



THE FLYER



VS



SATURDAY 5TH OCTOBER 2024
ELITE LEAGUE



COOLEN'S COMMENTS

Last Saturday's win was an important one for us, we had lost a few games in a row and I knew we were better than that and so we wanted to put it all together and we kinda did that against the Stars. It wasn't the best first period but still adequate, we had a couple of defensive turnovers before things settled down but I thought we got better as the game went on and there were areas of our game that I really liked. I thought overall our defence played well, they moved the puck out cleanly and we were quicker in transition which meant that we didn't give up a lot of zone time and it gave us more energy at the other end of the ice. That is what I had envisaged from this whole group, putting pucks on sticks, skating and defensively as a team we had been working on things in practice and I didn't think we gave up too much. It was good to see what we had been concentrating on come to fruition and these guys care, they weren't happy with how things had gone but that's hockey and life, it can never

always be perfect. On Sunday down in Guildford for two and a half periods it was a good close hockey game and we certainly didn't have anything to hang our heads about. Looking back we did take a few bad penalties and we didn't capitalize on our powerplay opportunities but other than that 5 on 5 we did a good job. Overall I saw the weekend as a positive for our team which we need to carry forward into this weekend.

We made a roster move this week with the introduction of netminder Janis Voris. When you look at the rosters of every team they have two netminders who are ready to go every night. The travel schedule really dictates that and so to have another quality goalie ready to jump in and who can win us games will be huge, that's basically how I looked at things. It's not feasible for a number one goalie to play 65 games so it was an important move for us and allows us some options. We just have to clear up some paperwork and hopefully Janis will be with us next week when we may potentially see him play.





We expect Johnny Curran to miss this weekend but welcome back Brodie Kay and the first appearance of Martin Latal that should provide us with a lift. Looking at this weekend and concentrating as I do on our first opponents, Manchester have of course already beaten us in here and they have surprised a lot of teams so far this season and have a good road record. Every team on every night can win, that's the way this league is. We are in no position to not respect every team that comes into our building. What we have to do is be ready to give our best every time we step on the ice. It's a good situation to be in as there are no nights off with any team in this league. Take a night off and you don't win.

We have league points on the line this weekend but I see every game as being important for many different reasons.

We just want to present our best and take whatever comes with that.

Tom

MATCH REPORT

Saturday 28th September 2024				4		1	Challenge Cup	
Period Scores 0-1, 3-0, 1-0								
Line up	Shane Owen	Starter	Noah Delmas	✓	Artur Gatiyatov	✓	Martin Látal	✗
	Cameron Kenny	BackUp	Madi Dikhanbek	✗	Lucas Chiodo	✓	Phélix Martineau	✓
			Tyler Heidt	✓	Michael Cichy	✓	Maxim Musorov	✓
			Brodie Kay	✗	Johnny Curran	✓	Drake Pilon	✓
			Daniel Krenželok	✓	Austin Farley	✓	Nikolai Shulga	✓
			Patrick Kyte	✓	Fynn Page	✓		
			Olivier LeBlanc	✓				
	Halas	Refs	Brown		Connor	Lines men	Gibson	

Fife Flyers were looking to snap a five game losing skid as they entertained the Dundee Stars in the second of four clashes in the Challenge Cup between the teams. Flyers were still without the injured Martin Látal and he was joined on the sidelines by Brodie Kay after a hit in the game last Sunday. James Spence had been announced earlier in the day as returning to the Kestrels and also scratched were Brython Preece and Madi Dikhanbek. The Stars were at full strength.

90 seconds into the game and the first penalty of the contest went against the Stars as Kris Inglis was called for tripping. Johnny Curran from the resultant face off got a shot on Richard Sabol but the Stars killed the rest of the penalty with relative ease with the Flyers struggling to get set up in the zone. Shane Owen made his first stop in the 4th minute when he caught a rising shot with his chest from Brendan Harms who was positioned at the circles. Ben O'Connor was wide open in the 5th minute but Owen sprawled on the top of his crease to get a piece of the puck and keep it out. Moments later Kyle Pouncy saw his shot clip the post. Sabol produced a ten bell save in the 7th minute following a Phelix Martineau tip from close range that somehow the keeper stretched to keep out of the net. Almost immediately Dundee had the lead as Zach Tsekos deked his way around a Flyers defenceman and neatly beat Owen five hole to open the scoring. Daniel Krenželok threw his body in front of the puck to block a shot in the 9th minute as Dundee continued to press. Sabol was called into action in the 11th minute when he made a save with his arm from Michael Cichy. Straight back came the Stars as Owen stopped Alexander Tonge's one timer as he slid across his goal crease. Jake Elmer entered the Flyers zone and caused panic with Owen eventually covering up the puck with Jonathan McBean poised on the edge of his blue paint. Keanu Yamamoto was shut down by the Fife netminder in the 12th minute as he tried to go short side post and in the 16th minute Owen made a glove save to stop Brett Gravelle. Drake Pilon tested Sabol with the Stars netminder coming up with another huge save in the 18th minute denying Lucas Chiodo who was slipped in neatly by Cichy on a 3 on 2 break for the Flyers. In the 19th minute Olivier LeBlanc and Gravelle were called for coincidental roughing minors and Owen had to be alert again to deny Harms who tried to capitalize on a Flyers turnover. With 30 seconds in the period remaining Pilon clanged iron with a heavy shot.

PERIOD 2

Elmer had the first shot of the second period which was gloved by Owen in the 21st minute. At the other end a minute later Sabol also flashed the leather as he was out on top of his crease to deny Nikolai Shulga. Tyler Heidt in the 24th minute found himself up on the rush and he went down the slot but Sabol was again aggressively out to challenge his shot and make the stop. The Flyers did however level the game moments later when a low shot by Krenželok from just inside the blueline flew into the bottom corner with Sabol failing to track it.

MATCH REPORT

Elmer struck the outside frame of the Flyers net in the 28th minute but it was the Flyers who continued to look the more dangerous side. Martineau broke in on Sabol and tried to go five hole with the goalie just getting enough of the puck to stop it from sliding into the net. In the 30th minute however he was beaten again by Krenželok who was wide open on the left wing as he joined the rush and after Curran stripped the puck at the blueline and fed him the puck the defenceman sniped it stick side on the Stars netminder to give the Flyers the lead. A rebound from Owen in the 32nd minute was put just wide by Alex Tonge and Krenželok looking for the hattie had a huge blast swallowed by Sabol's chest. The Dundee keeper then showed great athleticism to firstly deny Shulga then Artur Gatiyatov who were in and around his net. The Flyers increased their lead in the 34th minute when Martineau went down the right wing and he put the puck on the stick of Pilon at the far side whose one time shot just squeezed into the net off Sabol. Dundee called their time out to try to break the Flyers momentum. A minute later and the Flyers went on the power play as Craig Moore got the gate for tripping but the home side didn't manage to create any clear chances with their man advantage. The final chance of a period dominated by the Flyers fell to the visitors but Own shut the door on Xavier Pouliot's effort.

PERIOD 3

Into the third period and Sabol made another save just 20 seconds in from Martineau whilst in the next shift he was happy to hear the clank of iron as LeBlanc's shot was deflected onto a post. Martineau did however get his name on the scoresheet in the 48th minute when he got a tip in the high slot on a pass that went into the net glove side on Sabol who appeared slow to react. The Flyers lost Curran to the room at this point after an earlier hit. Sabol was again in action in the 52nd minute when he held onto a deflected puck with Pilon in his kitchen sniffing out a rebound. Owen wasn't a spectator and he had to look sharp to stop Kameron Kielly and he followed that up with a blocker save just before Pilon was called for a high stick. Kielly had the Stars only chance of their powerplay but Owen matched him to retain the three goal cushion. The Flyers saw out the final couple of minutes of the game comfortably to secure the win.

Flyers Stats					Stars Stats				
Shots For	Scorer	Assist	Assist	Goal	Scorer	Assist	Assist	Shots For	
For	Krenželok	Cichy	Chiodo	1	Tsekos	Tonge		For	
40	Krenželok	Curran	Cichy	2				35	
Shots	Pilon	Martineau	Farley	3				Shots	
Against	Martineau	LeBlanc	Delmas	4				Against	
35				5				40	
PiMS				6				PiMS	
4				7				6	
				8					
MOM				9				MOM	
Krenželok				10				Elmer	

STARS MATCH NIGHT ACTION



JILLIAN MCFARLANE
DEREK YOUNG





GETTING TO KNOW #15

Artur Gatiyatov

Date of Birth – November 17th 1999

Age – 24

*Place of Birth – Satpaev City,
Kazakhstan*

Position – Forward

Shoots – Left

Height – 172cm/5'8"

Weight – 68 kg/150 lbs

Honours:

Continental Cup Champion 2024

Professional Hockey Career:

*2019-20 – Barys Nur-Sultan (KHL),
Nomad Nur-Sultan (VHL)*

*2020-2022 – Nomad Nur-Sultan
(Kazakhstan)*

2022-23 – JoKP (Mestis)

2023-24 – Nomad Astana (Kazakhstan)



#15 WE ASKED...

What other sports did you play growing up?

Football

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

Father

Who is the best player you have played with?

Maxim Musorov, Nikolai Shulga and Madi Dikhanbek

Who is the best player you have played against?

Quinn Hughes

What is the most memorable game you have played in?

Playing for Kazakhstan against the USA

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

Favourite - Barys Arena in Astana

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

Everything is fine

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

Cheer for Washington Capitals

Most admired hockey player and why?

Nikita Kucherov

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

Enjoy your hockey

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

Playing with the puck is my strongest part and I am trying to improve playing in defence

Pre-game routine?

I can't really say I have a routine

Pre-game meal?

Chicken and spaghetti

Any gameday superstitions?

Yes – but not sharing 😊

Favourite other sport(s) to play?

Football, Basketball, Tennis

Favourite other sport(s) to watch?

Football

Favourite athlete (non hockey)?

Lionel Messi

Favourite sports team (non hockey)?

Football Club Barcelona

Which do you prefer books or movies?

Movies

Favourite TV show(s)?

KVN – (Editor's Note) which stands for "Club of the Fun-Loving and Quick-Witted," went on air in 1961 and is still broadcast today. It was only off-air from 1972 to 1986 when the Soviet authorities found the contestants' sharp-witted answers anti-Soviet. It is the country's long-running comedy game show.

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

Ukrainian Borscht - a sour soup, made with meat stock, vegetables (specifically red beetroots in Ukraine as one of the main ingredients, which give the dish its distinctive red colour) and seasonings.

Favourite beverage (non alcoholic/alcoholic)?

Juice

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

Need to get back to you on that

Favourite singer/music/band?

Russian rapper – Egor Kreed

What is your favourite vacation destination?

Dubai

What was your favourite and least favourite subject in school?

Favourite was Physical Education and least favourite was Physics

What is your go to Karaoke song?

