



# THE FLYER



VS



**WEDNESDAY 9TH OCTOBER 2024**  
**CHALLENGE CUP**





# COOLEN'S COMMENTS

Last Saturday was a battle for sure, it was a hard fought game and fortunately for us we got two points out of it. It was a game of highs and lows, good plays, bad plays and a lot of variation which I wasn't extremely happy with. At times it was what I'd call an ugly game but both teams played ugly. We played a lot better in our previous home game against Dundee but we found a way to win and that's pretty important. The game was even tougher as we lost players to injury for parts of the game and we already had some others that were banged up pretty good and so we had to dig deep, we had Fynn Page come in and do a good job for us and Brodie Kay continued to play his game. I dressed an extra defenceman, Madi, to play as a forward just in case we needed extra cover and as it turned out he had to slot right back onto the blueline but anyways it all worked out. It wasn't as pretty as I would have liked it, our powerplay struggled again and it's not as though we hadn't worked on it or don't have

talented players but something's not clicking so we will need to take a look at that again. It was great to see Martin Látal get in there for his first game, that wasn't easy for him. We had another big performance by Shane and we scored some beautiful goals so again all in all she was a big two points. We just want to present our best and take whatever comes with that.





On Sunday in Nottingham I thought we got off to a pretty good start, we had our chances after stepping off the bus. We knew the Panthers have a good team and it would be tough but we battles pretty well at the start of the game. The first goal was important and the scored it which gave them a little more momentum and put us on the back foot a little bit more. We still had chances after that and we didn't finish and they got a second before the end of the period. In the second period they were better and at that stage it kinda put us out of the game. We talked about it before the third period and our goal was to win the third period and try to get something positive out of the afternoon and we did. We had a weekend where we took two of four points which is a step in the right direction but it's always a battle and we went into the game short staffed and I think it showed.

We just have to lick our wounds and get ready for another two very tough games that come at us quickly this midweek. We have to get healthy but we have shown that we can compete with everybody and that's what we will be aiming to do.

Thank you all for your continued support.

**Tom**

# MATCH REPORT

Saturday 5th October 2024				3		2	Elite League	
Period Scores 1-1, 1-1, 1-0								
Line ups	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	✓				
Brown		Refs	Rodger		Connor	Lines men	Ward	

The Flyers welcomed the Manchester Storm for their second visit to Kirkcaldy in the league this season. The Storm were coming off a 4-3 shootout loss at home to the Coventry Blaze the previous evening. The visitors were without the suspended Dallas Ehrhardt and Loren Ulett and were also missing Chase Harrison, Cameron Critchlow and Stephen Johnson. The Flyers were without the injured Johnny Curran and scratched Artur Gatiyatov whilst they welcomed back Brodie Kay and gave a debut to Martin Látal following his recovery from preseason injury.

30 seconds in and Shane Owen had to look sharp to cover up a loose puck around his crease. The Flyers were next to threaten and Maxim Musorov fired just wide after 60 seconds which was followed by Evan Weninger swallowing the puck as Noah Delmas let rip from the circles. The Storm almost opened the scoring in the 3rd minute when a tip in the slot from Grant Hebert pinged the outside of Owen's righthand post. A goal did arrive however moments later as Látal touched the puck off in centre ice to a speeding Phélix Martineau who drove the net and managed to slide the puck underneath Weninger. The Flyers had their tails up at this point and for the next couple of minutes they swarmed the Storm goal and almost increased their lead in the 6th minute when Musorov, with a lot of net to aim at, struck the inside of the post before the play was halted when Joe Morrow caught Michael Cichy with a high stick which drew blood and a double minor. The Flyers power play tested the Storm netminder early with Daniel Krenželok powering a shot on goal from just inside the blueline. CJ Garcia had a long range short handed attempt gloved by Owen. There was a lot of patient set up play by the Flyers with their man advantage but Weninger was seeing the puck well. As the penalty was nearing an end Látal almost had a debut goal as his backhand struck a defender and landed on the goal line before being cleared as the visitors survived. A Musorov snapshot in the 11th minute from the circles was held by Weninger. Owen had to make two saves in quick succession in the 13th minute from Morrow who fired in shots from an angle that the keeper got his blocker on. The Storm went on the power play in the 14th minute when Lucas Chiodo was called for hooking. The Storm power play looked dangerous from the get go and Owen did well to keep Alexis D'Aoust from equalising as he slid post to post. The same player moments later was again denied by Owen but the Fife keeper could do nothing to stop a Gianluca Esteves tip from the slot finding the net. Cichy returned from the room after repairs at this point. In the 18th minute Austin Farley split the defence but couldn't get much on his shot on goal as he went tumbling to the ice and a few moments later a let off for the Flyers as Esteves fanned on the puck with a wide open net.

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In the 21st minute D'Aoust from distance had his shot held by Owen who then denied the same player in the 23rd minute with the Flyers quickly going the other way and Weninger was forced to make a decent save on a rising shot from Cichy. Patrick Kyte retired to the Flyers room after a big collision with Owen and the goalpost and didn't return for the remainder of the game. In the 27th minute Jake Durlinger couldn't beat Owen who was out at the top of his crease to make a strong

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save. The Flyers replied with a Krenželok rip that Weninger stopped with his chest. The Flyers went ahead again in the 28th minute when Weninger couldn't hold a powerful shot from Tyler Heidt and Martineau was on hand to stuff the puck home from the edge of the crease. A Musorov shot struck the outside of the goal in the 31st minute and in the 33rd minute Ryan Hughes dangled through the Flyers defence but he couldn't solve Owen. The visitors tied the game up again in the 35th minute when Tyler Hinam sniped a face off win and his shot seemed to fool Owen who was perhaps unsighted. A minute later and the Storm were back in the power play as Cichy was called for slashing. Craig Martin had a blast at the Flyers goal from the high slot but Owen made a great leg save as the Flyers killed the man advantage. Approaching the final minute Owen gathered a shot from D'Aoust to his chest before the Storm were penalised with Owen Griffiths getting the gate for tripping Chiodo. Heidt had a strong shot which Weninger just got a piece off but Owen had to be sharp to stop a shorthanded breakaway by Hebert as the teams went in at the interval all square with a minute of power play time remaining.

## PERIOD 3

The Flyers opened the period with pressure on the visitors during the remainder of their power play time and Heidt saw a shot go in and out of Weninger's glove and float over the crossbar but it was Storm who almost snatched a shorthanded goal when Hebert took advantage of a couple of slips in the Flyers rearguard but couldn't provide the finish. In the 43rd minute a bad angled shot by Drake Pilon had Weninger scrambling but Storm hit back a couple of minutes later when D'Aoust almost caught the Flyers on a line change but he couldn't beat Owen. Hinam was stoned by a fantastic close in save by Owen as Storm played 6 on 5 following a delayed tripping penalty on Brodie Kay. The Flyers penalty kill was resolute as the only chance fell for D'Aoust who hit the side netting which then started a scrum around the Flyers cage. Weninger stopped Chiodo in the 48th minute before Hebert again tested Owen as Storm quickly transitioned the puck with the Flyers keeper at full stretch to make the save. Musorov drove the net in the 49th minute but Weninger sprawled to gather the puck as the net came off the moorings. Noah Carrol was called for a two minute boarding minor in the 52nd minute and the Flyers with the extra man almost took the lead again but Martineau was denied by a fine toe save by Weninger. At the other end a breakdown in communication allowed Hebert to steal the puck and skate in all alone on Owen but he pulled his shot wide of the target in what was a huge let off for the home side. The crucial go ahead goal and ultimately the game winner arrived in the 54th minute as the Flyers had an odd man rush with Musorov supplying the pas to Cichy who steadied himself before sniping the puck top shelf stick side on Weninger. Austin Farley weaved his way in on goal in the 57th minute but Weninger stretched out a pad to make a fantastic save. With two minutes remaining Storm called their time out but elected not to pull the goalie for the extra skater. The clocked ticked down to 49 seconds to go and with a face off in the Fife zone Weninger was pulled. Storm controlled the puck in the Fife end for the remainder of the game with Joe Morrow having a shot blocked and D'Aoust had a final shot on the buzzer through a mass of humanity held by Owen to secure the win.

Flyers Stats					Storm Stats				
Shots For	Scorer	Assist	Assist	Goal	Scorer	Assist	Assist	Shots For	
For	Martineau	Latal	Farley	1	Estevez	D'Aoust	Martin	For	
50	Martineau	Heidt	Farley	2	Hinam	Hughes	Hebert	47	
Shots	Cichy	Musorov	Chiodo	3				Shots	
Against				4				Against	
47				5				50	
PiMS				6				PiMS	
4				7				8	
				8					
MOM				9				MOM	
Martineau				10				D'Aoust	



# STORM MATCH NIGHT ACTION



JILLIAN MCFARLANE  
DEREK YOUNG







# GETTING TO KNOW #66

## Nikolai Shulga

*Date of Birth – February 11th 2003*

*Age – 21*

*Blace of Birth – Pavlodar, Kazakhstan*

*Position – Forward*

*Shoots – Left*

*Height – 178cm/5'10"*

*Weight – 75 kg/165 lbs*

*Honours:*

*Continental Cup Champion 2024*

*Professional Hockey Career*

*2020-22 –Snezhnye Barys Nur-Sultan  
(Kazakhstan), Nomad Nur-Sultan  
(Kazakhstan)*

*2022-2024 – Nomad Astana  
(Kazakhstan)*





# #66 WE ASKED...

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

Nothing apart from ice hockey

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

My family

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

Roman Starchenko

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

Victor Hedman, Victor Karlsson, Rasmus Dahlin

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

Kazakhstan against Sweden in the last World Championships

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

I like any ice rink or arena but my favourite is in my home town of Karaganda

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

Every time a player is called for a penalty it would be a penalty shot awarded

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

No real favourite, I like everyone

**Most admired hockey player and why?**

Valeri Kharlamov as everyone admires his game

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

Work real hard and not miss any training sessions

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

I don't really have a strongest skill as there no end to perfection and I try to improve everything

**Pre-game routine?**

Go for a walk, lunch, nap and then get in a good mood to start the game

**Pre-game meal?**

Chicken any kind of pasta, salad, vegetables, chicken soup

**Any gameday superstitions?**

Nothing

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

Football

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

Sumo Wrestling

**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)?**

Bitva extrasensov - People endowed with extraordinary psychic abilities from all over Russia compete to outwit the other participants to win a grand prize and earn the title of the best Russian psychic

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

My mums meat pie

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

Grape juice

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

Valeri Kharlamov, Lionel Messi, Viktor Tsoi and Madi Dikhanbek

**Favourite singer/music/band?**

Russian rapper - Timati

**What is your favourite vacation destination?**

Wherever my family are

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

Favourite – Maths and Least favourite - Chemistry

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

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)**

Would have been the drummer for Queen

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

None

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

To stop time

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

Rope, matches, pen knife





**How many languages do you speak?**

Russian and in the process of learning English

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

Would like to have played tennis professionally.

# MATCH REPORT

Sunday 6th October 2024			5		1	Elite League		
Period Scores 2-0, 3-0, 0-1								
Line ups	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	✗					
Wells		Refs	Anderson		Carmichael	Lines men	Fraley	

The Flyers made their first visit to the Motorpoint Arena to meet the Panthers looking to make it back to back victories for the first time this season. They travelled south with a bench further shortened by injuries to Olivier LeBlanc and Patrick Kyte who joined Johnny Curran on the sidelines with Artur Gatiyatov being brought back into the lineup. The Panthers scratched Jaakko Niskala and Cooper Zech.

The Panthers were on the front foot after only 15 seconds when Otto Nieminen put a back hand shot on goal that Shane Owen held. The Flyers responded within the opening minute when Michael Cichy and Lucas Chiodo combined with the latter forcing a good kick save from Ryan Bednard. In the 3rd minute another Flyers break saw Chiodo feed the puck to Phélix Martineau whose snapshot whistled just past the post. There were very few chances for either side but it was the Flyers who again carved out the next dangerous opportunity when Maxim Musorov and Chiodo linked up and the pass back across goal was deflected by a stick preventing Chiodo having the chance at an empty net. In the 8th minute Owen had to make a smart save on Davis Bunz and the visitors had a huge let off when Reid Stefanson was all alone in the slot but Owen was stellar to make a great save. A minute later the Panthers came even closer when a Matt Spencer shot hit the inside of the post and slid across goal but Sam Herr couldn't get a touch with a great stick lift by Noah Delmas saving a certain goal. The Panthers pressure eventually paid off in the 12th minute when a shot from up on the blueline was redirected by Ollie Betteridge in the slot and beat Owen who was unhappy with some earlier contact in his crease. The on ice decision was goal and the Flyers used their Coaches Challenge but the decision stood and the Panthers went on the power play. The Flyers came up with a massive kill as the home side failed to get shot on Owen. In the 15th minute Martin Látal went coast to coast with the puck and his back hand effort forced a shoulder save from Bednard. The Panthers increased their lead in the 18th minute when Nieminen sprung Kristoff Kontos into the Fife zone and as he skated in on Owen his release found the five hole from the bottom of the circles. The final save of the period came from Bednard in the 19th minute when he stuck out a pad to deny Daniel Krenželok.

