



THE FLYER



VS



SATURDAY 19TH OCTOBER 2024
ELITE LEAGUE



COOLEN'S COMMENTS

In our last match at the Auld Barn I looked at things as an optimist and I think if we scored on our chances early then the game if not at least the first period has a different outcome. By the end of the second period there was very little between the teams in terms of shots so we had our chances and didn't take them and they scored on every good chance they created. You have to take your chances when they come along especially against a team like Belfast who are a very good hockey club. Never the less Belfast certainly deserved to win the game and our bottom line was we were just so short staffed with four guys out. All of last year I can't remember us having that number out at any one time and it certainly has been a pretty challenging time for us all. A little bit similar to how things were going for us last Christmas, a tough time before we got everyone back and added a new body and then went on a run for the rest of the season that had us amongst the top five teams in the league over





that period. It's certainly the toughest time that I have gone through in my time here but it can change and go back in the right direction. Against Belfast James Spence jumped in and did a really good job for us and he followed that up again in Cardiff. All in all against the Devils I thought it was a pretty good battle, I really don't think I could have asked any more from them and they left it all out on the ice. It was a really honest effort. It was tied after the first period and although Cardiff scored on us three times in the second we got off the schneid on the powerplay to keep it close going into the third. I was proud of our team given the circumstances we have endured in recent weeks I felt that we put in a really great effort and the difference in the long run in the game was simply the greater resources they had.

We still have our Captain Olivier LeBlanc out but we are starting to get healthy again and we should be able to dress a full complement of non-homegrown players along with our Brits ready to go this weekend. I've spent time looking to get reinforcements in and get some help and that process so far has resulted in us adding Ryan Foss who arrived late in the week but who I'll be expecting to throw straight into the two games this weekend. I may even consider giving Yanis Voris his first game in nets over the weekend, it's not decided on yet but I know that he is capable. All in all though it is good to be turning the corner with injuries and to start to have a squad again that we can hope to give of our best. I was asked about Challenge Cup qualification and the game against Dundee but to be honest we just want to put our best foot forward in each and every game regardless of what competition it is for. We just play the games as they come. Guildford at home on Saturday night will be another tough one, our league play so far has seen as play four of six on long road trips in places where it's always a challenge to return with points. At home we have competed well and I hope that is the case this weekend.

Away we go.

Tom

MATCH REPORT

Wednesday 9th October 2024				0		7	Challenge Cup	
Period Scores 0-3, 0-2, 0-2								
Line ups	Shane Owen	Starter	Noah Delmas	✓	Artur Gatiyatov	✓	Martin Látal	✓
	Kenny Cameron	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	✓	James Spence	✓
			Olivier LeBlanc	✗				
	Brown	Refs	Ferguson		Nelson	Lines men	Rodger	

The Flyers hosted the Belfast Giants for their second meeting in Kirkcaldy in this season's Challenge Cup group section. The Giants currently lead the group with the Flyers in a contest with the Glasgow Clan and Dundee Stars to secure second place and a playoff spot into the semifinal. The Flyers were still without the injured Oliver LeBlanc and Patrick Kyte with Nikolai Shulga also joining them on the sidelines. Johnny Curran took the warm up but did not take his place on the bench at puck drop. James Spence returned to the lineup. The Giants scratched Joe Casseti and Bobo Carpenter. In a high tempo start from both sides there were several rushes both ways with neither netminder being troubled. Shane Owen made the first save of the game in the 3rd minute when he held a redirect from the slot by Jordan Kawaguchi. The Giants started to control play in the Flyers zone and a huge blast from Mike Lee struck Owen high on the shoulder in the 4th minute. A minute later and Owen had to cover up a bouncing puck as Ben Lake was fishing for it around his crease. The Giants opened the scoring in the 6th minute when Lee was allowed all sorts of space to skate around in the Flyers zone before he took the puck to the net and sniped it stick side on Owen. The Flyers first real chance was set up by Maxim Musorov who passed to Lucas Chiodo who almost got a clean shot away on Jackson Whistle. In the 9th minute Madi Dikhanbek carried the puck up ice and his lay off saw a wrister from Michael Cichy go close before Musorov was sprung with a stretch pass and as he went in alone on Whistle he tried to deke the keeper who got a piece of the puck along with the post to prevent an equaliser. The Giants almost doubled their lead in the 10th minute when a rebound from Owen lay in his crease and just as Kyle Osterberg thought he was going to tap it into the empty net Tyler Heidt swept the puck away to safety. The Flyers went on the first power play of the night in the 11th minute when Josh Roach was called for a trip on Drake Pilon. The first minute of the man advantage saw the Flyers have plenty of controlled zone time and a number of shots, all of which were wide of target. As the penalty expired Martin Látal threw the puck on net and it squeaked through Whistle and rolled along the goal line before being swatted away. At the next stop the play was reviewed by the officials who called no goal on the ice and this was upheld. The Giants doubled their advantage in the 14th minute when a break down the right wing saw Kawaguchi feather the puck cross ice to Pierre-Olivier Morin and he tipped the puck high into the net over Owen's blocker. A killer third goal arrived just two minutes later when Grant Mismash was again given the freedom of the Flyers zone to skate in and from the slot pick his spot past Owen on his stick side. The Flyers went back on the powerplay in the 17th minute after Látal was tripped on an end to end rush. The Giants killed the two minutes without any real threats on their goal. In the final few seconds Owen had to look sharp to blocker away a Mismash shot.

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PERIOD 2

The second period was only 7 seconds old when Owen made his first stop when he snagged a Mark Cooper effort from close range with his glove. Another Giants penalty, this time Gabe Bast for tripping, resulted in another Flyers powerplay where they struggled to get anything set up and the Giants killed it.

Bast came out of the box and was immediately set up with a pass that saw him go in on Owen who came up with a big blocker save. JJ Piccinich tested Owen in the 25th minute with a shot. In the 28th minute Whistle made a fine blocker save on Lucas Chiodo after some good set up play by Heidt. A minute later and the visiting netminder was at last called into sustained action as Austin Farley set up Phélix Martineau who was denied. Almost immediately Martineau was again sniffing around the Giants net and Whistle gratefully covered the puck up. Mismash thought he had scored his second of the night in the 30th minute but with Owen sprawled out on the ice the Fife netminder robbed him with a glove save. Daniel Krenželok put the puck on net in the 32nd minute and Bo Hanson almost redirected it under the pads of his own keeper. Seconds later a Krenželok drive from the slot was this time saved by the pads of Whistle. Cichy was next to be denied by Whistle with another pad save as the Flyers pressurised the away goal. Against the run of play the Giants extended their lead when Piccinich managed to find the net short side on Owen. In the 35th minute Musorov had a hard shot gloved by Whistle. The Giants transitioned the puck quickly in the 38th minute and in a three way play Ciaran Long went bar down on Owen to make it 5-0. With 37 seconds of the period remaining the Giants got their first powerplay of the night with Pilon binned for slashing. Owen had to be very alert to stop Scott Conway on the edge of his crease as the buzzer sounded.

PERIOD 3

With 90 seconds of the penalty still to kill the Flyers almost made it but Mismatch with a cross crease pass found Kawaguchi whose one timer gave Owen no chance. In the 46th minute Owen shut the door on Conway who was lurking in the slot and a minute later Owen did well to hold a fierce blast from Bast. Kawaguchi cut in from the half boards in the 49th minute but Owen was square to the shooter to make the stop. The Giants went back on the powerplay in the 50th minute when Noah Delmas was called for a high stick and 13 seconds later Martineau got the gate for slashing giving the Giants a long 5 on 3. The Flyers kill was resolute and they were about to return to four skaters when Mismash played a slap pass to Morin in the slot and his redirect found the net. Returning to full strength after killing the second penalty James Spence was denied buy a very good Whistle save when he turned aside a snapshot. With a little over two minutes remaining the Giants were on the powerplay again with Martineau in the box for hooking. It was a strong kill by the Flyers to prevent any further damage on the scoreboard.

Flyers Stats					Giants Stats				
Shots For	Scorer	Assist	Assist	Goal	Scorer	Assist	Assist	Shots For	
For				1	Lee	Piccinich		For	
21				2	Morin	Kawaguchi	Osterberg	37	
Shots				3	Mismash	Mitchell-King		Shots	
Against				4	Piccinich	Conway		Against	
37				5	Long	Morin	Kawaguchi	21	
PiMS				6	Kawaguchi	Mismash	Morin	PiMS	
8				7	Morin	Mismash		6	
				8					
MOM				9				MOM	
Martineau				10				Mismash	

GIANTS MATCH NIGHT ACTION



JILLIAN MCFARLANE
DEREK YOUNG





GETTING TO KNOW #5



Noah Delmas

Date of Birth – April 29th 1996

Age – 28

Blace of Birth – Newmarket, Ontario

Position – Defence

Shoots – Right

Height – 183cm/6'0"

Weight – 88 kg/194 lbs

Professional Hockey Career

*2020-2022 –Kansas City Mavericks
(EHL)*

2021-2022 - Manchester Storm (EIHL)

2022-2023 - Worcester Railers (EHL)

2023-2024 - GTS Katowice (Poland)



#5 WE ASKED...

What other sports did you play growing up?

I played lacrosse, ball hockey, football and many others in school

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

My parents

Who is the best player(s) you have played with?

Connor McDavid and Sam Bennett

Who is the best player(s) you have played against?

Connor McDavid and Sam Bennett

What is the most memorable game you have played in?

Conference finals in college when I played for Niagara University. We lost in overtime for the Championship. Or losing in game 7 of the finals in Poland last year in overtime.

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

Favourite rink I've played in was Penn State in college

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

I wouldn't change any rules. It's already a beautiful game

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

I cheer for the Toronto Maple Leafs - unfortunately

Most admired hockey player and why?

Niklas Lidstrom. One of the best D-men to ever live

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

Just love the game and have fun. If you enjoy it, you'll work hard at it. And that will pay off

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

My strongest part of my game is my skating and puck movement

Pre-game routine?

Just a standard healthy meal and pregame nap. And make sure I do 10 mins of light running or biking before the game

Pre-game meal?

I like variety so I switch it up. But something with lots of vegetables

Any gameday superstitions?

No superstitions, just routines

Favourite other sport(s) to play?

I love lacrosse and ball hockey

Favourite other sport(s) to watch?

I'll watch any sport here and there

Favourite athlete (non hockey)?

Tiger Woods

Favourite sports team (non hockey)?

Toronto Raptors

Which do you prefer books or movies?

Movies

Favourite TV show(s)?

The Office, Game of Thrones, Californication

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

Pizza

Favourite beverage (non alcoholic/alcoholic)?

Guinness

Favourite singer/music/band?

I love all music. Big music guy

What is your favourite vacation destination?

Prague

What was your favourite and least favourite subject in school?

Favourite was art and least was math

What is your go to Karaoke song?

Picture by Sheryl Crow

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

Led Zeppelin. Lead guitarist. Best band to ever live

Have you ever had a nickname? What is it?

Delly or Doah

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

To control time

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

A couch, a TV and Johnny Curran





How many languages do you speak?

One

If not a hockey player what occupation would you have?

Not sure. Something that deals with people

MATCH REPORT

Friday 11th October 2024			5		2	Elite League		
Period Scores 1-1, 3-1, 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	✗
Subs			Patrick Kyte	✗	Fynn Page	✗	James Spence	✓
			Olivier LeBlanc	✗				
Wells		Refs	Matthews		Young	Lines men	Sore	

Fife Flyers made their second trip of the season to the Vindico Arena to meet the Cardiff Devils who were looking to extend their early lead at the top of the standings. It was the first of three games in three nights for the home side who scratched Evan Mosey, Mac Carruth, Cody Donaghey and Hunter Shinkaruk. The Flyers were almost as they were two nights previous with Fynn Page that additional scratch along with the injured Nikolai Shulga, Johnny Curran, Olivier LeBlanc and Patrick Kyte leaving them with just 14 skaters.