I do not sing

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

Although I don't sing I'd do vocal in a band, can't decide which

Have you ever had a nickname? What is it?

Gaty

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

Would like to be superman

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

Tent, knife, matches

How many languages do you speak?

Russian

If not a hockey player what occupation would you have?

An entrepreneur

MATCH REPORT

Sunday 29th September 2024			4		1 Elite League	
			Period Scores 1-0, 0-1, 3-0,			
Line up	Shane Owen	Starter	Noah Delmas	✓	Artur Gatiyatov	✓
	Cameron Kenny	BackUp	Madi Dikhanbek	✓	Lucas Chiodo	✓
			Tyler Heidt	✓	Michael Cichy	✓
			Brodie Kay	✗	Johnny Curran	✗
			Daniel Krenželok	✓	Austin Farley	✓
Subs			Patrick Kyte	✓	Fynn Page	✗
			Olivier LeBlanc	✓		
Lons		Refs	Rose		Coyne	Lines men
						Kisil

Both teams managed to end their recent losing skids the night before as the Flyers and Flames squared up for the first of their six meetings in the league this season. Flyers were without the injured duo of Martin Látal and Johnny Curran who left the game the previous night. Guildford who also played at home the previous evening started Jake Kupsky rather than Eamon McAdam and were without the injured Brett Welychka.

Just over a minute gone and Maxim Musorov had the first shot of the game which was held by Kupsky. Lucas Chiodo was next to threaten for the visitors when in the 3rd minute he picked up a loose puck and fired from the left circle but Kupsky swallowed his effort. The Flames had the puck in the next in the 5th minute when Ryan Tait spun around in the slot and his shot went through Shane Owen's five hole. The Flyers used their Coach's Challenge as a Flames player had skated across Owen's crease and made contact with the goalies left pad. The refs reviewed the play and the goal was washed it out. Daniel Krenželok from an angle next tested Kupsky in the 12th minute and Flames to this point had yet to register a shot on Owen as they either missed the net or had their efforts blocked. Owen's first save came in the 13th minute and it was Tait again who was the danger man but from close range the Fife netminder shut him down. Moments later Chiodo was played in but from a tight angle the Flames keeper saved although it almost snuck through his legs and required to be cleaned up one of his defencemen. Tyler Heidt let one go from just inside the blueline but Kupsky held on. In the 15th minute Owen had to look sharp as Flames were hacking and whacking around his crease before Musorov at the other end weaved his way into the Flames zone and zinged one off Kupsky's blocker. The first penalty of the night went the way of the Flyers with Austin Farley called for a hook and the home side made the Flyers pay when Owen let out a rebound from Charlie Dodero and Tait was on hand to scoop the loose puck home. Owen made another save in the 18th minute as he held a shot from the face off dot. Some nice passing by the Flyers moments later saw Nikolai Shulga trying to beat Kupsky on the short side but he was denied. With 13 seconds to go Krenželok was called for a cross check and 5 seconds later Phélix Martineau was binned for exactly the same infraction leaving the Flames starting the second period with a long 5 on 3 man advantage.

PERIOD 2

The Flyers buckled down to kill the penalty to start the second and Patrick Kyte made a huge shot block before Owen made a stellar save on Daniel Tedesco. Olivier LeBlanc also made a shot block before Tedesco was called for holding the stick as the teams then skated 4 on 3 for 30 seconds. Jake Coughler was denied by a great pad save from Owen and the Flyers returned to full strength to go on a man advantage before the linesman indicated a too many men call against them which was overturned by the referee.

MATCH REPORT

Austin Farley had a chance in close before Owen made another fine save this time on Matt Alvaro as the Flames killed the Flyers power play. In the 24th minute Shulga almost snuck the puck under the pads of Kupsy from close range but the Flames were back on the power play a minute later as Kyte was called for a cross check. Owen had to make a solid pad save on a Tait one timer and as the penalty was almost over Musorov had a shorthanded bid that Kupsy dealt with. Jack Jacome from distance had a shot go in and out of Owen's glove. The Flyers tied the game in the 30th minute when Musorov stripped the puck at the Flames blueline and passed to Lucas Chiodo who fed the puck cross the slot to Michael Cichy and his effort squeezed under the pads of Kupsy and into the net. Flames almost regained the lead two minutes later when a sweeping move ended with a drop pass to Lewis Hook who rang the puck off the crossbar. Musorov was next to threaten moments later when his shot was held by Kupsy and Flames Head Coach Paul Dixon decided to call his time out. From the face off Shulga had a shot gloved by Kupsy. The Flyers went back on the power play in the 35th minute when Kyle Locke took a holding penalty on Musorov and got a two minute misconduct tagged on. The first half of the man advantage saw the Flyers without any threat on the Flames goal. Cichy had a close in tip held by Kupsy but the Flames almost went in front with a short handed effort as Lewis Hook went in all alone on Owen who came up with a big pad save. The Flames killed the remainder of the penalty as the teams went to the room all square.

PERIOD 3

Tedesco had the Flames first chance in the third when he went around the back of the Fife net and tried a wraparound that Owen snuffed out. In the 43rd minute Daniel Catenacci was stopped by Owen and it sparked an almighty scramble around his net that the visitors were fortunate to survive. Flames took the lead in the 44th minute when Locke at the point fired the puck goalwards and it found Coughler's stick at the back post and deflected high into the net. A minute later there was another Flyers power play chance when Musorov was tripped by Doderio. Martineau fired wide and Kupsy gloved a Pilon shot as the Flames completed another strong kill. The home side doubled their lead in the 49th minute with Owen making the initial save to then have the puck go between his legs and across the crease where Jacome reacted quickest to score into the unguarded cage. Flames were on the power play again in the 51st minute when Heidt was called for tripping Tait. Catenacci forced a big pad save from Owen who then had to scramble to deny Alvaro. The kill was completed after Owen and LeBlanc made a goal line stand making blocks when a goal seemed certain. A Pilon drive from the circles was blockered away in the 52nd minute. Alvaro went around the back of Owen's net in the 56th minute but the Fife keeper without a stick made a shoulder save as the Flames man came out front and fired in a shot. Brett Ferguson made a brave shot block in the 57th minute on a Krenželok drive and with 150 seconds to go the Flyers called their time out and pulled Owen for the extra skater. Flames however iced the win when the puck was bobbled at the Flames blueline and Jacome took control to skate up ice and hit the yawning cage. Kyte rang a shot of the post with just over a minute to go and in the final 20 seconds Kupsy made a save on Musorov skating down the left wing.

Flames Stats					Flyers Stats				
Shots For	Scorer	Assist	Assist	Goal	Scorer	Assist	Assist	Shots For	
For	Tait	Ferguson	Doderio	1	Cichy	Chiodo	Musorov	For	
34	Coughler	Locke	Brown	2				24	
Shots	Jacome	Catenacci	Locke	3				Shots	
Against	Strang	Crocock	Catenacci	4				Against	
24				5				34	
PiMS				6				PiMS	
8				7				10	
				8					
MOM				9				MOM	
Coughler				10				Chiodo	

FLAMES MATCH NIGHT ACTION



JOHN UWINS



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	8	0	1	1	0	0	0	2	352	0.91	3.86	0	0	482	31
Brython Preece	G	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cameron Kenny	G	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Players	Pos	GP	Tot G	Tot A	Tot Pts	PP G	PP A	PP Pts	SH G	SH A	SH Pts	Ev G	Ev A	Ev Pts	PiMS	SOG
Noah Delmas	D	8	0	4	4			0			0		4	4	2	12
Madi Dikhanbek	D	6	0	0	0			0			0			0	8	11
Tyler Heidt	D	7	1	1	2		1	1			0	1		1	6	12
Brodie Kay	D	6	0	0	0			0			0			0		1
Daniel Krenželok	D	7	2	2	4		2	2			0	2		2	27	20
Patrick Kyte	D	8	0	1	1			0			0		1	1	15	11
Olivier LeBlanc	D	8	0	3	3			0			0		3	3	6	6
Fynn Page	D	2	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	8	5	6	11	3	1	4			0	2	5	7		29
Michael Cichy	F	8	3	4	7	2		2			0	1	4	5	2	16
Johnny Curran	F	7	2	6	8		3	3			0	2	3	5	4	22
Austin Farley	F	6	3	2	5	1		1			0	2	2	4	6	19
Artur Gatiyatov	F	7	0	1	1			0			0		1	1		12
Martin Látal	F	0	0	0	0			0			0			0		
Phélix Martineau	F	8	4	4	8		2	2			0	4	2	6	2	25
Maxim Musorov	F	8	2	2	4		1	1			0	2	1	3	2	20
Drake Pilon	F	8	1	4	5		1	1			0	1	3	4	33	19
Nikolai Shulga	F	8	1	3	4		1	1			0	1	2	3	2	13
James Spence	F	3	0	0	0			0			0			0		
	F	0	0	0	0			0			0			0		
	F	0	0	0	0			0			0			0		
Players in BLUE are everresents Inc All Competitions Figures as at 29/09/2024																
Totals			24	44	67	6	12	18	0	0	0	18	31	49	115	248
			0 SO Goals													

Legend

GP - Games Played, Tot G - Total Goals Scored, Tot A - Total Assists, Tot Pts - Total Points, PP G - Power Play Goals Scored, PP A - Power Play Assists, SH G - Shorthanded Goals Scored, SH A - Shorthanded Assists, EV G - Even Strength Goals Scored, EV A - Even Strength Assists, PiMS - Penalty Minutes, SOG - Shots on Goal, S - Shots faced, S % - Save Percentage, GAA - Goals Against Average, SO - Shut Outs, 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 Krenželok		2

WEEK 4 – FLYERS STATS RECAP

On Saturday night.....

Fife Flyers 4 Dundee Stars 1 – Challenge Cup

Flyers 40 shots on Stars goal was their highest game total so far this season.

Drake Pilon and Johnny Curran both had 6 shots in the game which is a new high for shots by a Flyers player in a game this season.

The Flyers three goals in the second is their highest in a period so far this season.

Drake Pilon extended his points streak to four games which is a team high on the season.

The Flyers stopped their losing streak at five games and also denied the Dundee Stars a 4th consecutive win at Fife Ice Arena which would have been a new best for Stars in the Elite League era.

On Sunday night.....

Guildford Flames 4 Fife Flyers 1 – Elite League

The Flyers only have one win in their last 9 visits to the Guildford Spectrum. They have been outscored 34-15 during that run.

The Flyers gave up only 8 shots in the opening period which is their lowest total for a period so far this season.

Drake Pilon's points streak ended at 4 games but Lucas Chiodo made it 4 consecutive games with a point as the two share the team high for the season.

Patrick Kyte played a season high 24 minutes for a Flyers defenceman this season.

The Flyers have now conceded the opening goal of the game in all 8 competitive matches this season.

