressor in an altercation which resulted in multiple blows to an unwilling combatant. Effective immediately, Cardiff Devils #41 Josh Batch is fined and suspended for one game. Guildford Flames #7 Daniel Catenacci is fined.

	<u>Goalies</u>
50	Shane Owen
44	Brython Preece
	<u>Defencemen</u>
5	Noah Delmas
71	Madi Dikhanbek
7	Tyler Heidt
9	Brodie Kay
88	Daniel Krenželok
19	Patrick Kyte
3	Olivier LeBlanc 'C'
4	Fynn Page
	<u>Forwards</u>
86	Lucas Chiodo 'A'
78	Michael Cichy 'A'
41	Johnny Curran 'A'
91	Austin Farley
15	Artur Gatiyatov
62	Martin Látal
22	Phélix Martineau
29	Maxim Musorov
77	Drake Pilon 'A'
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Flyers									
Visitors									

Goalies 29 Landon Bow 44 Lucas Brine Defencemen 4 Simon Després 73 Joseph Hazeldine 27 Reece Kelly 74 Darien Kielb 55 Chris McKay 40 Archie Salisbury 49 Steven Seigo 53 Kian Shevlin 24 Matt Stief **Forwards** 88 Kyle Carruth 10 Liam Finlay 57 Alex Forbes 23 Gary Haden 13 Mitchell Heard 12 Keaton Jameson Robert Lachowicz 9 Tyson McLellan 94 Cade Neilson 28 Félix Paré 17 Michael Pelech 77 Nick Prkusic Rylan Schwartz 71 95 Deven Sideroff

Cole Ully

Man of the Match Flyers:

Man of the Match Visitors:

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. Glasgow made their first signing of the 2024/25 season when they announced in January the contract extension of Michael Pelech. Pelech joined the club from Atlanta Gladiators in the ECHL the previous summer and despite suffering injury, quickly became a fan favourite among the Purple Army. Another two players to be confirmed as returning before last season was done was defenseman Reece Kelly and forward Robert Lachowicz in March. Kelly returns a on a two-year deal after the 22-yearold had impressed in his first season at the club, playing regularly and developing under the mentorship of his older team-mates, particularly Cody Sol. Kelly arrived in the summer after a season split between a few appearances for Cardiff Devils and experience in the NIHL with Bristol Pitbulls. Lachowicz returns for a second season after the decorated GB international joined the team last summer from Guildford Flames and was been a key player for the Clan during the last campaign. Lachowicz has played 61 times for the Clan this season and has picked up 15 goals and 21 assists for 36 points during his time in Scotland so far. That tally is his best in a decade since his time with Nottingham Panthers and has a hatful of honours to his name, including a league title, seven Challenge Cups and a Continental Cup. As the season ended it was announced that the club would be parting company with Head Coach Jason Morgan as he moved to Ujpest Ice Hockey Team (UTE) and also following him to Hungary was assistant coach Jeff Battah who took up a new position at Fehérvár Hockey Academy 19. On April 14th the Clan announced Corey Neilson would be taking over the reigns as Head Coach and Director of Hockey Operations following his recent spell with Dresdner Eislöwen. The Great Britain assistant coach returns to the EIHL after spending recent years in mainland Europe predominately in Germany, Norway and Slovakia. The 47-year-old Canadian was excited for his new challenge stating "I'm very excited for this opportunity to be joining the Clan. I have fond memories of going into that building and feeling an incredible energy from the supporters.

Over the years we had some very good battles between the Clan and the Panthers, the job itself is certainly an opportunity I've been looking for over the past few years. After speaking with Clan's management team and some people in the hockey world I trust, this decision to come to Glasgow was easy for me." Neilson is well known for his success with Nottingham Panthers, with whom he played and coached between 2006 and 2018, taking the reins initially as a player-coach in 2008 then behind the bench from 2013 onwards. As a player and a coach, he won an Elite League title, seven Challenge Cups and five play-off crowns, completing a Grand Slam in 2013 plus an IIHF Continental Cup in 2017, the first British team to win a European competition. He also led Nottingham to the knockout stages of the Champions Hockey League in 2018 after successfully negotiating the Group Stage. Neilson has also served alongside another former Clan coach, Pete Russell as part of the coaching team for the Great Britain national team and has been part of the staff since 2014. Since leaving the Panthers in 2018, Neilson has taken his career into mainland Europe, working with DEL sides Lausitzer Füchse and Kassel Huskies as well as in Norway with Manglerud in Norway and HK Poprad from Slovakia. In November 2022, Neilson returned to the Panthers and helped them to the play-off weekend before heading back to Germany with Dresdner Eislowen. On March 23rd it was announced that Jake Bolton would retire again after he had come out of retirement to join the Clan midway through last season. Into May and the first of many new signings, Clan would make the most new additions to their roster of all teams over the summer. Netminder Lucas Brine was signed from the Dundee Stars on a two-year deal. The 21-year-old joins the Clan from Scottish rivals Dundee Stars, where he impressed in the latter end of the 2023/24 season as he filled in for the injured Kevin Carr. Looking forward to making the next step in his career he became the first new signing under head coach Corey Neilson. Brine joined the Stars last season and played in 20 games for the club, including both legs of their play-off quarter final against Cardiff Devils. His form saw him rewarded with a spot in Pete Russell's Great Britain team for the World Championships in Czechia in May, where he is working with the new Clan coach.

Prior to returning to the UK, Brine had played in the USPHL (United States Premier Hockey League) for Wisconsin Rapids Riverkings and Potomac Patriots, playing 21 games for both sides in 2022/23. Brine also spent much of his formative years in North America across a variety of teams before turning pro when he joined Dundee. Another Brit was added on May 6th when defenseman **Joseph Hazeldine** from the Nottingham Panthers also signed a two-year deal with the 23-year-old being reunited with his former coach. He revealed his association with Neilson has run for a long time throughout his career saying; "Corey got in touch with me when he knew he was going to Glasgow and said he would be interested in having me join him. He told me he was impressed with how I finished the season with Nottingham, plus I've worked with him before. He was the coach who gave me my first pro contract. I've known him a long time and worked with him in Germany during Covid as well as with the Panthers. I've even played alongside his son, Cade, who is one of my best friends". Hazeldine is a product of the junior setup in Nottingham and made his debut under coach Neilson during the 2017/18 season. He joined Manchester Storm for the Elite Series in 2021 and stayed with them for two more seasons before beginning last season in Hungary with Fehervar Hockey Academy where he scored one and assisted on another in 14 appearances. The first new non-homegrown player was netminder Landon Bow from Rytíři Kladno who was announced in the middle of May. The sixfoot-five left hander from St Albert, Alberta heads for the UK after three seasons in Czechia with Rytiri Kladno, and important experience in the NHL and AHL. Bow played 160 games in the WHL with Swift Current Broncos and Seattle Thunderbirds before being picked up by Texas Stars in the AHL in 2016. The 28-year-old played for a season with ECHL affiliate Idaho Steelheads before forging regular starts for Texas in the AHL, where 140 appearances yielded 64 wins. Bow made the massive step up to play for the Dallas Stars in the NHL on two occasions in the 2018-19 season, recording a .947 save %, before returning to the AHL for two more campaigns. From there, he moved to Czechia and Kladno in 2021, going on to play 120 times over three years until his move to the Elite League.