25 seconds in and Josh MacDonald had the first look at goal with a snapshot from a Devils face off win that Owen made a left pad save on. The Devils fast start however was rewarded with a goal after 50 seconds when they quickly transitioned the puck and on an odd man rush Zach O'Brien lasered the puck top shelf. In the 2nd minute Martin Látal took the puck coast to coast and got a shot away that Ben Bowns couldn't handle cleanly. From the second phase of play Látal again had an effort on goal but he lifted his backhand shot over the net. The Flyers were back on level terms in the 3rd minute when Austin Farley won a puck behind the net and his feed out front found Michael Cichy in the slot who fired low into the corner of the net. The game was wide open at this stage as play raged from end to end with teams trading chances although neither goalie was overly worked. Daniel Krenželok joined the rush in the 6th minute and his shot forced a pad save from Bowns. In the 8th minute a turnover behind the Flyers net saw the puck played out to Tyler Busch and from an angle his shot looked net bound with Owen just getting his skate on it to keep it out as it slithered past the post. In the 9th minute a nice lay off by Maxim Musorov played Látal in and as he skated in on Bowns he went backhand but he was shut down by the Devils keeper. Owen swallowed a shot from Ryan Barrow in the 10th minute. In the 12th minute Drake Pilon pulled a few moves as he went in on the Devils goal only to be held by Gleason Fournier as the visitors went on the first power play of the night. The Flyers were patient in their possession and although they retained the puck in the Devils zone they couldn't fashion a clear scoring opportunity as the Devils returned to full strength. Musorov had a backhand shot turned away by Bowns in the 15th minute and Krenželok then tried his luck from just inside the blue line but Bowns made the stop. The Devils hit back and Reid Duke with a wrister forced a fine pad save by Owen. In the 17th minute the Flyers goalie made a stunning save from Kohen Olischefski who got a shot away from the slot. The Devils next shift saw them cycle the puck in the Flyers zone which ended with a Duke blast being turned away by Owen. With 53 seconds of the period remaining Krenželok was called for checking to the head as the Devils ended the period on the power play. Owen made a couple of very sharp saves to deny O'Brien and Barrow in the dying seconds who was parked on the edge of his crease.

PERIOD 2

The Devils almost opened the second period with a go ahead goal after Olischefski fans on a shot that ends up going off the base of the post. The Flyers returned to full strength and Látal with his speed once again gave the Devils defence problems but Devils were also quick to go the other way and Josh Batch tested Owen who was happy to cover up. The Devils went ahead in the 24th minute when Riley Brandt won a puck battle and his pass over to Mark Richardson was quickly reversed

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to the other side of the net where Ben Davies had an easy tap in. A minute later MacDonald from a great position sailed his shot over the crossbar. Drake Pilon had a shot on the turn in the 27th minute that hit Bowns on the shoulder. In the 29th minute Batch missed the target from the slot and in the follow up move Duke had his shot well saved by Owen. The Devils doubled their lead in the 29th minute when a Jarrod Gourley blast from the blueline was redirected in the slot by Cole Sanford giving Owen no chance. Moments later and Barrow scooped the puck over a gaping goal as Owen was scrambling to cover his net. The Flyers went back on the power play in the 31st minute when Richardson was called for hooking. The Flyers controlled the puck in the Devils zone for the first minute but again couldn't get any clean shots and when Devils cleared their zone Pilon was called for a slash on Sanford. With the team skating 4 on 4 for 44 seconds Brett Perlini tested Owen with a shot from a face off win in the Flyers zone. The Devils then went on their power play but the Flyers kill was solid with no shots getting through to Owen. The Devils added another in the 36th minute when Davies from down below the goal line fired the puck from a bad angle at net and somehow it banked in off of Owen. In the 38th minute Brandt combined with Richardson who saw his shot blocked away by Owen. With 90 seconds of the period remaining the Devils were called for simultaneous minors with Brandt a high stick and Gourley getting the gate for interference. It took all of 12 seconds for the Flyers to reduce arrears with an absolute bomb by Krenželok who went top shelf on Bowns.

PERIOD 3

The Flyers still had 30 seconds of man advantage to start the third period but it was when the Devils returned to full strength that they created their best chances with a huge shift that penned the Devils into their own zone for over a minute. Bowns during that time produced the save of the game when he stretched out a pad to rob Cichy who connected with the puck from just outside of the Devils crease. In the 43rd minute Owen gloved a Duke shot as the Devils made their first foray of the period into the Flyers zone. Owen had to make a good stop in the 45th minute as he tracked and held a huge blast from Gourley. The game was wide open with both teams still trading chances and when Flyers broke 3 on 2 it was a great last ditch block by Gourley that denied them a chance before the Devils went straight back down the other way and Perlini was denied by Owen from close in. Flyers were carrying the offensive play and in the 49th minute a 2 on 1 break by Latal saw him feed the puck to Phelix Martineau whose one time blast brought another huge save from Bowns and on the play Tyler Busch was called for a cross check putting the Flyers back on the power play. Again the Flyers had a lot of patient zone possession of the puck but only had an Austin Farley shot that went in and out of Bowns's glove to show before the Devils produced a killer blow. Richardson cleared the puck down ice and Sanford and Martin chased it down and combined with the former ending up with an easy tap into a gaping net as the Flyers were caught up ice leaving Owen exposed. The next power play went the way of the Devils with Latal being binned for a high stick and it was clear that the Devils wanted to move Owen around in his goal on their man advantage but the Fife stopper made a good save going post to post on a Sanford shot as the penalty killers once again did their job. The final chance fell the way of the Devils in the final few minutes when Olischefski on a 2 on 1 elected to take the shot but Owen stuck out a pad to deflect the puck into the corner as the Flyers kept pushing until the buzzer.

Devils Stats					Flyers Stats				
Shots For	Scorer	Assist	Assist	Goal	Scorer	Assist	Assist	Shots For	
For	O'Brien	Fournier	Sanford	1	Cichy	Farley	Chiodo	For	
47	Davies	Richardson	Brandt	2	Krenželok	Heidt	Martineau	24	
Shots	Sanford	Gourley	Martin	3				Shots	
Against	Davies	Perlini	MacDonald	4				Against	
24	Sanford	Martin	Richardson	5				47	
PiMS				6				PiMS	
10				7				6	
				8					
MOM				9				MOM	
Davies				10				Krenželok	

DEVILS MATCH NIGHT ACTION



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DOING THE NUMBERS

Flyers Stats 2024/25

Players	Pos	GP	Tot G	Tot A	Tot Pts	PP A	SH A	Ev A	PiMs	S	S %	GAA	SO	PS S	TOI	GC
Shane Owen	G	12	0	1	1	0	0	0	2	516	0.90	4.16	0	0	722	50
Brython Preece	G	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cameron Kenny	G	6	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	12	0	4	4			0			0		4	4	4	13
Madi Dikhanbek	D	10	0	0	0			0			0			0	8	17
Tyler Heidt	D	11	1	3	4		2	2			0	1	1	2	6	22
Brodie Kay	D	10	0	0	0			0			0			0		4
Daniel Krenželok	D	11	3	2	5	1	2	3			0	2		2	29	39
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	5	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	12	6	8	14	3	1	4			0	3	7	10	2	42
Michael Cichy	F	12	5	4	9	2		2			0	3	4	7	4	26
Johnny Curran	F	7	2	6	8		3	3			0	2	3	5	4	22
Austin Farley	F	10	3	5	8	1		1			0	2	5	7	6	27
Artur Gatiyatov	F	10	0	1	1			0			0		1	1		15
Martin Látal	F	4	0	1	1			0			0		1	1	2	13
Phélix Martineau	F	12	6	5	11		3	3			0	6	2	8	6	38
Maxim Musorov	F	12	2	4	6		1	1			0	2	3	5	2	25
Drake Pilon	F	12	1	4	5		1	1			0	1	3	4	37	26
Nikolai Shulga	F	10	1	3	4		1	1			0	1	2	3	2	15
James Spence	F	5	0	0	0			0			0			0		3
	F	0	0	0	0			0			0			0		
	F	0	0	0	0			0			0			0		
Inc All Competitions														Team	2	
Figures as at 13/10/2024			Totals	30	55	84	7	14	21	0	0	0	23	40	63	135 365
			0 SO Goals													

Legend

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

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

WEEK 6 – FLYERS STATS RECAP

On Wednesday night.....

Fife Flyers 0 Belfast Giants 7 - Challenge Cup

Flyers 21 shots on the Giants goal was their lowest game total so far this season.

The Flyers were shutout for the first time this season – the last time they were blanked at home was against the Nottingham Panthers on 28th March 2024.

In all EIHL competitions this was the 62nd time the Flyers have been shutout – 13th time by Belfast with 6 of those being on home ice.

It was the Flyers 100th game in the Challenge Cup competition – they have won 37, drawn 3 and lost 60 of those games.

It was the first time the Flyers have given up more than 1 powerplay goal in a game this season.

The Flyers powerplay is now dry in the last five games during which time they have gone 0 for 14

Phélix Martineau played a new team high 27:40 time on ice

Lucas Chiodo's team leading and season high six game points streak was ended.

On Friday night.....

Cardiff Devils 5 Fife Flyers 2 – Elite League

The Flyers broke their power play drought which had gone 0 for 16 over the previous 6 games.

The Flyers have had two 5 on 3 power play opportunities so far this season and are 100% with two goals scored.

The Flyers gave up their 2nd shorthanded goal of the season – their 104th in all EIHL competitions – it was the 10th shorty the Devils have scored against the Flyers who have given up the most, 18, to the Belfast Giants in all EIHL competitions.

Daniel Krenželok's goal was the first by a Flyers defenceman against the Devils since Christian Hausinger 11 games ago in January 2023.

Season 2024-25 Flyers games Officiated by the Stripecy's							
	2 Dave Good	19 Steve Brown	4	44 Sam Anderson	1	77 James Ions	1
	3 Tom Pering	20 Pavel Halas	2	45 Vytas Lukosevicius			
	9 Joe Sewell	23 Andrew Miller		46 Andrew Jarvie	1		
	11 Matt Rose	1	25 Andrew Dalton	1	48 Oliver Truswell		
	14 Chris Wells	3	42 Hollie Neenan		49 Daniel Ferguson	5	
	16 Alan Craig	2	43 Graham Rodger	2	52 Stephen Matthews	1	



WEEKEND PREVIEW

WEEK 7




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This will be the third derby meeting with the Stars this season all of which have been in the Challenge Cup, the last meeting being at Kirkcaldy on the last weekend of September. Since then the Stars have played two further Challenge Cup games when they dropped a 5-4 decision at home to Glasgow following their loss the previous night in Fife. A visit to Braehead Arena the following weekend also saw the Clan prevail with a 5-2 win leaving the Stars qualification from the group, along with the Flyers, looking like an outside bet for whichever team drops the points in this latest contest. Last weekend the Stars were on their travels with a league doubleheader on the road. On Saturday night they produced a spirited comeback to overturn a three goal deficit to take the Guildford Flames beyond regulation before snatching the extra point in a shootout. The following night in Cardiff the Stars went down to their heaviest defeat so far this season when the Devils ran out comfortable 6-1 winners to conclude their three games in three nights. Following their meeting with the Flyers the Stars are on the road again with a trip to meet the Nottingham Panthers on Saturday night.

LAST CHALLENGE CUP VISIT TO STARS


Sunday

15th September 2024




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Challenge Cup



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

OVERALL CHALLENGE CUP AWAY RECORD AGAINST STARS

P 15 W 4 D 1 L 10 F 34 A 43

Number Crunching

The Flyers have not lost in regulation play in their last three visits in all EIHL competitions to Dundee Ice Arena.

In Challenge Cup play the Flyers are unbeaten in regulation across the Tay on their last seven visits. It is the 17th September 2017 that the Stars last defeated the Flyers in 60 minutes on their home ice in the Challenge Cup.

The Stars have scored an average of 2.92 goals per game so far this season in all EIHL competitions – Flyers average is 2.5 goals per game.

The Stars goals against average of 4.75 per game in all EIHL competitions is most amongst all teams - Flyers 4.42 is second most.

Stars at 35.08 shots per game are fourth best – Flyers have 30.42 per game which is 8th amongst teams.

Stars have conceded most of their goals (24 – 42%) in the second period – the third period is the Flyers leakiest period and they have conceded 19 (36%). Both of these numbers are worst across all teams.

Jake Elmer leads the Stars with 7 goals in all competitions this season and they have had 11 different players register on the scoresheet. The Flyers have 10 different goal scorers with Lucas Chiodo and Phélix Martineau leading the way with 6.



Matt Alvaro leads the Flames with 6 goals in all competitions this season. Incredibly in league play all 10 goals scored have come from different Flames players and they have 15 plyers in total who have found the net in all EHL competitions.