Michael Cichy leads the team in goals to shots percentage at 18.8%

It was the first minus game for Patrick Kyte who leads all blueliners with a +3

Johnny Curran is also +3 and leads all forwards.

Season 2024-25 Flyers games Officiated by the Strikey's					
2 Dave Good	19 Steve Brown	2	44 Sam Anderson	77 James Ions	1
3 Tom Perring	20 Pavel Halas	2	45 Vytas Lukosevicius		
9 Joe Sewell	23 Andrew Miller		46 Andrew Jarvie	1	
11 Matt Rose	1	25 Andrew Dalton	1	48 Oliver Truswell	
14 Chris Wells	1	42 Hollie Neenan		49 Daniel Ferguson	4
16 Alan Craig	2	43 Graham Rodger	1	52 Stephen Matthews	



WEEKEND PREVIEW

WEEK 5



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It has of course only been a couple of weeks since we last met the Storm when they skated to a come from behind win in the third period here at Kirkcaldy to grab both points in the Flyers opening game in the league this term. The following weekend the Storm got the action underway when they hosted the Devils on Friday night in Challenge Cup action with the visitors handily winning 5-1 at the Storm Shelter. The following night saw the Storm head North again and take another two league points as they defeated the Stars by the odd goal in nine. Unlike their visit to Fife the Storm built up a lead and had to withstand a late game comeback by the Stars that just fell short. Last weekend it was Friday night action again for the Storm but this time on the road where they kept up their fine form on their travels this season when they registered their third consecutive win from their four away games played. Cardiff were never ahead in this one as the visitors carved out a two goal lead which they held onto until late in the game before the Devils scored twice on the powerplay to take the game into overtime. A face off violation minor penalty on the Devils with 15 seconds of regulation time remaining carried on into bonus hockey and Hebert was the Storm hero with the 4 on 3 game winning goal. The following night the Storm entertained the Belfast Giants in league action and in a reverse of their road form they dropped their third consecutive game on home ice. The Giants took control of the game in the opening period with three goals in the opening ten minutes and the Storm were always chasing as the Giants picked them off throughout the game to win 7-3. Jake Durflinger is their leading point scorer in all games this season with 10 points. Durflinger with 5 goals shares the Storm scoring race with Loren Ullet who will be serving the final game of his three match ban and Dallas Ehrhardt a two game ban from last weekend after hosting the Coventry Blaze on Friday night.

LAST LEAGUE VISIT FROM STORM

Saturday 14th September 2024				5	6	Elite League			
Flyers Stats						Storm Stats			
Scorer	Assist	Assist	Shots For		Scorer	Assist	Assist	Shots For	
Musorov	Gatiyatov	LeBlanc	25	Goal 1	Ulett	Durflinger		33	
Curran	Cichy	Chiodo	Shots Against	Goal 2	Durflinger	Weninger		Shots Against	
Shulga	Curran		33	Goal 3	Ulett			25	
Martineau	Chiodo	Curran	PiMS	Goal 4	Ulett	Hebert	Durflinger	PiMS	
Chiodo	Cichy		2	Goal 5	D'Aoust	Critchlow	Garcia	0	
			Goalies	Goal 6	Ulett	Durflinger	Hebert	Goalies	
			Owen	Goal 7				Weninger	
				Goal 8					
				Goal 9					
				Goal 10					

OVERALL LEAGUE HOME RECORD AGAINST STORM

P 26 W 15 L 11 F 91 A 73

Number Crunching

The Flyers have dropped their last two games against at home against the Manchester Storm – that after winning the previous four on the spin.

The teams are dead level on goals in their 53 meetings in all EIHL competitions to date with 170 goals each.

Each team has also had 72 different players tally up those respective totals.

Storm do have the edge with three more wins over the Flyers in their contests.

Flyers come into the weekend looking for one more win for their 300th all-time in all EIHL competitions.

Storm have had 13 different players find the net this season so far with the Flyers having 10 different goal scorers.

Storm have registered fewest shots on goal per game so far this season whilst they have also given up the second most shots per game behind Flyers.



WEEKEND PREVIEW




WEEK 5



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Under new head coach Danny Stewart the Panthers have made a strong start to the season with just one defeat so far in their opening seven games. The first six of those were all in the Challenge Cup with five of them being decided by single goals. Panthers opened their season on the road in Manchester where they shut out the Storm 4-0 before returning home the next night for their opener at the Motorpoint with a 4-3 win against the Guildford Flames. The Coventry Blaze were visitors the following weekend and Danny Stewart saw off his old club by an odd goal in five win before the Panthers headed to Surrey the next night and despite leading the whole way the visitors gave up three goals in the final period, including the game tying goals with just 8 seconds remaining to have the game to into overtime. There was no further scoring but the Panthers kept up their 100% record with Kristoff Kontos getting the winner in the shootout. Last weekend the Sheffield Steelers visited the Motorpoint and in another single goal decision they became the only team remaining with a 100% record as they won 4-3 in a game in which the teams traded goals throughout. On the Sunday evening the Blaze were overcome at the Skydome. Panthers held a two goal advantage after the first which was wiped out by the Blaze before the end of the second period. No further scoring saw Tim Doherty secure the extra point in overtime. On Wednesday night the Panthers opened up their league campaign with a trip to Braehead Arena to meet the Glasgow Clan. Clan and it ended with another one goal decision with the Clan taking the points with a 2-1 win.

LAST LEAGUE VISIT TO PANTHERS

Tuesday 12th March 2024				1	3		Elite League	
Panthers Stats				Flyers Stats				
Scorer	Assist	Assist	Shots For		Scorer	Assist	Assist	Shots For
Nieminen	Henbrant	McGurty	38		Goal 1	Wehrs	Shirley	Pulkkinen
			Shots Against		Goal 2	Lajeunesse	Osterberg	Emmerdahl
			15		Goal 3	Shirley	Lajeunesse	Giles
			PIMS		Goal 4			
			2		Goal 5			
					Goal 6			
			Goalies		Goal 7			
			Stojanovic		Goal 8			
					Goal 9			
					Goal 10			

OVERALL LEAGUE AWAY RECORD AGAINST PANTHERS

P 30 W 10 L 20 F 77 A 97

Number Crunching

The Motorpoint has been a relatively successful hunting ground for the Flyers post pandemic – in 9 games played they have recorded 5 wins and only 3 regulation losses

The Flyers will be looking to avoid being shutout in back to back games against the Panthers for the first in the EIHL era.

The Panthers is the only current EIHL team that Lucas Chiodo has not yet scored against meaning the Flyers have no active scorers against Nottingham. Otto Nieminen with four goals leads the current Panthers roster in goals against the Flyers.

Sam Herr leads the Panthers in points with 9 and goals with 5 and they have had 8 different scorers to date.

The Panthers are the only team yet to have a goal(s) scored by a blueliner this term – the Flyers have 3 which is best shared with four other teams

The Panthers have the second best goals against per game so far this season at 2.29 with the Flyers 4.25 second most.



EIHL ROUND UP - WEEK 4



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

Friday 27th September

Cardiff Devils 5 Manchester Storm 6 OT Challenge Cup

(0-2, 2-2, 3-1, 0-1) SOG 40-39 PIMs 12-35 Att 3110

Manchester Storm continued their unbeaten road start with a third straight win away from home, beating Cardiff Devils 6-5 after overtime. Storm started brightly at another sold-out Vindico Arena, finding themselves two up inside seven minutes. Grant Herbert got their opener on an odd-man rush, electing to shoot from the circle past Ben Bowns. at 5:45. That was followed 27 seconds later by Stephen Johnson picking up a loose puck in front of Bowns and slotting home after the Devils turned the puck over trying to break out of their own zone. Tyler Busch pulled one back for the Devils 87 seconds into period two, but by 24:25 the Storm were back two ahead as neat passing from Alex D'Aoust and Noah Carroll set up Jake Durflinger for an easy finish. Loren Ulett, who would be a big factor in the game on, was found open at the far post by Craig Martin to put the visitors 4-1 up at 30:33, on the powerplay before Joey Martin pulled one back for the Devils just over a minute later. Storm went 5-2 up early in the third through Jow Morrow which seemed to give them a lead they could defend out. However, the game changed at 47:50. Reid Duke's goal stood despite Storm protests, although it appeared that Ryan Barrow was pushed into Evan Weninger by one of his own defenseman. However, it was what followed the goal that changed the momentum of the game. Ulett was ejected for a slash on Barrow while he was on the floor, plus called for roughing, giving the Devils seven minutes of powerplay time to turn things around. They obliged. Two Cole Sanford powerplay goals brought the Devils back level by 53:03, enough to secure them a point. There was more drama to come though as the Devils were assessed a faceoff violation minor inside the final 15 seconds of the game. While Storm didn't score before the end of regulation, they did in overtime - Ryan Hughes' shot being saved by Bowns but only as far as Herbert to win it for Storm 83 seconds into bonus hockey.

Department of Player Safety Outcomes

On Friday night in Cardiff, Manchester Storm forward #14 Loren Ulett received a five minute penalty plus a game misconduct for slashing. Effective immediately Manchester Storm #14 Loren Ulett is fined suspended for three games.

Saturday 28th September

Guildford Flames 6 Coventry Blaze 0 Challenge Cup

(1-0, 2-0, 3-0) SOG 34-27 PIMs 6-18 Att 1676

Guildford Flames got a much-needed Challenge Cup win, thrashing Coventry Blaze 6-0 in Surrey on Saturday night in their best performance of the season so far. Guildford led through 20 minutes at the Spectrum but could have found themselves behind early – Jake Coughler taking a minor inside the opening 30 seconds that put his team short, although they saw out the Blaze powerplay. It was a powerplay for the Flames that opened the scoring at 4:05, chaos in front of Mat Robson but Travis Brown had the cool head to take his time before wristing into the half-open net. New Flames signing Jake Jacome showed early signs of his promise with an excellent interception as the Blaze broke on an odd-man rush later in the period. The Flames were in control for the majority of the second period, and deservedly added two more to their tally. Daniel Tedesco set up Ryan Tait in front to fire past Mat Robson 96 seconds into things, while Matt Alvaro fired home in the slot at 27:27 to put the host side 3-0 ahead. The Blaze's best chance of the period came on a breakaway but without troubling Eamon McAdam. Goals 23 seconds apart at the start of the third wrapped up the game for the Flames, Matt Alvaro and Daniel Catenacci the scorers to put them 5-0 ahead by 43:04. The Blaze were their own worst enemies in the final period with multiple penalties, one of which led to Ryan Tait's goal from close range at 45:58 – the Flames' third on the powerplay in the game. Eamon McAdam held on for a 27-shot shutout.