## PERIOD 2

In the opening minute of the second period Panthers home debutant Zsombor Garat went down the left wing and fizzed in a shot that didn't miss Owen's far post by much. Chiodo carried the puck into the Panthers zone in the 24th minute and his shot from the slot hit the stick of Josh Tetlow and deflected wide of the net. The Panthers next chance in the 25th minute saw Hugo Roy go for a skate in the Flyers zone and as the space opened up his shot was saved by Owen with the puck rebounding off Brodie Kay and rolled towards the net before being cleared.



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The Panthers were enjoying considerable zone time in the Flyers end of the ice and after a long period of possession Owen swallowed a shot by Quinn Wichers. The third Panthers goal was only delayed a minute as Didrik Henbrant broke in on the Flyers goal and with Delmas trying to strip the puck a delayed penalty was called but Henbrant kept the puck alive and fed it to Sam Herr who from an angle managed to bank the puck off of Owen and into the net. The Panthers continued to press and the Flyers were lucky to survive another couple of chances in the next few minutes with firstly Matt Alfaro being denied by a pad save and then Owen stopping Henbrant as he saved the puck with his face mask. The home side killed the game with a couple of goals within a minute. The first in the 37th minute came after Kontos and Roy broke 2 on 1. Kontos took the puck around a sliding Tyler Heidt before releasing it to Roy who was able to walk around Owen and slide the puck home. The Panthers fifth came after they won another offensive zone face off and the puck went back to Tim Doherty inside the face off circle and his quick release beat Owen on the glove side just inside his post. In the final minute the Flyers had an odd man rush with Chiodo getting a shot away on Bednard who had to make a shoulder save as the puck rose up on him.

## PERIOD 3

The Flyers carried the play to open the third period and Tyler Heidt had a shot from the boards that was gloved by Bednard who then lost his shutout bid moments later as Chiodo skated in one on one on him and produced a fine finish. Flyers had the next chance in the 43rd minute when Krenželok floated the puck in from the blueline with a mass of humanity around the Panthers goal but Bednard was able to track it and glove it. In the 45th minute following some nice set up play in the Panthers zone Martineau misfired on a one timer from an angle. A minute later Michael Cichy blocked the puck in the crease with his body from a Roy shot that looked net bound. Betteridge fired a shot off the outside of the post in the 47th minute and in the next minute Henbrant with electric pace dangled through the Fife defence and went backhand forehand but was very unfortunate to see his shot slide under Owen and hit the post. Another Krenželok blast from the blue line brought another glove save from Bednard. Henbrant and Owen continued their duel as the Panthers player went down the right side but the Flyers keeper was square to the shooter to make the save. Heidt then had a one-time blast from the blueline that Bednard turned away with his stick. A minute later and Bednard was once again in action this time stoopping a speeding Látal from the left wing. The Panthers keeper then spilled a Krenželok drive and Cichy was on hand to collect the puck but his shot on the backhand was well saved. Krenželok continued to show his offensive side as he stole the puck in the neutral zone before firing a shot from the top of the slot that Bednard blockered away. In the 57th minute Owen produced the save of the game as he went full stretch to stop Kontos. In the final minute Adam Berg went through for the Panthers but Owen stopped him with a solid blocker save and with just 20 seconds remaining the Flyers went on their first power play of the night as Spencer was binned for roughing. The visitors had no time to set anything up before the final buzzer.

Panthers Stats					Flyers Stats				
Shots For	<b>Scorer</b>	<b>Assist</b>	<b>Assist</b>	<b>Goal</b>	<b>Scorer</b>	<b>Assist</b>	<b>Assist</b>	Shots For	
For	Betteridge	Stefanson	Tetlow	1	Chiodo	Musorov		For	
<b>33</b>	Kontos	Niemenin	Spencer	2				<b>22</b>	
Shots	Herr	Henbrant	Kelsall	3				Shots	
Against	Roy	Kontos	Niemenin	4				Against	
<b>22</b>	Doherty	Wichers	Betteridge	5				<b>33</b>	
PiMS				6				PiMS	
<b>2</b>				7				<b>2</b>	
				8					
<b>MOM</b>				9				<b>MOM</b>	
Kontos				10				Chiodo	



# PANTHERS MATCH NIGHT ACTION



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PANTHERS





# 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	10	0	1	1	0	0	0	2	432	0.91	3.79	0	0	602	38
Brython Preece	G	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cameron Kenny	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	PP A	PP Pts	SH G	SH A	SH Pts	Ev G	Ev A	Ev Pts	PiMS	SOG
Noah Delmas	D	10	0	4	4			0			0		4	4	2	12
Madi Dikhanbek	D	8	0	0	0			0			0			0	8	15
Tyler Heidt	D	9	1	2	3		1	1			0	1	1	2	6	19
Brodie Kay	D	8	0	0	0			0			0			0		2
Daniel Krenželok	D	9	2	2	4		2	2			0	2		2	27	32
Patrick Kyte	D	9	0	1	1			0			0		1	1	15	11
Olivier LeBlanc	D	9	0	3	3			0			0		3	3	6	7
Fynn Page	D	4	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	10	6	7	13	3	1	4			0	3	6	9	2	40
Michael Cichy	F	10	4	4	8	2		2			0	2	4	6	4	22
Johnny Curran	F	7	2	6	8		3	3			0	2	3	5	4	22
Austin Farley	F	8	3	4	7	1		1			0	2	4	6	6	23
Artur Gatiyatov	F	8	0	1	1			0			0		1	1		14
Martin Látal	F	2	0	1	1			0			0		1	1		7
Phélix Martineau	F	10	6	4	10		2	2			0	6	2	8	2	33
Maxim Musorov	F	10	2	4	6		1	1			0	2	3	5	2	23
Drake Pilon	F	10	1	4	5		1	1			0	1	3	4	33	23
Nikolai Shulga	F	10	1	3	4		1	1			0	1	2	3	2	15
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 06/10/2024																0 SO Goals
Totals														Team	2	
			28	51	78	6	12	18	0	0	0	22	38	60	121	320

### Legend

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

Penalty Shots Scored	Shorthanded Goals Scored	Game Winning Goals	Empty Net Goals For	Empty Net Goals Against
		1 - Musorov Krenželok Cichy		2

# WEEK 5 – FLYERS STATS RECAP

## On Saturday night.....

### Fife Flyers 3 Manchester Storm 2 - Elite League

Flyers 50 shots on the Storm goal was their highest game total so far this season. Highest since putting 51 shots on the Storm on 23rd February 2024.

25 shots in the first was also the Flyers highest in a period this season.

Phélix Martineau and Lucas Chiodo both had 8 shots in the game which is a new high for shots by a Flyers player in a game this season.

Lucas Chiodo extended his points streak to five games which is a team high on the season.

Phélix Martineau played 25:35 which is a new team high for a player this season.

It was the first time this season that the Flyers have scored the opening goal in a match.

Also the first time this season that the Flyers have never been behind in a match.

It was the Flyers 300th win in all EIHL competitions.

Congratulations to Martin Látal who made his debut – the 14th player to take a bow this season.

## On Sunday night.....

### Nottingham Panthers 5 Fife Flyers 1 - Elite League

Flyers 4 shots in the first was their lowest total for a period this season.

The game also saw the Flyers equal their lowest shots total for a game both for and against this season.


Lucas Chiodo stretched his team high for the season scoring streak to 6 games.

Madi Dikhanbek played a team season high time on ice of 27:25.

The Panthers were the only team Lucas Chiodo had yet to score against.

Noah Delmas is now the only blueliner to be ever present – he is one of 8 players yet to miss a game.

The Panthers remain with the second fewest goals per game given up so far this season in all EIHL competitions.

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





# WEEKEND PREVIEW




## WEEK 6



### Recent Form Guide

The Flyers and Giants met on the opening weekend of the season and since then Belfast have proven to be a tough nut to crack as they sit top of the Challenge Cup group section with a 100% record and are second in the league table standings having dropped a single point in their opening three games. After winning in Fife the Giants hosted the Dundee Stars the following weekend and the visitors almost caused an upset as they took the home side the distance before the Giants won it 6-5 in overtime. The following weekend there was no such difficulties as the Stars were shutout at the Dundee Ice Arena before the Giants opened up their league campaign with a convincing 7-3 win on the road in Manchester the following Saturday. The next night the Giants visited the Sheffield Steelers and in an epic encounter they fought hard with a short bench to get a point in a shootout loss. Last weekend the Giants hosted the Cardiff Devils and after trailing to the only goal of the game they hit three late goals to take both the points. Following their meeting with the Flyers the Giants are once again in Scotland on Challenge Cup duty this weekend when they meet the Glasgow Clan on Saturday night before both teams head west for a return match up at the SSE on Sunday.

### LAST CHALLENGE CUP VISIT FROM GIANTS

Sunday 8th September 2024				4				Challenge Cup			
											
<b>Flyers Stats</b>				<b>Giants Stats</b>							
<b>Scorer</b>	<b>Assist</b>	<b>Assist</b>	<b>Shots For</b>		<b>Scorer</b>	<b>Assist</b>	<b>Assist</b>	<b>Shots For</b>			
Curran	Chiodo	LeBlanc	33	<b>Goal 1</b>	Osterberg	Lake	Barriga	59			
Chiodo	Curran	Krenželok	<b>Shots Against</b>	<b>Goal 2</b>	Carpenter	Piccinich		<b>Shots Against</b>			
			59	<b>Goal 3</b>	Carpenter	Kawaguchi	Piccinich	33			
			<b>PiMS</b>	<b>Goal 4</b>	Cooper	Mismash	Cassetti	<b>PiMS</b>			
			6	<b>Goal 5</b>				8			
				<b>Goal 6</b>							
			<b>Goalies</b>	<b>Goal 7</b>				<b>Goalies</b>			
			Owen	<b>Goal 8</b>				Whistle			
				<b>Goal 9</b>							
				<b>Goal 10</b>							

### OVERALL CHALLENGE CUP HOME RECORD AGAINST GIANTS

P 15 W 2 D 1 L 12 F 27 A 52

### Number Crunching

The Giants have won on their last five visits to the Fife Ice Arena in Challenge Cup business. During that time they have outscored the Flyers 5-15 and have recorded two shut outs.

The last Flyers home win against the Giants in Challenge Cup action was 29th September 2019 when they won 5-2 with goals from Jonas Emmerdahl, Kyle Just, Dylan Quaile and a double from Tim Crowder.

Scott Conway with one more goal will tie Colin Shields as Giants all time scorer against the Flyers in the EIHL with 15 goals.

The Giants lead the scoring stats with 4.86 goals per game so far this season – Flyers have 2.8 goals per game.

Giants at 38.86 shots per game are second behind Dundee who have 38.89 per game – Flyers have 32 per game.

Giants most productive period for goals scored is the third – Flyers have conceded most of their goals in the third period.

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



# WEEKEND PREVIEW

## WEEK 6



### Recent Form Guide

This will be the second meeting between the Flyers and Devils in the league this season with both being at the Vindico Arena. Since meeting the Flyers on Saturday 21st September the Devils were then in action at home the following Friday where they dropped a point in the Challenge Cup as the Manchester Storm, who were never behind, won 6-5 in overtime. Since then it has been league business for the Devils with a trip the following night to meet Glasgow Clan in their home opener. The Devils won 3-1 and last weekend they continued with a stretch of road games when first up they visited Belfast and held a lead for most of the game before succumbing in the third period to lose 3-1. On Sunday night they were in Guildford and in a late late show they snatched both the points with a 3-2 win with a goal in the final minute. This weekend the Devils play three games in three nights starting with the visit of the Flyers before they travel to Nottingham and then host the Dundee Stars on Sunday night.

### LAST LEAGUE VISIT TO DEVILS

Saturday 21st September 2024				5	1		Elite League	
Devils Stats			Shots For		Flyers Stats			Shots For
Scorer	Assist	Assist			Scorer	Assist	Assist	
O'Brien	MacWilliam	Donaghey	52	Goal 1	Chiodo	Krenželok	Pilon	22
Duggan	Batch	Gourley	Shots Against	Goal 2				Shots Against
O'Brien	Fournier	MacDonald	22	Goal 3				52
MacDonald	Perlini	Mosey	PIMS	Goal 4				PIMS
Busch	Olishefski	Barrow	10	Goal 5				14
			Goalies	Goal 6				Goalies
			Bowns	Goal 7				Owen
				Goal 8				
				Goal 9				
				Goal 10				

### OVERALL LEAGUE AWAY RECORD AGAINST DEVILS

P 31 W 5 L 26 F 62A 140

### Number Crunching

Lucas Chiodo has goals in three of his last four games against the Cardiff Devils.