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

Saturday 12th October

Guildford Flames 4 Dundee Stars 5 SO Elite League

(2-1, 2-1, 0-2, 0-0, 0-1) SOG 42-31 PIMs 8-6 Att 1801

Dundee Stars scored a late tying goal and then won it in a shootout on the road in Guildford, as the Flames threw away points inside the final 90 seconds for the third successive game. The first 5 minutes of the opening period saw Guildford maintain consistent pressure, which paid off when Charlie Dodero opened the scoring at 03:51 with a slapshot that beat Richard Sabol five-hole. After an initial save from Sabol on Daniel Tedeso on a chance down low, a scramble in front of the Stars' net allowed Mike Crocock to double the lead with a wrist shot from the faceoff dot at 14:48. The Stars managed to get on the board and cut the lead to one in the closing moments of the first period at 19:23. A stretch pass from Drydn Dow found Kameron Kielly, who beat Eamon McAdam blocker side on a breakaway. In a second period that featured end-to-end action and chances for both teams, it was newcomer Charlie Curti who opened the period scoring at 28:08 after his shot from the point beat Sabol glove side. The game was delayed for a lengthy period while Jake Coughler received treatment from an injury. When things resumed, Matt Alvaro added to the lead for the home team, with a tight-angle shot that deflected off the stick of a Stars defender and soared past the Stars netminder at 30:23. Dundee once again managed to cut the lead in half, this time through Domenic Alberga who capitalised on a turnover in the Guildford zone, beating McAdam with a wrist shot at 35:30. The visitors entered the third period looking to generate some momentum, and Zach Tsekos delivered at 45:52. A shot from Kyle Pouncy took an awkward bounce toward the net, and it was Tsekos who found himself the beneficiary, slotting the puck into the net to make it a one-goal game. A late Guildford penalty gave Alex Tonge the chance to score a crucial equaliser at 58:33, with the forward managing to get behind the Flames' defense unnoticed and fire a shot over McAdam's pads, sending the game into overtime. An eventful overtime period featured plenty of chances for both teams, with Guildford almost securing the win with a shot from Ryan Tait that hit the inside post of a wide-open Stars net. It wasn't meant to be, however, and the clock struck zero and sent the game into a shootout to decide the extra point. Jarrett Fiske, who relieved Richard Sabol in goal after the fourth Guildford goal, stood firm and blanked all of Guildford's attempts. At the other end of the ice, Eamon McAdam was beaten thrice, securing the first set of league points for the Dundee Stars.

Glasgow Clan 3 Belfast Giants 1 Challenge Cup

(0-1, 1-0, 2-0) SOG 32-38 PIMs 12-14 Att 3242

Glasgow Clan picked up their fourth straight win, inflicting Belfast Giants' first Cup defeat of the season, with a 3-1 win at a near sold-out Braehead Arena. Mark Cooper gave Belfast an ideal fast start on the road with the opening goal inside a minute. After Landon Bow made two excellent saves, Mark Cooper banked a puck in off the back of Bow's pads to put the Giants one ahead after 58 seconds. Tom McCollum was crucial to keeping the Giants ahead in the opening stages. Belfast goalie made an excellent pad save as Clan looked to take the lead early. The Giants were a danger on the powerplay in the opening period without extending their lead, while Clan were left frustrated by a string of McCollum stops, including on Mitchell Heard. McCollum stopped one breakaway early in period two, and was then able to prevent Heard scoring on another 1-on-0 – however, Devon Sideroff picked up the rebound behind the net and wrapped the puck around to level the game less than five minutes into the second. The Giants goalie prevented Clan taking the lead with a breakaway stop on Mike Pelech with a little under five minutes to go in the period. Pelech did, however, put the Clan ahead in period three. Darien Kielb's shot was stopped by McCollum but Pelech, in front of the net, batted in the rebound to put his team into the lead at 45:41. A late penalty on Cooper made the Giants' task of levelling things up harder, and with McCollum pulled they could only watch on as Deven Sideroff slotted into the empty net with 34 seconds to go.



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Manchester Storm 4 Sheffield Steelers 3 SO Challenge Cup

(2-1, 0-1, 1-1, 0-0, 1-0) SOG 29-37 PIMs 13-11 Att 2227

Manchester Storm ended their disappointing home run with an excellent shootout victory over Sheffield Steelers in front of 2,227 fans in Altrincham. The Steelers went ahead early when a bad bounce off the boards landed on the stick of Finlay Ulrick to open the scoring at 9:10 with Evan Weninger totally wrong-footed. However, Storm responded 52 seconds later off the hot stick of Jake Durflinger, scooping the puck high past Marco De Filippo. Storm's good start to the game saw them rewarded with the lead at 13:13. De Filippo got caught playing the puck behind his net and didn't make it back to his crease in time before Durflinger finished off Loren Ulett's pass. Storm led for well over 15 minutes before Brandon Whistle's shot from the wing beat Weninger five-hole to tie things up at 30:01. All square heading into the third period, Zack Milton took a stretch pass and set up Gianluca Estevez to beat De Filippo low and put Storm ahead at 45:15. Again, however, the visitors struck back. An excellent backhand pass from Patrick Watling set up Mikko Juusola who finished on his backhand as well to tie things up with 8:50 to play in regulation. A point each at the end of 60 minutes was fair on both teams. 1:54 into overtime, Storm thought they'd won it but the goal was challenged by the Steelers bench for goalie interference - specifically, a stick to the mask of De Filippo. The officials checked the video and called the goal back. With 1:10 left in the OT period, the Steelers accidentally threw four skaters onto the ice and were penalised for Too Many Men. De Filippo came to their rescue with a couple of big stops off Joe Morrow at the point. In the shootout, Alexis D'Aoust and Ryan Hughes both scored without reply to put Storm two ahead through the opening two rounds. Juusola pulled one back in round four, but the Storm were unable to win it themselves. Instead, it was left to Weninger to deny Marc-Olivier Vallerand to win the hosts the extra point.

Nottingham Panthers 3 Cardiff Devils 2 Challenge Cup

(2-0, 1-1, 0-1) SOG 26-38 PIMs 6-10 Att 6189

Nottingham Panthers moved four points clear at the top of Challenge Cup Group A with a 3-2 home win over Cardiff Devils. 6,189 fans saw them do it at the Motorpoint Arena, with some 200 travelling from Cardiff. After an opening 10 minutes that was scoreless largely thanks to Ben Bowns in the Devils net, Tim Doherty finally beat the visitors' goalie with an excellent top-shelf wrist shot on the powerplay with 13:24 played. Just 25 seconds later, Didrik Henbrant did excellently to win the puck back in the offensive zone, and eventually the puck broke to Sam Herr in front to slot home past a stranded Bowns to double the home side's lead. Riley Brandt's roughing minor 6:17 into period two ultimately came back to cost the Devils in the game. 25 seconds into the man advantage, a Matt Alfaro shot took a few deflections and looped into the back of Bowns' net. The goal was credited to Herr but may well have come off Hugo Roy at the top of the crease. Three behind but with 33 minutes still to play, the Devils needed something - and they got it through former Panther Brett Perlini with 5:40 left in the middle period. Cole Sanford made things interesting with a second for the Devils with 7:06 remaining in the final period, but despite some pressure they failed to call Ryan Bednard into any big saves. Bowns was pulled with 64 seconds to play, but the Devils couldn't find a tying goal and the Panthers took an important Cup win.





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Sunday 13th October

Belfast Giants 4 Glasgow Clan 3 SO Challenge Cup

(1-1, 0-1, 3-0) SOG 39-23 PIMs 8-22 Att 6247

Belfast Giants threw away a two-goal lead but survived to win in a shootout against Glasgow Clan on Sunday afternoon in front of 6,247 fans at the SSE Arena. Clan, who had beaten the Giants 3-1 on home ice less than 24 hours earlier, found themselves ahead early. Devon Sideroff broke 2-on-1 and opted to shoot instead of pass, beating Jackson Whistle low at 3:54. The hosts were back level under four minutes later, however. Jordan Kawaguchi's sweet, backhanded drop pass set up Mike Lee for a thunderous shot that sailed high into Landon Bow's net. The Giants thought they'd taken the lead before the end of the opening period, but the goal was ruled out on the ice for goaltender interference. Gary Haden had the best chance to put Clan back ahead early in period two, but couldn't beat Whistle on the breakaway. A low second ultimately ended without additional goals despite a pair of powerplays for each team. Grant Mishmash turned the game in favour of the hosts inside four third-period minutes. After Clan failed to clear their zone, he capitalised on a give and go with Kawaguchi to beat Bow and make it 2-1 43 seconds into the period. Just over three minutes later, Mishmash won the puck in the neutral zone and wristed high over Bow to put the Giants up by two. Both sides missed powerplay opportunities to add to their goal totals, but, with 2:45 to go and his side still two down, Corey Neilson pulled Bow for the extra attacker. A needless Mitchell heard roughing penalty between whistles, followed by a misconduct for arguing about it, put Clan down a skater with 70 seconds to go with looked to have killed off their hopes of any form of comeback. Not so, however. Sideroff took a stretch pass and beat Whistle with 43 seconds to play to make it 3-2, and then, incredibly, slotted home at the top of the crease after a wonderful Matt Pelech pass to tie the game with 29 seconds remaining in regulation. Heard's penalty carried over into overtime but the Giants couldn't make their extra skater count. Most of OT was then played 4-on-4 but did not produce a winner. Things were decided in a shootout. Mishmash, Pierre-Olivier Morin and Ben Lake all scored, and with no Clan goal in three rounds the Giants got the win they almost looked to have given away.

Coventry Blaze 4 Sheffield Steelers 2 Elite League

(0-2, 1-0, 1-1,) SOG 34-38 PIMs 8-33 Att 2076

Coventry Blaze logged their first regulation time home win over Sheffield Steelers since September 2018 in a highly entertaining 4-2 game at the Skydome, seen by 2,076 fans. The last time the Steelers were in Coventry they took the lead after just 14 seconds. This time, they were ahead inside two minutes – Marc-Olivier Vallerand finishing from a Robert Dowd pass. The latter's assist saw the Great Britain international forward draw level with Colin Shields' all-time points record in the Elite League, and he will no doubt go on to break it in the coming weeks. Coventry tied the game with a rocket of a one-timer from Brandon Alderson on the powerplay with 6:10 played, although the hosts were lucky to get out of the opening period level after running into some penalty trouble which saw them skate 5-on-3 down inside the final four minutes. Killing both of those off generated some excellent momentum in the arena. Sheffield went back ahead at 38:37 when a broken play saw Mikko Juusola work the puck to Kevin Tansey for an excellent one-timer past Mat Robson. Two events towards the end of that period would go on to have a big effect on the third, and the game. Daniel Ciampini was ejected on a Cross-Checking penalty that was confirmed on video review with 42 seconds left in the period, and then on the buzzer Brandon Whistle was given a minor for the same offense, meaning the Blaze would start period three on a 5-on-3 advantage. The home side's powerplay went to work and came up trumps. Jakob Stridsberg scored his first professional goal with a wrist shot from the point as Kim Tallberg screened Matt Greenfield at 42:01. 75 seconds later, a Chase Gresock shot took a wild deflection off Brian Diffley's stick and sailed past a wrong-footed Greenfield to put the Blaze ahead. With the Steelers chasing the game late, the Blaze broke 2-on-1 and Tallberg set up Zach Heintz for the back-post finish which gave the home side a two-goal advantage. Aaron Fox called his timeout with 1:26 to play, but the Steelers couldn't find another way past the impressive Robson and the Blaze held on for a league victory that leaves them the only unbeaten team in league play.



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Cardiff Devils 6 Dundee Stars 1 Elite League

(2-1, 2-0, 2-0,) SOG 36-40 PIMs 4-4 Att 3110

Cardiff Devils extended their lead at the top of the Elite League with a 6-1 home win over Dundee Stars, logged their second home win of the weekend at another sold-out Vindico Arena. On a play that began in their own zone, the Devils opened the scoring 4:33 into the period after catching the Stars flat-footed. A three-on-two rush developed, with Reid Duke sending a backdoor pass to Brett Perlini, who slotted it past Jarrett Fiske. In an attempt to play the puck behind his net, Ben Bowns inadvertently gave it away to Kameron Kielly, who found Keanu Yamamoto waiting in the slot. Yamamoto scored his first of the season, tying the game at one in the process at 14:05. The game didn't stay tied for long, though, as the Devils quickly responded at 14:25. Ben Davies beat out an icing call after the puck was thrown in deep, and although Fiske made an initial stop on a shot from the Devils forward, it was Sam Duggan who picked up the rebound and slotted the puck past the Stars netminder. The Devils extended their lead at 6:30 into period two when a turnover behind the Stars' net led to a scramble for the loose puck, allowing Josh MacDonald to score a backhand goal over the pads of Fiske. At 38:37, Kohen Olischefski made it 4-1 after an incredible solo effort from Tyler Busch. Busch skated past the Stars' defense and baited Fiske out of his net, passing the puck to Olischefski for an easy finish. Dundee thought they had cut the deficit in half less than a minute later at 39:34 through a goal from Alex Tonge. However, following after video review, it was deemed the puck was played with a high stick, keeping the score 4-1 going into the third period. A penalty on the Devils late in the third period opened up a chance for the visitors to get a second on the scoresheet. Despite being down a man, though, it was Cardiff who pounced and scored a shorthanded goal through Tyler Busch at 53:20 on a feed from Ryan Barrow. Gleason Fournier sent a slapshot through traffic 2:16 from the final buzzer to make it 6-1 securing the two points for the Cardiff Devils. That final goal was a special one for Joey Martin, whose assist saw him tie Jeff Legue's all-time points record for an overseas player in the Elite League.