Clan head coach Corey Neilson welcomes his new netminder to the team and Bow's mindset is the kind of thing he's looking for in his roster. On May 17th it was announced that Charlie Combs who had a season impacted by injury would be leaving the club whilst homegrown forward Alex Forbes would be set to return for the 2024/25 season. The 27-year-old committed to a second season with the club after signing from Coventry Blaze in the summer of 2023. Forbes made 61 appearances in Clan colours, scoring three goals and making eight assists throughout the campaign. Prior to signing in Glasgow, Forbes made just under 300 appearances in all EIHL competitions from his time with Coventry Blaze and Milton Keynes Lightning. With injuries affecting the team last season, the Scot, who hails from Elgin, was called upon to fill in as a defenceman, a task he performed well when called upon. The month ended with news that goalie Antti Karjalainen would not be returning and the appointment of Mike Sirant as assistant coach for the 2024/25 season. The experienced coach, from Winnipeg, coached the GB Under 20's and former British Division One side Milton Keynes Kings in the early 90's. Sirant had been head coach of the University of Manitoba Bisons in Canada's USports League for over 30 years, leaving the role last year after serving since 1992. In fact, it won't be the first time he will experience Fife Ice Arena after taking charge of Bisons when they faced the Flyers in a pre-season game back in August 2018, a game his team won 2-1. Sirant also coached the Danish national team in two editions of the World Championships, in 2006 and 2007, where he led them through the opening group stage, but they were eliminated in the qualifying phase. He was also associate coach and assistant coach for Canada's Universiade team in 2015 and 2019 respectively and is currently working with Brisbane Lightning in the Australian Hockey League this summer. Another two new but familiar faces were added to the roster on June 4th . Firstly the signing of defenceman Chris McKay. The 28-year-old Edmonton native swapping Scottish teams, moving from Dundee Stars where he helped them reach the play-offs last year. McKay made 56 appearances for Dundee, scoring six goals in all competitions and added seven assists.

Prior to that, he made over 100 appearances in the ECHL with Toledo Walleye, Wichita Thunder and Florida Everblades, with whom he won a 2022 Kelly Cup title. He also spent four years in the NCAA with Rochester Institute of Tech between 2016 and 2020, where he earned the alternate captain letter in his final season. Also added was the blueline was experience former Nottingham Panther, Simon Després. The 32year-old had season with the Panthers and made 44 appearances last season, scoring twice and helping with a further 10 goals after joining Jonathan Paredes' men. Prior to that he played in Austria with Villacher, spent two years in Germany in the DEL with Eisbären, winning two league titles as well as spells in the SHL with Oskershamn, and in the KHL with Slovan Bratislava. The Canadian blue liner also played over 200 games in the NHL with the Pittsburgh Penguins, with whom he could call Sidney Crosby and Yevgeni Malkin team-mates, as well as icing for the Anaheim Ducks. Plus he made almost 150 appearances in the AHL with Pittsburgh's affiliate, Wilkes-Barre Scanton Penguins, reaching the Conference Finals in 2014. Six-foot-three Canadian forward Nick **Prkusic** was next to be announced a few days later. The left-handed forward making the move to the Elite League after spending last season in the ECHL with the Greenville Swamp Rabbits. 27year-old Prkusic made over 50 appearances with the Swamp Rabbits, scoring four and adding 15 assists in regular season and play-offs for the team. He previously played for four years with Robert Morris University in the NCAA, and he was the Captain for two of those seasons, before taking time out in 2022/23 as an assistant coach in the Alberta Junior League with Brooks Bandits. Last season was his first season back as a player, where he impressed with his overall contribution to the team, with his coach there - a familiar face to the Elite League - giving Clan head coach Corey Neilson a glowing reference. Neilson revealed: "Nick played for, and came highly recommended by Andrew Lord, his coach at Greenville Swamp Rabbits, and the former Elite League winning coach with Cardiff.

Darien Craighead to Aalborg Pirates and Gary Haden were both announced as not returning to the Clan on June 7th. For Haden his move to HK 32 Liptovsky Mikulas was just a temporary situation as we will find out later. Next up was another new face in six-foot-three Canadian defenceman Darien Kielb, the 25-year-old coming to Glasgow following a spell in Slovakia with Dukla Trencin, but primarily with experience in the AHL and the ECHL. Kielb, who hails from Hamilton, Ontario, made 16 appearances in regular season action and in the play-offs for Trencin, where he scored two goals and two assists after going there in January. He began last season in the ECHL with Fort Wayne Komets, scoring once and adding seven assists in 16 games before making a short move to Maine Mariners, picking up three points (one goal and two assists) in seven outings. Prior to that, Kielb had 41 AHL games under his belt, scoring four times with nine assists dressing for Bakersfield Condors and Laval Rocket. Forward Tyson McLellan was announced next making the move to the Elite League after four years in Germany where he enjoyed spells in the DEL and DEL2. McLellan comes to Glasgow from EV Landshut, where he has played in the last two seasons, helping them reach the play-offs on both occasions and scoring 86 points (23 goals and 63 assists) from 95 total appearances. Prior to that, he spent the 2021-22 season with Freiburg after beginning his German adventure with top flight side Nürnberg Ice Tigers, in a season curtailed by the COVID pandemic. Between 2015 and 2019, he played in the NCAA with the University of Denver before he made his move into pro hockey. In fact, the sport is very much in his blood, with father Todd serving as an NHL Head Coach in various teams throughout his career, and has been involved at the top level for almost two decades. Next to be announced as departing was Bryce Reddick and Phillipe Sanche who was joining Sterzing/Vipiteno and on June 18th Canadian forward Liam Finlay was added with the 27year-old making his move to the UK after spending the last two seasons in the ECHL with Allen Americans, where he helped them to the play-offs on both occasions. Prior to that, he was in Germany with EC Freiburg in DEL 2, where he played alongside recent Clan signing Tyson McLellan, with whom he will reunite.