The Devils have the stingiest goals against per game at 2.13 so far with Flyers standing at 4.1

Joey Martin with 22 goals is the Devils leading scorer against the Flyers, he has scored his goals in 20 games during which time the Devils are 18 and 2.

Danick Gauthier and Paul Crowder lead the Flyers scoring against the Devils with 9 goals each.

Zach O'Brien leads the Devils in points in all EIHL competitions so far this season with 4 goals and 8 assists – Devils have had 13 different scorers to date.



# EIHL ROUND UP - WEEK 5



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

## Tuesday 2nd October

### **Glasgow Clan 2 Nottingham Panthers 1 Elite League**

(1-0, 1-0, 0-1) SOG 29-28 PIMs 2-2 Att 3564

Glasgow Clan got their first win in League play this season with a 2-1 win over Nottingham Panthers. 3,564 fans packed into Braehead Arena on a Wednesday night to see the purple army pick up their first League points of the season. Good work from Cade Neilson to turn the puck over from Matt Alfaro led to the Clan's opener, with Neilson feeding the puck in front to Tyson McLellan who rocketed the puck past Ryan Bednard with 3:17 played. The home side, deservedly, doubled their lead just before the halfway point of the game. Chris McKay couldn't quite handle the puck to shoot, but had the vision to see Rylan Schwartz to his right and fed him for the shot to put Glasgow two ahead at 28:50. The Panthers got themselves back into things with just under ten minutes to go after the Clan turned the puck over in their own zone. Landon Bow did well to keep Sam Herr's effort out, but he was stranded as Didrik Henbrant slotted into the net at 50:45. The visitors' late charge to tie the game saw them pull Bednard with 1:18 to go, but an Interference minor on Davis Bunz with 32 seconds to play all-but extinguished their chances of finding an equaliser. For the visitors, defenseman Bradley Bowering logged over 13 minutes of ice in his Elite League debut, on a two-way deal with Peterborough in the NIHL.

## Friday 4th October

### **Manchester Storm 3 Coventry Blaze 4 SO Challenge Cup**

(1-2, 1-0, 1-1, 0-0, 0-1) SOG 28-25 PIMs 6-4 Att 1978

Coventry Blaze logged their first road win of the new season with a shootout win over Manchester Storm in Altrincham on Friday night. In a game where both teams led, the Blaze took the lead when Brandon Alderdson rocketed home a Jakob Stridsberg slapshot with 7:28 played. Craig Martin converted a rebound from a Jake Durflinger attempt to tie the game at 14:45, but Chase Gresock had the Blaze back ahead with 64 seconds left in the opening period. Durflinger tied the game just past the midway point of period two when he put home a Noah Carroll feed to the far post of Mat Robson's net. With the teams heading into the third period all square, Durflinger picked up the puck behind Robson's net and wrapped-around on the Blaze goalie to put Storm in front with 10:44 to go. That lead lasted less than 90 seconds, however, with Jackson Cressey beating Evan Weninger from an angle to tie the game up at 50:37. The Blaze could have won the game with 58 seconds to play but were unable to convert a penalty show, and so the game headed into overtime. OT itself was hectic, with no whistle during the entire five minutes. That also meant that the majority of the extra period was played 4-on-4 after the visitors killed off an over-lapping minor 18 seconds in. Eventually the extra point was decided in a shootout. With the scores tied after four rounds, Robson pulled off an incredible save to deny Joe Morrow, while Kim Tallberg netted at the other end to secure the Blaze the win.

## Saturday 5th October

### **Belfast Giants 3 Cardiff Devils 1 Elite League**

(0-1, 0-0, 3-0) SOG 32-20 PIMs 4-4 Att 6327

Elijah Barriga scored twice inside the final ten minutes of the game to turn things around for Belfast Giants, and help them to a 3-1 home victory over Cardiff Devils. The 6,327-strong crowd at the SSE Arena in Belfast saw just one goal through the opening 50 minutes - Cole Sanford forcing a turnover in the offensive zone and setting up Jarrod Gourley, who's shot from the point found the back of Tom McCollum's net through a screen. Both teams had chances after the goal but neither were able to capitalise. The second period was full of penalties, as both teams had two power plays each, including a 5-on-3 for the Giants. However, neither team were able to make use of them as the score remained 1-0 in favour of the Devils going into the final period, despite the visitors having a handful of breakaway opportunities that they failed to capitalise on. Period three continued in much the same vein, though the Giants began to carry most of the play.





# EIHL ROUND UP - WEEK 5



Eventually, just past the halfway mark of the period, Elijah Barriga turned a Kyle Osterberg pass past the impressive Ben Bowns to tie the game. Seven minutes later, the same man jammed a loose puck under the Devils goalie to put the home side ahead with only 2:51 remaining. Bowns was pulled for the extra skater with 1:18 left, but Jordan Kawaguchi found the empty net from his own zone to settle things at 58:59.

## **Coventry Blaze 2 Guildford Flames 1 Challenge Cup**

(0-0, 1-1, 1-0) SOG 33-39 PIMs 4-4 Att 1848

A late goal from Nick Seitz secured a 2-1 victory for the Genting Casino Coventry Blaze over the Guildford Flames at the Skydome Arena on Saturday, completing a crucial four-point weekend for the Blaze in the Challenge Cup. Both teams started the game with intensity, but despite a powerplay apiece, the first period ended scoreless. The Flames outshot the Blaze, but Coventry's goaltender Mat Robson was outstanding from the opening faceoff, standing tall to keep the visitors at bay. The deadlock was broken at 25.13 when Blaze's Grayson Constable found the back of the net, converting a rebound from a Chase Gresock shot. Constable's goal, his second of the Challenge Cup, came as Gresock added to his team-leading tally of eight points (three goals, five assists) in the competition. However, the Blaze's lead was short-lived. Guildford capitalised on a two-on-one shorthanded opportunity, with Jack Jacome finishing from Daniel at 31.38. The second period closed with Flames goaltender Jake Kupsy producing a sensational save to maintain the 1-1 deadlock, setting the stage for a tense final frame. Kupsy's stellar performance earned him the Man of the Match honours for the Flames, while Mat Robson, who made 35 saves, claimed the accolade for the Blaze. The third period saw both goaltenders continue their strong performances, and with just over five minutes remaining, Guildford had a prime chance to steal the win on the powerplay. However, Coventry's penalty kill unit was solid giving Nick Seitz opportunity to deliver the decisive blow. With 1.40 remaining, Seitz pounced on an outstanding pass from Brandon Alderson, slotting the puck home. The Blaze held firm in the closing seconds, even with the Flames pulling Kupsy for the extra skater, keeping their hopes of Challenge Cup Qualification well alive.

## **Glasgow Clan 5 Dundee Stars 2 Challenge Cup**

(1-0, 3-0, 1-2) SOG 38-26 PIMs 8-39 Att 2826

Glasgow Clan celebrated their second home win this week with a 5-2 Challenge Cup victory over Scottish rivals Dundee Stars. Mitchell Heard got the full house at Braehead Arena going with a powerplay goal 7:28 into the game, one-timing Liam Finlay's pass past Richard Sabol from a tight angle. Felix Pare made it 2-0 5:11 into period two after the Stars failed to clear their zone, and he pounced on a deflection to double the lead. Under three minutes later, that became 3-0 when Rylan Schwartz's shot beat Sabol low to give Clan a 3-0 advantage with 28:01 on the clock. Keaton Jamieson cut in from the wing and netted backhand to make it 4-0 with 2:21 left in the period and leave Clan in total control. Kameron Kielly pulled one back for the Stars 5:38 into period three, followed just under two minutes later by Jake Elmer's powerplay goal which suddenly brought the Stars back to within two. Sabol left with almost two minutes to go, but, just six seconds after he was pulled for the extra attacker, Tyson McLellan hit the empty net to wrap things up for Clan.





# EIHL ROUND UP - WEEK 5



## Sheffield Steelers 4 Nottingham Panthers 3 OT Challenge Cup

(0-1, 1-2, 2-0) SOG 45-17 PIMs 4-10 Att 9006

Nottingham Panthers let a two goal lead slip as their winless run in Sheffield, extending back to September 2021, continued. The OT winner for the Steelers ensured they stay the only unbeaten team in the EIHL this season. Things started well for the Panthers at a packed Utilita Arena with Otto Nieminen scoring the only goal of the opening period at 14:02 to have the visitors up by one through 20 minutes. Matt Alfaro scored on the powerplay 88 seconds into period two, and, although Daniel Leavans got the hosts on the board at 22:31, Reid Stefanson had them back two ahead by 29:42. The visitors killed off two penalties towards the end of that period to stay up by a pair through 20 minutes. Leavans struck again 6:51 into the third, and with pressure growing on the visitors they finally cracked - Kevin Tansey tying the game with 2:33 left in regulation. Captain Robert Dowd won it for the Steelers 1:41 into overtime to ensure they remain perfect in domestic competition this season.

**Sunday 6th October**

## Guildford Flames 2 Cardiff Devils 3 Elite League

(0-2, 1-0, 1-1,) SOG 37-20 PIMs 10-10 Att 1821

Ben Bowns made 35 saves to help Cardiff Devils go three points clear at the top of the Elite League standings. Joey Martin won Sunday's trip to Guildford in the last 30 seconds. Zach O'Brien opened the scoring 3:36 into things at the Spectrum with a finish to a Cole Sanford past under a sliding Eamon McAdam. Almost exactly move minutes later, Brett Perlini doubled the Welsh side's lead as they led 2-0 at the break. Guildford were finding Bowns a thorn in their side at almost every turn as they searched for a way back into the game. Eventually, with eight seconds left in period two, the Flames worked the puck nicely to Josh Waller to score again his former team, popping the water bottle in the process. 5:13 into the third, no one spotted Lewis Hook free at the top of Bowns' crease - that was except for Daniel Catenacci who fed him for the equaliser. Bowns pulled off a flurry of point-blank stops to keep the Flames out on two Devils penalty kills in the final period, although the Flames ended one of their advantages early when they took a Too Many Men call with 1:54 to play. That proved costly when O'Brien found Martin in the slot to fire home the Devils' winner with only 36 seconds remaining. The Flames went down to a second straight late defeat, while the Devils picked up a win after losing Saturday's game in Belfast in the final ten minutes.







# EIHL ROUND UP - WEEK 5



## Dundee Stars 2 Sheffield Steelers 6 Elite League

(2-2, 0-0, 0-4,) SOG 36-39 PIMs 0-0 Att 1621

Sheffield Steelers ended 6-2 winners in Dundee on Sunday evening, although were pushed deep into the third period by the Stars who arguably deserved more than to lose by four goals. "It was a hard fought 60 minutes, Dundee played a very good game," said Mitchell Balmas, who hit the Steelers' game-winner. "They came out strong and had us on our heels for the first little bit and then we got our legs underneath us and started to push back." An action-packed first period in Dundee saw the visitors open the scoring 07:16 into the first period, with Brandon Whistle deflecting Kevin Tansey's shot from the blue line and into the Stars net. The Stars equalised after Drydn Dow's shot was initially saved by Matt Greenfield, but Jake Elmer found himself alone in front of the Steelers' net and tucked the puck away at 11:28. Marc-Oliver Vallerand responded at 13:52, putting the Steelers ahead once again after a cross-ice pass from Mikko Juusola allowed him to put the puck over Jarrett Fiske's shoulder. However, the Stars were level again when a faceoff win in the offensive zone by Zach Tsekos allowed Brendan Harms to fire the puck over the glove of Greenfield and even the score at 15:10. A scoreless second period saw plenty of chances for both teams, with both Jarrett Fiske and Matthew Greenfield playing crucial roles in keeping the score line at two apiece. The former thwarted the visitors with several low pad saves at crucial moments, while a pint-blank stop in front from the letter kept the Steelers on level terms. A blocked Drydn Dow shot inside the final 10 minutes changed the course of the game. Rather than troubling Matt Greenfield, the puck broke kindly for Robert Dowd to set Mitchell Balmas through to beat Fiske and put the Steelers into their third lead of the evening. "Credit to my linemates, they're doing a very good job putting me in the right situation and they're burying the pucks I'm giving to them so I'm fortunate to play with very good forwards throughout the lineup," added Balmas, who has 10 points in as many games. Mikko Juusola capitalised on a neutral zone turnover to put the Steelers 4-2 ahead at 56:13 as the game slowly slipped out of reach for the home side. Juusola also finished into an empty net with 1:13 to play to wrap things up, although Colton Saucerman had the last word with a snipe from the blue line that sailed into the back of Fiske's net with 29 seconds remaining. The win kept the Steelers perfect in the regular season. "We're confident, whenever we can play with our feet, play fast tempo and come for 60 minutes we feel pretty confident going into any game," added Balmas. "Obviously it's still very early in the season so we've got to build off every game and keep getting better."