EIHL ROUND UP - WEEK 4



Nottingham Panthers 3 Sheffield Steelers 4 Challenge Cup

(1-2, 1-1, 1-1) SOG 24-34 PIMs 10-6 Att 6338

Sheffield Steelers came out of Nottingham with their perfect start to the season still intact, ending the Panthers' unbeaten streak in the process, with a 4-3 win at the Motorpoint Arena. The Steelers got off to the quicker start and were ahead in just over a minute - a fortunate bounce saw the puck put home by Mikko Juusola with only 76 seconds played. After conceding, the Panthers were arguably the better team and generated some good possession in the Steelers' zone. Their efforts were rewarded when Tim Doherty tipped Jaakko Niskala's shot in front of Matt Greenfield to tie the game at 6:42. The Panthers nearly went ahead when an Otto Nieminen stick lift dispossessed Colton Saucerman, only for the puck to roll off the Finnish forward's stick at the final moment. The hosts were undone by excellent work from Robert Dowd to set up an odd-man rush where Marc-Olivier Vallerand fired high past Ryan Bednard to put the Steelers back ahead with 7:23 played. Logan Neilson had the Panthers' best chance to tie the game before the end of the first period but shot just wide of Greenfield's left post. A wonderful individual effort from Didrik Henbrandt got the Panthers level 1:23 into period two, the Swede's quick hands beating Greenfield at the top of the crease as the home side deservedly drew level. The Panthers looked busy on the next few shifts after the goal, Hendrandt almost scoring again only for Dowd to make the all-important interception as the puck went across the crease. Having not scored while they had the momentum, the Panthers slowly found themselves under more Steelers pressure. Bednard made two important stops in close, but eventually the visitors' made their puck possession count. Brandon Whistle was tripped while through on Bednard, and he duly dispatched the penalty shot with 4:04 left in the second to put Sheffield back in front. The Panthers' effort couldn't be faulted in trying to tie the game for a third time, but they didn't call Greenfield into any big saves for most of the final period. With 1:36 to go, Bednard was pulled but Whistle won the following faceoff allowing Kevin Tansey to fire into the empty net from the length of the ice. It looked like the game was done, but a Sam Herr shot beat Greenfield out of nowhere to make it a one-goal game with 66 seconds remaining. The Panthers had the puck in front of Greenfield in the final minute but couldn't carve out a tying opportunity and the visitors took the points.

Manchester Storm 3 Belfast Giants 7 Elite League

(1-3, 1-1, 1-3) SOG 36-52 PIMs 14-32 Att 1751

Belfast Giants continued their 100% start to the season with a road win in Manchester, inflicting a third straight home defeat on the Storm. In a busy start, a looping puck initially stopped by Evan Weninger was knocked home by Scot Conway to put the Giants ahead with 1:45 played. Mark Cooper doubled the lead at 4:51, with Bobo Carpenter capping an excellent eight minutes for the visitors by adding a third. Storm got on the board with a well-placed wrist shot from Alexis D'Aoust but trailed by two after 20 minutes in a period that saw the Giant's Gabe Bast ejected on an unsportsmanlike conduct call after a whistle. Mike Lee one-timed Bo Hanson's pass straight past Weninger off a Ben Lake faceoff win to make it 4-1 2:25 into period two, but Storm hit back just 13 seconds later thanks to a Jake Durflinger tip off a Zach Sullivan shot from the point. With a two-goal difference between the teams through 40 minutes, the next goal was always going to be crucial. It went the way of the Giants on the powerplay with nice passing setting up Elijah Barriga in the slot 1:25 into the final period. Cooper scored his second just under two minutes later to make it 6-2, but Storm weren't done and pulled one back through Owen Griffiths. Weninger was pulled with 2:14 to go as Storm tried to find three goals, but Cooper make it a hat trick with an empty netter 1:49 from the final buzzer.





EIHL ROUND UP - WEEK 4



Glasgow Clan 1 Cardiff Devils 3 Elite League

(0-0, 0-2, 1-1) SOG 37-27 PIMs 6-6 Att 3607

Cardiff Devils responded to an overtime defeat to Manchester Storm with an excellent road win in Glasgow, beating Clan 3-1 at Braehead Arena. In a fast start, both Ben Bowns and Landon Bow were called into early action, making good pad and gloves saves respectively to keep things scoreless in the opening 90 seconds. Neither side managed to find the net in the first, but Clan could count themselves unlucky not having done so with long spells spent in the Devils zone and some good chances created. At the other end, Cole Sanford almost capitalized on a giveaway but Bow ensured he didn't. The Devils started period two the stronger, and repaid Ben Bowns' excellent form at the other end with two goals on the rush. Reid Duke set up Sanford for a far-post shot that beat Bow 3:19 into the period, followed just over ten minutes later by a wonderful backhand effort from Josh MacDonald that put the Devils two ahead at 34:11, and had them up by a pair through 40 minutes. The small margins in the game of hockey were evident in period three. While the Devils were on a powerplay, Alex Forbes broke away on Bowns but was slashed while preparing to shoot, leading to a penalty shot. Forbes took it and almost beat Bowns, only for the GB netminder to make an excellent last-ditch save to keep his side 2-0 ahead. 75 seconds later, Sanford finished off a Devils' passing play on the powerplay to make it 3-0 and give the visitors some breathing space. Still Clan refused to go away, but were foiled by Bowns time and time again – Cole Ullly coming close to scoring against his former team only for Bowns to shut the door on him. The hosts were handed a late chance when Josh Batch took a high-sticking minor, and Bowns' shutout was ruined with 23 seconds to go through – no more than Clan had deserved.

Department of Player Safety Outcomes

On Saturday night in Manchester, Storm defenceman #10 Dallas Ehrhardt was assessed a penalty for Unsportsmanlike Conduct. 46.5 - Dangerous Punch - "Sucker-Punch" Effective immediately Manchester Storm's Dallas Ehrhardt is fined and suspended for two games.

Sunday 29th September

Coventry Blaze 2 Nottingham Panthers 3 OT Challenge Cup

(0-2, 2-0, 0-0, 0-1) SOG 51-30 PIMs 14-12 Att 2186

Danny Stewart was victorious on his return to the Skydome as Nottingham Panthers came away from Coventry with a 3-2 overtime victory in a game where the Blaze came back from two behind. Logan Neilson had the opening goal at 9:33 of the first period in an end to end game. After scoring, the Panthers grew in confidence and deserved to double their lead through Sam Herr on the powerplay at 15:07. Mat Robson made an outstanding diving save in the period after a bad bounce off the boards left him stranded outside his net. The Blaze were back level in under four second-period minutes. At 29:32 Chase Gresock eventually got a puck behind Rok Stojanovič who'd made an excellent save on the previous play to keep the Blaze out. Just under four minutes later, Michael Regush busted a gut to get onto a Gresock pass and slot pass Stojanovič to tie things up. While period two was penalty-filled, the game flowed nicely in the third as both teams looked for a winner. Hugo Roy, denied several times by Robson, hit the iron inside the final 10 minutes, although at the other end the Blaze had pucks bouncing in front of Stojanovič in the closing stages but not enough to force one over the line. Both teams taking a point was a fair reflection on the game, and in overtime it took a wonderful Matt Spencer pass to be deflected in front by Tim Doherty to win it for the Panthers at 63:05.





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Sheffield Steelers 3 Belfast Giants 2 SO Elite League

(0-1, 1-0, 1-1, 0-0, 1-0) SOG 33-18 PIMs 8-6 Att 7962

Sheffield Steelers edged past Belfast Giants in a shootout to keep their 100% record this season, ending the Giants' perfect start. That said, with a short bench, the Giant were well worth a point and could have had both. The only goal of the opening period went to the Giants just over three minutes in. Jordan Kawaguchi's shot got a piece of Matt Greenfield but not enough to stay out, and the Giants led at 3:23 on the powerplay. The Giants were the better side at the start of the period, but had Tom McCollum to thank for keeping them ahead as the Steelers grew into the game. Daniel Leavens tied things up exactly six minutes into period two on the powerplay, although the Giants could have gone back ahead through a JJ Piccinich re-direct which Greenfield did excellently to keep out. Sheffield led for the first time in the game with 7:46 played in period three thanks to Mitchell Balmas, and they could have added more were it not for McCollum keeping them at bay. Belfast pressed as the game entered the final stages and were rewarded when Elijah Barriga swept the puck under Greenfield with 3:49 to play. After three excellent periods, both sides took a point – but overtime was to bring more drama. Kawaguchi could have won it through on Greenfield but was denied, while the Steelers broke the other way but couldn't convert a 2-on-1. Having made the save, McCollum played the puck to Barriga to send him clean through, but again Greenfield came out on top. Somehow, neither side won it in OT, although Robert Dowd hit a post as McCollum dived to his post. Balmas was the Steelers' hero in the shootout, scoring in rounds three, six and seven to earn the hosts the extra point.

Dundee Stars 4 Glasgow Clan 5 Challenge Cup

(1-1, 0-2, 3-2) SOG 34-35 PIMs 9-11 Att 1352

Glasgow Clan got their second straight Cup victory with a 5-4 over Dundee Stars on Tayside. Former Star Lucas Brine backstopped the Clan to the win in his second start of the season. "I thought we played great for 55 minutes, and then at the end there I don't know if we were just tired or maybe tried to do a bit much but we let it get away from us a bit but it was a great win" said the Clan goalie post-game. Brett Gravelle opened the scoring just shy of six minutes into the game with Jake Elmer setting up Brett Gravelle at the far post for a high finish past Brine. Clan were level at 9:51 off a Liam Finlay point shot that he scooped into the corner of Richard Sabol's net. Keaton Jamieson was the beneficiary of a fortunate bounce and then calmly beat Sabol to put Clan ahead 2:59 into period two, before Finlay doubled the lead at 35:19 when he backhanded home in front of Rylan Schwartz. As things seemed to be slowly ticking down to a Clan victory in the final period, there was a flurry of scoring with five goals in as many minutes. Gary Haden put the Clan three ahead at 55:45 in the slot, but Domenico Alberga pulled one back 33 seconds later to keep things a two-goal game. Deven Sideroff then responded 11 seconds after to make it 5-2, while Jonathan McBean was left all alone in the slot to score 29 seconds later and make it 3-5 – and still with 3:02 to play. Alberga nicely set up Zach Tsekos for a back-post finish to make it 4-5 with the empty net at 59:10, but that was as close as the Stars could get, leaving Clan with a road win that ended a little more uncomfortably than it perhaps should have been. "Obviously I've always loved Dundee, they were great to me last year, and I'm sure some people aren't too happy about it, but I'm pretty happy to get a win here" added Brine on his team's win.