He also has experience playing in Sweden, Slovakia and Finland after four years with the University of Denver, where he won a championship in 2017. On June 20th Canadian forward **Keaton Jameson** was announced with the 26-year-old coming to Europe for the first time after spending the last couple of seasons in the ECHL with the Norfolk Admirals and Utah Grizzlies. Jameson spent last season in Norfolk, where he played 75 times in both the regular season and in play-offs, scoring 14 times and adding 27 assists. He worked with former Clan alumni Joel Rumpel, the former goalie turned assistant coach, and played alongside exforward Mathieu Roy as they made it to the Division Final, losing to Adirondack Thunder in six games. Before that, he was at Utah Grizzlies, where he made a total of 77 appearances, with 16 goals and 27 assists. Prior to turning pro, he spent four years with the University of Manitoba Bisons between 2018 and 2022 with 76 games under his belt, and picking up 44 points (seven goals, 37 assists). His coach there was Mike Sirant who was able to provide a first-hand account of what Jameson will do for the team saying "Keats was my captain in Manitoba. He's a great person, a solid character and very much a team guy who is very coachable". Another departure saw Jordan Cownie head to the Milton Keynes Lightning as we moved into July with the signing of yet another player new to the Clan roster but not the Elite Ice Hockey League. 29year-old forward, Cole Ully, who plays on the left wing, will extend his career in the UK after signing from Elite League rivals the Cardiff Devils. Ully made the move north after a campaign with the Devils, where he helped them to a second place league finish, and a semi-final berth in the play-offs. He played 63 times for Pete Russell's side, including five appearances in the Continental Cup - he scored 20 goals and added 40 assists across all competitions. Prior to that, he had spells in Sweden with Vasterviks in 2022-23, and in Slovakia the season before that, where he featured for HKM Zvolen and HK Poprad, where he played 52 times, scoring 18 goals and 27 assists. This added to 217 games and 219 points in the ECHL - icing for the Idaho Steelheads, Utah Grizzlies and South Carolina Stingrays. His experience also extended into the AHL where he played over 100 times, primarily with Texas Stars

over a three-year period between 2014 and 2017. A couple of departures saw Cody Sol follow his old coach to UTE and Nate Kallen sign with the hoe Knight Monsters. The new faces kept on coming with experienced Canadian forward Mitchell Heard announced on July 11th. Heard is adding the UK to his list of hockey destinations in a career that has seen him play in North America, Germany and more recently, in Slovakia. The 32-year-old made the move from Dukla Michalovce in Slovakia, a team he helped to second place in the overall regular season standings, and the semi-finals in the play-offs. He played 50 times there, scoring 13 times with 20 assists in his campaign, where he was also the player with the most penalty minutes (136) in the league. Prior to that, he spent four years in the top league in Germany, featuring for Straubing Tigers (2018-2021) and Bietigheim Steelers (2021-2022), playing 113 games and picking up 63 points (21+42). Heard was the 41st pick in the 2012 NHL draft, chosen by Colorado. His experience includes over 200 AHL games for four different clubs, and 285 ECHL appearances where he registered 275 points. The six-foot-one forward was a top target for Clan head coach Corey Neilson. Young British prospect Kyle Carruth was signed on a two-way deal from Solway Sharks. The 17-year-old forward had impressed for the Dumfries side in the last couple of seasons in the NIHL, as well for Edinburgh Capitals in the SNL and Widnes Wild. Carruth played 31 games in the NIHL National League with Solway and a further 19 appearances for Widnes Wild in NIHL 1 during 2023-24. The season before, he supplemented 16 appearances for the Sharks with 18 outings with Edinburgh Capitals in the SNL, not to mention playing in the last two Under 18's World Championships with Great Britain. Matt Barry was another confirmed departure. Another two way deal was penned on July 18th with defenceman Archie Salisbury on a deal from NIHL National League side Milton Keynes Lightning. The 17-year-old is an exciting prospect who impressed during his maiden season with Tim Wallace's side. He made a total of 42 appearances in all competitions last season for them, including two in the play-offs and picking up five assists. Archie initially came through the youth set-up at Peterborough Phantoms and has also played in the last two Under 18 World Championships for Great Britain.

July 23rd and Steven Seigo was announced. An experienced Canadian defenceman, the six-foot blue liner made the move from Germany after spending the last two seasons with Kassel Huskies in DEL2. His resumé has also seen stays in North America, Sweden, Finland and Latvia as he gets ready to add the UK to that impressive travel log. Seigo helped Huskies top the regular season table in the last two years, reaching the play-off finals last year, but they fell at the last hurdle to Regensburg in six games. Over his time there, he played 113 games in regular and postseason games, scoring nine times and adding 39 assists for 48 points. Prior to that, he played 99 games in the SHL and Allsvenskan in Sweden with Mora IK over two spells, 66 times in the DEL with Ingolstadt and Straubing Tigers as well as 53 KHL games, picking up 19 points (4 + 15) with Dinamo Riga. Seigo can also count two trips into the Champions Hockey League with Finnish sides TPS and Lukko in his records too. The Canadian signings kept on coming with a day later Deven Sideroff announced. The 27-yearold moving to the Elite League after a season with Czechia side Rytíři Kladno where he made 53 appearances, scoring 10 goals and eight assists for 18 points. A centreman, who can also play on the right wing, before his season in Czechia, Sideroff made 57 appearances for HKM Zvolen in Slovakia, where he contributed with 16 goals and 23 assists in 2022/23, helping them to the play-off final. He also has recent experience in Sweden (Kristianstads IK) and Austria (HC Innsbruck), not to mention 87 AHL appearances with San Diego Gulls and 18 games in the ECHL with Tulsa Oilers. Sideroff was also drafted as a round three pick, number 84 overall in the 2015 NHL draft when he was snapped up by Anaheim Ducks. Rylan Schwartz was added to the new recruits on July 25th with the left-handed forward coming to the Elite League, ending an eight year stay in Germany where he played in the top two tiers. The 34-year-old signed from DEL 2 side Kassel Huskies, with whom he played 18 times last season after joining them from top flight side Löwen Frankfurt in January. He played alongside another Clan recruit Steven Seigo in Kassel as he took his DEL 2 appearances to 198, scoring 78 times and making 122 appearances, totalling 200 points. Schwartz's top flight experience saw him take in stays with Fischtown Pinguins, Nurnburg Ice Tigers and in Frankfurt, where he played a combined 222 games, netting 35 games and 54 assists.

In fact, Schwartz had previous experience of playing at Braehead Arena, when he scored the first goal for Fischtown in a 3-0 pre-season win for them over the Clan in August 2018. On top of that, he's played 128 games in the AHL and won an ECHL Kelly Cup with the Allen Americans in 2015. Dyson Stevenson also moved on with his coach last season to UTE and the final July signing was announced as Felix Pare, the 24year-old Canadian forward moving north of the border after spending the second half of last season with Clan's Elite League rivals Nottingham Panthers. Paré joined the Panthers from Wheeling Nailers in the ECHL back in January and made 29 appearances, where he scored four times and added five assists. He ended a two-and-a-half year spell with the Nailers, with whom he signed in 2021, where he played 131 regular season and play-off games and contributed a total of 37 points (12 goals and 25 assists). Before that, Paré spent just over four years in the QMJHL where he played with the Victoriaville Tigres and Cape Breton Eagles. August 1st saw another player join UTE when Stephen Desrocher moved on and on the same day netminder Daniel McGowan was announced on a two-way deal from Paisley Pirates. The Glasgow-born teenager made 12 appearances for the Pirates in the SNL last season after starting his season in North America with Atlantic Coast Academy's Under 18 AAA team.