### 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					
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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					
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Player	Offence	PIMs	Time

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

**Man of the Match Flyers:**

**Man of the Match Visitors:**

<u>Goalies</u>	
33	Tom McCollum
1	Jackson Whistle
<u>Defencemen</u>	
42	Gabe Bast
6	Jeff Baum 'A'
21	Kell Beattie
22	Zak Galambos
3	Bo Hanson
23	Mike Lee
17	Rhodes Mitchell-King
62	Cameron Pound
77	Josh Roach
<u>Forwards</u>	
90	Mason Alderson
91	Elijah Barriga
15	Robert Carpenter
8	Joe Cassetti
10	Scott Conway
26	Mark Cooper 'C'
14	Carter Hamill
46	Finley Howells
29	Jordan Kawaguchi
9	Ben Lake 'A'
89	Ciaran Long 'A'
88	Grant Mismash
20	Pierre-Olivier Morin
79	Kyle Osterberg
12	J.J. Piccinich
86	Mack Stewart

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## GIANTS IN CHALLENGE CUP PLAY SO FAR...

<b>4</b> Games played	<b>3</b> Wins	<b>0</b> Losses	<b>1</b> Overtime wins	<b>0</b> Overtime losses	<b>1.000</b> Win %
<b>8</b> Points	<b>22</b> Goals scored	<b>10</b> Goals against	<b>5.50</b> Goals For average	<b>2.50</b> Goals Against average	<b>6 089</b> Average attendance
<b>172</b> Shots on goal for	<b>133</b> Shots on goal against				



			Position	Gp	G	A	PTS	PIM	PPG	SHG	+/-	SOG	S	FOW	FOL	BS	TOI/Game
	29	Jordan Kawaguchi	FW	4	5	3	8	2	1	0	8	15	21	0	0	2	19:46
	26	Mark Cooper	FW	4	3	4	7	2	0	2	1	13	19	0	0	3	19:41
	10	Scott Conway	FW	2	3	3	6	6	1	0	4	9	12	20	15	0	19:41
	12	JJ Piccinich	FW	4	2	4	6	0	0	0	5	14	22	1	0	0	19:34
	15	Bobo Carpenter	FW	3	3	2	5	4	0	0	3	23	27	40	21	0	18:58
	79	Kyle Osterberg	FW	4	2	3	5	0	0	0	5	10	16	0	0	2	18:46
	91	Elijah Barriga	LW	4	0	5	5	0	0	0	3	12	13	1	6	1	16:37
	8	Joe Cassetti	FW	4	3	1	4	6	1	0	0	18	21	33	31	1	19:35
	50	Mike Lee	D	4	0	4	4	0	0	0	5	12	19	0	0	0	21:48
	42	Gabe Bast	D	4	0	3	3	4	0	0	4	9	17	0	0	4	23:50
	9	Ben Lake	FW	4	0	2	2	2	0	0	2	10	18	27	17	1	19:02
	88	Grant Mismash	FW	2	0	2	2	0	0	0	1	4	5	2	1	2	19:03
	89	Ciaran Long	LW	4	1	0	1	0	0	0	-1	6	10	8	10	0	12:39
	77	Josh Roach	D	4	0	1	1	0	0	0	6	5	6	0	0	1	20:54
	3	Bo Hanson	D	4	0	1	1	2	0	0	3	5	6	0	0	0	17:53
	6	Jeff Baum	D	4	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	2	6	0	0	2	20:09
	20	Pierre-Olivier Morin	FW	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	3	2	0	04:50
	90	Mason Alderson	FW	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	03:49
	62	Cameron Pound	D	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	0	0	0	07:49
	86	Mack Stewart	LW	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	6	0	0	0	10:14
				Gp	W	L	SO	SA	GA	MIN	GAA	SVS%	PIM				
	1	Jackson Whistle		2	2	0	1	52	2	120	1	96.15	0				
	33	Tom McCollum		2	2	0	0	80	8	120	4	90	0				



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




















## ON THEIR ROSTER

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

In this edition we feature **Tom McCollum**

TOM MCCOLLUM FACTS			
Date of Birth	Dec 07, 1989	Position	G
Age	34	Height	188 cm / 6'2"
Place of Birth	Amherst, NY, USA	Weight	100 kg / 220 lbs
Nation	USA	Catches	L
Youth Team	-	Contract	24/25
Drafted	2008 round 1 #30 overall by Detroit Red Wings		
Highlights	     1 1 1 1 2		

## CAREER STATS

S	TEAM	LEAGUE	GP	GAA	SV%	SO	W-L-T	POST	GP	GAA	SV%	SO	W-L-T
2005-06	 Wheatfield Jr. Blades	EmJHL	25	4.52	.905	1	-	Playoffs	2	6.50	.880	0	-
2006-07	 Guelph Storm	OHL	55	2.39	.918	5	26-18-10	Playoffs	4	4.37	.890	0	0-3-1
	 USA U18	WJC-18	1	4.05	.875	0	0-1-0						
2007-08	 Guelph Storm	OHL	51	2.50	.914	4	25-17-6	Playoffs	10	1.91	.937	1	5-5-0
2008-09	 Guelph Storm	OHL	31	2.23	.926	3	17-10-4						
	 Brampton Battalion	OHL	23	1.94	.929	4	17-6-0	Playoffs	21	2.90	.898	1	13-5-3
	 USA U20	WJC-20	5	2.83	.860	1	3-2-0						
2009-10	 Grand Rapids Griffins	AHL	32	3.48	.881	0	10-16-2						
	 Toledo Walleye	ECHL	4	4.48	.864	-	2-1-0						
2010-11	 Detroit Red Wings	NHL	1	12.31	.625	0	0-0-0						
	 Grand Rapids Griffins	AHL	22	3.33	.879	1	6-12-2						
	 Toledo Walleye	ECHL	23	2.76	.909	3	11-9-2						
2011-12	 Grand Rapids Griffins	AHL	28	3.49	.891	0	11-16-0						
	 Toledo Walleye	ECHL	15	2.62	.909	0	6-6-2						
2012-13	 Detroit Red Wings	NHL	0	-	-	-	-						
	 Grand Rapids Griffins	AHL	31	2.63	.904	2	18-11-2						
2013-14	 Grand Rapids Griffins	AHL	46	2.30	.922	2	24-12-4	Playoffs	1	3.50	.875	0	0-0-0
2014-15	 Detroit Red Wings	NHL	2	0.91	.960	0	1-0-0						
	 Grand Rapids Griffins	AHL	37	2.40	.916	1	19-11-7	Playoffs	15	2.55	.916	0	9-6-0
2015-16	 Grand Rapids Griffins	AHL	30	2.42	.923	1	15-13-0	Playoffs	7	2.39	.919	0	3-3-0
	 Toledo Walleye	ECHL	1	3.00	.893	0	1-0-0						
2016-17	 Stockton Heat	AHL	1	1.50	.950	0	1-0-0						
	 Adirondack Thunder	ECHL	5	2.97	.894	0	3-1-1						
	 Charlotte Checkers <i>Loan</i>	AHL	17	2.10	.926	1	11-2-4	Playoffs	5	2.87	.910	1	2-2-0
2017-18	 Detroit Red Wings	NHL	0	-	-	-	-						
	 Grand Rapids Griffins	AHL	37	2.64	.912	1	20-14-5	Playoffs	3	3.00	.891	0	1-1-0
2018-19	 Milwaukee Admirals	AHL	34	2.72	.899	2	12-10-11	Playoffs	1	6.29	.813	0	0-0-0
2019-20	 Hartford Wolf Pack	AHL	7	2.37	.906	0	2-2-2						
	 Maine Mariners	ECHL	11	3.71	.886	0	5-5-0						
	 Florida Everblades	ECHL	3	1.65	.938	1	3-0-0						
	 Reading Royals	ECHL	6	1.69	.934	1	4-2-0						
2020-21	 HC Innsbruck	ICEHL	37	3.38	.894	0	17-19-0						
2021-22	 HC Innsbruck	ICEHL	39	2.99	.901	0	20-19-0						
	 Bietigheim Steelers <i>Loan</i>	DEL	10	3.31	.901	0	3-6-0						
2022-23	 HC Innsbruck	ICEHL	39	3.07	.901	0	24-14-0	Playoffs	4	3.38	.884	0	1-3-0
2023-24	 Eisbären Regensburg	DEL2	41	2.55	.923	3	25-15-0	Playoffs	19	2.41	.921	0	12-7-0

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## TOM'S STORY...

The City of Guelph has a rich history of hockey dating back to the 1930s with the Guelph Maple Leafs. Since 1991, though, the Storm franchise has made its mark on the OHL, churning out some top talents and some incredible goaltenders. The Storm have had a knack of developing pure talent in the crease. It has truly been the backbone of some of their success over the years. Tom McCollum is not only in that company but rated as the club's top goaltender ahead of Craig Anderson and Justin Nichols. Guelph signed Thomas McCollum out of Wheatfield Junior B in 2006, hoping he'd learn behind veteran Jason Guy. McCollum forced their hand, though. During the 2006-07 season, McCollum played in 55 games for the Storm, sporting a GAA of 2.39 and a save percentage of .918. He was that rare 16-year-old goaltender who thrived under pressure. He also earned multiple awards, plus an Under 18 medal for Team USA. In 2007-08, his NHL Draft year, he showed that his rookie season was no fluke. McCollum won several CHL Goaltender of the Week awards, was named to the CHL Top Prospects Game and was named to the Third All-Star team. While Guelph lost to Sault Ste. Marie in the second round, McCollum's save percentage of .937 and sub-2.00 GAA were tough to ignore. The hard work paid off as the Detroit Red Wings selected McCollum with the 30th overall selection in the 2008 NHL Draft. McCollum's final season, 2008-09, saw a big move to a contender. While the Storm were having a respectable season, nobody was beating either London or Windsor in the Western Conference. However, Brampton was having a tremendous season in the East. McCollum was traded to Brampton before the trade deadline in return for two young players and multiple picks. Jumping from Junior B to the OHL is tough for any 16-year-old. For a goaltender to not only make the jump, but put up elite numbers, and maintain those numbers, is rare. McCollum made waves immediately upon entering the league and showed the attention was justified. His remarkable play is certainly worthy of being named the top goaltender in Guelph Storm history.

Tom McCollum came to Grand Rapids with high expectations, having been selected in the first round of the 2008 NHL Entry Draft by the Detroit Red Wings. Seen as a potential successor in goal to Chris Osgood, McCollum struggled during his first three years, splitting each season between the Griffins and the Toledo Walleye in the ECHL. While some critics were ready to write off the New York state native as a bust, the Red Wings kept working with their prized prospect, hoping for a replay of Jimmy Howard, their former second-round pick who blossomed after four seasons in Grand Rapids. McCollum knew the story all too well. "I'd heard the Howie story a million times," he said with only slight exaggeration. "I heard it numerous times in conversation with Ken Holland, Jim Nill, Coach (Mike) Babcock, Jimmy Bedard and just about everybody in the organization." He didn't mind. "It was refreshing to hear," he admitted. "I think it helped put my first couple of years, when things weren't going so well, in perspective." After winning five of his first seven starts as a pro in 2009-10, McCollum spent three years searching for the consistency that the Red Wings had hoped he would provide when they selected him with the 30th overall pick. Then in his fourth season with the Griffins, the Red Wings' former first-round draft pick was confident he was heading in the right direction. McCollum seemed to have finally found his groove. This season he is allowing nearly a goal less per game and his save percentage has never been better. "It had definitely taken longer than I wanted, but I couldn't be happier," McCollum said "I felt a lot more comfortable and confident in the net." He's the first to admit that his transition to the professional ranks did not go as smoothly as he might have liked. "At various points I've definitely gotten frustrated, mostly with myself because I knew I wasn't playing as well as I could," he said. "Nobody puts higher expectations on me than I do." If anything, he might have been guilty of pressing too much. "I know it can be a positive, but at times, I think I turned it into a negative," he said. "I'm harder on myself than anybody, and I think it's been my downfall at times." And yet, McCollum always stayed positive. Teammates often saw him smiling, even when his insides were churning with frustration. "The biggest thing that helped me is that I never doubted whether or not I could play," he said. "I knew I could play at this level and play extremely well. It was just a matter of finding the right mindset." For several summers, McCollum spent countless hours working with Bedard, the Red Wings' goaltending coach. The two conveniently lived only minutes apart in the Niagara Falls area and, that past summer, worked several hockey schools together.