Goalies

30 Cameron Kenny

50 Shane Owen

36 Jānis Voris

Defencemen

5 Noah Delmas

71 Madi Dikhanbek

7 Tyler Heidt

9 Brodie Kay

88 Daniel Krenželok

19 Patrick Kyle

3 Olivier LeBlanc 'C'

4 Fynn Page

Forwards

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'

66 Nikolai Shulga

Goal	Scorer	Assist	Assist	Time	EV/PP/SH
1					
2					
3					
4					
5					
6					
7					
8					
9					
10					

Player	Offence	PIMs	Time

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

Referee :

Linesman :

Referee :

Linesman :



Goal	Scorer	Assist	Assist	Time	EV/PP/SH
1					
2					
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5					
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7					
8					
9					
10					

Player	Offence	PIMs	Time

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

Goalies

32 Alexander Oldale
35 Evan Weninger

Defencemen

26 Noah Carroll
10 Dallas Ehrhardt
27 C.J. Garcia
6 Chase Harrison 'A'
18 Noah Kääriäinen
70 Joe Morrow
21 Zach Sullivan

Forwards

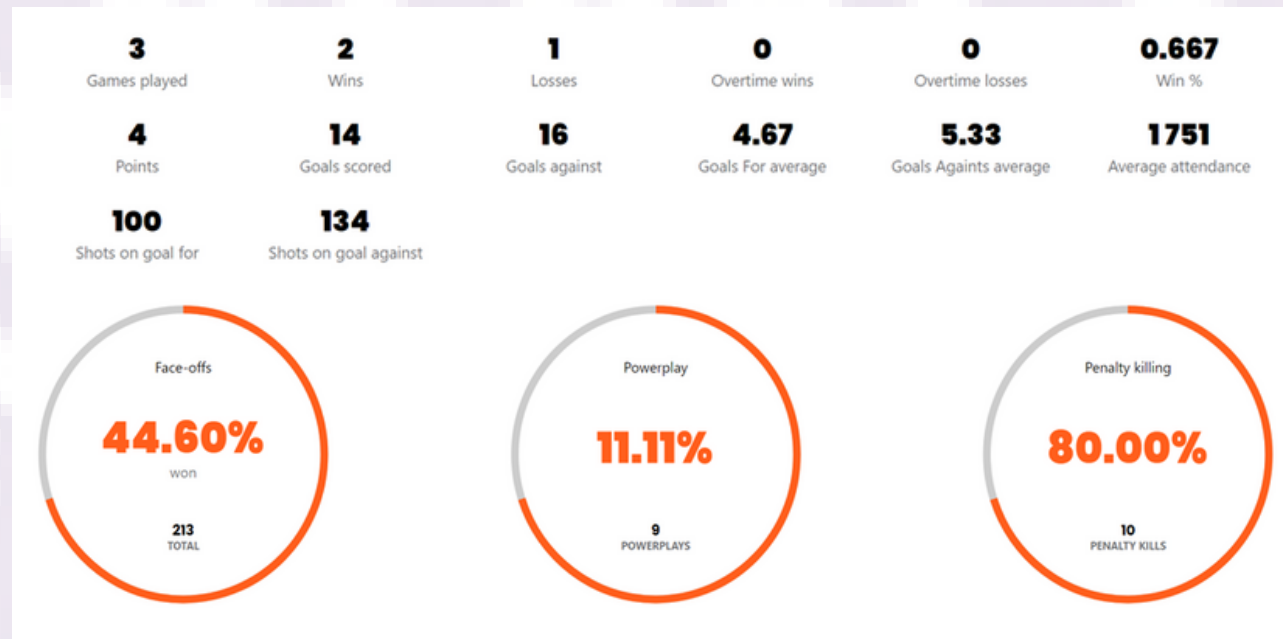
8 Josh Crawley
11 Cameron Critchlow 'C'
17 Alexis D'Aoust
16 Jake Durflinger
19 Gianluca Esteves
77 Owen Griffiths
37 Grant Herbert
9 Tyler Hinam
92 Ryan Hughes
12 Stephen Johnson 'A'
7 Connor Lee
24 Zack Milton
20 Alex Robert
14 Loren Ulett
























Man of the Match Flyers:

Man of the Match Visitors:

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STORM IN LEAGUE PLAY SO FAR...



			Position	Gp	G	A	PTS	PIM	PPG	SHG	+/-	SOG	S	FOW	FOL	BS	TOI/Game
	16	Jake Durlflinger	FW	3	3	3	6	4	0	0	4	9	15	0	1	0	18:06
	17	Alexis D'Aoust	FW	3	2	3	5	4	1	0	0	7	13	9	19	0	17:54
	14	Loren Ulett	FW	2	4	0	4	0	0	0	8	9	12	0	0	0	19:32
	37	Grant Hebert	FW	3	1	2	3	0	0	0	2	6	6	35	36	0	18:34
	20	Alex Robert	FW	3	1	2	3	0	0	0	0	2	3	0	1	0	14:34
	70	Joe Morrow	D	3	0	3	3	0	0	0	3	5	13	0	0	1	23:22
	12	Stephen Johnson	FW	1	1	1	2	0	0	0	2	3	3	5	11	0	17:03
	27	C.J. Garcia	D	3	0	2	2	6	0	0	1	8	11	0	0	1	21:17
	77	Owen Griffiths	C	3	1	0	1	2	0	1	-1	3	5	19	15	1	09:05
	29	Craig Martin	FW	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	4	6	5	9	0	17:44
	19	Gianluca Estevez	FW	3	0	1	1	0	0	0	2	7	8	5	12	1	15:42
	21	Zach Sullivan	D	3	0	1	1	0	0	0	-1	0	0	0	0	1	16:51
	11	Cameron Critchlow	FW	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	-1	3	4	9	10	0	19:18
	26	Noah Carroll	D	3	0	1	1	2	0	0	-1	5	6	0	0	0	21:23
	6	Chase Harrison	D	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	0	0	0	19:11
	8	Josh Crawley	FW	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	04:43
	7	Connor Lee	FW	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	-1	2	3	0	0	0	08:46
	23	Johnny Corneil	FW	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	-1	1	1	8	4	0	13:57
	24	Zack Milton	FW	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	-2	5	5	0	0	0	10:29
	9	Tyler Hinam	FW	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	-2	5	7	0	0	1	22:22
	10	Dallas Ehrhardt	D	3	0	0	0	4	0	0	-4	6	9	0	0	1	18:29
	92	Ryan Hughes	FW	3	0	0	0	2	0	0	-4	8	12	0	0	1	17:04
				Gp	W	L	SO	SA	GA	MIN	GAA	SVS%	PIM				
	35	Evan Weninger		3	2	1	0	133	15	179	5.03	88.72	0				

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

















ON THEIR ROSTER

Throughout the season we will pick out a story on a player(s) on the opposition bench as well as summarise their career to date.

In this edition we feature **Joe Morrow**

JOE MORROW FACTS			
Date of Birth	Dec 09, 1992	Position	D
Age	31	Height	185 cm / 6'1"
Place of Birth	Edmonton, AB, CAN	Weight	94 kg / 207 lbs
Nation	Canada	Shoots	L
Youth Team	Strathcona MHA	Contract	24/25
Drafted	2011 round 1 #23 overall by Pittsburgh Penguins		

CAREER STATS

	TEAM	LEAGUE	GP	G	A	TP	PIM	+/-	POST	GP	G	A	TP	PIM	+/-
2005-06	 Strathcona Warriors U15 AAA	AMBHL	22	0	5	5	24	-							
2006-07	 Strathcona Warriors U15 AAA	AMBHL	32	16	16	32	75	-	Playoffs	4	2	3	5	8	-
2007-08	 Sherwood Park Squires U16 AAA	AMMHL	24	7	11	18	57	-							
	 Portland Winter Hawks	WHL	1	0	0	0	0	-1							
2008-09	 Portland Winter Hawks	WHL	41	0	7	7	26	-7							
2009-10	 Portland Winterhawks	WHL	63	7	24	31	59	17	Playoffs	13	0	2	2	6	3
2010-11	 Portland Winterhawks	WHL	60	9	40	49	67	23	Playoffs	21	6	14	20	27	3
2011-12	 Portland Winterhawks "A"	WHL	62	17	47	64	99	6	Playoffs	22	4	13	17	35	9
2012-13	 Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins	AHL	57	4	11	15	35	-7							
	 Texas Stars	AHL	9	1	3	4	4	3	Playoffs	8	2	1	3	8	-1
2013-14	 Providence Bruins	AHL	56	6	23	29	28	-1	Playoffs	10	2	5	7	8	7
2014-15	 Boston Bruins	NHL	15	1	0	1	4	3							
	 Providence Bruins	AHL	33	3	9	12	14	4	Playoffs	5	0	0	0	6	-1
2015-16	 Boston Bruins	NHL	33	1	6	7	4	-7							
2016-17	 Boston Bruins	NHL	17	0	1	1	8	-4	Playoffs	5	0	1	1	2	1
	 Providence Bruins	AHL	3	1	0	1	2	1							
2017-18	 Montréal Canadiens	NHL	38	5	6	11	26	-11							
	 Winnipeg Jets	NHL	18	1	4	5	0	7	Playoffs	6	1	0	1	14	2
2018-19	 Winnipeg Jets	NHL	41	1	6	7	20	0							
2019-20	 Binghamton Devils	AHL	16	1	3	4	16	-9							
	 Dinamo Minsk	KHL	22	0	3	3	23	-8							
2020-21	 Ässät	Liiga	29	4	7	11	46	-4							
2021-22	 Barys Nur-Sultan	KHL	29	3	10	13	14	-4	Playoffs	5	0	4	4	0	-6
2022-23	 HK Sochi	KHL	31	0	9	9	10	-15							
	 HC Davos	NL	2	0	0	0	2	-1	Playoffs	1	0	0	0	2	0
2023-24	 Manchester Storm	EIHL	50	9	18	27	32	-7	Playoffs	2	0	0	0	0	-1

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JOE'S STORY...

There is much to write about a player with the career that Joe Morrow has had but one moment perhaps will stand tallest for him as we take you back to 2018 and a memorable achievement. Sportsnets Mark Spector writes...

You know what they say: You can only hope to contain Joe Morrow. NHL Playoff lore is waist deep in stories like Morrow, a guy who was dealt to the Winnipeg Jets in February 2018 by Montreal for a fourth-round draft pick. A guy who would have been watching that post season from upstairs, had Dmitry Kulikov and Tobias Enstrom not been injured. A guy who, like so many who've come before, grew up in the Canadian countryside scoring game-winning playoff goals every day after school, with a sibling in goal and the family dog on his wing. But on April 11th 2018 in a tied game, a hopeful shot from the point, a deflection off of Charlie Coyle's stick, and a five-hole that Wild goalie Devan Dubnyk couldn't close up fast enough. A hero is born. Final score: Winnipeg Jets 3 Minnesota Wild 2.