He also made seven appearances with Lightning Pirates in the Under 19 which led to his chance in the SNL, impressing between the pipes. August 2nd saw the signing of Japanese international Yu Sato with the 22-year-old having spent a couple of seasons in the KHL and VHL in Russia. Just a week later and it was announced that Sato was unable to obtain a visa and therefor would not be joining the Clan but instead Great Britain internationalist Cade **Neilson** was signed on an initial short-term deal. The 21-year-old would join the Clan following GB's Olympic Qualifiers in Denmark, before heading to North America to take up a new opportunity. He has signed a deal that will see the Clan retain his UK rights for the next three years, which means if he returns to the UK it will be with the Clan. Neilson is, of course, the son of Clan head coach Corey and is eagerly anticipating the chance to play in the UK after playing for the University of Alaska-Fairbanks in the NCAA, where he spent the last couple of

years, making 49 appearances, scoring five times and assisting with a further 16. Prior to that, he played for three years with Aberdeen Wings in the NAHL and came up with 147 (47 goals and 100 points) in 159 appearances. More recently, he's featured in the Great Britain's men's side and has starred in the last three World Championship campaigns and the recent Olympic qualifiers for Cortina in 2026. Scottish defenceman Kian Shevlin who is Kirkcaldy born was signed on a two-way deal from the Solway Sharks. The 18-year-old had spent the last two seasons playing not only with the Sharks, but also with SNL side Edinburgh Capitals, with whom he won the play-offs last season. He played 24 times in the NIHL National League for the Dumfries side, while also featuring 22 times for the Caps, scoring a total of four goals and seven assists across both leagues. The six-footsix blueliner started out as a product of the Kirkcaldy youth system.

Following their opening weekend the Clan made another move to add American defenceman Matt Stief to their roster. The 28-year-old comes to Glasgow after two years with the Adirondack Thunder in the ECHL and is about to embark on his first overseas experience as a pro in hockey. Stief made nearly 150 appearances for Thunder, scoring eight goals plus 55 assists for 63 points in his two years there. Prior to that, he spent a season with Idaho Steelheads in his first pro season in 2021/22, racking up 18 assists in 54 games. He also played over 130 games in the NCAA with Buffalo-based Canisius College, notching 60 points (five goals and 55 assists) over a four-year period up to 2020. Steif had originally signed with Orlando Solar Bears for this season.







LEAGUE STATS

SEASON 2024/25

		***		Dindes		GAT	EG		808	
Total Games Played	3	2	1	4	4	4	4	4	2	0
Challenge Cup Games	3			4	3	2	3	3	2	
League Games		2	1		1	2	1	1		
Piggost Win	7-3	6-2	4-2	5-2	4-3		4-3	5-1	4-0	
Biggest Win	v Stars	v Flames	v Clan	v Clan	v Clan		v Storm	v Flames	v Storm	
Biggest Loss				3-7 v Giants	2-4 v Giants	2-5 v Clan	2-6 v Devils	0-4 v Panthers		
Longest Win Streak	3	2	1	1	1	0	1	1	2	
Longest Loss Streak	0	0	0	1	3	4	2	2	0	
Current Streak	3 Wins	2 Wins	1 Win	1 Win	3 Losses	4 Losses	2 Losses	1 Win	2 Wins	
Fastest Goal	01:26	05:18	27:11	05:25	09:04	05:28	00:21	00:45	13:53	
Shut Out For	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	
Shut Out Against	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	
Total Goals Scored scored by Forwards	17	8	3	12	13	7	8	13	8	0
Powerplay	1	2	1	2	3	3	2	4	3	
Even Strength	15	6	1	10	10	4	5	9	5	
Shorthanded	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	
Total Goals Scored										
scored by Defencemen	0	1	1	3	0	1	2	1	0	0
Powerplay	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Even Strength	0	1	0	3	0	1	2	1	0	
Shorthanded	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Total Goals Conceded scored to Forwards	8	3	2	16	15	14	16	12	3	0
Powerplay	2	0	1	2	2	4	6	3	1	
Even Strength	6	3	1	13	13	9	10	9	1	
Shorthanded	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	
Total Goals Conceded scored to Defencemen	2	0	0	1	0	2	2	2	0	0
Powerplay	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	2	0	0	_	0		2	2		
Even Strength		_		1	-	1			0	
Shorthanded	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	
Goals Scored Period 1	2	2	0	6	5	1	2	5	3	
Goals Scored Period 2	8	4	2	5	4	3	4	5	3	
Goals Scored Period 3	6	3	2	4	4	4	4	4	2	
Goals Scored OT/SO	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	
TOTAL Goals Scored	17	9	4	16	13	8	10	14	8	0
Goals Conceded Period 1	4	1	0	3	3	4	7	4	0	
Goals Conceded Period 2	3	2	0	8	5	5	8	5	2	
Goals Conceded Period 3	3	0	2	5	7	7	3	5	1	
Goals Conceded OT/SO	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	
TOTAL Goals Conceded	10	3	2	17	16	16	18	14	3	0
Shots For P1	31	22	15	51	43	50	41	33	27	
Shots For P2	52	29	11	42	41	41	39	36	22	
Shots For P3	40	14	10	43	43	64	32	39	18	
Shots For OT	2	0	0	7	2	0	0	0	0	
TOTAL Shots For	125	65	36	143	129	155	112	108	67	0
Shots Against P1	39	24	8	43	55	48	40	38	18	
Shots Against P2	28	19	9	49	57	56	40	36	19	
Shots Against P3	41	18	15	46	61	32	42	36	12	
Shots Against OT	3	0	0	4	4	0	0	0	0	



THREE NUMBER 14S BRENCIS, TURNBULL, TURON

After the serious injuries to Andy Linton and Cal Brown when wearing Flyers' number 14 jersey, it appeared that few players wanted to wear that number for some time until Danny McIntyre wore it during the Scottish National League era, perhaps disproving any thought of a jinx connected with that roster number. In the early part of Flyers' Elite Ice Hockey League journey the following three players wore the number 14 jersey in their brief Flyers careers. Firstly Aigers Brencis was one of Flyers' early signings in the team's inaugural season in the Elite League in 2011/12. A Latvian who had played most of his career in his home country and first faced Flyers as a member of Irish club the Latvian Hawks, who were based in Dundalk, in the Celtic League and had been manager and coach of Hawks.

Whilst at Hawks I recall Brencis as a decent skating player at a time where Flyers were generally a cut above the majority of their opposition. He wore number 14 on his Flyers debut on 03/09/11 against Dundee Stars in a challenge match and scored 1+1 in the return game at Dundee the following evening. In his first six competitive games for Flyers though, he was held pointless, changed his sweater number to No 97 and finally registered an assist in what was to be his final Flyers game at Edinburgh on 23/10/11, a 4-7 defeat.