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 Kyte

3 Olivier LeBlanc 'C'

4 Fynn Page

Forwards

86 Lucas Chiodo 'A'

78 Michael Cichy 'A'

41 Johnny Curran 'A'

91 Austin Farley

27 Ryan Foss

15 Artur Gatiyatov

62 Martin Látal

22 Phélix Martineau

29 Maxim Musorov

77 Drake Pilon 'A'

66 Nikolai Shulga

61 James Spence

Goal	Scorer	Assist	Assist	Time	EV/PP/SH
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Period Scores				
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Flyers				
Visitors				

Referee :

Linesman :

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

Goalies

- 1 Jake Kupsky
- 30 Adam Long
- 27 Eamon McAdam

Defencemen

- 45 Travis Brown
- 46 Michael Crocock
- 19 Charlie Curti
- 81 Charlie Doderio
- 6 Kyle Locke
- 20 Marcus Tesink

Forwards

- 28 Matt Alvaro
- 7 Daniel Catenacci
- 86 Jake Coughler
- 18 Brett Ferguson 'C'
- 88 Lewis Hook
- 16 Jack Jacome
- 14 Sean Norris
- 24 Ethan Strang
- 8 Ryan Tait
- 98 Samuel Talbot
- 26 Daniel Tedesco
- 91 Josh Waller
- 94 Brett Welychka

Man of the Match Flyers:

Man of the Match Visitors:

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As teams make their first visits to the Auld Barn this season we continue to look back at the changes made to their rosters in the close season. Flames opened up their summer recruitment by confirming the return of Captain **Brett Ferguson** on the second year of his two year contract. Also returning for his final year of his three year deal was netminder **Eamon McAdam**. Returnees continued to be announced during the early part of May with forward **Ryan Tait** who had most points across all competitions for Flames last term was back for his second year in his two year deal. Tait jointly led league scoring with another returnee, **Lewis Hook**. The Flames agreed a three year term for former GB national team forward who will remain with the club through the 26-27 campaign. The 27 year old was second in overall points over the course of his first season on Spectrum ice. Hook made 69 appearances while scoring 22 goals and 35 assists across League, Cup and Playoffs. The 6'0", 180lb skater signed on with the Flames this past season after spending the bulk of the previous five terms with Belfast Giants including his hand in their 2022-23 Grand Slam haul. He also had a short stop for 16 games with Kitzbüheler EC in Austria that same season and spent the 2020-21 Elite series during the covid shut down with Nottingham Panthers. Including short stops at Coventry Blaze and Milton Keynes Lightning, Prior to this season Hook had iced in 371 EIHL games while registering 80 goals and 197 points. The Peterborough native has a closet full of trophies that include EPIHL Cup and Playoff champion in 2016-2017, EIHL Conference champion in 2014-2015, three EIHL League and Cup titles from 2018-2023, a pair of EIHL Cup captures from 2021-23, and another conference title from the 2018-19 set. Under national team colours, Hook has 13 caps at the Elite world championship senior level as well as a bronze and gold medal while with the GB U20's during his development career. Defenceman **Kyle Locke** then agreed terms for a 4th and 5th season with the club. The 28 year old Canadian made 66 starts this past season, scoring 5 goals and 16 points. The 6'1", 210 lb skater opened his Flames account during the 2021-22 season and has since iced 199 times while recording 48 points from 13 goals and 25 assists to go with 274 penalty minutes. "Kyle has become a real leader in our dressing room," explained Head Coach Paul Dixon.

"He is our most physical player, and he is very well liked among his teammates. From all perspectives he is a very valuable member of the club, and we couldn't be happier to have him here for the next two seasons." Another returnee this term is Canadian forward **Matt Alvaro**. The 27 year old had an impactful first term with the club, finishing top 5 in team points with 14 goals and 31 assists while leading the team with 111 penalty minutes. Alvaro iced the previous pair of seasons with the ECHL Fort Wayne Komets where he appeared in 118 games while netting 35 goals and 81 points after debuting with Orlando Solar Bears in 2019-20 when he played one game following his college career and added another appearance with them during the 2020-21 pandemic schedule. The 5'9", 190lb native of Toronto, Ontario preceded his pro career with 4 seasons at NCAA University of Vermont from 2016 to 2020. In 123 career games he had 18 goals and 33 assists with his best season coming during the 2017-2018 schedule when he had 5 goals and 18 points in 28 games. Alvaro had back to back All-Star stints in the Ontario Junior Hockey League, spending 2012-2013 with Oakville Blades and 2013-2014 with St Michael's Buzzers. After a 27 point term in 55 starts to kick off his junior career, he followed up with 16 goals and 40 points in 51 games. He spent his final pair of junior campaigns at USHL's Youngstown's Phantoms, bagging 63 points in 118 outings before making the jump to the college ranks. Still in May and it was another familiar face announced but one who was returning to Surrey from pastures new. 24 Year-old Great Britain national team veteran **Joshua Waller** returned closer to home for his second tour with the Flames. The native of Reading, and former Guildford Junior member, spent the previous three terms at Cardiff Devils, including last season's injury shortened stretch where he iced 44 times, registering 14 goals and 10 assists across League, Cup and Continental Cup action. The 5'10", 175lb skater, iced a pair of Elite league seasons with Flames from 2018-2020 before departing for Sheffield Steelers where he participated in the 2020-2021 Elite series during the pandemic shutdown. In 282 EIHL League and Cup games, Waller has 50 goals and 102 points. In country colours, between Under 18 and 20, Waller earned 15 caps over three tournaments and has since iced 19 times for GB

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in senior competition including the 2022 and 2023 World championships with injury recovery preventing his participation at the 2024 event. The Flames first new addition to their roster was announced as defenceman **Matt Murphy** from the Manchester Storm. The 6'2", 200lb blueliner made his UK debut last season at Manchester Storm where he had 2 goals and 22 points in 56 league, cup and playoff starts after commencing the early part of the schedule with Slovakian side Bratislava. However the Flames announced in early August that by mutual consent Murphy would not be joining them for the season ahead and instead he suited up for the Cincinnati Cyclones in the ECHL. The month of May concluded with another player moving to the Spectrum from an EIHL opponent when the Flames added Great Britain international forward **Sean Norris** for the coming season. The 5'10", 175lb skater spent last term with Belfast Giants, recording 4 goals and 15 points in 64 games across League, Cup and Champions League play. He made his EIHL debut the year prior when he played 15 Giants games, yielding 4 goals and 2 assists. That same season, the bulk of which he skated in Milton Keynes Lightning colours, the native of Ascot was an NIHL star with 113 points from 38 goals and 75 helpers in 66 starts. The 24 year old came up with the Bracknell Junior programme before spending his final development years at U18 and 20 in Czechia with Pisek and Dukla Jihava. Having already played a few NIHL and EPIHL games during his Jr. run, Norris began his senior career in earnest during the 2018-2019 set with Slough Jets and Milton Keynes Thunder. He added on stints at Basingstoke Bison in 2019-20 and 2020-21 before his first full season at Lightning where he had 31 goals and 27 assists in 43 league starts. Internationally, he made his debut this past season with 3 assists in three Olympic Games Qualifiers and then iced five times at the World Championships. On June 1st American defenceman **Charlie Doderio** put his name on a 2 year contract with Flames. The 6'2", 220lb blueliner iced last season at ICEHL champion Olimpija Ljubljana where he posted 7 goals and 13 assists in 25 league starts. The previous term was also a championship season when he helped French side Rouen to the title with 4 goals and 19 points in 27 games. Ljubljana was his most recent ICEHL stint but not his only thanks to a pair of terms at Graz99ers from 2019

to 2021 and another at Vienna Capitals in 2021-2022 ahead of his French foray. In 136 ICEHL and EBEL games, the 31 year old posted 56 points in 136 starts. After five plus seasons on the North American pro circuit, including 256 ECHL games between Greenville Road Warriors, Idaho Steelheads, and Greenville Swamp Rabbits, as well as 46 AHL appearances at Syracuse Crunch, Doderio made his Euro debut in 2018-2019 with Swedish Allsvenskan side Tingsryds AIF. The Illinois native, spent the bulk of his Junior career at Kitchener Rangers and Sudbury Wolves in the OHL from 2009-2013. In 258 games, Doderio had 11 goals, 58 assists and 286 penalty minutes. There was a contract extension on June 5th for **Marcus Tesink** who returned to the Flames for a second season after opening his pro account at the Spectrum this past term where he iced in 70 games, recording 1 goal and 13 assists across all competitions. The 5'10", 190lb skater debuted with Flames after three seasons at USports Concordia University where he iced in 64 games, registering 4 goals and 16 points. Ahead of his university stay, the 25 year old dressed nearly three seasons in the Quebec Major Junior Hockey League with Moncton Wildcats, Cape Breton Screaming Eagles and Saint John Sea Dogs between 2014 and 2018. He appeared in 123 games while posting 2 goals and 15 assists before spending his final year and a half of junior eligibility with Chilliwack Chiefs of the British Columbia Hockey League. Tesink had 5 goals and 34 points in 86 starts and helped the side to the 2017-2018 RBC Cup national title. Also returning for a second season was former GB U18 forward **Sam Talbot**. The 23 year old was hampered by injury for much of his first term under Spectrum lights, skating in 49 games while recording 3 goals and 2 assists. He iced the previous pair of terms at NIHL Milton Keynes Lightning. Across that stretch, he had 74 goals and 153 points in 103 starts and also made his EIHL debut with Coventry Blaze in 22-23 where he appeared in 2 games. The 6'0", 170lb Swindon junior product opened his senior account at NIHL2 Slough Jets in 2018-2019 where he was an NIHL2 2nd All Star team selection and helped his side to the South and League titles. That same season he played 5 games with the U18 national programme at the Division 1B World Championships where he had 2 goals in 5 games. He split the 2019-20 season between Jets

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and Basingstoke Bison. He was again a 2nd All Star pick, then played on loan with Jets during the Covid adjusted NIHL Cup during the 2020-21 campaign where he had 36 points in 14 games ahead of his Lightning transfer in time for the 2021-2022 term. Canadian forward **Daniel Tedesco** made his way back to Flames for the new term following a year away with Belfast Giants. The Flames leading point getter from 2022-2023, spent 2023-24 at the Northern Ireland outfit where he iced 68 times while posting 27 goals and 57 points in League, Champions League, Cup and Playoffs. During his Spectrum debut the year prior, the 30 year old skater bagged 36 goals and 91 points in 67 starts to earn an EIHL All-Star First team nod. Ahead of his UK debut, the Canadian/Italian dual national spent four seasons in Italy culminating with a spot on the Italian national team with whom he now has 20 caps. The 6'0", 195lb skater spent a pair of seasons in the Alps League, leading his side in points when he had 24 goals and 68 points in 39 games following up on 39 points in 36 starts the year prior. Including stops at Varese, Asiago and Kaltern/Caldaro, the Toronto native registered 214 points from 96 goals and 118 assists in 131 starts. After 98 games over four seasons at NCAA St Cloud State University between 2013 and 2017, Tedesco made his pro debut with a couple of games at ECHL Wichita Thunder to close the 2016-2017 campaign. He stayed in America the following year and split time with ECHL Idaho Steelheads and Wheeling Nailers along with stints at SPHL Pensacola Ice Pirates and Mississippi River Kings where 20 games yielded 15 goals and 17 assists. Ahead of his college foray, Tedesco spent 3 junior hockey seasons in the OJHL between Villanova Knights and Toronto Lakeshore Patriots, completing his 141 game career with 64 goals and 150 points. Another new player to join the Flames who had previous EIHL experience was Canadian forward **Brett Welychka**. The 30 year old iced last term at German DEL2 side Bietigheim Steelers where he had 15 goals and 24 points in 25 starts before adding 2 goals and 4 assists in the playoffs. The 5'10", 180lb skater spent the bulk of the season prior at Nottingham Panthers, icing 45 times while recording 25 goals and 14 assists before a late season transfer to German outfit Dresdner EisLöwen where he kept up a near point a game clip. The native of London, Ontario began his pro career straight out of university in 2018 when he closed the season with 8 AHL games at Manitoba Moose.