Welcome to the Stanley Cup playoffs, Joe Morrow and here's what he had to say immediately after. "That's the reason you play hockey as a kid — to come and play in the playoffs, play for the Stanley Cup, and get an opportunity to score a goal like that," he said. "So, to say it's a dream come true is a pretty big understatement." We usually go deeper into the spring before a game is decided by some guy wearing No. 70, on his third NHL club in a calendar year. But this is how the Winnipeg Jets roll: A snipe by Mark Scheifele, another rocket by Patrik Laine, and just when you think you might get them to OT, you get buried on a goal from a source that you'd never expect. And the rest of the Jets? They love all goals, but you know teammates love it a little bit more when a guy like Morrow cashes a big one. "He's come in with such a positive attitude ... gets the opportunity with (Kulikov) and (Enstrom) out and he's really run with it," said fourth-line centre Adam Lowry, who was a beast in Game 1, going 69 per cent in the faceoff circle. "If you're going to find success in the playoffs, you need unlikely heroes. It's not always going to be (Laine) that scores. Or (Scheifele). They really contributed, but you're going to need that secondary scoring from guys that aren't counted on regularly to score. At a crucial point of the game, to get that shot through and just create that opportunity?

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VISITING THE BARN

That's huge for us. "Morrow's story is a beauty, growing up on an acreage east of Sherwood Park, Alta., not far from Saiker's Acres, the site of the World's Longest Game. Morrow's mom is an optometrist, his dad a former World Hockey Association teammate of a 17-year-old Wayne Gretzky on the Indianapolis Racers. Dave Morrow was a fourth-round pick of the Vancouver Canucks, a second-round choice of the Cincinnati Stingers, and ended his career with the Fort Wayne Komets after 10 lonely games in the WHA with Indy. His son Joe was a prodigy by comparison: a first-round pick of the Pittsburgh Penguins who was dealt away in the 'two-Morrow deal' that sent Brenden Morrow the other way. He was thrown into the trade that landed Tyler Seguin in Dallas, slugged it out in Boston for a while, and ended up with the Habs that season as a free agent. A couple of injuries later, the Jets came calling. "I've had a pretty big roller-coaster of an NHL career so far," he said. "It's nothing new to me to get thrown into a situation that is a lot more pressure than what you foresee in the future. It's moments like these that kind of either make or break your hockey career. You take it hour to hour and just play your game, have fun and just enjoy the moment." It was the first playoff game, and the first press box pool where some scribe — the Globe and Mail's Roy MacGregor — paid his \$10, extracted the name Joe Morrow from the cup, and sighed, "Yeesh! Guess I made a donation tonight." He walked out with the \$360 pot.











"I think he should pay it to me, but that's fine," chuckled Morrow. "He can keep it, I guess." So this is how it all begins for Winnipeg. A 1-0 lead, a 2-1 deficit, then storm back to win Game 1 by a 3-2 score. A franchise founded in Atlanta back in 1999 won its first-ever playoff game Wednesday, and the game-winner makes for a trivia question for the ages. Who scored the game-winner in the first post-season win for the Atlanta-Winnipeg franchise? Why, Dave Morrow's boy, of course. Jack? Or Jim? Maybe ... Joe? "If you believe in karma and trying to be a good person and eventually, you get rewarded for it? Yeah, absolutely," Morrow said. "To have a little, I don't even know if you want to call it a Cinderella story of a night tonight? It makes all of the bad times, and all of the times you've battled so hard to try and get an opportunity — it washes them away. You get to enjoy it in front of a crowd like this, a city like this." Touch 'em all Joe! You'll never hit a bigger home run in your life.



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LEAGUE STATS

SEASON 2024/25

										
Total Games Played	6	6	5	8	8	8	8	8	7	4
Challenge Cup Games	4	3	4	7	5	4	7	5	6	3
League Games	2	3	1	1	3	4	1	3	1	1
Biggest Win	5-0 v Stars	6-2 v Flames	4-2 v Clan	5-2 v Clan	4-1 v Stars	8-5 v Flyers	6-0 v Blaze	5-1 v Flames	4-0 v Storm	4-1 v Flames
Biggest Loss	2-3 v Steelers	5-6 v Storm	0-6 v Flames	0-5 v Giants	1-5 v Devils	2-5 v Clan	2-6 v Devils	3-7 v Giants	3-4 v Steelers	
Longest Win Streak	5	4	1	1	1	2	2	2	4	4
Longest Loss Streak	1	1	4	4	5	4	4	2	1	0
Current Streak	1 Loss	1 Win	4 Losses	4 Losses	1 Loss	2 Wins	2 Wins	1 Loss	1 Loss	4 Wins
Fastest Goal	01:26	04:52	12:03	01:08	09:04	00:08	00:21	00:45	02:12	00:14
Shut Out For	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0
Shut Out Against	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0
Total Goals Scored scored by Forwards	30	26	9	21	21	21	21	27	21	11
Powerplay	5	7	3	3	6	4	6	8	7	3
Even Strength	23	19	5	18	15	17	14	19	14	7
Shorthanded	2	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Total Goals Scored scored by Defencemen	1	1	3	3	3	3	3	2	0	2
Powerplay	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	1
Even Strength	1	1	2	3	3	1	2	1	0	1
Shorthanded	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Total Goals Conceded scored to Forwards	13	11	17	33	31	26	23	32	14	9
Powerplay	4	5	7	4	4	7	8	8	3	2
Even Strength	9	6	9	28	27	18	15	23	10	7
Shorthanded	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	1	1	0
Total Goals Conceded scored to Defencemen	2	1	1	3	2	3	3	3	1	2
Powerplay	0	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0
Even Strength	2	0	0	3	0	2	2	3	1	2
Shorthanded	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
Goals Scored Period 1	9	5	1	9	7	7	4	10	9	6
Goals Scored Period 2	10	12	5	6	9	7	7	11	5	5
Goals Scored Period 3	11	10	6	9	8	10	13	7	6	3
Goals Scored OT/SO	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	2	2
TOTAL Goals Scored	31	27	12	25	24	24	24	29	22	16
Goals Scored Per Game	5.17	4.50	2.40	3.13	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.63	3.14	4.00
Goals Conceded Period 1	5	3	8	9	10	7	9	10	3	3
Goals Conceded Period 2	5	4	3	17	7	8	12	12	6	3
Goals Conceded Period 3	5	4	6	9	16	14	5	13	7	4
Goals Conceded OT/SO	1	1	2	1	1	0	1	0	0	0
TOTAL Goals Conceded	16	12	19	36	34	29	27	35	16	10
Goals Against Per Game	2.67	2.00	3.80	4.50	4.25	3.63	3.38	4.38	2.29	2.50
Shots For P1	73	64	52	100	95	113	78	70	76	54
Shots For P2	88	96	68	91	79	89	93	84	70	41
Shots For P3	76	61	56	90	72	108	68	76	55	42
Shots For OT	3	0	9	7	2	0	2	2	5	5
TOTAL Shots For	240	221	185	288	248	310	241	232	206	142
Shots for Per Game	40.00	36.83	37.00	36.00	31.00	38.75	30.13	29.00	29.43	35.50
Shots Against P1	66	68	57	99	119	94	83	88	71	30
Shots Against P2	51	60	56	105	120	94	80	106	91	36
Shots Against P3	74	47	47	85	109	70	73	102	69	28
Shots Against OT	8	2	4	4	4	0	2	0	5	7
TOTAL Shots Against	199	177	164	293	352	258	238	296	236	101
Shots Against Per Game	33.17	29.50	32.80	36.63	44.00	32.25	29.75	37.00	33.71	25.25

League & Cup games played as at 03/10/2024

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WE DON'T PLAY YOU ANYMORE NEWCASTLE WARRIORS & JESTERS

Pro hockey in the North East of England had quite a turbulent time from the late 1990's onwards. Durham Wasps' demise and the subsequent closure of Durham Ice Rink has been covered previously and this time I will be looking at Flyers' only ever game against the last of the teams formed in the wake of Durham moving out of their home city, firstly to Sunderland for a season, then to Newcastle for 1996/97 season. I will firstly look at the movement of a long established club from their home town rink at Whitley Bay to a plush new arena.

Flyers have been long term rivals of Whitley Warriors from the 1960's and at the conclusion of 1994/95 season there was a 20 point gap between the clubs with Flyers finishing 6th with 44 points and Warriors four places behind in tenth of twelve teams. Flyers had an almost perfect season against Warriors in 1995/96, starting with the Autumn Cup. The clubs were placed in Group A with the teams finishing first and second, Flyers topping the group and only losing one game at Blackburn. Flyers beat the newly named Newcastle Warriors 8-4 at Kirkcaldy and 7-4 in a game played at Whitley Bay as Warriors new home at Newcastle Arena was not ready at that early stage of the season.

The teams met again in the cup quarter finals and Flyers won 11-10 over two legs to qualify for the semi-final stage where they lost to Sheffield. The first league meeting of the sides that season on 19/11/95 was the first ever game to be played at the brand new Newcastle Arena on the north side of the River Tyne, a few miles west of Whitley Bay. Over 4000 spectators took their places in the arena to see Warriors take on Flyers. Warriors had started their league season poorly, winning only once in nine starts. Flyers' start had been slow too with a win and three draws from their first nine games. Flyers made a solid start to the first period and were one ahead about half way through the period on the powerplay. Mark Morrison netted from Chris Palmer's assist and went in the record books as the scorer of the first ever goal at Newcastle Arena. Warriors quickly equalised, but this was answered with two goals from Palmer, the second on a powerplay to give Flyers a 3-1 lead after 20 minutes. At 4.18 of the second period, Palmer tucked away his hat-trick marker but Warriors pulled one back about half way through to make it 4-2 to Flyers after two periods. The home side made it 4-3 early on in the third, before goals from Morrison and Doug Marsden finished the game as a contest, despite a late powerplay goal for Warriors, to give Flyers a much needed 6-4 road win.



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Flyers completed the season series against Warriors with wins at home, 4-1 on 23/12/95 and 8-4 on 02/03/96 and another win at Newcastle 7-3 on 18/02/96. The four wins against Warriors helped Flyers finish ten points ahead of the NE England side in sixth place with 34 points, two places above Warriors. In 95/96 Warriors used nearly 40 players in a bid to get a winning side, including former and future Flyers Richard Laplante, Dean Edmiston, Rick Fera, Steve Brown and Scott Campbell. This was to be Warriors last year at the arena as they returned home to Whitley Bay for 1996/97 where the competed against Flyers in the Northern Premier League.

Warriors' place at the Arena was filled by Superleague teams bearing the Newcastle prefix, Cobras 1996-98, Riverkings 1998-2000 and finally Jesters in 2000/01. Flyers never played against Cobras or Riverkings, but played one game against Jesters on 28/09/00 in the B&H Cup Challenge Round at Kirkcaldy. The Superleague franchise playing out of Newcastle Arena was taken over by the owners of Finnish team Jokerit in summer 2000. The new team were named Newcastle Jesters.