It was plain to see that Brencis was not cut out for the Elite League standard of hockey despite his best efforts and was replaced by fellow Latvian Toms Hartmanis whose time at Flyers will be covered in a future article. The next No 14 was a late season signing in 2012/13, although Dan Ceman had also worn No 14 in season 11/12 before getting his preferred No 26. Joshua "Podge" Turnbull was the second import that season to arrive at the club after the start of the season, following the prolific Bobby Chaumont into the line-up. Podge made his way to Kirkcaldy having played four seasons at the University of Wisconsin in the NCAA.



He played about 30 games in the ECHL for three teams over two seasons and joined Flyers from Missouri Mavericks of the Central Hockey League.

He made his Flyers debut on an away double header on the weekend of 16-17/02/13, two losses, 0-3 at Sheffield and 3-5 at Nottingham where he scored his first Flyers goal and was named Man of the Match. The following weekend, he kept his point streak going in home games against Hull (1 assist) and Coventry (2 assists), being named MOM against Blaze in a 3-2 win.

As the season edged towards its end Turnbull netted two goals at Edinburgh in the last away game, netting the second and fourth goals in a hard worked 4-2 win. His Flyers career ended with a play-off quarter final defeat against Nottingham. Podge netted the game winning goal, his last for Flyers, in the first leg as Flyers stormed to a 4-0 lead after 26 minutes against the reigning league champions, before losing two powerplay goals in 2-1/2 minutes in the third period.



Bizarrely this game was halted with 68 seconds remaining due to a smashed piece of plexi glass which broke when Kris Hogg was checked into it and showered him with glass fragments. The FFP published a great picture of the glass falling onto Hogg. The last 68 seconds were tagged on to the start of the second leg at Nottingham the next night, a 0-3 defeat that ended Podge's short Flyers career.

In his 13 games for Flyers he scored 4+7 and I remember him as a hard worker in that fine Flyers squad. Following his brief stint at Kirkcaldy, he headed back to USA and signed for Flyers once more, this time the Pensacola Ice Flyers of the SPHL, where he scored at about the same points per game average as he did here.

The next No 14 is a defenceman, Czech junior internationalist David Turon, who before joining Flyers in 2016/17 season had played in North America, Slovakia, Germany, Italy, Poland and his home country and made his UK debut in 2015/16 with Dundee Stars where he played the "stay at home defenceman" role.

His Flyers' debut was against EC Peiting in a pre-season friendly on 27/08/16 and notched his first point against the same opposition the following night. His first competitive appearance in Flyers' colours was on 03/09/16 at home to Belfast Giants in the Challenge Cup where he scored the game winning goal in a 5-2 win in front of over 2500 fans and scored once more in the return fixture at Belfast on 10/09/16.



His Flyers' career ended after the weekend of 28-29/01/17, playing his last game as a Flyer in a 1-2 home defeat to Cardiff. His release was described in the FFP as a "cost cutting measure" as the team had two "extra" imports on the books. Turon finished the season in Poland, where he played until 2019/20. His last recorded playing season was in Czechia 4 for a few games in 2020/21.

David Turon was another of a long line of steady "no frills" defencemen in the Elite era, playing 36 games, scoring 6+8 including two powerplay goals and a short hander.

Since Turon, Sam Jones and Dillon Lawrence have both worn the number 14 to date.

ANDI RENSON





In the last edition of the programme we took a look at Rule 37 – Video Review and how the IIHF Rule is applied in the Elite Ice Hockey League. Closely connected to that rule is that of the Coaches Challenge (Rule 38). On the opening weekend of the season in a play that led to the Belfast Giants opening goal many fans questioned why an apparent offside play wasn't reviewed. The following hopefully clarifies that situation along with the others that may be witnessed throughout the season.

Again the full text of the IIHF rule is provided along with any annotations as per the EIHL Casebook.

RULE 38 COACH'S CHALLENGE

38.1. GENERAL

The Video Review mechanism triggered by the Coach's Challenge can only be utilized in "good goal / no goal" situations and is intended to be extremely narrow in scope. In all Coach's Challenge situations, the original call on the ice will be overturned if, and only if, a conclusive and irrefutable determination can be made on the basis of video evidence that the original call on the ice was clearly not correct. If a review is not conclusive and/or there is any doubt whatsoever as to whether the call on the ice was correct, the original call on the ice will be confirmed.

38.2. SITUATIONS SUBJECT TO COACH'S CHALLENGE

A Team may only request a Coach's Challenge to review the following scenarios:

(I) "Off-side"- Play Leading to a Goal

A play that results in a "goal" call on the ice where the defending Team claims that the play should have been stopped by reason of an "Off-side" infraction by the attacking Team.

EIHL Casebook annotation - "Offside" - Play Leading to a Goal

EIHL- Not implemented during the 24/25 EIHL Season

Note EIHL Hockey Operations may implement this for specific EIHL games (I.e. POFW) notified to the teams in advance

(II) Missed Game Stoppage Event in the Attacking Zone Leading to a Goal

A play that results in a "goal" call on the ice where the defending Team claims that the play should have been stopped by reason of any play occurring in the Attacking Zone that should have resulted in a play stoppage caused by the attacking Team but did not. The one exception to this provision is when the puck is played out from the playing area by either team and goes unnoticed by the on-ice officials;

EIHL Casebook annotation - Missed game stoppage event in the attacking zone leading to a goal EIHL- Not implemented during the 24/25 EIHL Season

Note: EIHL Hockey Operations may implement this for specific EIHL games (I.e. POFW) notified to the teams in advance

- (III) Scoring Plays Involving Potential "Interference on the Goalkeeper" Either:
- (1) A play that results in a "goal" call on the ice where the defending Team claims that the goal should have been disallowed due to "Interference on the Goalkeeper" → Rule 69 Interference on the Goalkeeper; or
- (2) A play that results in a "no goal" call on the ice despite the puck having entered the net, where the Onice Officials have determined that the attacking Team was guilty of "Interference on the Goalkeeper" but where the attacking





Team claims:

- · There was no actual contact of any kind initiated by an attacking Player with the Goalkeeper;
- The attacking Player was pushed, shoved or fouled by a defending Player which caused the attacking Player to come into contact with the Goalkeeper; or
- The attacking Player's positioning within the Goal Crease did not impair the Goalkeeper's ability to defend their goal and, in fact, had no discernable impact on the play.

EIHL Casebook annotation - Scoring Plays Involving Potential "Interference on the Goalkeeper" EIHL- Dependent on video angles available

38.3 PROCESS FOR INITIATING A COACH'S CHALLENGE

All Coach's Challenges must be initiated by notice verbally communicated to a Referee prior to the Center ice "face-off" following a "goal" or, in the case of a "no goal" call by reason of "Interference on the Goalkeeper," prior to the resumption of play.

Teams may not unduly delay the resumption of play while evaluating whether or not to initiate a Coach's Challenge. Any such delayor delay tactics may result in the denial of a right to Challenge and, at the discretion of the Referee, may also result in a Bench Minor

Penalty for "Delaying the Game".