He added 18 more the following season with Rockford IceHogs before skating the bulk of the campaign with ECHL Indy Fuel where he posted 25 points in 34 starts. He moved on to back to back terms in 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 at Danish posts Esbjerg Energy and Rødovre Mighty Bulls, respectively. Across 80 games, Welychka registered 52 points from 14 goals and 38 assists. He added 27 more points with Slovak side HC Presov the following year before making his EIHL debut at Panthers. Welychka preceded his pro circuit with three seasons at USports Carleton University. In 72 collegiate games, he bagged 36 goals and 98 points. His individual honours include 2015-2016 selections to the Conference All-Rookie team, First All-Star team, and Rookie of the year while also tacking on a national All-Rookie team nod. He finished his career with a Conference Second All-Star selection a couple of seasons after that. Internationally, in 2016-2017, he iced for Canada at the World University games, helping his team to a bronze medal with 5 goals and 3 assists in six tournament games. Ahead of his university residence, Welychka spent five seasons in Junior hockey in the OHL, mostly with London Knights ahead of a short stay at Belleville Bulls. He tallied 64 goals and 84 assists in 242 appearances while helping Knights to a pair of league titles over his stay. On June 22nd American netminder **Jake Kupsy** joined the Flames crease rotation. The 6'3", 195lb stopper is fresh off his first overseas stint with Slovakian side Zvolen where he posted a 2.94 goals against average and a 91 save percentage in 44 starts. After a junior season with NAHL Lone Star Brahmas in 2014-2015, where he was drafted in the 7th round by the NHL's San Jose Sharks, Kupsy embarked on a four year NCAA career at Union College. In 59 games, the 28 year old posted a 90 save percentage and a 2.86 goals against average and was an NCAA, ECAC conference, 3rd All-Star Team award winner during the 2017-2018 set. He made his pro debut in 2019-2020 with SPHL's Pensacola Ice Flyers and posted a league best 1.84 goals against and topped the save rate at 93.3% while also spending ECHL time with Idaho Steelheads and Greenville Swamp Rabbits. He had a similar schedule the following term back with Flyers for a league title along with stints at Swamp Rabbits and South Carolina Stingrays. Outside of a brief spell at AHL Colorado Eagles in 2021-2022, the native of Waukesha, Wisconsin was full time in the ECHL with 38 games, 2.57 goals against and a 91 save percentage at Idaho.

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His run included selection as a league All-Star, the Brabham Cup as league champions and Goaltender of the month and week awards over the term. He completed his ECHL residency during the 2022-2023 campaign with Steelheads, and recorded a five game showing at AHL's Abbotsford Canucks ahead of his European start. Next to sign was defenceman **Stephen Calisti** after the 6'0", 195lb skater spent the last four terms at USports Ontario Tech University; previous home to Kyle Locke and Alex Yuill. Last season the 24 year old posted 3 goals and 17 points to close out a 65 game stretch with 9 goals and 25 assists. The Toronto native spent a couple of junior seasons at OJHL Jr. Canadiens in his city of birth. In 107 starts, Calisti had 16 goals and 83 points between 2018 and 2020. July 4th and the Flames attacking unit grew with the addition of Canadian forward **Daniel Catenacci**. The 31 year old with 12 NHL games to his name is an Italian National team member and spent the last six seasons in Italy, four with Bolzano ahead of a pair of terms at Pustertal. In 232 starts, the 77th overall pick of the Buffalo Sabres in 2011 registered 54 goals and 132 points. Prior to his European travels, the 5'10", 195lb skater, save for 11 games with the Sabres and one with the New York Rangers, spent 2013 through 2018 in the AHL mostly with Rochester Americans until a final stay at Hartford Wolf Pack. In 307 games, the native of Richmond Hill, Ontario bagged 52 goals and 61 assists. Catenacci split four seasons of junior hockey equally between OHL's Soo Greyhounds and Owen Sound attack. His best season was his last with 79 points from 38 goals and 41 assists in 67 games as part of 107 goals and 252 points in 266 career starts. Internationally, Catenacci's efforts earned him spots on Canada's U17 and U18 National Junior teams in 2010 and 2011. This past season was his first with Team Italy with 10 games yielding 2 goals and 3 assists including four of those points in the Division 1A World Championships where they collected the Bronze medal. Canadian defenceman **Mike Crocock** agreed to return for a fourth season with the Flames. The 30 year old iced in 71 games last term, recording a goal and 20 points. The 5'10", 175lb native of Brantford, Ontario, arrived at Spectrum after spending the first half of 2021-22 at ECHL Reading Royals and has appeared 173 times while collecting 11 goals and 35 assists. He was joined by another returnee with Adam Long completing the three man netminding unit.

Last season, the 28 year old iced in 96 minutes of action. He earned his first win in Flames gear when he relieved Eamon McAdam during a visit to Cardiff Devils and stopped all 5 penalties to secure the late comeback success for Spectrum's men. The Crewe, GB native arrived in time for the 2021-22 campaign after the 2019-20 set with Manchester Storm and the 2020-21 pandemic schedule at NIHL Haringey Huskies. In late July Flames added forward **Ethan Strang** to their roster. The 6'1", 180lb Canadian completed last season at ECHL South Carolina Stingrays with 3 goals and 6 points in 13 starts after a 27 point haul in 28 appearances with USports MacEwan University earlier in the term. The 23 year old iced in a pair of University seasons that yielded 21 goals and the same number of assists in 52 games. The native of Cochrane, Alberta spent 2018 through 2022 in the AJHL with Grand Prairie Storm. His best season was his last with 37 goals and 58 points in 55 outings to complete his 177 game stay with 110 points from 63 goals and 47 assists. Mid-August and it was another player returning to the EIHL when Flames added forward **Jake Coughler**. The 28 year old Canadian spent last season at DEL2 Lausitzer Füchse where he posted 12 goals and 25 points in 48 starts ahead of a 7 point playoff haul in 9 post season games. The 6'1", 190lb skater made his EIHL debut at the end of the 2021-22 season when he joined Cardiff Devils from Danish side Odense Bulldogs. In 33 games at Devils, he scored 21 goals and 14 assists while helping them to the playoff title and followed up in 2022-23 with 13 goals and 23 points in 31 games before 2 goals and an assist in four playoff starts. Coughler made his pro debut in the 2019-2020 season in Slovakia at HK Dukla Trencin before returning to ECHL Orlando Solar Bears. He remained with them for the 20-21 set, and totalled 27 goals and 45 points in 58 appearances over the stretch before heading off to Denmark. Prior to turning pro, the native of St Catharines spent a couple of seasons at USports St Mary's University between 2017 and 2019. He was an Atlantic conference rookie of the year his first season thanks to 13 goals and 34 points in 30 starts as part of 27 goals and 36 assists in 60 career appearances. In Junior, Coughler spent 215 games with QMJHL's Gatineau Olympiques, Charlottetown Islanders and Halifax Mooseheads. He completed his development career with 65 goals and 125 points.

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Canadian defenceman **Travis Brown** completed the Flames defensive group in late August. The 6'2", 200lb blueliner made his UK debut last season at Belfast Giants where he had 5 goals and 21 points in 69 league, cup, Champions League and playoff starts. The 30 year old opened his pro account at St John's IceCaps in the AHL in 2015-2016 icing 3 games before a 55 game run, including 8 goals and 14 assists, at ECHL Brampton Beast in the same term. Over the next three seasons the 2012 Chicago Blackhawks 5th round NHL pick remained mostly in the ECHL with Wichita Thunder and Indy Fuel apart from a game each back at AHL level with San Jose Barracuda and San Antonio Rampage. In 204 ECHL starts, Brown had 104 points from 36 goals and 68 assists. In 2019-2020, the native of Winnipeg, Manitoba made his Euro debut with 5 goals and 21 points in 43 games at Danish side Esbjerg Energy. He moved on to Stjernen in Norway the following year before returning to Energy for back to back campaigns, bringing his totals there to 74 points in 130 appearances ahead of his move to Northern Ireland. Brown's junior career spanned four complete seasons from 2011 to 2015 between WHL teams Moose Jaw Warriors and Victoria Royals. In 281 games, he had 43 goals and 181 points. The Flames have made two additions since the start of the season. **Jack Jacome** joined the Surrey club at the end of September. Canadian forward Jacome was added to the roster while Brett Welychka was placed on the long-term injured reserve list. 25 year old iced last season at Danish side Rungsted Seier Capital where he posted 9 goals and 22 points in 39 starts. He made his EU debut the year prior in ICEHL with Pioneers Vorarlberg, leading his team in points when 48 games yielded 29 from 9 goals and 20 assists. Prior to the pro game, the 5'8", 175lb skater spent five NCAA seasons at Clarkson university. He had 110 points in 165 career appearances thanks to 26 goals and 84 assists including a 25 point campaign in his last term where he served as club captain. The native of Brampton, Ontario, played 2+ development seasons in the OJHL with Georgetown Raiders, bagging 59 goals and 161 points in 112 games before moving on to Clarkson.

Ahead of last weekend and to replace the departed Stephen Calisti the Flames added American defenceman **Charlie Curti**. The 6'0", 190lb skater spent last season at Belfast Giants where he iced in 56 Elite League, Champions League, Challenge Cup and Playoff games, scoring 2 goals and 23 points. The 29 year old spent the season prior with ECHL Toledo Walleye where he had 25 points from 8 goals and 17 assists in 39 starts while earning a 3 game call up to AHL Grand Rapids Griffins. After 110 games through 4 seasons at NCAA Yale University from 2015 to 2019 where he collected 9 goals and 37 points, the native of Mound, Minnesota, made his pro debut with 31 points in 2019-2020 at ECHL Adirondack Thunder, following up with a move to Rapid City Rush the very next term. In 150 ECHL appearances, he had 24 goals and 72 points. Curti made his EU debut in 2021-2022 at Aalborg Pirates where a 23 point showing in 35 games helped with the Danish Championship haul. Prior to college, Curti spent a pair of Junior seasons in the USHL with Cedar Rapids RoughRiders. He made 113 appearances, registering 9 goals and 38 assists and was an All-Rookie team selection in 2013-2014.



LEAGUE STATS

SEASON 2024/25

										
Total Games Played	10	11	8	12	12	11	11	11	10	8
Challenge Cup Games	7	4	6	8	6	7	8	7	8	5
League Games	3	7	2	4	6	4	3	4	2	3
Biggest Win	7-0 v Flyers	6-1 v Stars	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
Biggest Loss	1-3 v Clan	1-3 v Giants	0-6 v Flames	1-6 v Devils	0-7 v Giants	2-5 v Clan	2-6 v Devils	3-7 v Giants	3-4 v Steelers	2-4 v Blaze
Longest Win Streak	5	4	3	1	1	4	2	2	4	6
Longest Loss Streak	1	1	4	6	5	4	4	3	2	2
Current Streak	1 Win	1 Win	3 Wins	1 Loss	3 Losses	1 Loss	3 Losses	1 Win	2 Wins	2 Losses
Fastest Goal	00:58	00:50	06:08	01:08	02:44	00:08	00:21	00:45	02:12	00:14
Shut Out For	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0
Shut Out Against	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	0
Total Goals Scored scored by Forwards	42	41	17	30	26	32	25	35	32	23
Powerplay	8	8	6	5	6	7	7	8	10	3
Even Strength	32	31	10	25	20	23	16	27	22	19
Shorthanded	2	2	1	0	0	2	2	0	0	1
Total Goals Scored scored by Defencemen	3	3	4	3	4	3	6	2	0	5
Powerplay	1	0	1	0	1	1	1	1	0	1
Even Strength	2	3	2	3	3	1	5	1	0	4
Shorthanded	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Total Goals Conceded scored to Forwards	19	21	22	49	49	31	32	41	20	20
Penalty Kill	5	8	7	6	6	9	10	9	3	5
Even Strength	12	13	13	41	42	21	22	31	16	15
Shorthanded	2	0	2	2	1	1	0	1	1	0
Total Goals Conceded scored to Defencemen	3	2	2	8	3	4	3	3	2	3
Penalty Kill	0	2	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	0
Even Strength	3	0	1	8	1	2	2	3	2	3
Shorthanded	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
Goals Scored Period 1	14	11	4	13	9	9	6	14	14	10
Goals Scored Period 2	12	18	6	7	11	11	11	13	11	8
Goals Scored Period 3	18	15	11	13	10	15	14	9	6	10
Goals Scored OT/SO	2	0	1	2	0	0	0	2	2	3
TOTAL Goals Scored	46	44	22	35	30	35	31	38	33	31
Goals Scored Per Game	4.60	4.00	2.75	2.92	2.50	3.18	2.82	3.45	3.30	3.88
Goals Conceded Period 1	7	7	10	16	17	9	12	14	3	9
Goals Conceded Period 2	6	7	6	24	16	8	14	14	8	5
Goals Conceded Period 3	9	8	7	16	19	18	9	16	11	8
Goals Conceded OT/SO	1	1	2	1	1	1	2	1	1	1
TOTAL Goals Conceded	23	23	25	57	53	36	37	45	23	23
Goals Against Per Game	2.30	2.09	3.13	4.75	4.42	3.27	3.36	4.09	2.30	2.88
Shots For P1	124	113	85	144	141	143	120	103	107	93
Shots For P2	129	154	96	129	115	119	129	118	94	109
Shots For P3	128	115	87	141	107	141	103	109	76	90
Shots For OT	5	0	9	7	2	0	7	4	5	9
TOTAL Shots For	386	382	277	421	365	403	359	334	282	301
Shots for Per Game	38.60	34.73	34.63	35.08	30.42	36.64	32.64	30.36	28.20	37.63
Shots Against P1	97	120	96	144	168	134	110	133	92	79
Shots Against P2	86	116	87	162	178	117	110	144	132	60
Shots Against P3	104	98	82	133	166	108	100	128	111	67
Shots Against OT	8	2	4	9	4	2	2	3	6	11
TOTAL Shots Against	295	336	269	448	516	361	322	408	341	217
Shots Against Per Game	29.50	30.55	33.63	37.33	43.00	32.82	29.27	37.09	34.10	27.13