The B&H Autumn Cup Group C that season was won by Flyers, winning four and drawing one of six games and their 'reward' was to be paired with Jesters in the Challenge Round with Flyers from the British National League given home advantage against the Superleague side. The home advantage really counted for little as Flyers were comprehensively beaten by the import heavy opposition.

Flyers had four non home grown players in their line-up that night compared with Jesters' 18.

Ricky Grubb in Flyers' net had a torrid time facing 44 shots, while his opposite number had 25 to deal with. Realistically this was as one sided a game as it could have been, but to Flyers' credit the team grafted all night to the appreciation of the reported 1100 crowd. Flyers' task was made more difficult with the absence of high scoring import Russell Monteith, who missed the game due to a bout of flu. It was late on in the game with Jesters cruising 8-0 when Mark Morrison netted from a Ted Russell pass to at least break the shut-out. The only players with a Flyers connection who turned out for Jesters that season was Bill Russell, a netminder who played for Flyers for just over a dozen BNL games that year, and made four Superleague appearances for Jesters.

At the end of season 2000/01, Jesters went the same route as their predecessors Cobras and Riverkings and folded, never to resurface. After a season without pro hockey, a brand new team was formed in Newcastle named Vipers, who joined Flyers in the BNL. Flyers' history against Newcastle Vipers will be covered in another article.



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RULES CORNER



In the last edition we looked at Rule 5 which detailed the composition of teams, this time we look at three rules which further define the composition of players on a team. Again the full text of the IIHF rule is provided along with any annotations as per the EIHL Casebook.

RULE 6 - CAPTAIN AND ALTERNATE CAPTAINS

6.1 CAPTAIN

One (1) Captain shall be appointed by each Team, and they alone shall have the privilege of discussing with the Referees any questions relating to interpretation of rules which may arise during the progress of a Game.

The Captain shall wear the letter "C," approximately 8 cm in height and in contrasting color, in a conspicuous position on the front of their jersey. No "Co-Captains" are permitted. One (1) Captain and no more than two (2) Alternate Captains are permitted – see Rule 6.2 – Alternate Captains.

Any Captain, Alternate Captain or any Player who comes off the Players' Bench and makes any protest or intervention with the Officials for any purpose shall be assessed a Minor Penalty for "Unsportsmanlike Conduct". Should this protest continue, they may be assessed a Misconduct Penalty, and if it further continues, a Game Misconduct Penalty shall be assessed.

A complaint about a penalty is not a matter "relating to the interpretation of the rules" and a Minor Penalty shall be imposed against any Captain, Alternate Captain or any other Player making such a complaint.

The Referee and Official Scorekeeper shall be advised, prior to the start of each game, the name of the Captain and the Alternate Captains of both Teams.

A team cannot change its Captain or Alternate Captains during a game. If a Captain is ejected from a game or cannot play the entire game because of an injury, one of the Alternate Captains must assume their duties. If both the Captain and Alternate Captain are on the ice, only the Captain is allowed to talk to the Referee about a point of interpretation. If either the Captain or the Alternate Captain comes off the Players Bench, uninvited by the Referee, they shall be penalized accordingly.

No playing Coach or playing Team Manager or Goalkeeper shall be permitted to act as Captain or Alternate Captain.

6.2 ALTERNATE CAPTAINS

If the Captain is not on the ice, an Alternate Captain on the ice shall be accorded the privileges of the Captain.

Alternate Captains shall wear the letter "A" approximately 8 cm in height and in contrasting color, in a conspicuous position on the front of their jerseys.

EIHL Casebook annotation – Rule 6 – Captain and Alternate Captains

One (1) Captain and no more than three (3) Alternate Captains are permitted. A team cannot forego the naming of a captain by naming four alternate captains for a game





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RULE 7 - STARTING LINE-UP

This rule does not apply at IIHF Championships.

EIHL Casebook annotation – Rule 7 – Starting Line-Up

7.1 Starting Line-up

Prior to the start of the game, in line with the EIHL regulations the Manager or Coach of the visiting team is required to name the starting line-up to the Official Scorer.

Prior to the start of the game, in line with the EIHL regulations the Manager or Coach of the home team, having been advised by the Official Scorer the names of the starting line-up of the visiting team, shall name the starting line-up of the home team. This information shall be conveyed by the Official Scorer to the Coach of the visiting team.

No change in the starting line-up of either team as given to the Official Scorer, or in the playing line-up on the ice, can be made unless reviewed and approved by the Referee prior to the start of the game.

7.2 Violation

For an infraction of this rule, a bench minor penalty shall be imposed upon the offending team, provided such an infraction is called to the attention of the Referee before the second face-off in the first period takes place. This is an appeal play and must be brought to the Referee's attention prior to the second face-off in the game. There is no penalty to the requesting team if their appeal is not sustained. The determining factor when considering whether or not a player or goaltender is listed in the starting line-up is that the player or goaltender's name, and not necessarily the player or goaltender's number, must be correctly listed by the Manager or Coach of that team.

In the event a team scores on the first shift of the game, and it is brought to the attention of the Referee by the opposing team that the team that scored did not have the correct starting line-up on the ice, the goal shall be allowed and a bench minor penalty assessed to the offending team for having an improper starting line-up. If the team that scores the goal on the first shift of the game challenges the starting line-up of the opposing team and the opposing team does not have the correct starting line-up, the scoring of the goal would nullify the bench minor penalty and no further penalties would be assessed.

RULE 8 - INJURED PLAYERS

8.1 INJURED PLAYER

When a Player is injured or compelled to leave the ice during a Game, they may retire from the Game and be replaced by a substitute, but play must continue without the Teams leaving the ice.

During the play, if an injured Player wishes to retire from the ice and be replaced by a substitute, they must do so at the Players' Bench and not through any other exit leading from the Rink. This is not a legal Player change and therefore when a violation occurs, a Bench-minor Penalty shall be imposed.

If a penalised Player has been injured, they may proceed to the Dressing Room without taking a seat in the Penalty Box. The penalised Team shall immediately put a substitute Player in the Penalty Box, who shall serve the penalty until the injured Player is able to return to the game. They would replace their Teammate in the Penalty Box at the next stoppage of play.

For violation of this rule, a Bench Minor Penalty shall be imposed.

Should the injured penalised Player who has been replaced in the Penalty Box return to their Players' Bench prior to the expiration of their penalty, they shall not be eligible to play until their penalty has expired. This includes coincidental penalties when their substitute is still in the Penalty Box awaiting a stoppage in play.



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The injured Player must wait until their substitute has been released from the Penalty Box before they are eligible to play. If, however, there is a stoppage of play prior to the expiration of their penalty, they must then replace their Teammate in the Penalty Box and is then eligible to return once their penalty has expired. When a Player is injured so that they cannot continue play or go to their Players' Bench, the play shall not be stopped until the injured Player's Team has secured control of the puck. If the Player's Team is in "control of the puck" at the time of injury, play shall be stopped immediately unless their Team is in a scoring position. In the case where it is obvious that a Player has sustained a serious injury, the Referee and/or Linesperson may stop the play immediately. Where an injury has occurred to a Player and there is a stoppage of play, a Team Doctor (or other Medical Personnel) may go onto the ice to attend to the injured Player without waiting for the Referee's consent.

When play has been stopped by the Referee or Linesperson due to an injured Player, or whenever an injured Player is attended to on the ice by the Coach or Medical Personnel, such Player must be substituted for immediately. This injured Player cannot return to the ice until play has resumed.

When play is stopped for an injured Player, the ensuing "face-off" shall be conducted at the Face-off Spot in the zone nearest the location of the puck when the play was stopped.

When the injured Player's Team has control of the puck in the Attacking Zone, the "face-off" shall be conducted at the nearest Face off Spot in the Neutral Zone.

When the injured Player is in their Defending Zone and the attacking Team is in "possession of the puck" in the Attacking Zone, the "face-off" shall be conducted at the nearest Face-off Spot in the defending Team's zone.

A player who lies on the ice either feigning an injury or refusing to get up off the ice will be issued a Minor Penalty.

8.2 INJURED GOALKEEPER

If a Goalkeeper sustains an injury or becomes ill, they must be ready to resume play immediately or be replaced by a substitute Goalkeeper and no additional time shall be allowed for the purpose of enabling the injured or ill Goalkeeper to resume their position.

No warm-up shall be permitted for a substitute Goalkeeper in any game.

The substitute Goalkeeper shall be subject to the regular rules governing Goalkeepers and shall be entitled to the same privileges.

When a substitution for the injured Goalkeeper has been made, the injured Goalkeeper is not allowed to resume the position until the next stoppage of play. For a violation of the rule, a Minor Penalty for "Delay of Game" shall be assessed.

When play has been stopped by the Referee or Linesperson due to an injured Goalkeeper, such Goalkeeper must be substituted for only if they have to proceed to the Players' Bench to receive medical attention.

Where an injury has occurred to a Goalkeeper and there is a stoppage of play, a Team Doctor (or other Medical Personnel) may go onto the ice to attend to the injured Player without waiting for the Referee's consent.

If the Doctor or Medical Personnel has come onto the ice to attend to the Goalkeeper and there is no undue delay, the Goalkeeper may remain in the game. However, no additional time shall be permitted by the Referee for the purpose of enabling the injured Goalkeeper to resume their position (i.e., no warm-up).

8.3 BLOOD

A player who is bleeding or who has visible blood on their equipment or body shall be ruled off the ice at the next stoppage of play.

Such Player shall not be permitted to return to play until the bleeding has been stopped and the cut or abrasion has been covered (if necessary). It is required that any affected equipment and/or uniform be properly disinfected or exchanged.

HOCKEY VIEWS FROM SECTION 'C' AND BEYOND

Darrian Wilson

The internet is a wonderful place, a veritable mine of information. I can jump between learning how to maximise my pension investments to minimising my waist, or I can jump on the social media channels and be entertained by the post-match chirping between fans or even players and fans. Who needs a tv?

Whilst most of it is harmless and there is always a tranche of people sitting by waiting to take offence, some has been inflammatory and uncalled for.

Whilst in the past players have been fined for a hot take on an incident in a match or the performance of an official or two there does have to be a reasonable line drawn. Perhaps Scott Conway lacks the maturity required to engage with others, perhaps the on-ice diva is a diva off the ice too.

Either way it does the professionalism the league is trying to convey no favours to have players go out to deliberately insult another fanbase.

On the other hand people can just scroll past and refuse to give the guy the attention he craves.

Prior to last weekend some Dundee pundit reckoned that no team would win with Drake Pilon on the first line. Thankfully he took the ribbing well after Flyers did win with Drake on the first line with two of Flyers four goals coming from that line, one from Drake himself and another from the ever impressing Phelix Martineau.

To be fair what we were going to get from Flyers last weekend was a bit of an enigma and it would be a brave person that put solid money on Flyers to win. Dundee have been solid enough but fortunate that Pouliot finished the game after a couple of late challenges that left firstly Artur Gatiyatov down injured in the second period before his second in period three left John Curran down injured. Another night, another set of referees would have seen him ejected.