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"I think teaching is one of the best ways to learn," McCollum said. "You're teaching kids the fundamentals and how to do things properly, and when you're teaching the same thing 20 times a day, it works as positive reinforcement for yourself. It helps the kids learn while beating it into your own subconscious." McCollum has also benefited from the presence of the retired Osgood, who, with Bedard, was a frequent visitor to the Griffins' practices and games in his role as the organization's goaltending development coach. "They both really helped and made me a much better player," he said. "They didn't changed too much, only a few technical things, but the biggest change was my mental approach to the game." The unflappable Osgood had shown McCollum the importance of staying calm, cool and collected. "It's a huge advantage to have someone with his track record here," McCollum said. "I really made a conscious effort to learn from him, and you can see how relaxed he was, even now. If he came in the middle of practice, he might give a suggestion here or there, but then he'd start talking about something that has nothing to do with hockey. He knew how to keep you relaxed." McCollum thinks Osgood's demeanour rubbed off on him. "I felt a lot more relaxed that year," he said. "My approach was just to go out and play the best that I could and not worry so much about everything else, just worry about stopping the next shot coming my way." Being sent to Toledo also helped remind him why he started playing hockey in the first place. "Toledo got me back to having fun again," he said. "It's a completely different atmosphere down there. With call-ups and two affiliations, you never knew your lineup from one night to the next, so it puts the onus on you to play well because you knew you're going to see a ton of shots. You needed to play well in order for the team to win." The arrival of Red Wings goaltending prospect Petr Mrazek from the Czech Republic that season also gave McCollum a boost by removing some of the pressure to perform. "Being more relaxed had definitely helped," he said. "And it's definitely more enjoyable to come to the rink when you know you're going to play well every day." It didn't hurt that Mrazek won his first six starts this season. "We were both very good goalies and I think we did a great job of pushing each other," McCollum said. "Petr and I both wanted to be that No. 1 guy and that led to us pushing each other, and that's only going to benefit the team." Griffins assistant coach Jim Paek had watched McCollum since he arrived four years ago, and he was happy that the Wings prospect had finally begun to enjoy the success that others had been predicted. "They always say it takes a goalie longer to develop than forwards and defensemen," Paek said. "Tommy had matured tremendously that season, and it showed in his game." McCollum thinks his improvement had also helped his teammates. "I think it made the guys in front of me play better," he said. "When a team is confident of the guy playing behind them, they make more confident plays and that benefits everyone." In the end, it's all about consistency. "Consistency is the most important thing for any goalie, to allow the team to have the confidence in you and what they're going to get out of you each night," he said. "You're going to have your bad days - everybody has those - but you want to limit them to as few as possible."

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I've done a much better job of letting things roll off my back. If I give up a bad goal, I find ways to make a good save later in the game to keep it close. If I have a tough game, I try to play as well as I can in my next start." Maybe all McCollum needed was time. "My first couple of years I was trying to make saves, and that year I'm letting the shots come to me. It's like I'm letting the saves happen. I'm letting my instincts take over instead of pressing and trying to control everything. I'm trying to make plays as they come to me." With age and maturity, McCollum had found the right balance. "My first year here, I was only 19. These things take time. There will always be the exceptions like Martin Brodeur and Patrick Roy who are phenomenal from the get-go, but those are two of the greatest goalies of all-time. "Carey Price, Marc-Andre Fleury and Pekka Rinne got better as they got older. Look at Tim Thomas. I don't know if I could name half of the places that he played before he came back to Boston and turned into a star. "As much as you don't want it to take forever, sometimes you have to learn to appreciate the journey. Seeing the same situations over and over, you're going to get better. I understand that it takes time and hard work; it takes time just to build your confidence. The biggest thing he had learned was that I he had to keep believing in myself, keep working hard and doing things the right way. "Eventually everything is going to work out" he said.

No goalie has played more games for the Grand Rapids Griffins than Tom McCollum, which is both a remarkable achievement and dubious honour. The then 26-year-old McCollum played in his 211th game on Feb. 12 2016 to pass Joey MacDonald's franchise record from 2002-07, 10-12. In total McCollum appeared in 263 games with 123 wins as a member of the Griffins from 2009-16, 17-18. That's a lot of service at one AHL franchise, which speaks to a certain level frustration of not being able to stick in Detroit as well as his value as a veteran because the Red Wings keep re-signing him. "Here's what I know about Tom McCollum," then coach Todd Nelson said. "He's a really good teammate and the ultimate character person, which is obvious with how he deals with people outside the hockey arena. He's very well-liked. As an athlete, when he's healthy and feeling confident, he's as good as any goalie in the hockey league." McCollum, who is also first all-time in wins (14 ahead of MacDonald), saves and minutes played, knew the 2015/16 season could hold some career records. "It was an extremely big honour, especially with an organization that's had so many great goalies," he said, adding with a chuckle: "Obviously, when I first started here I didn't plan on playing that long. But, at the same time, it's great that I've been able to stay with one organization and I've had so much fun." "Honestly, Grand Rapids will always have a special place in my heart. Obviously, I grew up in western New York but West Michigan is kind of where I went from a teenager to being an adult. I've had some many great experiences and know so many great people from there."















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December 2017 and Tom McCollum was on the Griffins' bus ride back from Cleveland, watching a movie, when he got a text from his former teammate Mark Zengerle. Zengerle, who played two seasons for the Grand Rapids Griffins from 2014-16, said he had a favour to ask. He prefaced the request by writing that it was fine for McCollum to decline. The then 28-year-old goalie figured that Zengerle needed a pair of tickets for a friend for an upcoming game. But the question was much more unusual. Zengerle explained the situation, and the immediacy of the request. His teammate P.C. Labrie was about to become a first-time father. The Admirals had just arrived in Grand Rapids when Labrie received a message that his girlfriend's water had broken. He needed to find a way to get back to Milwaukee ASAP. Was there any way McCollum could loan him his car? "It definitely caught me off guard," McCollum said of the message. Time was of the essence here. Labrie had already investigated his options. No car service would drive him from Grand Rapids to Milwaukee. It was New Year's Eve the following day and they needed to have all vehicles available for the night's festivities. He checked the flights into Chicago and Milwaukee; none would have gotten him there in time. Thinking of what his girlfriend's mother had told him about the births of her children – all three had been delivered in five hours or less – he knew he had a narrow window. Labrie was panicked, and desperate. "I was ready to go run in the streets and borrow somebody's car, show them my money and be like, 'Here, drive me to Milwaukee for 500 bucks,'" Labrie recalled of the whirlwind night, which was first reported by the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel. Zengerle assured him, however, that if anyone would be willing to help, it would be McCollum. And here's where the story gets even more interesting. The two players had never formally met, but McCollum certainly remembered Labrie. He thought back to the only interaction he had with the 31-year-old tough guy. It was a game against Rockford two years prior. A heated scrum had broken out, a linesman had jumped into the fray. The linesman tried to separate the two quarrelling teams and in a moment of frustration, the 6-foot-3, 228-pound Labrie, then a member of the Ice Hogs, lashed out for the nearest opponent, grabbed his helmet and gave it a hearty shove. That player was McCollum. It was the first thing McCollum thought of when Zengerle asked him about the car. It didn't change his answer. The 28-year-old Amherst, New York, native does not have kids of his own, but he's seen teammates go through similar situations throughout the course of a hockey season. He knew Labrie had to be there. Of course he'd help. He called his girlfriend, who rushed over the keys to his Ford F-150 FX4 to Labrie at the Admirals team hotel and wished him luck. "I grabbed Tommy's mask and I start shaking him, looking for trouble," Labrie recalled. "And then this guy is actually my unsung hero right now. ... Probably the only guy in his career who grabbed his mask. He still let me go. "This one could've bitten me in the ass," said Labrie, who amassed 198 penalty minutes the past two seasons. Labrie, who hails from Baie-Comeau, Quebec, made the five-hour trek to Milwaukee, calling girlfriend Jana, daughter of former NHL goaltender and coach Patrick Roy, frequently for updates about her progress. She tried to stall as much as possible, but eventually she couldn't wait any longer. By the time he walked into the hospital, around 6:20 a.m., Labrie had missed most of the gruelling part of her labour. She was already pushing. And at 6:54, baby Lionel arrived, weighing in at 5 pounds, 15 ounces. Had Labrie waited any longer, he would have missed it. Instead, he got to hold his baby boy, the couple's first child, in his arms. "I witnessed the best thing ever," Labrie said. "I'm gonna remember this guy for the rest of my life." The two players met again, in Milwaukee, where the Admirals hosted the Griffins on Jan. 3, three days after Lionel was born. Labrie came over and the two players exchanged words during warmups before the game. There was, of course, still the need for Labrie to return McCollum's keys. McCollum headed over to the Admirals' locker room after the game, a 4-2 win for the Griffins, and saw the beaming smile of a proud new papa in Labrie. McCollum would later make the drive back home to Grand Rapids separately from the Griffins, following the bus in his truck. "He's honestly, whatever I heard from Zengerle about him, it was true," Labrie said. "You can tell he has a good soul. He's just a good person who's happy to help." Labrie tried to pay McCollum, but McCollum spurned the offer. When he awoke Dec. 31, 2017, with a text from Labrie that both mom and baby were doing great — healthy and happy — that was all he needed. "That was the best," McCollum said. Labrie was, and is, an opponent, a rival, but still, a member of the tight-knit hockey community. It's a fraternity for these players, and McCollum never thought twice about helping. "There are different battles that go on on the ice, but at the end of the day, I think everybody kind of respects each other, and we sort of look at as we're one big family," McCollum said.

# LEAGUE STATS

## SEASON 2024/25

										
<b>Total Games Played</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>6</b>
Challenge Cup Games	4	3	6	8	5	5	8	6	7	4
League Games	3	5	1	1	5	4	2	4	2	2
<b>Biggest Win</b>	5-0 v Stars	6-2 v Flames	4-2 v Clan	6-2 v Steelers	4-1 v Stars	8-5 v Flyers	6-0 v Blaze	5-1 v Flames	5-1 v Flyers	6-2 v Stars
<b>Biggest Loss</b>	2-3 v Steelers	1-3 v Giants	0-6 v Flames	0-5 v Giants	1-5 v Devils v Panthers	2-5 v Clan	2-6 v Devils	3-7 v Giants	3-4 v Steelers	
Longest Win Streak	5	4	2	1	1	3	2	2	4	6
Longest Loss Streak	1	1	4	6	5	4	4	3	2	0
Current Streak	1 Win	1 Win	2 Wins	6 Losses	1 Loss	3 Wins	2 Losses	3 Losses	1 Win	6 Wins
Fastest Goal	01:26	03:26	07:28	01:08	02:44	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
<b>Total Goals Scored scored by Forwards</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>19</b>
Powerplay	5	8	4	4	6	6	7	8	8	3
Even Strength	26	21	9	21	19	20	15	24	21	15
Shorthanded	2	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	1
<b>Total Goals Scored scored by Defencemen</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>
Powerplay	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	1
Even Strength	1	2	2	3	3	1	2	1	0	3
Shorthanded	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Goals Conceded scored to Forwards</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>14</b>
Powerplay	4	6	7	6	4	8	9	9	3	3
Even Strength	9	10	12	36	34	19	19	28	14	11
Shorthanded	0	0	2	1	0	1	0	1	1	0
<b>Total Goals Conceded scored to Defencemen</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>
Powerplay	0	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0
Even Strength	3	0	0	4	0	2	2	3	2	2
Shorthanded	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
Goals Scored Period 1	9	8	3	11	8	8	4	12	12	8
Goals Scored Period 2	10	12	6	6	10	10	9	13	10	6
Goals Scored Period 3	14	11	8	11	10	11	14	8	6	9
Goals Scored OT/SO	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	2	3
<b>TOTAL Goals Scored</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>Goals Scored Per Game</b>	<b>4.86</b>	<b>3.88</b>	<b>2.57</b>	<b>3.22</b>	<b>2.80</b>	<b>3.22</b>	<b>2.70</b>	<b>3.40</b>	<b>3.33</b>	<b>4.33</b>
Goals Conceded Period 1	6	3	9	12	13	7	11	13	3	6
Goals Conceded Period 2	5	5	5	20	11	8	13	13	7	5
Goals Conceded Period 3	5	8	7	14	16	16	7	15	10	4
Goals Conceded OT/SO	1	1	2	1	1	0	1	1	1	0
<b>TOTAL Goals Conceded</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Goals Against Per Game</b>	<b>2.43</b>	<b>2.13</b>	<b>3.29</b>	<b>5.22</b>	<b>4.10</b>	<b>3.44</b>	<b>3.20</b>	<b>4.20</b>	<b>2.33</b>	<b>2.50</b>
Shots For P1	78	78	74	124	124	124	106	91	93	72
Shots For P2	102	111	88	103	99	104	117	114	87	75
Shots For P3	89	72	72	116	95	120	92	100	71	73
Shots For OT	3	0	9	7	2	0	2	2	5	6
<b>TOTAL Shots For</b>	<b>272</b>	<b>261</b>	<b>243</b>	<b>350</b>	<b>320</b>	<b>348</b>	<b>317</b>	<b>307</b>	<b>256</b>	<b>226</b>
<b>Shots for Per Game</b>	<b>38.86</b>	<b>32.63</b>	<b>34.71</b>	<b>38.89</b>	<b>32.00</b>	<b>38.67</b>	<b>31.70</b>	<b>30.70</b>	<b>28.44</b>	<b>37.67</b>
Shots Against P1	72	83	84	119	140	100	102	124	84	56
Shots Against P2	60	89	71	135	156	99	99	126	117	48
Shots Against P3	79	72	72	112	132	85	88	121	96	43
Shots Against OT	8	2	4	4	4	0	2	0	6	7
<b>TOTAL Shots Against</b>	<b>219</b>	<b>246</b>	<b>231</b>	<b>370</b>	<b>432</b>	<b>284</b>	<b>291</b>	<b>371</b>	<b>303</b>	<b>154</b>
<b>Shots Against Per Game</b>	<b>31.29</b>	<b>30.75</b>	<b>33.00</b>	<b>41.11</b>	<b>43.20</b>	<b>31.56</b>	<b>29.10</b>	<b>37.10</b>	<b>33.67</b>	<b>25.67</b>

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## FLYERS IN THE CROSSOVER LEAGUE 2004/05

In the last season of the British National League, 2004/05, there were only seven teams including Flyers competing and the league was looking like it would no longer be sustainable in that form. The Elite Ice Hockey League also had seven teams and it made sense that the two leagues at least made an effort to “merge” and have one league with the UK’s top teams playing in a unified structure.