In order to expedite the review process, Coaches initiating a Coach's Challenge are required to provide to the Referee, with reasonable specificity, both the reason for their Coach's Challenge (i.e., the actual infraction that is being claimed) and the approximate time on the clock when the purported infraction transpired. Failure to provide this information with reasonable specificity may result in the denial of a right to a Coach's Challenge.

Only one Coach's Challenge per Team per stoppage will be permitted.

38.4. PROCESS FOR REVIEWING A COACH'S CHALLENGE

The IIHF Technology Department in cooperation with the Organizer will make available in all arenas suitable technology (for example, a handheld tablet or a television or computer monitor) that will allow the On-ice Officials, in conjunction with the Video Review Consultant, to review video replays of the play giving rise to the Coach's Challenge.

To the extent practical and possible, the replays made available to the On-ice Officials will be the same replays that are being utilized by the Video Review Consultant.

Once a Coach's Challenge has been initiated, the Video Review Consultant will immediately establish contact with the On-ice Official(s) responsible for the call (or non-call) on the ice via the headset and will inquire and discuss with the On-ice Official(s), prior to the On-ice Official reviewing any video, the following:

- (I) the On-ice Official's "final call on the ice"; and
- (II) what the On-ice Official(s) observed on the play.

The Video Review Consultant will be involved both in communicating with the On-ice Officials via the headset and with providing input to the On-ice Officials (Referees and Linespersons). The On-ice Officials are responsible for making the "final" decision.

The "on-ice call" will then be reviewed simultaneously by the appropriate On-ice Official(s) at ice level and by the Video Review Consultant using any and all replays at their disposal.

After their joint review and consultation, the On-ice Officials (Referees or Linespersons) will render the decision on whether to uphold or overturn the original "call on the ice".

Once a decision is made, the Referee will inform the Penalty Timekeeper/Public Address Announcer and will make the announcement on the ice.

EIHL Casebook annotation - 38.4 Process for reviewing a coach's challenge

EIHL Hockey operations will confirm with all teams and officials the process for reviewing the coaches' challenge situations. Note these may vary from arena to arena, however the technology and camera angles used will be consistent for both teams within the same venue.





38.5. RIGHT TO INITIATE A COACH'S CHALLENGE

Teams may initiate a Coach's Challenge on appropriate plays at any time during the game.

EIHL Casebook annotation - 38.5 Rights to initiate a Coach's Challenge Coaches may initiate a challenge at any time throughout the game Regulation time or at any time during overtime

38.6. RESULTS OF A SUCCESSFUL COACH'S CHALLENGE

In cases where a Challenge has been initiated for an "Off-side-Play Leading to a Goal" or a "Missed Game Stoppage Event in the Offensive Zone Leading to a Goal", and a determination is made that the GOAL call on the ice should be overturned, the goal will be disallowed and the clock will be re-set to the time at which the play should have been stopped for the missed infraction. In such cases, a "face-off" will ensue in the ice location where it would have otherwise occurred had the on-ice infraction been called properly. If one or more penalties (Minor or Major) are assessed between the time of the missed infraction and the Video Review that disallows the apparent goal, the offending Team(s) (and responsible Player(s)) will still be required to serve the penalty(ies) identified and assessed, and the time of the penalty(ies) will be recorded as the time at which the play should have been stopped for the missed infraction. In cases where a Challenge has been initiated for a "goal" call on the ice where the defending Team claims that the goal should have been disallowed due to the "Interference on the Goalkeeper," as described in Rules 69 – Interference on the Goalkeeper, and a determination is made that the "call on the ice" should be overturned, the goal will be disallowed, and a "face-off" will ensue in the nearest Neutral Zone Face-off Spot outside the Attacking Zone.

The Video Review process on these plays will be utilized exclusively for purposes of overturning a "goal" call on the ice – it will not be utilized for any other purpose, including, specifically, for assessing Minor or Major Penalties for Goalkeeper Interference.

In cases where a Challenge has been initiated for a "no goal" call on the ice despite the puck having entered the net, where the On-ice Officials have determined that the attacking Team was guilty of "Interference on the Goalkeeper," and a determination is made that the "call on the ice" should be overturned, the goal will be allowed an a "face-off" will ensue at Center ice.

If a penalty for "Interference on a Goalkeeper" was indicated and based on the Video Review, no such action was committed by the attacking Player, no penalty shall be assessed for such an infraction. All other penalties not related to "Interference on a Goalkeeper" should be assessed and served in a normal manner. On the other hand, penalties not indicated cannot be assessed due to the Video Review.

38.7. RESULTS OF AN UNSUCCESSFUL COACH'S CHALLENGE

If a Team initiates a Coach's Challenge for any of the enumerated scenarios in Rule 38.2 above and such Challenge does not result in the "final call on the ice" being overturned, the Team exercising such Challenge shall be assessed a Bench Minor Penalty (2 minutes) for Delaying the Game. If a Team that has already initiated one or more Coach's Challenges that were unsuccessful, initiates a Coach's Challenge for any of the enumerated scenarios in Rule 38.2 above and such Challenge does not result in the original call on the ice being overturned, the Team exercising such a Coach's Challenge shall be assessed a Double-Bench Minor Penalty (4 minutes) for Delaying the Game.

Note: If a situation cannot be reviewed by the on-ice officials due to a technical error (e.g. a "black screen"), the "final call on the ice" will stand. In this case, the Coach's Challenge will be considered "unsuccessful" but no Bench Minor Penalty will be assessed on the team that initiated the challenge





38.8. APPLICABLE STANDARDS FOR "OFF-SIDE" CHALLENGE

The standard for overturning the call in the event of a "goal" call on the ice is that the On-ice Officials (Linespersons), after reviewing any and all available replays and consulting with the Video Review Consultant, determine that one or more Players on the attacking Team preceded the puck into the Attacking Zone prior to the goal being scored and that, as a result, the play should have been stopped for an "Off-side" infraction; where this standard is met, the goal will be disallowed. Goals will only be subject to review for a potential "Off-side" infraction if the puck does not come out of the Attacking Zone again between the time of the "Off-side" infraction and the time the goal is scored.

38.9. APPLICABLE STANDARDS FOR "MISSED GAME STOPPAGE EVENT IN THE ATTACKING ZONE" CHALLENGE

The standard for overturning the call in the event of a "goal" call on the ice is that the On-ice Officials (Referees), after reviewing any and all available replays and consulting with the Video Review Consultant determine that the play should have been stopped for an event caused by the attacking team, but was not at some point after the puck entered the Attacking Zone but prior to the goal being scored; where this standard is met, the goal will be disallowed. Potential infractions that would require a play stoppage in the Attacking Zone by the attacking team, includes but may not be limited to: Rule 79 – Hand Pass; Rule 80 – High-sticking the Puck; and Rule 85 – Puck Out of Bounds. Such infractions will only serve as a basis for overturning a "goal" call on the ice if Video Review can conclusively establish that a game stoppage event had occurred in the Attacking Zone and was missed by the On-ice Official(s). Where the infraction at issue was a missed penalty call subject to the judgment or discretion of the On-ice Official(s), such infraction cannot result in the "goal" call on the ice being overturned, even if upon review, the On-ice Official(s) would have made a different call. Goals will only be reviewed for a potential "Missed Game Stoppage Event in the Attacking Zone" if the puck does not come out of the Attacking Zone again between the time of the "Missed Game Stoppage Event in the Attacking Zone" and the time the goal is scored.