Talking of being ejected and that is what happened to Loren Ullet after he scythed away at Devils' Ryan Barrow drawing the first DOPS video of the season and a three-match ban. The biggest surprise being that him punching away at the defenceless Barrow after the big chop and a cross check (all whilst Barrow was down on the ice) didn't draw an additional match or two. Best not mention resisting the officials.

There was a genuine shout for a gross misconduct penalty but I acknowledge the restraint being shown by DOPS.

With DOPS only providing video explanations for suspensions of three matches or over I did think they could have been more creative and entertaining by beefing up their output. Maybe setting the videos up as a crime watch style video or American style (over) reaction type thing.

Storm will have to travel to Fife on Saturday without the services of Ullet, their four-goal hero from the last time the two met in the Auld Barn. Flyers are due Storm one from that last visit however we seem to be painting ourselves into the corner as Flyers couldn't muster a full three lines last Sunday to take down to Guildford. Flyers were well and truly in that match for the best part of two and a half periods when our initial fear was that they'd be on the receiving end of a Coventryesque six nil gubbing, especially as Flames had zero travel miles on the weekend.

Thank goodness it's just a cheeky wee trip to Yorkshire Tea and pudding country on Sunday to play Panthers. Bad news is they have started off strong and look a formidable side under Danny Stewart's stewardship. Bringing in Stewy was a great move by the Panthers' organisation however I'm not so sure it is such a great move for Danny as Panthers don't tend to retain head coaches for long and Stewy could find himself looking for a new coaching role if those in power have that whim.

One series of moves Flyers made after last weekend was the release of Brython Preece and addition of twenty four year old Latvian keeper Janis Voris with Cameron Kenny signed as the home-grown back-up keeper. This will give additional depth at the back end in preparation for a long season and will allow Shane Owen to be rested if or when needed.

We can only hope that there are other moves in the wind to bring in additional home-grown players to bolster the numbers and more importantly, log some ice time.

Enjoy the weekend hockey fans and get behind your team.

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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.

Fife Flyers take what they hope will be the first step to the British Championship finals at Wembley in May when they open their Heineken Premier League challenge against Nottingham Panthers at Kirkcaldy Ice Rink tomorrow night. And they face another tough match on Sunday evening when they travel to meet Durham Wasps — England's only unbeaten Premier League side. With five straight Bluecol Cup wins under their belts, Flyers are hoping to keep up the momentum by getting off to a winning start in the Heineken League. Nottingham are the first hurdle to be crossed in a competition which is Flyers' top priority this season. Panthers' player-coach is Canadian Mike Urquhart, who is making his first trip to Kirkcaldy after losing the tip of a finger in a match against Flyers last season! The visitors' other imports are defenceman Jeff Andison, who played with Danny Brown at the University of West Ontario last season, and centre Steve Salter. "I do not know anything about either Nottingham or Durham, but they do have some good imports," said Flyers' player coach Ronnie Plumb yesterday. "It will be a learning experience for me until we have played each of the teams once, but it is a long season, and one game will not make or break us. The guys are all looking forward to this weekend, and they cannot wait to get on to the ice." Reflecting on last weekend's victories over Ayr Bruins and Murrayfield Racers, Plumb commented: "We had three solid periods against Ayr, and the game went the way I thought it would. The Murrayfield match was a little rough, and there were a lot of penalties for both teams which broke the flow of the game. We went into a defensive shell at the start of the last period rather than taking the game to them, and as a result we let Racers back into the match. However, we are starting to play as a team, and the guys have really responded to Dave, Danny and myself," Plumb added.

13/10/1984 Fife Flyers v Nottingham Panthers - Premier League

Flyers leave it late Fife Flyers set out on the long road to Wembley on Saturday night — but they got a fright before ending the challenge of Nottingham Panthers in the last period. The Kirkcaldy side allowed a three goal lead to slip away in the second period and were left with an uphill task to register their first Heineken League points. Flyers opened strongly, and Neil Abel fired home a loose puck to give them the lead after only a minute. Although Panthers were quickly level, the home side regained the lead with a Chic Cottrell goal as they continued to hold the upper hand. Dave Stoyanovich made it 3-1 midway through the period, and although Nottingham pulled one back a minute later, Danny Brown scored Flyers' fourth in the 18th minute. Flyers went three ahead five minutes into the second period when Stoyanovich powered his way through the visitors' defence. However the home side became rather complacent, and Panthers gradually forced their way back into the match, equalising five minutes from the buzzer and silencing the Kirkcaldy fans by going ahead for the first time. With the words of player-coach Ronnie Plumb ringing in their ears, Flyers began the last period with more purpose, but it was 12 minutes before Stoyanovich breached the Panthers' defence to complete his hat-trick. One minute later, the fans erupted as Gordon Latto deflected a Plumb shot into the net to make it 7-6. Flyers at last began to show their true form, and Gordon Goodsir put the finishing touch to a fine move involving Stoyanovich and Brown. Fifteen seconds from time, Flyers set the seal on an excellent final period display when Brown scored with an unstoppable shot.



WEMBLEY WIZARDS SEASON 1984/85



14/10/1984 Durham Wasps v Fife Flyers - Premier League

Fife Flyers lost their unbeaten record at Durham on Sunday night — but they were not helped by some dubious refereeing decisions which altered the course of the game. The visitors were handicapped by a string of penalties at a crucial phase in the second period, and also had an apparently legitimate goal disallowed. Wasps drew first blood after only 11 seconds when Tilley fired them in front, and the early goal signalled a non-stop barrage of shots on Flyers' netminder Andrew Donald for the first 10 minutes of the match. O'Connor added a second for Durham, and although Flyers broke away for Danny Brown to net a fine solo goal, the first period was virtually one-way traffic, and Bennett and Tilley gave the home side a 4-1 lead at the first buzzer. Flyers were given a much-needed boost at the start of the second period when Dave Stoyanovich pulled a goal back, but with the Kirkcaldy side forcing their way back into the match, they were hit by a series of penalties. Durham took full advantage to increase their lead, but Stoyanovich came straight out of the penalty box to net his second of the evening and make the score 5-3. With the match hanging in the balance Flyers received another blow when Gordon Latto looked to have pulled another goal back only for the referee to rule that the puck had not crossed the line. Wasps made the most of this let off to skate up the ice and take a 6-3 lead into the final period. The game settled down in the last 20 minutes but Durham scored three times without reply to put the match beyond Flyers reach. With eight minutes remaining Stoyanovich completed his second hattrick within the space of two days with a powerful shot from the wing. Three minutes later a fine solo dribble by the same player left Ronnie Plumb free on the blueline and his shot found the corner. With Flyers' superior fitness beginning to tell Danny Brown pulled the score back to 9-6 with a fine solo effort. Although the Kirkcaldy side continued to press, their efforts to save the match ran out of time.



KIRKCALDY ICE HOCKEY CLUB



Fife Phantoms took a little while to hit their stride at Aberdeen Lynx U14 last weekend but eventually romped away with an emphatic victory.

Harry Hudson (4), Jackson O'Neil (3) and Ryan Venters (3) topped the scoring in a game where most of the team bagged goals or assists.

Fife Flames produced an eye-catching performance against Aberdeen's U16 team, recovering from a goal down to eventually rack up double figures.

The team featured a blend of U16 and U14 players – a factor which made the result more satisfying. Caiden Forbes (4) led the scoring, but the goals and assists were shared across the roster.

Aiden Nicholson (Phantoms) and Cal McLaren (Flames) picked up the MVP awards for their respective teams.

At senior level, **Kirkcaldy Kestrels** produced an impressive performance at home to North Ayrshire Wild in the Scottish National League (SNL).

Period scores of 2-0, 2-0 and 2-0 provided a balanced look to the scoresheet as the Kestrels recorded their second victory of the season.

Goals by Finley King and Conor Duncan set the home side on their way in the first period, and they were rarely troubled thereafter.

Scott Jamieson (2), Kyle Horne and a second goal by King put the seal on an emphatic 6-0 win.

The result left the Kestrels third in the table, two points adrift of Edinburgh Capitals and Aberdeen Lynx.

They have a double-header lined-up this weekend, visiting Dundee Rockets on Saturday before hosting Kilmarnock Thunder the following day.

The Rockets kicked off their SNL campaign with a 2-1 shoot-out defeat against Aberdeen over the weekend.

Thunder have lost their first three matches this season and will be eager to make life difficult for the Kestrels.



TABLES & FIXTURES

SEASON 2024/25

ELITE LEAGUE

	GP	PTS	W	OTW	L	OTL/SOL	GF	GA	PTS %	
Cardiff Devils	3	6	3	0	0	0	11	3	1	
Manchester Storm	3	4	2	0	1	0	14	16	0.67	
Belfast Giants	2	3	1	0	0	1	9	6	0.75	
Guildford Flames	1	2	1	0	0	0	4	1	1	
Coventry Blaze	1	2	1	0	0	0	4	2	1	
Sheffield Steelers	1	2	0	1	0	0	3	2	1	
Nottingham Panthers	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Dundee Stars	1	0	0	0	1	0	4	5	0	
Fife Flyers	3	0	0	0	3	0	7	15	0	
Glasgow Clan	3	0	0	0	3	0	4	10	0	

As at 30th September 2024

CHALLENGE CUP GROUP B

	GP	PTS	W	OTW	L	OTL/SOL	GF	GA	PTS %	
Belfast Giants	4	8	3	1	0	0	22	10	1	
Fife Flyers	5	5	2	0	2	1	17	19	0.5	
Dundee Stars	7	5	1	1	4	1	21	31	0.36	
Glasgow Clan	4	4	2	0	2	0	18	18	0.5	

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WHAT'S ON TAP THIS WEEKEND

Game ID			Home	Away	Face Off
10	Wed	2-Oct-2024	Glasgow Clan	Nottingham Panthers	19:30
CC26	Fri	4-Oct-2024	Manchester Storm	Coventry Blaze	19:30
11	Sat	5-Oct-2024	Belfast Giants	Cardiff Devils	19:00
CC27	Sat	5-Oct-2024	Coventry Blaze	Guildford Flames	19:00
CC28	Sat	5-Oct-2024	Glasgow Clan	Dundee Stars	19:00
CC29	Sat	5-Oct-2024	Sheffield Steelers	Nottingham Panthers	19:00
12	Sat	5-Oct-2024	Fife Flyers	Manchester Storm	19:15
13	Sun	6-Oct-2024	Nottingham Panthers	Fife Flyers	16:00
14	Sun	6-Oct-2024	Dundee Stars	Sheffield Steelers	17:00
15	Sun	6-Oct-2024	Guildford Flames	Cardiff Devils	18:00

FLYERS SCHEDULE 2024/25

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



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