What we got was the “Crossover League” where the seven EIHL teams and the seven BNL teams played each other one home and once away, with any points gained being counted in the respective league totals, so Flyers’ fans were given the chance to see their favourites go up against Cardiff, Nottingham, Sheffield, Basingstoke, Coventry and for the first time Belfast Giants and London Racers.

Flyers’ first game in this fourteen game tournament was scheduled away to Sheffield on 22/09/04 and the last game was at Coventry on 27/02/05, with the remainder spaced out in between. Flyers had made a mixed start to the 04/05 BNL season with Winter Cup wins at home to Milton Keynes and away to Guildford to add to the point gained in the 3-4 home overtime defeat to Edinburgh Capitals on the opening night of the competitive season.

It was on Wednesday 22/09/04 that Flyers made their Crossover debut against Steelers at Ice Sheffield as Sheffield Arena was unavailable. The smaller rink seemed to suit Flyers better, despite Steelers making a good start and goalie Scott Hay keeping Flyers in the game early on, it was Flyers who took the lead on the powerplay from player/coach Mark Morrison assisted by Todd Dutiaume and defenceman Dreu Volk. 43 seconds into the second period, Flyers doubled their lead, Karry Biette getting what would be the eventual game winner on a one two with Greg Kuznik. Less than a minute later Sheffield pulled one back, but were unable to get the upper hand over Hay and his defence corps, giving the unfancied Flyers a decent win against last season’s EIHL League and play off winners.



That was to be Flyers’ last win in the Crossover competition until beating Nottingham 4-2 in Kirkcaldy on 04th December. A 2-7 defeat at Basingstoke in October and 2-5 reverse at Nottingham in November were quickly followed by revenge for Steelers as they won 6-3 at Kirkcaldy on November 20th. Flyers then suffered a 2-4 reversal at home to Coventry a week after the Steelers setback.

Flyers third and final win in Crossover games was on 11th December in a cracker against Belfast. A good crowd of 1891 attended for Flyers’ first ever meeting against Giants and the fans were rewarded with a tight exciting match played in a great atmosphere. Mark Morrison put Flyers in front just over 5-1/2 minutes into the game, but old adversary Tony Hand fed Huppe to make it all square with 90 seconds to go in the first. Less than a minute later one of Flyers’ outstanding local players Steven King put Flyers ahead with an assist from John Haig.

Morrison put Flyers ahead for the fourth time just Shortly after the start of the second period, Giants equalised once again, but once more Flyers edged in front, this time Biette taking the plaudits. Giants made it three apiece just after the halfway stage, but before the end of the period’s end.

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Into the third, King got his second to make it 5-3, but Huppe scored twice to record his hat trick, the last goal late on in the game to send the game into overtime. The additional period didn't last long though, as after 80 seconds Biette took a pass from Adrian Saul and netted the winner to the delight of the home support, who had been treated to a great performance from Flyers.

There were to be no further victories for Flyers in the Crossover, losing the return in Belfast 2-5 after Christmas and then into 2005 there were home and away defeats to Cardiff and London, the away defeat at Devils a 2-11 thrashing. A home defeat to Basingstoke followed up the following night by a 3-4 overtime loss at Coventry, which gave Flyers their last point in the competition.

Flyers accrued seven points against the Elite League opposition, but can be satisfied, with the exception of the game at Cardiff, with the way that the team had competed against stronger opposition. The merger of the two leagues never fully took place as the BNL folded at the end of the season, Flyers and Dundee, dropped into the Scottish League, while Guildford and Hull headed for the English Premier League, all four teams joining the Elite set up at later dates.



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# RULES CORNER



In the last edition we looked at the remaining Team related rules (6,7,8). Before we head into the rules around the different penalty types we will spend the next two editions of the programme looking at the rules surrounding what players wear and use in games. So here is Part 1 of 2 of the Equipment rules. Again the full text of the IIHF rule is provided along with any annotations as per the EIHL Casebook.

## RULE 9 UNIFORMS

### 9.1 TEAM UNIFORM

All Players of each Team shall be dressed uniformly with an approved design and color of their helmets, jerseys, short pants, and socks.

All jerseys of a Team must be of the same design, including logo on the front, numbers on the sleeves and back, and nameplate on the back. The dominant color of the uniform must cover approximately 80 % of the jersey and socks, excluding names and numbers.

If, in the opinion of the Referee, the uniform colors of the competing Teams are too similar and there is a possibility of misidentifying Players, it is the responsibility of the Home Team to change its jerseys.

All Players on a Team must wear the same uniforms and jersey numbers in the on-ice warm-up as during the game. Altered uniforms of any kind, i.e. Velcro inserts, over-sized jerseys, altered collars, etc., will not be permitted. Any Player not complying with this rule shall not be permitted to participate in the game – refer to Rule 9.5. – Protective Equipment.

Players are not allowed to change or exchange jersey numbers once the game has started. They must wear the same number for the game's entirety and throughout entire competition. As an exception to this rule, when a Player's jersey becomes stained with blood or becomes badly torn during a game, they may be required by an On-ice Official to leave the ice and change into a designated jersey with another number and without a nameplate.

Each Team shall design and wear distinctive and contrasting uniforms for their home and away games, no parts of which shall be interchangeable except the pants. Any concerns regarding a Player's uniform (including the Goalkeeper) shall be reported by the Referee to the Proper Authorities. All Player pants must be worn in a uniform fashion by all Players. The pants must be one consistent color around and throughout the leg of the pant. Pant legs are not to be ripped, cut, or torn in the leg / thigh area.

Graffiti-type designs, patterns, artwork, drawings, or slogans which are abusive or obscene and refer to culture, race, or religion are not allowed on any part of the uniform.

### 9.2 NUMBERS AND NAMEPLATES

Each Player listed in the line-up of each Team shall wear an individual identifying number that is 25 – 30 cm high on the back of the jersey and 10 cm high on both sleeves. Numbers are limited to whole numbers from 1 to 99. Jersey numbers such as 00, ½ (fractions), .5 (decimals), 101 (three digit) are not permitted.

In addition, each Player shall wear their surname in full, in block letters 10 cm high, across the back of their jersey at shoulder height, in block capital Roman letters of a font approved by the IIHF prior to the game or competition.

A Player whose hair is long enough to obscure the nameplate or number on the back of the jersey must fashion it in a ponytail or tuck the hair under the helmet.

#### ***EIHL Casebook annotation – Rule 9 – Uniforms***

#### ***9.2 Numbers and Nameplate***

***Numbers on both sleeves are recommended but not mandatory***



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## 9.3 SKATER'S JERSEY

Players who do not comply with these rules are not allowed to participate in the game. Goalkeeper's Jersey- refer to Rule 9.4.

Jerseys must not extend lengthwise past the end of the pants, and the sleeves must not extend past the fingers of the glove.

No inserts or additions are to be added to the standard Players' jersey as produced by the manufacturer. Modifications at the manufacturer are not allowed unless approved in advance by the IIHF.

Jerseys must be worn completely outside of the pants and must be properly fastened to the pants at all times with tie-down straps.

If any Player on that Team fails to comply after a warning, a Minor Penalty will be assessed.

Rule 63 – Delaying the Game.

## 9.4 GOALKEEPER'S JERSEY

Goalkeepers who do not comply with these rules are not allowed to participate in the game. Jerseys are not to be excessively over sized. No inserts or additions are to be added to the standard Goalkeeper's jersey as produced by the manufacturer. Modifications at the manufacturer are not allowed unless approved in advance by the IIHF. No "tying down" of the jersey is allowed at the wrists if it creates a tension across the jersey allowing for a "webbing effect" which is not permitted. No other tie downs are allowed that create a "webbing effect". The length of a jersey is illegal if it covers any area between the Goalkeeper's legs.

## 9.5 PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

Equipment must conform to safety standards and be used only to protect Players, not to enhance or improve playing ability or to cause injury to an opponent.

All players are strongly recommended to wear cut-resistant socks, sleeves, or undergarments.

All protective equipment, except gloves, headgear, mouthguards, neck laceration protector and Goalkeepers' leg guards must be worn under the uniform. The complete protective equipment must be worn during the game and during "pre-game warm-up".

Should it be brought to the attention of the Referee that a Player is wearing, for example, an elbow pad that is not covered by their jersey, they shall instruct the Player to cover up the pad. A second violation by the same Player would result in a Minor Penalty being assessed.

Whenever it is deemed by the Referee that a Player is wearing any equipment that does not meet with the IIHF regulations, they shall instruct the Player to change or remove the piece of equipment.

The corresponding Player and their Team will be warned by the Referee to adjust the equipment accordingly. After the warning, all Players on that Team wearing such equipment shall be penalized in accordance with Rule 12 – Illegal Equipment.

If the Player refuses, they shall be assessed a Minor Penalty for "Delay of Game" and if they return to the ice without making the change, they shall be issued a Misconduct Penalty. Should this happen a third time, the Player shall be issued a Game Misconduct Penalty.

## 9.6 HELMETS

All Players shall wear a helmet of design, material and construction approved for ice hockey, with a chin strap always properly fastened, including during "pre-game warm-up", participating in the game, either on the playing surface or the Players' Benches or Penalty Boxes. The helmet should be attached in such a way that it cannot fall off. If it falls off and has not been removed by an opponent Player, it has not been attached correctly.

A Player on the ice whose helmet comes off during play has to exit the playing surface immediately.

A player on the ice whose helmet comes off during play is not allowed to retrieve and put their helmet back on their head – for this they have to proceed to their Players' Bench and exit the playing surface.

If a Player does not comply with this rule, they shall be assessed a Minor Penalty without a warning. Rule 12 – Illegal Equipment.

If the Player returns to their Players' Bench to be substituted for, they may only return to the ice during play with a helmet (with the chin strap properly fastened).





# RULES CORNER



No Player may exit the Penalty Box during play without a helmet (with the chin strap properly fastened). Should they do so, the play shall be stopped once their Team has gained control of the puck and a Minor Penalty shall be assessed to the offending Player.

If a Player's chin strap becomes unfastened during game action, but the helmet stays on their head, they may continue to play until the next stoppage or until they leave the ice. A Player who intentionally removes an opponent's helmet during play shall be assessed a Minor Penalty for "Roughing". Rule 51 – Roughing. When a goalkeeper is hit on the face mask by a hard shot with the puck and the Referee believes the Goalkeeper is or may be dazed by that hard shot, the Referee may stop play for safety reasons, if there is no immediate scoring chance for the attacking Team.

When a Goalkeeper has lost their helmet and/or face mask and their Team has control of the puck, play shall be stopped immediately to allow the Goalkeeper the opportunity to recollect their helmet and/or face mask.

When the opposing Team has control of the puck, play shall only be stopped if there is no immediate and impending scoring opportunity. This stoppage of play must be made by the Referee. When play is stopped because the Goalkeeper has lost their helmet and/or face mask, the ensuing "face-off" shall take place at one of the defending Team's End Zone Face-off Spots.

When a Goalkeeper deliberately removes their helmet and/or face mask to secure a stoppage of play, the Referee shall stop play as outlined above and assess the Goalkeeper a Minor Penalty for "Delay of Game". Rule 63 – Delaying the Game.