League & Cup games played as at 14/10/2024

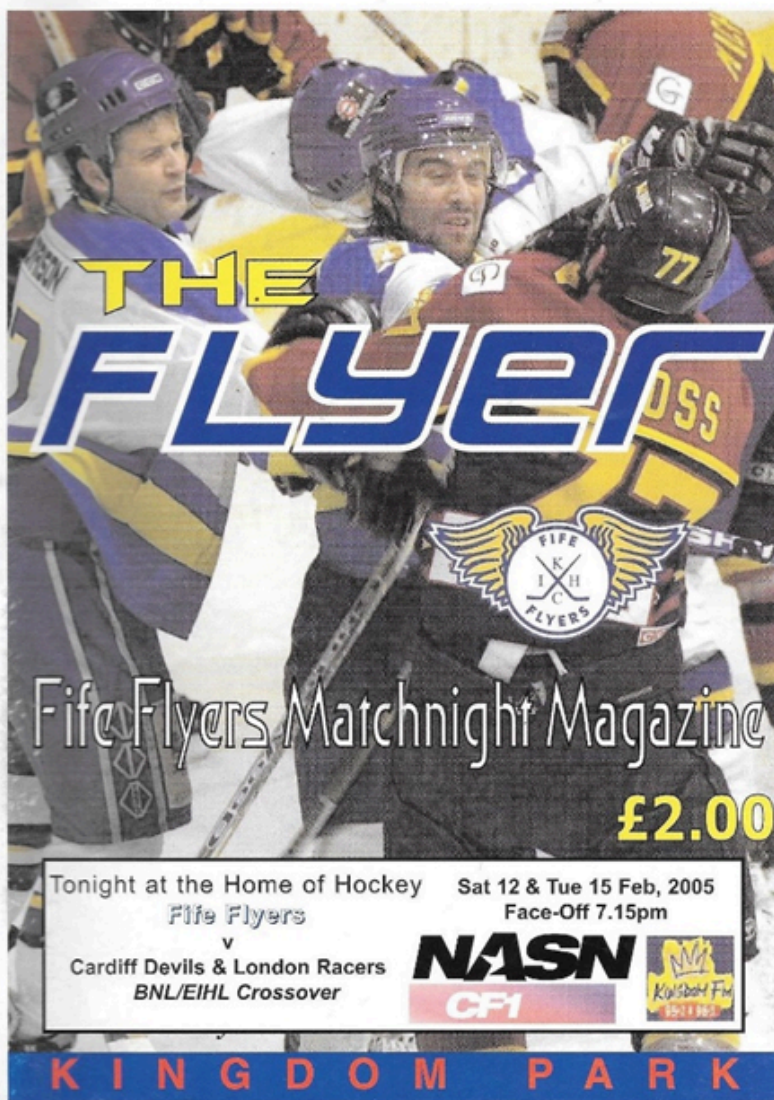
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WE DON'T PLAY YOU ANYMORE: LONDON RACERS

In their history Flyers have played league games against clubs based in London, from Wembley Lions and Harringay Racers in the 1950's to Streatham Redskins, Lee Valley Lions and Romford Raiders in the Heineken days and most recently in 2004/05 against London Racers, who played in the first two seasons of the Elite League, while Flyers competed in the BNL at that time.

In the second season of the Elite League, which coincided with the last year of the BNL, the teams from each league played each other once home and once away with the results counting in the end of season totals in the respective league standings. Flyers record in these "Crossover games" against the Elite League teams was three wins and an overtime loss in 14 games, while playing at a disadvantage by having fewer players classed as imports on the roster than the Elite sides.



The crossover fixtures were spread throughout the season but Flyers' two games against London Racers were played in the space of five days in February 2005. When Flyers lined up for their first ever tussle with Racers on 15/02/05, they were on a streak of nine consecutive losses and had only one win in 13 matches since the turn of the year.

In Racers' line up that Tuesday night at Kirkcaldy were former Flyers import from 1986-88 Steve Moria and netminder Joe Watkins, who played for Flyers in the 1998/99 Play-offs as an emergency replacement, helping Flyers to a penalty shot win in the final against Slough Jets. The first period started badly for Flyers, going behind in only 3.15 in front of about 1200 fans. Racers had a reputation of playing a physical game and so it was proved as they came out hitting. Flyers had a couple of players in their squad who were unfazed by the thought of any physical play in the shape of Greg Kuznik and Paul Spadafora and it was Kuznik who took a coincidental roughing penalty with London's Scott Nicholl, with just over four minutes from the end of the first period, which ended 0-1.

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Two goals in the first three minutes of the second period for Racers made it look as if the away side were going to cruise through the game, but Flyers stuck to their task and on their fifth powerplay of the night, pulling one back with a Todd Dutiaume strike, which the FFP reporter described as “a great solo effort” at 29.49.

About seven minutes later, player/coach Mark Morrison reduced the deficit to one goal and this seemed to wake Racers up and as a result they picked up their game again and put pressure on Flyers’ net. The home defence and netminder Steve Briere held firm though and with only 23 seconds remaining in the period Spadafora equalised having taken a nice pass from Steven King, to send the teams to the dressing room all square after 40 minutes.

The second period also featured a mismatched bout between Racers’ tough guy Jeremy Cornish and Flyers’ youngster Liam Greig. Greig took exception to a Cornish slash and tangled with the Racers’ scrapper. It was little surprise that Greig lost that tangle, but the home fans appreciated him stepping up and taking on one of the better fighters in the British game at that time.

The play was fairly even in the third period, but Racers eventually took control, outshooting Flyers 14-5 in the last 20 minutes and getting the winner with just under seven minutes left, Vickers netting the winner. Flyers were outnumbered as far as imports were concerned but gave a good account of themselves and their good performance carried over to the following Saturday when they hammered Edinburgh Capitals 8-2.

The return game with Racers was played on Sunday 20/02/05 at Lee Valley, where Racers were based and where Flyers had last played in 1991/92. London won the rematch 3-1 and the game winner was scored by defenceman Vickers who netted and Cornish got the other. Flyers’ lone goal came from Kent Davyduke (left) in a game which the home side reportedly won fairly comfortably.

This would be London Racers’ last season, unsurprisingly with very low crowds, 397 v Flyers as an example and a multiple of imports on the books, saw the team fold at the end of the season. After 2004/05 it would be 2011 before Flyers would again play Elite League opposition, when after a long spell in the wilderness of the SNL the team returned to the top league in the UK. Following Racers’ demise, there have been no London based clubs playing in top level hockey, given the amount of failed clubs from the UK’s capital over the years.



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In the last edition started looking at the rules around equipment use and specifically Rule 9 Uniforms. In the second and concluding part we cover rules 10-14. Again the full text of the IIHF rule is provided along with any annotations as per the EIHL Casebook.

RULE 10 STICKS

10.1 PLAYER'S STICK

The sticks shall be made of wood or other material approved by the IIHF and must not have any projections. Adhesive, tape of any color may be wrapped around the stick at any place for the purpose of reinforcement or to improve control of the puck.

The shaft of the stick, from the top down to the start of the blade, must be straight. No stick shall exceed 1.63 m in length from the heel to the end of the shaft nor more than 32.0 cm from the heel to the end of the blade.

Requests for an exception to the length of the shaft (only) may be submitted in writing to and must be approved by the IIHF prior to any such stick being used. Only Players 2.0 m tall or more will be considered for exception. Maximum length of a stick granted an exception under this rule is 1.65 m.

The butt end of the stick must be covered by a form of protection. If the cap at the top of a manufactured stick (i.e., metal or carbon) has been removed or falls off, the stick will be considered dangerous equipment. The blade of the stick shall not be more than 7.6 cm in width at any point between the heel and 1.5 cm in from the mid-point of the tip of the blade, nor less than 5.0 cm. All edges of the blade shall be beveled. Rule 9.8 – Dangerous Equipment.

The curvature of the blade of the stick shall be restricted in such a way that the distance of a perpendicular line measured from a straight line drawn from any point at the heel to the end of the blade to the point of maximum curvature shall not exceed 1.9 cm.

10.2 GOALKEEPER'S STICK

The sticks shall be made of wood or other material approved by the IIHF and must not have any projections. Adhesive tape of any color may be wrapped around the stick at any place for the purpose of reinforcement or to improve control of the puck.

In the case of a Goalkeeper's stick, there shall be a knob of white tape or other protective material approved by the IIHF. This knob must not be less than 1.3 cm thick at the top of the shaft.

Failure to comply with this provision of the rule will result in the Goalkeeper's stick being deemed unfit for play. The Goalkeeper's stick must be changed without the assessment of a Minor Penalty.

The shaft of the stick, from the top down to the start of the blade, must be straight.

The blade of the Goalkeeper's stick shall not exceed 9.0 cm in width at any point except at the heel, where it must not exceed 11.5 cm in width; nor shall the Goalkeeper's stick exceed 39.5 cm in length from the heel to the end of the blade.

The curvature of the blade of the stick shall be restricted in such a way that the distance of a perpendicular line measured from a straight line drawn from any point at the heel to the end of the blade to the point of maximum curvature shall not exceed 1.5 cm.

The widened portion of the Goalkeeper's stick extending up the shaft from the blade shall not extend more than 71 cm from the heel and shall not exceed 9.0 cm in width.

10.3 BROKEN STICK – PLAYER

A "broken stick" is one which, in the opinion of the Referee, is unfit for normal play.

A Player without a stick may participate in the game. A Player whose stick is "broken" may participate in the game provided they drop the "broken stick". A Minor Penalty shall be imposed for an infraction of this rule.

A Player who has "lost" or has "broken their stick" may receive a replacement stick by having one handed to them from their own Players' Bench, by having one handed to them by a Teammate on the ice or by picking up their own unbroken stick or that of a Teammate from the ice.

A Player will be penalized if they throw, toss, slide or shoot a stick to a Teammate (Skater) on the ice, or if they pick up and play with an opponent's stick.



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A Player may not participate in the play using a Goalkeeper's stick. A Minor Penalty shall be imposed for an infraction of this rule.

A Player using a stick thrown on the ice from the Players' Bench or Penalty Box will not receive a penalty. However, the offending Team responsible for throwing the stick will receive a Bench Minor Penalty.

10.4 BROKEN STICK / ABANDONED STICK – GOALKEEPER

A Goalkeeper may continue to play with a "broken stick" until a stoppage of play or until they have one legally handed to them by a Teammate. A replacement stick for a "broken stick" cannot be thrown to a Goalkeeper on the ice surface. The stick must be passed

from hand to hand to the Goalkeeper by a Teammate on the ice. For a violation of this rule, the offending Player shall receive a Minor Penalty for "throwing the stick". Rule 53 – Throwing Equipment.

An abandoned, intact stick accidentally dropped by the Goalkeeper may be passed from hand to hand to the Goalkeeper, or moved, pushed, or slid toward the Goalkeeper by a Teammate near the Goalkeeper on the ice as long as the moved stick does not interfere

with play or cause a distraction to the game or opposing Players. If a Player causes interference with play or distraction to an opposing Player by moving a lost stick, a Minor Penalty or "Penalty Shot" shall be imposed. Rule 53 – Throwing Equipment.

The Goalkeeper shall not receive a penalty for receiving the stick.

A Goalkeeper whose stick is "broken or illegal" may not go to the Players' Bench for a replacement but must receive their stick from a Teammate as described above. A Goalkeeper may participate in the play using a Skater's stick until such time as they are legally provided with a replacement Goalkeeper's stick.

For an infraction of this rule, a Minor Penalty shall be imposed on the Goalkeeper.

10.5 STICK MEASUREMENT

There is no limit to the number of stick-measurement requests a Team may make in a game, but a request for a stick measurement shall be limited to one request per Team during the course of any stoppage in play. When a formal complaint is made by the Captain or Alternate Captain of a Team, against the dimensions of an opponent's stick, that opponent must be on the ice at the time the request is made to the Referee. It must be specified which part of the stick should be measured.

Once the request is made, and as long as the On-ice Officials maintain visual contact with the stick, it can be measured. This means that if the Player whose stick is about to be measured steps off the ice onto their Players' Bench, their stick may still be measured

provided the request was received prior to them leaving the ice surface and the stick remains in the view of at least one of the On-ice Officials.

The Referee shall take the stick to the Penalty Box where the necessary measurement shall be made immediately. Players on both Teams shall retire to their respective Players Benches. To measure the curvature of the blade of the stick, the Referee must draw an

imaginary line along the outside of the shaft to the bottom of the blade and then along the bottom of the blade – this will determine the location of the heel. Using an IIHF-approved measuring gauge, the Referee shall secure the gauge at the heel of the stick and

measure the curvature of the blade from the heel to any point along the toe of the blade. To measure any other dimension of the stick, the Referee shall use a measuring tape. The result shall be reported to the Penalty Timekeeper, who shall record it on the Penalty Record form. The Referee will convey the result of the measurement to the Captain or Alternate Captain of the Team whose stick was measured.