38.10. APPLICABLE STANDARDS FOR POTENTIAL "INTERFERENCE ON THE GOALKEEPER" CHALLENGE

The standard for overturning the call in the event of a "goal" call on the ice is that the On-ice Officials (Referees), after reviewing any and all replays and consulting with the Video Review Consultant, determine that the goal should have been disallowed due to "Interference on the Goalkeeper," as described in Rule 69 – Interference on the Goalkeeper; where this standard is met, the goal will be disallowed.

The standard for overturning the call in the event of a "no goal" call on the ice is that the On-ice Officials (Referees), after reviewing any and all replays and consulting with the Video Review Consultant, determine that the goal on the ice should have been allowed because either:

- (I) There was no actual contact of any kind initiated by the attacking Player with the Goalkeeper; or
- (II) The attacking Player was pushed, shoved or fouled by the defending Player causing the attacking Player to come into contact with the Goalkeeper; or
- (III) The attacking Player's positioning within the Goal Crease did not impair the Goalkeeper's ability to defend their goal and, in fact, had no discernable impact on the play; where this standard is met, the goal will be allowed.

HOCKEY VIEWS FROM SECTION 'C' AND BEYOND

Darrian Wilson

Hello everyone and welcome to the latest instalment of who got upset this week? Well, we'd be surprised if pretty much everyone didn't at some point as it happens so let's not dwell on that.

Biggest surprise of the weekend was Evan Mosey getting a Gordie Howe hat trick of a goal, assist and a fight as Devils took Flames by the scruff of the neck and spanked them. Mosey known more for his quiet and smooth style of play looked like he had no chance but to block some punches with his face. Given his known fragility we thank goodness he didn't receive a season ending dislocated eye brow or something of the like.

Devils, Storm and Blaze got the league wins on the weekend whilst Challenge Cup wins went the way of Panthers (twice), Giants, Stars and Devils. Flyers picked up a Challenge Cup point on the road in Dundee and all road points are vital, as long as you win your home games.

In our Challenge Cup Group it's no surprise that Giants have taken a lead with the full six points from three games. It hasn't been easy for them despite the early scudding of Stars the game against Flyers was tipped in their balance and Stars rocked into Belfast and nicked a point with Belfast needing overtime to secure the two points.

It would be rude not to mention Steelers' success in the Champions Hockey League but since they've been on social media demanding the recognition from their EIHL compatriots I am quite happy to be rude. Seems like you really cannot buy class after all but I think it only reinforces what we already know. One fan, with no hint of irony, stated that we should all be grateful for what their success means to the league. If only Steelers had cared about the league back in the day then they wouldn't have fractured the UK hockey set up to meet their own ends and we'd still have a joined up set up from top to bottom. Perhaps that fan isn't aware of the history of how the former national set up collapsed and the catalyst for it.

For our own weekend, by all accounts I was quite fortunate to have been in The Elbow Room instead of the Auld Barn last Saturday as what a rollercoaster that match seemed. I'm also guessing that as Tom was 'upset' by the performance I likely would have been a bit grumpy myself. Who'd have had Loren Ulett to score four in one game though?

With Dundee taking Giants to the brink on Saturday I was happy to see a closer score between ourselves and Stars with the additional point going the way to Stars thanks to the shoot out lottery. That point kept Flyers at a point per game, 50/50 hockey, however you like to look at it and still within the running in the group. Giants look like they could be taken with a sharpening up of our back end and our forwards being a little more clinical.

Chances to right the wrongs of last weekend come at us thick and fast like seagull poo off the top of a lamppost and Flyers face a trip to Wales on Saturday against an unbeaten Devils side. Okay, they've only played two games and one was against current superglued to the starting blocks Clan but Devils do look like a tasty side this season and I am sure will be desperate to get back to trophy winning ways. Against Flames they also proved they are more than capable of throwing their mitts around too.

Sunday evening, almost still afternoon, we can expect an invasion from the West Coast as the home match starved Clan come to visit. This will be their only game of the weekend after being unable to supply home ice on the Saturday due to infrastructure delays which will see Braehead Arena being kitted out with a temporary ice plant with their new one not available until mid season.

Clan should smell their first points in the air after Flyers complete a three day dragon ride to the Diff and back whilst the Purple yins should be fresher than Maw Broon's washing. Flyers will have to be at their best from the first face off and expend every ounce of energy if they are going to keep Grumpy Neilson's jacket on a shaky peg.

All in all it feels like we've never been away!

Enjoy the weekend hockey fans and get behind your team.

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FLYERS MOM LUCAS CHIODO



SHIRT OF THE BACK DRAKE PILON

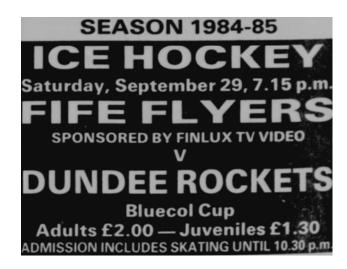


WEMBLEY WIZARDS SEASON 1984/85

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.

Kirkcaldy Ice Rink will be no place for the faint-hearted tomorrow night with Fife Flyers set for a headon clash with British champions Dundee Rockets. The match could go a long way to deciding who will be Scotland's representatives in the final of the Bluecol Cup but ii will also provide a useful yardstick as to how Flyers are shaping up for their assault on the Heineken British Premier League. Both teams are unbeaten this season and have been scoring freely so it should be goals all the way tomorrow night with the winners making themselves favourites for the Bluecol Cup Final at Streatham on December 1. Rockets top the section with full points from three matches and 43 goals scored while Flyers have netted 26 times in winning both of their games. Flyers player-coach Ronnie Plumb went to Glasgow on Sunday along with Dave Stoyanovich to watch Rockets defeat Dynamos 17-2 but did not learn a great deal. "It was an easy game for Dundee and they did not have to work very hard, so it was difficult to see what they can really do", said Plumb. Flyers are really buzzing in anticipation of the visit of Rockets and the coach commented, "It will be a real test for us and should give us an indication of how well we are going to do this season. From what I can gather Dundee is a good ice hockey club and it will be an interesting match". Plumb feels that he and his two fellow Canadians, Stoyanovich and Danny Brown are settling down to the different style of ice hockey played in this country. "It has taken a little time for us to adjust but we are now beginning to realise what we can do on the ice", he said. Tomorrow's match is the first of six matches between Flyers and Rocket with a crowd of approaching 3000 expected to provide an electric atmosphere. Flyers defeated the Dundee side only once in six attempts last season but the Fife fans fully expect their side to establish themselves as Scotland's current best. While not a make or break situation, victory for Flyers would put them in the driving seat in the Bluecol Cup and the match cannot come quickly enough for them. Flyers will be looking to Dave Stoyanovich - 10 goals in two games - to give them an early psychological advantage over Rockets. Stene Kirk missed Saturday's game against Glasgow but this was merely a precautionary measure following an injury the previous week and Flyers will have a full squad to pick from. Fans are advised to come early tomorrow in view of the large crowd expected, with the face-off as usual at 7.15pm