If the Goalkeeper deliberately removes their helmet and/or face mask when the opposing Team is on a breakaway (where the criteria's for a penalty shot is met except for a foul from behind), or during the course of a "Penalty Shot" or shootout attempt, the Referee shall award a goal to the non-offending Team.

## 9.7 FACIAL PROTECTION

There are three (3) permissible types of facial protection which can be attached to the front of a Skaters' helmet: a visor protection, a cage protection, or a full-face protection visor.

All Players born after December 31, 1974, must wear, as a minimum a visor as a facial protection. The visor face protection must be properly affixed to their helmet, and must extend down in such a fashion as to ensure adequate eye protection, to cover the eyes and nose in its entirety. It must be fixed to the helmet along the sides so that it cannot be flipped up. A Player whose visor face protection becomes cracked or broken during game action must leave the ice immediately.

Players are not allowed to wear a colored or tinted visor that would make it impossible to make eye contact with the player.

Participating Teams in an IIHF Competition must ensure that their Players are equipped with a helmet manufactured and approved specifically for ice hockey and that, as applicable, a visor or a full-face protection is properly attached to it.

Specific rules and guidelines for appropriate head / face / mouth protection for Women's Hockey and Men's Junior "Under 20" and "Under 18" categories. Rule 102 – Women's Hockey Specific Equipment and Rule 202 – Men's Junior Hockey Specific Equipment.

## 9.8 DANGEROUS EQUIPMENT

Equipment that does not conform to IIHF standards and equipment that is deemed unacceptable for the game action will be classified as "Dangerous Equipment". A Player using "Dangerous Equipment" will be sent off the ice by the Referee and their Team shall receive a warning from the Referee.

After the Team has been warned, all Players on that Team wearing such equipment shall be penalized. Rule 12 – Illegal Equipment.

Dangerous Equipment includes wearing a visor in a way that may cause injury to an opponent, wearing non-approved equipment, using dangerous or illegal skates or stick, failing to wear equipment under the uniform (except gloves, helmet, and goalkeeper's pads), and cutting the palm out of one or both gloves.



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The use of pads or protectors made of metal, or of any other material likely to cause injury to an opposing Player is prohibited. Referees have the authority to prohibit any equipment they feel may cause injury to any participant in the game. Failure to comply with the Referees' instructions shall result in a Minor Penalty for "Delay of Game". A mask or protector of a design approved by the IIHF may be worn by a Player who has sustained a facial injury. In the first instance, the injured Player shall be entitled to wear any protective device prescribed by the Team Doctor. If any opposing Team objects to the device, it may record its objection with the IIHF. In cases where a stick may have been modified and it is evident that the edges have not been beveled, the Referee shall deem the stick to be dangerous equipment and removed from the game until the edges can be beveled sufficiently. No penalty is to be assessed unless the Player returns to the ice with the unmodified stick, in which case they will be assessed a Minor Penalty. Rule 63 – Delaying the Game.

## 9.9 SHIN PADS

Skaters' shin pads must be of a size that allows them to fit inside standard Skaters' socks. No protrusions from or additions to the manufactured shin pads are allowed.

## 9.10 SKATES

Skates must consist of only four parts: boot, blade, blade holder, and laces. The boot must conform to the foot of the Skater and not be unduly wide or long or have any attachments to it. The blade must be smooth from front to back and secured in the blade holder at all times. It cannot have a pick in the manner of figure skates. The front and back of the blade must be properly covered by the blade holder such that no part of either end protrudes. The blade must not extend in front of the toe or behind the heel of the boot in the manner of speed skates. No mechanical attachment or any other device which might help a Skater's speed or ability to skate is allowed. Laces may be of any non-fluorescent color and tied in any manner, but they must not be so long that they touch the ice.

## 9.11 SKATES – GOALKEEPER

Goalkeeper's skates must have a non-fluorescent protective cowl at the front of each boot. The skate blade must be flat and cannot be longer than the boot. Any blades, projections, or "cheaters" added to the boot in order to give the Goalkeeper additional contact to the ice surface are not allowed.

## 9.12 NECK LACERATION PROTECTOR

For all players in all categories of IIHF Competition, it is mandatory to wear a neck laceration protector designed for this specific purpose, choosing a design that covers as much of the neck as possible. The Neck Laceration Protector must be properly worn and must not be modified or alternated in any way. For violation of this rule, after warning by the Referee, a Minor Penalty shall be imposed. Rule 12 – Illegal Equipment. For violation of this rule in Junior Hockey Rule 102.7 – Women's Hockey Specific Equipment and Rule 202.7 – Men's Junior Hockey Specific Equipment.

A Goalkeeper may attach a throat protector to the chin of their facemask. It must be made of a material that will not cause injury.

## 9.13 MOUTHGUARDS

The IIHF recommends that all Players wear a mouthguard, preferably of the custom-made variety. The mouthguard is designed to protect the teeth and jaws from impact and may also serve to reduce the risk of concussions.

It is strongly recommended that Players use a custom-made mouthguard. It is recommended to wear this mouthguard in a compliant manner at all times when on the ice.

Players who play in senior categories but are of the age as "Under 20" and "Under 18" categories must wear the appropriate protective equipment of these U20 and U18 categories in accordance with the specific rules. Specific rules and guidelines for appropriate head / face / neck / throat / mouth protection for Women's Hockey and Men's Junior "Under 20" and "Under 18" categories.

Rule 102 – Women's Hockey Specific Equipment and Rule 202 – Men's Junior Hockey Specific Equipment.



# HOCKEY VIEWS FROM SECTION 'C' AND BEYOND

Darrian Wilson

Depending on your choice of music life is a) a cabaret, b) just a dream sweetheart or c) life na na naaa nana. It is rarely boring though as the last few weekends have shown. Martin Látal returned from injury and Storm seemed to want to return him straight back onto the injury list as Flyers pushed for their first League points in four attempts. Thankfully a one goal win was enough to secure the two points but Storm weren't going quietly as they turned the last minute of the game into a whack, hack and burst your face open session. I strongly suspect Storm will be over DOPS desk a few times more this season. Well done to Michael Cichy for coming back from a dangerous stick to the face to take a well-placed game winning shot to bring home the bacon after Phélix Martineau buttered the rolls in preparation.

Midweek hockey during a non-school week is as un boring as it gets too, though with folks likely away on holiday the attendance is probably going to take a bit of a scudding. Them's the breaks when additional games must be slotted in though and at least it isn't a three-game back-to-back scenario. So, Wednesday evening hockey against Belfast Giants who have taken a commanding lead in the challenge cup group and five points from a possible six in the league is the offering. Giants have had the kind of start they would have hoped for, so their cheque book seems to be safe for the moment. "For the moment" being the key words as the league drifts towards the kind of arms race that causes great chasms between those that have the large pots of cash to pull down from and those that don't.

It was good to see and hear Tom Coolen's point of view on the Brit debate that went away. To be fair to most Flyers fans who have been with the team for a good number of seasons the knowledge is that historically our last decent league finish was when Flyers finished 6th back in 2018 to 2019 when Flyers would regularly ice three out of seven Brits as well as having a decent amount of well EIHL seasoned players. The middle of the league was tighter than a duck's bum that season but also we cannot help but think that with additional guys making good use of some hockey minutes last season that sixth spot was within smelling distance last season.

Prior to the 2019 onwards slump Flyers had given a good account of a gate-based club with a few bloodied noses on the way. Reaching the Challenge Cup final when whilst in the slump was exceptional, being hammered by Belfast in that final as they steamrolled the season was not quite as exceptional. That's hockey though and Flyers made it on merit, just the same as Flyers reached the play-offs on merit last season, again only to come up against the team that steamrolled the season.

No amount of Brits could have helped on those occasions.

Back to Tom's position and he had been chasing down two Brits. One opted to stay at home whilst the other signed elsewhere. Flyers' budget compared to others being significant. The desire from Coach Coolen is there, the budget to secure the deals sadly isn't. It is bittersweet consolation that Flyers utilised Fynn Page a bit more on Saturday due to players leaving the match but we are grateful that he was there to grab the ice time and join Brodie Kay in garnering more experience at this level.

Ever since Flyers move into the Elite League we all knew we would be a small fish in a big pond and whilst individually we choose to spend our cash on a ticket or not we don't have any rights to demand how the owners spend their cash. We know the script and have to live with that.

Having to live with it was what Flyers had to do down in Nottingham on Sunday as Flyers had to do without the services of John Curran, Patrick Kyte and Olivier LeBlanc. Thankfully Martin Látal was able to play on Sunday as I had my fears and doubts after seeing him bloodied in the face at the end of the game against Storm. My fear is that as players get away with doing things like that it will embolden them, then what comes next? Perhaps I was wrong that a three-match suspension was enough for what Ullet did and two matches for chasing down a player and sucker punching him for putting on a fair check needs to be much longer. Hockey is a contact sport, not a haven for thuggery, nor has it ever.

Happy hump day (middle of the week) hockey fans, time to get behind your team.

Darrian

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# Matchnight PRESENTATIONS

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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.**

Not many teams have had the satisfaction of recording three consecutive victories over Dundee Rockets in recent seasons — but that is the incentive for Fife Flyers when they meet the Dundee side in a Heineken Premier League match at Kirkcaldy Ice Rink on Sunday. Flyers have won the last two encounters between the teams — most recently in that dramatic Bluecol Cup-tie three weeks ago — and are anxious to maintain their current supremacy. “It is important that we get back on the rails after losing at Durham,” commented player-coach Ronnie Plumb yesterday. “We cannot afford to take the number of penalties we did against Wasps, because Rockets are very strong in their power plays. “Penalties upset our rhythm against Durham, but the refereeing is a little inconsistent throughout the league, and it is something we will have to get used to.” Rockets’ pride was hurt by last month’s 10-8 defeat, and Flyers will have to be at their best if they want to repeat that success. The bad news for the Fife fans is that Dundee’s free scoring Canadian, Roche Bois, who has been out of action for a couple of weeks through injury, is expected to play. Flyers may be without defenceman Stuart Drummond through illness. Incidentally, Flyers’ Bluecol Cup return against Rockets — the match which seems likely to decide Scotland’s representatives in the final — will not take place on October 28 as scheduled. Discussions are still taking place, but the game may be re-arranged for Wednesday, October 31. Meanwhile, before Sunday’s confrontation with Rockets, Flyers travel to Glasgow tomorrow on Bluecol Cup duty against Dynamos. il Flyers had a comfortable 14-2 victory over the Glasgow side at Kirkcaldy last month, and it would be a major surprise if Dynamos were to pick up their first Bluecol points. Kirkcaldy Ice Hockey Club have announced that advance tickets for all Flyers’ matches are now available. This scheme has been introduced for the convenience of fans to cut down congestion at the door on match nights, especially with the onset of winter. Tickets will be available on weekdays between 7 pm. and 9 p.m. and on Saturday mornings between 10.30 am and 12 noon.