A Player whose stick has been measured and it is found not to conform to the rule shall be assessed a Minor Penalty and the stick will be returned to the Players' Bench by the Referee. If the complaint is not sustained, a Bench Minor Penalty shall be imposed against the complaining Team.

A Player who participates in the play (i.e., checks or prevents the movement of an opponent or who plays the puck) while carrying two sticks (including while taking a replacement stick to their Goalkeeper) shall incur a Minor Penalty under this rule.



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A request for a stick measurement in regular playing time is permitted, including after the scoring of a goal. However, a goal cannot be disallowed as a result of the measurement.

A request for a stick measurement following a goal in Overtime (including one scored on a "Penalty Shot" in Overtime) is not permitted. Stick measurements prior to or during the shootout are permitted, subject to the guidelines outlined in Rule 10.7. – Stick Measurement – Prior to Shootout Attempt.

Any Player who deliberately breaks their stick or who refuses to surrender their stick for measurement when requested to do so by the Referee shall be assessed a Minor Penalty plus a ten-minute (10) Misconduct Penalty.

10.6 STICK MEASUREMENT – PRIOR TO "PENALTY SHOT"

A stick measurement request may be made prior to a "Penalty Shot" following these guidelines:

If the stick is "legal" the complaining Team is assessed a Bench Minor Penalty, and a Player is placed in the Penalty Box immediately.

Regardless of the result of the "Penalty Shot", the Bench Minor Penalty is assessed and served.

If the stick is "illegal" the Player will be assessed a Minor Penalty and must proceed to the Penalty Box immediately to serve their penalty. Another Player must take the "Penalty Shot". If the Player refuses to surrender their stick for measurement, the "Penalty Shot" shall not be permitted, and the Player shall be assessed a Misconduct Penalty.

10.7 STICK MEASUREMENT – PRIOR TO SHOOTOUT ATTEMPT

This rule does not apply at IIHF Championships.

10.8 ILLEGAL STICK

An illegal stick is defined as one that, following a measurement, is deemed not conforming to Rule 10. An illegal stick is also defined as one when a player has not been legally handed one by his players' bench or from a teammate. And finally, an illegal stick is anytime a player on the ice attempts to play the game with an opponent's stick.

IIHL Casebook annotation – Rule 10 – Sticks

10.5 Stick Measurement

No request for measurement of a player's stick will be allowed. The Referee may remove a stick that is in his opinion dangerous and that can no longer be used during game action, no penalty will be assessed.

10.6 Stick Measurement– Prior to "Penalty Shot"

N/A

10.7 Stick Measurement– Prior to shootout attempt

N/A

RULE 11 GOALKEEPERS EQUIPMENT

11.1 GOALKEEPER'S EQUIPMENT

With the exception of skates and stick, all the equipment worn by the Goalkeeper must be constructed solely for the purpose of protection, and they must not wear any garment or use any device which would give them undue assistance in keeping goal.

The IIHF is specifically authorized to make a check of each Goalkeeper's equipment (including the sticks) to ensure the compliance with the rule. They shall report its findings to the Proper Authorities for proper disciplinary action.

11.2 LEG GUARDS

A piece of any material covering the space between the ice and the bottom of the Goalkeeper's pads in front of the skates is not allowed. Graffiti-type designs, patterns, artwork, drawings, or slogans which are abusive or obscene and refer to culture, race, or religion are not allowed. The pads can be of any non-fluorescent colors. No attachments such as plastic puck foils are permitted to any part of the pads. The leg guards worn by Goalkeepers shall not exceed 28 cm in



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extreme width when on the leg of the Player.

11.3 CHEST AND ARM PADS

The chest and arm protector worn by each Goalkeeper must be anatomically proportional and size specific based on the individual physical characteristics of that Goalkeeper.

No raised ridges are allowed on the front edges or sides of the chest pad, the inside or outside of the arms, or across the shoulders.

Layering at the lateral edge of the torso is permitted to add rib protection, however, said thickness shall not exceed the thickness of the blocks on the front of the chest and provided further, that the flank protection must wrap around the contour of the Player's torso. If, when the Goalkeeper assumes the normal crouch position, the shoulder or shoulder cap protection is pushed above the contour of the shoulder, the chest pad will be considered illegal.

Any chest and arm protector deemed to be too large for a Goalkeeper by measurements taken by IIHF representatives shall be considered illegal equipment for that Goalkeeper, whether or not it would have fallen within previous equipment maximums.

11.4 PANTS

The pants worn by each Goalkeeper must be anatomically proportional and size-specific based on the individual physical characteristics of that Goalkeeper.

No internal or external padding is permitted on the pant leg or waist beyond that which is required to provide protection (i.e., no ridges, inside or out).

If the Goalkeeper is wearing their pants shells loosely, allowing them to close the open space between their legs above their pads when they are in the crouch position, the shells will be considered illegal. Thigh protectors inside the pants must follow the contour of the leg. Flat thigh protectors are not allowed.

Any pant deemed by the IIHF representatives to be non-compliant with this rule will be considered illegal equipment for that Goalkeeper, regardless of whether or not it would have fallen within previous equipment maximums.

Any alteration request must be filed with an application to the IIHF before any modifications or additions are made.

11.5 KNEE PADS

Knee protection must be strapped and must fit under the thigh pad of the pants. Flaps attached to the inside of the Goalkeeper's pads above the knee that are not worn under the thigh pad of the pants are not allowed. The knee-strap pad is the pad that separates the inside of the knee from the ice.

The knee protection must be worn with the strap tight so that it does not obscure any portion of area between the legs, or the "five hole." The padding between the knee strap pad and the inner knee channel is not affected by this measurement standard. Medial rolls (raised seam ridges) are not allowed.

11.6 CATCHING GLOVE

A maximum perimeter of 114.5 cm is permitted. The perimeter of the glove is the distance around the glove. The wrist cuff must be 10.5 cm in width. The cuff of the glove is considered to be the portion of the glove protecting the wrist from the point where the thumb joint meets the wrist. Any protection joining/enhancing the cuff to the glove will be considered part of the glove rather than the cuff. The wrist cuff is to be a maximum of 20.5 cm in length (this includes the bindings). All measurements follow the contour of the cuff. The distance from the heel of the glove along the pocket and following the contour of the inside of the trap of the glove to the top of the "T" trap must not exceed 46.0 cm. The heel is considered to be the point at which the straight vertical line from the cuff meets the glove.

11.7 BLOCKING GLOVE

The blocking glove must be rectangular. The flap protecting the thumb and wrist must be fastened to the blocker and follow the contour of the thumb and wrist. Raised ridges are not allowed on any portion of the blocking glove.



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Protective padding attached to the back or forming part of the Goalkeeper's blocking glove shall not exceed 20.5 cm in width nor more than 38.5 cm in length at any point (this includes the bindings). All measurements follow the contour of the back of the glove.

The thumb protection must not exceed 18.0 cm in extreme length when measured from the top of the blocking surface.

11.8 FACE MASKS

Goalkeepers must wear their face mask at all times during game action. Protective face masks of a design approved by the IIHF must be worn by Goalkeepers. A face mask deemed to be worn only to increase stopping area will be considered illegal.

The face mask must be constructed in such a way that a puck cannot penetrate the openings. Goalkeepers are allowed to wear a facemask of a different color and design than that of their Teammates. The backup Goalkeeper is not required to wear their face

mask when they cross the ice to return to the Players' Bench after intermission.

Specific rules and guidelines for appropriate head / face 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.

11.9 INSPECTIONS BY THE IIHF

Goalkeepers are not allowed to participate in the game with equipment that does not comply with the rules. Inspections by the IIHF can take place at any time, before, during, or after any game.

IIHF representatives may obtain equipment from any or all participating Goalkeeper(s). This equipment may be removed to a secure location for measuring.

Inspections will be logged, and a fair play agreement will be signed by the appropriate Goalkeepers and Team Equipment Managers.

Non-complaint and illegal equipment must be corrected before participation in a game or further use in it. If further irregularities are found during follow-up checks, the incident will be reported to the Proper Authorities.

Refusal to submit the equipment for IIHF measurement will result in the same sanctions as those imposed on a Goalkeeper with illegal equipment.

EIHL Casebook annotation – Rule 11 – Goalkeepers Equipment

11.9 Inspection by the IIHF

EIHL Hockey Operations is the determining body where reference is made to the IIHF.

RULE 12 ILLEGAL EQUIPMENT

12.1 ILLEGAL EQUIPMENT

All protective equipment, except gloves, headgear, mouthguards, neck laceration protection and Goalkeepers' leg guards must be worn under the uniform. For violation of this rule, after warning by the Referee, a Minor Penalty shall be imposed.

Players violating this rule shall not be permitted to participate in the game until such equipment has been corrected or removed.

If the Player refuses, they shall be assessed a Minor Penalty for "Illegal Equipment" 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.

12.2 GLOVES

A glove from which all or part of the palm has been removed or cut to permit the use of the bare hand shall be considered illegal equipment and if any Player wears such a glove in play, a Minor Penalty shall be imposed on them.

When a complaint is made under this rule, and such complaint is not sustained, a Bench-minor Penalty shall be imposed against the complaining Team for delaying the game.



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12.3 ELBOW PADS

All elbow pads which do not have a soft protective outer covering of sponge rubber or similar material at least 1.5 cm thick shall be considered dangerous equipment.

12.4 FAIR PLAY

These equipment regulations (Section 3) are written in the spirit of "Fair Play". If at any time the IIHF feels that this spirit is being abused, the offending equipment will be deemed ineligible for play until a hearing has ruled on its eligibility.

12.5 INSPECTIONS BY THE IIHF

Inspections by the IIHF can take place at any time, before, during, or after any game.

IIHF representatives may obtain equipment from any Players of the participating Teams. Complained and illegal equipment must be corrected before participation in a game. If further irregularities are found during follow-up checks, the incident will be reported to the Proper Authorities. Refusal to submit the equipment for IIHF measurement will result in the same sanctions as those imposed on a Player with illegal equipment.

EIHL Casebook annotation – Rule 12 – Illegal Equipment

12.4 Fair Play

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RULE 13 PUCK

13.1 DIMENSIONS

The puck shall be made of vulcanized rubber, or other approved material, 2.5 cm thick and 7.6 cm in diameter and shall weigh between 156 g and 170 g. All pucks used in competition must be approved by the IIHF. A printed logo, trademark, and advertising on the puck must not exceed 4.5 cm in diameter of the area of each side of a puck or 35 % of the area of each side of the puck. There may be printing on both sides of the puck.

13.2 SUPPLY

The Organizing Committee or the Home Team shall be responsible for providing an adequate supply of official pucks which shall be kept in a frozen condition. This supply of pucks shall be kept at the Penalty Box under the control of one of the regular Off-Ice Officials or a special attendant. Frozen Puck Regulations:

13.3 ILLEGAL PUCK

If at any time while play is in progress, a puck other than the one legally in play shall appear on the playing surface, the play shall not be stopped but shall continue with the legal puck until the play then in progress is completed by change of possession.

RULE 14 ADJUSTMENT TO CLOTHING OR EQUIPMENT

14.1 ADJUSTMENT TO CLOTHING OR EQUIPMENT

Play shall not be stopped, nor the game delayed by reasons of adjustments to clothing, equipment, skates or sticks.

The responsibility of maintaining clothing and equipment in proper condition shall be upon the Player.

If adjustments are required, the Player shall leave the ice and play shall continue with a substitute.

No delay shall be permitted for the repair or adjustment of Goalkeeper's equipment.

If adjustments are required, the Goalkeeper shall leave the ice and their place shall be taken by the substitute Goalkeeper immediately.

HOCKEY VIEWS FROM SECTION 'C' AND BEYOND

Darrian Wilson

A warm welcome to another weekend of action as Flyers first face a run up to Dundee on Friday before hosting Flames on Saturday. We can only hope that Dundee will be Fundee for Flyers and we sneak away with a point or two and no additional injuries. Being away on holiday I missed that last home game against Giants, though perhaps unable to attend is the closer description given that it seemed to be a match to forget.

Being short on bodies really does hinder any squad and whilst the Brit/Import debate continues to bubble underneath I remember back to my school days where my economics teacher shared a few words of wisdom, budget is not just about how much you have to spend but how wisely you spend it. With that in mind I cannot get rid of the gut feeling that the cash being used to pay two spare imports to sit on their bahookies each game would have been better spent on full time Brits who could contribute each game. I don't think I'm alone in that mindset, and that is why with the best will in the world and with no ill intent to Tom or the management, I think many fans will remain at odds with at least one of the seemingly ingrained recruiting tactics.