BLUECOL CUP SCOTTISH SECTION									
	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts		
Dundee	3	3	0	0	43	16	6		
Fife Flyers	2	2	0	0	26	7	4		
Ayr Bruins	3	1	2	0	18	33	2		
Murrayfield							0		
Glasgow	2	0	2	0	4	31	0		





WEMBLEY WIZARDS SEASON 1984/85

29/09/1984 Fife Flyers v Dundee Rockets - Autumn Cup

Fife Flyers served notice that they will be a force to be reckoned with this season by defeating British champions Dundee Rockets in a pulsating match at Kirkcaldy Ice Rink on Saturday night. What a superb advertisement for ice hockey this game was. Trailing 7-3 late in the second period, Flyers brought Rockets to their knees with a display which sent their vociferous fans wild with delight. Flyers came roaring back, however, to shatter the visitors with a brilliant display in the final period. More than 2600 fans created a tremendous atmosphere in the Rink, and they saw Gordon Goodsir give Flyers the lead in less than two minutes. Once again, it was the Canadian double act of Dave Stoyanovich and Danny Brown who did the damage for the Kirkcaldy side, scoring seven goals between them. With the home side under penalty, however, goals by Bois and Halpin within the space of 30 seconds put Rockets 2-1 in front. The Dundee side then had two goals disallowed, before Dave Stoyanovich brought Flyers level at 2-2. While there is still a long way to go and it is important not to get carried away on the strength of results so far, Flyers' fans are convinced that Ronnie Plumb's men are going places — with the Bluecol Cup final at Streatham on December 1 the first stop on the glory trail. A brilliant solo goal by Danny Brown gave the home team a 3-2 lead after 15 minutes, but Charlie Kinmond equalised with his first touch after penalty to end the period scoring. Yet for long spells on Saturday, it looked as if Flyers had bitten off more than they could chew. Fortunate to be on level terms at the first interval, the Fifers lost four quick goals after the restart as Rockets dictated proceedings. Rockets caught Flyers cold at the start of the second period with Bois and Halpin striking within 30 seconds. When Guilcher capitalised on a mistake by Andy Donald three minutes later, and then Wood fired home a seventh goal, it looked black for the home side. But with less than a minute of the period remaining, Stoyanovich shot the puck through the netminder's legs,

and 10 seconds later Brown made it 7-5 to set up a thrilling climax. Rockets' lead was pegged back to one when Murray McLellan scored two minutes into the final period, and the home fans went crazy four minutes later when Stoyanovich deflected a Plumb. effort into the net. With the match balanced on a knifeedge, both sides missed chances, but just five minutes from time, Stoyanovich was given rare freedom to pick his spot behind the netminder to put Flyers ahead. It looked all over when Brown snapped up the rebound from a Plumb shot, but the drama continued when Wood pulled one back with still 90 seconds remaining. However, just 10 seconds later, Neil Abel fired home the goal of the night with a slapshot from the blue line to end Dundee's hopes of snatching a draw.



Flyers' deadly duo Dave Stoyanovich and Danny Brown in full cry against Dundee



KIRKCALDY ICE HOCKEY CLUB



Fife Phantoms kicked off their Scottish National League Under 14 campaign with a comfortable victory over Solway Sharks in Dumfries.

The team produced a professional performance, sharing ice time across the board as they looked to find their feet after the first few weeks of training.

Ryan Venters, Harry Hudson and Jackson O'Neil led the scoring, while young netminders Jenson Reid and Matthew McGroarty shared the netminding duties.

Artur Meizitis picked up the MVP Award.

Fife Flames were also victorious against the Sharks U16 team, with MVP Caiden Forbes and Cole Wallace topping the scoring during a hugely impressive display.

Kirkcaldy Kestrels are still waiting for their first win of the season at senior level after slipping to a narrow 4-3 home defeat against Edinburgh Capitals.

The Capitals took the lead three times during the first two periods but were pegged back on each occasion by the Kestrels.

George Pitcaithly (2) and Graeme Chalmers-Allan got the goals for the home side to set up a tense final period at Fife Ice Arena.

However, the Kestrels' hopes of success were scuppered in the 42nd minute as James Isaacs netted the game-winning goal for the Capitals.

The Kestrels created a handful of chances during the rest of the contest but were unable to find a way past netminder Craig Chalmers.

Kirkcaldy junior CJ Giannandrea picked up the MVP Award.

Steven Wishart's side are back in action against Paisley Pirates at Murrayfield Ice Rink (5.45 pm) on Sunday.

Derek Young Photograph



TABLES & FIXTURES SEASON 2024/25

ELITE LEAGUE

	GP	PTS	W	otw	L	OTL/SOL	GF	GΑ	PTS %
Cardiff Devils	1	2	1	0	0	0	3	1	1
Coventry Blaze	1	2	1	0	0	0	4	2	1
Manchester Storm	1	2	1	0	0	0	6	5	1
Belfast Giants	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dundee Stars	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Guildford Flames	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
Fife Flyers	1	0	0	0	1	0	5	6	0
Glasgow Clan	2	0	0	0	2	0	3	7	0

As at 16th September 2024

CHALLENGE CUP GROUP B

	GP	PTS	W	otw	L	OTL/SOL	GF	GΑ	PTS %	
Belfast Giants	3	6	2	1	0	0	17	10	1	
Dundee Stars	4	5	1	1	1	1	16	17	0.63	
Fife Flyers	3	3	1	0	1	1	8	10	0.5	
Glasgow Clan	2	0	0	0	2	0	5	9	0	

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WHAT'S ON TAP THIS WEEKEND

Game ID			Home	Away	Face Off
CC12	Fri	20-Sep-2024	Manchester Storm	Cardiff Devils	19:30
4	Sat	21-Sep-2024	Cardiff Devils	Fife Flyers	19:00
5	Sat	21-Sep-2024	Dundee Stars	Manchester Storm	19:00
CC14	Sat	21-Sep-2024	Nottingham Panthers	Coventry Blaze	19:00
CC15	Sat	21-Sep-2024	Sheffield Steelers	Guildford Flames	19:00
CC16	Sun	22-Sep-2024	Dundee Stars	Belfast Giants	17:00
CC17	Sun	22-Sep-2024	Fife Flyers	Glasgow Clan	17:15
CC18	Sun	22-Sep-2024	Coventry Blaze	Sheffield Steelers	17:30
CC19	Sun	22-Sep-2024	Guildford Flames	Nottingham Panthers	18:00

FLYERS SCHEDULE 2024/25

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





















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