### **20/10/1984 Glasgow Dynamos v Fife Flyers - Autumn Cup**

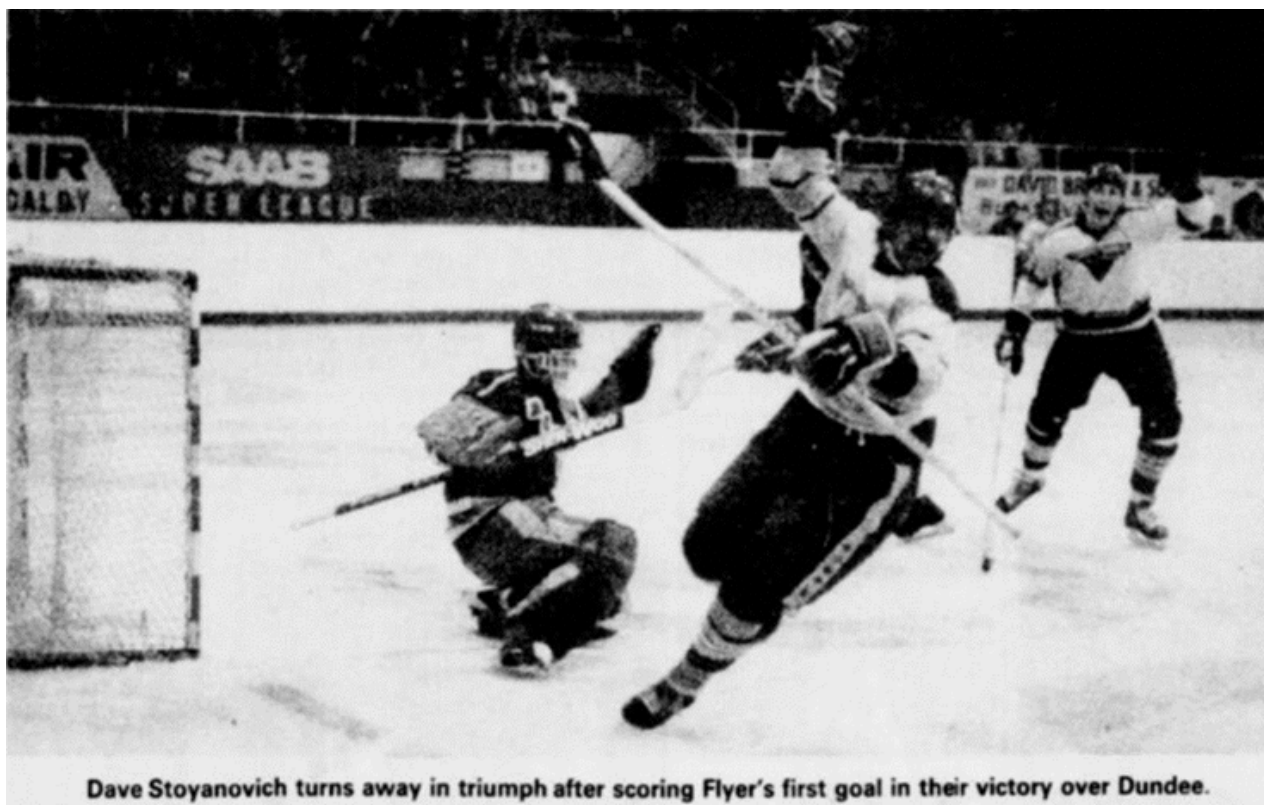
Fife Flyers hit their biggest score of the season on Saturday when they crushed Glasgow Dynamos to stand poised for a place in the final of the Bluecol Cup. Once again, the Kirkcaldy side’s goal heroes were Canadians Dave Stoyanovich and Danny Brown. The pattern of the match was set inside the first minute when Stoyanovich opened the scoring for Flyers with a great shot from the blue line. By the seventh minute, Flyers had stretched their lead to four, with Danny Brown scoring twice and Gary McEwan also on target. Dynamos pulled a goal back, but after 15 minutes, Chic Cottrell was on hand to finish off a fine move involving Gordon Latto and Steven Kirk. Defenceman Neil Abel then got his name on the scoresheet to give Flyers a 6-1 lead at the end of the first period. The second period was a more evenly contested affair, with Brown completing his hat-trick, before Ryan and Bestle hit back for the Glasgow side. However, Cottrell netted his second of the evening with a shot from a narrow angle to maintain Flyers’ five goal advantage at the buzzer. The final period turned into a goal avalanche, with Stoyanovich scoring a quick double to put Flyers into double figures, and then Cottrell completing his hattrick. Although Dynamos pulled one back, Alan Anderson and Brown again both found the net to push the score on to 13-4. The goals continued to flow, with Dynamos scoring twice before the Kirkcaldy side emphasised their superiority with a quick double by Stoyanovich. Gordon Latto then got in on the act by putting the finishing touch to more good work by Kirk. A Gary McEwan goal was sandwiched between two for the home side, but Stoyanovich finished the game in style when he skated round the Dynamos’ defence to complete his double hat-trick



## WEMBLEY WIZARDS SEASON 1984/85

### 21/10/1984 Fife Flyers v Dundee Rockets - Premier League

British Champions Dundee Rockets were made to look a very ordinary side as Fife Flyers skated to an emphatic Heineken League victory at Kirkcaldy Ice Rink on Sunday night. After losing the opening goal with less than two minutes on the clock, Flyers kept their net intact for the rest of the match — a remarkable achievement for which goal-tender Andrew Donald can take great credit. While Rockets were admittedly under strength and perhaps suffering a reaction to their shock Bluecol Cup defeat by Murrayfield, all credit to Flyers who recorded their third successive victory over the Dundee side. The scoreline might have been even more impressive, with countless near misses at the Dundee end. Although the match did not generate the same excitement as the last meeting of the sides, victory was just as satisfying, with the Kirkcaldy fans chanting “Easy, easy” as the final buzzer sounded. Yet another tight encounter looked in prospect as Rockets went ahead through Lafferty after only two minutes with a shot from well out that Donald will feel he should have stopped in view of his later heroics. Dave Stoyanovich had an effort chalked off for offside two minutes later, but within 60 seconds the big Canadian made no mistake from close range after a long range shot by Neil Abel rebounded from keeper Ward. Rockets’ cause was not helped when they lost McGuff with a broken shoulder, but it was all Flyers, and the only surprise was how long it took them to go in front. Danny Brown was the man who finally pierced the Dundee net, skating on to a defence-splitting pass by Ronnie Plumb before slipping the puck behind Ward. Three minutes later, Chic Cottrell gave Flyers a 3-1 period lead when he sent a controlled shot high into the net from Stoyanovich’s pass. The home side continued to dominate in the second period, and went further ahead when Plumb came out of the penalty box to force the puck over the line. Dougie Latto then got on the scoresheet with the goal of the night — a tremendous shot from the blue line. Demoralised Rockets were a well-beaten side, and it was all they could do to prevent Flyers extending their lead still further in the final period, with the home team mopping up any sporadic counter-thrusts.







# KIRKCALDY ICE HOCKEY CLUB



**Kirkcaldy Kestrels** had a mixed weekend in the Scottish National League, picking up two points from their fixtures against Dundee Rockets and Kilmarnock Thunder.

The Kestrels gave a good account of themselves at Dundee on Saturday, but were ultimately on the wrong end of a 4-2 scoreline.

The two sides were level at 2-2 heading into the final ten minutes, but the Rockets scored twice including a late empty-netter to secure the points.

Allan Anderson and Scott Jamieson were on target for the Kestrels.

Steven Wishart's side were eager to bounce back on home ice the following day and got the job done with an emphatic 11-1 victory over Kilmarnock.

Jamie Wilson opened the scoring for the Kestrels in the ninth minute, but Thunder quickly levelled.

A 1-1 scoreline at the first buzzer appeared to set the stage for a tight contest, but the Kestrels had other ideas.

Goals in the second period by Finley King (2), Scott Jamieson, James Spence, Grant Jamieson and Harris Piotrowicz gave the scoreline a one-sided look.

Callum McLaren, Conor Duncan, Joe Somerville and Ross Henderson added further goals in the final session to complete a memorable performance.

Piotrowicz and McLaren had special cause for celebration after netting their first goals for the Kestrels.

The team are back in action on Saturday at home to Paisley Pirates (6.00 pm).





# TABLES & FIXTURES

## SEASON 2024/25

### ELITE LEAGUE

	GP	PTS	W	OTW	L	OTL/SOL	GF	GA	PTS %	
Cardiff Devils	5	8	4	0	1	0	15	8	0.8	==
Belfast Giants	3	5	2	0	0	1	12	7	0.83	↑
Sheffield Steelers	2	4	1	1	0	0	9	4	1	↑
Manchester Storm	4	4	2	0	2	0	16	19	0.5	↓
Coventry Blaze	1	2	1	0	0	0	4	2	1	==
Nottingham Panthers	2	2	1	0	1	0	6	3	0.5	↑
Guildford Flames	2	2	1	0	1	0	6	4	0.5	↓
Glasgow Clan	4	2	1	0	3	0	6	11	0.25	↑
Fife Flyers	5	2	1	0	4	0	11	22	0.2	==
Dundee Stars	2	0	0	0	2	0	6	11	0	↓

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### 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	==
Glasgow Clan	5	6	3	0	2	0	23	20	0.6	↑
Fife Flyers	5	5	2	0	2	1	17	19	0.5	↓
Dundee Stars	8	5	1	1	5	1	23	36	0.31	↓

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### WHAT'S ON TAP THIS WEEKEND

Game ID			Home	Away	Face Off
CC30	Wed	9-Oct-2024	Fife Flyers	Belfast Giants	19:30
16	Fri	11-Oct-2024	Cardiff Devils	Fife Flyers	19:30
17	Sat	12-Oct-2024	Guildford Flames	Dundee Stars	18:00
CC31	Sat	12-Oct-2024	Glasgow Clan	Belfast Giants	19:00
CC32	Sat	12-Oct-2024	Manchester Storm	Sheffield Steelers	19:00
CC33	Sat	12-Oct-2024	Nottingham Panthers	Cardiff Devils	19:00
CC34	Sun	13-Oct-2024	Belfast Giants	Glasgow Clan	16:00
18	Sun	13-Oct-2024	Coventry Blaze	Sheffield Steelers	17:30
19	Sun	13-Oct-2024	Cardiff Devils	Dundee Stars	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	Won	3-2
Sunday Oct 6th	Nottingham Panthers	League	A	16:00	Lost	1-5
Wednesday Oct 9th	Belfast Giants	Challenge Cup	H	19:30		
Friday Oct 11th	Cardiff Devils	League	A	19:30		
Friday Oct 18th	Dundee Stars	Challenge Cup	A	19:30		
Saturday Oct 19th	Guildford Flames	League	H	19:15		
Saturday Oct 26th	Glasgow Clan	Challenge Cup	A	19:00		
Sunday Oct 27th	Dundee Stars	Challenge Cup	H	17:15		
Wednesday Oct 30th	Sheffield Steelers	League	A	19:30		
Saturday Nov 2nd	Belfast Giants	Challenge Cup	A	19:00		
Sunday Nov 3rd	Nottingham Panthers	League	H	17:15		
Saturday Nov 9th	Glasgow Clan	League	H	19:15		
Sunday Nov 10th	Dundee Stars	League	A	17:00		
Saturday Nov 16th	Belfast Giants	Challenge Cup	A	19:00		
Sunday Nov 17th	Sheffield Steelers	League	H	17:15		
Saturday Nov 23rd	Cardiff Devils	League	H	19:15		
Sunday Nov 24th	Coventry Blaze	League	A	17:30		
Saturday Nov 30th	Glasgow Clan	Challenge Cup	A	19:00		
Sunday Dec 1st	Sheffield Steelers	League	H	17:15		
Saturday Dec 7th	Manchester Storm	League	A	19:00		
Sunday Dec 8th	Guildford Flames	League	H	17:15		
Saturday Dec 14th	Nottingham Panthers	League	A	19:00		
Sunday Dec 15th	Coventry Blaze	League	H	17:15		
Saturday Dec 21st	Belfast Giants	League	H	19:15		
Sunday Dec 22nd	Belfast Giants	League	A	16:00		
Thursday Dec 26th	Dundee Stars	League	H	18:30		

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Date	Opposition	Competition	Venue	FO Time	Result	Score
Saturday Dec 28th	Dundee Stars	League	A	19:00		
Monday Dec 30th	Glasgow Clan	League	H	19:15		
Tuesday Dec 31st	Glasgow Clan	League	A	14:00		
Saturday Jan 4th	Coventry Blaze	League	H	19:15		
Sunday Jan 5th	Guildford Flames	League	A	18:00		
Saturday Jan 11th	Dundee Stars	League	H	19:15		
Sunday Jan 12th	Sheffield Steelers	League	A	16:00		
Saturday Jan 18th	Manchester Storm	League	A	19:00		
Sunday Jan 19th	Nottingham Panthers	League	H	17:15		
Friday Jan 24th	Glasgow Clan	League	A	19:30		
Saturday Jan 25th	Cardiff Devils	League	H	19:15		
Saturday Feb 1st	Belfast Giants	League	H	19:15		
Sunday Feb 2nd	Coventry Blaze	League	A	17:30		
Saturday Feb 8th	Glasgow Clan	League	A	19:00		
Sunday Feb 9th	Dundee Stars	League	H	17:15		
Friday Feb 14th	Belfast Giants	League	A	19:00		
Sunday Feb 16th	Cardiff Devils	League	H	17:15		
Wednesday Feb 19th	Sheffield Steelers	League	A	19:30		
Saturday Feb 22nd	Manchester Storm	League	A	19:00		
Sunday Feb 23rd	Glasgow Clan	League	H	17:15		
Saturday Mar 1st	Cardiff Devils	League	A	19:00		
Sunday Mar 2nd	Nottingham Panthers	League	H	17:15		
Saturday Mar 8th	Guildford Flames	League	A	18:00		
Sunday Mar 9th	Coventry Blaze	League	H	17:15		
Saturday Mar 15th	Belfast Giants	League	H	19:15		
Sunday Mar 16th	Nottingham Panthers	League	A	16:00		
Saturday Mar 22nd	Guildford Flames	League	H	19:15		
Sunday Mar 23rd	Coventry Blaze	League	A	17:30		
Saturday Mar 29th	Belfast Giants	League	A	19:00		
Sunday Mar 30th	Sheffield Steelers	League	H	17:15		
Saturday Apr 5th	Manchester Storm	League	H	19:15		
Sunday Apr 6th	Dundee Stars	League	A	17:00		





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