Some unsavoury action from last weekend saw Steelers' Daniel Ciampini ejected from their game in Coventry after he delivered two cross checks to the head after taking exception to a challenge which saw him bundled into the boards. With Steelers having not long taken the lead in the game his 5+game was instrumental in Blaze grabbing back the game by scoring the equalising and go ahead goals in a tight game. If he doesn't get a three match suspension for that then there is something incredibly wrong with the system that is set up to protect players from such actions. At the time of writing there had been no release from the department of player safety. It does seem out of character for Ciampini, no, not the cross checking, getting two shots on target on the same shift.....

After last weekends match between Flames and Stars we saw two Flames players welfare being asked about post match.

Players being injured whilst playing the Stars seems to be a common theme these days and whilst this is a contact sport and you are allowed to make a clean hit (Flyers take note of that please) there seems to be a lot of late or overzealous hits which causes players to leave the game early as Flyers can attest to. If that's a deliberate tactic due to a lack of talent in other areas then I hope Stars end up rooted in the gutter where that kind of play belongs.

Two video review situations from last weekends games were clarified and no doubt it will lead to more trolling of the officials as they get to grips with what can and cannot be previewed and who can instigate the reviews.

Text in quotes taken from the EIHL release.

High-Stick – "the game officials used the video review system to review a potential high stick before the Clan's second goal.

For clarity, this constitutes as a 'Missed Game Stoppage' and is not a reviewable play in the EIHL. High-Sticking the puck may only be reviewed when the puck has directly entered the net as a result of a High-Stick. This review should not have been initiated by the game officials."

Goaltender Interference – "the game officials washed out a goal for the Giants for Goaltender Interference. The officials then opted to review this play and confirmed their on-ice decision.

For clarity, Goaltender Interference may only be reviewed as part of a Coach's Challenge. This review should not have been initiated by the game officials"

It is early doors for the video reviews and whilst mistakes will be made that will bring learning from experience which itself is a valuable tool as the league takes another step forward. That this learning from experience is being shared with the EIHL community as a whole is encouraging.

Everything crossed for an enjoyable weekend hockey fans and get behind your Flyers.

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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.

Victory over arch-rivals Murrayfield Racers at Kirkcaldy Ice Rink tomorrow night will send Fife Flyers into their first major final for six years. Flyers stand on the brink of a place in the final of the Bluecol Cup — and in fact require only one point from their two remaining sectional matches to book a trip to Streatham Ice Rink on December 1. However, Ronnie Plumb's side will be going all out to qualify in style by defeating Murrayfield in front of another near-capacity crowd. Ironically, Flyers were given the chance to clinch their final berth on their own ice by tomorrow's opponents, who inflicted a shock 10-3 defeat on Dundee Rockets on Saturday night. That result — coupled with Flyers' 18-8 victory over Glasgow Dynamos — has left the Kirkcaldy side firm favourites to become Scotland's representatives in the Bluecol Final. Certainly, it would take a dramatic turnaround in fortunes for Rockets to top the section ahead of Flyers. They must hope for Racers to return the favour — and then defeat Flyers in Dundee next Wednesday night to qualify on goal difference. While Flyers must guard against complacency, there is little doubt that they have an outstanding chance to cap their impressive start to the season by moving just one game away from the trophy success which has eluded them in recent years. "We are in the driving seat, but we cannot take anything for granted", commented player-coach Ronnie Plumb yesterday. "It is a good position to be in to have two games in which to get the points we need — but we want to win against Murrayfield. "We don't want to leave it until we go to Dundee on Wednesday." Racers' victory in Dundee at the weekend can leave nobody in any doubt about the task facing Flyers tomorrow, and Murrayfield will be out to make sure that Ronnie Plumb's men do not qualify for the final at their immediate expense. The Edinburgh side have been beaten just once since their full complement of Canadians arrived — and that was when Flyers snatched a nail-biting 8-6 victory two weeks ago. "Murrayfield are playing very well, and it will be a very tough match for us," said Plumb. "They are a side who will be in contention all season, but having ended a run of 17 games without a win at Murrayfield, we feel we can beat them on our own ice. If we can clinch a place in the final, it will be a reward for the way our guys have played so far this season," he added. Reflecting on Flyers' two victories at the weekend, Plumb commented, "They were completely different games, and we played in two different ways. Against Glasgow, we knew we had to win to maintain our Bluecol challenge, but the way we started, we did not seem to be taking the game as seriously as we should have. I was a little concerned, but we took control of the match and won easily. It was not a really hard match physically, and gave us a good warm-up for the game against Dundee," he went on. "Rockets were not the same side as they were in our earlier meeting, but we played three consistent periods, and shut them right down. We played a sound defensive match, and later in the season that kind of defence might make all the difference in a tight game." Should Flyers fail to take the point they require tomorrow, the Scottish finalists for the Bluecol Cup will be decided when they travel to Dundee on Wednesday, where the face-off is at 8 p.m. The English semi-final in the competition will be between Durham Wasps and either Streatham Redskins or Solihull.

27/10/1984 Fife Flyers v Murrayfield Racers - Autumn Cup

Flyers have done it! Ronnie Plumb's men are through to the Bluecol Cup final at Streatham Ice Rink on December 1 — but they may not have a more difficult match all season than Saturday's nail-biting clash with Murrayfield Racers. The three-goal margin of victory disguises the fact that Flyers faced an uphill battle for most of the game, The three-goal margin of victory disguises the fact that Flyers faced an uphill battle for most of the game, going ahead for the first time with less than eight minutes on the clock.



WEMBLEY WIZARDS SEASON 1984/85

Another 3000 crowd at Kirkcaldy Ice Rink were kept on the edge of their seats as they waited to see whether Flyers would take the point they needed to avoid a head to head clash with Dundee Rockets top determine Scotland's Bluecol finalists. A combination of big match nerves and some questionable refereeing kept the result in doubt until the latter stages – but the final buzzer was the signal for celebrations both on and off the ice. Canadian Dave Stoyanovich again took the scoring honours with a nap hand but overnight signing Jimmy Pennycook from Dundee Rockets made a dream debut with a well-taken hattrick. Stoyanovich and Murrayfield's ex-Flyer Jim Lynch shared the six first period goals with a hattrick apiece. Racers were clearly in no mood to do the Kirkcaldy side any favours, and Lynch struck twice within the space of two minutes midway through the period before Stoyanovich helped settle the Flyers with a tremendous shot from just inside the blueline. Although Lynch restored Racers two goal advantage after 16 minutes Stoyanovich made it 3-3 at the buzzer firstly with a repeat of his earlier goal and then beating Hanson from an acute angle. A five minute penalty for Danny Brown early in the second period did nothing to help Flyers cause and the Edinburgh side took advantage to score with a glorious goal by Paul Hand. The scores were tied again however when Pennycook scored his first goal for his new club in the 14th minute of the period snapping up the rebound of a Plumb shot blocked by the netminder. A superb solo goal by Chris Kelland put Racers 5-4 ahead and with Flyers again short-handed through penalty Tony Hand beat Andrew Donald from long range to leave the Fifiers with a real fight on their hands in the final period. Stoyanovich gave Flyers the goal they needed with a powerful shot two minutes after the restart and the home fans went crazy four minutes later when Pennycook put the finishing touch to a brilliant move involving Gordon Latto and Chic Cottrell to make it 6-6. That scoreline would have been good enough for Flyers, but not wishing to leave anything to chance, they laid siege on the Murrayfield net. Racers simply had no answer, and even with Steven Kirk in the penalty box, Stoyanovich put Flyers ahead for the first time in the match when he deflected a Danny Brown shot past Hanson. Stoyanovich then returned the compliment, doing all the spade-work for Brown to get his name on the score-sheet — this time with Brian Peat off the ice! Flyers were still not finished, and with 90 seconds remaining, Pennycook snapped up a simple chance for his hat trick after Ronnie Plumb and Gordon Latto had combined. An impressive 5-0 period for Flyers and one which has taken them through to their first major final in six years.





KIRKCALDY ICE HOCKEY CLUB



Fife Phantoms had a productive outing against Solway Sharks U14 on home ice last weekend. Ryan Venters, Jackson O'Neil, Malcolm McPhee, Harris Cameron and Lucas Scarborough were all on the scoresheet in a superb team display. The game was particularly noteworthy for Lucas, who stepped up from U12 level for the first time and scored on his debut. He earned the MVP prize.

Fife Flames also produced a fantastic performance against the Sharks' U16 team. Eight different players got their names on the scoresheet, including Lewis Blyth, who picked up the MVP award.

The club's youngest players had a feeling of 'deja vu', as Lanarkshire Lightning returned to Fife Ice Arena for a 'barrier game' against our U10 and Learn to Play teams. No scores are kept in these games as the focus is on development and fun – an ethos shared by the coaches of both clubs.

The U10s game was end-to-end, with some very exciting young players on each team. The LTP cross-ice was far less structured, but there were definite signs the children are on the right path, and they loved it! Every goal was celebrated like a Stanley Cup winner – which is what it's all about! Players of the game for Fife were Struan Patterson (Ducks) and Kaiden Coles (Eagles).

At senior level, **Kirkcaldy Kestrels** missed the opportunity to stay in the top three in the Scottish National League after slipping to a 3-2 home defeat against Paisley Pirates. James Spence put the Kestrels in front inside the first five minutes, but the Pirates levelled the game before the end of the opening period. Finley King restored the home side's advantage midway through the second session, but two quickfire goals edged the Braehead-based team back in front. Despite creating plenty of chances in the final period, the Kestrels were unable to find a way past Pirates netminder Callum Donaghy. With Dundee Rockets recording two impressive road victories over the weekend, Steven Wishart's side have dropped to fourth in the standings.











They will bid to return to winning ways at Kilmarnock Thunder on Saturday.



TABLES & FIXTURES





SEASON 2024/25

ELITE LEAGUE

	GP	PTS	W	OTW	L	OTL/SOL	GF	GA	PTS %	
Cardiff Devils	7	12	6	0	1	0	26	11	0.86	
Belfast Giants	3	5	2	0	0	1	12	7	0.83	
Coventry Blaze	2	4	2	0	0	0	8	4	1	
Sheffield Steelers	3	4	1	1	1	0	11	8	0.67	
Manchester Storm	4	4	2	0	2	0	16	19	0.5	
Guildford Flames	3	3	1	0	1	1	10	9	0.5	
Nottingham Panthers	2	2	1	0	1	0	6	3	0.5	
Glasgow Clan	4	2	1	0	3	0	6	11	0.25	
Dundee Stars	4	2	0	1	3	0	12	21	0.25	
Fife Flyers	6	2	1	0	5	0	13	27	0.17	

As at 14th October 2024

CHALLENGE CUP GROUP B

	GP	PTS	W	OTW	L	OTL/SOL	GF	GA	PTS %	
1 Belfast Giants	7	12	4	2	1	0	34	16	0.86	
2 Glasgow Clan	7	9	4	0	2	1	29	25	0.64	
3 Fife Flyers	6	5	2	0	3	1	17	26	0.42	
4 Dundee Stars	8	5	1	1	5	1	23	36	0.31	

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WHAT'S ON TAP THIS WEEK

Game ID		Home	Away	Face Off
20	Wed 16-Oct-2024	Glasgow Clan	Coventry Blaze	19:30
CC35	Fri 18-Oct-2024	Dundee Stars	Fife Flyers	19:30
21	Fri 18-Oct-2024	Manchester Storm	Glasgow Clan	19:30
22	Sat 19-Oct-2024	Belfast Giants	Coventry Blaze	19:00
23	Sat 19-Oct-2024	Cardiff Devils	Manchester Storm	19:00
24	Sat 19-Oct-2024	Nottingham Panthers	Dundee Stars	19:00
25	Sat 19-Oct-2024	Sheffield Steelers	Glasgow Clan	19:00
26	Sat 19-Oct-2024	Fife Flyers	Guildford Flames	19:15
27	Sun 20-Oct-2024	Nottingham Panthers	Belfast Giants	16:00
CC36	Sun 20-Oct-2024	Coventry Blaze	Cardiff Devils	17:30
CC37	Sun 20-Oct-2024	Guildford Flames	Sheffield Steelers	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	Lost	0-7
Friday Oct 11th	Cardiff Devils	League	A	19:30	Lost	2-5
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		
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Saturday Dec 7th	Manchester Storm	League	A	19:00		
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Saturday Jan 4th	Coventry Blaze	League	H	19:15		
Sunday Jan 5th	Guildford Flames	League	A	18:00		
Saturday Jan 11th	Dundee Stars	League	H	19:15		
Sunday Jan 12th	Sheffield Steelers	League	A	16:00		
Saturday Jan 18th	Manchester Storm	League	A	19:00		
Sunday Jan 19th	Nottingham Panthers	League	H	17:15		
Friday Jan 24th	Glasgow Clan	League	A	19:30		
Saturday Jan 25th	Cardiff Devils	League	H	19:15		
Saturday Feb 1st	Belfast Giants	League	H	19:15		
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